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Saturday lunches feed 340 Martin County kids

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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Can you imagine spending almost every Friday evening making 340 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches? Then, every Saturday morning, packing up those 340 sandwiches, along with other lunch items, and delivering them to 340 kids? For three-and-a-half-years? That's what the congregation of New Beginnings Community Church and volunteers have been doing.

More than three years ago, New Beginnings Church Pastor Ernie Canell and his wife, Shirley, saw a need. Less fortunate children were not getting a decent meal on the weekends, when school is not in session. So, they decided to start filling that need. Things started slowly with delivering just a few lunches on Saturdays. That quickly grew to hundreds of children, all over Martin County. It was taking hours to deliver the lunches, however and that's when The River Church in Shoals got involved and their congregation stepped up to deliver the meals in the Shoals area.

Pastor Ernie said that things got expensive quickly and one weekend, early on, they only had three dollars remaining in their Saturday lunch account. He put out a plea on social media and said the outpouring of support was phenomenal.

Now, years later, they receive donations from residents, Loogootee IGA, the Little Debbie vendor and the lunch bags from CVS and Williams Bros. They

also receive weekly donations from employees at Loughmiller Machine Tool & Design and the Loughmillers' team prepares the lunches one Saturday every month. The Martin County Community Foundation provides grant funds to the program as well. Hawkins Health Care and Williams Bros. Pharmacy employees have also helped prepare lunches.

As of today, it costs around \$500 a month, on average, to do the lunch program, with the product donations. It costs more if something doesn't get provided for free. Each lunch contains a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, a banana, applesauce, cheese and crackers, a snack cake, potato chips, and a juice box. The volunteers have even gone as far as making only jelly sandwiches for those with peanut allergies and only peanut butter sandwiches for kids that don't like jelly.

Three drivers arrive on Saturday morning to load up lunches for the Loogootee area and one driver from The River Church for the Shoals area. There are 120 children in the Shoals area who receive the lunches and 220 in Loogootee. Shirley Canell said that not only do they get to provide the children with a meal, they also get to teach them about community, giving back and God. The church hands out flyers in each lunch bag with a church-themed coloring page and information about the church services.

Pastor Ernie said that not all the children they deliver to are poor, some are being raised by elderly grandparents

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Sheriff wants to give up new truck to help prosecutor

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Martin County Council held a long, two-and-a-half-hour meeting Monday night, April 1, with a majority of the discussion surrounding the prosecutor hiring a new lawyer for her office and the sheriff's department updating their fleet of vehicles.

Prosecutor Aureola Wright had requested, at last month's meeting, that the council consider letting her hire another lawyer to serve in the prosecutor's office. She had explained that there is a backlog of cases, some up to four years old, plus an influx of new cases that she and her deputy prosecutor cannot keep up with in a timely fashion. Wright had said last month that one of the things that bothers her most is the lack of time and attention given to victims of cases. Not only were victims not receiving updates and support, cases they were involved in have been dragging out for years. Wright took over as prosecutor on January 1 of this year.

The county council had told Wright last month that she needed to look around for any attorneys who would be willing to come work in Martin County for a salary not to exceed \$55,000. They preferred her to find one that would be willing to work on contract

and not be a county employee, thus not receiving benefits.

Since that meeting, Wright talked to the commissioners, last week, with a new plan to hire her IVD part-time deputy (child support attorney) as a full-time employee. This would allow the IVD attorney to work at the prosecutor's office instead of being based out of Dubois County as she is now, and it would also save money since \$17,000 of her IVD pay comes from a special fund only for child support cases. The commissioners had been onboard if the council could afford to fund the position.

At Monday night's meeting, Wright explained her plan to the council. She said that by having the IVD attorney being paid \$17,000 already, the county would only need to fund the additional \$43,000 plus benefits. That amount would be around \$28,000 for the rest of 2019, if the attorney started on June 1. She also noted that the current IVD attorney serving Martin County is not interested in relocating but she has spoken to an attorney versed in child support cases and criminal cases.

Council Member Buck Stiles said he felt that the conversation was pointless unless the county had a way to pay the new attorney. He suggested that Wright

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-Photos by Courtney Hughett

In the top photo, children from the congregation of New Beginnings Church help Pastor Ernie Canell deliver lunches on Saturday. In the photo above, volunteers pray before heading out to deliver lunches.



In the top, left photo, are the lunches prepared by volunteers, ready for delivery. In the top, right photo, Pastor Ernie talks to some of the children who received the free lunches. In the photo above, Pastor Ernie (far right) and the pastor's wife, Shirley Canell (far left) work the assembly line preparing the day's lunches.

City of Loogootee Primary Election

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

April 8, 2019 is the deadline to register to vote or make any changes to an existing registration. Please call the Martin County Clerk's Office to make sure your registration is correct at 812-247-3651 or you can go to www.Indianavoters.com. This website will also show you who is on your ballot and other election information.

You can call the clerk's office at any time to request an absentee ballot by mail. The last day to submit an application for absentee voting by mail is April 29, 2019. Absentee voting in the clerk's office will begin Monday April 22, 2019 and run through May 6, 2019. You can vote between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. They will also be open for voting on Saturday April 27, Saturday May 4 and Monday May 6 from 9 a.m. to noon. Closed on Sundays.

For any questions regarding the election or voter registration, please call the county clerk's office at 812-247-3651.

LUNCHES

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and it's a way to help those adults out. He explained that one elderly man gives him \$25 every time he delivers to his grandchildren noting that it wasn't necessarily about lack of money.

Some children of the congregation are picked up on Saturday morning to help make the lunches and deliver them too. All of the children are eager to be a part of the lunch building process and delivering to their friends and classmates and all fought over who got to ride with Pastor Ernie on his route. (Editor's note: He ended up with them all.)

Pastor Ernie said that the increase in the number of children receiving lunches grew through word of mouth. He would get stopped by a resident mentioning a family who could use the help, or someone would tell him in church. Shirley proudly displayed a chart they used to keep on the refrigerator in the church kitchen of each week and how many lunches were delivered, climbing each week. She said along the way, for whatever reason, they stopped keeping track.

Anyone who would like to donate to the Saturday lunch program can mail donations to New Beginnings Church at 105 Wood Street, Loogootee IN 47553 or drop it off at the church. Anyone who knows a child who would benefit from a lunch on Saturday is free to contact Pastor Ernie at 812-709-0258.

When asked what will happen if someday there is not enough money or donations to keep providing the lunches, Pastor Ernie just smiled and said, "God always provides what we need, I'm not worried."

SHERIFF

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wait until September, during budget hearings, to request additional money for next year. He said there is no money available this early in the year to fund a new position. He motioned to table the discussion until budget hearings. Council Members Stiles, Randy Winger, Sherri Bowling, and Warren Albright were in favor of tabling and Council Members Rich Summers, Keith Gibson and Barb McFeaters were against.

