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Shown above is the Shoals Jug Rox Robotics Team with their Greenwood Think Award. In the front row, from left to right, are Oliva Alcorn, Jocelyn Davis, Jarod Waggoner, Andrew Newland, Mallory Waggoner, and Colton Mullins. In the back row, from left to right, are Tristan Peterson, Noah Stoll, Alan Cook, Zane Lake, and Evan Wagoner.

Jug Rox Robotix Team place in two competitions

The Shoals Jug Rox Robotix Team recently competed in the Bedford and Greenwood FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) robotics qualifying tournaments. During FTC qualifying tournaments, a match consists of two, two-team alliances. These two teams compete against an opposing alliance (also made up of two teams) to complete the game challenge and to earn the highest score. During final rounds, an alliance may consist of three teams during double elimination play. Teams also have to give a presentation to a panel of judges concerning the organization of the team and their robots design.

At the Bedford qualifying tournament, the Jug Rox competed against 26 other teams. They were ranked 3rd during the qualifying rounds and landed in second place during the final rounds. They also received the "Think" award. This judged award is given to the team that best reflects the journey it took as they experienced the engineering design process during the build season. The engineering section of the notebook is the key reference

for judges to help identify the most deserving team. The team's engineering section must focus on the design and build stage of the team's robot. Journal entries must include descriptions of the underlying science and mathematics of the robot design and game strategies, the designs, redesigns, successes, and opportunities for improvement.

The Jug Rox had one more major achievement during the Bedford qualifier by receiving the third place Inspire Award. The Inspire Award winner is a top contender for many other judged awards and is a gracious competitor. The Inspire Award winner is an inspiration to other teams, acting with Gracious Professionalism® both on and off the playing field.

At the Greenwood qualifying tournament, the Jug Rox competed against 29 other teams. They were undefeated during the qualifying rounds achieving a 2nd place ranking. During the final rounds, the Jug Rox pulled out a victory during the third round of double elimination play. During the last round, the Jug Rox scored most of the winning (See 'ROBOTIX' on page 2)



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Shown above is the Shoals Jug Rox Robotics Team with their Bedford Inspire Award. In the front row, from left to right, are Andrew Newland, Colton Mullins, Tristan Peterson, Shyla Taylor, and Jordan Fromme. In the back row, from left to right, are Alan Cook, Noah Stoll, Evan Wagoner and Zane Lake.

Christmas Toy Store helps 466 children

The Martin County Christmas Toy Store was held this year on December 15 at the Loogootee United Methodist Church. Around 175 families were able to shop for 466 children. Forty-one bicycles and tricycles and over 1,500 toys and stocking stuffers were given away.

The Christmas Toy Store was possible because of the generosity of area churches and the help of around 70 people that volunteered their Saturday to make the Toy Store happen. Toy Store organizers send a big "thank you" to all the volunteers from the churches and youth groups: St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Loogootee United Methodist Church, St. John Lutheran Church, the Shoals United Methodist Church, Redemption Christian Church,

and New Beginnings.

Local organizations, churches, and many people in Martin County donated the toys. The Toy Store also wants to recognize the contributions and support from the Naval Support Center Crane "Toys for Tots" program, Martin County Community Foundation, Daviess-Martin County REMC, Family Dollar, Crane Credit Union Loogootee Branch, Old National Bank, Family Dollar, Dollar General, Hawkins Health Center and others. And, of course, the shopper signups could not have been completed without the help and support from the St. Vincent de Paul Store, Shoals Library, the Loogootee Library, Hoosier Uplands and the Loogootee United Methodist Church.



Tower complete

-Top photo by Bill Whorrall, bottom photo courtesy historical society fb page

The bell tower on the former courthouse in Shoals is now officially restored. Shown above is the finished version and below is what it looked like before. Helming Bros., of Jasper, did the work for \$145,000.





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Noah Stoll, Alan Cook, and Jocelyn Davis, with the Shoals Jug Rox Robotix Team, put down their controllers after successfully hanging the robot at the end of the semifinal match at Greenwood.

