

Top stories of 2014 in Martin County

JANUARY

Drunk driver causes crash on US 50, injures Shoals man
Frozen-The past few days, the county has experienced the coldest temperatures we have seen in 20 years. Temperatures are forecasted to steadily increase over the next few days so residents can finally see some thawing.

State health officials report three influenza deaths

Loogootee School Board talks economic development

City discusses salaries, Bowling Manufacturing

Martin County Health Department adopts new volunteer management program

Loogootee all-time greets to be honored Saturday

New orthodontists-Kizior & young orthodontics recently held a ribbon cutting at their

new office located at 201 East Broadway Street, Loogootee.

Shoals School board reorganizes in their first meeting of the year

Loogootee boy one of 13 Indiana students to win statewide contest (Brock Rayhill)

Announcing the new Indiana High School Equivalency Diploma

Flu-related deaths reach 11 in Indiana

Catholic churches welcome Fr. Walker

State police seize 12 meth labs in Martin County for 2013

Martin County had fifth lowest jobless rate in the state for December

Westgate Child Development Center opens February 3

Zoeller's office monitors propane prices as shortage worsens, warns consumers

FEBRUARY

Chamber looking for Citizen of the Year

Food service businesses inspected

The following restaurant inspections were done by Julia Albright, of the Martin County Health Department. The information listed is verbatim from the inspection report and all were routine inspections unless otherwise noted. Violations found again from the previous inspection will be noted with (repeat violation).

DECEMBER 2

Tranquil Inn and Spa, LLC, 424 High Street, Shoals

No violations noted.

DECEMBER 9

The Lodge of Loogootee, 302 West Williams Street, Loogootee

One critical violation:

-Salad bar minimum temperature was 43 degrees. Adjusted temperature at time of inspection. (Repeat violation)

The Lodge of Loogootee responded to the inspection on December 18: "We have changed the process of the set-up of the salad bar. We place two pans of ice under the pans in the salad bar to maintain the correct temp. This has corrected the issue of the pans not having the correct temp when the bar is first set up. It maintains a correct temp at all times."

American Legion Post 120, 112 Church Street, Loogootee

One non-critical violation:

-Bag of in-the-shell peanuts sitting on floor of storage room.

The American Legion Post 120 responded to the inspection on December 9: "Move peanuts to shelf in storage room."

Jones & Sons Fuel Center, 113 East Broadway Street, Loogootee

One non-critical violation:

-Walk-in cooler fan units have build-up of dust on covers. Shelving under deli food storage has build-up of dried food particles.

Chuckles Food Mart #3, 509 West Broadway Street, Loogootee

Two non-critical violations:

-Upper interior surface of ice machine has build-up of slimy substance. (Repeat violation)

-Build-up of dust on fan units of walk-in cooler. (Repeat violation)

Gasoline Alley, 101 East Broadway Street, Loogootee

No violations noted.

Fast Max/Smokers Host #326, 109 Broadway Street, Loogootee

No violations noted.

nominations

Doane nominated for James D. Pitzer Award

County council discusses employee pay Steiner elected President of the Association of Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys

NSWC Crane leading collaboration in radiation effects research

Break-ins in Shoals lead to two arrests

Council member still wants to improve winter streets

More employees opt out of county insurance than opt in

EMA forming Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Fish limits on West Boggs Creek reservoir will be relaxed

Shoals School Board votes not to renew AD's contract

Two longtime Loogootee School employees retire (Debbie Truelove and Marsha Lukomski)

Commissioners impose 10-ton weight limit on county roads

Loogootee Fire Department gets funding for new equipment

MARCH

City, commissioner ask county for \$297,000 to rebuild pool

Navy ready to send Crane trees for Old

Gone but not forgotten - deaths in 2014

- DIANE E. PHILLIPS (3/28/44-1/1/14)
- NORMAN D. "GEORGE" SURVANCE (5/11/49-1/3/14)
- LEROY DALE WAGLER (4/12/53-1/3/14)
- MELODY FAYE MOSIER (3/8/64-1/4/14)
- RUSSELL TALBOT GOURLEY (3/16/40-1/4/14)
- WILLIAM RABER (2/5/23-1/6/14)
- LARRY J. BAUGH (1/20/39-1/13/14)
- CYNTHIA NORENE PRUESZ (2/28/48-1/13/14)
- DEBBY FIELDS BOWERS (9/21/62-1/17/14)
- JOAN JONES (1/2/51-1/18/14)
- HOMER "JACK" COLLINS (12/1/25-1/20/14)
- HELEN MARTHA STRAHLEY (7/6/19-1/25/14)
- HARRY EDWARD PURKHISER, JR. (8/2/23-1/29/14)
- OSCAR J. RECKELHOFF (DIED 1/31/14)
- ROBERT L. OSBORN (2/12/26-2/1/14)
- CECIL EDWARD "BUD" EMMONS (12/29/46-2/2/14)
- LARRY E. PORTER (1/27/59-2/2/14)
- EVELYN SUE WIRES FOLLOWFIELD (3/6/37-2/4/14)
- HENRY MILLER (10/12/20-2/4/14)
- WANDA L. MESIANA (2/2/36-2/5/14)
- CRYSTAL A. HEMBREE DYAL (3/24/27-2/7/14)
- PAUL GENE DOBSON (3/1/41-2/9/14)
- MILBURN DEAN HELLUMS (7/30/57-2/14/14)
- NORMA JEAN BRUNER DILLON (11/17/20-2/20/14)
- CLAUDE BERNARD "BUNNY" BOUGH (7/2/45-2/21/14)
- BEVERLY KAY SUMMERS (8/21/64-2/21/14)

Ironsides repairs

Ten-digit dialing in Indiana's 812 area code started last weekend

Deer harvest down in 2013 but still a top 10 season

Winter likely to keep a frigid grip on Indiana into late March

Indiana Supreme Court awards grants to 23 counties; Martin gets \$7,500

Resident questions use of early warning siren

Volleyball signing-Loogootee High School Seniors Michala Beasley and Demi Ricardson signed Wednesday, March 12, to both play volleyball at Indiana University Southeast.

Sandy Zehr to be guest speaker at chamber dinner

Sheriff announces membership program Relay for Life to be held May 30 and 31

Quarry to start repairing road

Employees want raises before pool

County's jobless rate at 5.5 for January

Middle Way needs community's help forming response team

State Representative Mark Messmer honored for his service to the General Assembly

DCS appoints Susan Ford director in Martin County

The 17th Indiana Mounted Infantry rides (See 'STORIES' continued on page 2)

- PHYLLIS D. WILLIAMS (12/30/40-2/21/14)
- SHIRLEY A. BELCHER (8/8/37-2/24/14)
- ROBERT "BOB" TOLBERT (5/25/44-3/1/14)
- ABRAHAM WAGLER (9/23/17-3/2/14)
- PAUL F. TARR (3/12/55-3/9/14)
- SHARON JONES STEWART (11/7/32-3/11/14)
- JUDITH D. HARRIS (8/14/48-3/12/14)
- EDWARD M. PARKS (9/30/50-3/13/14)
- ELIZABETH MAE CLARK (5/16/21-3/18/14)
- MARGARET JUNE HENDRIX (6/11/22-3/20/14)
- DOROTHY L. HOLT (9/20/27-3/20/14)
- LINDA DIANNE CLIFTON (7/19/51-3/21/14)
- HELEN R. COLVIN GOOTEE (9/10/19-3/22/14)
- JIMMIE SUE LUEBKE (4/4/29-3/22/14)
- VIOLET VIRGINIA MILLER HOVIS (4/16/26-3/24/14)
- JENNIE SUMMERS BOYD (8/27/54-3/28/14)
- MARY K. ROSS (9/30/31-3/28/14)
- CHRISTINA LYNN MARTIN (9/5/63-3/29/14)
- DOROTHY CUNNINGHAM NOLAN ALLEN (1/4/22-3/31/14)
- JAMES LYNDSAY "JIMMY" LENTS (7/19/64-4/1/14)
- WILLIAM J. "JOE" CAIN (6/7/50-4/6/14)
- LESTER "NORMAN" WININGER (12/11/30-4/12/14)
- MARCELLA S. RUSSELL (9/20/39-4/17/14)
- JONATHAN DAVID HESHELMAN (8/28/13-4/18/14)
- ORA HEMBREE TAYLOR (9/15/25-4/18/14)

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Christmas Eve Mass

-Photo by Bill Whorrall

St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee had a beautiful setting during the Christmas Eve Mass last week.

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ANDROID

Daviess-Martin Joint County Parks & Recreation Dept.