Sheriff Travis Roush was originally on the agenda to have \$106,000 of additional money approved to trade in five sheriff's department vehicles and purchase two trucks – one for himself. Roush said that he would be willing to give up the \$27,000 to purchasing himself a truck if the council would not wait until September to consider what Prosecutor Wright was asking. He said that having another attorney in the prosecutor's office would help him tremendously with getting cases resolved and inmates moved out of the jail.

Council Member Stiles said that Wright had already requested \$25,000 for office renovations and \$10,000 for a new server and it was only April. "When does it stop?" he asked. He added that the county has the rest of the year to operate and no one knew what the future holds.

Stiles was corrected by Wright that the \$10,000 for a server was included in the \$25,000 request and it was not two separate requests.

Sheriff Roush then reiterated that he felt he could continue to drive his current car if that meant the council would consider Wright's request. He changed the amount he was requesting to \$79,000. He also noted that he doesn't expect the estimated \$300,000 a year in revenue from housing out-of-county inmates to end any time soon and is sure it to continue through next year. He said that he doesn't plan to ask for money next year to purchase vehicles so that will eliminate the need to take a chunk of money from the inmate revenue. This, he said, could help fund the attorney in the prosecutor's office.

The council voted 5-1-1 to give Sheriff Roush the \$79,000 with Buck Stiles opposing and Sherri Bowling abstaining. Bowling commented that she wasn't in favor of trading in that many vehicles in one year.

The council also talked to Sheriff Roush about selling the five vehicles through an auction or bid process as opposed to trading them in. Roush said he was fine with that. The council wanted him to put a \$20,000 reserve on each truck.

Solid Waste Director Laura Albertson told the council that she had changed her mind about her request last month to change back to having a tax levy on the LOIT (local option income tax) instead of the \$24 a year user fee on property taxes for residents.

She said that even though the market is crashing, citing issues with China buying US recyclables, they have decided to weather the storm and hope the market goes back up. She explained that she has two semi-trucks full of cardboard right now and no where to sell it. She has enough money to get through the rest of the year and hopes to have her replacement hired and trained before she fully retires in the fall. She is currently working on contract with solid waste but has already retired.

The highway department requested an additional appropriation from the highway surplus fund for \$400,000 for paving material. Council Member Stiles asked Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett where all the money was going from the state's gas tax distribution. Highway Clerk Terri Alcorn said that the money is going into the highway surplus fund. Council Member Barb McFeaters asked where the Crane timber money was going. Alcorn replied that this money was also going into the highway surplus fund. Auditor Bobbie Abel noted that the state is requiring all Indiana highway departments to now allocate 50 percent of any revenue to roads only which is why the highway department was requesting the \$400,000 to come from the surplus fund to go to paving. Alcorn agreed saying that they are trying to stay in compliance with the new requirements. The council approved the additional appropriation.

Darla Wagler, Director of the Loogootee Public Library, requested permission for the library to transfer \$110,000 from their Rainy Day fund, library improvement fund and operating fund to help pay for the \$1.3 million loan for the new library under construction. She noted that this was not an increase in tax dollars in any way and they are only transferring money already in their accounts. Council Member Randy Winger asked what happens is the library can't stay open and if the county is liable to pay the outstanding loan. Wagler replied that the council had made sure to include in the resolution for building the new library that they are not liable. Winger asked her who would be liable then. Wagler replied that if the library had to close prior to paying off the loan, they would have to sell the library building to repay the loan.

Martin County Alliance Director Tim Kinder requested that the council approve the resolution between the county, City of Loogootee, and Towns of Crane and Shoals to make the entire county a broadband ready community. Council Member Stiles asked what the point of the resolution was if there was no money involved. Kinder replied that by the county being certified as broadband ready, it showed potential broadband companies that Martin County, as a whole, was serious about getting

service. He said that as with water and electricity, broadband will come at a cost however, right now, the goal is to just show the companies that the county wants broadband. The council approved the resolution.

Courtney Hughett provided the council with the Martin County Humane Society's quarterly report from January through March this year. The shelter has taken in 99 dogs and 40 cats. 74 of the dogs were from a neglect case and 47 were transferred out to other rescues. The shelter has had 45 dog adoptions and 27 cat adoptions so far this year. Hughett also said they are really working toward trapping feral cats around the county and have trapped 22 so far this year. Some have been fixed and released to farms, four were very sick or injured and had to be euthanized or died in vet care and some were kept to be tamed, if possible. The shelter is currently housing eight dogs and 18 cats.

Two-county pursuit ends in arrest

On Thursday, March 28, Loogootee Police were advised of a reckless driver coming into Loogootee on Hwy 50. The vehicle was a silver Jeep Cherokee. Captain Jason Hennette located the vehicle and the driver, Casey J. Skelton, 27, of Lynnville, almost struck two vehicles while turning south on US 231. Captain Hennette activated his emergency lights and siren, and the driver failed to stop. The driver proceeded to travel on US 231 south at speeds of 75 to 85 miles per hour.

Chief Kelly Rayhill and Trooper Andrew Beaver caught up to the pursuit just south of Whitfield. The driver proceeded into Haysville. Dubois County deputies laid out spike strips, but the driver eluded them. The driver then turned east onto Hwy 56 and the pursuit continued into Cuzco. The driver attempted to turn onto Cuzco Road and failed to make the turn and crashed into a ditch. The driver exited the vehicle and placed a knife to his throat. Officers ordered the male to drop the knife, but he refused. A Dubois County deputy was able to get close enough to the male to deploy his taser. The male then dropped the knife and was taken into custody.

The pursuit was 26 miles and went through two counties. Loogootee Police arrested Skelton and he was charged with DUI refusal, possession of methamphetamine, criminal reckless, reckless driving, possession of a legend drug, resisting arrest with a vehicle and resisting arrest with a deadly weapon. Loogootee Police were assisted by the ISP, Martin County Sheriff's Department, Dubois County Sheriff's Department and Indiana Conservation Officers. All subjects are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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Obituaries

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MARILYN ROLLINS

Marilyn Hope (Garrett) Rollins, 91, of Odon, Indiana, went to Heaven, surrounded by loved ones, on Friday, March 29, 2019 in Loogootee. A resident of Odon, she was 91.

She was born in Martin County on January 2, 1928; daughter of Rolla V. and Hildred (Waggoner) Garrett. Marilyn became the wife of Woodrow Rollins on May 25, 1945.

She was a member of the Odon First Christian Church. She liked to mushroom hunt and enjoyed being outside, reading, feeding the birds and she loved her flowers. Marilyn was a hairdresser, retiring in 1979.

