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Library has new plan for building

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT

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The Loogootee Public Library will once again move forward with the plans to build a new building next door to the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. This time, the library board hopes to go an alternative route and not increase property taxes. They will be applying for an \$800,000 loan with the USDA and attempting to raise the remaining \$200,000 through fundraisers.

Back in April of this year, the library board and supporters took plans and ideas to the Martin County Council in the hopes of getting approval for a property tax increase to fund the building. Public outcry quickly shut down the plans. Most opposed to the project didn't want their taxes increased but others felt the building was too big for the Loogootee population and the location by the food pantry was not ideal.

According to Library Director Darla Wagler, the library board has learned a lot since that initial meeting with the county council in April. She said that they realize they went about their idea the wrong way, by not informing the public of what they were thinking about doing. She said although the firms they hired in Indianapolis to help with the bond didn't spell out the need to involve the public, they should have known better. Wagler said they can't go back and change it but they can involve the public now which is what she is trying to do.

Wagler said that since April, the library board has looked at several locations for a new library, including their current location. Estimates to add on to the current library, according to Wagler, are not feasible and would not solve the issue they are having with limited space and limited parking. Some locations that have been checked out include the former Prairie Farms building, the empty lots on the square, a plot of land by the city pool, property near the elementary school, and the former Martin County Video building. None of them panned out, mostly due to cost. Wagler said the location by the food pantry on Park Street is near the city park and the pool and feels it would be a great addition to that area of Loogootee.

The library board plans to go forward with the original plans of an

8,388-square-foot building. Wagler noted that of the total square footage, 6,643 square feet is the actual main floor of the building. The rest of the square footage is in the mezzanine, the partial basement, and the patio. The estimate of the building is around \$1 million. Wagler said they didn't go for an upscale building, it is a metal-style frame.

The current library on the square is around 3,000 square feet and was purchased in 2016 for \$150,000.

The library plans to apply for a USDA loan for 40 years for \$800,000 and then fundraise for the remaining \$200,000. Wagler said if they are unable to raise the \$200,000, they will be forced to scale back the size of the building, something they hope they do not have to do.

The library has also scrapped the idea of including an office for St. Vincent de Paul who donated the land. Wagler said they would still like to offer office space to WorkOne but now as a renter. She said that WorkOne would be a huge asset to the library by adding services that many come to the library seeking already.

If a USDA loan doesn't work out, Wagler said their other option is to take out a public works loan for five years for \$500,000 and then try to get approval to increase property taxes through a bond to pay for the remaining \$500,000. Wagler said the USDA loan is the only low-interest, long-term loan option they have because other loans have a maximum payback of five years – such as with a public works loan. She said they cannot afford payments on such a short-term loan for the money they need for the new building. She said they do, however, have enough funding to pay for a 40-year loan.

The library currently has nine part-time and full-time employees so Wagler said she doesn't feel there will be a need to increase staff in a new building.