ROBOTIX

(Continued from page one) points after the robot of their alliance team was disabled early in the match. They also received the "Think" award for the second time this season and the community outreach award. Jug Rox Robotix now advances to the Indiana State FTC tournament on March 16, 2019 and received an invitation to participate in the Kentucky State FTC tournament on January 26, 2019. A good performance at either of

these two events will advance the Jug Rox to the FTC world championship in Detroit in April. The robotics team would like to thank their sponsors: Kimball Electronics, Jasper Engines, General Motors Bedford, Martin County Community Foundation, Chastain's Flowers and Gifts, Jones Oil Company, Loughmiller Machine Tool & Design, German American Bank, Tania's Touch, USG, DoD (NeDEP) and Greene's Body Shop.

Candidate filings open January 9 for city election

The 2019 City of Loogootee Primary Election will be held May 7, 2019. Candidate filing will begin January 9, 2019 and end on February 8, 2019 at noon. This election only includes registered voters in Perry 1, 2, 3, and 4. Candidates can pick up forms for filing at the Martin County Clerk's Office.

ister 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 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.

The offices that will appear on ballot are Loogootee City Mayor, Loogootee City Clerk/Treasurer, Loogootee City Council-At-Large (1 position) and Loogootee City Council Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4. April 8, 2019 is the deadline to reg-

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.

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

Radius announces new strategic initiatives and officers for 2019

The Radius Indiana Board of Directors will begin 2019 with new board members and a number of new initiatives for the organization, including a new strategic plan and the launch of a region-wide tourism campaign.

The board reconfirmed past Radius Indiana CEO and former Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman as board chair, as well as approved the election of three new board members, and ratified a 2019 budget that includes several new priorities and initiatives in support of the recently adopted strategic plan for the organization.

Additional 2019 Radius Board officers include Vice Chair Misty McCammack, Duke Energy; Secretary Tim Kinder, Martin County Alliance; and Treasurer Jamie Shinabarger, Springs Valley Bank & Trust. Rounding out the Executive Committee are Bryan Brackemyre, Indiana Municipal Power Agency; PA; Sabrina Burdine, Washington County Economic Growth Partnership; and Mayor of Linton John Wilkes.

"I am humbled and deeply honored to serve on the Radius Indiana Executive Committee," said Brackemyre. "This is a pivotal year for Radius Indiana as the staff and board of directors recently completed a strategic plan that will promote future economic development, quality of life and tourism in Southern Indiana. It's an exciting time to be part of this effort and I look forward to the opportunity."

New board members elected to three-year terms are Chuck Franz, Cook Corporation; Brent Sternberg, German American Bank; and Mike Myers, Daviess County Council.

Six retiring board members were honored with proclamations for their service to the board. Those board members include: Doug Kellams, East Gate Business and Technology Park; Don Schulte, Schulte Consulting; Neil Dauby, German American Bank; John Eckberg, Cook Group; Ron Arnold,

Daviess County Economic Development Corporation; and Mayor of Washington Joe Wellman.

"It has been an honor to serve with this fine group of retiring members," said Skillman. "A lot of firsts for Radius were brought to life through them, and we are better because of it. I will miss working alongside them, but I am excited to see what the new committee members will bring to the region."

The 2019 budget includes funding for key areas of the Radius strategic plan such as governance and leadership activities, Crane Community Support, regional marketing, talent attraction and retention, entrepreneurship and small business growth, and the recently announced regional tourism campaign—"Discover Southern Indiana."

Some of the specific initiatives include continuing the Economic Development for Community Leadership Program and other educational courses, focusing on defense industry growth strategies, engaging in veterans' recruitment, promoting regional job opportunities, hosting pitch competitions for aspiring entrepreneurs, and facilitating site selector trips to share the benefits of doing business in the area.

"With the implementation of our new strategic plan, 2019 will be a busy year for Radius. Our new initiatives will build on the past successes and give us the opportunity to do more to grow and strengthen the region," said Radius Indiana President and CEO Jeff Quyle.

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WAHNETA FELTON

Wahneta R. Felton passed away Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at the Loogootee Nursing Center. A resident of Shoals, she was 83.