WEST BOGGS PARK

GLENDALE SFWA CAMPGROUND

DEATHS

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MERTON TOW, JR. (1/7/34-4/19/14)
 GORDON D. "PIKE" BOUGH (12/10/39-4/20/14)
 JAMES M. TROUTMAN (7/22/43-4/22/14)
 FORREST RANDLE LANKFORD (8/28/40-5/1/14)
 DAVIDA. "HENRY" TAYLOR (4/17/29-5/2/14)
 BERNIECE E. BURCH (12/31/18-5/8/14)
 HELEN LUCILLE RAGSDALE (6/18/30-5/9/14)
 ROY HENRY ZIEGLER (3/31/46-5/13/14)
 MARY NAOMI WALKER (11/27/24-5/14/14)
 WILLIAM H. GARDINER (10/31/20-5/16/14)
 CARTER LEE KERNS (5/22/13-5/21/14)
 GUY PADGETT (6/26/23-5/24/14)
 MARIE BARBARA DEMARRO (6/14/32-5/26/14)
 PIUS W. HART (12/2/27-5/26/14)
 WANDA M. COLVIN (3/2/39-5/27/14)
 LAWRENCE E. "TED" BRIDGEWATER (5/14/33-5/28/14)
 KENNETH WININGER (5/3/29-5/30/14)
 DONALD PHILIP MAY (12/24/28-6/2/14)
 E. MARLIN SIMMONS (10/7/31-6/4/14)
 STEPHEN A. COSTELLO (7/23/51-6/6/14)
 ELMAN BAILEY (8/14/40-6/7/14)
 CAROL M. KEYES (3/25/34-6/7/14)
 JONATHAN KYLE TOW (2/13/82-6/8/14)
 CARL "BUS" MORGAN (6/17/38-6/9/14)
 CARL F. TRAMBAUGH (12/13/29-6/10/14)
 MARTHA LOU AULL (5/7/22-6/11/14)
 DIANNA BRADLEY (8/14/45-6/12/14)
 EDWARD JOSEPH CARITHERS (10/29/49-6/18/14)
 RONALD J. KAISER (3/5/51-6/18/14)
 LEWIS ANTON "PENNY" PENDLETON (11/28/20-6/26/14)
 WILLIAM A. "TONY" BOWLING (9/3/44-7/2/14)
 DOROTHY AGNES VANHOY (6/29/27-7/2/14)
 RONALD WITSMAN (6/22/46-7/2/14)
 JENNY STRANGE (7/24/44-7/3/14)
 STEVEN "DOC" DOWNEY (8/25/48-7/4/14)
 SHIRLEY BROCK (10/29/48-7/5/14)
 IVES R. "BUD" HARPER (4/13/30-7/8/14)
 RALPH EDWARD GOODPASTER (5/3/42-7/12/14)
 CHESTER LEE HARDING (5/23/31-7/15/14)
 RAYMOND L. SHONK (9/23/50-7/15/14)
 PATRICIA "CRISS" DURHAM ELPERS (3/11/55-7/19/14)
 ANITA J. "JODY" HAWKINS (8/4/40-7/22/14)
 SANDRA M. HOTZ (4/20/48-7/22/14)
 NORMA JUNE LEE (4/14/38-7/22/14)
 RAYMOND J. BLAKE (2/11/26-7/23/14)
 DAVID JAMES SMITH (7/10/42-7/24/14)
 ROSANNA WAGLER (9/10/31-7/31/14)
 EVELYN WINKEL (8/31/20-8/2/14)
 CURTIS "SCOTT" WOLFE (12/31/65-8/2/14)
 EUGENE PARSONS (8/13/28-8/5/14)
 JACK W. TROUT (2/6/24-8/5/14)
 DIANA L. COOK (6/10/55-8/6/14)
 DONALD K. WININGER (6/18/36-8/6/14)
 KEITH E. YARNELL (2/19/31-8/6/14)
 LUELLE ZEHR (10/12/35-8/10/14)
 RAMA DYE, JR. (9/16/29-8/13/14)
 LARRY JOE NASH (1/16/47-8/14/14)
 RALPH E. MELTON (10/13/44-8/15/14)
 MAURICE E. SHOULTZ (12/21/27-8/17/14)
 CAROL E. "HUPO" HOLLAND (3/8/41-8/20/14)
 BILLY JOE DAY (8/17/54-8/21/14)
 RITA M. LANNAN (12/25/36-8/21/14)
 VERDA GRABER (2/28/29-8/22/14)
 LILLIAN P. BRUNER (5/24/29-8/29/14)

EMILY NICOLE LENGACHER (5/25/93-8/29/14)
 KENNETH J. ARTHUR, JR. (10/26/59-9/6/14)
 RICHARD LEE BURNS (9/13/54-9/7/14)
 JAMES R. LUNDY (8/18/47-9/9/14)
 DONALD GENE STERLING (2/2/30-9/9/14)
 THOMAS J. ALLEN (3/12/32-9/10/14)
 JOHN BRADLEY (9/23/18-9/12/14)
 WILLIAM "BILL" TERRY (2/8/27-9/13/14)
 DONALD F. CRANE (11/8/18-9/15/14)
 MONICA A. CRAFT RYAN (3/10/66-9/16/14)
 MARCIA KAY ALLEN (9/9/56-9/18/14)
 DONALD LELAND SHAW (5/17/31-9/18/14)
 GARY W. WILLIAMS (2/4/46-9/18/14)
 JERRY "FOXIE" BRADLEY (9/7/33-9/22/14)
 JANELA. FUHRMAN (11/7/68-9/22/14)
 DELORES LAVERNE KIEFNER (8/24/33-9/24/14)
 SHARON JONES BOHLINGER (12/7/43-9/26/14)
 ELIZABETH ANN JOHNSON (7/4/37-9/26/14)
 DOROTHY L. NORRIS (2/6/27-9/29/14)
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 ANNA YODER (9/21/30-10/5/14)
 FRED A. BELL (11/23/56-10/7/14)
 JACK GRABER (3/5/37-10/14/14)
 DONALD A. O'BRIAN (7/15/28-10/15/14)
 LUCILLE JUNE REYNOLDS (5/22/28-10/17/14)
 REBECCA "BECKY" WALLS (6/3/47-10/18/14)
 LAVEDA "JEAN" WITSMAN (3/3/21-10/20/14)
 RUTH ANN ASBELL (7/19/51-10/24/14)
 ELAINE M. STOLL (6/29/84-10/27/14)
 JODI LU CLARK (6/20/56-10/30/14)
 ANNA MAE STRANGE (3/17/23-10/30/14)
 LAVONNE CRIM THOMPSON (3/4/26-11/1/14)
 BERTHA L. BRUNER (3/15/22-11/2/14)
 DONNA JO WILSON PATE (5/8/39-11/4/14)
 RONALD GENE PATE (2/1/37-11/4/14)
 ARNOLD BAUER (8/9/33-11/8/14)
 EDNA LOUISE CRAFT EPPERSON (4/27/37-11/9/14)
 HENRY "HANK" SWARTZENTRUBER (11/27/23-11/14/14)
 ERNEST "BUBBY" HEMBREE, JR. (8/14/36-11/22/14)
 LESTER "PAULIE" JEFFERS (1/7/42-11/22/14)
 VIOLET R. SUTTON ROBERTS (10/9/28-11/25/14)
 JOSEPH LAWRENCE MATTINGLY (10/11/43-11/28/14)
 DOROTHY L. "DOTTIE" TUCKA (2/25/34-12/3/14)
 LEROY ALLBRIGHT (7/1/52-12/4/14)
 MARGIE M. HOLT (6/22/32-12/4/14)
 MARY M. LOTTES (2/7/23-12/7/14)
 BERTHA JUNE CRAFT HEMBREE (6/20/44-12/10/14)
 JEROME LEE "JERRY" BOUGH (9/26/45-12/12/14)
 CHARLES H. LAVELY (2/14/36-12/12/14)
 MARY A. HATFIELD (1/5/27-12/13/14)
 DOROTHY EMMA O'BRIEN HART ACKER (8/5/23-12/16/14)
 MARY HELEN ARVIN (11/9/24-12/17/14)
 JOSEPH L. RAYMAN (12/4/20-12/17/14)
 JAMES "KENT" ERVIN (4/14/55-12/19/14)
 ALMA ROSE WALKER (11/8/23-12/20/14)
 HARRY O. MILLER (4/28/22-12/24/14)
 DELORES JEANETTE OWEN (2/11/20-12/25/14)
 EUGENE WILCOXEN (7/27/26-12/25/14)
 LINDA L. HAYS (4/29/49-12/29/14)

