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Township accounts hold \$904,405

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

Martin County has six township trustees' offices – Perry, Halbert, Lost River, Mitcheltree, Rutherford, and Center. Those offices are typically located in the homes of each township trustee. At the end of 2016, the six townships combined had \$905,405.67 in their accounts that rolled over to this year. All six townships spent a total of \$293,424 in 2016. Of that \$131,481 was spent on salaries and office expenses.

Township governments were established many years ago, back before automobiles, phones and internet, when it took time for someone to get to town to conduct business. A township is a small geographical area, ranging in size from 6 to 54 square miles with 36 square miles being average. Each township has a trustee, an elected official with a four-year term. Each trustee also has a paid secretary and a paid advisory board of three people. All six township trustees in Martin County in 2016, operated the trustee's office from their homes and were reimbursed for rent, utilities, phone, and travel, in some cases.

There are 1,008 townships in Indiana. Indiana is one of only 20 states that maintain some form of township government.

One of the main jobs of a township trustee is to provide money to people in need. Township assistance is given to individuals who are in an emergency situation and have no other means to provide the basic essentials of life. Residents in need can request help paying for utilities, rent, medical and dental expenses, prescriptions, vehicle repairs, fuel, groceries, and clothing.

The trustee also provides fire protection to its citizens when the township is not incorporated into a city or town. This could include contracting with a local fire department to provide the services to the township residents. It can also include providing funds for buildings, equipment, and vehicles for the department.

The trustee also maintains cemeteries by hiring people to provide mowing services. Other duties can include helping with funeral expenses, providing and maintaining township parks and community centers, destroying detrimental plants, noxious weeds, and rank vegetation; and providing insulin to the poor.

Money is provided to the townships from property taxes, auto excise tax, and county option income tax. Interest earned from the rollover of cash balances is also included in the budget.

Each year the township trustees are required by state law to file an annual report. Those reports, according to the state Gateway site, must be provided to the state for upload onto the state database 60 days after the end of the year. That deadline for 2016 annual reports is today, March 1, 2017.

As of publication time, Halbert

Township had not filed their annual report with the state therefore data for Halbert Township below is from 2015.

To view all reports, visit https://gateway.ifonline.org/report_builder/. Information from the filed reports is broken down below for each township.

RUTHERFORD TOWNSHIP

Rutherford Township's trustee is Terry J. Street. His clerical assistant is Renee Street. The three-member advisory board consisted of Virgil S. Street, Sherry Hurt, and Jeff Horney. In 2016 Rutherford Township began with a balance of \$86,764.46. After receipts and disbursements, the township ended 2016 with a balance of \$95,081.42.

Of the \$39,787.02 that was paid out, \$17,590.33 went toward salaries and office expenses including the trustee's salary of \$6,180, his assistant's salary of \$3,090 and the advisory board member's salaries of \$625 each. \$5,280, (\$440 per month) was paid in rent, utilities and phone for the township office located in the Streets' home and \$363.88 was reimbursed to the trustee for mileage. Rutherford Township paid Shawn Truelove \$1,800 to provide mowing of cemeteries. The township also gave \$14,500 to the Haysville Fire Department for a fire service contract and \$275 each was paid to Keith Keller, Doug Williams, Lacy Haven and Derek Johnson from the firefighting fund.

As for assistance, \$2,128.69 was given to seven people (seven households) who requested help last year. Of that \$1,521.57 was paid to Daviess-Martin REMC, \$500 to White River Co-Op, \$30.27 to CVS Pharmacy, and \$76.85 to East Fork Water.

HALBERT TOWNSHIP

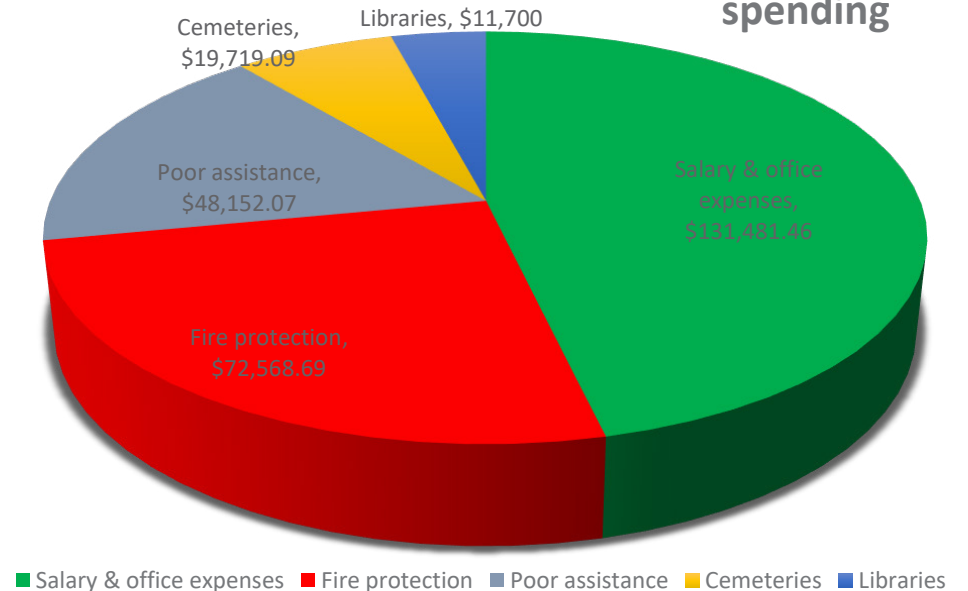
Halbert Township's trustee is Exzelia Montgomery. Her clerical assistant is Pauletta Montgomery. The three-member advisory board includes Stephanie Horton, Travis Montgomery, and Kimberly Albright. Halbert Township started 2015 with a cash balance of \$173,774.55 and ended the year at \$192,586.26.

Of the \$48,220.68 total spent in 2015 by Halbert Township, \$17,118.54 was used to pay for salaries including the trustee's salary of \$10,283.20, the clerical salary of \$2,341.08, and \$687.08 each to the three advisory board members. \$1,216.54 was paid to the IRS for salary deductions. \$550.42 was spent on office expenses including \$196 to the post office, \$114 to Old Paths Tract Society, Inc., \$22.42 to Hoffman Office Supplies, and \$218 to Downey Risk for the trustee's bond.

Also \$2,340.57 (\$195 per month) was paid to Exzelia Montgomery for the use of her home and phone for the trustee's office. For Halbert Township's cemetery care \$1,000 was paid to Janie Johnson, \$800 was paid to Bill Keller, \$400 was paid to Marlin Courtright and \$200 was paid to Jaron Gibson.

For money given to the needy, 84 requests were made for help and 57 households received poor assistance, totaling \$14,061.00. Of the 57 households receiving help, 42 were helped

2016 township spending



with utility bills, 8 with housing payments, 6 with food assistance, and 6 with health care. Money was paid to the following on behalf of those seeking help: Dr. B W Asdell \$150, Everett Atkinson \$160, Dr. Rick Bauer \$400, Kevin Boyd \$300, Cave and Cave Dentistry \$125, CVS Pharmacy \$86.14, Daviess Martin REMC \$7,016.04, Duke Energy \$3,064.93, Falls Timber LLC \$250, Monty Holt \$100, Jay C Food Store \$205.14, Montgomery Farms \$50, Propane Direct \$600, Renewing Management \$489.50, RJ's \$55, Paul D. Sanders \$125, Shoals Municipal Utilities \$433.09, Vectren Energy \$151.61, and White River Co-Op \$300.

