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Building hope: Shoals woman's mission in Ghana

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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Most of us have a calling in life – something that drives us every day. Some find theirs earlier than others, some never find it. Christy Farhar, of Shoals, found hers and has been following that calling for the past 7 years. Christy said that, at a young age, she had felt a call on her life, from God, to go to Africa. Back in 2011, she was contacted by a woman who was given her name by someone else. The woman told Christy that she thought Christy was supposed to go to Africa with her. Christy said she was surprised

that this woman found her, but she didn't even have to consider it because she knew that's what she was supposed to do. Her first mission trip to Ghana, Africa, happened in October of 2011.

On the 10 mission trips Christy has taken, they have all been to Ghana, just different areas of the country. On her mission trips, Christy has witnessed first-hand children drawn into slavery on Lake Volta. Lake Volta was formed back in 1965 to provide hydroelectric power to Ghana's economic development. Although formed with good intentions, it displaced some 88,000 people and fostered the formation of a fishing industry thus the child slavery problem. Christy said she's seen children ages 3-17 enslaved by a slave master and working in horrendous conditions, 14-16 hours a day, only eating one meal a day, being beaten, having to sleep on the ground. "No child deserves that no matter where they are in this world," she said.

Christy explained that children get caught up in the slave trade because their parents believe they are being taken for education and a better life however they are starved, beaten and overworked. With a high rate of illiteracy, teen pregnancy and a lack of basic healthcare, parents want their children to have a better life and are not aware they are sending their children into these conditions.

Christy said that coming back to the United States after her trip to the third world country was very difficult. "The feeling after you go on a mission trip, like you don't quite belong in the world you live in, like normal just doesn't seem normal anymore," she said. She remembers coming back from her very first mission trip, it was right before Black Friday in the United States. She was walking through Walmart and got so angry watching people fight over the latest toy and seeing the overabundance surrounding her while so many suffered in another country. She felt like she had to do something so that's when she started the Micah 6:8 Project. She serves as the organization's president along with being the founder. The project

was formed with the goal of ending slavery in Ghana through education. They have opened two vocational training facilities in Ghana, where skills are taught, so the residents can make money to support their families and not send their children to slavery. They also started a child education program where they get sponsors to put children in school.

They also started Jacob's Well after one of their Micah 6:8 Project board members lost their son in a tragic swimming accident in June of 2017. They have drilled three clean water wells since June of 2017 and have plans to do 2-4 more each year. Christy said these are the things she is doing to make a difference in the lives of Ghana families, what she was meant to do.

In Ghana, they have help from Kwame Dadzie, who is the in-country director, who helps Christy coordinate trips and plan an itinerary once they arrive in Ghana. Christy met Kwame on her first trip to Ghana and they have had a tight bond since. "He is by far the most selfless person I know. Without him, this project would not run as it does because he is boots on the ground," said Christy.

Christy is heading back to Ghana on March 8 - this time for a three-day medical mission trip, the second they (See 'GHANA' continued on page 2)



-Photos provided
Shoals resident Christy Farhar will take her 11th mission trip to Ghana, Africa on March 8. Shown above is Christy, in Ghana, on one of her past mission trips, with children from the village. Ghana is located in West Africa and has a population of more than 25 million people. English is the official language of the country. The average net income per month in Ghana is \$307. Christy's 11th trip will be a medical mission, providing basic healthcare services to the people of Ghana, something the villages are lacking.

Some bridges in the county need major work

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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Bridges and roads were the main items of discussion at the Martin County Commissioners' meeting Tuesday night, February 27.

Brent Roberts, with BF&S, provided the commissioners with a summary of the findings in the county's bridge inspections. There are 44 total bridges in Martin County. Of those 44 bridges, BF&S are recommending that six be replaced or rehabilitated. The bridges are as follows, along with their problems.

-Bridge Number 92 on Deep Cut Lake Road, over South Fork Beaver Creek. The structure is in serious condition. There is rust through, heaving, and the shape of both pipes is changing. The average daily travel is estimated at 99 vehicles per day. Due to the severity of the deterioration, it is recommended the bridge be replaced by 2018.

-Bridge Number 58 on Brickyard Road, over Boggs Creek. The structure is considered historically non-select which means that it can be removed and replaced. Historically select bridges cannot be torn down. The truss of this bridge is in fair condition however the stone arch approach spans and spandrel walls are in serious condition. Arch stones of the north approach are heavily deteriorated and could affect the stability of the arch if temporary repairs aren't

made soon. The average daily travel is estimated at 430 vehicles per day. Roberts suggested the highway department and commissioners get started on the federal aid application process as soon as possible. The design phase of a federal project could take three years with the bridge not finished for 6 or 7 years.

-Bridge Number 69 that carries Hindostan Falls over Elm Creek. The superstructure is in poor condition with the south box beam having the worst deterioration with spalls and exposed steel for the entire length of the beam. The average daily travel on the bridge is 370 vehicles. It is recommended to replace the bridge due to condition and inadequate bridge size by 2020.

-Bridge Number 59 on Hart Road, over Boggs Creek. The superstructure and substructure are in serious condition. The superstructure has numerous damaged and ineffective members while the substructure has open joints in the stone masonry throughout. Roberts said that the substructure is basically just stones stacked on top of each other without any grout or mortar. He suggested that the commissioners consider closing this bridge as the estimated daily travel on the road is 16 vehicles.

-Bridge Number 49 on Deep Cut Lake Road, over Beaver Creek. The bridge is historically select and Roberts said the commissioners will have a lot of trouble trying to get this bridge reha-

bilitated. With its historic significance, it cannot be torn down. If the commissioners want a new bridge, they have to bypass this one. The superstructure and substructure are in poor condition due in part to lower end connections having section loss up to 40 percent and both upstream wingwalls failing and threatening the main abutments. The average daily travel is estimated at 63 vehicles.

-Bridge Number 50 on Deep Cut Lake Road over Beaver Creek. The bridge is considered historically select and cannot be torn down, only rehabilitated or bypassed with a new structure. The superstructure is in poor condition due to the heavy pack rust and up to 30 percent section loss at lower connections. Additional floor beams bolted to bottom of originals are loose and ineffective. The average daily travel on this bridge is 63 vehicles. BF&S recommends major rehabilitation by 2023.

Roberts explained to the commissioners that Brooks Bridge is in need of riprap at the west abutment and center pier. Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett explained that getting the riprap down into the White River has proven to be difficult. He said they may end up having to have a barge bring in the larger riprap needed for the project. The commissioners discussed with Padgett other options of installing the riprap. It was suggested that he contact CLR, who did (See 'BRIDGES' continued on page 2)

GHANA

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have done. The healthcare system in Ghana is very poor so residents struggle with minor illnesses that can often lead to death. Last time, they saw 600 patients in two days, treating multiple minor illnesses that could have proved deadly without care. They will be taking 12 totes of supplies and 105 pounds of medicines.

The people that choose to go on the team trips raise their own funding to be able to go. The trip cost is \$2,500 with plane tickets taking up over half of that cost. For the medical trips, they fundraise so they can purchase the medicines and supplies they need.

Christy said she has a lot of people here at home ask her why she goes to Africa to help when she could be helping here. Christy's reply is "Why not?" She said she has a call on her life to work in Africa, something not everyone is called to do, and she's not going to neglect her purpose "I think it would be different if I was ignoring the things going on around me, but we don't," said Christy. She and her husband, Ed, started The River Church in Shoals. The church provides clothing drives, a food pantry, etc. for the residents of Martin County. Christy said that we all are drawn to different passions in life. Her passion may not be your passion and vice versa however we all should be doing what we feel we were put on Earth to do.

One inspiring thing that stood out to Christy was this past mission trip last October. Her husband, Ed, accompanied her on this trip. They were at a residential facility visiting kids that have been rescued from Lake Volta and the fishing industry. Christy said she has a special bond with these kids, so she visits them while she is there. Ed had a little boy named David that read him probably 12 books and Ed really became attached to this little troublesome boy, who had a bit of a wild streak. The next day as they were traveling four hours to Yeji to work at one of their vocational training facilities Kwame asked Ed and Christy if they wanted to meet David's parent. Christy said that she and Ed were shocked that Kwame knew them but

of course wanted to meet them. Ed and Christy met John and Sarah and their other five children in their mud hut in Yeji. She said they were heartbroken to hear about how John and Sarah had to choose one of their kids to send away to get an education. She could not imagine having to make that choice and told Kwame that she would do what she could to get the other children an education as well. After posting the family's story on the Micah 6:8 Project facebook page along with her personal page, she had donations to cover all of David's siblings to attend school.