She was born in Martin County on March 18, 1935; daughter of Charles and Reina (Dorman) Bruner. She married Billy Sims and he preceded her in death on January 17, 1982. She married Robert Felton and he preceded her in death on December 18, 2000.

She graduated Shoals High School, was a secretary bookkeeper for Wm. M. Dailey Insurance Co. for eight years, Dallas K Conalty Insurance Co for 13 years, Strawn Insurance Agency for three years, and served as bookkeeper for the Martin County Senior Citizens. She was a member of the Hindostan United Methodist Church where she served many years as organist and Sunday School Teacher; was a member of the Order of Eastern Star in Washington and Past Noble Grand Mistress of the Rebekah Lodge.

Also preceding her in death are her parents, one son, William Charles Sims and three brothers, David Bruner, Wil-

liam Bruner and Charles "Bob" Bruner. She is survived by several nieces, nephews and many good friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 22 at the Hindostan United Methodist Church with Pastor Marty Evans officiating. Burial will be at a later date in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Hindostan United Methodist Church.

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

JAMES WATSON

James Lawrence "Jim" Watson passed away Sunday, December 16, 2018. A resident of Bloomington, he was 63.

He was born October 23, 1955 in Jasper; the son of James Roy and Geraldine (Leonard) Watson.

The family moved from Loogootee to Indianapolis where Jim attended Pike Jr. High and graduated from Pike High School in 1974. He then enlisted in the United States Army and served in the National Security Agency. He



re-enlisted and was a member of the 82nd Airborne Division. Jim was an entrepreneur. In 1995, he founded LabTek, Inc., which he operated until his retirement in 2012.

JAMES WATSON He enjoyed living in the country, boating, traveling, movies, dining at fine restaurants with his wife and spending cherished moments with his children and grandchildren. He had an incredible life-long love of basketball.

Jim is survived by his wife, Angie (Phelan) Watson; sister, Marsha Rollins; daughters, Jacki Watson (Patrick Kelly) and Lindsey (Watson) LeMaster (Eddie); and grandchildren, Braden, Lucas, Bailey, and Will.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Jane Butcher; infant twin brother, John Robert; and infant grandson, Elijah James.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, December 29 at The Woolery Mill, 2761 S. Kegg Rd., Bloomington, IN 47403 from 1-4 p.m. Family will receive friends from 1-2 p.m. The service will begin at 2 p.m. A light meal will follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Jim's memory to Happy Labs Rescue, P.O. Box 2296, Columbus, IN 47202.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington, have been entrusted with arrangements. You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to Jim's family at www.allencares.com.

DEAN TROWBRIDGE

Morris "Dean" Trowbridge passed away at 4 a.m. Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at his home. A resident of Washington, he was 84.

He was born in Washington on De-

ember 22, 1933; son of Homer A. and Clara G. (Gammon) Trowbridge. He was a Korean War veteran of the US Air Force and was a member of St Martin Catholic Church and the Washington American Legion. He was retired from NSWC Crane and had worked 10 years for Comarco. He enjoyed fixing things, going to his grandchildren's sporting events as well as watching the St Louis Cardinals.

He is survived by his wife, Helen (Craney) Trowbridge who he married on October 27, 1956; one daughter, Connie F (Rich) Harpenau of Evansville; five sons, F. Alex (Annice) Trowbridge of Waterloo, South Carolina; Jean C. Trowbridge of Evansville, Pat G. Trowbridge of Washington, Darrell A. Trowbridge of Hazelwood, Missouri; and Dale M. Trowbridge of Loogootee; 13 grandchildren, Alex (Anna) Trowbridge II, Sarah (Kyle Dauberman) Trowbridge, Dr. Erin Harpenau, Kelsey (Nick Austin) Harpenau, Natalie Harpenau, Ryan (Angelea) Trowbridge, Gavin Trowbridge, Maggie Trowbridge, Jeremy (Kayti Savage) Trowbridge, April (Jason) Conley, Frances Taylor, Jeremiah Taylor, Noah Taylor; ten great grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; one brother, Donnie Trowbridge; and one sister, Phyllis Robinson of Washington.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sister, Arlene Murray and Deloris Chestnut; and three brothers, Robert Trowbridge, Wayne Trowbridge, and Frankie Trowbridge.

A mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Friday, December 21 at St Martin Catholic Church in Whitfield with Father Kenneth Walker as celebrant. Burial followed in St. Martin Catholic Cemetery with military graveside rites by the Washington American Legion and VFW.

Memorial donations may be given to St Martin Cemetery Association at 408 Church Street Loogootee, Indiana 47558.

Rocking New Year's Eve Watermelon Drop planned in Vincennes

The wildly wacky Watermelon Drop returns on New Year's Eve to downtown Vincennes. Located near the riverfront at First and Main Street, the celebration will feature music by DJ Shawn Brown, libations from Cutters Way, and hot drinks and chill from the Vincennes Civitan Club - all in a giant heated tent beginning at 10 p.m. (EST).

The 11th Annual Watermelon Drop has again attracted national attention. The current issue of Midwest Living magazine features it in its top "Odd Lang Syne" list of places to be on New Year's Eve. Last year Country Woman magazine featured a large photo of the Watermelon Drop with the headline, "Countdown to Quirky."

Previously featured by CNN and CBS, Smithsonian magazine also included the Watermelon Drop in its story, "From Possums to 200 Pounds of Bologna: Weird Things Cities Drop on New Year's Eve." The article noted that crystal balls aren't the only things used to mark the New Year - in many places across the United States, cities drop objects that reflect local flavor and culture," such as watermelons.

This year the entertainment tent will be near the "splatform" where 19 local watermelons will fall at midnight, accompanied by music and a spectacular fireworks display. Iliana Watermelon Queen Brilee Albrecht will welcome the audience and reign over the Watermelon Drop.

"When lifted high in the sky, our 500-pound watermelon puts Vincennes on par with celebrations such as Times Square and Alabama's Moon Pie Drop, said Will McCormick, chair of this year's Watermelon Drop. He credits Rick Linenburg and John Frenz for chairing the project the past ten years. "They led a dedicated group of volunteers who have gained great visibility for our county's role in producing the best watermelons in the country."

In 2015, the Watermelon Drop was one of only two U.S. festivals listed by the British publication, The Guardian, in its list of the world's "best small festivals," as recommended by its readers. Joining the Watermelon Drop were events from Germany, Ireland, Italy, France, Switzerland, and Vietnam. The

article, which featured a photo of Vincennes' giant watermelon.

The editors of the world's largest travel site, TripAdvisor, Inc., listed the event among in its 2011 "Top Ten Quirkiest New Year's Eve Celebrations in America"—a list that also included North Carolina's Possum Drop and Alabama's Moon Pie Drop.

Since its creation in 2008, the 18-foot watermelon has become a star attraction in Vincennes, including a popular entry in the town's parades.

People enjoy sharing photographs and videos of themselves standing next to the giant watermelon too.

The Watermelon Festival has come a long way since a few friends gathered at a small Vincennes New Year's party and asked themselves the question, "Why don't we drop something in town to celebrate the New Year?"

"Thanks to the generosity of many sponsors and donors, as well as our all-volunteer organization, we will continue this tradition that reflects the creativity and can-do spirit of our community," McCormick said.

The event even inspired a parody by the Poet Laureate of Vincennes, which sums up the anticipation of Vincennes residents. 'Twas the night before New Year's, when all through the town, all the people were stirring and riverfront bound. The watermelons were shined and stacked with care, in hopes to be selected for a launch through the air.

The revelers in Vincennes were all snug and well fed, while visions of smashing watermelons danced in their head.

U of E Dean's List

The following students earned a position on the University of Evansville Dean's List for academic achievements during the Fall Semester 2018.

Loogootee

Kristin Norris, majoring in marketing
Allie Walker, majoring in accounting
Kirsten Spears, majoring in psychology

Dylan Arthur, majoring in computer engineering

Shoals

Megan Hawkins, majoring in elementary education

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Martin County Sheriff's Office is seeking qualified candidates for Part-Time Dispatcher and Jail Officer positions.