Family left behind to cherish her memory include one brother, Vaughn (Sue) Garrett of Washington; two sisters, Norma Lee Crane of Loogootee and Evelyn Jo Holmes of Burns City; sister-in-law, Sharon Garrett of Loogootee; and several nieces and nephews.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Woodrow Rollins; two brothers, Larry Garrett and Kenneth Garrett; and brothers and sisters-in-laws, Ira and Zellie Taylor, Melvin and Nettie Hardwick, Kelsey and Velsie Sipes, Clyde and Lles Rollins, Glenn and Maude Rollins, Don Holmes and Byron Crane.

Funeral services are scheduled for 12 p.m. Monday, April 8 at Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon with Brother Richard Smith officiating. Marilyn will be laid to rest in Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Family and friends may call from 10 a.m. until the time of service at 12 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Helping Hearts Hospice in memory of Marilyn. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

All arrangements have been entrusted

ed to Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon. Online condolences may be sent to www.mengfuneralhome.com.

THOMAS BUZAN

Thomas Buzan passed away at 12:25 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at his home. A resident of Loogootee, he was 89.



He was born September 16, 1929 in Montgomery; son of the late Eslie and Marie (Hawkins) Buzan.

Tom married Doris (Crouse) Buzan on April 3, 1949 and she survives.

He was a member of the Union 324 Operating Engineers and the Kaiser Car Club. He was a past member of Raisinville Baptist Church in Monroe, Michigan and a present member of Truelove United Methodist Church.

He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed deer hunting, morel mushroom hunting and fishing. He enjoyed gardening and staying active on his Kubota tractor. He loved restoring cars and traveling with his wife to many classic car shows. Tom liked to watch and collect western memorabilia and he enjoyed listening to gospel and country music. His most treasured times were spent with his family reminiscing and telling stories.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Eslie E. and Marie (Hawkins) Buzan; grandson, Kory Buzan; great-grandchildren, Jordan and Sydney Pitock; and sister, Gladys Bell Brown.

He is survived by his wife, Doris (Crouse) Buzan of Loogootee; children, Donna Kay Buzan of Kansas City, Missouri; Donald "Doc" Buzan of Loogootee, Thomas "J.J." (Jamie) Buzan of Denver, Colorado; Tim (Donna) Buzan of Blue Springs, Missouri and Kimberly (Barry) Sell of Monroe, Michigan; grandchildren, Ryan Bu-

zan, Tammy (Jim) Spaulding, Angie (Charles) Pope, Paul (Jinah) Buzan, Sandra (Nathan) Watson, Micah Buzan, Samaelle Buzan, Shaylee Buzan, Eli Buzan, Heather (Eric) Vermett and Arika (Mark) Kotila; 12 great-grandchildren; and siblings, Ruby Dicks, Laura Miller and Elsie Elliott.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 30 at Truelove United Methodist Church.

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

JAMES JOHNSON

James Johnson passed away at 12:55 a.m. Friday, March 29, 2019 at his home surrounded in love by his family. A resident of Loogootee, he was 81.

He was born August 12, 1937 in Bloomington; son of the late Leo and Gwendolyn (McConnell) Johnson.

He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Loogootee American Legion and the Loogootee VFW.

He was a United States Navy veteran and served overseas during the Vietnam War and the Korean Conflict. While in the Navy, he was a Senior Chief Petty Officer Seabee and worked on the first nuclear power plant in Antarctica. He also was part of the Disaster Recovery for Hurricane Camille. After his military career he helped construct two hospitals, one in Saudi Arabia and the other in Yemen. He owned and operated J&J Enterprise HVAC for nearly 20 years. Jim's favorite thing may have been working, but he also enjoyed reading the newspaper, gardening and visiting with his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Lea Ann McGuire; parents, Leo and Gwendolyn (McConnell) Johnson; and siblings, Martha and Leo

"Buddy".

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Mary (Dillon) Johnson of Loogootee; sons, Chris Johnson of Loogootee, Mike (Todd) Johnson of Phoenix, Arizona and Steve (Kerrie) of Redkey, Indiana; grandchildren, Jeremiah Johnson, Jasmine McGuire, Errol (Jessica) McGuire, Allie McGuire; great-grandchildren, Mya, David and Yvonne; brother, Robert (Patty) Johnson; son-in-law, Jerry McGuire; and good friend, Jesse Martinez.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker on Tuesday, April 2 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee where he and Mary were married 60 years ago. Burial followed in St. John Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Kindred Hospice.

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

ELIZABETH WESSELL

Elizabeth "Betty" Wessell passed away Wednesday March 27, 2019 at her home surrounded by her family. A resident of Loogootee, she was 92.

She was born December 24, 1926 in Loogootee; daughter of Everett and Helen (Patterson) DeVault.

Betty was a lifetime member of the St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and sang in the choir for many years. She loved to crochet, embroidery, and Swedish weave.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Everett and Helen; her siblings, Charles DeVault, Louis DeVault, and Mary Margaret Allen, and her nieces and nephew.

She is survived by her children, Helen (Jim) Acton of Loogootee, Mary Charlene Burr of Odon, Sue (William) Waggoner of Shoals, and Charles "Chuck" (Trudy) Wessell of Washington; her sister, SR Lorraine DeVault OSB of St. Benedict in Ferdinand; 10 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, four great-great grandchildren, and her friendly dog and companion, "Patches".

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker on Monday April 1 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church for Masses.

Arrangements provided by Blake Funeral Home. Online condolences can be made at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, MARCH 25

12:01 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:25 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

6:48 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

6:50 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

8:00 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance west of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:28 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:50 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Loogootee. Captain Dant responded and all was okay.

5:40 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene and Loogootee Fire responded.

10:58 p.m. - Shoals Fire assisted a disabled motorist on SR 150, east of Shoals.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

2:44 a.m. - Received a request for assistance west of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire, and Deputy Lents responded. No one was transported.

2:54 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Crane Ambulance transported the subject to the hospital.

3:25 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:18 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Loogootee. Captain Dant, Loogootee Chief Rayhill, Martin County Ambulance, and the Martin County Civil Defense responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:38 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:42 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

10:30 a.m. - Deputy Gibson took one inmate to court.

10:36 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:32 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

11:45 a.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

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

2:30 a.m. - Deputy Gibson took four inmates to court.

2:35 p.m. - Received a report of illegal dumping north of Loogootee. Captain Dant was notified.

7:43 p.m. - One inmate transported from the Branchville Correctional Facility for court.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

11:30 a.m. - Deputy Gibson took one inmate to court.

11:50 a.m. - Received a report of trash dumping in Loogootee. Loogootee

Chief Rayhill responded.

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

1:30 p.m. - Deputy Gibson transported one inmate to court.

2:20 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

3:22 p.m. - Received an animal complaint near Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

4:56 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

5:55 p.m. - One inmate was transported to the Branchville Correctional Facility.

11:35 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Floyd responded.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

8:20 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted a motorist on US 50, east of Loogootee.

9:00 a.m. - Deputy Gibson took one inmate to court.

9:15 a.m. - Received a noise complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

10:15 a.m. - Received a report of a broken gas line on US 50 near Iron-ton Road. Chief Deputy Greene, Major Dant, Shoals Fire, and the Vectren Gas Corporation responded.