Also, \$6,000 was paid to the Shoals Fire Department and \$4,000 to the Shoals Public Library.

LOST RIVER TOWNSHIP

Lost River trustee is Mildred Brown and she does not pay a clerical assistant. The 2016 advisory board consisted of Alice Butler, Keith Emmons, and Bruce Fithian. At the beginning of 2016 the trustee's cash balance was \$68,024.43 and was \$74,303.03 at the end of the year. A total of \$978.67 was spent on office expenses.

For 2016 a total of \$31,565.36 was paid out. Of that, \$4,397.49 was spent on salaries including \$3,078.24 for the trustee's salary and three advisory (See 'TOWNSHIPS' cont. on page 2)

Commissioners discuss time clock upgrades, parking

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, February 28. The main item on the agenda was the auditor's office purchase of a new time clock system. At the last commissioners' meeting, Auditor January Roush had requested to upgrade their current time clock system to a more digital process. Currently, employees have to bring in time sheets to the courthouse and come back to pick up check stubs. She had said the software would also help eliminate errors. The cost to upgrade the system is \$12,729 plus the cost to provide lodging and expenses for the representatives from the company while they are installing the software and training the employees. There would also be an annual fee of \$5,508 which includes any maintenance, upgrades or troubleshooting. Auditor Roush said the money to pay for the new system would come from the riverboat fund.

After more discussion, the commissioners approved the time clock upgrade with a 2-1 vote, Paul George voting against. When Auditor Roush asked him why he was opposed he said it just seems like a lot of money.

Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett

said that they recently did work on the Haw Creek Bridge. When DNR saw the work done, they said it was not up to their standards and the work required the county to get a permit. Padgett said they told him that the county would either have to pay a fine or redo the work. He said he talked to a few people associated with the DNR and is waiting to hear back from one of the top guys to see if something could be worked out.

The commissioners gave Padgett permission to advertise to hire two part-time employees.

Sheriff Travis Roush reported that the jail currently has 58 inmates, three of which are with the department of corrections. He told the commissioners that the change over to LED lighting in the jail is almost complete. He also reported that he is having issues with the west garage door opening properly. He said they have had problems with it for a while and continue to put band aids on it. He feels it is now time to start looking at repairing or replacing the gears and will be getting quotes.

Sheriff Roush also apologized to the commissioners for not being at the last meeting to discuss the change in parking spots at the courthouse. At last meeting, Roush had put in a request to (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 3)

TOWNSHIPS

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board members were paid \$439.75 for the year. \$985.02 was paid to the IRS for salary deductions.

Brown paid herself \$500 (\$42 per month) for rent and phone for the trustee's office.

For cemetery care in Lost River Township, Phillip Jones was paid \$900, Jerry Schnarr, Keith Albright and David Butler were each paid \$150 and William A. Emmons was paid \$100.

The township paid \$10,000 to the Lost River Fire Department and spent \$1,135 on insurance for the department. They paid \$1,000 to the Shoals Public Library.

Eleven people requested hardship assistance from the Lost River Trustee last year and 11 were helped totaling \$2,850.30. Of that, \$1,773.68 was paid to Daviess Martin REMC, \$476.62 to Dubois Water, and \$300 to Jay C Food Store, and \$300 to the White River Co-Op.

CENTER TOWNSHIP

Center Township's trustee is Charles Hamilton and his clerk is Donna Hamilton. The three-member advisory board includes Kenneth Brett, Larry Downs, and Gerald Wilcoxon.

Center Township's cash balance was \$122,946.10 at the beginning of 2016. At the end of the year the balance was \$119,690.23.

A total of \$44,809.19 was spent by the township last year. \$12,582 was spent on salaries. Of that, \$7,632 was

paid to the trustee, \$3,000 to the trustee's clerical assistant, \$650 to each advisory board member. A total of \$4,357.45 was paid to the IRS.

The rent for the trustee's office, paid to Donna Hamilton, was \$1,800 (\$150 per month).

For cemetery care \$700 was paid to Roy Dale Grafton, \$1,350 to Jayce Graber and \$100 to Tiffany Veilleux.

Center Township gave \$13,000 to the Town of Shoals for a firefighting contract and paid \$339.67 for fire department insurance. The township gave \$5,700 to the Shoals Public Library.

43 people requested assistance from the trustee last year and 42 were given assistance (38 households). The amount given in assistance in 2016 was \$7,658.31. Of that, \$3,901.97 was paid to REMC, \$1,400 to Duke Energy, \$567.76 to the Town of Shoals Utilities, \$500 to Queen-Lee Funeral Home, \$200 to Builders Best, \$200 to Vectren, \$200 to Jones Oil, \$200 to East Fork Water, Inc., \$200 to Williams for rent, \$100 to Atkinson for rent, \$100 for eyeglasses to Dr. Bauer, and \$88.58 to CVS.

MITCHELTREE TOWNSHIP

Mitcheltree Township's trustee was Tammy Gore for 2016 and her clerk was Steven Anderson. The three-member advisory board included Dan Butler, Charity Tolbert, and Sharon Belcher.

At the start of 2016, the trustee's cash balance was \$279,214.94 and stood at

\$270,855.02 at the end of the year.

A total of \$43,975.63 was spent last year and of that \$12,400 was spent on salaries - \$6,500 for the trustee's salary, \$4,100 for the clerk's salary and \$600 for each advisory board member.

The trustee's office, located in Gore's home, had \$1,200 for rent and telephone expenses (\$100 per month).

Mitcheltree paid out \$5,800 to have tree work done in the Trinity Springs Cemetery. \$1,500 was donated to the Trinity Springs Mustering Elm Park for upkeep expenses.

For township assistance for the poor, \$4,535.77 was paid out helping 15 households. Of that, \$3,216.29 went to Daviess Martin REMC, \$914.36 to the White River Co-Op, \$125.20 to MD, and \$279.92 to CVS.

Also, \$1,201.07 was paid as a refund to employees.

\$9,500 was given to the Williams Volunteer Fire Department for a firefighting contract and \$1,500 to Indian Creek Fire Department. \$1,000 was given to the Shoals Public Library.

PERRY TOWNSHIP

Perry Township's trustee is Jason Hennette and his clerk for last year was Steven Anderson. The three-member advisory board consists of Brandi Hennette, Paul Crew, and Julie Green.

Perry's cash balance at the beginning of 2016 was \$114,542.01 and was \$170,701.42 at the end of the year.

A total of \$85,066.64 was paid out in 2016. Of that, \$35,999.96 was paid

in salaries including \$17,499.96 for the trustee, \$12,500 for his clerk, and \$2,000 for each advisory board member.

A total of \$6,000 (\$500 per month) was paid in rent to Hennette for the use of his home as the trustee's office and \$1,404.73 was paid to Frontier for his phone and internet.

Shawn Truelove Mowing was paid \$2,950 for cemetery care. \$8,000 was paid to the City of Loogootee for fire protection. \$600 was given to the Martin County Humane Society from the dog tax levy line item of the budget.

Perry Township gave out \$19,677.94 in poor assistance in 2016, benefiting 87 households. The following received payments on behalf of those seeking assistance: Rosemary Harder \$150, Dennis Steponak \$250, Don Sterling \$100, Lee Funeral Home \$1,000, Jill Walker \$150, Country Place Apartments \$150, City of Loogootee \$2,940.87, Marie Truelove \$300, Queen-Lee Funeral Home \$1,500, Vectren \$607.66, Duke Energy \$6,183.43, Jay Smith \$200, Utilities Western IN \$500, West Way Senior Housing \$200, Daviess Martin REMC \$1,145.98, Amos Graber \$250, Blake Funeral Home \$3,000, MCSCHI \$150, Town of Crane \$300, Martin County Senior Housing \$150, Pam and Jason Loughmiller \$150, and Teresa Nolley \$300.