STORIES

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again
 Loogootee Master Plan Committee discusses stakeholders, city zoning
 LHS receives funds for 3D printer
 Howard's new book focuses on Lost River
 Three generations of ladies attend Hoosier Girls State over 50-year span
APRIL
 Emma Graber awarded 2014 Lilly Scholarship through Foundation
 LHS students present Willy Wonka
 Resident wants road to her landlocked property
 County's jobless rate 11th lowest last month
 Wizards are coming to Shoals again
 Council approves employee raises
 GriefShare Support Group offered to the local community
 5K run, walk April 19 to promote autism awareness
 Employee bonuses top commissioners' meeting
 Health department looking for volunteers for mock disaster
 Dedication-Last Saturday evening the Martin County Humane Society held their annual dinner and auction at Loogootee High School. During the event, Joshua Hughett, society president, presented plaques to Terri Dye and Linda Sherfick who recently retired from the board of directors. Linda has been with the humane society for more than 30 years and was one of the original names on the articles of incorporation. Terri has volunteered with the society for more than 10 years and served as the organization's treasurer for several of those years. Around \$5,500 was raised at Saturday night's dinner and auction.
 Woman's body found in river
 The circus is coming to town
 County had 20th lowest jobless rate in state for March
 LHS Band Director retires (Betsy Graves)
 City council seat open (Vacated by John Fraley)
MAY
 Steiner, George, Hennette, Stiles win Primary
 Commissioners discuss veteran service office, road crew safety
 Jasper Engines expanding in Southwest Indiana
 Loogootee to pay \$202,308 for superintendents next year
 Carroll Rayhill takes open seat on Loogootee City Council
 Martin County Council votes to give \$150,000 to city pool project
 Welfare check results in discovery of DMT lab
 Homeland Security Foundation awards more than \$400,000 in grants to public safety agencies (City of Loogootee Fire Department was awarded \$3,956 for fire hoses and nozzles.)
 Body recovered at Glendale Fish and Wildlife
 State police seeking information into burglary and auto theft (Bailey Bros., Shoals)
 Judge extends legal recognition of one same-sex couple only
 Loogootee to graduate 70 Friday night
 Loogootee Chorus teacher's resignation not accepted (Steve Sherohman)
 Shoals School Board votes to shorten the school day
 Martin County's jobless rate 23rd lowest in the state for April
 Sarah Wagler wins state math award
 Commissioners discuss road issues
 NSWC Crane employees garner second technology transfer award
 New tractor-The City of Loogootee received their new tractor this week replacing the current 30-year-old one.
 Shoals School to hire new superintendent, principal
 Resident input needed for Loogootee Comprehensive Plan
 New project to bring development and employment to Shoals
 Courthouse security tops commissioners' agenda
 Added money bass tournament to benefit local humane society
JUNE

Shoals High School to graduate 42 on Saturday
 County competing with others for \$51 million USG expansion
 Family reading activities SOAR 640 percent
 Bradley's Bar & Grill opens Tuesday
 No public comment on Shoals superintendent contract
 Parade to reenact Civil War soldiers' homecoming
 Father and son dispute in Shoals turned deadly
 Commissioners discuss CDL physical exam requirements
 Martin County Community Corrections recognized for 25-year membership of IAC-CAC
 French Lick man critically injured in rollover crash on US 50 near Loogootee
 Pence announces more than \$9 million to help schools improve safety (Loogootee Community Schools was awarded \$4,201.46 for equipment. Shoals Community School Corporation was awarded \$33,603 for equipment)
 Ten-digit dialing in 812 area code will be mandatory in September
 Loogootee Summerfest starts tomorrow night
 School board sells former Elementary East for \$110,000
 Council approves modified USG tax abatement request
 Personnel changes top two Shoals School Board meetings
 Murder charges filed against Shoals man
 SOAR reminds students to 'Put your Nose in a Book'
 County funding for pool project still up in the air
 Martin in 10th place in the state for jobless rate for May
 Another Loogootee Summerfest in the books
JULY
 Loogootee School Board ends chorus teacher's contract (Steve Sherohman)
 Pool supporters answer questions
 Catholic churches merge into one parish
 29th Annual Catfish Festival starts this evening
 Change of command at NSWC Crane (Capt. Jeffrey "JT" Elder (USN) relieved Col. Alan Pratt (USMC))
 County to give city \$150,000 for pool fund
 Pucker up-Ashley Phillips was named the 2014 Shoals Catfish Festival Queen last week.
 Hoosier uplands requests tax abatement from city
 Loogootee Schools getting new \$44,000 electronic sign
 Got junk? Pickers looking for you
 New budget notices website launched for Martin County
 Shoals Schools ready to make changes
 The Candy Mill aims to satisfy your sweet tooth
 Juvenile hit by moped driver in Shoals
 Ryan's Hope Benefit in its fourth year
 Donors add to MCCF mission
 Lili's Lemonade Stand to help make pool handicap accessible
 Ben Iliff and Natalie Lynch announce engagement
 Commissioners okay raise for highway mechanic, increase PTABOA board
 Measles case confirmed in Central Indiana
AUGUST
 Council approves highway department mechanic's raise
 Martin County's jobless rate 10th lowest in the state for June
 City cuts \$50,000 from next year's budget
 West Boggs Lake drawdown to begin
 Loogootee man arrested for allegedly battering a nine-month-old infant
 City council discusses economic development
 Commissioners hire attorney to defend lawsuit against county
 Shoals man arrested after foot pursuit
 State has first human West Nile virus case of 2014
 Loogootee Schools ISTEP scores improve (See 'STORIES' continued on page 5)

OBITUARIES

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DELORES OWEN

Delores Jeanette Owen passed away December 25, 2014. A resident of Indianapolis, she was 94.

She was born February 11, 1920 in Shoals; the daughter of Charles and Lilly (Stiles) Felton.

She worked at Allison as the administrative assistant to the safety director. She was a member of the Red Hat Society, DELORES OWEN Bridge Friends and the Hobby Club at Hoosier Village.

She is survived by three sons, James E. (Ruth), Michael L. (Nancy) and Stephen C.; grandchildren, Marty, Jerry, Lisa, Jeff, Tammy, David, Sara and Dana; and 10 great-grandchildren, Margaret, Max, Madeline, Iyad, Jason, Nicholas, Spencer, Grace, Maicy and Riley.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, James Jackson Owen in 1996; and siblings, Albert, Marie and Robert.

A Celebration of Life was held Tuesday, December 30 at Hoosier Village in Indianapolis. Entombment will follow in the Washington Park North Cemetery at a later date.

Arrangements were entrusted to Flanner and Buchanan-Zionsville.

EUGENE WILCOXEN

Eugene Wilcoxen passed away December 25, 2014. A resident of Loogootee, he was 78.

He was born July 27, 1936; the son of the late Hobart and Velma (Conolty) Wilcoxen.

He retired from the U.S. Army in 1975 after 20 years of service, and retired from the Loogootee U.S. Postal Service in 2001, after 25 years of service. He was a member of Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 120 and served as a past commander; Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 9395 and served as a past officer; Shoals Eagles Post 2442; Loogootee Knights of Columbus. In his retirement he served as the Martin County Veterans Affairs Officer and volunteered at Saint Vincent De Paul. His favorite pastime was spending time with his grandchildren, bowling and golf.

He is survived by his wife, Agnes (Wathen) Wilcoxen; daughters, Darlene (Jerry) O'Neal of Visalia, California; Wendy (Lyle) Furguson of Chandler, Arizona; and Becky Harbison of Loogootee; sons, Steve (Kim) Kidwell of Loogootee, Jeff Kidwell of Bloomington, and Jim Kidwell of Loogootee; 12 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren; sister, Naomi (Ray) Neukam of Washington; brothers, Lee (Rosemary) Wilcoxen of Franklin and Billy (Mary Beth) Wilcoxen of Mitchell.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one son, Eugene Wilcoxen, Jr.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Very Reverend J. Kenneth Walker and concelebrant Reverend Leo Kiesel Monday, December 29 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Brooksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Vincent DePaul or the charity of your choice. Condolences may be made online at brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com.

HARRY MILLER

Harry O. Miller, formerly of Loogootee and Pulaski County, died December 24, 2014. A resident of Indianapolis, he was 92.

He was born April 28, 1922 in Pulaski County; son of the late Dennis and Mary K. (Katie) Umphrey Miller.