11:15 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

11:30 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:16 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

12:57 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50, near Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded. He encountered the vehicle at the US 231/US 50 South intersection. The vehicle refused to stop. Loogootee Chief Rayhill, Chief Deputy Greene, Captain Dant, ISP Trooper Beaver, ICO Mann, units from the Dubois County Sheriff's Office, the Orange County Sheriff's Office, West Baden Police, and the French Lick Police responded as the pursuit continued from Martin County, through Dubois County, and ended near Orange County.

1:00 p.m. - Deputy Gibson took one inmate to court.

1:44 p.m. - Received a report of a

Martin County real estate transfers

Franklin Edward Grubb, of Lawrence County, Indiana to **Kevin R. Boyd**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 9 in Pruetts Subdivision.

Michael H. Matheis, of Martin County, Indiana to **Scattered Acres Farms, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana, 6.35 acres in Section 7, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana.

Francis L. Bowling, of Daviess County, Indiana; **Christine L. Marley**, of Greene County, Indiana; **Stacey A. Bowling**, of Martin County, Indiana; and **Deborah E. Harmon**, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Donald F. Bowling and Patricia A. Bowling**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the north-

west quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing 15,795 square feet. Also, 17,824 square feet in Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West.

James C. Stoughton and Donna R. Stoughton, of Martin County, Indiana to **Leroy Wittmer and Anna Mae Wittmer**, of Daviess County, Indiana. Five tracts in Section 8, Township 3 North, Range 3 West.

Robert White, Jr., of Martin County, Indiana to **Clifford S. Goodman and Kari L. Goodman and Robert M. Fisher**, of Martin County, Indiana, the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 2, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 40 acres, more or less.

brush fire out of control southeast of Shoals. Lost River Fire responded.

2:18 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance near Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

4:30 p.m. - Received a report of a field fire north of Shoals. Williams Fire responded.

4:53 p.m. - Deputy Shinn performed a vehicle identification check near Shoals.

5:43 p.m. - Major Dant and Deputy Wright assisted a motorist south of Loogootee.

5:52 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance near Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

8:34 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29
3:39 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:30 a.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

10:00 a.m. - One inmate was transported to the doctor.

10:05 a.m. - Received a report of a theft near Shoals. Deputy Wright responded.

12:23 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance near Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

12:39 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:12 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

2:50 p.m. - Received a dog complaint north of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

3:51 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance near Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

10:33 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30
3:59 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:44 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department responded.

9:05 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and

Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:20 a.m. - Deputy Wright assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock north of Shoals.

12:27 p.m. - Deputy Wright assisted with a funeral detail south of Loogootee.

1:36 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Deputy Wright, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

1:44 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Loogootee. Deputy Wright, Loogootee Officer McBeth, and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

6:16 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

6:45 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance west of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

9:59 p.m. - Received a report of a possible theft near Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

10:17 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Deputy Shinn, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31
1:53 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:18 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth, Deputy Gibson, Martin County Ambulance, and Loogootee Fire responded. No one was transported.

12:51 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the person to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:50 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

4:26 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Loogootee. Deputy Gibson, Deputy Shinn, Loogootee Officer McBeth, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:27 p.m. - Received a report of an altercation in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris and Deputy Shinn responded.

10:07 p.m. - Deputy Shinn assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock in Loogootee.

ARRESTS

TUESDAY, MARCH 26
7:48 p.m. - Cory Turner, 32, of Bloomington, was arrested by ISP Trooper Johnson and charged with driving while suspended and his bond has been set at \$20,000 10%.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27
2:23 a.m. - Edward Manues, 30, of Mitchell, was arrested by Deputy Lents and charged with possession of marijuana and is being held on a \$10,000 10% bond.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28
2:29 p.m. - Casey Skelton, 27, of Evansville, was arrested by Loogootee Captain Hennette for reckless driving, fleeing law enforcement, resisting arrest, possession of methamphetamine, and operating while intoxicated. He is being held without bond.

COURT NEWS

Persons listed on criminal charges are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

CRIMINAL COURT New Charges Filed March 5

Keely N. McNabb, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a motor vehicle without financial responsibility, a Class A Infraction.

Mark A. Parker, resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor; leaving the scene of an accident, a Class B Misdemeanor; false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Galen J. Raber, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor; illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Daniel D. Lauderdale, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; unlawful possession of syringe, a Level 6 Felony; operating a vehicle with suspended or revoked registration, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Michael D. Fields, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; unlawful possession of syringe, a Level 6 Felony.

March 7

Enemesio Mora, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

James W. Cunningham, dealing in methamphetamine, a Level 2 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Level 3 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Georgia M. Cunningham, dealing in methamphetamine, a Level 2 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Level 3 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Rosliene N. Evans, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Rory A. Browder, dealing in a schedule III controlled substance, a Level 6 Felony.

March 11

Phillip A. Cissell, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Jonathan H. Spurgeon, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Brandon L. Miller, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Trenton C. Chastain, two counts of domestic battery by means of a deadly weapon, Level 5 Felonies; possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Kaedon R. Holt, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Noah R. Hinojosa, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Keaton A. Teague-Napier, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Jasmine N. Harner, neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 Felony; two counts of possession of a controlled substance, Class A Misdemeanors.

Logan C. Kelsey, neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 Felony; two counts of possession of a controlled substance, Class A Misdemeanors.

March 12

Cole J. Hovis, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor.

James R. Maple III, two counts of intimidation, Level 6 Felonies.

March 15

Robert C. McIntyre, two counts of cruelty to an animal, Class A Misdemeanors.

Joshua M. Payne, operating a vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class A Misdemeanor.

James L. Taber, passing school bus when arm signal device is extended, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Jeremiah E. Jackson, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 Felony; possession of cocaine, a Level 5 Felony; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Jessica A. Gregory, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 Felony; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 Felony; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

March 18

Darrel E. Salmon, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Darin L. Grindstaff, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Megan M. Combs, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Tyler D. Smith, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Brian L. McKibben, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Cassandra L. Heacock, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of a synthetic drug or synthetic drug look-a-like substance, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

March 21

Breanna L. Ervin, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

March 22

Chantele F. Floyd, conversion, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Vicki E. Mullen, false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor; operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Kevin M. Qualkenbush, invasion of privacy, a Level 6 Felony.

March 25

James E. Hardesty, invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Skyler Vestal driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Jonathan R. Scott, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Cierra S. Phillips, burglary, a Level 5 Felony; theft, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Rickie D. Mason, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Level 6 Felony.

March 26

Meagan M. Goetz, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; posses-

sion of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Tawnya L. Stone, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCINGS February 21

Amanda P. Krodel, convicted of domestic battery, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 180 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 90 actual days previously served plus 90 Class A credit days.