Christy went on to say that she doesn't think people realize how privileged they are to be born in the United States because anyone one of us could have been born in a third world country. "I know if it were me or my family in their shoes I would hope someone would come to my aid," she said. She added that she has seen the poorest of the poor in Africa and some traumatic living conditions but, yet, the African people are so happy. "They live lives of joy in the midst of such great suffering. Sometimes I wonder whom the truly blessed ones are, them or us", she said.

If you would like more information on the Micah 6:8 Project or would like to donate, visit www.micah68project.com or the facebook page. The mailing address is PO Box 882 Shoals, In 47581.

The Micah 6:8 Project is a 501c3 organization as well as a registered NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) in Ghana.

Christy said if she could have one wish for the work she does, it would be that no children would suffer in slavery. Awareness is the most important thing, she said. "Seeing the faces of the African people we help is what keeps me going, and picturing in my mind the hundreds of kids that are still enslaved. I have watched kids that were starving, homeless and uneducated turn into thriving kids who now have hope. All with a little bit of sacrifice on our part. It amazes me how little it can take to make their life better," Christy said.



-Photo provided

Christy Farhar, of Shoals, is the founder and president of the Micah 6:8 Project. The project's mission is to end child slavery at Lake Volta in Ghana, Africa. If you would like more information on the Micah 6:8 Project or would like to donate to its mission, visit www.micah68project.com or the facebook page. The mailing address is PO Box 882 Shoals, In 47581. The Micah 6:8 Project is a 501c3 organization as well as a registered NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) in Ghana. All mission trips are funded through donations and fundraisers.

BRIDGES

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the rehab on the bridge a few years ago.

Stan Young, the developer of Sawmill Ridge Subdivision, along with Martin County Surveyor Nathan Hoffman, presented plans to the commissioners on the second section of the subdivision. Young explained that Hoffman had drawn up the plots and they are ready to have the commissioners sign off on the new section so they can begin selling the 12 lots. He added that the same covenants and restrictions will apply to the second section as did the first however they have changed the minimum square footage of the first floor of any residence from 900 square feet to 1,200 square feet.

The commissioners asked if the county would be asked to take over the roads in the subdivision once development started. Young replied that he did expect the county to take over the roads and he would have them up to county specifications prior to making that request. The commissioners agreed to approve the opening of the second section of the subdivision.

Lost River Township Trustee Millie Brown, along with Lost River Fireman Tim Parke, talked to the commissioners about possibly closing Powell Valley Road when it floods. Brown told the commissioners that many times over the years, drivers have gone down in the flooded waters and got swept off the road. She said this not only puts the driver's life at risk, it also puts the first responders lives at risk trying to save them. She presented the commissioners with photos she received from the Dubois County Highway Superintendent on what they have done on flooded roads. Dubois County has gates installed, with locks, to prevent the road from being accessed after the water rises to dangerous levels. She said they spent \$2,300 on the gate that she feels would work best on Powell Valley Road. Brown noted that no residents live in between where the gates would be placed.

Highway Clerk Terri Alcorn questioned how much residents would be affected by having a locked gate on a

road. She expressed concern about how emergency personnel would travel to a residence in that area and how much time would be lost if emergency personnel had to travel around the locked gate. She said that although a standard vehicle may not get through high water, emergency vehicles oftentimes can.

Fireman Parke said he understood that concern and that there would have to be excellent communication between the sheriff's department and/or Lost River Fire Department and the highway department to make sure the gate was unlocked when the threat of high water dissipated.

Alcorn also asked if the county would be liable if they put up a gate on Powell Valley Road but not on another road that floods as bad and someone died on that road. She questioned whether residents would expect gates to be put up on all flooded county roads. It was noted that more than 20 county roads are currently flooded however some worse than others.

The commissioners told Brown and Parke that they were going to need a few weeks to hear feedback from other county residents and consider all options on what could be done. Parke thanked the commissioners for listening and said he completely understands the complications that could come from singling out Powell Valley Road and not addressing other areas of the county.

The commissioners awarded the bids for gravel and blacktop to Cave Quarries, who had the lowest bid and to Asphalt Materials for bituminous products, as they were the only bid.

The commissioners also tabled a decision on updating the software that goes along with the key fobs used for entry into the courthouse. The cost is \$5,200. Commissioner Kevin Boyd said that when the new front doors and security system were installed, he requested that the judge be in charge of overseeing work done on that system. Commissioners Dan Gregory and Paul George said they didn't remember that stipulation but wanted to table anymore discussion until they could speak to Judge Lynne Ellis.

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RUTH ANN WILLYARD

Ruth Ann Willyard passed away at 3:04 p.m. February 23, 2018 at Mitchell Manor. A resident of Loogootee, she was 75.

She was born April 25, 1942 in Martin County; daughter of John and Pauline (Denny) Sanders. She married Donald Willyard on November 12, 1977 and he preceded her in death on May 16, 2017.

She was a member of the Loogootee Christian Church and was a homemaker.

She is survived by a son, George Payne and wife, Darlene, of Loogootee; daughter-in-law, Lois Payne of Shoals; son-in-law, Rick Stevens of French Lick; brothers, Jerry Sanders and wife, Kay, of Shoals and Terry Sanders of Virginia; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, parents, brothers, John Sanders, Steve Sanders, and Ronnie Sanders; twin brothers in infancy; son, Charles Payne; step daughter, Donna Stevens and great-grandson, Roland Wilson.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 3 at the Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes in Shoals with Pastor Ed Frost officiating. Burial will be in the Spring Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

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

MARIE ELLIOTT

Marie J. Elliott passed away at 3:15 a.m. Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at Loogootee Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. A resident of Loogootee, she was 92.

She was born June 7, 1925 in Angola, New York; daughter of the late Paul and Carmella (Palomezo) LoPresto.

She was a member of St. Martin Catholic Church and the St. Martin Altar Society.

She was a long-time volunteer at St. Vincent De Paul in Loogootee. She retired from Crane and was an accomplished artist.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl J. Elliott, who passed away April 17, 2010; daughter, Paulette (Brandt) Gutierrez; parents, Paul and Carmella (Palomezo) LoPresto; siblings, Connie Leone, Josie Elwell, Norman LoPresto, Millie Cottone and Loriane Paradiso.

She is survived by her siblings, Jeanette Mula and Virginia Ark, both of Silver Creek, New York and Paul LoPresto of Fredonia, New York; grandson, Paul (Michelle) Gutierrez of Omaha, Nebraska; two great-grandchildren, Adam and Josephine Gutierrez; sister-in-law, Donna Van Winkle of Loogootee; brothers-in-law, Doyle Elliott and Mike Elliott, both of Loogootee and Tony Elliott of Indianapolis.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker and concelebrant, Rev. Joseph Erbacher at 11 a.m. Friday, March 2 at St. Martin Catholic Church in Whitfield. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

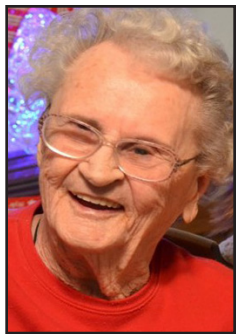
Visitation will be held Friday, March 2 from 9 a.m. until the time of service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Martin Cemetery Association.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

LELA BARBER

Lela M. Barber went to her heavenly home on Friday, February 23, 2018. A resident of Washington, she was 102.



She was born November 8, 1915; daughter of the late John W. Emmick and Elva M. Edwards Emmick.

She was a 1933 graduate of Washington High School. She retired from Loogootee School system as a cook and was a member of Loogootee United Methodist Church where she enjoyed singing in the choir. Lela was also a member of the Vincennes Cannon Ball Camping Club. She enjoyed square dancing in her younger days, crafting, and painting. Lela was active in her community by making lap blankets, teddy bears, and newborn caps for the Daviess Community Hospital.

Lela leaves behind one son, Richard Dale Barber (Kay); three daughters, Judith Bauer (Melvin), Linda Schnarr, and Patricia Bauer (Jerry); 16 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; 16 great-great grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Dale Barber and a brother, William "Bill" Emmick.

There was a funeral service Tuesday, February 27 in Gill Funeral Chapel, Washington with Pastor Gary Elsten officiating. Burial followed in Bethel Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Loogootee United Methodist Church 208 Main St. Loogootee, IN 47553 or a charity of choice.

Condolences may be made at www.gillsince1872.com.

INEZ SORRELLS

Inez I. (Inie) Sorrells passed away at 8:38 a.m. Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at the Jasper Memorial Hospital. A resident of Shoals, she was 93.

She was born December 10, 1924 in Shoals; daughter of Sid and Inez (Bowden) Queen. She married Lawrence A. Sorrells and he preceded her in death on January 23, 2018.

