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County council okays salary change for prosecutor's employee

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

At last month's Martin County Council meeting, there was a long discussion regarding a salary ordinance change request from the prosecutor's office. The prosecutor wanted to allow a recently-hired secretary to be paid \$23,976 which is what legal assistants are paid, a step up in positions. Auditor January Roush explained that the employee he hired was a former employee, who served as a legal assistant, that quit the prosecutor's office a few months back. The employee was told that she would be hired back, in the secretary position, at the same pay as when she left. A secretary is paid \$23,196.

The council spent quite a bit of time discussing the fairness of the employee coming back at the increased pay, especially since it's a lesser position. Some council members felt this was unfair to employees in other departments. In the end, they decided to invite the prosecutor to their next monthly meeting to ask him questions. Another issue, pertaining to the judge paying one of her employees more money, was also addressed. The council decided to also

invite the judge to their next meeting to ask questions.

Instead of discussing it in an open meeting, the council held a closed-door executive session prior to their regular council meeting this past Monday night, February 6, to ask the prosecutor and judge the questions.

During the open meeting, the council approved the salary change for the prosecutor, without speaking on the matter or whether they decided to keep the salary as a secretary or as a legal assistant. When asked by Martin County Journal Publisher Courtney Hughett, Council Member Randy Wininger said they approved her salary at the higher rate. He said they did so because the prosecutor's office has been working with a staff of three as opposed to his usual staff of four. He said that if the prosecutor hires an additional secretary, they may revisit the pay issue.

The issue regarding the judge's employee's increased salary was not mentioned.

In other business, Judge Lynne Ellis reported that they had issues with the courtroom recording equipment and Word Systems, Inc. spent an entire (See 'COUNCIL' continued on page 2)



Can't get enough

-Photo by Sarah Mullen

This time of year always offers an almost nightly breathtaking view as the sun says goodbye. In a world that feels very angry, just look up.

Commissioners hear about issues in Town of Crane

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, January 31.

Jill Vaught, a resident of the Town of Crane, came before the Commissioners to discuss issues taking place in the Town of Crane. There have been several break-ins in the last month. She has formed a Neighborhood Watch group that currently has 29 members. She commended Sheriff Roush and Deputy Tyler Reed for all their assistance so far. A lengthy discussion followed.

The commissioners approved appointing Bob Tedrow to the Daviess-Martin Joint Park Board.

County Attorney Lett proceeded to open the only bid received for the Road Asset Management Plan. The bid was received from HWC Engineering for \$26,000. The commissioners reviewed the bid. Tim Hunt, HWC, informed the commissioners, if awarded, work would begin in three weeks and project completed no later than second week of April. The bid also includes the preparation of the Community Crossings grant application. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to accept HWC Engineering bid for the Road Asset Management Plan in the amount of \$26,000. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Tim Kinder, Martin County Alliance, informed the commissioners of the annual economic development training being hosted by Radius. The training will be held at the French Lick Resort and Conference Center beginning Tuesday, March 28 and conclude on Thurs-

day, March 30. If anyone is interested in attending, there are scholarships available since the cost to attend is \$400 for residents in the Radius region.

Kathy Collins, community corrections director, submitted the 2017-2018 Adult Community Corrections Grant for approval. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to approve the grant application and budget of \$182,400. President George made the second.

Leo Padgett, highway superintendent, submitted his two-week work schedule and a recent bridge inspection report. He updated the commissioners on department happenings and equipment repairs. The department received a \$600 rebate check for the recently installed lighting.

Sheriff Travis Roush informed the commissioners that there are currently 56 inmates in the security center, four of which are DOC.

Michael Stevenson with SJCA Engineers & Surveyors introduced himself. SJCA recently opened up an office in Evansville and he is the new business development manager for Southwest Indiana Region. They focus on road and bridge design.

Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the merchant agreement between Government Payment Service, Inc and Martin County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the Martin County Treasurer. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. By passing this agreement, taxpayers will soon be able

to make property tax payments by credit card.

Commissioner Boyd made a motion to approve drawdown #2 for the Workforce Development Grant in the amount of \$5,729.28 payable to Vincennes University. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

In order for the front doors of the courthouse to be ADA compliant, Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve a quote from Lindsey Construction in the amount of \$24,266.68 and Helix Technologies Inc in the amount of \$7,655.97. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. Funds are available in the cumulative capital development fund for this project.

Due to a power outage last week, additional emergency lighting was deemed necessary in several areas of the courthouse. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to accept a quote from Builders Best for approximately \$1,300 for the necessary lighting. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Auditor Roush informed the commissioners on several projects she was pursuing, including a county website and an updated payroll voucher system that would interface with the current software.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m. The next commissioners' meeting will be held Tuesday, February 14 at 5:30 p.m.

Safe Community Event this Saturday

The Martin County Safe Community Event will be held this Saturday, February 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the community building at the fairgrounds. Law enforcement agencies that will be taking part include the Martin County Sheriff's Department, Indiana Conservation Officers, Indiana Excise Police, Indiana State Police, Shoals Police Department, Loogootee Police Department, and Martin County Child Protective Services.

Schedule of events:

10 a.m. - Opening Ceremonies (Introduction, National Anthem, Pledge of Allegiance, opening prayer)

10:30 a.m. - Kid's Self Defense (Wild Things)

11:30 a.m. - Wilderness Survival with ICO Doane

1 p.m. - Police K9 demonstration with Todd Eckert and Tyler Reed

1:30 p.m. - Closing (door prize drawings)

Admission - one donated item for the food drive

Free food: Chili, chicken noodle soup, hot dogs, drinks, chips, and desserts

Door prizes: Fire Ring, personal flotation devices, t shirts, outdoor light set, West Boggs park passes, and gift certificates from Aunt Bees, Williams Bros, Blake Car Wash, Bradley's, Greene's Body Shop, KG Photography, RJ's, and more.

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Indiana Department of Revenue offers free online tax filing

This tax season, the Indiana Department of Revenue continues to offer free federal and state filing through Indiana freefile (INfreefile). Taxpayers with an adjusted gross income of \$64,000 or less in 2016 may qualify for INfreefile. Nearly two million Hoosier taxpayers qualify for this program. INfreefile allows taxpayers to use sophisticated question-and-answer style software from trusted vendors to file for free. Taxpayers should visit www.freefile.dor.in.gov to learn more about the program and to see if they qualify based on the vendors' options. Qualified taxpayers can select the vendor of their choice and complete their tax returns for free. Participating vendors include TurboTax, H&R Block, TaxAct, OLT Online Taxes, 1040NOW and FreeTaxUSA. Benefits of electronic filing include: Faster refunds - Electronically-filed returns are processed in 12 to 14 days, whereas a paper-filed return can take up to 12 weeks. More secure - Fewer people see your personal information. Get more or pay less - E-filing software may suggest credits and deductions about which you might not have known. Better accuracy - Electronically-filed returns have a two percent

error rate versus 20 percent for paper returns. INfreefile is part of the Free File Alliance, a national program developed in 2003 through a cooperative effort between the IRS and tax preparation software vendors. More than 43 million taxpayers across the country have used Free File. If taxpayers have questions or concerns about their returns, they should contact the department by calling 317-232-2240 or emailing individualtaxassistance@dor.in.gov.

COUNCIL

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day fixing the problems. She said she is estimating \$8,000 for repairs. The company charges \$180 per hour. She was not asking for anything from the council at that meeting, she just wanted to make them aware that a bill will be coming. The council approved the following additional money requests:
-\$15,000 for the alcohol and drug program to pay the director
-\$7,630 from the misdemeanor fund to pay for the outbuilding for the new community corrections location
-\$24,675 for the sheriff to hire a new jailer
Council members Warren Albright and Buck Stiles were not present for the meeting.

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SUE CAMPBELL

Ruby Sue Josephine Campbell passed away at 5:36 a.m. Friday February 3, 2017 at Jasper Memorial Hospital. A resident of Shoals, she was 63.

She was born August 10, 1953 in Shoals; daughter of Sherman and Josephine (Moffett) Holt. She married William Frank Campbell on January 2, 1970 and he survives.

She was a homemaker and was a former employee of the JC Store. She attended The River Church in Shoals.