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To be considered for an open position, interested candidates are encouraged to pick-up an application at the Martin County Sheriff's Office: 318 Capital Avenue, Shoals, IN 47581 (812) 247-3726.

Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled.

Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

4:53 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

8:33 a.m. - Received a request for assistance with child exchange in Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

8:44 a.m. - Received a report of tree across State Road 550 in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded and removed the tree.

10:15 a.m. - Captain Dant completed vehicle identification check in Loogootee.

10:18 a.m. - Received a report of car-deer accident north of Shoals. Deputy Wright responded.

11:09 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee First Responders responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:04 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

1:30 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

1:50 p.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

5:35 p.m. - Captain Dant assisted a motorist on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

2:26 a.m. - Received a report of trespassing on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

2:58 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded.

9:14 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

9:14 a.m. - Deputy Lents took three inmates to court.

10:20 a.m. - Received a report of property dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

11:57 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

12:47 p.m. - Deputy Lents took three inmates to court.

1:04 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Crane. Martin County Ambulance and Crane First Responders responded.

2:10 p.m. - Deputy Lents took two inmates to court.

2:56 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

2:58 p.m. - Received a request for welfare check in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded. Everything checked out okay.

3:32 p.m. - Received a request for welfare check in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded. Everything checked out okay.

4:55 p.m. - Received a report of controlled burn in Shoals.

5:08 p.m. - Received a report of property dispute in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

5:26 p.m. - Received a report of controlled burn in Loogootee.

7:15 p.m. - Received a report of civil dispute in Loogootee. Deputy Reed and Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

8:50 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee First Responders responded.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

5:50 a.m. - Received a report of car-deer accident on U.S. 231, north of Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

7:28 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee First responders responded.

7:55 a.m. - West Washington Street in Loogootee was closed for tree work.

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

10:31 a.m. - Received a report of an accident on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene and Haysville Fire Department responded.

11:10 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

11:56 a.m. - Deputy Wright assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock in Shoals.

2:20 p.m. - Deputy Wright assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock in Loogootee.

2:56 p.m. - Received a report of teenagers in the roadway in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

3:43 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

3:55 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

4:09 p.m. - Received a noise complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

4:34 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded.

6:49 p.m. - Received a request for officer assistance with child exchange north of Shoals. Deputy Seymour and Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

9:40 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

6:25 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee First Responders responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:11 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

9:40 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

10:15 a.m. - Deputy Lents took one inmate to court.

10:35 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

10:42 a.m. - Loogootee Chief Rayhill assisted a motorist on U.S. 50 in Loogootee.

11:44 a.m. - Received a report of a commercial burglar alarm in Shoals. Deputy Lents responded. Everything checked out okay.

12:44 p.m. - Received a report of an abandoned vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

12:50 p.m. - Deputy Lents took four inmates to court.

12:54 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire Department and Chief Deputy Greene responded.

2:40 p.m. - Sergeant Keller took one inmate to court.

2:59 p.m. - Received an animal complaint north of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

5:05 p.m. - Received a report of animal cruelty in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd and Sergeant Keller responded.

5:15 p.m. - Sergeant Keller and Loogootee Officer Floyd assisted a motorist on U.S. 50, east of Loogootee.

7:12 p.m. - Received a report of residential burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded. Everything checked out okay.

8:02 p.m. - Received a report of civil dispute in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

8:26 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

9:50 p.m. - Received a report of a possible homeless juvenile in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

11:30 p.m. - Received a report of commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd and Deputy Seymour responded. Everything checked out okay.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

2:30 a.m. - Received a report of a residential fire in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Martin County Civil Defense, Cannelburg Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded.

9:12 a.m. - Jail Commander Abel took one inmate to the doctor.

11:28 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted a motorist near Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

11:33 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:22 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

4:08 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on US 231, near Loogootee. Deputy Seymour and Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

7:49 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Loogootee. Martin County Highway responded.

1:36 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Dant responded and all was okay.