February 26

Audrey M. Mattingly, convicted of domestic battery by means of a deadly weapon, a Level 5 Felony. Sentenced to serve 3 years with 800 days suspended and credit for 236 actual days previously served plus 59 Class B credit days. Defendant received 24 months of probation.

March 5

Robin A. Salmon, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; unlawful possession of syringe, a Level 6 Felony; and possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 900 days with 508 days suspended and credit for 196 actual days previously served plus 196 Class A credit days. Defendant received 16 months of probation.

John A. Willoughby, convicted of intimidation, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 540 days with 300 days suspended and credit for 120 actual days previously served plus 120 Class A credit days. Defendant received 10 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED February 21

Amanda P. Krodel, domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

February 26

Audrey M. Mattingly, aggravated battery, a Level 3 Felony, dismissed; residential entry, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

March 5

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, MARCH 25

9:45 a.m. – Male requested a vehicle identification check.

11:09 a.m. – Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

5:35 p.m. – First responders were requested on Hwy. 50 for traffic control.

7:40 p.m. – Caller reported a speeding vehicle on US 231.

9:45 p.m. – Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

8:18 a.m. – First responders were requested on Mt. Calvary Road for a medical call.

10:50 a.m. – Male requested a vehicle identification check.

11:32 a.m. – Caller reported a property damage accident on Broadway Street.

11:45 a.m. – Caller reported a disturbance in Redwing Trailer Court.

2:55 p.m. – Caller requested a vehicle identification check.

5:07 p.m. – Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

10:07 p.m. – Male reported a reckless driver on US 231.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

11:50 a.m. – Male reported trespassers on his property.

2:07 p.m. – Male requested a vehicle identification check.

3:47 p.m. – Caller reported a broken down vehicle on Broadway Street.

Robin A. Salmon, possession of a narcotic drug, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

John A. Willoughby, criminal confinement, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed March 20

OneMain Financial Group, LLC vs. Levi C. Brown and Lindsey Brown, civil collection.

March 21

Crane Credit Union vs. Melissa Neukam, civil collection.

Amanda S. Wilson vs. Anthony S. Wilson, petition for dissolution of marriage.

March 22

Synchrony Bank vs. George Sipes, civil collection.

March 26

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Robert E. White II, civil collection.

Crane Credit Union vs. Nathan J. Kohlhas, civil collection.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT New Suits Filed March 22

SHWS Development, LLC/Dustin Schnarr vs. Jason Tinkle, complaint.

SHWS Development, LLC/Dustin Schnarr vs. Michael Roach, complaint.

March 25

Crane Credit Union vs. Wayne Morris, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Dackie L. Reese Wood, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS March 26

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Monty Gregory and against the defendant Morgan Combs in the amount of \$1,319.38.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Monty Gregory and against the defendants Jay and Melissa Sargent in the amount of \$750.

MARRIAGE LICENSES March 27

Christopher Ryan Stone of Crane and Candice Larae Stone of Crane.

6:45 p.m. – Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on JFK Avenue.

10:15 p.m. – Caller reported the odor of natural gas on Williams Street.

11:35 p.m. – Received a report of a reckless driver on Mulberry Street.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

9:15 a.m. – Male reported a disturbance in Redwing Trailer Court.

11:15 a.m. – Female requested a welfare check on a male.

12:16 p.m. – Caller reported a property damage accident on Broadway Street.

4:00 p.m. – Officer Floyd transported a male for an emergency detention.

7:27 p.m. – Female reported her juvenile daughter was receiving inappropriate messages from an adult.

8:34 p.m. – First responders were requested on NE 3rd Street for a medical call.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

10:08 a.m. – Officer McBeth responded to a business alarm.

5:25 p.m. – Female requested a vehicle identification check.

8:13 p.m. – Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy. 50.

10:36 p.m. – First responders were requested on Mulberry Street for a medical call.

11:55 p.m. – Female requested an officer contact her daughter for an emergency message.

More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



ADVICE:

Marry the man who says things like this:

1. I can't imagine life without you.
2. You're right. I was wrong.
3. I support you.
4. I don't know where that new horse came from, but he is awesome and needs a friend.

THOUGHTS:

*If you love someone, set them free. If you hate someone, set them free. Basically, set everyone free and get a cat. People are stupid.

*Teaching is my passion. It's also the reason I swear, have a headache, drink too much Diet Coke, and eat too many carbs.

*I hate it when I see some old person and then realize we went to high school together.

*I never wish death upon anyone who wrongs me. I wish sudden explosive diarrhea while stuck in traffic... with frequent sneezes.

*Vodka is made from potatoes. Potatoes are a vegetable. Vodka is a salad.

*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.

*Why do we put round pizza in a square box and eat it in triangles?

*A friend is someone who thinks you're a good egg even though you're slightly cracked...or sometimes slightly scrambled.

*According to this Mac and Cheese box, I'm a family of 4.

*60 might be the new 40, but 9:00 p.m. is the new midnight.

I'M SO OLD THAT I:

1. Dialed a rotary phone (that didn't have an answer machine).
2. Recorded a song that I love off a transistor radio onto a tape recorder.
3. Watched a black and white TV (with less than 10 channels) that had foil on the rabbit ears.
4. Took a long walk without counting steps.
5. And eaten food that I didn't take pictures of.

SERIOUS THOUGHTS:

*Sometimes just a little compliment can make someone's whole day.

*You will be too much for some people. Those aren't your people.

*Our days are happier when we give people a bit of our heart rather than a piece of our mind.

*Be careful who you vent to. A listening ear can also be a running mouth.

*I like when I don't have to be careful about what I say. That's when you know you're with the right people.

*In my life, I have lived, I have loved, I have lost, I have missed, I have hurt, I have trusted, I have made mistakes, but most of all, I have learned.

*Small acts have a ripple effect. That's how we change the world.

Make someone smile today!

ANIMAL SHELTER

Pet of the Week



IVY is a female tiger stripe and white adult cat, around 2 years old. She has been in the shelter almost a year. She is very sweet, fine with other cats, spayed and up to date on shots. Adoption fee is \$45. The Martin County Humane Society Animal Shelter is located at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. For info or to see all the dogs and cats available for adoption, visit www.humanesocietyofmartin-county.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Community Shred Day

Century 21 Classic Realty is sponsoring a free Community Shred Day the morning of April 13 from 10 to 12. A shred truck will be onsite at Century 21 Classic Realty at 2108 State Street in Washington. All individuals and businesses are welcome at no charge. Any questions, call 812-254-5204.

Chamber of Commerce meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce will hold their monthly meeting Wednesday, April 17, at noon, at Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant. Anyone interested in activities with the Chamber are encouraged 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.