She is survived by her husband, one daughter, Sherri Campbell of Shoals; three sons, Will Campbell and wife, Sherri, of Mitchell; Jason Campbell and wife, Stephanie, of French Lick; and Travis Campbell and wife, Heather, of Loogootee; brothers, James "Teddy" Holt of Shoals, Bernard "Corky" Holt of Shoals, Robert "Dale" Holt of Bedford and David Combs of Virginia; 11 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

She is preceded in death by her parents, brothers, Vernon Holt, Lawrence Holt and Ray Combs; a sister, Clara "Peggy" Combs and three brothers who passed in childhood.

Funeral services were held Tuesday February 7 at Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with Pastor Ed Farhar officiating. Burial followed in the Springhill Cemetery in Shoals.

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

MARY LARKIN

Mary R. Larkin passed away at 6 p.m. Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at



Loogootee Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. A resident of Loogootee, she was 88.

She was born January 18, 1929 in Washington; daughter of the late Joseph C. and Ruth (Adams) Larkin.

She graduated from St. John High School in Loogootee. She then graduated from Nazareth College in Bardonia, Kentucky with a degree in Laboratory Technology. She went to work at U.S. Rubber, in Mishawaka, Indiana and retired from there as an administrative assistant.

She is survived her sister, Nancy (Dr. Richard) Dooley of Phoenix, Arizona; brothers, Jack (Mini) Larkin of Baltimore, Maryland and Ray (Nancy) Larkin of Jasper; and faithful caregiver, Lydia Swartzentruber of Montgomery.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph C. and Ruth (Adams) Larkin; sister, Gene (Ned) Pearson; and brothers, David (Betty) Larkin and Jerry (Inez) Larkin.

Mary willed her body to the Indiana

University Medical School, Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology, for research.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, February 16 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church or the charity of your choice.

Grief support group to start meeting next week

Have you lost a loved one and feel like no one understands what you are going through? Or has someone you know experienced a loss and you don't know what would help them?

GriefShare is the only faith based, non-denominational grief support group available in our area and it will be offered at Loogootee United Methodist Church, 208 W. Main St starting Thursday, February 16. It is designed as a 13-week series of DVD presentations by nationally-known experts on grief followed by a discussion time for participants to share their thoughts on what they heard or what they are experiencing in their lives, if so desired. Each participant also receives a workbook with lessons to complete throughout the week that allow for more personal reflection on progressing from mourning to a joy in living again.

Your bereavement experience may have been recent or not so recent; it

doesn't matter. You will find encouragement, comfort, and help in this support group of people who care. Whether you're grieving the loss of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, family member, or friend and no matter the cause of death, this is an opportunity to be around others who understand what you are feeling. You will learn valuable information about facing your new normal in life and renewing your hope for the future.

Each session will last from 6-7:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room. Each session deals with an individual issue related to grief so plan to attend as many sessions as is possible for you. There is a \$15 fee, but scholarships are available so do not hesitate to consider this support group for yourself or someone you know. Anyone interested must register by calling 295-3049 by February 11 to plan for enough workbooks.

Arts Commission releases details from statewide arts economic and employment impact study

The Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) announced recently the results of the first statewide research study into the economic and employment impact of the arts in Indiana.

Some key employment findings of the research revealed:

More than 160,000 Hoosiers are employed in the Creative Economy of Indiana

Creative Economy jobs exist in both traditional creative sectors like arts organizations, galleries, design firms, and photography studios, as well as non-creative sectors of Indiana's workforce

Indiana has a much larger population of self-employed creative workers than the national average with 57-percent of its creative workforce self-employed. Nationally, 20-percent of the creative economy workforce is identified as self-employed. In fact, since the economic recovery of 2010, self-employed creatives have largely outpaced payroll creatives in the Hoosier workforce

Creative economy employment tends to be concentrated in more urban areas of Indiana (e.g. Indianapolis, Fort Wayne), and to somewhat smaller populated areas like Bloomington and Nashville.

"Whether working for a traditional or non-traditional creative employer, or self-employed, Indiana's creative workforce represents a significant contribution to the economic vitality of our state," said Lewis C. Ricci, Executive Director of the IAC. "Among the opportunities we intend to address with our new strategic plan are helping the creative economy worker thrive in their chosen field, and assist in finding ways to bring creative economy employment to more rural areas of Indiana."

The study findings were revealed during a grant awards program today at the Indiana Statehouse rotunda.

To learn more about the report, visit www.in.gov/arts/files/CreativeEconomyReport_ExecutiveSummary2016.pdf

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The City of Loogootee Public Works Department is accepting applications for one full-time position. The opening is for a laborer's position within the Public Works Department. Requirements are, but not limited to: candidate must be a team player, willing to train in all areas, work outside in all seasons of weather year-round, lift and move heavy objects without difficulty, compute simple math problems, and have good communication skills. Candidate must know how to work with and around power tools, heavy equipment, and machinery in a safe manner. Candidates must have a high school diploma or equivalent and possess a valid Indiana driver's license, C.D.L. preferred but not required. Any accepted applicant must be able to pass a pre-employment drug screen and alcohol test and random testing there after. Advancement is possible with proper training and completion of State certification examinations. No experience necessary. Applications are available at the Loogootee Municipal Building, 401 J.F.K. Avenue, Loogootee IN 47553 or by calling 812-295-2497. Deadline for applications is FEBRUARY 13, 2017.

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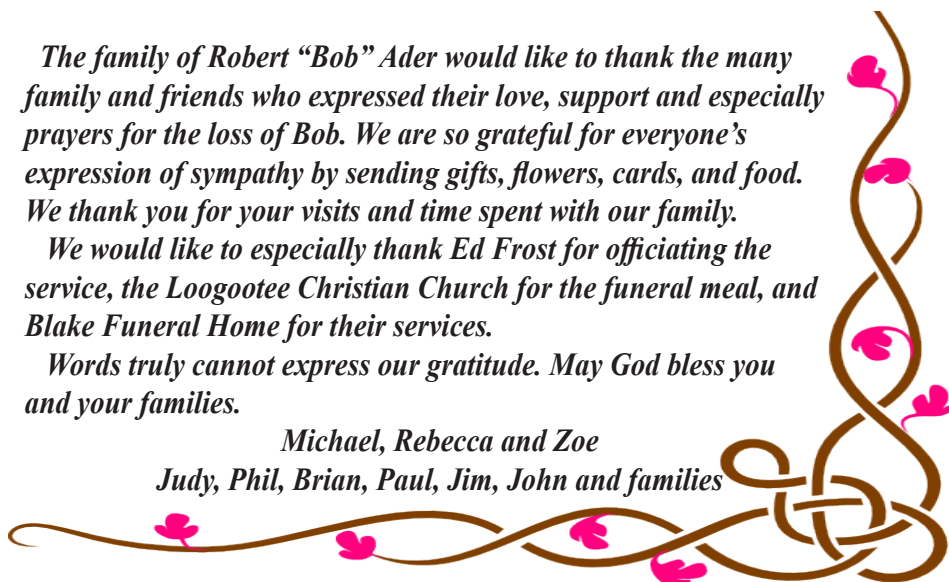
The family of Robert "Bob" Ader would like to thank the many family and friends who expressed their love, support and especially prayers for the loss of Bob. We are so grateful for everyone's expression of sympathy by sending gifts, flowers, cards, and food. We thank you for your visits and time spent with our family.

We would like to especially thank Ed Frost for officiating the service, the Loogootee Christian Church for the funeral meal, and Blake Funeral Home for their services.

Words truly cannot express our gratitude. May God bless you and your families.

Michael, Rebecca and Zoe

Judy, Phil, Brian, Paul, Jim, John and families



Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

4:26 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

8:35 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless semi on SR 450. Area officers were dispatched.

10:37 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:00 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:08 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

11:13 a.m. - Received a request for lift assistance east of Loogootee. Sheriff Roush responded.

3:55 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

4:34 p.m. - Deputy Reed performed a vehicle identification check in Crane.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

5:53 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:20 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled semi on US 231, south of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene and ICO Mann responded for traffic control.

8:25 a.m. - Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded to an abandoned vehicle in Loogootee.

8:48 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:00 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took two inmates to court.

9:45 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took three inmates to court.

9:51 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle fire east of Shoals on US 50. Shoals Fire responded.

1:00 p.m. - Sergeant Keller took four inmates to court.

1:00 p.m. - Received a dog complaint north of Shoals. Sheriff Roush was advised.

3:10 p.m. - Sergeant Keller took three inmates to court.

3:55 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Loogootee. Sheriff Roush responded.