1:43 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Dant responded.

4:12 p.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock near Loogootee.

11:40 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

1:20 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle north of Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded.

10:20 a.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist near Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

10:25 a.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted with a custody dispute in Shoals.

12:33 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

12:35 p.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Loogootee on US 231. Sergeant Keller and Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.

2:20 p.m. - Received a report of an

accident south of Loogootee on US 231. Deputy Wright, Dubois County Sheriff's Office, and Haysville Fire responded.

5:25 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

Real estate transfers

Marvin J. Bailey and Norma S. Bailey, of Martin County, Indiana to **Marvin W. Bailey and Carroll D. Bailey**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 4 in William's Addition to the Town of Shoals, Indiana. Also, Lot Number 8 in Williams Addition to the Town of Shoals, Indiana. Also, Lot Number 13 in Williams Addition to the Town of Shoals, Indiana.

Loogootee Community School Corporation to Loogootee School Building Corporation, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2.32 acres, more or less.

Stephanie Greenwell, of Martin County, Indiana to **Aureola S. Wright**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of Section 29, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, in Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.14 acres, more or less.

Karen Holman, of Martin County, Indiana to **Travis L. Holman**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of Section 9, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1 acre, more or less.

John P. Cahill and Roberta L. Cahill, of Marion County, Indiana to **Northern Property & Development, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana, the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 22, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, containing 40 acres, more or less, with the exception of 5 acres, more or less.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

5:34 p.m. - Thomas Holt, 57, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Wright on a Martin County warrant for probation violation and is being held without bond.

9:50 p.m. - Shirley Coker, 42, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Reed and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia and four counts of possession of a controlled substance. She is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond. Loogootee Officer Norris and K-9 Virka assisted with the arrest.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

4:22 p.m. - Dylan Bruner, 25, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Wright on a parole violation warrant and is being held without bond.

8:40 p.m. - Victoria Hatter, 25, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Reed and charged with possession of methamphetamine. She is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert assisted with the arrest.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

9:08 a.m. - Cheyenne Sullivan, 22, of Shoals, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene on a Martin County warrant for probation violation and is being held without bond.

Loogootee Police log Traffic stop results in arrest and possession charges

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

6:44 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

11:09 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the ambulance service on Crane Street.

1:04 p.m. - Male requested to speak with an officer regarding a civil matter.

4:16 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

9:42 p.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted the county with an arrest.

11:37 p.m. - Caller reported a possible fire near Bloomfield Road.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

10:20 a.m. - Male reported a civil complaint.

1:13 p.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

3:34 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

5:26 p.m. - Male reported a controlled burn.

5:36 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident in the McDonald's parking lot.

8:54 p.m. - First responders were requested on SW 3rd Street for a medical call.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

6:02 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the county with a property damage accident on US 231.

7:28 a.m. - First responders were requested Broadway Street for a medical call.

11:10 a.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident in the McDonald's parking lot.

2:56 p.m. - Caller reported juveniles in the road on West Main Street.

3:43 p.m. - Chief Rayhill reported a loose dog on Butcher Boulevard. Animal Control was contacted.

4:09 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance on SW 1st Street.

5:52 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

10:34 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on Broadway Street.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

6:35 a.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident behind Ruler.

10:42 a.m. - Caller reported a broken-down semi near Dollar General.

12:44 p.m. - Male reported a parking complaint on Queen Street.

7:12 p.m. - Officer Floyd responded to a residential alarm.

7:22 p.m. - Male reported a civil complaint.

8:26 p.m. - Male reported a harassment complaint.

9:50 p.m. - Caller reported a problem involving a juvenile.

11:30 p.m. - Officer Floyd responded to a business alarm.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

2:30 a.m. - Loogootee Fire was dispatched to a house fire on Cedar Street.

1:32 p.m. - Male reported a lost firearm. Firearm was later located.

4:45 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

8:45 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on Hwy 50.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

4:08 a.m. - Officer Floyd assisted the county with a property damage accident.

8:15 a.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out again to a small fire on Cedar Street.