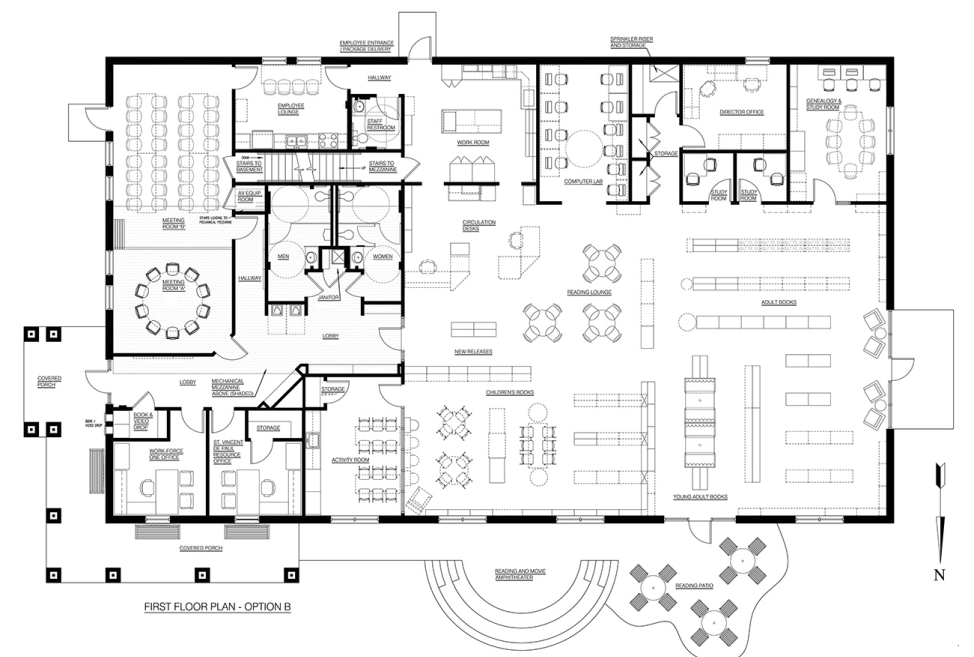
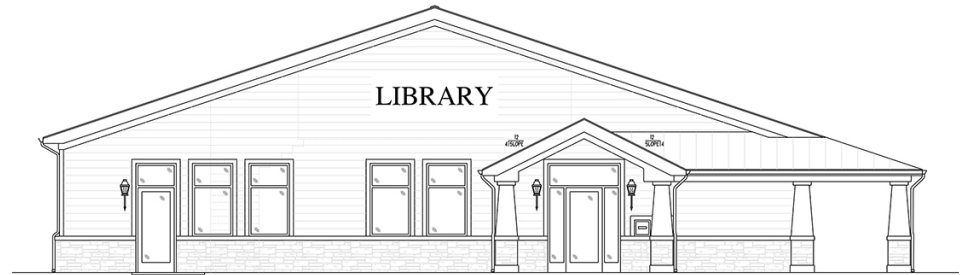
The larger library, Wagler said, would allow for the room needed to accommodate their growing programs. She said there are times when 75 children will sign up for a library program and they have to turn some away. She noted that while many programs have been moved to other locations around the community, it would be ideal to have (See 'LIBRARY' continued on page 2)

American Legion Veteran's Day Program

Saturday, November 11, the American Legion Post 120 will salute all veterans, both living and deceased, at 11 a.m. on the square in Loogootee. This salute is to recognize all veterans of all wars, conflicts, and in times of peace, for the unselfish dedication and duty to our country. An often-used quote states "The best defense is a strong offense", and whether a veteran served in a combat zone, or in peacetime or in support of the military in a noncombatant role, all veterans played a vital role in maintaining the freedoms we enjoy every day. Many paid the ultimate price to

defend our country and our democracy, but all veterans sacrificed some part of their life to make America strong.

Following the ceremony on the square, the Legion Post will be open to the public and everyone is invited to come in for a light lunch of soup and sandwiches, and comments from Legion officers and local elected officials. This is a good time to visit with fellow veterans, or to thank a veteran, or simply to share memories of service time or veterans that have answered the final roll call and rest in the eternal campground.



Above are the plans for the new Loogootee Public Library building. The entire building is 8,388 square feet which includes a mezzanine (containing Hvac equipment), a partial basement, and patio space. The main floor is 6,643 square feet, twice the size of the current library. The estimated cost of the building and furnishings is \$1 million.

Highway department has mechanic after eight-month search, pay hike

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT

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After many months without a mechanic in the highway department, the Martin County Commissioners, at their meeting Tuesday night, November 6, voted to hire Ephrum Hovis to take the position. The highway department lost their mechanic more than eight months ago and had a difficult time filling the position. The department has been sending out any major repairs that need to be done which has cost a lot of money. Highway Superintendent had gone to the county council many times requesting that the \$16.37 per hour salary go up. Finally, at the last council meeting on October 23, the council decided to increase the hourly rate to \$17.50 per hour. Hovis will start the position in two weeks, pending pre-employment drug screening.