4:32 p.m. - Received a medical alarm near Loogootee. Sheriff Roush and Martin County Ambulance responded. No transport was necessary.

4:43 p.m. - Received a dog complaint north of Shoals. Deputy Reed responded.

7:41 p.m. - Received a fire alarm call at Shoals School. Shoals Fire responded. It was a false alarm.

10:12 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded and all was okay.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

6:30 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Loogootee. Deputy Salmon responded.

9:15 a.m. - Jailer Emmick took one inmate to the Rockville Correctional Facility.

3:11 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill and Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

6:21 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Sergeant Keller

responded.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

7:35 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

9:15 a.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

9:40 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

10:05 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded and all was okay.

10:05 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded and all was okay.

12:49 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene and Major Burkhardt took four inmates to court.

3:49 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill, Captain Hennette, and Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.

5:20 p.m. - Received a report of a possible break-in in Crane. Major Burkhardt and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

6:02 p.m. - Received a report of possible shots fired in Crane. Sheriff Roush, Major Burkhardt, ISP Trooper Beaver, and a Daviess County Deputy responded. Everything was okay.

8:05 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Loogootee. Major Burkhardt and ISP Trooper Beaver responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

4:26 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:28 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette and Major Burkhardt responded.

4:54 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:20 p.m. - Received an alarm call north of Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette and Major Burkhardt responded. Everything was okay.

6:14 p.m. - Received a report of a theft south of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

8:46 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

11:04 p.m. - Received a noise complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.

11:12 p.m. - Received a noise complaint in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

10:57 a.m. - Major Burkhardt and Loogootee Officer Dant assisted the Shoals School with an unruly fan.

12:12 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Major Burkhardt and LPD Officer Dant responded. Everything was okay.

1:28 p.m. - Received a fire alarm call in Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

3:05 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

4:30 p.m. - Received a report of a fire near Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

5:30 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin

County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

5:52 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:30 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

12:01 a.m. - Received a report of a break-in in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris and Deputy Reed responded.

9:59 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded and everything was okay.

Martin County real estate transfers

J. Cody Roush and Michelle L. Roush and John G. Blendowski and Deborah L. Blendowski, of Martin County, Indiana to **John Milton Beasley and Debra Lou Beasley**, of Hendricks County, Indiana, a part of the west fractional Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.435 acres, more or less.

Matthew Cully Kinnick and Justine E.B. Kinnick, of Brown County, Indiana to **Matthew Cully Kinnick and Justine E.B. Kinnick**, of Brown County, Indiana. Tract I: The southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 11, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing 40 acres, more or less. Tract II: A part of the east half of the northeast quarter of Section 10, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing 3 acres, more or less. Tract III: The southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 2, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing 40 acres, more or less. Tract IV: All that part of the southeast quarter of Section 10, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, lying north of US Hwy. 150, containing 75 acres, more or less. Tract V: The northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 11, and northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 10 and the south one-half of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 3, all in Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing 100 acres, more or less.

Darvin D. Wagler and Delmar R. Wagler and Rosetta Wagler, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Delmar Knepp and Ida Mae Knepp**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 18, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Rutherford Civil Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 25.586 acres.

Mary Jane Hovis, of Martin County, Indiana to **Anita Dixon**, of Martin County, Indiana, the south half of Lot Number 56 in Chenoweth's Addition to the Town of West Shoals, now Shoals, Indiana.

Sharon L. Sutton, of Martin County, Indiana to **Merle E. Wagler and Angela M. Wagler**, of Daviess County, Indiana, the south one-half of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 21, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, containing 20 acres, more or less.

Jarrod A. Zins and Ame M. Zins, of Martin County, Indiana to **Ame M. Zins**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 25, Township 3

2:28 p.m. - Received a report of an assault in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

2:32 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette and Captain Dant responded.

2:47 p.m. - Received a dog complaint and domestic complaint north of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

3:42 p.m. - Received a report of a field fire near Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

9:34 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

10:30 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baker responded.

North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.44 acres, more or less.

Douglas W. Mayfield and Angela J. Mayfield, of Martin County, Indiana to **Chad A. Nicholson**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 36, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, containing 7.24 acres, .10 acre, and 5.89 acres, more or less.

Lost River Township by Mildred Brown, Township Trustee, of Martin County, Indiana to **Just Weight, LLC**, of Spencer County, Indiana, 140 square rods in the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 36, Township 2 North, Range 4 West.

David G. Crane and Joan Crane to **Michael B. Uebelhor and Rita M. Uebelhor**, a part of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 32, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 37.412 acres, more or less.

David G. Crane and Joan Crane to **Delmar Knepp and Ida Mae Knepp**, a part of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter and the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 32, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 35.407 acres, more or less.

Randall J. Conwell and Linda K. Conwell, of White County, Indiana to **Christopher C. Conwell and Angela M. Turner**. Tract I: A portion of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 24, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, in Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2 acres, more or less. Tract II: A portion of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 24, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, in Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.32 acres.

Robert Allbright and Patricia Allbright, of Martin County, Indiana to **Robert K. Allbright and Patricia A. Allbright and James Marshall Warren**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Numbered 75 and 88 in the original plat of Memphis, now Shoals, Indiana.

Robert K. Allbright and Patricia A. Allbright, of Martin County, Indiana to **Robert K. Allbright and Patricia A. Allbright and James Marshall Warren**, of Martin County, Indiana, situated in the northeast quarter and the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 25, Township 2 North, Range 4 West.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

8:15 a.m. - K-9 units from Loogootee Police Department, Martin County Sheriff's Department and the Daviess County Sheriff's Department conducted a random search at the Loogootee High School.

6:24 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to Bowling Trailer Court for a gas leak.

8:59 p.m. - Caller reported a suicidal subject.

10:38 p.m. - Caller reported a loud music complaint on Poplar Street.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

7:40 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted a motorist.

8:45 a.m. - Received a report of an abandoned vehicle at Circle K.

4:37 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted the ambulance service.

5:18 p.m. - Caller reported heavy smoke on SW 1st Street.

5:54 p.m. - Officer McBeth responded to a residential alarm.

10:34 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

3:11 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance on Reason Avenue.

6:49 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

7:20 p.m. - Female reported a civil complaint.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

10:05 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

10:07 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

3:50 p.m. - Caller reported a dispute on East Washington Street.

10:40 p.m. - Captain Hennette assist-

ed an ISP Trooper on Hwy 50.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

11:28 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute.

5:24 p.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a residential alarm.

8:48 p.m. - First responders were requested on Cedar Street for a medical call.

11:04 p.m. - Caller reported loud music on Poplar Street.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

5:55 a.m. - Caller reported a lawn mower had been abandoned on his property.

12:04 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on Broadway Street.

12:12 p.m. - Officer Dant responded to a business alarm.

5:53 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

6:45 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

8:19 p.m. - Officer Baker assisted a motorist.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

12:01 a.m. - Caller reported someone had broken into his residence.

9:59 a.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a business alarm.

1:58 p.m. - Caller reported locating a wallet.

2:32 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

4:05 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

5:24 p.m. - Officer Baker responded to a business alarm.

10:28 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver. Officer Baker located the vehicle and the driver checked out okay.

Sheriff's Association offering scholarships

Martin County Sheriff Travis Roush announced that the Indiana Sheriffs' Association will again be awarding college scholarships to qualified high school seniors or college students who are pursuing a degree in criminal justice studies. There will be approximately forty \$500 scholarships awarded to qualifying students throughout the state.

The Indiana Sheriffs' Association Scholarship fund was established for the purpose of

receiving, investing, and dispensing of funds to provide college scholarships to qualified students who are

committed to pursuing an education and career in the law enforcement field.

To qualify for one of these scholarships, the applicant must be an Indiana resident, be a

current member of the association, attend an Indiana college or university, major in law enforcement field and enroll as a full-time student (12 hours).

Applications needed to apply for the scholarships are available from your high school counselor or the Sheriff's Office.

The scholarship application can also be downloaded from the Indiana Sheriffs' Association website: www.indianasheriffs.org. The applications must be completed and received by the Indiana Sheriffs' Association on or before April 1.

ARRESTS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

3:25 p.m. - Brian Conley, 18, of Shoals, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene and charged with minor consumption and is being held without bond.