SOAR Tutoring

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Humane society meetings

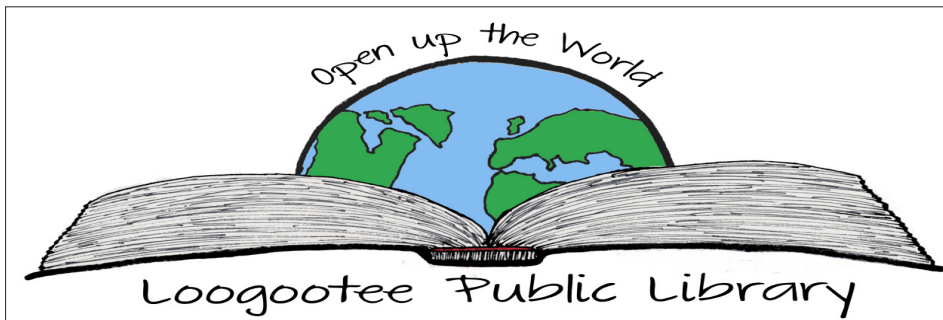
The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 5:30 p.m.

Solid waste board

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

Soil and Water meetings

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



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

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

Sunday, April 14 from 2-3 p.m., Marla Williams-Vanhoy will be at the library to discuss "Memories of a Small Town". Copies are available to purchase at German American Bank, Martin County Chamber of Com-

merce, and Friends of Loogootee Library (FOLL). There will be copies available at the book signing.

New Books:

Mystery Fiction: "The A List" by J.A. Jance and Miss Julia Takes the Wheel" by Ann B. Ross.

Inspirational Fiction: "A Silken Thread" by Kim Vogel Sawyer.

Nonfiction: "The Ketogenic Mediterranean Diet" by Robert Santos-Prowse and "The 30 Minute Mediterranean Diet Cookbook" by Serena Ball.

DVDs: "Disney's Ralph Breaks the Internet", "Spiderman: Into the Spider-Verse", "Maze Runner: The Death Curse" and "Aquaman".

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

Healthy Steps for Older Adults class

The RSVP Volunteer Center is hosting a workshop for older adults on Wednesday, April 17 to teach skills for preventing falls. Healthy Steps for Older Adults addresses exercise, home safety, nutrition, medication management, footwear, communicating with your physician, insurance help, and more. The event is free to attend and includes lunch and a workbook. It is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Eastside Park Community Building. Participants will learn a little, move a little and hopefully laugh a little. The program is sponsored by United Way of Daviess County. Reservations are required, please call 812-254-1996 to save your spot.



LHS Class of 2019

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The Loogootee High School Class of 2019, along with chaperones, visited New York City for their senior trip. Shown above is the class on Times Square.

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Radius Indiana hosts regional economic development course

Radius Indiana concluded its annual economic development course at French Lick Resort last Thursday, wrapping up three days of education, networking and skills building for community leaders from across Southern Indiana.

The Radius Indiana Economic Development for Community Leadership Program is the only course of its kind to be offered in the area. Since the first course in 2017, nearly 100 people representing 25 Indiana counties have gathered to learn from national and regional speakers teaching educational sessions on topics such as real estate development, business attraction, workforce, marketing, business finance and incentives, and entrepreneurship.

“Helping communities grow strong, working groups of local leaders versed in economic development who can affect policies and strategies serves to strengthen our entire region,” said Radius Indiana President and CEO Jeff Quyle. “This program has exceeded my expectations not only in the number of participants, but in how engaged and enthusiastic our leaders are to put their new knowledge to work in their communities.”

Over the past three sessions, the course’s registrants have included mayors, council members, county commissioners, chamber of commerce leaders, tourism directors, economic development professionals, attorneys, utility representatives and congressional staffers.

“I’ve participated in other economic development courses, but the Radius course has been my best experience to date,” said course participant, Jenny Hartley, Economic Development Specialist with the Indiana Municipal Power Agency. “The smaller class size allowed for group activities, better interaction with our speakers, and networking opportunities that I haven’t had at

other locations. I truly enjoyed being able to learn about, and apply, economic development lessons that were specific to this southern Indiana region.”

Course speaker, Carol Rogers who is the Deputy Director and Chief Information Officer of the Indiana Business Research Center and serves the Governor’s Census Liaison, has been part of the program each year with her lecture on Local Data Profiles and their importance in economic development.

“What I’ve witnessed over the last three years of this Radius course is a deep engagement from the local officials who want to make a difference. With a diverse group of participants from economic developers to those in public service, everyone is able to see they have a role in strengthening their communities. I enjoy sharing how people can use data, which is available 24-7, to find useful information that allows them to talk about their cities and towns with fresh, current facts—the more we know, the better we are at our jobs,” said Rogers.

Other sessions and speakers included Introduction to Economic Development with Jim Plump, Jackson County Industrial Development Corporation; Real Estate/Site Development with Chelsey Manns, Manns Consulting; Business Retention and Expansion with Jason Hester, Greater Columbus Economic Development Corporation; Abatement/TIF/Incentives with Matt Eckerle, Baker Tilly; and Entrepreneurship with Steve Bryant, Ivy Tech.

Corporate sponsors and scholarships helped fund the program, including generous support from Title Sponsor, Hoosier Energy, and Program Sponsors, Smithville Fiber, Duke Energy and Krieg DeVault.

Those interested in attending a Radius Indiana course in the future should contact the Radius office at 812-277-9778.



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Cary Albright, Sierra Rutledge, Margie Anderson, and Kathy Collins recently graduated from the Radius Economic Development 2.5 day course in French Lick. They are shown above with Martin County Alliance Director Tim Kinder (second from the left). This was the third year of the Radius Economic Development course in which a total of 10 individuals from Martin County have attended and graduated from the course.



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Students, staff of the month

The Loogootee Elementary Students and Staff Member of the Month were recently chosen for March. In the front row, from left to right are Hadley Tinkle, Harry Richer, Wyatt Roach, and Mason Mathies. In the second row, from left to right, are Jaxon Foster, Kelci Hamm, Hailey Thomas, and Char-da Haggard. In the back row, from left to right, are Carter Rice, Clayton Miller, Mrs. Toni Craney, Isaiah Jones, and Kaedynce Wessel.

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Last week, we discussed techniques to allow a person with a disability to garden. This week, I would like to concentrate on ways that persons with disabilities can appreciate a garden.

Accessibility is the single greatest barrier for allowing everyone to enjoy a garden. Whether a person uses a wheelchair or simply has difficulty walking, getting around in the garden is the first step to enjoying it. In general, you may make a garden more accessible by making better pathways. Firm surfaces are necessary for comfortable access with a wheelchair. Of course, paved walkways are ideal, but few of us could afford to pave all of the paths in our gardens. Compacted gravel is a less expensive option. Another option is to use grass pathways. As long as the area is kept smooth, a wheelchair is usually able to be used on grassy areas.

At Sandhill Gardens, not all of the pathways are accessible. However, the garden as a whole is pretty accessible. While my mobility-challenged friends and visitors may not be able to go down some of the narrow paths through the many beds, most of the areas are at least visible from each side. I have often used my side-by-side UTV to give rides around the garden.