In other business, the commissioners met Greg Ellis, with RQAW Engineers, who attended the meeting. Ellis spoke to the commissioners about work that needs to be done on a low area by the bridge on Butler Bridge Road that floods. He asked the commissioners if his firm could give them an estimate on what it would cost to get permits and materials to have the highway department do the repair work. The estimate is at no cost. The commissioners gave him the okay. He also asked if there were any other issues his firm could

help out with. He said he used to work for INDOT for 20 years and he can help the county out with the Community Crossings grant or any other highway issues that may arise. The commissioners thanked him for attending and offering the services.

The commissioners approved a new no harassment policy as suggested by Auditor January Roush. Roush recently attended the auditor's conference and said the county's former policy was out of date. Employees will now be required to watch a video on harassment and sign a form acknowledging they have read the new policy.

Bedford man killed in single-vehicle crash on US 50

A Bedford man was killed Monday afternoon in a single vehicle crash on US 50 near Shoals.

At 3:30 p.m. Monday, November 6, 33-year-old Eric Gootee was driving a 2008 Kenworth truck eastbound on US 50 near Rama Dye Road (two miles west of Shoals) when a large tree on the south side of the highway fell across the roadway and into the path of Gootee's truck. The tree hit the truck in the windshield and passenger compartment, impacting Gootee. Gootee was pronounced deceased at the scene by the Martin County Coroner.

US 50 was closed for over two hours while the crash was investigated and the scene was cleared.

Purdue@WestGate supports southern Indiana business development, 11 startups join Firestarter program

BY SARAH K. MILLER
Purdue University News Service

Purdue@WestGate, aimed at boosting regional development for southern Indiana, launched its first Firestarter program with 11 high-potential startups at the WestGate Academy.

Firestarter is a cohort-based program that connects entrepreneurs with the resources they need to move their innovations to commercialization. The six-week program covers a wide variety of entrepreneurial topics including business plan development, value proposition, ideation, validation and market discovery.

The program has a proven track record with its West Lafayette program that graduated more than 97 ideas from 2013 to 2016, resulting in 64 startups.

“The response to the program exceeded what we anticipated and is a tremendous first stride toward growing WestGate as a regional innovation hub,” said Jason Salstrom, director of Purdue@WestGate. “This kind of a response indicates considerable entrepreneurial potential.”

Firestarter participants include current and former NSWC Crane engineers as well as incubator tenants at WestGate Academy. Some startups in the cohorts are affiliated with higher education institutions such as Indiana University and University of Southern Indiana.

Brooke Pyne is the technology transfer director at NSWC Crane.

“Technology transfer (T2) is about the transition of Crane-developed technologies into the commercial sector,” Pyne said. “The Firestarter program is a great way to assist entrepreneurs with commercialization efforts and the progression to the marketplace.”

Mike Sandefur is senior project manager of 3rd Millennium Project, a startup in the first Firestarter session.

“The resources, education, and confidence provided by this program and programs like it, will promote innovations that will advance the human spirit,” Sandefur said. “I am blessed to take part in Firestarter alongside other like-minded entrepreneurs.”

Samantha Nelson, program facilitator at Purdue@WestGate, said Firestarter is a Purdue Foundry program, a startup accelerator at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana.

“The next set of cohorts will launch in early 2018,” Nelson said. “We anticipate that the program will grow even more and draw entrepreneurs from areas such as Vincennes, Jasper and Terre Haute in addition to our current areas.”

Purdue@WestGate offers a range of resources to accelerate business growth, including experienced entrepreneurs-in-residence to provide mentorship, Purdue Polytechnic Career-Maker™ to help businesses develop workforce talent and monthly Spirited Entrepreneur networking events to provide a forum to share ideas and connect with other entrepreneurs.

For more information about Purdue@WestGate, contact Salstrom at 812-483-0935, jdsalstrom@prf.org.

Entries being accept for Loogootee Christmas parade

Time is fast approaching for the 4th Annual Festival of Lights Christmas Parade in downtown Loogootee. The parade will be held on Sunday, December 3.