He faithfully served his country during World War II in the United States Navy in the Pacific Theatre. He was awarded the Bronze Star while serving aboard the PC 1119 for rendering medical aid in a 24-hour period to 183 souls rescued from the USS Gambier Bay (CVE 73), which had been sunk by enemy fire. He was honorably discharged as a Pharmacists Mate First Class in December of 1945. Upon completion of his service, Harry resumed his career as a funeral director which he begun started prior to his Navy service.

Harry was the owner of Miller Funeral Home in Loogootee following the war until he retired in the early 1970's. His retirement was short lived as he returned to his calling of funeral service at the Jordan Funeral Home, the Dorsey-Feeney Funeral Home, the Little & Sons Funeral Home in Beech Grove through the early 70's until the late 80's. In the early 1990's, he joined the family at Flanner and Buchanan in Zionsville where he was an active funeral director caring for the community well past his 85th birthday. 2014 marked his 73rd year as a licensed funeral director and embalmer in the State of Indiana, a milestone that he was extremely proud of.

He was a member of Zionsville United Methodist Church, the Indiana Funeral Directors Association; charter member and 60+ year member of VFW Post No. 1728 in Winamac; life member and past chaplain of American Legion Post 79 in Zionsville; and a life member of the Patrol Craft Sailors Association. He will be remembered for his giving spirit, his warm smile, hearty laugh, and his endless amount of tall tales. "Handsome Harry-O" will be fondly remembered and forever missed.

He is survived by his wife, Lois Arlene Torgerson Miller; his son, Timothy John Miller of Greenwood; his daughter, Rebecca Ann Miller of Indianapolis; his niece, Cathy Fahler Schmicker; his step children, Thomas M. Torgerson and Kimberly Torgerson; and his foster grandchildren, Lauren and Brad Budrow.

He was preceded in death by sisters, Irene Miller, Ida Ruth Miller Fahler and Glynn Miller Kindig; brothers, Ira Miller, Charles Miller, Paul Miller, and Loren Miller; nephews, Charles (Chuck) Fahler and Kelly K. Kindig; and niece, Karen Kindig.

A graveside service with military honors was held Tuesday, December 30 at Tippecanoe Church Cemetery in rural Pulaski County.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service in Greenwood was in charge of arrangements. You are invited to share a memory or offer your condolences at www.wilsonstpierre.com.

LINDA L. HAYS

Linda L. Hays died on Monday, December 29, 2014, surrounded by family and embraced by the peace, comfort, and assurance



of God's love. A resident of Loogootee, she was 65. She was born April 29, 1949 in Washington; daughter of John and Rita Ash. She was a long-time resident of Loogootee and was a 1967 graduate of Barr-Reeve High School in Montgomery. A devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, she was beloved for her steadfast faith in God and His salvation, her dedication to family, her gentle spirit, her generosity and selflessness, her quiet yet unwavering strength, and the love, kindness, care, and compassion she offered daily to family, friends, colleagues, and everyone she met.

She is survived by her loving husband of 45 years, Warren G. Hays; as well as by her son, Jeff Hays of Charleston, South Carolina and his wife, Laurel, and granddaughters, Caroline and Camilla; her son, Greg Hays of Charleston, South Carolina, his wife, Pam, and grandchildren, Wyatt and Chelsea; her son, Dr. Ryan Hays of Cincinnati, Ohio, and his wife, Virginia; her mother, Rita Ash of Loogootee; her brother, Denny Ash of Loogootee and his wife, Barb; her brother, Tom Ash of Washington and his wife, Anita; her brother, Pat Ash of Montgomery and his wife, Sue; her brother, Tim Ash of Washington and his wife, Becky; her brother, Bill Ash of Cannelburg and his wife, Nancy; her sister, Marijo Kane of Washington and her husband, Charlie; her many nieces and nephews; and members of her extended family.

She was preceded in death by her father, John Ash.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, Jan-

uary 1, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Brooksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. The funeral will take place on Friday, January 2, at 10 a.m. at Brooksmith-Blake Funeral Home followed by burial at Fairview Cemetery in Linton.

Her memory may be honored by contributions to the Barr-Reeve High School Scholarship Foundation (for the Linda Hays Scholarship Fund) at PO Box 25, Montgomery, IN 47558.

MARY ARVIN

Mary Helen Arvin passed away on December 17, 2014. A resident of Indianapolis, she was 90.

She was born November 9, 1924 in Loogootee; daughter of the late Ralph and Bernadette Burch.

She was a member of Little Flower Catholic Church for 59 years.

She is survived by her loving husband of 69 years, Norbert J. Arvin; children, Edward (Millie) Arvin, Stephen (Rebekah) Arvin, Christopher (Andrea) Arvin, Susan B. Williams and Timothy (Susan) Arvin, 16 Grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; sister, Eileen Arvin; and daughter-in-law, Mary Kay Arvin.

She was preceded in death by her son, Jerry Arvin; grandson, John Michael Arvin; sister, Mildred Nalin; and brothers, Donald, Rafe, George and Edward Burch.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, December 22 at Little Flower Catholic Church. Burial followed at Washington Park East.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Little Flower Catholic Church. Feeney Hornak Shadeland Mortuary in Indianapolis was in charge of arrangement. Tributes may be made at www.feenehornakshadeland.com.

Commissioners wrap up last meeting of the year

Meeting minutes provided by Martin County Auditor January Roush

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, December 23.

Judge Lynne E. Ellis introduced Michael D. Chestnut and Brandon Smith, Chestnut Law Office, and later in the meeting Isha Wright-Ryan and Aureola S. Wright, Wright Law, LLC, to the commissioners. Judge Ellis submitted four public defender agreements for 2015 with Wright Law, LLC; Isha Wright-Ryan, Attorney at Law, PC; Linderman Law, LLC and Michael D. Chestnut, Attorney at Law, PC. Each agreement is for \$42,000 per year and covers all misdemeanors and felons except murders and attempted murders. The county has received \$55,000 in public defender reimbursement and \$17,000 into the supplement public defender fund. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the public defender contracts with Michael D. Chestnut, Attorney at Law, PC; Linderman Law, LLC, Isha Wright-Ryan, Attorney at Law, PC and Wright Law, LLC for 2015 in the amount of \$42,000 each. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Kathy Collins, community corrections director, clarified the community corrections grant application the commissioners approved at the last meeting was for 2015-2017 and the budget was for 2015-2016. Auditor Roush will supply Director Collins with a copy of the approved minutes for her application.

Jonathan Stevens, extension educator, submitted his annual contract with Purdue University for the 2015 calendar year. The contract is for the services provided by the extension educator and in the amount of \$18,595. Attorney Lett had no legal objections to the contract. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to approve the contract with Purdue University for contractual services in the amount of \$18,595 for calendar year 2015. Commissioner Gregory made the sec-

ond. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Leo Padgett, highway superintendent, submitted his two-week work schedule. Two hundred tons of the new sodium chloride mixture is ready for inclement weather. The new dump trucks are ready and have received rave reviews from the employees. President George suggested taking bids for the repair of the bridge on Spout Springs Road. The two-way radios have been installed in the new dump trucks.

The commissioners received quotes from M&M Electric, Builders Best and Commercial Services for maintenance of the courthouse. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to take the quotes under advisement. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Commissioner George gave the veteran service officer report for October. On behalf of the commissioners, President George extended his condolences to Linda Evans-Dillon on the recent passing of her mother.

An executive session has been scheduled for Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 5 p.m.

Auditor Roush advised the commissioners the December settlement distribution was pre-approved. All the county units received their distribution checks. The commissioners received a breakdown of distribution amounts for each unit.

Auditor Roush will contact Felts Lock and Alarm regarding the fire alarm quote approved in July.

President George expressed his appreciation to Sheriff Rob Street and Clerk Julie Fithian for their years of service with the county.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m. with a motion by Commissioner Gregory and seconded by President George. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The next regular commissioners' meeting will be Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at 6 p.m.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

7:03 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in east of Shoals. Martin County EMS and transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

12:30 p.m. - A subject came to the Martin County Sheriff's Department to report trespassing on his property. Sergeant Keller spoke with the subject.

3:13 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism to property. Chief Deputy Dant was advised.

7:51 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with unknown injury on US 50 near the Jug Rock. Deputy Baker, Martin County EMS, the Shoals Fire Department, and G&M Wrecker responded.

8:58 p.m. - Received a report of a subject injuring herself in Crane Village. Deputy Baker, Greene County Deputies, Daviess County Deputies, Martin County EMS, Crane EMS, and the Crane Fire Department responded. Crane EMS and Deputy Baker transported the subject to IU Health, Bloomington.

11:10 p.m. - Received a report of a fight in progress in Shoals. Deputy Harmon responded.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

7:44 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with no injury, rollover, on State Road 550 near Brooks House Road. Sergeant Keller, Martin County EMS, the Loogootee Fire Department, and G&M Wrecker Service responded.