Another aspect of Sandhill Gardens that adds to its visitability is the abundance of seating areas. Almost every garden area has some sort of seating. This allows guests to rest and enjoy each individual garden bed. Japanese garden stools dot the Japanese garden, where tree peonies, a weeping Japanese maple and an oriental dogwood dominate the area. A gazebo with benches around the perimeter sits between a bog garden and a perennial bed. There is a picnic table next to the fire pit, handy for wiener roasts. There are swings, benches and old-fashioned lawn chairs strewn throughout the gardens. There is even a park bench at the top of the cliff. There is no way I could ever make the path to the cave accessible, but anyone can enjoy the beauty of that hollow from a bench, especially when the azaleas are in bloom.

INDOT Trash Bash! Ushers in Spring Clean-up

The Indiana Department of Transportation on Tuesday announced that the agency's annual Trash Bash! will take place April 15 through April 30. Trash Bash! brings INDOT crews together with volunteers to beautify the state's roadside areas by cleaning trash and debris.

INDOT urges individuals, organizations, businesses and active Adopt-a-Highway groups to join maintenance staff on two-lane roads with lower traffic volume anytime between Monday, April 15, and Tuesday, April 30, in an effort to beautify our roadside areas. During the first day, INDOT maintenance staff across the state will take a day away from their everyday tasks of maintaining the roads, bridges and roadides to focus on litter collection.

In 2018, Trash Bash! took place April 13-15. That weekend, hundreds of INDOT employees joined forces with active Adopt-a-Highway groups and other organizations and individuals to collect 3,457 bags of trash, or the equivalent of 874 cubic yards.

I have tried to make Sandhill Gardens a place that anyone can enjoy at any time of the year. My blind and limited vision visitors can still use their other senses to enjoy the gardens. Placing plants with pleasant scents near pathways is one way to do that. Some of my favorite scent plants include old-fashioned roses, lilacs and peonies. When shopping for plants, make scent a part of your criteria for selection. In addition to flowers, many herbs will give off nice smells when touched. Rosemary and lavender are a couple of my favorites. Creeping thyme growing along pathways will release its spicy scent when one steps on it.

The garden may also be experienced using the sense of touch. The variety of textures in the garden is astounding. Lamb's ear is soft and fuzzy, while leather-leaf viburnum lives up to its name with leathery leaves. The contorted filberts and contorted mulberry are touchable plants. My nieces and nephews know that bergenia leaves will tell you the plant's common name—pig squeak. Pinching a leaf between the thumb and a finger and pulling it gently will result in a squeak, so this plant pleases both the sense of touch and the sense of hearing.

The garden may also delight the hearing in other ways. A gentle breeze will rustle the tall grasses and when the baptisia plants set seed pods, they will rattle at the slightest disturbance. Wind chimes of various types will offer a variety of tones but do not come close to the songs the birds bring to the gardens. A little bird seed keeps them. A little water will also bring out the toads and frogs, who will sing into the night.

Finally, a garden may be experienced by taste. Some plants can be both ornamental and tasty. Two of my favorites in this category are blueberries and serviceberries. Many edible plants can also be ornamental and there are many flowers that may be eaten. Just be certain you know which plants to taste before trying this.

Inclusion is the goal for people with disabilities. A garden may be a very inclusive venue. Everyone can enjoy it.

Beyond volunteer and INDOT maintenance efforts, the agency is increasing investment in annual roadside maintenance from \$19 million to \$57 million to put more resources to cleaning and mowing along the state's highways.

To be part of Trash Bash!, contact INDOT customer service at 1-855-463-6848 or by email at indot@indot.in.gov. Volunteers will be connected with an INDOT Trash Bash! coordinator to receive:

- An assigned cleanup location;
- A briefing on roadside safety;
- Safety vests to be worn at all times;
- And trash bags

All trash bagged by volunteers will be collected and disposed of by INDOT crews.

While Trash Bash! is an annual, two-week event, INDOT offers opportunities for Hoosiers to help keep roadside areas clean year-round. The Adopt-a-Highway and Sponsor-a-Highway programs are great opportunities for volunteering, community service projects, and offer a highly visible option for showcasing your business or non-profit group.

Farms showing financial stress, producers express concern about future conditions

BY KAMI GOODWIN
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Producer sentiment weakened slightly in late winter, according to the March Purdue University/CME Group Ag Economy Barometer reading. The barometer, which is based on a survey of 400 U.S. agricultural producers, declined 3 points to a reading of 133, down from 136 in February.

"This month's drop is largely due to producers' weaker outlook regarding future economic conditions in agriculture and, in some cases, stress regarding their farm's future financial performance," said James Mintert, the barometer's principal investigator and director of Purdue University's Center for Commercial Agriculture.

The Index of Future Expectations dropped 6 points, down from a reading of 145 to 139, while the Index of Current Conditions remained relatively unchanged at 120.

Financial stress continues to be a concern in the production agriculture sector. When asked about their financial performance expectations for 2019 compared to the previous year, 59 percent of producers expect their farm's performance to be "about the same," and 21 percent actually expect "better," financial performance; however, 20 percent of producers said they expect their farm's performance to be "worse than" in 2018. Responding to a separate question, just over half (52 percent) of respondents indicated they are less optimistic about their farm's financial future compared to a year earlier.

To learn more about financial conditions on U.S. farms, Purdue researchers asked producers about their operating debt, both in the January and March 2019 surveys. Results suggest that 5 to as much as 7 percent of U.S. farms are suffering from some financial stress, using the need to carryover unpaid operating debt as a financial stress indicator. In March, of the 22 percent of farms that expect to have a larger operating loan in 2019, just over one in five said it was the result of carrying over a previous year's unpaid operating debt.

In contrast to the concerns expressed about financial performance in the March survey, producers seem more optimistic about the future of agriculture exports. Only 8 percent of producers in the March survey said they

expect agriculture exports to decrease in the next 5 years. Meanwhile, 68 percent expect exports to increase, which was the most optimistic perspective on agricultural exports provided by farmers since the Purdue researchers began posing questions on exports in May 2017. With respect to the trade dispute with China, 77 percent of producers were confident that it will be resolved in a way that benefits U.S. agriculture; however, less than half expect the trade situation with China to be resolved before July 1.

Read the full March Ag Economy Barometer report at <http://purdue.edu/agbarometer>. The report includes insights into producers' attitudes toward farmland values and making large farm investments. The site also offers additional resources, such as past reports, charts and survey methodology, and a form to sign up for monthly barometer email updates and webinars. Each month Dr. Mintert also provides an in-depth analysis of the barometer. That video can be viewed at <http://purdue.ag/barometervideo>.

The Ag Economy Barometer, Index of Current Conditions and Index of Future Expectations are available on the Bloomberg Terminal under the following ticker symbols: AGEGBARO, AGECCURC and AGECFTEX.