\$1,000 was given to both Cops & Kids and the Choir Boosters, from the township assistance fund.

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BETTYE NORRIS

Bettye F. Norris passed away at 1:25 a.m. Thursday, February 23, 2017 at Loogootee Nursing Center after a three-month battle with COPD and pneumonia. A resident of Loogootee, she was 82.

She was born November 21, 1934 in Shoals; daughter of the late Raymond and Agnes (Summers) Allegree.

She was a 1952 graduate of Shoals High School and a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

She loved watching Fox News, Jeopardy, Wheel of Fortune and The Young and the Restless. She especially enjoyed watching IU Basketball and the NCAA Basketball Tournament.

Bettye worked at the Martin County Highway Department for many years

until she was elected as the Clerk-Treasurer for the City of Loogootee, retiring in 2007.

She married Donald Louis Norris on February 12, 1955 and he preceded her in death on October 20, 1995.

She is survived by three sons, Rick (Connie) Norris, Mike (Sandy) Norris and Phillip Norris (and fiancé, Karen Wilson), all of Loogootee; daughter, Mary Beth (Doug) Ranard of Dugger; granddaughter, Amy (Ryan) Graber of Montgomery; grandson, Michael Norris of Jasper; great-grandchildren, Taylen, Carson and Keely Graber of Montgomery; brother, Richard Allegree of Columbus; several nieces and nephews; and her Persian cats, JayJay and Gizmo.

She is preceded in death by her husband; and parents, Raymond and Agnes (Summers) Allegree.

Bettye was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and sister. She will be missed by all those who knew and loved her.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker on Tuesday, February 28 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee was in charge of arrangements.

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

ANN BRATTON

Ann M. Bratton passed away at 12:38 p.m. February 27, 2017 at her home. A resident of Loogootee, she was 46.

She was born February 4, 1971 in Tell City; daughter of William and Geraldine (Nugent) Staats.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Ernest and Mary Nugent and uncle, Randal Nugent.

She is survived by her children, Emily Annette Bratton, William Garrett Chase Henry and Nickolas Tyler Henry; parents, William and Geraldine (Nugent) Staats; brothers, William Charles Staats and John Anthony Sta-

ats; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Friday, March 3 at St. John Catholic Cemetery in Loogootee.

In lieu of flowers donation may be made to Blake Funeral Home.

Condolences may be made online at blakefuneralhomes.com.

COMMISSIONERS

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trade two of the sheriff's deputies parking spots from beside the courthouse to one parking spot in front of the building. He said that he wants the change for various reasons including closer proximity to transport inmates to court and quicker response time to a security issue in the courthouse. He noted that having the parking spot in front of the courthouse is consistent with what other counties provide their officers.

The commissioners approved the change and will paint the parking spots in front of the courthouse and have a sign installed signifying that is sheriff parking only, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

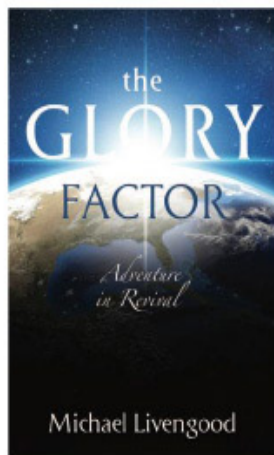
Roush also told commissioners that he has interviews coming up for the animal control officer position. He has three candidates for the job.

Auditor Roush provided quotes for updates to the commissioners' room in the courthouse. She is estimating the total project, for the room and bathroom to cost around \$10,000. She currently has \$9,600 in the cumulative capital development fund and said that will get the project started. Some of the individual costs Roush talked about were replacing the flooring with carpet tiles for \$1,700 and paying Tony Abel \$1,550 to lay the flooring and change out outlet covers, having Mike Clifton remove the wall paper and paint for \$2,000, replacing the ceiling tiles for \$1,300, purchasing a new table for \$2,150 and chairs for \$692 and new flags for \$250. She also noted that they have plans to replace the vanity and storage in the bathroom. The commissioners gave Roush the go-ahead to start the work.

Roush also informed the commissioners that she is saving the \$1,500 for a county website as she sat down with Courtney Hughett who showed her how to use a program to build a site. She and Hughett will work on the site together and then Roush will take it over and make any needed updates instead of paying the \$30 per hour to the company she had originally planned to contract with. Roush said it will cost the county nothing except the estimated \$130 a year to host the website.



BETTYE NORRIS



MICHAEL LIVENGOOD

International speakers *Michael and Linda Livengood* will be speaking in the area. The Livengood's have addressed over 6000 audiences on nearly every continent. They are both citizens of the USA and residents of New Zealand.

Michael Livengood has an ability to make clear and relevant the message of the Bible in today's culture. An evening with the Livengood's have often been described as "life-changing." They will be at *Maranatha Tabernacle Loogootee Friday, March 3 at 7 pm; Saturday March 4 at 6 pm; Sunday March 5 at 10:30 am & 6 pm* located at 13111 Hwy 231 N (1/2 mile north of the Loogootee Municipal Bldg). Admission is free, a freewill offering will be received. Call Pastor Duane Smith at 812-295-4349 for more information.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

3:55 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire, and Deputy Salmon responded.

6:21 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231, south of Loogootee. Deputy Salmon responded.

7:04 a.m. - Received an alarm call east of Shoals. Captain Dant responded and all was okay.

7:40 a.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee on US 231. ISP Trooper Lents responded.

7:53 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:30 a.m. - Jail Commander and Jailer Emmick took two inmates to prison.

12:12 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. The driver left the scene. Captain Dant and Reserve Deputy Kidwell responded and found the driver near Shoals. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital for testing.

3:45 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Shoals. Deputy Reed responded.

4:25 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee on US 231. ISP Trooper Beaver, Loogootee Captain Hennette, Loogootee Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. Two subjects were transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:40 p.m. - Received a report of a dispute east of Shoals. Sheriff Roush, Deputy Reed, and Reserve Deputies Kidwell and Erwin responded.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

12:06 a.m. - Received a report of trespassers near Loogootee. Deputy Salmon responded.

12:59 a.m. - Received a report of prowlers east of Loogootee. Deputy Salmon and Deputy Reed responded.

2:26 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:00 a.m. - Received a report of threats in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

7:55 a.m. - Captain Dant assisted a motorist north of Shoals.

8:20 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took two inmates to court.

9:30 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

9:45 a.m. - Received an alarm call north of Loogootee. ISP Trooper Lents responded and all was okay.

10:35 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took three inmates to court.

12:30 p.m. - Received a report of a semi losing its load east of Shoals on US 50. Sheriff Roush and Captain Dant responded.

12:35 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

1:20 p.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

2:19 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded and all was okay.

2:21 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

2:25 p.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

2:35 p.m. - Sergeant Keller took three inmates to court.

8:41 p.m. - Received a report of a

reckless driver near Loogootee. Deputy Reed and Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

10:01 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Loogootee Fire, Martin County Ambulance, Sergeant Keller, and Loogootee Officer McBeth responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

1:19 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:47 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded and all was okay.