3:30 p.m. - James Peek, 30, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents on a warrant and is being held without bond.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

4:00 p.m. - Kevin Ervin, 49, of Loogootee, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene on three Martin County warrants and is being held without bond. Sheriff Roush assisted with the arrest.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

4:30 p.m. - Dustin Butler, 35, of Worthington, was arrested by Major Burkhardt and charged with public intoxication and is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest was K9 Officer Asher.

COURT NEWS

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

CRIMINAL COURT

New Charges Filed

January 29

Stephani L. Disney, operating while intoxicated; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more.

Christopher J. Senne, invasion of privacy.

Devan K. Nelson, criminal confinement, domestic battery, residential entry, theft.

Jeffery L. Raisor, assisting a criminal, false informing.

Matthew L. Farley, intimidation, battery resulting in bodily injury.

Jacqueline M. Foster, operating while intoxicated, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .5 or more, operating while intoxicated with previous conviction within 5 years, operating with a .15 ACE with prior conviction occurred within 5 years, habitual vehicular substance offender sentence enhancement.

January 3

Nathan P. Sult, operating while intoxicated, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more.

Rey D. Perez-Benavides, operating while intoxicated, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more.

Jarrold A. Zins, operating while intoxicated, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more.

Thomas J. Miller, intimidation, theft.

Miranda L. Mitchell, corrupt business influence, two counts of forgery, two counts of theft.

Robert L. Faith, burglary, criminal mischief.

Katharina E. Tuell, burglary, criminal mischief.

Nathaniel T. Buckland, operating a vehicle as an habitual traffic violator.

Travis R. Salmon, failure to return to lawful detention.

January 6

Anthony S. Chestnut, possession of methamphetamine, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances.

Jennifer L. Yoder, possession of methamphetamine, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances.

Dale R. Condra, battery resulting in moderate bodily injury.

January 9

Toby Carwile, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more.

January 10

Robert F. Neal, two counts of driving while suspended.

Phillip R. Fellers, battery resulting in moderate bodily injury.

January 24

Joshua J. Jones, unlawful possession of a firearm by a serious violent felon, carry a handgun without a license, two counts of maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, possession of a controlled substance, two counts of possession of marijuana, two counts of possession of paraphernalia, carrying a handgun without a license, possession of methamphetamine.

Faith B. Chestnut, two counts of maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, two counts of possession of marijuana, two counts of possession of paraphernalia, possession of methamphetamine.

January 27

Steven Davidson, public intoxication.

January 30

Jeremi L. Jones, invasion of privacy.

Trista A. Strange, operating while intoxicated, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

January 25

Collin M. Tarr vs. Crystal N. Clark, domestic relations with children.

January 26

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Desiree Dant, civil collection.

January 30

Ernest W. Davis III Jr. vs. Misty C. Davis, domestic relations with children.

January 31

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Cheryl R. Pless and Michael D. Pless, civil collection.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

January 25

Isha E. Wright-Ryan, Attorney at Law, P.C. vs. Seth M. McCrary, complaint.

January 26

David Harder vs. Carolyn Shipp, complaint.

White River Cooperative, Inc. vs. Bobby Joe Gerkin, complaint.

January 27

Crane Credit Union vs. Samantha Emmons, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Alyssa Bechtel, complaint.

January 30

Leland Wilcoxon vs. Thorne's Home Inc., complaint.

Accident reports

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

11:10 a.m. - Edward N. Jackson, of Loogootee, was operating a 1999 Ford and attempting to turn onto Broadway Street when he pulled into the path of a 2002 Dodge operated by Dwight G. Schultheis, of Loogootee. Chief Rayhill investigated.

4:00 p.m. - Donovan McPherson, of Loogootee, was backing up a 2004 Dodge and struck a 2012 Toyota owned by Tannya Stout, of Loogootee. Captain Hennette investigated.

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More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



I have lived in Indiana all my life and have enjoyed the environment very much. I have discovered new things about our area every day. The following was sent to me by my friend, Bob Prather, and I think you'll see some interesting facts. Some are new, some are old, and some are pretty cool. Thanks, Bob.

1. Tomato juice was first served at a French Lick, Indiana, hotel in 1925.
2. The first tomato juice factory was also in French Lick, IN.
3. World famous basketball star Larry Bird lives in French Lick, IN. (we already knew that, and I might add that Loogootee is the home of Indiana's Winningest High School Basketball Coach, Jack Butcher).
4. The world's largest orchid species collection is found at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana.
5. The first regulated speed limit (20-25 mph!) was initiated on Indiana roads in 1921.
6. The steepest railroad grade in the world is in Madison, Indiana.
7. An average of 400 funnel clouds are sighted each year in Indiana.
8. There are only two Adams fireplaces in the United States. One is in the White House and the other in the Diner Home in Indiana.
9. Josie Orr, wife of former Indiana Governor Robert Orr, flew bombers and cargo planes during World War II.
10. One of the first complete bath-

WVUT Meet Your Legislators, February 11

The long-running "Meet Your Legislators" series continues on WVUT during the current legislative session.

The program allows state legislators to discuss issues relating to Indiana government and episodes alternate between representatives and senators, with notable community leader Mark Hill hosting each program.

The next episode will air live on February 11, 9 a.m. EST, on WVUT 22.1.

Invited to attend are State Senators Mark Messmer (R, District 48) and Eric Bassler (R, District 39).

Remaining live program air dates are March 4 (Representatives) and March 18 (Senators).

Each program will be held at Vincennes University's Davis Hall in WVUT Studio B. The community is invited to be a part of the live studio audience. Questions may be submitted online at wvut.org prior to each broadcast.

Each episode will be re-broadcast on its original air date at 8 p.m. on WVUT 22.1, on the following Sunday at 7 p.m., and the following Monday at 12 noon. The schedule for WVUT 22.2 is the following Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday at 7 p.m.

rooms in Indianapolis was in the home of Hoosier poet, James Whitcomb Riley.

11. Aviatrix Amelia Earhart was once a Professor at Purdue University.

12. Crown Hill Cemetery (Indianapolis) is the largest cemetery in the U.S.

13. The library in Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana, houses one of the largest genealogy libraries in America.

14. Pendleton, Indiana, was the site of the first hanging of a white man for killing Indians.

15. The Courthouse roof in Greensburg, Indiana, has a tree growing from it.

16. The American Beauty Rose was developed at Richmond, Indiana.

17. Elkhart, Indiana, is the band instrument capitol of the World.

18. U.S. 231 is the longest highway in Indiana (231 miles).

19. Johnny Appleseed is buried at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

20. The main station of the Underground Railroad was in Fountain County, Indiana.

21. Nancy Hanks Lincoln is buried in Posey County, Indiana.

22. Crawfordsville, Indiana (Montgomery County) is the only site in the world where crinoids are found. (What is a crinoid, you ask? A form of deep-water marine life that looks something like a starfish.)

23. Pendleton, Indiana, was the site of the 'Fall Creek Massacre.' A museum housing 3,500 artifacts of pioneer heritage now exists on that site.

24. St. Meinrad Archabbey is located in Spencer County and is one of only 2 archabbeyes in the U.S. and seven in the world. (Abbey Press is an operation of the archabbey.)

25. James Dean was born and is buried in Indiana.

26. The world's tallest woman lived in Indiana.

27. Red Skelton was born in Vincennes, Indiana. (and was a proud Hoosier 'til the day he died!)

28. Mae West and Claude Akins were from Bedford, Indiana.

29. The inventor of the television, Philo T. Farnsworth, lived in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

30. Bob Greise is from Evansville, Indiana and was quarterback at Purdue University in West Lafayette, IN.

A police officer called the station on his radio and said, "I have an interesting case here. An old lady shot her husband for stepping on the floor she just mopped."

"Have you arrested the woman?"

"Not yet. The floor's still wet."

RIDDLES:

1. What did the cat say after eating two robins basking in the sun? I just love Baskin Robins.

2. What do you call an alligator in a vest? An investigator

3. What's the difference between a cat and a comma? One has claws at the end of its paws and one is a pause at the end of a clause.

Make someone smile today!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Shoals School Board meeting

The Shoals School Board will meet Thursday, February 9 at 6 p.m. in the central administration office. The meeting is open to the public.

Chamber meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly meeting Wednesday, February 15 at noon at China Wok in Loogootee. The meeting is open to anyone interested in being a part of the Chamber.