9:13 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Daviess Community Hospital, Washington.

10:18 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

2:15 p.m. - Sergeant Keller transported two inmates to court.

2:15 p.m. - Major Burkhardt transported two inmates to court.

5:20 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver westbound on US 50 from Shoals. All on-duty officers were advised.

5:25 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver northbound on US 231 from Whitfield. Major Burkhardt was advised.

6:11 p.m. - Received a report of a juvenile out of control in Shoals. Major Burkhardt and Corporal Greene were advised.

7:14 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

7:29 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person walking eastbound on 100S. Corporal Greene responded.

9:35 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance northwest of Shoals. Martin County EMS and the Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

10:12 p.m. - Received a report of a trespasser at the White River Co-Op. Corporal Greene responded.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

5:35 a.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver eastbound on Hart Road. Corporal Greene was advised.

6:41 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash involving a deer on US 150 southeast of 2nd Street. Sergeant Keller responded.

10:49 a.m. - Received a report of loose livestock on Haw Creek Road. Major Burkhardt responded.

12:22 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash involving a dog on US 231 north of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt was advised.

1:56 p.m. - Received a report of a residen-

tial alarm southeast of Shoals. Major Burkhardt and Sergeant Keller responded.

3:11 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver westbound on US 50 from the Lawrence County line. All on-duty officers were advised.

7:52 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded.

9:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance northeast of Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded.

9:23 p.m. - Received a report of burglary north of Loogootee. Corporal Greene responded.

11:40 p.m. - Received a report of a possible shot fired in Shoals. Corporal Greene responded.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

8:45 a.m. - Received a report of a possible vandalism in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

9:29 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Police Chief Rayhill responded.

10:09 a.m. - Received a report of a possible vandalism in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

4:18 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

8:25 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver westbound on US 50 from Shoals. All on-duty officers were advised.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

1:45 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Daviess Community Hospital, Washington.

10:04 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

10:54 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash involving a deer on US 231 near Seals Road. Major Burkhardt responded.

12:40 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver eastbound on US 50 from Loogootee. All on-duty officers were advised.

12:41 p.m. - Received a report of a prowler in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

1:24 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver northbound on US 231 north of Whitfield. All on-duty officers were advised.

1:25 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

1:49 p.m. - Received a report of a fight in progress in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

8:33 p.m. - Received a report of a possible broke down vehicle on US 50 at the intersection of Rama Dye Road. Deputy Baker responded.

8:51 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and the Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

10:31 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals. Deputy Harmon was advised.

10:42 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Daviess Community Hospital, Washington.

Accident reports

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

9:45 a.m. - Dorothy Souerdike, of Loogootee, was operating a 2007 Chevy on JFK Avenue when she turned onto Church Street and struck the driver's side of a 2004 Buick operated by Dave Livers, of Loogootee. Captain Akles investigated.

12:38 p.m. - Penelope Toy, of Loogootee, was operating a 2011 Ford and attempting to proceed onto JFK Avenue when she pulled into the path of a 2010 GMC operated by Michaela Habig, of Loogootee. Captain Akles was the investigating officer.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

2:55 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash involving a deer on US 50 near Spring Hill Road. Deputy Harmon responded.

3:18 a.m. - Received a report of a combative male south of Whitfield. Deputy Harmon responded.

8:06 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Shoals. Deputy Baker responded.

10:23 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with no injury on Dover Hill Road north of US 50. Deputy Baker responded.

12:45 p.m. - Received a request for two VIN checks west of Shoals. Deputy Baker completed the detail.

4:09 p.m. - Received a report of two suspicious subjects inside RJ's convenience store. Deputy Baker responded.

4:36 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

5:55 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance and law enforcement south of Whitfield for a subject who was harming themselves. Deputy Harmon, Loogootee Sergeant Norris, Martin County EMS, and the Haysville Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

8:06 pm- Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

9:49 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver northbound US 231 north of Loogootee. All on-duty officers were advised.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

12:12 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on US 50 just inside Daviess County for a vehicle crash with unknown injury. Martin County EMS responded.

10:36 a.m. - Received a request for a VIN check west of Shoals. Deputy Harmon completed the detail.

7:49 p.m. - Received a report or a reckless driver northbound on US 231 from Haysville. All on-duty officers were advised.

9:00 p.m. - Received a report of an irate subject in Shoals. Deputy Harmon and Town Marshal Eckert responded.



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Shoals man apprehended on felony narcotics warrant

A Shoals man is behind bars after troopers arrested him on a felony narcotics warrant. Around 10:52 a.m. on Wednesday, December 24, Master Trooper David Qualkenbush and Senior Trooper Jarrod Lents arrived at 10084 Red School Road, Shoals, looking for Daniel P. Jackson, 34, of Shoals. Jackson was wanted through Martin County on a petition to revoke probation on the charge of dealing cocaine.

After knocking on the front door, Senior Trooper Lents heard Master Trooper Qualkenbush yell from the back of the residence for a subject to stop running. Jackson had exited the back door of the house and was attempting to flee from troopers. Jackson stopped and surrendered a short time later, and was taken into custody without incident.

Jackson was lodged at the Martin County Jail on the warrant, as well as a new charge of resisting law enforcement.

Later that day, deputies from the Martin County Sheriff's Department gained further intelligence of Jackson's criminal actions.

The Martin County Sheriff's Department executed a search warrant at the Daniel Jackson residence. Deputies were assisted by the Indiana State Police and Shoals Police Department. During the search, officers



DANIEL JACKSON

located over 70 grams of methamphetamine, marijuana, controlled substances, several thousand rounds of ammunition with several guns, military grade body armor, and a police radio.

Jackson was arrested by Corporal Joshua Greene for dealing methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, possession of a firearm by a serious violent felon, maintaining a common nuisance and unlawful use of a police radio.

Jackson is currently being held in the Martin County Security Center without bond.

21 arrested in Montgomery after party with underage drinking

A complaint on an underage drinking party resulted in a total of 21 people being arrested and charged with wrongdoing.

Around 1:54 last Saturday morning, the Daviess County Sheriff's Department received a complaint of loud music and possible underage drinking at 4984 North 575 East, Montgomery.

Deputies and Indiana State Troopers arrived on scene and immediately saw numerous individuals running from the residence. After a foot pursuit, seven juveniles were apprehended and returned to the home.

Officers observed numerous other juveniles

at the residence consuming alcohol. Of the 43 people at the party, 7 were arrested for minor consuming and resisting law enforcement and 10 were arrested on a charge of minor consuming. Three minors less than 18 years old were charged with minor consuming and released to a guardian.

Officers learned that the brother of the homeowner, whom he was house sitting for, had invited people over for the party and was aware that there were minors present. He was charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Names and ages of those incarcerated are unavailable at this time.

Loogootee Police Department log

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

12:04 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious persons in Sunset Trailer Court.

7:35 p.m. - Officer Greene assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a vehicle accident.

7:52 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver at Chuckles.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

10:40 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted with a funeral procession.

11:50 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted child protective services.

4:00 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

1:52 a.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted a resident at Southwind Manor.

7:44 a.m. - First responders were requested on State Road 550 for a one-vehicle accident.

3:25 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint on East Broadway Street.

3:39 p.m. - Received a reported of a drive off at the Chuckles station.

5:20 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on Hwy 50. Officers were unable to locate.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

6:49 a.m. - Caller reported a child custody issue.

10:45 a.m. - Caller reported a traffic complaint.

5:33 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a child.

10:50 p.m. - Caller stated he heard possible gunshots on North Line Street. Officers were unable to locate anything.

Jail bookings

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

11:10 a.m. - Daniel P. Jackson, 34, of Shoals, was arrested on a Martin County warrant for a petition to revoke probation on a charge of dealing cocaine and for resisting law enforcement. Jackson is being held without bond and was arrested by Troopers Jarrod Lents and David Qualkenbush.

2:25 p.m. - Robert Hawkins, 32, of Shoals, was arrested on a Greene County warrant. Hawkins is being held without bond awaiting extradition and was arrested by Trooper Lents.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

9:40 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the Martin County Ambulance Service.

8:27 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on Hwy 50. Sgt. Norris located the vehicle and the driver checked out okay.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

11:50 a.m. - Caller reported property damage at her residence on East Williams Street.

4:35 p.m. - Captain Akles responded to a residential alarm on Queen Street.

8:50 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on US 231.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

8:48 a.m. - Captain Akles responded to a business alarm.