1:36 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

1:43 p.m. - Officer Dant responded to a property damage accident at Circle K.

6:20 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to a possible fire on Brooks Bridge Road. Everything checked out okay.

11:40 p.m. - Caller reported a barking dog on Lincoln Avenue.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

1:25 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted the county with a traffic accident on US 231.

3:34 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a business alarm.

6:45 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

8:46 p.m. - Male requested a welfare check on a female.

9:50 p.m. - Caller reported a civil complaint.

On Monday, December 17, at 8:54 p.m., Martin County Sheriff's Office Deputy Tyler Reed was on patrol on US Highway 50, east of Loogootee when he observed a vehicle commit a moving violation. Deputy Reed initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle and the driver was identified as Shirley D. Coker, 42, of Loogootee. Loogootee Sgt. Rick Norris arrived shortly after to assist.

Ms. Coker gave Deputy Reed consent to search her vehicle. Deputy Reed immediately observed a glass pipe with burnt residue in plain view; residue in the pipe field tested positive for methamphetamine. Deputy Reed located a second glass pipe with residue that field tested positive for methamphetamine, as well as, two hand rolled cigarettes containing a green leafy plant-like substance that field tested positive for marijuana.

Ms. Coker then advised Deputy Reed

that she was in possession of more contraband on her person. A black container was located in Ms. Coker's pocket that contained a plastic bag containing several different pills that were identified as controlled substances. A clear capsule containing a white crystal substance was also present that field tested positive for methamphetamine. Two empty plastic bags were also found in Ms. Coker's pocket that contained residue that field tested positive for methamphetamine. Ms. Coker was transported to the Martin County Security Center where she was booked in on the listed charges without incident.

Coker was charged with possession of methamphetamine, four counts of possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, and possession of paraphernalia.

All suspects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Indiana Statewide Corridor Planning Study

INDOT's Statewide Corridor Planning Study (SCPS) has been launched to supplement our non-project specific 2018-2045 Long-Range Transportation plan, establish intermediate and long-term visions for select transportation corridors, and compile general planning information for each corridor. Information gathered will include stakeholder and public input, traffic growth, future mobility and safety deficiencies, pedestrian needs, economic and tourism data, and land-use and socio-economic impacts. This information will be used to develop a range of strategies to address future transportation needs and decisions.

Your Input is Vital! This public survey site is designed to enable stakeholders and citizens to provide location-specific comments regarding transportation issues, concerns, and needs. Click on the desired map corridor and complete and submit the "Add A Comment" dialog box that appears. Comments received will be reviewed

Preventing teen dating, breakup violence

Crisis Connection, Inc. is pleased to sponsor a community conversation surrounding teen dating / breakup violence. The Ashley Doolittle Foundation was formed to take a stand against teen dating violence.

On June 9, 2016, Ashley Doolittle, who had just turned 18 was murdered by her ex-boyfriend within a week after their final break-up. The foundation's mission is to preserve Ashley's legacy by raising awareness and prevention of teen dating violence while honoring her love of our western heritage.

The foundation exists because it is believed that Ashley's death may have been avoidable if anyone in her life had truly understood the unhealthy and increasingly dangerous relationship behaviors they were seeing. Perhaps the more people know about how to identify and navigate healthy and un-

healthy relationship behaviors, the less likely they will end up in an abusive relationship.

Right now, our teens are forming relationships that set the stage for future relationships. One in three teenagers is involved in a violent dating relationship and many parents, educators and teenagers are not aware of the signs that can lead to break up violence. Ashley's mother, Ann Marie Doolittle is encouraging parents to talk with their children about staying safe after a break up. Ann Marie has local ties to the area, with family and friends living in the county. Join Ann Marie for a powerful discussion on this issue on Friday, December 28 from 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at the Dubois County Community Foundation.

Please contact Crisis Connection at 812-482-1555 with any questions.

Comments that contain offensive language will not be posted.

To launch the online public survey for the Statewide Corridor Planning Study, click here: <https://communityremarks.com/indiana/>.