Online survey needs your input

Share your opinions about local housing needs through the Martin County Housing survey (available online at: <https://purdue.qualtrics.com/SouthernIndianaHousingDemandSurvey>). Don't miss your chance to be heard! If you have already recently answered housing-related questions via a phone survey, please do not answer the same questions using this web-based link (in order to avoid duplication). All responses are voluntary and anonymous. The deadline for providing feedback is February 15, 2017. The information you provide will guide decision-makers as they explore ways to expand local housing options.

Commission on Public Records meeting

The Martin County Commission on Public Records will meet February 21 at 10:30 a.m. in the commissioners' room at the Martin County Courthouse. If unable to attend the meeting, please submit all forms to the clerk's office before for the meeting.

Sons of the American Revolution meeting

Indiana Society Sons of the American Revolution Daniel Guthrie Chapter will hold their first meeting of 2017 on February 21. This meeting will take place at the Free Methodist Church on R Street in Bedford, IN. Dinner will begin at 6 p.m. with the meeting at 7 p.m. This will be the awards night for law enforcement, EMT, Eagle Scout, essay contest winners and heroes. They will also swear in the 2017 Chapter Officers. All are welcome to attend.

Sunday nights of revival

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

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.

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 Beverly at 812-709-1618 to learn more. Located in the Martin County Community Learning Center Improve Your Skills, Improve Your Life!

Humane society meetings

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

Solid waste board

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

Tourism meetings

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

Soil and Water meetings

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

Notes from the WIC Nutritionist

BY ELIZABETH WHITE
Martin County WIC Nutritionist

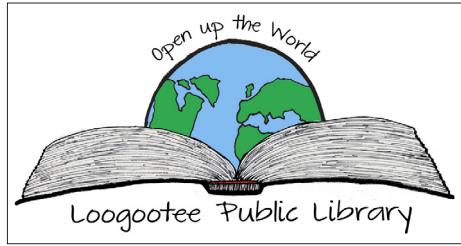
The whole state of Indiana has now converted to the WIC Electronic Benefit Transaction (EBT) cards. The card looks like a debit card. Instead of receiving WIC benefits on paper vouchers, the entire household's food packages will now be loaded on an EBT card. The cards will save time at the checkout counter and allow clients to purchase WIC foods individually throughout the month.

Note to current WIC clients: If you have any questions about using the card you can call your local clinic or the customer service number on the back of your card. Please remember to keep all appointments. Your cards will not reload after the last month already loaded and therefore not work at the store. You must come to all appointments to receive your benefits.

The WIC program provides supplemental nutritional foods, referrals, breastfeeding support, and nutrition education for pregnant women, nursing women, infants, and children 1-5 years. The Martin Co WIC clinic is open Monday and Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Please call 247-3303 to make an appointment. To contact the Breastfeeding Peer Counselor, text or call 812-675-1083.

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BY DARLA WAGLER
Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Don't forget to stop in and register for the winter reading program. This is a fun way to spend the cold winter months inside reading a hot new book. The grand prize is a \$50 Visa card and will be awarded on March 1, 2017.

The kids are encouraged to stop in the library and search for Mrs. Softy a stuffed snowman that staff moves each day. There are entry sheets beside her that kids fill out and then place in a basket where names are drawn for prizes. At the end of February, some lucky kid will win Mrs. Softy.

New Books:
Mystery: "What You Break" by Reed Farrel Coleman and "Echoes in Death" by J. D. Robb.

Inspirational Fiction: "The Seekers" by Wanda Brunstetter, "Redeeming Grace" by Jill Eileen Smith, "A Note Yet Unsung" by Tamera Alexander, "AN Uncommon Protector" by Shelley Shepard Gray, "Moving Target" by Lynette Eason, "The Amish Wanderer" by Laura V. Hilton, and "Still Life" by Dani Pettrey.

Children's Books: "Tacky the Penguin" by Lynn Munsinger.

NEW DVDs: "Universal Triple Feature: Debbie Reynolds: Tammy and The Bachelor, Sandra Dee in Tammy Tell Me True and Tammy and The Doctor", "Loving", and "Jack Reacher: Never Go Back".

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

Chamber of Commerce holds monthly meeting

BY CAROLYN PARSONS-DOWNEY
Chamber of Commerce Secretary

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce met January 18 at Wendy's in Loogootee. Present for the meeting were representatives from the following businesses: Hollies Eats & Treats and Martin County Humane Society-Theresa Abney, City of Loogootee-Mayor Noel Harty, The Candy Mill-Carolyn Parsons-Downey, Maranatha Tabernacle-Duane Smith, MC Alliance-Tim Kinder, Memorial Hospital-Luke Buchta, American Tree/Overlook-Marie Hawkins, Daviess Community Hospital-Jill Campbell and Angie Steiner, Purdue Extension-Stacy Brown, Hometown Flowers-Jeremy Osborne, NSA Crane-Jeff Nagan, Martin County Community Foundation-Curt Johnson, Hoosier Uplands-Deb Terry and Greene's Body Shop-Adam Greene.

The treasurer's report was given by Carolyn Parsons-Downey in the absence of Susan Arthur. The Chamber had a good year in 2016 and were able to make some donations from the annual dinner to both schools plus pay the Chamber's portion for a Martin County video. They purchased a laptop for the office and they are still doing good financially. Marie Hawkins made a motion to accept the treasurer's re-

port, seconded by Luke Buchta, all were in favor.

The secretary's report was given by Carolyn Parsons-Downey. Everyone read over the report from the December meeting, Stacy Brown made a motion of accept the minutes, Marie Hawkins seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

A Bicentennial update was given by Marie Hawkins. Martin County did a great job, they ranked 3rd in the state overall for the Bicentennial. Tom Zehr is building a glass case for the courthouse to store the torch which will be paid for by the courthouse. Marie also shared that Shoals did get listed on the National Register of Historical Places. Marie would also like to see the Chamber hold a chocolate night, with different vendors as a fundraiser.

The Chamber's Annual Dinner is March 16 in the St John's Lower Level. The speaker is Douglas Carter, the Indiana State Police Superintendent. The event will start at 6 p.m. They will not have the silent auction this year, but will have a door prize drawing at the end of the evening.

SOAR is still looking for new tutors, training will be February 6 and 8 from 6-8 p.m. at the Learning Center. Anyone interested in becoming a tutor can contact Karen at 812-709-1618.

Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty reported that the newly-formed Youth Coun-

cil are meeting twice a month. They have students from both Loogootee and Shoals They are the future of Martin County and they are looking for the future of the county and quality of life.

Jill Campbell, with Daviess Community Hospital, reported that they will hold a health fair February 14 at the hospital.

Stacy Brown, with the Purdue Extension, reported that the Martin County Jr. Leaders will hold a Pampered Chef fundraiser February 12 from 4-6 p.m. at the community building. There will also be a Certified Livestock Producer Training February 21 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., plus environmental stewardship, farm safety and more.

Tim Kinder, with the Martin County Alliance, reported he has been working with Crosspoint studios for the Martin County video. They will be filming from January 23-February 3.

Marie Hawkins said that this year WestGate will hold the event sponsored by Antioch Church called Night to Shine. They are still in need of about 60 volunteers. This is a Tim Tebow foundation event.

The next Chamber meeting will be February 15 at noon.

The Chamber wants to thank West Boggs Park for the donation of a 2017 Season Pass, which was won by Jill Campbell.

Marie Hawkins made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Angie Steiner, and all were in favor.



Students, staff of the month -Photo provided

Loogootee Elementary School recently named their January students and staff member of the month. In the front row, from left to right, are Breanna Courter, Jocelyn Craney, Selah Stevens, Jade Lawson, Garrison Graber, and Jaxon Smith. In the second row, from left to right, are Eli Ausbrooks, Evan Williams, Isaiah Jones, Mrs. Amber Smith, Koen Waggner, and Morgan Mattingly. Not pictured was Lovena Wagler.

Division of Financial Aid reminds students to file their 2017-18 FAFSA

Students planning to attend Purdue University in the fall of 2017 must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1 to receive priority consideration for federal, state and university-based financial aid.

Returning and newly admitted students can visit <https://fafsa.gov/> to file the FAFSA. Every student, and one parent, should first apply for a U.S. Department of Education FSA ID at <https://fsaid.ed.gov> prior to beginning the FAFSA process.