Inez graduated in 1943 from Shoals High School, was a member of St Mary of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, the Shoals Eagles Auxiliary and the Shoals American Legion Auxiliary. She owned and operated Queen's Clothing Store on Main Street in Shoals and was a Shoals Community School Board Member for several years and was a founding member of Gamma Iota Psi Iota Xi in 1947.

She is survived by one daughter, Kristy Winger of Shoals; three grandchildren, Shane Roush and wife, Brenda, of Shoals; Cody Roush and wife, Michelle, of Shoals; Ashley Roush of Shoals; and great grandchildren, Kaley, Ellie and Collin Roush.

Preceding her in death were her parents, husband, five sisters, Mary Vogel, Alma Armstrong, Bonnie Evans, Jane Bailey, Tatsy Fisher; five brothers, Jimmy Queen, Sid Queen, Gordon Queen, Cobb Queen and Loly Queen.

A Mass of Christian burial was held Saturday, February 24 at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church in Shoals with the Reverend Father Kenneth Walker officiating. Burial followed in the Spring Hill Cemetery. Pallbearers were Shane Roush, Cody Roush, Collin Roush, Steve Deckard,

Craig Bauer and Mark Bauer.

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

EVA DEE HORNING

Eva Dee Horning, 83, of Odon, Indiana, departed this life, Monday, February 26, 2018 at Ketcham Memorial Center in Odon. A resident of Odon, she was 83.



EVA DEE HORNING

She was born January 11, 1935 in Odon; the daughter of Russell and Achie (Blagrave) Pershing.

She was a member of the Ladies of the Moose. She worked at RCA and at Merle Norman as a Cosmetician before retiring. Eva Dee loved to travel, beside her husband Gene, to Arizona and Florida in their motor home.

Survivors include her son, Dennis Pruett of Odon; daughters, Debbie (Jerry) Durnil of Washington and Marsha Grafton of New Port Richey, Florida; step-daughters, Jill Clark of Odon and Millie Combess of Burns City; grandchildren, David Horning, Dana Hope Oliver, Nicole Baker, Erik Tosti, Nathan Tosti, Lyndsey Osmond, Ashley Pruett, Jake Durnil, Christy Pinkston, Justin Beasley, Sara Beasley and Daniel Combess; brother, Joe (Bobbie) Pershing of Elnora and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Miles Eugene 'Gene' Horning; her son, Timothy Pruett; grandson, Timmy Pruett; stepsons, Jerry and Mark Horning; one brother, Jim Pershing; and sisters, Bonnie Stuffle, Sue Collins and Virginia Melton.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, March 2 at Meng Family Funeral Home, 616 E. Elnora St., Odon with Richard Smith officiating. Eva Dee will be laid to rest in Fairview Cemetery in Elnora.

Family and friends may call from 9 a.m. until time of service at 1 p.m. Friday, March 2 at the funeral home.

Arrangements have been entrusted to James W. Meng, Jr. and Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon. Online condolences may be sent to www.mengfuneralhome.com.

DIANA HAMILTON

Diana Lynn (Floyd) Hamilton, 70, of Linton, passed away at 12:50 a.m. Friday, February 23, 2018 at IU Health Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. A resident of Linton, she was 70.

She was born November 3, 1947 in Linton; the daughter of Kermit Riley and Matha Bell (Sexton) Floyd.

She was an acquisition specialist at Crane and also worked for Walmart. She enjoyed baking cookies and spending time with her grandchildren. She liked to play pinocle and euchre with Bob, Cora and Richard.

Surviving relatives include children, Terri Windhorst of Indianapolis, Indiana; Ron Kindred of Terre Haute; and Carri Quakenbush of Bloomfield; grandchildren, Ryan Bradley, Chelsi Feathers, Casey Norris and Johni Muscatell; one great grandchild, Camden Gibson; twin sister, Masina Sargent of Salem; sisters, Mary Fiscus of Illinois and Kay Wagner of Solsberry; one brother, Kermit Floyd of Shoals; and

many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bobby Ray Hamilton on February 14, 2018; one brother, Charles "Bud" Staley, one sister, Jean Cobb, a grandson and her parents.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 27 at Jenkins Funeral Home in Bloomfield, with Rev. Arlen Pope officiating. Interment followed in Walnut Grove cemetery.

Online condolences to the family are available at www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com.

DAVID CRAFT

David D. Craft passed away at his home on February 27, 2018 at 1:45 a.m. A resident of Shoals, he was 75.

He was born October 6, 1942 in Whitesburg, Kentucky; son of Tandy and Susie (Lucas) Craft. He married Mary F. Quigley on April 1, 1963.

He retired in 1998 from the National Gypsum Corporation after 33 years of service. He attended Crane Village Church.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; two sons, David D Craft II and wife, Lenora, of Shoals; Edward L. Craft and wife, Marlena, of Shoals; one brother, Denver Craft and wife, Helen, of Shoals; one sister, Sarah Fay Terry of Shoals; four grandchildren, Stephanie Lynn Garrison and husband, Darrell; Sara Lenae Craft, Jessica Elizabeth Ryan and Steven Wayne Young and wife, Angel; eight great grandchildren, Bonnie Jo McGuire, Clayton Young McGuire, Ivy Leanne McGuire, Jarred William McGuire, Justice Young, Theresa Young Dominic Young and Alaya Jade-Skye Craft.

He is preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Monica Ryan; five brothers, Earnie Craft, James Craft, Edward Craft, Earl Craft and Carlis Craft; and six sisters, Paula Holt and Laura Alice Mullins, Edith Taylor, Louise Eperon, Bertha June Hembree and Shirley Johnson.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, March 4 at 2 p.m. at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with Bro. Denver Craft officiating. Burial will be at a later date. Visitation will be 4-8 Saturday at the Queen-Lee Chapel.

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

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

7:02 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

7:34 a.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

8:24 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted a motorist east of Shoals.

8:28 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:45 a.m. - Received a report of theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

8:51 a.m. - Received a report of reckless driving on US Hwy 231, south of Loogootee. Indiana State Police responded.

10:53 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

12:10 p.m. - Received a report of low-hanging tree on US Hwy 231, south of Loogootee. The state highway department responded.

2:09 p.m. - Sergeant Keller removed a tree from the road on US Hwy 231 South.

2:24 p.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist south of Loogootee.

3:01 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Crane. Martin County Ambulance and Crane First Responders responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Greene County Hospital.

3:03 p.m. - Received a report of low-hanging tree on US Hwy 231, south of Loogootee. The state highway department responded.

4:17 p.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

7:30 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

11:10 p.m. - Received a report of commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Norris, Deputy Reed, and ISP Trooper McBeth responded. Everything checked out okay.

11:18 p.m. - Received a report of accident east of Shoals. Deputy Reed and ISP Trooper McBeth responded.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

12:05 a.m. - Received a report of residential break-in in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Norris responded.

2:16 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:22 a.m. - Captain Dant assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

8:50 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

11:21 a.m. - Received a report of accident south of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene and Shoals Fire Department responded.

12:33 p.m. - Loogootee Captain Hennette completed vehicle identification in Loogootee.

1:20 p.m. - Captain Dant assisted a motorist in Shoals.

1:53 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

2:20 p.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

2:35 p.m. - Received a report of theft

in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

3:40 p.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to court.

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

4:01 p.m. - Received a request for traffic control assistance on US Hwy 150, south of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

6:00 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:01 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing in Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

10:20 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

7:05 a.m. - Received a report of tree down on West River Road in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

8:50 a.m. - Received a report of civil dispute in Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

11:21 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Crane. Martin County Ambulance, Crane Ambulance, and Crane First Responders responded. Crane Ambulance transported to Indiana University Health-Bloomington.

12:23 p.m. - Received a request for welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded. Everything checked out okay.

12:27 p.m. - Chief Greene, Captain Dant, ISP Trooper Miller, and ISP Trooper Qualkenbush assisted with a funeral procession in Shoals.

4:06 p.m. - Received a report of accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

4:50 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

6:00 p.m. - Received a report of commercial burglar alarm east of Loogootee. Everything checked out okay.

7:05 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

7:17 p.m. - Received a report of civil dispute in Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

7:50 p.m. - Received a request for welfare check in Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded. Everything checked out okay.

8:01 p.m. - Received a report of accident south of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

9:00 p.m. - Received a report of social media incident in Shoals. The incident was investigated and everything checked out okay.

10:15 p.m. - Received a report of car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Deputy Shinn responded.