April showers bring wildflowers

Join Patoka River NWR wildflower enthusiasts Marietta Smith and Nancy Gehlhausen and discover what is blooming on the Refuge on Saturday, April 13 at 9 a.m. CST.

Meet at the Grandy's parking lot at the junction of SR 64 and SR 57 and plan to drive or carpool to a designated location on the Refuge.

Exploring will be off trail through the woods. Suitable clothing and shoes, as well as insect repellent, are suggested.

The wildflower walk will take place rain or shine unless there is severe weather forecasted.

For more information, call (812) 749-3311.

Free Fishing Days

Indiana residents do not need a fishing license to fish on these four days, April 20, May 18 and June 1 and 2. Kids 17 and younger can fish every day without a license.

Grazing Bites

By Victor Shelton
NRCS State Agronomist/Grazing Specialist

March 20 was officially the first day of spring this year. If you look at growing degree days (GDD) for the last month around the state, we have had about thirty percent less than the average. We've talked about GDD's before. Growing Degree Days are calculated by taking the average between the daily maximum temperature and daily minimum temperature and subtracting the base comparable temperature for each day. Days are then added together to compare periods. It is probably the most common way of assessing where we are in plant growth compared to other years, since weather is different

from year to year.

Growing degree days provides a "heat" value for each day. The values added together can provide an estimate of the amount of growth plants have achieved. Some people use GDD's to predict when plants will reach a certain growth stage. The developmental stage of most organisms has its own total heat requirement. I like to compare different years. Even though last spring was really wet to begin with, we had enough GGD's to boost early growth and to make this year look a bit puny so far. We are somewhat behind, but I expect it to catch up soon.

Fields that have had a lot of damage this winter from pugging may be damaged so badly they will not recover or be very productive. Even if not totally destroyed, they may have enough damage and open bare soil that weeds may be a major problem. Severely damaged fields, ones that have more than thirty percent bare soil showing, might indicate a good opportunity to totally start over with improved forages. But, evaluate them thoroughly, they might not be as damaged as they appear and fertilize if needed.

If starting over with new improved forages, you need to completely terminate all existing forage, especially if it has any anti-quality factors such as ergovaline in old Kentucky 31 tall fescue. Time helps, along with some good herbicides. Interseeding grasses into established grass stands just doesn't work well. Established grasses will almost always out-compete seedling grasses. Seed, labor and time is too valuable to not succeed. First, the year prior to conversion, graze, clip or mow the field to prevent it from going to seed. This really helps to greatly reduce the KY31 seed bank.

A spray-smother-spray method works very well. Graze the spring growth, then spray the stand with a non-selective herbicide, wait a week or two to let that forage die back and start to decay and then drill in a summer annual forage, such as sorghum-sudangrass, sudan grass, a millet, or a mix. This summer forage can later be grazed or, depending on what was planted, cut for hay.

In August, spray the field a second time to make sure that there are no remaining perennial species and to kill any remaining summer annuals. When conditions are good, no-till drill the new improved species into the field. New fields will need adequate time to grow before being grazed. Ideally, if planted in the fall, grazing should be restricted until the next fall. Since you are investing a lot of money to get a new stand of forages, you will want to protect that investment, so you will want them to last. Most would not think about it, but even KY31 tall fescue takes time to fully establish as a solid stand, so have patience with your newly seeded stands.

For technical assistance in choosing forages, seed varieties, rates for reseeding pastures, seeding methods, and fertility contact your local soil and water conservation district or extension office. For assistance in herbicide recommendations, consult your local extension office.

I was recently at a good workshop on Novel tall fescues. In the late 90's, the University of Georgia and Ag-Research in New Zealand isolated naturally occurring endophytes that produced alkaloids associated with good persistence, vigor and drought tolerance, but did not produce toxic ergot alkaloids associated with poor animal performance. The first MaxQ tall fescue releases were Jesup and GA 5. There are several available today. These endophyte-friendly tall fescues provide increased average daily gains, good yields and even persistence as good or better than even KY31. This is a huge improvement over low endophyte varieties that were not very persistent and were sometimes eventually taken back over by old KY31.

If you are having issues with endophyte-infected tall fescue then switching may be worth the effort and expense. Symptoms for grazing animals include heat stress, rough summer coats, narrowing of blood vessels that

can cause loss of hooves, tails, and ears, reduced intake and gain, low birth weights and poor reproduction rates. Research shows that switching from endophyte-infected fescue to Novel or other forages can potentially double the rate of gain on cattle.

I really don't know what some of the hills located in the fescue "belt" would look like today if they hadn't been seeded to tall fescue back in the 40's. It certainly has prevented a lot of soil erosion, but thank goodness there are better alternatives today that also protect soil while providing good, nutritious forage.

It would be impractical to replace many fields of KY31 tall fescue at one time. Many producers are already stocked higher than they should and taking very many acres out of production for even one season is very hard to do. It is best and most practical to just try and convert a field or two at a time. As fields are added, concentrate first on using those, once established, for 30 days prior to breeding for improved pregnancy rates on cows. As more fields are added, start utilizing them for growing animals, improved gains, and improved milk production of lactating cows.

It's not always possible or practical to eliminate all the KY31 tall fescue on your land. If not, dilution is a fair to good defense, especially with red clover. High-density, short-duration grazing systems with sufficient rest periods help to promote diversity in monocultures of tall fescue. Limit the use of nitrogen fertilizers that will actually increase the ergovaline toxin in tall fescue and reduce clover at the same time. Nitrogen will boost grass yields, but it also feeds the toxic fungus. Avoid grazing close to the ground or the seed heads of KY31 tall fescue where the toxin generally concentrates.

I'll end this issue with a thought on magnesium. With temperatures fluctuating right now and new grass being utilized by livestock, it is easy to be short on magnesium when the animals consume lots of new "washy" green grass. It is a good idea to move to a high magnesium type mineral supplement (usually 10-20% instead of 1 or 2%) and continue with it until you are past the early flush of new forage. The issue with insufficient magnesium is more of a problem where nitrogen and/or potassium have been applied recently, or in excessive amounts. Grass tetany is the name of the disease where magnesium is deficient. For more detailed information about grass tetany, contact your local extension service or large animal veterinarian.

Enjoy spring and keep on grazing!
Reminders & Opportunities

Using Native Warm-Season Grasses in a Grazing System – Agency In-Service Day – June 20, 2019. Producer/Landowner Day - June 21st, 2019, Southern Indiana Purdue Ag Center. No registration fee, but registration required by June 7. RSVP to jhodge34@utk.edu.

Grazing 102 – June 21-22, 2019, Southern Indiana Purdue Ag Center. Grazing 102 is a program designed to help producers understand important concepts needed to make a management-intensive grazing program work for their own operation. Contact Jason Tower at towerj@purdue.edu or 812-678-4427.

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