1:49 a.m. - Received a medical alarm call north of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire, Loogootee Officer McBeth, ISP Trooper Beaver, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:15 a.m. - Received a report of a car sitting in the roadway near Loogootee. Deputy Salmon and Chief Deputy Greene responded.

6:34 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

9:39 a.m. - Received a report of two people in the roadway on SR 450. Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, and Deputy Salmon responded. A request for an ambulance was made for the female subject. She was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital by Martin County Ambulance. The male subject was taken in to custody.

9:55 a.m. - Captain Dant assisted a motorist in Shoals.

10:43 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:41 p.m. - Sheriff Roush assisted the department of child services with a detail in Shoals.

8:01 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Loogootee. Deputy Shinn responded.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

4:33 a.m. - Received a report of a break-in in Crane. Deputy Salmon and Deputy Shinn responded.

5:00 a.m. - Received a report of a break-in north of Shoals. Deputy Salmon responded.

2:55 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene, Major Burkhardt, and Captain Dant took five inmates to court.

5:24 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

7:25 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle trying to run someone off the road in Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert and Major Burkhardt responded.

10:00 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation near Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert and Deputy Shinn responded.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

8:00 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

9:14 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across Hwy 150, east of Shoals. The state highway department responded.

10:26 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Chief Deputy Greene, and Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded. The subject was transported

to Daviess Community Hospital.

11:56 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across US 50, near Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene and Shoals Fire responded.

12:54 p.m. - Sheriff Roush took one inmate to court.

1:55 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across the road near Shoals. Martin County Highway responded.

2:35 p.m. - Received a report of trespassers near Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

4:11 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across the road east of Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

8:40 p.m. - Received a report of a tree on fire near Loogootee. Deputy Shinn and Loogootee Fire responded.

10:21 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Deputy Shinn responded.

10:50 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baker responded.

11:01 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231 near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

12:01 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute north of Shoals. Deputy Shinn, Town Marshal Eckert, ISP Trooper Beaver, and ISP Trooper Johnson responded. Martin County Ambulance and the Civil Defense also responded.

3:07 a.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

6:40 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:40 a.m. - Received a report of animal cruelty near Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

10:29 a.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

10:30 a.m. - Received a report of an accident on SR 550. Sergeant Keller responded.

11:16 a.m. - Received a report of an accident near Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

12:09 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver heading in to Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

1:28 p.m. - Received a report of theft near Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

2:17 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded.

4:36 p.m. - Received a report of theft south of Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

9:41 p.m. - Received a report of prowlers in Loogootee. Deputy Reed, Deputy Shinn, and Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

10:50 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

3:08 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Shoals

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

7:17 a.m. - Received a report of an accident west of Shoals. Sergeant Keller and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

9:08 a.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

6:21 p.m. - Received a medical alarm call south of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:55 p.m. - Deputy Salmon assisted a motorist north of Shoals.

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CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

February 14

Crystal D. Walker, convicted of dealing in methamphetamine, a Class 4 Felony, amended from a Class 2 Felony. Sentenced to serve 4 years with Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 158 actual days previously served plus 53 Class B credit days.

February 15

Robert J. Hawkins, convicted of invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor and invasion of privacy, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 46 actual days previously served plus 46 good time credit day.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

February 14

Crystal D. Walker, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 3 Felony, dismissed; two counts of possession of a narcotic drug, Class 6 Felonies, dismissed; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

February 16

Alva Hovis, two counts of leaving the scene of an accident, Class B Misdemeanors, dismissed;

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

February 15

Jennifer McClure vs. Rocky McClure, domestic relations with children.

February 16

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Bobbi Nonte, civil collection.

February 17

Donald P. Johnson vs. Valerie L. Johnson, domestic relations no children.

Celesta D. Wininger vs. Dereck E. Wininger, domestic relations no children.

February 21

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Robert Cunningham, civil collection.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

February 23

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Medical of Dubois and against the defendant Johnny R. Blackmon in the amount of \$373.38.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Medical of Dubois and against the defendant Larry E. Gilbert in the amount of \$375.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Medical of Dubois and against the defendant Kimberly D. Wade in the amount of \$364.29.

February 27

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Savannah K. Mathies in the amount of \$4,030.07.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

February 22

James E. Hardesty of West Baden Springs and Kandi L. Tichenor of Shoals.

Cory A. Nugent of Loogootee and Jessica N. Carter of Loogootee.

February 24

Edward W. Newman of Loogootee and Cynthia Ann Spears of Loogootee.

February 27

Stephen J. Petit of Loogootee and Lorella D. Harty of Loogootee.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

8:15 a.m. - Female came on station to report some needles in the road on Queen Street.

12:15 p.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the Daviess County Sheriff's Department with a domestic dispute at Burch Estates.

4:33 p.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a three-vehicle accident.

6:26 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

10:48 p.m. - Male came on station to report threatening text messages.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

7:55 a.m. - Caller reported a possible violation of a protective order.

12:03 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on US 231.

2:20 p.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a residential alarm.

2:25 p.m. - Caller reported property damage on JFK Avenue.

6:00 p.m. - Male came on station to report a possible violation of a protective order.

8:01 p.m. - First responders were requested on Mt. Calvary Road for a medical call.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

1:47 a.m. - Officer McBeth responded to a residential alarm.

1:49 a.m. - First responders responded to a medical alarm on Day Road.

1:20 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

1:30 p.m. - Property owner requested an officer tag a vehicle behind Queen-Lee as an abandoned vehicle.

4:56 p.m. - Caller reported a civil matter.

7:59 p.m. - Captain Hennette and K-9 Roxy assisted the county with a drug arrest.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

4:33 a.m. - Officer McBeth assisted

the county with a disturbance.

9:00 a.m. - Female reported a threatening phone call.

12:40 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver. Chief Rayhill located the vehicle and the driver checked out okay.

8:23 p.m. - Female requested an officer escort another female off her property.

10:57 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from Chuckles.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

10:26 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the ambulance service.

3:35 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

8:45 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was dispatched to a tree on fire on Reinhart Road.

11:01 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

3:07 a.m. - Caller reported someone banging on his trailer.

11:15 a.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute.

12:09 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 550.

5:20 p.m. - Male reported harassing text messages.

9:41 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious persons on Broadway Street.

10:49 p.m. - Caller reported loud music on Poplar Street.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

12:24 a.m. - Captain Hennette assisted Trooper Beaver with a traffic stop.

1:49 p.m. - Caller reported a loose dog complaint.

6:21 p.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a medical call.

5:04 p.m. - Caller reported juveniles setting off fireworks.

6:23 p.m. - First responders responded to a medical alarm on US 231.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

9:16 a.m. - Abraham Martinez, 32, of Georgia, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with public intoxication and false informing. He is being held without bond.

2:55 p.m. - Jeremiah Jackson, 39, of Shoals, was arrested by Captain Dant and Reserve Deputy Kidwell and charged with operating while intoxicated and leaving the scene of an accident. He is being held without bond.

6:45 p.m. - Larry Holt, 41, of Shoals, was arrested by Sheriff Roush and charged with possession of meth, possession of paraphernalia, maintaining a common nuisance, and false informing. Deputy Reed and Reserve Deputies Kidwell and Erwin assisted. Holt is being held without bond.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

12:01 a.m. - Jill Lake, 41, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Salmon on an Indiana Department of Corrections warrant and is being held without bond.

7:06 a.m. - Brandon Lindsey, 19, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Salmon and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated prior and is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond. Chief Deputy Greene assisted with the arrest.