10:18 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving west of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

10:23 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

12:51 a.m. - Received a report of verbal dispute in Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

1:49 a.m. - Received a report of ac-

cident east of Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

5:10 a.m. - Received a report of tree down on Indian Springs Road. Williams Fire Department responded.

5:33 a.m. - Received a report of tree down on Country Pine Road. Shoals Fire Department responded.

6:52 a.m. - Received a report of tree down on Killion Mill Road. Shoals Fire Department responded.

10:30 a.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to court.

11:03 a.m. - Received a report of accident north of Shoals. Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, ISP Trooper Beaver, Shoals Fire Department, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

4:55 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene completed vehicle identification check in Shoals.

5:22 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene and Shoals Fire Department assisted a motorist east of Shoals.

8:35 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance east of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

6:53 a.m. - Received a report of reckless driving in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

9:10 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted a motorist south of Shoals.

9:31 a.m. - Received a report of suspicious individual on US Hwy 50, west of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded. Everything checked out okay.

10:12 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

10:45 a.m. - Received a request for assistance due to strong odor inside residence. Shoals Fire Department, Martin County Ambulance, and Chief Deputy Greene responded.

12:15 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

12:23 p.m. - Received a report of tree down on US Hwy 150. Shoals Fire Department responded.

1:32 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

1:45 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

2:20 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded.

2:27 p.m. - Sheriff Roush assisted a motorist in Shoals.

3:10 p.m. - Received an animal complaint west of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

3:15 p.m. - Received an animal complaint west of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

3:37 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:50 p.m. - Received an animal complaint north of Shoals. Reserve Deputy Kidwell responded.

5:30 p.m. - Received a report of water-covered roadway on Butler Bridge Road in Shoals.

9:45 p.m. - Received a noise complaint north of Shoals. Deputy Shinn and Reserve Deputy Harmon responded.

9:47 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Shoals. Martin County

Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:03 p.m. - Received a report of domestic dispute north of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

10:24 p.m. - Received a report of tree down at Spout Springs. Shoals Fire Department responded.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

4:30 a.m. - Received a report of tree down on US Hwy 150, south of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Deputy Shinn responded.

7:10 a.m. - Received a report of tree down on Bear Hill Road, north of Shoals. Williams Fire Department responded.

11:10 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:16 a.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist in Shoals.

12:29 p.m. - Received a report of abandoned vehicle in Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

1:35 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious activity in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Dant responded. Everything checked out okay.

2:27 p.m. - Received a report of domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Dant responded.

2:39 p.m. - Received a report of accident in Loogootee. ISP Trooper Lents and Loogootee Officer Dant responded.

3:06 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

3:18 p.m. - Sheriff Roush assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

5:08 p.m. - Received an animal complaint north of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

6:47 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:45 p.m. - Received a report of tree down on US Hwy 150. Shoals Fire Department responded.

8:25 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving in Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

8:50 p.m. - Received a report of accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Norris responded.

9:11 p.m. - Received a report of tree down on Windom Road in Shoals. Lost River Fire Department responded.

9:35 p.m. - Received a report of tree down on Bear Hill Road. Williams Fire Department responded.

10:27 p.m. - Received report of accident west of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Conservation Officer Doane, Martin County Ambulance, Deputy Reed, and Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

11:21 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Norris responded.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

1:31 a.m. - Received a report of fallen tree in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Norris responded.

2:05 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism west of Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

2:20 a.m. - Deputy Shinn assisted a motorist east of Shoals.

3:00 a.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Of-

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COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

January 25

Richard O'Connor, convicted of operating while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor and operating while intoxicated with previous conviction within 5 years, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 730 days with 644 days suspended and credit for 43 actual days previously served plus 43 Class A credit days. Defendant received 22 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

January 25

Richard O'Connor, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

January 10

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff One-Main Financial of IN, Inc. and against the defendants Jonah King and Ami M. Hatfield in the amount of \$6,392.97.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

February 14

C&L Investments vs. Patrick Mattingly, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

February 21

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Lea Lopez in the amount of \$1,339.80.

SHERIFF

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ficer Norris responded.

5:54 a.m. - Received a report of tree down on Mobley Road. Shoals Fire Department responded.

8:24 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:52 a.m. - Received a report of tree down on Anderson Road. Lost River Fire Department responded.

8:53 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett and Conservation Officer Doane responded.

10:30 a.m. - Received a report of tree down on Deep Cut Lake Road. Shoals Fire Department responded.

12:20 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth, Sergeant Keller, and ISP Trooper Lents responded. Everything checked out okay.

3:06 p.m. - Received a request for welfare check in south of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller and Loogootee Officer McBeth responded. Everything checked out okay.

4:42 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Sergeant Keller and Conservation Officer responded.

4:58 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

5:48 p.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

8:35 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:48 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

Real estate transfers

Jeffery Cooper, of Martin County, Indiana to Louis Roger Cooper and Ursula Cooper, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of Section 7, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 3.136 acres, more or less.

Michael J. Hopkins and Karen A. Hopkins, of Martin County, Indiana to Ryan M. Hopkins, of Martin County, Indiana. Parcel I: A part of Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.26 acres, more or less. Parcel II: A parcel of land in Martin County, Indiana, Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 11.17 acres, more or less. Parcel III: Tract I, A part of the north half of Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 19.19 acres, more or less. Tract 2, A part of Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 47.98 acres, more or less.

John Michael Fuhrman, of Dubois County, Indiana to Byron Hoffman, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of Section 24, Township 1 North, Range 5 West, containing 40.689 acres, more or less.

Jason R. Greene and Myrna J. Greene, of Martin County, Indiana to Richard A. Jones and Kimberly A. Jones, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 158, original town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Janice S. Henning, of Daviess County, Indiana to Raymond E. Yoder and Jazmyn R. Yoder, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of Lot Number 12 in Cray's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Michael J. McAtee, of Martin County, Indiana to Kristan K. Hall, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.337 acres, more or less.

Glen F. Burch and Patricia I. Burch to Dawn R. Powell and Jared L. Powell, a part of the northwest quarter of Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 11.408 acres except sections containing 0.28 acres and 0.627 acres.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

10:17 a.m. - Faron Brown, 56, of Carlisle, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with operating while intoxicated-controlled substance, operating while intoxicated-endangerment, and possession of marijuana. He is being held on a \$20,000 10% bond.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

1:15 p.m. - Cole Diamond, 18, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper Beaver and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated-controlled substance and is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond. Chief Deputy Greene assisted.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

10:17 a.m. - Blaine Laughlin, 28, of Odon, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene and charged with contempt of court and is being held without bond.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

12:40 a.m. - John Tarr, 38, of Orleans, was arrested by Deputy Shinn and charged with driving while suspended with a prior and possession of paraphernalia. He is being held on a \$20,000 10% bond. ISP Trooper McBeth assisted with the arrest.

12:40 a.m. - Jeremiah Zollman, 27, of Bedford, was arrested by Deputy Shinn and is being held on a Lawrence County warrant. Reserve Deputy Harmon assisted with the arrest.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:00 a.m. - Male came on station to report a violation of a protective order.

8:45 a.m. - Caller reported credit card fraud.

5:01 p.m. - Caller reported a dispute in Shaded Estates.

8:45 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance on SW 2nd Street.

11:10 p.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a business alarm.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

12:05 a.m. - Caller reported a possible break-in on SW 3rd Street.

9:15 a.m. - Female requested a vehicle identification check.

10:45 a.m. - Caller reported locating a handgun in the road. Owner later claimed the item.

12:33 a.m. - Female requested a vehicle identification check.

2:21 p.m. - Chief Rayhill arrested a male juvenile. Juvenile was charged with intimidation.

5:25 p.m. - Male caller reported a theft.

9:35 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious male on Broadway Street.

10:38 p.m. - Caller advised of a 911 hang-up on JFK Avenue.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

11:02 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

12:23 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a child.

4:07 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident in the IGA parking lot.

7:08 p.m. - First responders were requested on St. Joseph Road for a medical call.

8:35 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint. Animal Control was contacted.

10:20 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Lincoln Avenue.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

ISP increases impaired, dangerous driving patrols for March Madness and St. Patrick's Day

Your Indiana State Police is joining law-enforcement agencies across Indiana this March to increase dangerous and impaired driving patrols for the NCAA Tournament and St. Patrick's Day.

Last year, the weekend beginning St. Patrick's Day had the highest number crashes involving impaired drivers. With March 17, 2018 falling on a Saturday, police are conducting random patrols, saturation patrols and sobriety checkpoints intended to make our roads safer.