The 2017-18 FAFSA will use 2015 tax year data for the second year in a row. This change will allow most students and families to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (IRS DRT) available within the application to transfer their tax data directly into the FAFSA. Families should not update the 2017-18 FAFSA with their information once their 2016 taxes are complete.

Indiana families can get free FAFSA filing help from financial aid experts at College Goal Sunday on February

12, starting at 2 p.m., local time. A complete list of all participating sites around Indiana can be found at www.collegegoalsunday.org/.

Students are encouraged to attend College Goal Sunday with their parent(s) or guardian(s), and parents should bring completed 2015 IRS 1040 tax returns, W-2 Forms and other 2015 income and benefits information. Students who worked in 2015 should bring their tax or income information as well. Students 24 years of age or older may attend alone and bring their own completed 2015 IRS 1040 tax return, W-2 Form or other 2015 income and benefits information.

The Division of Financial Aid provides financial aid information to students and families through community outreach, via email, and online at www.purdue.edu/dfa. The Division of Financial Aid can be reached by calling 765-494-5050 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time, or by emailing facontact@purdue.edu.

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

A garden writer may have difficulty finding something about which to write in the cold days of February. However, this is the time of year we begin planning the new garden and we look through the stack of nursery catalogues that arrive in the mailbox each day. I love to look at the new plants that are available, though I usually shy away from the newest plants, preferring to wait a few years until the price comes down and others have tested it for staying power in the garden. Some of those plants will eventually be selected as plants of the year in various categories and I do pay attention to those awards. Usually, the plants selected are worth consideration for gardens.

One may see “plant of the year” categories for almost any type of plant. Some are awarded by societies that promote a particular genus, while others may be awarded by prestigious flower shows. Some companies give their own awards, but these are usually just marketing ploys to draw your attention in their catalogues.

Perhaps the best-known plant of the year category is the perennial plant of the year, selected by the perennial plant growers association. This plant is selected on its ease of care, hardiness, disease resistance and its usefulness in the landscape. The selection for this year is *Asclepias tuberosa*, or butterfly weed. They did not select a particular cultivar, as is usually done in the selection process, but instead chose to recognize this native perennial for its contributions to gardens and to wildlife. Although it may be a little hard to get started, since the plant has a long taproot and does not transplant well, once established, there is little that disturbs it. It tolerates poor, dry soil and has few disease or pest problems. Even deer tend to leave this beautiful flower alone. The flowers are thick masses of individual florets and are a wonderful

nectar source for all types of butterflies, bees and other pollinators. They are also bright and attractive. The native plants usually have bright orange flowers, but some cultivars have flowers ranging from yellow to pink. Butterfly weed is actually a variety of milkweed, and is a host plant for the larva of the monarch butterfly. I heartily recommend including this plant in your garden. Choose a sunny location, but it is not picky about the soil. It is wonderful in a mixed border or in a mass planting.

My love for hostas is no secret, so I always pay attention to the Hosta Association’s plant of the year. This year’s hosta is “Brother Stefan”, a large cultivar with good staying power. Breeder Olga Petryszyn named the plant in honor of her brother. It is one of the larger hostas, with clumps topping two feet tall and growing to three feet across. The large corrugated leaves are thick and resistant to slugs and snails. The leaf margins are a deep blue-green, with the centers ranging from cream to chartreuse and various shades of green. I will definitely be looking for this hosta to add to my collection in 2017.

There are many rose selections, but perhaps the most prestigious rose award is the rose of the year award from the Hampton Court garden show in Great Britain. This year, the award goes to a climbing rose dubbed “Scent From Heaven”. The color is similar to that of the popular Peace rose, but the flowers are smaller and appear in clusters throughout the growing season. It has good disease resistance and a fruity scent. The canes top out at over six feet tall, so this rose will need some good support. It was developed by rose breeder Chris Warner. It should be available from some specialty nurseries this year, but will become more widely available in a couple of years.

Spring Tonic to be held March 4

Your grandmother knew that the best cure for the winter blahs is a good spring tonic. On Saturday, March 4, the Hoosier Hillside Master Gardeners will host the tenth annual Spring Tonic gardening symposium. This annual event is a great way to get in the gardening mood before the actual gardening season arrives. The event will be held at the community building at the Orange County Fairgrounds in Paoli, beginning at 8 a.m. Several vendors will be offering a variety of products of interest to gardeners.

The breakfast and lunch at Spring Tonic are legendary and many door prizes will be awarded throughout the day.

Of course, the highlight of the day will be the five speakers. Paul Bouseman is the botanical curator at the Mesker Park Zoo and Botanical Garden in Evansville. He will present a program on recognizing and attracting beneficial insects. Purdue alumna and garden writer Carol Michel’s program, “Grow Vegetables, No Excuses” will be the second program, followed by Sharon Sorenson’s “Thinking Outside the Flower Pot: Plants and Practices

to Attract Birds”. After lunch, retired Indiana University professor and author Moya Andrews will explain why shrubs are good investments. The final program of the day will be offered by former media personality Bob Hill. Hill is the owner of Hidden Hills Nursery in Utica, Indiana. He will be talking on “Four Season Gardening”.

Spring Tonic is open to the public. Master gardeners attending will receive five hours of education credit. Registration is \$35 by February 17 and \$40 thereafter.

Registrations may be mailed to Nancy Kimmel, HHMG treasurer, 723 N. County Road 500 E., Paoli, IN 47454. For further information, call Sharon at 812-278-6794.

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Grazing Bites

By Victor Shelton
NRCS State Agronomist/Grazing Specialist

I usually appreciate rain when we get it, but too often we don’t get it when we need it. I really prefer that precipitation doesn’t get too heavy in the winter because whether it comes in the form of rain or snow, it increases work load. The solid form might look pretty, but it certainly makes driving interesting sometimes. If it is not in the form of snow, then it’s usually worse, especially when the ground is not frozen! This is one of those years so far where I’d appreciate a little bit more “free concrete” as in frozen ground.

If you are not on heavy stock pile then you are most likely fighting mud. I’ve probably spent too much time walking fields, especially when it is raining. It’s not the most enjoyable thing to do in the winter time, especially in a cold rain, but it is educational. I would encourage every landowner to take a walk in the rain to see what is going on in your fields. I don’t blame you if you want to wait until a warm day, but walk and see what the rain is doing. Is it disappearing into the forage and soil or is it flowing across land? If it is flowing, then where is it going? Is there a lot of overland flow or runoff?

The amount of residue and/or forage residual left behind and how it stands makes an impact on runoff. The more retardance, something that breaks impact and slows movement, the less runoff. The more retardance, the more likely the increased intake or infiltration of water, unless the ground is frozen or compacted. Tightly grazed or overgrazed pastures have little retardance, so they also have increased runoff. Sadly, this also means poor plant stands, poor roots, and almost always, compaction. Lack of residue, live plants and roots with compacted layers restricting natural soil drainage are usually some of the muddiest areas under wet winter conditions. The combination usually means major pugging and mud.

Compaction is usually the primary reason that water doesn’t move downward through the profile correctly. Compaction changes the structural characteristics and functionality of the soil. When soil aggregates are pressed together, the pore spaces between them is reduced. The ability of the soil to hold and store water for later on is greatly reduced because of that lost pore space. Because the water cannot infiltrate efficiently, we have increased runoff even with good vegetative retardance. On a larger scale, the water speeding downhill in the watershed fills up dry dams, ponds, streams and other waterbodies and causes water quality issues. How well water infiltrates the soil has a major impact on flooding.

We can limit compaction or reduce its impact by minimizing grazing and vehicular traffic under excessively wet conditions, maintaining good vegetative stop grazing heights, maintaining good live vegetative cover, and maintaining or increasing the organic matter over time by allowing adequate rest between grazing periods, which allows for more root growth. Increased root growth and turnover is key to increasing soil organic matter. A one percent increase in organic matter in the soil can increase the water holding capacity

of that soil to the tune of about 14,000 gallons of water.

The soil is a water reservoir for plant growth. This time of year, it doesn’t seem to be that important. But the more water holding capacity a soil has, the more resilience it has to droughty conditions or perhaps better said, “lack of rainfall” conditions. We don’t have a lot of control of when it rains or how much we get, but we can influence how much water infiltrates in the soil and is stored there by changing how we manage. Now, where was I? Oh yes, we were talking about mud.