Downtown stores will be open for Christmas shoppers as the Christmas Stroll will start at 5 p.m. The parade will proceed through downtown at 6 p.m. The theme for the parade is “The True Meaning of Christmas”.

Entries are being accepted by calling the Loogootee Mayor’s office at 295-4770 or stopping in for an entry form.

Santa will again pay a visit during the parade and candy will be passed out to the young ones in attendance.

There will be lighted floats for you to enjoy along with marching bands and Christmas carolers.



Students, staff of the month

-Photo provided

The Loogootee Elementary Students and Staff Member of the Month were recently chosen. In the front row, from left to right, are Alivia Fox, Alayna Weigle, and Brynleigh Mullen. In the second row, from left to right, are Jenna LeTourneau, Aubri Gilbertson, Garnetta Boyd, and Marly Jones. In the back row, from left to right, are Liam Todd, Carson Brown, Peyton Blackwell, Mrs. Lynn Bateman, and Cora Consley. Students of the Month sponsors are Jones Marathon, Dairy Master, McDonalds, Blake’s Hi-Y Carwash, Running with Scissors, Jolene’s Decorating, and Edward Jones.

LIBRARY

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space in their own building to not only accommodate current programs but to add new ones. The new library would offer meeting room/activity space, multiple additional bookshelves, and a computer lab. Wagler said computer usage is one of the library’s more popular services.

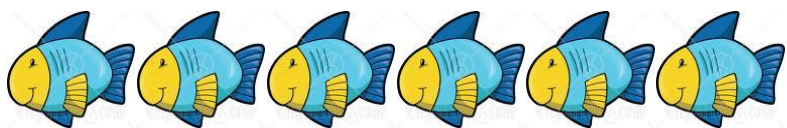
St. Vincent has also added an additional quarter of an acre to the amount of land they have donated which can be used for any future library expansion. The property, on Park Street, will allow for 37 parking spaces for patrons and the library board is in talks with the owners of Bowling Manufacturing who offered some of their parking area at no cost. Wagler noted that the only residential property that would be affected by the library’s new location would be a vacant Habitat for Humanity House located on the back of the new property. She said they are in talks with Habitat officials about moving that house to a vacant lot, next to other Habitat houses.

Wagler said one of the things the library needs to qualify for the USDA loan are letters of support from the community. The library board and supporters plan to have an informational

public hearing on Wednesday, November 29 at 7 p.m. in the Loogootee High School Cafeteria to get input from the public on what they are proposing. Wagler said they would also like to get support letters and comments at this meeting to add to their loan application.

The Friends of the Loogootee Library will also be hosting a silent auction and chili dinner on November 18 from 4-8 p.m. at the Loogootee VFW. An account has also been set up at German American Bank for anyone wishing to donate toward the project. The account is under the name Raising Educational (Library) Awareness Donations (READS).

Wagler said she feels somewhat like members of the community have avoided supporting the library after the events this past April. She said she realizes things were not done correctly and has spent the last several months sitting down with those who are known proponents of the original plan. She said she feels she has gotten many to understand and hopes to be able to bring back support to the library because it is incredibly important to the community. “I had a lot of sleepless night,” said Wagler about upsetting the public.



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ROBERT BRETT

Robert Wayne Brett passed away November 1, 2017 at 2:50 p.m. at his home on Hickory Ridge Road, Shoals. He was 68.

He was born August 7, 1949 in Martin County; the son of Robert M. and Blanche M. (Hovis) Brett.

He was a graduate of Shoals High School, a member of the Shoals American Legion, was a United States Air Force Veteran, serving in the Vietnam War and was a lifelong farmer.

Survivors include three brothers, Kenneth (Carolyn) Brett of Shoals, Richard (Marsha) Brett of Shoals and Roger Brett of Shoals; and one sister, Lois Brett and Bob Force.

He is preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Wilma Allen.

Funeral services are pending at this time.

JO ANN NONTE

Jo Ann (Harris) Nonte passed away Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at her home surrounded by family. A resident of Washington, she was 74.