"This is when we celebrate a time-honored Hoosier tradition, March Madness and basketball," said Indiana State Police Superintendent Doug Carter. "However, if you drink, your plans should include a designated driver, ride sharing program, or taxi to get you home safely from your celebration. Troopers will be out looking for those drivers who fail to heed this advice and will provide another form of transportation to those drivers; but it won't be to their home."

The top causes of all Indiana traffic crashes are drivers following too closely and failing to yield the right of way. Aggressive, distracted and impaired driving reduce reaction times to unexpected slowed traffic, bicycles and pedestrians.

New impaired-driving equipment In every state, it is illegal to drive with a blood alcohol concentration of .08 or higher. In Indiana, drivers under 21 with a BAC of .02 are subject to fines and a license suspension for up to 1 year.

9:17 a.m. - Male requested a welfare check on a male.

11:07 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

5:15 p.m. - Caller reported a civil complaint.

8:35 p.m. - First responders were requested on Dover Hill Road for a medical call.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

9:15 a.m. - Officer McBeth responded to a business alarm.

3:30 p.m. - Male reported a child custody complaint.

8:23 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

10:29 p.m. - Officer McBeth assisted the county with a dispute.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

2:27 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute in Bowling Trailer Court.

4:22 p.m. - Caller reported a damaged street sign on Sheridan Street.

8:52 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident in the Circle K parking lot.

11:21 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on SW 3rd Street.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

1:31 a.m. - Caller reported a tree fell on his house on Walker Street.

3:01 a.m. - Female caller reported a possible break-in in Redwing Trailer Court.

12:20 p.m. - Female reported a male following her.

12:43 p.m. - Caller reported a male throwing items from his vehicle.

4:01 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

4:59 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint on Queen Street. Animal Control was contacted.

6:02 p.m. - Female caller reported a theft.

10:15 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on Hwy 50.

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

During the past week, more flowers have appeared at Sandhill Gardens. The aconite and crocuses have been joined by the earliest of the hellebores. Hellebores are commonly called Lenten roses, so they are right on time. I was recently sent a picture of a new cultivar that has almost black flowers and also has dark foliage. I will be looking for that one. I recently ordered seven new hellebores for planting this spring.

Most years, the foliage of hellebores remains green through the winter. The extremely cold temperatures in early January caused the foliage at Sandhill Gardens to turn brown this year. Last week, I was able to cut back that old foliage on several clumps to allow the flowers to be seen. I still have more trimming to do. One must exercise care when trimming hellebore foliage. It cannot be done with hedge shears. It is easy to cut back the new growth, which would mean no flowers this year.

It is also time to cut back other perennials that were left standing through the winter. Many plants, such as coneflowers, were left to feed the birds, but most of those seed heads have been depleted of seed by now. I also leave the ornamental grasses standing for winter interest, but grasses will begin new growth soon, so they need to be cut down. Some clumps are away from other structures and plants, so I will wait for a damp day with no wind and will burn them. However, for those clumps that are near buildings and other plants, burning is not an option. I have found that the easiest way to accomplish this annual task is to use the metal brush blade on my trimmer. Before cutting, I tie twine around the clump to make it easier to clean up the foliage once it is cut. If you do not have access to such a trimmer, you may use hedge shears on small clumps. The larger clumps may require using a saw.

I do not recommend using the piles of foliage in the compost, as there are sure to be some seeds that would result in grass growing where the compost is used. Instead, I use the grass as fill in washed areas or use it to smother out some areas where invasive weeds have been a problem.

Another garden job for this time of the year is early weed eradication in

lawns. Most of the broadleaf weeds will be coming up soon. Applying an herbicide now can get rid of the weeds before they have time to become established. The herbicide application should be done on a day when no rain is in the forecast for at least 24 hours and the temperature is above 50 degrees.

If you plan to grow plants from seed, it is time to get started. One of the earliest seeds to start is onions. As with all seed starting, it is important to use sterile, soil-free potting mix. You will find this sold in garden centers as seed-starting mix. The mix usually contains a high percentage of peat moss and is very dry. I like to hydrate the mix before planting. To do this, I put the mix in a tub and add water, using a trowel to cut in the mix, in much the same way one cuts moisture into dry flour when baking. You do not want the mix to be soggy, but you do want it to feel moist to the touch. Once hydrated, place the soil in a seed-starting tray or a pot. Spread the seed on the mix and cover lightly with more of the mix. Onions benefit from bottom heat to speed germination. I use a heat mat made for this purpose. They are available in most garden centers. If you do not want to purchase a mat, you may place the tray on the top of a refrigerator or other appliance, which will supply the heat needed. Covering the tray with a plastic dome or plastic wrap will help keep the mix moist. This is essential for germination. Check the tray every day for moisture and to see if the seeds have begun to grow. One growth has begun, the young plants will need light, so the tray should be moved into an area where it will receive light, or you may use artificial lights. If you are growing your seedlings on a window sill, turn the tray every day to keep the young plants growing straight.

I usually wait until about the end of March to start tomato and pepper seedlings. That results in good transplants by the second week in May, when it is safe to plant the seedlings in the garden.

Starting your own plants from seed is a way to save some money and to try some new varieties of vegetables and flowers. I advise trying just a couple of trays if you have never started plants from seed before. Too many trays to turn and water can be overwhelming.

Grazing Bites

By Victor Shelton
NRCS State Agronomist/Grazing Specialist

It wasn't too long ago that you were hearing that some parts of the state were actually still in drought status. I believe it is safe to say, without even looking it up, that that is no longer a problem. Instead, completely thawed and very soggy ground is prevalent.

It's been a few years since I've seen this wet of an early spring. In fact, maybe about twenty years. We are quite often still blessed with some free "concrete" this time of year. As much as I like the warmer days right now, I probably wouldn't turn down some frozen ground to reduce mud and the impact of very saturated ground. One guy told me that if it were just a hair warmer, he might go barefoot since he was tired of getting his boots stuck in the mud.

If you are not prepared for such wet weather, then it can be quite frustrating. Mud is certainly worse around feeding, watering, and other concentrated areas. One of the best solutions for these concentrated areas is to install a conservation practice called a Heavy Use Area Protection (HUAP), e.g., feed and watering pads. HUAPs are fairly simple to construct and better yet, very economical. Retired NRCS technician Mary Lee Smith recently noted that HUAPs were the best thing since sliced bread; just a fantastic practice!

You start by leveling the area to remove excess organic matter and manure, and also top soil if necessary to get a firm foundation to build on. Geo-textile fabric is the first layer, then crushed limestone, which is usually #53's and applied 6 to 8 inches deep depending on the site and conditions. Follow by topping with a couple inches of lime. The lime makes it easier to scrape and/or clean later and a little lime spread out on the field or pasture certainly won't hurt anything. The lime actually packs down very well when it's dry. Tractor tires or hooves can also do a good job of packing while still under dry conditions, so it's best to build during the summer, long before you would need it.

These pads supply a firm well-drained area for feeding hay in rings, silage in bunkers and for areas around watering tanks and existing feed bunks. Similar designs can also be used for concentrated walking areas and lanes. If you happen to be on softer or consistently wet soils, then a layer of #2 lime stone may be needed underneath for a firmer base over the geo-textile fabric. HUAPs are available for cost-share through some NRCS and conservation district programs; contact your local USDA field office for more information.

Due to drier conditions in parts of Indiana last August and September, stockpiled forage, additional hay cuttings, and fall annuals were just not what they should have been. This lack of sufficient growth reduced fall and early winter grazing days and root growth. That growth is important because it not only provides some valuable forage to graze, but good top growth means good root growth. The combination of the two is stabilizing when grazed under wetter conditions. The less growth present above and below the ground, the more potential damage to a field when livestock are present.

Truthfully, once the frost layer breaks through and conditions are wet like they are right now, you are usually better off having animals off the pasture and in a sacrifice area, especially if you are working with soils with fragipans. Soils with fragipans (a thin and very heavy layer of

pure clay) tend to hold the water more at the surface level, keeping the top layer very wet and more likely to be damaged by livestock. It is better to sacrifice a small area than a whole field that might require totally replanting afterwards.

I have seen some poorly chosen sites utilized for sacrifice areas that have been left in a horrible disturbed condition. When areas such as creek bottoms, woods and erodible sloping ground are used as a sacrifice area, water quality is almost always adversely affected. Try to choose a stable site that is suitable for these areas and rotate them if possible and provide a grass filter between the site and any water bodies. Sometimes, these sacrifice areas can be paddock(s) that you plan to renovate anyway. Ideally, plant a cover-crop such as oats, sorghum-sudan or millet on the area after excess manure is collected and spread appropriately where needed. These areas can then be grazed later in the year.