12:29 p.m. - Ernest Davis, 45, of Shoals, was arrested by Sheriff Roush and charged with strangulation, kidnapping, and domestic battery. He is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest were Chief Deputy Greene and Deputy Salmon.

7:53 p.m. - Jesse Kane, 50, of Loogootee, was arrested by Major Burkhardt and charged with driving while suspended, possession of meth, and possession of controlled substance. He is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest was K9 Officer Asher.

gootee, was arrested by Major Burkhardt and charged with driving while suspended, possession of meth, and possession of controlled substance. He is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest was K9 Officer Asher.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

12:52 a.m. - Travis Souerdike, 36, of Shoals, was arrested by Town Marshal Eckert and charged with battery, criminal mischief, and resisting law enforcement. He is being held without bond. ISP Trooper Beaver assisted in the arrest.

7:57 a.m. - Dober Ramirez, 32, of Washington, was arrested by Sergeant Keller and charged with driving while never receiving a license. He is being held without bond.

Real estate transfers

Raymond Raber and Ruth Ann Raber, Aden Jay Raber and John E. Raber, of Martin County, Indiana to Gary A. Raber, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: A portion of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter and a portion of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, of the second principal meridian, containing .33 acre, more or less. Tract II: A part of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter and a part of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 31.1 acres, more or less.

Pamela J. King, of Martin County, Indiana to Terry D. Yoder and Daniel R. Yoder, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 25, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 7.131 acres, more or less.

Brian Jones, of Lawrence County, Indiana to Brian and Yvonne Jones Family Trust, of Lawrence County, Indiana, Lot Number 28 in Doe Run Subdivision.

Triple Crown Ventures, LLC, of Monroe County, Indiana to Janice Peoples, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 87 in the original plat of Memphis, now Shoals, Martin County, Indiana.

Richard H. Emmons and Charles O. Emmons and Fayette Emmons to Ronald G. Schwenk and Diana K. Schwenk, a part of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 19, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 12.539 acres.

Mark Anthony Potts, of Martin County, Indiana to Myron Wittmer, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Numbered One and Two in Loogootee Land Company's Second Addition to Loogootee, Indiana.

Cynthia L. Williams, of Lawrence County, Indiana to Williams Acres, LLC, of Lawrence County, Indiana, part of south fractional Section 14; part east fractional Section 23 and part of east fractional Section 26, all in Township 4 North, Range 3 West, containing 518 acres, more or less.

Hazel M. Wilson, of Martin County, Indiana to Robert E. Taylor and Sabra D. Taylor, of Martin County, Indiana, a tract of land in Section 25, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, containing 2 acres.

Jeremy W. Braun and Allison L. Braun, of Martin County, Indiana to Sonja R. Boyd, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 32, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 3.755 acres, more or less.

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By Ann Ackerman



A senior citizen drove his brand-new Corvette convertible out of the dealership. Taking off down the road, he floored it to 80 mph, enjoying the wind blowing through what little gray hair he had left.

"Amazing," he thought as he flew down I-94, pushing the pedal even more. Looking in his rearview mirror, he saw a state trooper behind him, lights flashing and siren blaring. He floored it to 100 mph, then 110, then 120.

Suddenly he thought, "What am I doing? I'm too old for this," and pulled over to await the trooper's arrival.

Pulling in behind him, the trooper walked up to the Corvette, looked at his watch, and said, "Sir, my shift ends in 30 minutes. Today is Friday. If you can give me a reason for speeding that I've never heard before, I'll let you go."

The old gentleman paused. Then he said, "Years ago, my wife ran off with a state trooper. I thought you were bringing her back."

"Have a good day, sir," replied the trooper.

TEN WORDS THAT WILL IMMEDIATELY MAKE YOU SOUND OLD:

1. pocketbook
2. whippersnapper
3. tape
4. Xerox
5. floppy disk
6. stewardess
7. grody (gross)

8. ice box
9. dungarees
10. groovy

THOUGHTS ABOUT ANIMALS:

1. Having a pet is weird. Like neither of you speak each other's language and yet you form some strong bond by rubbing against each other and sleeping together and you might accidentally kick them in the face or step on their tail once in a while but at the end of the day you two are best buddies from entirely different species.

2. The only problem with dogs is that I can't have them all.

3. If there are no dogs in heaven, then when I die, I want to go where they went. -Will Rogers

4. Did you know that dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity, they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw them fish?

RANDOM THOUGHTS:

1. Sleeping with a toddler is like sharing your bed with a drunk octopus looking for its car keys.

2. Some of us are so old we can remember going an entire day without taking pictures of anything.

3. Some people won't admit their faults. I would if I had any.

4. Retirement is like a lifelong vacation, except you are no longer fit to do most of the fun stuff.

5. It only takes one slow-walking person in the grocery store to destroy the illusion that I'm a nice person.

6. A good mother loves her children. A great mother still loves them when they are teenagers.

7. I often wonder who Pete is, and why we do things for his sake.

SERIOUS THOUGHTS:

1. Beauty isn't about having a pretty face. It's about having a pretty mind, a kind heart, and most importantly, a beautiful soul.

2. Common sense is a flower that doesn't grow in everyone's garden.

3. Do everything with a good heart and expect nothing in return and you will never be disappointed.

4. Anyone can find the dirt in someone. Be the one who finds the gold.

5. The only way to win with a toxic person is not to play.

6. Don't worry if someone does not like you. Most people are struggling to like themselves.

7. Sometimes I feel sorry for judgmental people and their boring lives. Other times I'm jealous. I wish I had that much time to worry about things that are none of my business.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Goodwill Cemetery meeting

Goodwill Cemetery will hold its annual board meeting Tuesday, March 7 at 7 p.m. in Faith Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, located on East Main Street, Loogootee. The meeting is open to the public.

Sunday nights of revival

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

AL-ANON meetings

AL-ANON, a support group for those impacted by substance abuse, meets every Thursday at 8 p.m. at Loogootee Redemption Church.

Attention Senior Citizens

The Loogootee Senior Citizen Center, located in the Annex building attached to JFK Gym on JFK Avenue in Loogootee provides activities for seniors every Monday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon. For \$5 a year, seniors can participate in Euchre tournaments, games, puzzles, etc., with other local seniors. Anyone interested is welcome to stop by, there are no age or residency requirements to participate.

Free lunch for kids

New Beginnings Community Church will be offering a free lunch to

all school-age children every Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. at the fellowship hall of the church, located at 200 West Main Street next to the post office. For more info, call 812-709-2525.

SOAR Tutoring

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

Humane society meetings

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

Solid waste board

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

Tourism meetings

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

Soil and Water meetings

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



Chapter officers

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On February 21, the Indiana Society Sons of the American Revolution, Daniel Guthrie Chapter, Bedford installed the 2017 Chapter Officers at their meeting. Shown, from left to right, are Parliamentarian Compatriot Terry L. English, JD, Registrar Compatriot Major Gordon W. Bell Jr. (USA Retired), Genealogist Compatriot Luke M. Jacobus, PhD, President Compatriot James A. Pershing, PhD, Vice President Compatriot Bobby E. Smiley, PhD, Secretary Compatriot SFC James C. Arnold, (USA Retired), Treasurer Compatriot James A. Burton, Auditor Compatriot Colonel Theodore R. Legler II (USA Retired), and Chaplain Compatriot Father Charles M. Carpenter (Retired).