She was born May 3, 1943 in Washington; daughter of the late Otto M. Harris and Agnes C. (Rodgers) Harris.

She graduated from Loogootee High School in 1961 and received her Bachelor, Masters, and Educational Specialist degrees in education from Indiana State University. Jo Ann taught elementary school in four area school cor-



porations ending with serving as elementary principal in the North Daviess School System and retiring in 2003. She was devoted to her family, especially her grandchildren. She had a great love for animals. She also enjoyed participating in activities of Princess Craft Club, Delta Kappa Gamma and yoga.

She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Anthony E. Nonte; children, Rachel (Gary) Duncan of Carmel, Suzanne (Chad) Ballengee of Montgomery and Elizabeth (special friend Brad Cass and his children Braelin and Grayson) Nonte of Carmel; grandchildren, Robert Duncan, Anna Ballengee, Joseph Duncan, Abby Ballengee; aunt Wava (Rodgers) Riester; sister Carolyn (Jim) Waller; niece Donna Waller, nephews Bill (Marlene) Waller and Brad (Kellie) Waller; brothers of her husband Tim (Joyce) Nonte, Tom (Janet) Nonte, Bob (Trisha) Nonte, Dr. Bernie (Vicki) Nonte and Dr. Bruce (Julie) Nonte; and many nieces and nephews from both sides of the family.

She is preceded in death by her parents, uncle and aunt, Murray and Zelma Harris; and brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Larry and Jayne Mehringer.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Rev. James Koressel Saturday, November 4 at St. Peter Catholic Church in Montgomery. Burial followed in Bethany Cemetery in Washington.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her name can be made to the Daviess County Humane Society, Friends for Animals, Red Barn Rescue or the Daviess County Community Foundation.

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

ELLEN SMITH

Ellen A. Smith passed away at 12:59 a.m. Saturday, November 4, 2017 at her home. A resident of Loogootee, she was 61.

She was born April 15, 1956 in Jasper; daughter of the late Hugh C. and Patricia A. (Gates) Renneker.

She was a member of St. Martin Catholic Church. She loved her family and cherished every moment spent

with her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; infant brother, Elijah Renneker; nephew, Shane Robert Wilz; niece, Jennifer Wilz and father-in-law, James R. Smith.

She is survived by her husband, Mike Smith of Loogootee; son, Shawn (Debbie) Smith of Atlanta, Georgia; grandchildren, Noah, Addison and Jackson Smith; sister, Julie Wilz of Loogootee; mother-in-law, Betty L. Smith of Washington and many nieces and nephews and one great-nephew.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at 10 a.m. this morning, Wednesday, November 8 at St. John Catholic Church. Burial followed in St. Martin Catholic Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Riley Children's Hospital.

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

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

1:10 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded and all was okay.

7:01 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

8:20 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:30 a.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

9:45 a.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 50, east of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Chief Deputy Greene responded.

12:06 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

3:42 p.m. - Captain Dant assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

5:38 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:22 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Sergeant Keller and Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.

11:15 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris and ISP Trooper Beaver responded. All was okay.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

4:54 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

6:08 a.m. - Jail Officer Wehinger transported one inmate to the doctor.

8:49 a.m. - Received a report of a hit-and-run accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill, Sheriff Roush, Captain Dant, Deputy Reed, and K9 Officer Yirka responded.

10:20 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill and Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

12:36 p.m. - Captain Dant performed a vehicle identification check near Shoals.

12:45 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:47 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

4:27 p.m. - Captain Dant assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

5:50 p.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist near Shoals.

7:47 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

8:08 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

8:20 p.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

5:42 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

7:54 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill and Sheriff Roush responded.

9:04 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

10:21 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to

Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:15 a.m. - Received an animal neglect report in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

12:40 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

2:32 p.m. - Received a report of an intruder at a home in Loogootee. Captain Dant and ISP Trooper Lents responded.

3:49 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

5:41 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on US 231, south of Loogootee. Sheriff Roush responded.