In the southern part of Indiana, we are getting some early green growth already. This is certainly a delightful attraction for grazing livestock and also for producers who are already running short on hay. It is ever so tempting to just open the gates and let them have at it. Keep in mind, most pastures are under a little more pressure than usual due to the lack of normal growth last fall. They really need some extra rest prior to turnout this year.

So, here is how to answer the real question of "when do I start grazing?" Preferably, you want to start grazing when the plants are about 6 to 8 inches tall (tall cool-season forages such as fescues and orchardgrass) and the ground is dry enough to support the weight of the livestock without causing damage to the forage base. On some soils, especially ones that tend to be wet, the forages may be closer to 10 inches or more before conditions will allow for grazing with no damage to plant roots and crowns or cause additional compaction. The more residue left from the previous year and consequently the more root base, the earlier you can usually graze without damage, which is basically the same concept for grazing stockpiled forages on non-frozen ground all winter.

In a well-managed, rotated grazing system you can start grazing fairly early as long as you use some control...animal control. Don't leave it up to the cow, you have to manage her! Starting early and making sure to maintain stop grazing heights for the forages is really the critical issue, but it also helps to keep the forages from getting too far ahead of you before you graze them. Fields with more rest and more residue would be ready earlier and tighter grazed fields will be ready later.

If you are dealing with wet conditions and less residue then you would be better off waiting until forages are at least 6 to 8 inches to provide better, thicker growth to hold up the weight of the grazing animals. I would still promote grazing for short periods, keeping the animals moving and never grazing closer than 3-4 inches, whenever possible.

Recently, in a small group the question was asked why ignorance and apathy was such a problem today. One young guy quickly remarked, "I don't know, and I don't care." Don't let that be you. When we harvest forages by grazing livestock, we are harvesting energy from the sun and converting it to useful products through livestock. Remember, we must manage that solar panel. Keep on grazing!

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MARTIN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
 By Curt Johnson
 MCCF Executive Director



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

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

-- LOOGOOTE HIGH SCHOOL --
 - Ann Jones Burch Tennis (\$1000)

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

- Rita and Jack Butcher Loogootee Basketball Family (amount to be determined)

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

- Gerdon Jones Memorial (\$2500)

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

- Loogootee Alumni (\$778)

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

- Saint Vincent de Paul Society (\$1000)

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

- Ben Trout Memorial Student Athlete (\$2000)

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

- William McGovern II Fund

Provides scholarships to seniors planning to pursue higher education at a college, university or trade school.

-- SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL --

- Faye Shobe Memorial (\$250)

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

- Saint Vincent de Paul Society (\$1000)

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

-- COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP --
 - Terri Sullivan Callaway (\$2297)

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-- HOW TO APPLY --

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-- 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.

Mustering Elm Park meeting

The Mustering Elm Park will have its first meeting of the season on Monday, March 5 at 7 p.m. at the Park. They are in need of new members who are willing to take an active part. If you are the least bit interested in the Park's future, please attend. The first event planned will be in May and some descendants of those who mustered into the Civil War at the old elm tree will be invited to participate in planting a new elm tree. They have names of some descendants who want to participate, but if you have a relative who mustered in there, please contact Bob Boyd at 812-388-5610. Officers will also be nominated at this meeting. Already on the calendar is the annual car show with the Route 50 Cruisers on July 28th. It has also been reserved for a wedding, reunions, a party, etc. Cost to rent the Park is \$25.

4-H NEWS



By Stacy Brown
 Martin County Purdue Extension Educator

Junior Leaders Easter Egg Hunt

The Martin County Junior Leaders will hold their annual Easter Egg hunt on Sunday, March 18 at the Community Building. All are welcome to join us in the hunt. Prizes are given to first and second place winners in each category. There is no need to register. More details will be coming soon.

JOANN Fabrics Stores to Spread Love and Grow Local 4-H Programs with Paper Clover Campaign

JOANN Fabrics stores want to see more Indiana/Martin County kids learning by doing, creating and making. Thousands of local 4-H members, staff, volunteers and supporters will join with JOANN customers to ensure more kids get that chance through a new Paper Clover campaign to bring hands-on 4-H programs to Indiana/Martin County.

The Paper Clover campaign will take place in 865 JOANN Fabrics stores nationwide during February 1-28. Supporters will have a chance to share their hearts and show their love for by purchasing \$1 and \$4 Paper Clovers to equip local Clubs with resources to reach more kids in need.

Proceeds from the Paper Clover campaign will directly support Indiana 4-H programs. Each Paper Clover will include instructions for a special Valentine's Day craft idea that customers can create to share with someone special. With the \$4 Paper Clover, customers will also receive a coupon for \$4 off their next purchase.

To learn more about the national partnership, visit www.4-h.org/JOANN or contact the Purdue Extension Martin County Office at (812) 295-2412.

Make a Difference in a Child's Life, Become a 4-H Volunteer

Becoming a 4-H volunteer is easy, just phone the Extension Office at 812-295-2412 and ask for the appropriate forms to be mailed to you. Once we get all of the forms back and conduct a brief interview, you're finished. Being a volunteer with 4-H means you get the chance to help Martin County youth learn leadership and life skills through project completion, camps, workshops, and educational outreach programs.

Livestock Weigh-In Dates

The 2018 livestock weigh-in dates have been finalized. All 4-Hers participating in cattle, sheep, goats, and/or poultry will receive information and registration forms in the mail soon. Please have all of this information filled out before coming to the weigh-ins. This year DNA hair samples will be required from cattle going to the Indiana State Fair. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office.

Beef Weigh-in - Saturday, March 10 at the fairgrounds 9-11 a.m.

Sheep & Goat Weigh-in - Saturday, May 5 at the fairgrounds 9-11 a.m.

Swine Weigh-in - Saturday, May 12 at the fairgrounds 9-11 a.m.

Poultry Blood Testing - Saturday, June 9 at the fairgrounds 9-11 a.m.

Upcoming Events
 4-H Council Meeting: Thursday, March 1, at 6:30 p.m.

Shooting Sports Meetings: Mondays, February 12, February 26, March 12, and March 26 at 6 p.m. at the Community Building.

Horse & Pony Meetings: Every third Monday of the month at the fairgrounds.

Jolly Jug Rox Meetings: March 13, April 2, April 17, May 1, May 22, June 11, June 26 all at 6 p.m. at Hindostan Church

Junior Leaders Meetings: March 18 at 4 p.m., April 22 at 5 p.m. (bingo at senior housing following). All at the Learning Center.



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YARD SALE

YARD SALE: Saturday, March 3, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., 506 J. Strange Street. First yard sale of the summer! You don't want to miss out on lots of kid and household items.

More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



Over the years, my friend Bob Prather has sent me some pretty “neat stuff,” but I think the following is the best:

TIME GETS BETTER WITH AGE

*I’ve learned that I like my teacher because she cries when we sing “Silent Night.” Age 5

*I’ve learned that our dog doesn’t want to eat my broccoli either. Age 7

*I’ve learned that when I wave to people in the country, they stop what they are doing and wave back. Age 9

*I’ve learned that just when I get my room the way I like it, Mom makes me clean it up again. Age 12

*I’ve learned that if you want to cheer yourself up, you should try cheering someone else up. Age 14

*I’ve learned that although it’s hard to admit it, I’m secretly glad my parents are strict with me. Age 15

*I’ve learned that silent company is often more healing than words of advice. Age 24

*I’ve learned that brushing my child’s hair is one of life’s great pleasures. Age 26

*I’ve learned that wherever I go, the world’s worst drivers have followed me there. Age 29

*I’ve learned that if someone says something unkind about me, I must live so that no one will believe it. Age 30

*I’ve learned that there are people who love you dearly but just don’t know how to show it. Age 42

*I’ve learned that you can make someone’s day by simply sending them a little note. Age 44

*I’ve learned that the greater a person’s sense of guilt, the greater his or her need to cast blame on others. Age 46

*I’ve learned that children and grandparents are natural allies. Age 47

*I’ve learned that no matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on and it will be better tomorrow. Age 48

*I’ve learned that singing “Amazing Grace” can lift my spirits for hours. Age 49

*I’ve learned that motel mattresses are better on the side away from the

phone. Age 50

*I’ve learned that you can tell a lot about a man by the way he handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights. Age 51

*I’ve learned that keeping a vegetable garden is worth a medicine cabinet full of pills. Age 52

*I’ve learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you miss them terribly after they die. Age 53

*I’ve learned that making a living is not the same thing as making a life. Age 58

*I’ve learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance. Age 62

*I’ve learned that you shouldn’t go through life with a catcher’s mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back. Age 64

*I’ve learned that if you pursue happiness, it will elude you. But if you focus on your family, the needs of others, your work, meeting new people and doing the very best you can, happiness will find you. Age 65

*I’ve learned that whenever I decide something with kindness, I usually make the right decision. Age 66

*I’ve learned that everyone can use a prayer. Age 72

*I’ve learned that even when I have pains, I don’t have to be one. Age 74

*I’ve learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love that human touch - holding hands, a warm hug or just a friendly pat on the back. Age 76

*I’ve learned that I still have a lot to learn. Age 78

*I’ve learned that you should pass this on to someone you care about. Sometimes they need a little something to make them smile.