10:19 a.m. - Female caller requested an officer remove a person from her residence.

7:45 p.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted Deputy Harmon with a call on Beard Road.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

10:51 a.m. - Caller reported suspicious activity on Queen Street.

7:55 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on Hwy 231.

9:16 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person in CVS. Sgt. Norris responded.

10:50 p.m. - Caller reported a possible disturbance in Shaded Estates

Court News

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed December 22

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Michelle L. Preston and Tracy A. Pursell, civil collection.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT New Suits Filed December 23

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Lori B. Plano, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Randall J. Blankenbaker, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Samantha D. Holman, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Rene Allbright, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Julie Anne McBride, complaint.

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Shoals School Board accepts resignations, staff changes

West Boggs Fisheries Renovation Open House

County's jobless rate at 4.4 percent for July
Jasper State Police District's newest troopers to begin solo patrol

Area schools' spring ISTEP scores compared

Two Jasper ISP Troopers honored at awards ceremony (Jarrod Lents and Robert Gardner)

September proclaimed as Literacy Month in Martin County

ISP seeking assistance in locating stolen semi-tractor and trailer from Shoals

Indiana defends marriage statute in 7th Circuit appeal

NSWC Crane, Purdue to collaborate on showcasing, moving innovations to commercialization

Commissioners discuss literacy, roads, jail
Animal shelter offering \$10 cat adoptions

Mustering Elm holds 3rd Annual Car Show

SEPTEMBER

DNR explains West Boggs renovation
Environmental group goes to commissioners for guidance

Council discusses West Boggs renovation, highway vehicles

Wagoner resigns as LHS Basketball Coach
Trailer flips on US 50

How the Martin County Alliance is helping build our future

Loogootee tennis wins Mt. Vernon Invitational

County council cuts \$841,000 from proposed 2015 budgets

Shoals School Board discusses staff changes, field trips, bus contracts

Loogootee Superintendent explains how

school funding has decreased over time

West Boggs renovation should bring anglers, money to community

Martin County's jobless rate at 4.5 percent for August

Ackerman starting third year as Elmhurst Bluejay

County collects 145k in delinquent property taxes

Loogootee man arrested on multiple charges including kidnapping

Assault in Shoals leads to arrest

Duke Energy \$1.87 billion infrastructure replacement plan: Consumer comments on proposed rate increases invited

OCTOBER

Group wants to open teen center in Shoals
Hopkins hired as boys' basketball coach at LHS

Local residents compete in "Run for Hope"
Mullen takes leave

26 students complete hunter education course

Officers uncover meth lab, marijuana plants in Loogootee residence

Council approves 2015 budget, money requests

Loogootee man arrested after standoff
Crane hosts Indiana Youth Institute Tours

Parade to be held on trick-or-treat night
Relay making changes for next year

Lions Tennis falls in sectional first round
City to sell property, enforce no farm animals ordinance

Nolley wins singles sectional for tennis
Padgett rehired as highway superintendent

Loogootee Schools graded by the state
State superintendent visits Shoals

Fall Festival to be held at former Loogootee East this Friday

Community foundation turning 15 years old

Shoals Adult Boosters to host Fall Festival this Saturday

County's jobless rate at 4.1 percent for September

Indiana Conservation Officer Eric Doane promoted

Lady Lions fall to BR in Sectional (Volleyball)

NOVEMBER

Roush new sheriff, Montgomery new clerk
Commissioners discuss community corrections

New director-Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Homes recently welcomed Emma Burch as the new funeral director.

Blaze destroys Loogootee businesses

Change of meeting time prompts heated discussion

Four arrested on drug charges

Deer numbers down, but productive season expected

Shoals Students compete in Lego Competition

Loogootee teachers travel to Sweden

NSWC Crane Bolstering Cyber Security for Marine Corps Intelligence

Shoals School Board awards five-year bus contracts

John Mullen resigns as LHS Principal

West Boggs Park introduces disabled veterans pass

Commissioners open bids, hear department reports

Bill Walker joins Century 21 in Loogootee
State utility consumer advocate says Duke Energy's \$1.87 billion infrastructure plan should be rejected

Council discusses chickens, messy properties in the city

Electronic Warfare Showcase highlights NSWC Crane region capabilities

Martin County 10th lowest jobless rate in

the state for October

DECEMBER

Council debates paying attorney fees for lawsuit

Box truck ignites-On Tuesday morning at around 7:15 a.m. a fire broke out at a storage building on the property of Burch's Greenhouses on North Oak Street in Loogootee.

Christmas Parade, Stroll Sunday
Loogootee Public Library celebrates 75 years of service

County receives \$39,516 in DNR timber sales

SOAR presents dictionaries and thesauruses to 3rd and 4th graders

Cops & Kids in 24th year

State of Indiana awards \$30 million in teacher performance grants to more than 1,300 schools

Loogootee High School hires principal

Two Shoals School Board members finish up terms

Lion royalty-The Loogootee High School Boys' Basketball team held their Homecoming game last Saturday night against Shoals.

Ashleigh Powell was named Homecoming Queen and Chase Wilcoxon was named King.

Christmas Toy Store helps 428 children

Commissioners discuss community correction grants, public defenders

Three Shoals residents arrested on drug and weapons charges

Radius Indiana region sees growing numbers of women in leadership

Community rallies around injured Great Dane

Martin County's jobless rate at 5 percent for November

Shoals man apprehended on felony narcotics warrant

21 arrested in Montgomery after party with underage drinking

Rx drug abuse, trafficking, public corruption, youth smoking focus of prevention efforts

Curbing prescription drug abuse, deterring human trafficking, seeking to prevent public corruption and encouraging youth to avoid smoking were four initiatives that Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller's office undertook in 2014. Drawing upon its experience as the state's consumer protection agency that investigates medical licensing violations and as state government's lawyer, the Attorney General's Office worked within its regular budget and staff to focus attention on initiatives Zoeller identified as priorities.

"While the Attorney General's Office is best known for protecting consumers, representing the state in all criminal appeals, serving as the attorney for the state in civil lawsuits and returning unclaimed property, we focused special attention in 2014 on aspects of public health, public safety and public trust that fall within our jurisdiction. In these efforts my office acted as a 'force multiplier' collaborating constructively with other agencies, the three branches of government, nonprofits and constituents in directly tackling longstanding problems affecting Hoosier consumers and taxpayers," Zoeller said. Here is a summary of efforts on this year's priority initiatives:

Indiana Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Task Force

In 2014, the Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Task Force that AG Zoeller co-chairs was highly visible in educating medical providers, pharmacists and the general public about powerful, addictive opioid prescription drugs that when overprescribed or abused can cause overdoses and deaths.

On the pain management side, the task force urged a new approach that would shift away from reliance on powerful opioid painkillers to one based on comprehensive assessments and treatment plans aimed at improving a patient's functionality. With the task force's input, the Medical Licensing Board one year ago implemented new emergency prescribing rules, and since then statistics show there has been an 11 percent decline in opioids prescribed to patients in Indiana. The task force conducted numerous seminars and webinars statewide, and worked with the board to refine and strengthen the prescribing regulations so they could be adopted this fall as permanent rules. Nearly 800 people attended the AG's 5th Annual Prescription Drug Abuse Symposium on October 17 focusing on efforts that health professionals, law enforcement officers and legislators can take to reduce prescription drug abuse and addiction and overdose deaths.

During the 2014 session, the Indiana General Assembly passed several bills the Attorney General and task force had recommended. House Enrolled Act 1218 reduces the time for pharmacies to forward controlled substance dispensing information to the state's prescription monitoring program, INSPECT, so that possible overprescribing can be better identified. To encourage more health professionals to enter the mental health and addiction treatment field in Indiana, House Enrolled Act 1360 offers student loan forgiveness grants. Senate Enrolled Act 227 encourages police, firefighters and EMTs to utilize naloxone (Narcan), an antidote to the effects of an opioid drug overdose, by removing any civil liability for first responders for carrying naloxone kits and administering the life-saving treatment to individuals who have overdosed.

A statewide public awareness campaign seeks to educate Hoosiers that certain prescription drugs are potentially addictive and could be stolen, diverted and abused by those to whom the drugs were not prescribed. Funded through settlements of pharmaceutical litigation involving illegal off-label drug marketing, the public awareness effort includes the task force's web site www.Bitter-Pill.in.gov as well as a partnership with the Indianapolis Colts. Students at Martinsville High School on November 21 won a challenge offered by the AG's Office and Colts, when 100 percent of the students signed a pledge to not abuse or share prescription

drugs. The school received a \$5,000 award for their participation in the initiative.