90th BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE FOR GENE SHERFICK

Gene Sherfick of Shoals will be celebrating his 90th Birthday on March 6th. In celebration of this special occasion, an open house will be held on Sunday, March 12th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Mary's Hall, Shoals.

A light lunch will be served. No presents please.

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-- GIVE FOREVER --

With a deferred gift, you can strategically accomplish your financial and charitable objectives. This includes preserving the family name, honoring loved ones, minimizing tax burdens, and supporting the community you call home. Remember that bequests to the MCCF are exempt from estate taxes.

You can support your favorite local charity or charities, enrich education, provide scholarships, support your church, fund human services, foster a stronger community, and much more. Tell us what is important to you and we will help identify an existing fund or begin the paperwork to satisfy your intentions when the deferred gift is received. These gifts will keep on giving long after you're gone.

-- LEGACY SOCIETY --

Anyone with a desire to give back to our community with a deferred gift can join the Legacy Society. Legacy Society members share their passion with other generous people who have also provided for Martin County's future in their estate plans. By notifying us of your gift and completing a "Statement of Gift Intention" form, you can become a member of the Legacy Society. We consider it an honor and privilege to recognize our Legacy Society members as examples in our community of how to make a difference in yet another important way. You tell us how much information you wish to disclose, or you can remain completely anonymous.

-- TYPES OF GIFTS --

Your deferred charitable gift can take several forms. You can leave (1) a specific request which is a gift of a particular asset, such as 100 shares of XYZ Corporation; or (2) a percentage request where some part of the value of the distributed estate is gifted; or (3) a residual bequest that leaves a gift as the remainder of the estate after all taxes, expenses, and other bequests have been satisfied; or (4) a contingent bequest that is a gift that will be made to a second beneficiary in the event that the original beneficiary is deceased or does not accept the gift.

-- WHEN AND HOW --

Any time you are drafting or changing your will or estate plans, you may want to consider adding a charitable endowment gift. Your financial advisor or legal advisor can provide professional guidance related to your specific estate, income goals, beneficiaries, taxes and other considerations.

Once you've decided the details of your deferred gift, provide the MCCF

a copy of the portion of your estate planning document that pertains to the gift. The amount of the gift does not need to be revealed to us. Then sign the "Statement of Gift Intention" form and provide it to the MCCF.

It's that easy to become a Legacy Society member and be able to make a difference for years to come.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

For more information about becoming a member of the Legacy Society, 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.

4-H NEWS

By Stacy Brown
Martin County Purdue
Extension Educator



Club Meetings

Jolly Jug Rox—Monday, March 6; Tuesday, March 21; Monday, April 10; Monday, April 24; Tuesday, May 2; Monday, May 22; Thursday, June 6; and Monday, June 19. The last meeting will be Thursday, July 6. Please mark your calendars and see you at the meetings.

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

Horse and Pony--

Monday, March 13, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at Martin County Learning Center Monday, April 3, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at Martin County Community Building Camps, Conferences, & Trips

Recently application of interest forms for state camps, conferences, and trips were sent to all 4-H families. If you are thinking of attending any of

these events, please fill out the form and send it back to the Extension Office. More information will be sent to you as it becomes available.

Upcoming Events

Livestock weigh-ins for the fair have been set for the spring. They will take place at the fairgrounds.

Beef - March 11, 2017, 9-11 a.m.

Sheep & Goat - May 6, 2017, 9-11 a.m.

Swine - May 13, 2017, 9-11 a.m.

Poultry - June 17, 2017, 9-11 a.m.

Become a Volunteer

Volunteers for 4-H have the unique opportunity to grow true leaders in our community. Volunteering can be as active as leading a 4-H club or just helping out at fair time. Volunteers learn educational programs to take out to community youth.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please call the Purdue Extension Martin County office at (812) 295-2412.



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Feeding the hungry

On Tuesday, February 21, 12 RSVP Volunteers, 14 members of St. John's Youth Group and two guests met at the Loogootee United Methodist Church to prepare shelf-stable meals for area food pantries. 1,000 chicken noodle soup mixes were bagged up with broth, noodles and spices and packaged with canned chicken for a hearty meal that will serve a family of four. Funding for the project came from the Martin County Community Foundation and the St. Vincent DePaul conference of St. Joseph Church in Bramble. The project was coordinated by RSVP to pull together both youth and senior volunteers to combat hunger in Martin County. The soup mixes will be distributed at the St. Vincent DePaul food pantry and the Loogootee United Methodist Church food pantry. Those participating included RSVP Volunteers Bud Halbert, Darlene Halbert, Martha Greene, Mark Bault, Frank Konieczka, Patricia Konieczka, Jerry Huelsman, Betty Huelsman, Cathy Padgett, Judy Ader, Sarah Spalding, MarCella Hardwick; guests Shirley Crays and Bill Berry; St. John's youth group members Luke Nonte, Trysha Stevens, Jamison Hennette, Aaron Dant, Trey Fuhs, Wyatt Sheetz, Seth Blackwell, Chelsie Sutton, Danielle Abel, Sean Lents, Bryant Eckerle, Jarrett Arvin, Jacob Bowman and Youth Group Director Mark Potts.

Six new Purdue research projects focused on power and energy funded through U.S. Navy partnership

Six interdisciplinary research teams at Purdue University have received \$2.7 million in grants of \$450,000 each through a partnership with the U.S. Navy.

The U.S. Navy Enterprise Partnership Teaming with Universities for National Excellence (NEPTUNE) was launched by Purdue and the Navy in 2014 to help the military branch reach its goal to convert half of its energy consumption to alternative sources, including biofuels, by 2020.

"These interdisciplinary projects came from a diverse lineup of nearly 30 submitted proposals in energy storage, renewable energy technologies, high energy and pulsed power, smart grid, flexible electronics, energy efficiency and systems engineering," said Maureen McCann, director of the Purdue Energy Center, who chairs the proposal selection committee. "The depth of the campus projects was impressive, and the deep engagement this process is creating between Purdue and the U.S. Navy is something we continue to build on."

A look at the newly funded projects and their research teams:

* Reliability of Next-Generation Thermal Management Systems for High-Power Naval Electronics - Peter Bermel, professor of electrical and computer engineering; and Justin A. Weibel, research professor of mechanical engineering.

* Design of Next Generation Renewable Fuels - Hilkka Kenttämää, the Frank Brown Distinguished Professor of Analytical Chemistry and Organic Chemistry; Gozdem Kilaz, professor of engineering technology; and Rodney Trice, professor of materials engineering.

* In-Situ Examination of Thermal Runaway in Lithium Ion Batteries under Dynamic Loading and at High Temperatures Using Nanomechanical Raman Spectroscopy - Vikas Tomar, professor of aeronautics and astronautics; Vilas G. Pol, professor of chemical engineering; and Tom Adams, scientist at the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division.

* Ultra-Wide Bandgap Semiconduc-

tor b-Ga₂O₃ Interface Engineering for Naval Power Electronics Applications via Atomic Layer Epitaxy - Peide "Peter" Ye, the Richard J. and Mary Jo Schwartz Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering; and Bermel.

* Laser Assisted Large-Scale Manufacturing of 2D/0D Nanocomposites for High Energy Density and High Power Output Li-ion Batteries - Gary J. Cheng, professor of industrial engineering; and Kejie Zhao, professor of mechanical engineering.

* Low-Cost Catalyst for Portable Hydrogen Generation and On-Demand Power - Timothee Pourpoint, professor of aeronautics and astronautics.