If Things Get Better with Age, Then I’m Approaching Excellent. “You can’t make Old Friends!”

Take care, Accept what is. Let Go of what was. Have Faith in what will be. -Anonymous

Make someone smile today!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Easter Egg Hunt

An Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by DCH/ND Medical Clinic, will be held Saturday, March 24 at 10 a.m. in the Odon Park. 5,000 eggs will be hidden and toddlers through 6th graders are invited to the hunt. A pancake and sausage breakfast, sponsored by The Odon Locker will be held from 9-10 a.m. at the Odon Community Building. The rain date is March 31.

Food pantry hours

The Loogootee United Methodist Food Pantry will be open the first, second, third and fifth Thursdays of the month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and also the first Monday of the month from 5-6:30 p.m.

Free lunch for kids

New Beginnings Community Church will be offering a free lunch to all school-age children every Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. at the fellowship hall of the church, located at 200 West Main Street next to the post office. For more info, call 812-709-2525.

SOAR Tutoring

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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.

Humane society meetings

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

Solid waste board

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

Soil and Water meetings

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

Attention Senior Citizens

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

Tri Kappa monthly meeting held

BY MEGAN RICHER
Tri Kappa Recording Secretary

On Tuesday January 23, a chapter meeting of the Delta Tau Chapter of Tri Kappa was held at the Loogootee United Methodist Church. Hostesses for the meeting were Nancy Whitman, Beth Lett, Dena Lyon and Karen Slaven. The theme for this meeting was “Yahtzee” and the Little Kindness is for the College and Civil Servant baskets. Megan Richer called roll and 19 members were present. December meeting minutes were read aloud by Megan Richer with one correction made by Kathy Lingenfelter. President Audrey Robinson approved the minutes as corrected.

Treasurer Kristi Ausbrooks read the treasurer’s report. She then passed out donation envelopes to those members who had signed-up to deliver them to organizations around Loogootee and Shoals.

Kathy Lingenfelter read the following correspondence: A thank you card from Cops and Kids & Head Start. The Shawnee Summer Theater letter excited about the camp this summer, “Season of Friendship.” Thank you for our continued support of the Shawnee Summer Theater, From Bri Lindsey, MFA, and Producing Artistic Director. Four Rivers booklet and annual report 2017 from Sherri Tredway, Development Director.

Donna Graber thanked everyone for their wonderful donations towards the College Care and Civil Servant Baskets. The committee will get together the first or second week in February.

Scholarship: Audrey Robinson spoke on behalf of Katie Milligan, any second year student are eligible for the \$1000

scholarship. All entries must be turned into Katie Milligan by February 9.

Social: Pamela Summers brought up the Derby Dinner Theater in Clarksville as a social idea for the chapter.

Audrey Robinson stated that the LHS Musical “Footloose” is going to be showing April 13-15th. There will be a spaghetti dinner fundraiser before the high school basketball game February 1.

Tri Kappa Week is February 19-23. Barb McFeaters has arrangements to get the Tri Kappa banners put up around the City of Loogootee. Barb will also contact Mayor Noel Harty for the Proclamation and photo-op. She will let all Tri Kappa members know when this will be scheduled.

Birthday calendar and pecan profits are in. These two fundraisers make up the philanthropy budget and make it possible for Tri Kappa to help the community the way they do.

The Top Ten Dinner will be Sunday, April 22, 2018. Tri Kappa will honor 11 students this year. The seniors pick a sponsor or mentor that have encouraged them through the years of school. They then write a paragraph about that mentor and read it at the Top 10 Dinner. Tri Kappa honors the seniors by putting on a dinner at LUMC as we have for the last 8 years.

Judy Treffinger stated the Mitchell Tri Kappa Chapter is selling two-sided Tri Kappa garden flags for \$17 each \$20 if shipping. Please let Judy Treffinger know if you are interested in one.

Audrey Robinson brought the Delta Tau Chapter meeting to a close at approximately 7:53 p.m. The next chapter meeting will be held February 27, 2018 at the Loogootee United Methodist Church at 7 p.m.



Active Shooter Workshop

-Photos by Josh Hughett

Martin County Sheriff Travis Roush along with Conservation Officers, and other law enforcement professionals, hosted an Active Shooter Workshop at the community building last Wednesday night. Hundreds of residents attended to learn what to do in an active shooter situation. They also watched videos and demonstrations with live weapons.



AG warns of scams targeting flood victims

Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill this week is warning Hoosiers to “DOUBLE CHECK BEFORE YOU WRITE A CHECK!”. This warning comes on the heels of devastating flooding in several parts of the state.

In the aftermath of flooding and other natural disasters, property owners are vulnerable -- making perfect targets for scammers pretending to offer help cleaning up wreckage and making necessary repairs. Many people will attempt to reach out and offer a helping hand. With this comes the likelihood that restoration or home repair companies—some legitimate, some not – will also try to contact those affected the most.

“When severe weather rips through Indiana, the damage can be significant,” Hill said. “In the worst cases, the devastation can be heartbreaking. Many Hoosiers face the stress of out-of-pocket costs to make repairs to personal property. No Hoosier should face the additional nightmare of becoming a victim of fraud.

“I strongly urge all Hoosiers to double check a company’s name, reputation, history and authenticity before writing a check to a person claiming to represent such a business.”

Radius Indiana reaches out to Columbus

Radius Indiana and South Central Indiana Economic Development partnered to promote their respective Indiana regions as co-hosts of an event for site selectors from Columbus, Ohio business advisory firms last week.

This is the second joint-regional event for Radius and SCIED, and builds off the success of the organizations’ co-hosted site selector luncheon held in Louisville in 2017.

The session is part of Radius Indiana’s 2018 outreach program to raise awareness about the business strengths and opportunities in the region. This program continues to grow after launching in 2016 and marks the first outreach trip of the new year.

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation joined Radius and SCIED on the trip to help showcase the benefits of doing business in the state and the regions, as well as available sites, demographics and the quality of the workforce that powers existing businesses.

“The trip to Columbus was a great opportunity to talk to industry consultants

Hill advised Hoosiers to do their due diligence and avoid letting the emotional toll of the situation influence their decisions about repairing or replacing what is damaged or lost. It is often wise to be skeptical of anyone immediately offering their services.

Hill offered several tips to Hoosiers: Avoid agreeing to any repair or restoration work on the spot during initial contact with someone offering services – this includes contracts. Avoid signing any legally binding agreements without first gathering information and researching a business being represented. Obtain information about the individual offering his or her services. Research the company the individual claims to represent. Look for signs of credibility such as an official website. Seek reviews and testimonials from former customers.

“The best decision is an informed decision,” Hill said. “Double check before you write a check.”

Hoosiers are encouraged to contact the Office of the Indiana Attorney General if they believe they have been scammed, or suspect someone may be trying to scam them after a severe weather event. You can file a complaint by visiting www.in.gov/attorneygeneral or calling 1-800-382-5516.

about our communities,” said Shance Sizemore, CEO of the Bedford Chamber and Lawrence County Economic Growth Council. “Additionally, having the opportunity to have in-depth conversations about industry trends allows our region to get outside perspective on our respective communities.”

Radius Indiana President and CEO Jeff Quyle highlighted the Radius region’s assets, its logistical advantages, interstate connectivity, and economic activity for the group.

“Radius’s outreach program has given us great opportunities to raise awareness about the Radius region since we began, and in 2018 we expect to connect with many more site selectors,” said Quyle. “By partnering with SCIED we are able to reduce costs while boosting the exposure for both of our neighboring regions. On this trip, we were able to meet with officials from a major corporation with operations in Indiana and share the benefits of the region--this keeps us top of mind for expansions and new operations.”