Human trafficking prevention and victim assistance efforts

Since well before the 2012 Super Bowl in Indianapolis, Attorney General Zoeller's Office has sought to raise awareness of the problem of human trafficking and assist other law enforcement agencies in investigating and combating it. Zoeller co-chairs the IPATH Task Force (Indiana Protection for Abused and Trafficked Humans) and in 2014 the AG's Office staff led a number of training sessions where a total 1,924 people statewide were trained on identifying and preventing human trafficking. The Legislature this year passed Senate Enrolled Act 291 which clarifies the AG's Office's role in assisting in human trafficking investigations. In 2014, in collaboration with other agencies, a total 95 tips about suspected human trafficking were reported to law enforcement. Federal prosecutors brought four indictments in federal court related to human trafficking. In state court, the Marion County prosecutor brought five other trafficking cases that ended in convictions; and five more trafficking cases await trial across the state.

Through the "Don't Buy the Lie" initiative, the AG's Office and IPATH Task Force sought to deter demand for the commercial sex industry by raising public awareness that prostitution is not a victimless crime and the trafficking of women and children for labor or sexual exploitation is an international problem. Attorney General Zoeller and his state AG colleagues in other states also have urged Congress to pass federal legislation that would fight trafficking of children on the Internet. More information is here: www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/2963.htm.

Recently, Zoeller created within the AG's Office a new unit, led by Assistant Attorney General Abigail Kuzma, that will focus resources on human trafficking prevention as well as services for sexual assault and domestic violence victims and protection of vulnerable populations. The AG's Office administers the Hope Card program for victims who need protective orders and the Address Confidentiality program for vulnerable crime victims.

Public Integrity Coalition

When the state board of accounts after auditing a local government unit discovers taxpayer money has been misappropriated by public employees, it forwards the audit to the attorney general's office, which can file civil lawsuits to try to recover public funds from the individuals responsible. Since January 2009, the AG's office through such lawsuits and civil collections has recouped more than \$4.6 million in misappropriated public money and returned it to the public treasury. Many instances of misappropriation occurred due to lack of supervision or internal controls on employees handling public money and lack of training on good management practices.

With a long-term goal of reducing the number of public-corruption cases, AG Zoeller's Office in 2014 organized the Public Integrity Coalition to educate and train local government officials in Indiana on the best ethical and management practices for handling taxpayers' money. Launched April 29, the coalition includes the attorney general, state board of accounts, representatives from cities, towns, counties and schools, a state legislator and federal prosecutor, and a number of other elected officials. It has held trainings with various government employee associations around the state.

The Public Integrity Coalition unveiled a legislative proposal it will ask the legislature to consider in 2015. The coalition's bill would protect whistleblowers who report misappropriation by others, require local governments and schools to have an adequate insurance policy or surety bond to cover any employee theft, and make such bonds easily searchable from a centralized database – the idea being to deter public employees from misappropriating funds at the outset, and to facilitate faster recovery of funds to reimburse the pub-

lic treasury if misappropriation occurs. More information is here: www.in.gov/attorney-general/3058.htm

Legacy® youth anti-smoking initiative

State AG's offices have a long history in tobacco enforcement stemming from their multistate litigation that led to the 1998 Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) with the tobacco industry. That settlement imposed tight restrictions on advertising and sale of cigarettes and prohibited tobacco companies from directly marketing to youth. The MSA also led to establishment of Legacy®, a public health foundation that works to reduce and eliminate youth smoking nationwide. This year, Attorney General Greg Zoeller was appointed to the board of directors of Legacy®, and he also separately serves as co-chair of the Tobacco Committee of the National Association of Attorneys General.

Zoeller supported Indiana's efforts through Legacy® and its national youth smoking prevention initiative, truth®, that asks today's young people to be the generation that finally

ends the tobacco epidemic. On August 25, Zoeller teamed up with students at Western Boone Junior-Senior High School in Throntown, Ind., in support of Indiana Voice, the state's anti-tobacco youth initiative. More information is at www.VoiceIndiana.org.

Also in 2014, the Attorney General raised awareness about the potential health risks of e-cigarettes, which deliver nicotine in an inhaled vapor form without tobacco using flavorings appealing to youth and are not currently subject to the same sales and marketing limitations as regular cigarettes. Zoeller plans to continue to work with state legislators and public health officials in 2015 on addressing the worrisome sudden rise in youth e-cigarette use.

Zoeller thanked the approximately 152 attorneys and 218 non-lawyer staff employees of the Office of the Attorney General for their efforts in 2014 and said the results achieved in the four special initiatives will lay a good foundation for continued collaboration with other agencies and stakeholders in 2015.



As many of you know, I am hugely involved in our county's humane society and have been since 2010. My husband, Josh, and I have always rescued animals, for the 19+ years we have been together. In the 12 years I lived in Brown County, you never knew what I would have at any given time, nursing it back to health. It's just who we are and for whatever reason, what we were called to do.

Back in 2002 I went to the animal shelter in Brown County to adopt a dog. My boys were four and two at the time. We had my dog, Leah, but she was just that, my dog. I wanted my boys to have their own dog to grow up with. I wanted them to have a dog to play outside with, to go in the woods with, to lay at the end of their bed every night. Josh was looking forward to having a dog that wasn't always in my lap, one he could actually bond with. We found the sweetest young dog at the shelter and decided that was the one we wanted. We filled out the application and left. The next day, while I was at work, I got a call from the shelter saying my application had been denied because their policy is to not adopt dogs under a year old to families with children under the age of five. Only adult dogs. This was by far the dumbest thing I had ever heard. Adult dogs tend to be set in their ways and don't want to bond with young kids and are fairly annoyed by them in most instances.

I was in shock. Josh and I are just about the best "animal" parents one could find, plus we lived on several acres in the country – the perfect place for a dog to run and have a happy life. I worked for the Brown County newspaper back then and wrote a column about this and my feelings about it. The animal shelter didn't take too kindly to that column as you could guess.

Having been immensely involved in our own county's animal shelter for the past few years, I have heard a lot from adopters. Many who come in tell us stories about how they were denied getting a dog, for the same reason I was denied back then or because they don't have a six-foot fenced-in yard, or they live in an apartment, or they didn't have a vet reference. Some other shelters charge outrageous adoption fees as well, as much as \$250 in some cases. The average person cannot afford that plus all the supplies that go with getting a new animal.

In the past few months, two people I know very well were denied the ability to adopt from an animal shelter. These are two really good families that any dog or cat would be lucky to be a part of. Both had been following our selection of dogs at the Martin County

shelter for several months, but we never got a dog that would fit what they were looking for. You know what they did? They went and purchased one from a breeder. Two families that would have been excellent pet owners were forced to buy because animal shelters won't adopt to them. One local shelter told me they deny 50 percent of those that come in Ouch! That's a lot of dogs and cats not getting out of there.

I don't know what kind of dogs other shelters are taking in, but in our animal shelter, we get all sizes, shapes, colors, and conditions of dogs and cats. We take them off the street where they are usually starving, sick, and incredibly sad and neglected. We clean them up, get them to proper weight, work with them, get them all the vet care and pray that a family comes to take them home. The thought of telling someone that they are not "fit" for a shelter dog or cat... well, that has not happened too many times. With literally millions of dogs and cats sitting in animal shelters, many getting euthanized every single day due to no space, what would be a better alternative? Should I adopt this animal out to a loving family that maybe lives in a small apartment or should I let it sit in the animal shelter for several more months until that "flawless" family comes along? Or should I euthanize it? I mean, come on!

Don't get me wrong, there is NOTHING wrong with shelter animals. They are the best animals to get, seriously! They've been through it in their lives and I swear to you, almost all tend to just be grateful to get a second chance. I think we had five animals returned by adopters in 2014 and all but one were puppies or kittens

I guess the bottom line is what is our purpose as an animal rescue? To me, it's to get as many animals off the streets as possible, get them fixed and healthy, and get them into homes as quickly as possible so that we can save another one. Their lives out there with no home can't be very pleasant.

Have we adopted to every person that came in? No, we've turned people down before for various reasons and we have a "do not adopt to" list. But you can bet if I can get an animal out of that small cage and into a home with a family, that's what I am going to do if at all possible. It takes a pretty special person to walk into an animal shelter and pay an adoption fee. The last thing I am going to do is make you feel like a criminal and start interrogating you.

You can adopt too! Find the Martin County Humane Society on facebook or visit www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org.