If you have figured out a way to completely eliminate mud, I’d like to talk to you! We can certainly reduce it with the use of rock or concrete pads around feeding, watering facilities and other high traffic areas. We can also limit it to only one sacrifice area for the winter which is generally enough of an area to deal with. Areas that are torn up under wet winter conditions will usually have poor forage production the next year and are subject to invasion of weeds that love disturbance, high nutrients and organic matter. These fields often require establishment of new forage to be productive again. This forage could be perennial forage or perhaps annuals, especially if you know the area most likely will be disturbed again the next winter. Either way, going into winter with a heavy amount of forage material present on these fields is always better than a field lacking sufficient cover.

I’ve known a couple guys who have used this planting occasion as an opportunity to slowly establish new vegetation around the farm. It opens up the opportunity to kill any remaining forage present, plant an annual for summer vegetation, and then seed the area down in late summer to re-establish it to better forage.

Okay, back to that walk in the rain. What are you seeing? If you are seeing a lot of water runoff, then follow this water, when it starts concentrating as it builds flow, you will most likely find that it is causing some erosion. Small rills eventually become ephemeral gullies which eventually become classic gullies. It is almost always first an infiltration problem, then increased runoff and the start of problems that take a lot more money to fix. This is pretty much true with all land uses, especially pasture and cropland.

It really is fairly simple. When stop-grazing heights are safeguarded, even in the winter, you will have more roots and deeper roots; you are maintaining cover with that vegetative layer that helps to keep the soil covered and protected; and with that comes increased infiltration and less runoff. The increased number of deeper roots helps to increase organic matter over time and slowly break up dense soils and also helps rebuild soil structure and natural drainage in some soils. The average stop-grazing height to strive for is four inches; not the tallest vegetation left, but the shortest! This management can increase productivity and more importantly, provide resilience when the rains don’t pass our way...and protect it when they do.

Keep warm and keep on grazing!

Reserved turkey hunt applications being accepted online until March 19

Hunters can apply online for a reserved turkey hunt by visiting hunting.IN.gov and clicking on the "Reserved Hunt Info" link.

The application period is February 1 through March 19. No late entries will be accepted.

The online method is the only way to apply.

Applicants must possess a hunting license valid for the hunt for which they are applying.

Hunters will be selected through a computerized, random drawing. Drawing results will be posted at wildlife.IN.gov within two weeks after application deadlines, and an email will be sent to applicants when results are posted.

Turkey hunts open for application are as follows:

-Atterbury Fish & Wildlife Area: April 26-28; April 29-30.

-Aukiki Wetland Conservation Area: April 26-28; April 29-30; May 1-3; May 4-6; May 7-9; May 10-12; May 13-14.

-Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge: April 26-28; April 29-May 1.

-Chinook Fish & Wildlife Area: April 26-28; April 29-May 1.

-Crosley Fish & Wildlife Area: April 26-28; April 29-May 1.

-Deer Creek Fish & Wildlife Area: April 26-27; April 28-29; April 30-May 1.

-Fairbanks Landing Fish & Wildlife Area: April 26-28; April 29-May 1.

-Glendale Fish & Wildlife Area: April 26-28; April 29-30.

-Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area: April 26-28; April 29-May 1.

-Hillenbrand Fish & Wildlife Area: April 26-28; April 29-May 1.

-Hovey Lake Fish & Wildlife Area: April 26-28; April 29-30.

-J.E. Roush Lake Fish & Wildlife

Area: April 26-28; April 29-30; May 1-3; May 4-6; May 7-9; May 10-12; May 13-14.

-Jasper-Pulaski Fish & Wildlife Area: April 26-28; April 29-30; May 1-3; May 4-6; May 7-9; May 10-12; May 13-14.

-Kingsbury Fish & Wildlife Area: April 26-28; April 29-30; May 1-3; May 4-6; May 7-9; May 10-12; May 13-14.

-LaSalle Fish & Wildlife Area: April 26-28; April 29-30; May 1-3; May 4-6; May 7-9; May 10-12; May 13-14.

-Mississinewa Lake: April 26-28; April 29-30; May 1-3; May 4-6; May 7-9; May 10-12; May 13-14.

-Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge: April 26-27; April 30-May 1. (Youth only: April 22-23.)

-Pigeon River Fish & Wildlife Area: April 26-28; April 29-30; May 1-3; May 4-6; May 7-9; May 10-12; May 13-14.

-Salamonie Lake: April 26-28; April 29-30; May 1-3; May 4-6; May 7-9; May 10-12; May 13-14.

-Sugar Ridge Fish & Wildlife Area: April 26-28; April 29-30.

-Tri-County Fish & Wildlife Area: April 26-28; April 29-30; May 1-3; May 4-6; May 7-9; May 10-12; May 13-14.

-Willow Slough Fish & Wildlife Area: April 26-28; April 29-30; May 1-3; May 4-6; May 7-9; May 10-12; May 13-14.

-Winamac Fish & Wildlife Area: April 26-28; April 29-30; May 1-3; May 4-6; May 7-9; May 10-12; May 13-14.

Only one application is allowed per license holder. No changes can be made once the application is submitted.

More information is available at dnr.IN.gov/fishwild/5834.htm.

Take the Indiana State Parks "Second Century Survey"

The public can make suggestions about what the next 100 years of Indiana State Parks will look like by filling out an online survey.

After celebrating its centennial in 2016, Indiana State Parks this year has turned its attention to the future by launching the "Second Century Survey." Survey results will help state parks officials plan for the future of facilities and services.

The survey is at stateparks.IN.gov/9410.htm.

It takes about 15 minutes to complete and covers a variety of topics. Its 33 questions ask users to rate service, value and facilities at state park properties and inns. The survey also asks users where they would like Indiana State Parks to devote future resources.

"We spent a year celebrating being

100, and now we are looking to the future and want ideas and thoughts from Hoosiers about their interests and priorities," said Ginger Murphy, deputy director for stewardship for Indiana State Parks. "We really appreciate all those who take the time out of their day to complete the survey."

Those who complete the survey are eligible for drawings for annual passes, camping gift cards, inns gift cards and more. Drawings will happen in May 2017 and again in October for prizes that apply to 2018.

The survey includes a set of questions for those who don't visit state park properties. It is a chance for them to tell park officials why they don't visit.

Indiana has 24 state parks, eight state reservoirs and seven state park inns.

4-H NEWS

By Stacy Brown
*Martin County Purdue
Extension Educator*

Club Meetings

Shooting Sports—Shooting Sports is becoming its own club. Please join us for meetings every 2nd and 4th of the month at 6 p.m. at the Martin County Community Building starting January 9.

Horse and Pony--

Monday, March 13, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at Martin County Learning Center
Monday, April 3, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at Martin County Community Building
Junior Leaders Pampered Chef Fundraiser

The Martin County 4-H Junior Leaders are raising funds to go on an overnight trip. The first of their fundraisers this year is through Pampered Chef. The club will receive 15% of all sales. Their goal is to sell \$5,000 in products. They will be hosting a Pampered Chef party on Sunday, February 12 at 4 p.m. at the fairgrounds. The public is welcome! We will be making recipes from

the 4-H Foods project manuals. If you would like to order online, please visit <https://pamperedchef.com/go/jrleaders>.

Camps, Conferences, & Trips

Recently application of interest forms for state camps, conferences, and trips were sent to all 4-H families. If you are thinking of attending any of these events, please fill out the form and send it back to the Extension Office. More information will be sent to you as it becomes available.

Become a Volunteer

Volunteers for 4-H have the unique opportunity to grow true leaders in our community. Volunteering can be as active as leading a 4-H club or just helping out at fair time. Volunteers learn educational programs to take out to community youth. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please call the Purdue Extension Martin County office at (812) 295-2412.



Indiana Certified Livestock Producer Program

The Indiana Certified Livestock Producer Program is designed to give livestock producers a thorough review of best practices for their farms. In some cases, they may already implement some of these practices and procedures. The difference is in the documentation of those practices, which in some cases could be difference between life and death should an accident or tragic situation occur.

For example, the certification process requires producers to document emergency response contact information. Any hazardous or dangerous substances are also listed with appropriate processes to deal with them in an emergency. All of this can be shared with local emergency response personnel including as fire, police, and ambulance, which can shorten response time and protect emergency personnel from exposure to dangerous substances common on many farms.

The Good Neighbor portion of the certification process reviews activities livestock producers can use to improve neighbor relations in their communi-

ties. This can vary from hosting gatherings to show and explain the operation to assisting with snow removal in bad weather. Being a good neighbor can also help avoid nuisance complaints.