Purdue President Mitch Daniels and Navy Secretary Ray Mabus announced an agreement in 2014 to develop research efforts aimed at addressing the goal by the Navy and Marine Corps to generate at least 50 percent of their energy from alternative sources. In addition, Purdue and the Navy have partnered on more than 600 research projects valued at \$80 million in the past decade.



Temperatures have taken the Hoosier Hills on a roller coaster ride over the past several days. Many areas reported highs hitting 80 degrees last week, only to drop into the twenties over the weekend. I have seen mosquitos in February, for the first time in my memory. Plants have been drawn out of dormancy very early. One cannot help but wonder what damage has been done.

The aconite, hellebores, crocuses and daffodils that I have enjoyed this week are tough plants. They often bloom in the snow, so I do not think temperatures fell enough to damage the blooms. The same goes for the forsythia that has begun to bloom. However, the crabapples and other trees and shrubs that have had swelling buds this weeks will depend on the extent of their progress. Most buds have considerable resistance when they are in tight bud, but the frost effects may worsen if the buds have developed past that stage.

As I study the plants at Sandhill Gardens, I do not believe there has been any real damage. I will keep an eye on the situation, but there really is nothing I can do if the damage has occurred. At the worst, we may see that some shrubs may lose their blooms for this year, but the plants will survive.

Last week's good weather also offered opportunities to get out and do some clean-up work. Clearing away last year's growth should be done soon, since most plants have begun new growth. In most areas, tillage has been possible and there is little risk of soil compaction caused by walking in the gardens. It is a good idea to get beds ready for peas, potatoes and oth-

Women's Wilderness Weekend at Patoka Lake

Women can learn outdoor skills in a relaxed environment April 28-30 at Patoka Lake.

The Women's Wilderness Weekend is open to ages 16 and older. It will start at the Patoka Lake Nature Center and include overnight camping.

Activities include archery lessons, kayaking, Dutch oven cooking, survival, wild edibles and medicine, wilderness first aid, fishing and fly fishing, firearms safety, trap shooting, rifle, outdoors and camping basics, boat operations, self-defense and wildlife

Free astronomy event at Paynetown SRA

Monroe Lake is hosting a free astronomy event at Paynetown State Recreation Area on March 22.

"Welcome to the Universe!" runs from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. People can drop by anytime during the two-hour period to look through telescopes at the beach and participate in astronomy activities and crafts at the activity center.

The event coincides with an appearance by astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson at the Indiana University Auditorium the same day.

"This felt like an appropriate way to honor his visit to Bloomington," said Jill Vance, Monroe Lake interpretive naturalist.

The Paynetown event is not associat-

er spring crops.

I received some lily bulbs and planted them this week. Although such bulbs are usually planted in the fall, if the bulbs are still solid, it is fine to plant them now. Lilies will usually bloom in the first year, but some bulbs may not produce flowers without a chilling effect.

It is also time to begin planting seeds if you are planning to grow your own plants for the garden this year. Be sure to clean out any trays that have been used before and use a sterile seed-starting mix to avoid disease problems. Once planted, keep the soil moist and warm for the best germination. A heat mat or other bottom-heat source will speed germination, especially for peppers, eggplant and other heat-loving plants. Once germination has occurred, the plants will need even light. If you are raising plants in a window, it will be necessary to turn the trays daily to keep the plants growing straight.

If using artificial lighting, keep the light just a few inches above the top of the plants. It will be necessary to raise the lights as the plants grow, so daily monitoring is essential.

If cleaning up, preparing beds and planting seeds is not enough to satisfy your gardening urges, perhaps a great gardening seminar will cure your spring fever. The Hoosier Hill-sides Master Gardeners will host the tenth annual Spring Tonic at the Orange County Fairgrounds this Saturday. There will be five informative speakers and, of course, vendors and good food. The show starts at 9 a.m., but come early for breakfast. I hope to see you there.

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Meals will be provided on Saturday and Sunday. Participants will camp in modern electric campgrounds.

Advance registration is required by April 12 and costs \$55 per participant.

For more information, or to register, call the Patoka Lake Nature Center at (812) 685-2447.

The event is sponsored by the Dubois County Shooting Sports Instructor Council. Patoka Lake (stateparks.IN.gov/2953.htm) is at 3084 N. Dillard Road, Birdseye, IN 47513.

ed with the IU Auditorium and is sponsored solely by Monroe Lake. However, because the Paynetown event runs until 10:30 p.m., those attending deGrasse Tyson's presentation will be able to stop by afterward.

In the event of inclement weather or cloudy skies, telescope viewing may not be available.

Indoor activities will proceed as planned. Entrance to Paynetown SRA is free during winter.

For more information, call (812) 837-9967 or email jvance@dnr.IN.gov.

Paynetown State Recreation Area at Monroe Lake (stateparks.IN.gov/2954.htm) is at 4850 South State Road 446, Bloomington, 47401.

Warmer temps not a threat to fruit crops, specialists say

BY DARRIN PACK
Purdue University News Service

After two months of unusually warm conditions throughout Indiana, state climatologists based at Purdue University believe temperatures will slowly return to seasonal norms over the next month, which is good news for fruit growers and home gardeners concerned that their plants might be emerging too quickly.

"There is a lot more weather to come before we know what the fruit crop outlook will be, but as of right now things are in good shape and, in fact, a bit more chilling is needed for some fruit crops," said Bruce Bordelon, professor of horticulture and Purdue Extension viticulture and small fruit specialist.

Bordelon advised growers to be patient, giving trees, bushes and vines more time to get their winter rest.

"The general consensus for now is to delay dormant pruning until a bit later in case there is significant weather to come," he said

Fruit production is an increasingly important part of Indiana's agriculture industry. The state ranks 10th nationally in blueberry production at 3.6 million pounds annually and produces 26 million pounds of apples per year, ranking 20th in the country. Together, Indiana apple and blueberry crops have a combined value of more than \$13 million.

In addition, Indiana produces about 3 million pounds of peaches each year and is home to a thriving wine grape industry with more than 85 wineries and vineyards statewide.

Fruit-bearing trees go dormant in winter until they register enough "chilling hours" to begin blooming once temperatures exceed 50 degrees Fahrenheit for an extended period. The number of required chilling hours varies by species, ranging from 600 hours for grapes and most peaches to 1,200 hours for apples and blueberries. Three weeks of optimal temperatures can produce 500 chilling hours.

Chilling hours typically occur when the temperature is between 34 and 45 degrees F, with optimal chilling taking place at 42 degrees F.

Daily high temperatures in Indianapolis exceeded 45 degrees F 13 times in January and 15 times in the first three weeks of February. The longest stretch was six days, from February 17-23.

Peter Hirst, professor of horticulture and Purdue Extension commercial fruit tree specialist, says so far temperatures have not been warm long enough to threaten the state's fruit crop.

"We really haven't had that much warm weather," Hirst said. "If we were to have another week with temperatures in the 70s, that would be cause for concern. Another saving grace is that the cool down we are expecting will be

moderate and gradual. And we really haven't had any extended periods of extreme cold this winter so fruit buds are in good condition."

If the weather gets too warm too soon, fruit trees might start to bud out prematurely, putting them at higher risk of injury if temperatures drop significantly.

That pattern last occurred in 2012, resulting in severe losses to the state's fruit crop. Bordelon said that doesn't appear to be the case this year, noting that forecasters at the Indiana State Climate Office see no signs of a sudden deep freeze that could damage early emerging trees this year.

Ken Scheeringa, associate state climatologist, also with Purdue, expects a moderate downturn in temperatures in March.