In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

As another year draws to an end and a new year begins, it is customary to look back at the year that has been and ahead to the hope of the future. The past year has seen some changes here at Sandhill Garden. The long-planned stone patio in the area of the gazebo and fire pit has been started. Large stones define the southern edge of the patio, and a layer of gravel fines has been poured. Flat native flagstones have been collected and I hope to soon have them put in place. By summer, I hope that patio becomes the home of a picnic area and my garden railroad.

The past year was a pretty good year for gardening. The temperatures were mild most of the summer and there were no long drought periods. In the vegetable garden, tomatoes were slow to ripen, but the harvest was good, lasting into the fall. The broccoli and kale also continued to produce for an extended time. In fact, I still have some kale that is in good condition for harvest.

It was a good summer for the ornamental garden. Some blooms were delayed by the cool weather in early spring, but once the temperatures warmed, we had plenty of blooms, each in succession throughout the summer. During the autumn, I planted several new perennials and shrubs. I have been watching them for heaving and have pressed

the roots down periodically, but most seem to be doing well. With a layer of mulch added recently, they should make it through the winter. Fruit production was mixed. The peaches were decimated by late frosts, but we had a good crop of apples, service berries and berries from bramble. There were plenty of nuts to see men and wildlife through the winter.

Looking forward, I hope to see improvements in paths at Sandhill Gardens this year. I hope to use a faux-flagstone mold to replace some gravel walkways. Edged with fieldstones, such walks last many years and make the garden more accessible.

I hope to make some improvements to the raised beds where I raise most of my vegetables. I need a couple more beds and equipping them with trellis systems will allow vining crops to grow vertically.

I also hope to make improvements to the trails through the wooded area of the property. I want to get some of the underbrush removed in some areas and install steps with stones in some steep areas to make them safer for hikers. I will also work on signs to identify plants along the trails.

New Year's resolutions may be dangerous things and few actually come to fruition, but I do hope to be able to keep areas trimmed

and more accessible this year. I want to continue the clean-up of some sites and to add plants to accentuate the beauty of others. I hope to continue to add to the variety of native plants in the wildflower meadow I have begun. Several of the perennials planted last year should be more mature and flower more this year. Increasing the use of natives and cultivars of native plants will make the area

Better options for recycling Christmas trees

There are many ways to recycle Christmas trees, but tossing them on a frozen lake to create fish habitat may not be the best idea ... and may require a permit from the DNR.

"Fish attractors tend to bring fish and fishermen together," said Brian Schoenung, chief fisheries biologist for the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife. "They provide cover but don't necessarily grow more fish."

Better options include taking the tree to a designated Christmas tree recycling site in your community, tossing it in the backyard to provide shelter for wintering birds or other wildlife, running it through a wood chipper to create your own mulch, or chopping it up for firewood.

Discarding a Christmas tree on a private pond is at the owner's discretion, but doing so on public freshwater lakes is governed by

more tolerant of weather extremes and will provide food and shelter for birds, butterflies and other creatures.

Whatever the new year may bring, I hope it to find more time just to enjoy the beautiful gardens and woodlands with which I have been blessed. More time for prayer and reflection will be the most beneficial thing I could ever add to the gardens.

the Lake Preservation Act (Indiana Code 14-26-2) and Indiana Administrative Code (312 IAC 11-4-7). Those two laws require a license from the DNR to construct or place a fish attractor in a public freshwater lake. To qualify, the fish attractor must be anchored to ensure proper setting and must not be placed in a channel, a beach area, near the lake surface or in an area that would adversely affect public safety and navigation, or adversely affect the natural resources or natural scenic beauty. If approved, the permit carries a \$100 fee and requires the permit holder to remove any portion or portions of the fish attractor that become unattached.

An option to consider next year is buying a live balled and burlap tree. Enjoy it inside for a few days over the holidays and then plant it outside to enjoy for years to come.

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Friends of the Pool donated \$21,300 to the City of Loogootee Pool Fund at a special council meeting on Tuesday. Shown above, from left to right, are City Councilman Rich Taylor, Charlotte Meyer, Friends of the Pool; City Councilman Rick Norris, Ruth Smith, Friends of the Pool; City Councilman Ron Gilbert, Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty, and City Councilman Carroll Rayhill.

Calendar of Events

Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Monday, January 5 at 5:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is for board reorganization. The meeting is open to the public.

Loogootee City Council special meeting

The Loogootee City Council will meet in special session on Tuesday January 6 at 2 p.m. in the council room. The purpose of the meeting is to open price proposals for the city pool project. The meeting is open to the public.

Commissioners' executive meeting

The Martin County Commissioners will meet in executive session Thursday, January 8 at 5 p.m. in the courthouse. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss personnel records classified as confidential by state and federal statutes as authorized by I.C. 5-14-1.5-5.1 (b)(7). The meeting is closed to the public.

Talk to a lawyer clinic

The next talk to a lawyer telephone hotline will take place on Thursday, January 8 from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. CST and 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. EST. Talk to a lawyer allows the general public to ask legal questions and receive legal advice and guidance – FREE! Anyone can use the hotline, as long as the questions relate to Indiana law. To access the hotline, the telephone numbers are: (812) 618-4845 and 888-594-3449. These telephone numbers are only accessible during the time the clinic is open. Talk to a lawyer is co-sponsored by Evansville Bar Foundation, Volunteer Lawyer Program of Southwestern Indiana and Indiana Bar Foundation. Each year, hundreds of calls and callers are assisted through the hotline and by the volunteer attorneys who donate their time and expertise.

Boy Scouts

Boys interested in Boy Scouts, call 295-

6652 or 854-7837 for information on joining.

Cub Scout meetings

Cub scout meetings are held at Loogootee United Methodist Church on the first, third, and fourth Monday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Bryan Adams at 812-854-7837.

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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.

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 7 p.m. Members of the humane society are invited to attend. To find out how to become a member, call the shelter at 812-295-5900 or email mchs@frontier.com.

Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Martin County Community Learning Center on the fairgrounds.

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.

More Neat Stuff

By Ann Ackerman

This is priceless!

A woman runs a red traffic light and crashes into a man's car. Both of their cars are demolished, but amazingly, neither of them is hurt.

After they crawl out of their cars, the woman says, "Wow, just look at our cars! There's nothing left, but fortunately we are unhurt. This must be a sign from God that we should meet and be friends and live together in peace for the rest of our days."

The man replies, "I agree with you completely. This must be a sign from God!"

The woman continues, "And look at this, here's another miracle. My car is completely demolished, but my bottle of wine didn't break. Surely God wants us to drink this wine and celebrate our good fortune."

She then hands the bottle to the man. The man nods his head in agreement, opens it, drinks half the bottle and then hands it back to the woman. The woman takes the bottle, immediately puts the cap back on, and hands it back to the man.

The man asks, "Aren't you having any?"

The woman replies, "Nah. I think I'll just wait for the police."

Adam ate the apple, too. Men will never learn.

1. No matter how old you are, an empty Christmas wrapping paper tube is still a fun thing to bonk someone over the head with!
2. My favorite part of winter is watching it on TV from Arizona.
3. I like to make lists. I also like to leave them laying on the kitchen counter and then guess what's on the list while at the store. Fun games.
4. When are men going to learn that it's easier to give a woman what she wants rather than tell her no.
5. I'd swim the ocean for you . . . LOL, just kidding, there are sharks in there.
6. My favorite outdoor activity is going back inside where it's warm.
7. Just once I would like to read a medication label that says, "Warning: may cause permanent weight loss, remove wrinkles, and increases energy."
8. If I offered you \$100,000 to jump out of a plane with no parachute, would you do it? I bet you said NO. But what if I told you the plane was on the ground? Moral of the story . . . Know all the facts before you open your mouth.
9. I do 5 sit-ups every morning. May not sound like much but there's only so many

times you can hit the snooze button.

10. When I'm sad, I just sing, and then I realize my voice is worse than my problems.

EIGHT THOUGHTS TO PONDER

- Number 8 - Death is the number 1 killer in the world.
- Number 7 - Life is sexually transmitted.
- Number 6 - Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.
- Number 5 - Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach a person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks, months, maybe years.
- Number 4 - Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in the hospital, dying of nothing.
- Number 3 - All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.
- Number 2 - In the 60's, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird, and people take Prozac to make it normal.
- Number 1 - Life is like a jar of jalapeno peppers. What you do today might burn your butt tomorrow.

And as someone recently said to me: Don't worry about old age; it doesn't last that long.

TWO GOLDEN RULES TO A HAPPY MARRIAGE

1. The wife is always right.
2. When you feel she is wrong, slap yourself and read rule #1 again.

The officer said, "You drinking?"
I said, "You buying?"
We just laughed and laughed.
I need bail money.

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Loogootee Public Library

BY DARLA WAGLER Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

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