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More Neat Stuff

By Ann Ackerman



Winston Churchill got into a heated debate with a lady member of the Parliament.

The lady became so irate with Churchill that she told him that if he were her husband, she would poison his tea.

Churchill replied, "If you were my wife, I would drink it."

THOUGHTS

*Do you ever feel like your body's "check engine" light has been on and you're still driving it like, "nah, it'll be fine?"

*I like to party and by party, I mean sit on the couch with my dog and eat snacks.

*If by "crunches" you mean the sound potato chips make when you chew them, then yes, I do crunches.

*Who else wakes up and reads Facebook like the morning papers?

*You never appreciate what you have til it's gone. Toilet paper is a good example.

*I burned 2,000 calories today... That's the last time I leave brownies in the oven while a take a nap.

*The fastest land mammal is a toddler who's been asked what's in his mouth.

RIDDLES (Answers at end)

1. What do you get if you cross a memory expert and a conductor?

2. What do you call a boomerang that won't come back?

3. What do you get when you cross

an abalone and a crocodile?

4. What do you get if you cross a kangaroo with a saint?

5. What is made of wood and can't be sawed?

6. What's the difference between a butcher and an insomniac?

7. What's the difference between a teacher and a railroad conductor?

8. What's the difference between a counterfeit bill and an irate rabbit?

MORE THOUGHTS

*Clothes too dirty for the closet but too clean for the laundry; welcome to the CHAIR.

*When I find it, I don't need it. When I need it, I can't find it.

*Some people drink from the fountain of knowledge, others just gargle.

*Don't know who needs to hear this but...there hasn't been a bacon recall in 2018, but there have been several vegetable recalls.

*Hackers need to step their game up and delete everyone's loans, bad credit, and mortgages.

ANSWERS

1. A person who never loses his train of thought.

2. a stick

3. you get a crockabaloney

4. An animal that has a pocketful of miracles

5. sawdust

6. One weighs a steak and the other stays awake

7. One trains the mind; the other minds the train.

8. One's bad money, the other's a mad bunny

Make someone smile today!

Loogootee Girls' Basketball SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



-Photo by Shelley Christmas

SYDNEY DAVIS
Sydney Davis is a senior basketball player for the Loogootee Lady Lions. Sydney's best memory of her basketball career at LHS is beating Columbus East at the Orange Pit. Other than Jack Butcher Arena, her favorite gym to play in is Elementary East because that's where she learned to play basketball. Her favorite all-time player is Tyra Buss from Indiana University. Between a last second shot of a dunk or a half court toss, Sydney said she would choose a half court shot. Sydney wants to play softball at Oakland City University but is undecided on what her major will be.



Christmas Coloring Contest winners

Hawkins Health Center is proud to announce the Christmas Coloring Contest winners from Loogootee Elementary School. In the front row, from left to right, are Sabrina Hert, Mason Mathies, Elliot Graber, Hailey Thomas, and Lucas Cramer. In the back row, from left to right, are Aubrey Gilbert, Alivia Fox, Natalie Willoughby, Zack Jones, and Misty Neal. All of the coloring pages were given to the residents at local nursing homes.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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

Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Loughmiller Machine, 12851 E 150 N, Loogootee. The public is invited to attend.

Humane society meetings

The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 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

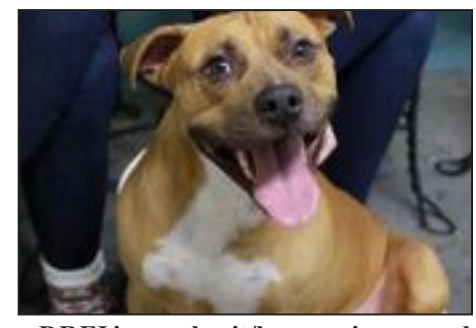
The Martin County SWCD meets the third Monday of the month at the

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.

Attention Senior Citizens

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

ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



DREI is a male pit/boxer mix, around 4 years old. He only has three legs but it doesn't slow him down. He is very sweet, well behaved. He is neutered and up to date on shots. The Martin County Humane Society Animal Shelter is located at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. For info, visit www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org.

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