"Looking about 30 days ahead, the Climate Prediction Center is forecasting a gradual cooling of these unseasonable temperatures week to week," Scheeringa said. "By mid-March, Indiana is forecast to have slightly below normal temperatures."

B. Rosie Lerner, Purdue Extension consumer horticulture specialist, said it is not unusual for some decorative garden plants - daffodils, dianthus and day-lilies - to emerge during February warm spells in Indiana.

"The plants will survive just fine," she said. "The longer the mild weather stays around, the more potential there is for damage when below-freezing temperatures return. Foliage that has popped up may be killed back, but the bulbs and storage roots should remain undamaged underground."

Kyle Daniel, Purdue Extension nursery and landscape outreach specialist, said as long as temperatures remain at or near seasonal norms, the risk to ornamental species should be low.

"Nursery growers in the northern part of the state shouldn't be experiencing many species with bud break, but southern nurseries may have bud break on several species," he said.

Rick Foster, entomology professor and Purdue Extension pest management specialist for fruit and vegetable crops, said the warmer weather has resulted in somewhat more insect activity than normal.

"If the warmer weather continues, we could see the emergence of some pest species which may then be killed if we have a freeze," he said. "If temperatures revert to more normal levels, the effects on insects will be minimal."

Lerner said growers should rest easier with the outlook for cooler weather in the near future.

"We could be looking at an early arrival of spring, but if the extended forecast is a return to more seasonal temperatures, then the progress toward spring will slow down a bit and that would be good news for all."

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2017 Senior SPOTLIGHTS



SYDNEY BLAKENBAKER

Sydney Ann Blankenbaker is the daughter of Jonna Walker and Randall Blankenbaker. After graduation, Sydney plans to attend Vincennes University. While in high school, Sydney participated in Chorus (9,10,12), Cadet Teaching (10,11), FACS (9), and was an intern (12). Sydney also participated in Job Shadow (11), Pep Club (9-12), SADD (9-10), Show Choir (12), Spanish Club (9-10) Spell Bowl (9-10), and Student Council (9-11). Sydney was class president (10) and class vice president (11). Sydney was also in softball (9-12) and volleyball (9) was girl's basketball manager (10) and boy's basketball manager (11).



ELLA DONNERSBERGER

Ella V. Donnersberger plans to enter the Americorps after graduation. While in high school, Ella participated in Cheerleading (12), Cadet Teaching (12), Musical (9, 10), Pep Club (12), Yearbook (12), PEERS (9, 10), and Softball (9-11).



ALAN YANG

Alan Xiao Yang is the son of Jins-hu Yang and Caimi Chen. After graduation, Alan plans to attend Indiana University to study Dentistry. While in high school Alan participated in Beta Club (9-12), Spanish Club (9-11), and Intern (12).



COLE GILLICK

Cole M Gillick is the son of Stacy and Kevin Gillick. After graduation, Cole plans to attend Vincennes University. While in high school Cole participated in Intern (11,12) Pep club (9,10,11) Cadet teach(11) Student council (9,10,11) and Basketball (9,10,11).



DEANNA CANELL

DeAnna Rae Canell is the daughter of Shirley and Ernest Canell. After graduation, DeAnna plans to attend Vincennes University to study nursing. While in high school, DeAnna participated in Band (9-11), Chorus (9-10), Pep club (9-10), Spanish Club (9-12), Job Shadow (12), and Cadet Teaching (11). DeAnna also was Spanish Club Secretary (11) and played Softball (9-12).



KYLIE HALL

Kylie Marie Hall is the daughter of Scott and Pam Hall. After graduation, Kylie plans to attend a place of higher education to study criminology or cosmetology. While in high school, Kylie participated in Chorus (9-12), Cadet (11,12), Intern (11,12), Musical (9-12), Pep Club (9-12), Show Choir (9-12), and Student Council (9-12). Kylie also participated in Basketball (9,10), and Volleyball (9-12).



Shown above are NSWC Crane's Comptroller Department employees Natalee Woodward, Chelsey Bailey, Roger Clark and Kathy Burns displaying the Plaque and Platinum Plate that their department earned for achieving 100 percent participation of the CFC. (Photo by TB037)

NSWC Crane honored at the Annual Combined Federal Campaign Awards Ceremony

The 2016-2017 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) Awards Ceremony was held on February 9, 2017 at the Garrison Restaurant in Indianapolis, and NSWC Crane's accomplishments were highlighted due to the amazing results of the last CFC. On top of raising \$137,215 for CFC in 2016, Crane's overall participation rate was the highest it had been since 2012 at 10.1 percent and well surpassed the 5.4 percent it was in 2015. The total dollars raised was the most since 2012 and up from \$118,352 in 2015. Every single department at NSWC Crane increased their participation in 2016.

Departments from NSWC Crane that received Spotlight Awards were: Command Staff, Contracting Department, Corporate Operations, Global Deterrence & Defense, Special Warfare & Expeditionary Systems and Spectrum. Crane Naval Facilities Engineering

Radius Indiana connects with South Carolina

Radius Indiana and a representative from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation traveled to Greenville, S.C. last week to meet with site selectors and share the advantages of doing business in the Radius region. The organization is continuing its successful outreach program that began last year.

This is the second visit in a series of economic development trips that Radius has planned for 2017, and the first trip for Radius to South Carolina. Ensuring that decision makers know about the area's offerings is a primary focus for Radius Indiana, the regional partnership representing Crawford, Daviess, Dubois, Greene, Lawrence, Martin, Orange, and Washington counties.

IEDC Regional Director Trevor Lane joined Radius Indiana President and CEO Jeff Quyle on the visit to meet with nine site selectors who work with industrial clients, including many that are part of the auto industry. The site selectors report an increase in projects coming through the pipeline, many of which include foreign investments considering the U.S. as a place to expand or locate operations.

Quyle and Lane learned that while most of the South Carolina-based site selectors had familiarity with Indiana, many did not know the Radius Indiana region specifically. The pair took the opportunity to discuss the region's competitive advantages including the I-69 corridor, Naval Support Activi-

Command (NAVFAC) and Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) also received Spotlight Awards.

NSWC Crane's Comptroller Department earned a Platinum Plate to add to their plaque for achieving 100 percent participation and NSWC Crane's Contracting Department won the award for the Largest Increase In Percentage Of Participation.

NSWC Crane was also well represented in the category of Extraordinary Individuals who were nominated for their exceptional efforts of going above and beyond the call of duty and were acknowledged for their dedication to the campaign and those who are served by it.

Those individuals recognized were: Chelsey Bailey, Kathy Burns, Roger Clark, Paula Herendeen, Jarad King, Brenda Mathias, Jean Marie Reynolds and Natalee Woodward.

ty Crane and New Market Tax Credit eligibility. They also explained the area's pro-manufacturing culture with an emphasis on advanced manufacturing, and Radius' ongoing collaboration with Regional Opportunity Initiatives Inc., the 11-county consortium for the region focused on education, workforce programs and quality-of-place investments.

"The chance to open new doors is always good for our Radius communities. We heard positive feedback about the efforts our region is making to collaborate with groups such as the Regional Opportunity Initiatives and its workforce development programs. These folks now know a little more about our region, and we'll continue to build a relationship with them so that our part of Indiana becomes a place they will advise clients on in the future," said Quyle.

Radius Indiana will partner with the IEDC and Local Economic Development Organizations from the region's respective counties for future visits in Indiana and other states across the country.

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