There is no cost to become a Certified Livestock Producer beyond what may be deemed necessary to bring a farm up to standard. You may be surprised that you can become certified simply by documenting what you already do. Indiana has hundreds if not thousands of livestock operations that could easily become certified.

An Indiana Certified Livestock Producer sign is given to those completing the program. It can be displayed wherever the farm chooses, such as at the entry road, mailbox, or on a barn or building. It can be a source of pride as well as a valuable statement that you care about your role in Indiana livestock production and are doing your part to provide the best care for your livestock and your community.

For more information about the program, visit <http://www.in.gov/isda/2395.htm>.

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NSWC Crane fosters economic growth in Indiana through T2 license agreements

As a recognized national leader in technology transfer (T2), Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane) has a significant impact on the growth and development of the Indiana economy. NSWC Crane's most recent licensing partners are all Indiana based companies with plans to transfer technology out of the federal lab and into the commercial market.

Federal laboratories are encouraged to make their inventions available to private industry in order to benefit the nation's economy. One T2 method is the licensing of patents or patent applications which enable a company to develop and sell new products based on government-funded inventions. Other T2 mechanisms include the sharing of knowledge, expertise, facilities, equipment, and other resources through a variety of agreements. Currently, NSWC Crane has 19 active Patent License Agreements (PLAs), 36 active Cooperative Research and Development Agreements (CRADAs), and 97 other agreements with private industry partners and academic institutions.

"The T2 program has opened the door to technological partnerships as well as research and development that align directly with the NSWC Crane mission," said CAPT Elder, Commanding Officer of NSWC Crane. "The growth of the T2 program over the last couple of years is providing us a glimpse of game changing technical advancements that we would not be aware of otherwise."

The 2016 report "National Economic Impacts from DoD License Agreements with U.S. Industry" quantified the overall contributions of the Department of Defense (DoD) license agreements to the nation's economy and defense mission from 2000-2014.

TechLink, a DoD partnership intermediary, conducted a study that surveyed 602 companies with active DoD license agreements between 2000 and 2014. TechLink gathered information about commercial and US military sales and other economic impacts related to the agreements. Of the 602 companies surveyed, 92 percent provided information for the report, resulting in a robust and thorough overview of the landscape. For more information, the full report can be found here: <http://techlinkcenter.org/articles/2016-report-economic-impact-dod-licensing-2000-2014>.

For all licenses, active between 2000 and 2014, NSWC Crane contributed to the Total Economy-Wide Impact in the amount of \$34 million in output and \$16 million in value added. Output includes the total value of purchases by consumer products containing government licensed technologies. Value added is the difference between sale price of a product and the cost to produce the product.

NSWC Crane's license agreements resulted in 138 jobs created or retained and \$9 million in labor income, with an average wage of \$64,696 per job. As a comparison, the Indiana annual mean wage in 2015 was \$42,070 as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Since the end of 2014, NSWC Crane has added 10 additional PLAs to its portfolio. Of these licenses, seven are with companies in the state of Indiana. The newest licensees include 5D Analytics, LLC (Bedford), Somatic Systems, LLC (Jasper), and Scientia, LLC (Bloomington). These three companies feature current and former NSWC Crane employees that have taken advantage of

the T2 mechanisms to license technology they helped invent -- or technology they were inspired to use -- to create commercial products.

NSWC Crane's three newest license agreements are perfect examples of why the T2 Office has been so successful in the seven years since its creation. NSWC Crane's T2 Office is innovative and forward-looking in that it gives its current and former employees entrepreneurial opportunities using IP they already know.

The most recently signed PLA is with Scientia, LLC. Scientia is a small business specializing in advanced military system support, software engineering and related technical services. As former federal employees, they work with NSWC Crane as specialists and have a finger on the pulse of the commercial industry in the area of surveillance and security systems. As valued partners to NSWC Crane, they have licensed a patent application for a video management system for use in the commercial market. Scientia is building on federal technologies to improve the information technology industry in Indiana.

Another recent PLA with a company working in the field of information technology is with 5D Analytics, LLC. 5D Analytics is a small business that is owned and operated by Wes Evans. Evans is a co-inventor on patented program management software and has since retired from civil service. He has licensed the rights to the work he did as a federal employee for the purposes of updating the software and applying it to the fields of academia and small business.

An additional Indiana-based PLA licensing partner is Somatic Systems, LLC. Somatic Systems is the small business brainchild of a group of current and former NSWC Crane employees who became interested in "SmartSkin" technology after a group of University of Southern Indiana students completed a summer project showing the commercial applications of the technology.

"SmartSkin" is a reference to a group of related patents initially developed to provide a "skin" to a vehicle, capable of sensing damage and reporting back to the vehicle's operators without the need to put them in harm's way to assess the damage. Somatic Systems intends to use the licensed technology for medical devices that will aid in the prevention and treatment of pressure ulcers and bed sores, and for patient fall detection. Somatic Systems' products will contribute to Indiana's robust medical device and biomedical industries while creating jobs and revenue for the state.

"The NSWC Crane T2 program has and will continue to contribute to the economic development of Indiana and the U.S., said Brooke Pyne, NSWC Crane's T2 manager. "As a federal laboratory with extensive shareable assets that includes a young patent portfolio as well as a plethora of resources and facilities, NSWC Crane is a valuable technology partner in the state of Indiana."

For more information on partnering with NSWC Crane or available resources, please contact the Technology Transfer Office.

NSWC Crane is a naval laboratory and a field activity of Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA). The warfare center is responsible for multi-domain, multi-spectral, full life cycle support of technologies and systems enhancing capability to today's warfighter.

-- FEEL POWERLESS? --

So, how many times have you seen somebody in need? How many times have you seen someone reaching out to them? How many times have you, for one reason or another, not been able to stop and lend a hand? We've all been there. Life just sometimes pushes us harder and faster than will allow us to react the way we wish, and know, that we should. The powerless unable to help the powerless.

-- LOOK AROUND YOU --

We've all been on one side or the other of feeling powerless. So, what can you do? Taking a deep breath is good start. Take a look around you. Sure, you'll see challenges. Sometimes you'll see pain and heartache, too. But open your eyes more and you'll see the good things come into focus; those pieces in that hard or fast life that will give you cause to slow down and be thankful. And to smile.

-- REACHING OUT --

While you're looking around you, look out into your community. You don't have to take that step by yourself in order to reach out to someone and lend a hand. There are a lot of good organizations, good people, and good things happening to improve the quality of life in our county. Ask those folks if you can help. I think you'll find that they will welcome you.

-- BACKPACK BLESSINGS --

One of these helping hands in our county is the Redemption Christian Church and its new Loogootee campus. They wanted to quickly become involved in the community and make that difference where a need existed. They, and others, have seen the need to help feed some of our kids through the weekend, when meals provided in the school systems are not available. So, Backpack Blessings in Martin County was born.

-- FILLED WITH LOVE --

Backpack Blessings is now sending food bags home every Friday to 161 of our kids, with 79 of those at Shoals, 59 at Loogootee, and 32 at the Head Start

Preschool. They started the program last September and expect to send home over 5,000 food bags by the end of the school year. Each bag contains 8 food items, each one item touched with helping and loving hands, giving way to a food bag filled with love.

-- LEND YOUR HAND --

At a cost of about \$15,000 for the year, this program is completely funded by donations and grants, and every dollar goes directly to the food costs. The program is entirely run by volunteers, absorbing any other costs they may have. You can lend your helping hand in a couple of ways. One is to help unbox the food when it comes in to the church. Or you can help to pack the food bags themselves. Call 812-630-0344 if you want to volunteer your time.

-- GIVE YOUR MONEY --

Another way to help is to donate money for the food. One child can have weekend food for the entire school year for \$120. Help with some of that cost for a child, all of it, or even for several kids. You can send a check to the Redemption Christian Church - Backpack Blessing Program, PO Box 144, Loogootee, IN 47553-9998.

-- MCCF HELPS TOO --

Shown in the picture is Candace Roush, MCCF Board Member, presenting a grant check to Cassie and Brian Self for the Backpack Blessings program. This is yet another way that your Community Foundation can help make a difference in our county, to help make someone's day a little better.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

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

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



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Pictured from left to right are Candace Roush, MCCF Board member, and Cassie and Brian Self, Redemption Christian Church Backpack Blessings coordinators.