Friends of the NRA donation

-Photo provided

The East Fork Chapter of the Friends of the NRA held their annual banquet on February 17, 2018 at the Martin County Community Building. The East Fork Chapter has held a banquet annually for the last 25 years and consists of members from Martin and Daviess counties. The proceeds have grown from \$2,500 to \$50,000. This money is used at the state level to promote gun safety programs and youth shooting sports. In 2017, Martin and Daviess counties received a total of \$16,966. Recipients of the grant money include Daviess & Martin 4-H Shooting Sports, North Daviess High School Archery Program and Shoals American Legion Post #61 Shooting Program. For more information on the banquet or applying for a grant for your organization, contact Chairman Jody Schultheis at 812-371-0360. Pictured above from left to right are Bruce Hawkins, representative from the Shoals American Legion; Jody Schultheis, Chairman East Fork Chapter Friends of the NRA; and Craig Haggard, NRA Representative for State of Indiana.

NSWC Crane, Purdue University aim to improve safety and performance of lithium-ion batteries through new CRADA

Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane) has entered into a new Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with Purdue University. The purpose of this CRADA is to align modeling efforts at Purdue with testing capabilities at NSWC Crane to achieve the common goal of improving the safety and performance of lithium-ion batteries.

“I see this as a great opportunity to combine complementary expertise to deliver a safer, lighter-weight energy storage capability with a longer-life cycle to the warfighter of the future,” said Kyle Crompton, NSWC Crane’s Principal Investigator. “Purdue has significant experience with electrochemical, thermal and fluid dynamics modeling related to lithium-ion batteries. NSWC Crane’s testing capabilities can be utilized to verify safer designs while our perspective on warfighter needs can help to guide modeling and design efforts.”

Improving the safety and performance of lithium-ion batteries has been an on-going area of research for several years. Substantial focus has been placed on material development for electrode materials, but much less has targeted advanced designs, thermal runaway detection and mitigation, and theoretical understanding of internal and external processes of the battery.

“We are excited to engage with

NSWC Crane through this newly formed CRADA. Our collaborative research activities will leverage the unique and complementary expertise of both institutions in energy storage systems,” Dr. Jason Ostanek (Purdue’s School of Engineering Technology) and Dr. Partha P. Mukherjee (Purdue’s School of Mechanical Engineering) said in a joint statement. “This partnership creates an opportunity for Purdue students and researchers to contribute to the mission critical stewardship of NSWC Crane.”

NSWC Crane’s Technology Transfer (T2) Program helps link federal research and development to academic institutions and businesses in the private sector. A CRADA provides the formal mechanism between the federal laboratory and partner collaborator. The NSWC Crane T2 program has partnerships with more than 100 businesses, individuals and universities. Currently, there are 93 active CRADAs and 217 active agreements.

NSWC Crane is a naval laboratory and a field activity of Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) with focus areas in Expeditionary Warfare, Strategic Missions and Electronic Warfare. NSWC Crane is responsible for multi-domain, multi-spectral, full life cycle support of technologies and systems enhancing capability to today’s warfighter.

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Purdue, NWSC Crane researchers display top innovations available for licensing at annual technology showcase

Purdue University and NSWC Crane researchers presented their top innovations available for licensing, including advancements in pharmaceuticals, agriculture, materials and other fields, during the second annual Purdue Technology Showcase.

More than 60 business executives, investors and entrepreneurs from at least a half dozen states, including as far away as Maryland and Texas, crowded into the Herman and Hedy Kurz Purdue Technology Center on Wednesday, February 21 to learn about the technologies available for licensing through the Purdue Research Foundation's Office of Technology Commercialization.

"The showcase was a huge success. The energy from the attendees and the innovators who were pitching was outstanding," said Brooke Beier, OTC's executive director. "Purdue innovations have the opportunity to make such an impact in the world and we hope events like this showcase continue to shine a light on these technologies and the exciting research at Purdue."

Each innovator gave a three-minute presentation during the fast-paced showcase. Links to videotaped presentations of the technologies are available below. Innovators and investors had a chance to talk more in-depth in a room where the innovators displayed more information about their technologies.

"We believe valuable connections, collaborations and industry partners were identified at the event and look forward to launching technologies out of the research labs at Purdue and into the hands of those that can commercialize them," Beier said.

Bahar Dhowan, a graduate student who works with professor Hyowon Lee in Purdue's Weldon School of Biomedical Engineering, presented an automated opioid overdose reversal implant that is placed under the skin and delivers an antidote when respiratory

failure is detected.

"Once that release mechanism is triggered, it allows for the drug to diffuse out and reverse that opioid overdose effect," Dhowan said.

Dhowan said there is a great need for the device because of the opioid epidemic facing the nation.

Jeff Miller, a professor in the Davidson School of Chemical Engineering, described during his presentation how Purdue researchers are developing technologies converting light hydrocarbons from shale resources into transportation fuels.

"These shale formations are widely distributed around the country. There's enough energy in these formations to last the United States at least 100 years," Miller said. "The problem is many of these can't be transformed into transportation fuels."

Purdue researchers have developed a way to turn these abundant hydrocarbons and turn them into either gasoline, diesel fuel or jet fuel. The researchers believe they can develop a 15,000 barrels a day process for \$200 million.

A video of the presenting innovators is linked below following their names:

Arun Bhunia, Improved oral delivery system for drugs.

Elizabeth Topp, Improved rescue kits for people with hypoglycemia.

Garth Simpson, Simple, inexpensive method for the detection of trace crystallinity.

Davis Arrick, Improved treatment of respiratory distress syndrome. Developed in the lab of You-Yeon Won, professor in the Davidson School of Chemical Engineering.

Hyesun Hyun, Treatment of sepsis involving molecules derived from chitosan. Developed in the lab of Yoon Yeo, associate professor in the College of Pharmacy's Department of Industrial and Physical Pharmacy.

Joonyoung Park, Method to produce pharmaceutical nanocrystals

comprised of more active ingredients. Developed in the lab of Yoon Yeo, associate professor in the College of Pharmacy's Department of Industrial and Physical Pharmacy.

Jeffrey Youngblood, Cellulose nanocrystals offer alternative for high-performance, transparent coatings for plastic.

Xianfan Xu, 3-D printer capable of printing three-dimensional structures with feature sizes as small as 100 nanometers.

Jeff Miller, Shale resources could be transportation fuel of the future.

Vilas Pol, Carbon cobalt hybrid shows improved rate performance, cycling stability.

Vilas Pol, Oil-free solid lubricant improves friction, wear reduction.

Ken Sandhage, Robust high-temperature composites for manufacturing.

Alexander Wei, Ratio nanopores could enable smart films with sensing, actuating functions.

David Bahr, Antimicrobial treatment to protect food processed on hard surfaces.

Yung-Hsiang Lu, Improved identification of cameras on the internet.

Howell Li, Cloud-based traffic program could reduce accidents, improve traffic flow. Developed in the lab of Darcy Bullock, the Lyles Family Professor of Civil Engineering and director of the Joint Transportation Research Program.

Tillmann Kubis, Reduce drug development costs, expedite drug development.

Mohammad Jahanshahi, Remote imaging could detect cracks, failures in infrastructures.

Tiago Sobreira, Novel spectrometry shows rapid analyzing of complex samples. This technology was developed in the R. Graham Cooks, the Henry B. Hass Distinguished Professor of Chemistry.

John Schneider, Rope climbing machine for standard height rooms.

Matt Kay, Protecting microelectronic integrity.

John Schneider, Solar, wind power management systems.

Paul Wenthold, Kit provides analysis of wood-tar creosote.

Prasoon Diwakar, Minimally invasive method to treat cancer.

Jeff Rhoads, On-site diagnosis of traumatic brain injury.

Logan Readnour, Engineered proteins could expand synthetic biology toolbox. Developed in the lab of Kevin Solomon, assistant professor of agricultural and biological engineering.

Bahar Dhowan, Implantable single-use drug delivery for opioid overdose. Developed in lab of Hyowon Lee, assistant professor of biomedical engineering.

Craig Goergen, Wearable biometric device shown to predict and prevent preeclampsia.

Craig Goergen, Enhanced imaging of plaque in vascular disease, treatment.

Jian Jin, 3-D imaging technology allows realistic prints of 3-D scientific objects.

Richard Van Rijn, New simultaneous treatment for alcohol use and psychiatric disorders.

Euiwon Bae, Smartphone technology may provide on-site analysis for inspection and safety.

Marisol Pantoja, Crop moisture meter could improve crop quality, track foodborne diseases. Technology developed by Klein Ileleji, an associate professor of agricultural and biological engineering.

* Mike Scharf, Eco-friendly method to control termites and treat fungal infections.

* George Nnanna, Smartphone device to monitor chemical pollutants in water.

* Reynaldo Barreto, Removing chemical contaminants in public water systems.

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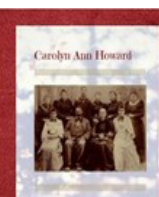
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