6:52 a.m. - Received a report of trucks blocking US 50, east of Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

7:05 a.m. - Received a report of an unknown object near SR 150, east of Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

10:05 a.m. - Loogootee Chief Rayhill assisted with a funeral detail in Loogootee.

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

10:38 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

10:45 a.m. - Sheriff Roush took one inmate to court.

11:32 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

12:20 p.m. - Jailer Wehinger took one inmate to the doctor.

1:28 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:04 p.m. - Major Burkhardt performed two vehicle identification checks east of Shoals.

5:22 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:55 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded and all was okay.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

1:34 a.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

6:45 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across West River Road. Shoals Fire and Martin County Highway responded.

8:01 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

8:41 a.m. - Received a report of cows out north of Shoals. The owners were notified.

12:50 p.m. - Major Burkhardt performed a vehicle identification check north of Shoals.

12:54 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check north of Shoals. Major Burkhardt and Sheriff Roush responded. The subject checked out fine.

3:00 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

4:22 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:55 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County

ty Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:50 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance north of Loogootee. Crane Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded.

6:55 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

2:15 a.m. - Received a noise complaint east of Loogootee. Deputy Wright responded.

8:11 a.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller and Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

10:19 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:10 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

11:31 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:21 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:42 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

3:12 p.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.

3:30 p.m. - Sergeant Keller performed a vehicle identification check in Loogootee.

6:50 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Sergeant Keller and Deputy Reed responded. The driver checked okay.

7:08 p.m. - Received a report of an

Martin County real estate transfers

Brittany S. Reynolds n/k/a Brittan S. Lyons, of Martin County, Indiana to **Edward E. Schnarr**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing .40 acres, more or less.

James D. Woody, of Martin County, Indiana to **Ricky L. Graber and Laura R. Graber**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a portion of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 12, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 5 acres, more or less.

Robert P. Boyd, of Martin County, Indiana to **Alexander K. Benge**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 1 acre, more or less.

Aaron Dupont, of Martin County, Indiana to **Seth J. Sorrells**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the west half of the east half of the east fractional Section 2, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2.88 acres, more or less.

Hefner Timber, LLC to **Kuntz Family Farm, LLC**. Tract I: 14.71 acres in Section 19, Township 2 North, Ranges 3 and 4 West. Tract II: 80.29 acres in Section 24, Township 2 North, Ranges 3 and 4 West.

accident East of Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

7:30 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

8:28 p.m. - Received an alarm call east of Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded and all was okay.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

12:05 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

3:45 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.

6:24 a.m. - Received a report of a burglary near Shoals. Deputy Reed responded.

6:40 a.m. - Received a trash complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

8:37 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded and all was okay.

11:26 a.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist in Shoals.

1:01 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense removed the tree.

1:37 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Shoals. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

3:07 p.m. - Received an alarm call east of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded and all was okay.

3:33 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231 near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

4:41 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

7:17 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:36 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on SR 150, east of Shoals. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

Stewart Blake and Charles Lyon, of Martin County, Indiana to **James D. Woody and Tammy M. Woody**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter and a part of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter both in Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.608 acres, more or less.

Brian T. Ader, of Martin County, Indiana to **Lisa R. Ader**, of Martin County, Indiana, .3 of an acre in Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West. Also, a part of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Martin County, Indiana containing 0.410 acre, more or less.

Jane Ann Davis, of Martin County, Indiana and **Ernest G. Arvin**, of Dubois County, Indiana to **Philip G. Todd and Catherine A. Todd**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 34 in Campbell and Breen's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Robert James Potts and Leanna Potts, of Martin County, Indiana to **Paul J. Moffitt and Eva Darlene Moffitt**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of Section 20, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 1 acre, more or less. Also, a part of the southeast quarter of Section 20, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 1 acre, more or less.

Drug threat is 'unprecedented' according to forensic experts

The American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors (ASCLD) is issuing an urgent public alert regarding the dangers posed by drugs currently circulating America's streets and neighborhoods as a result of the current opioid crisis. This alert is intended to help the public recognize and avoid suspicious materials when they are nearby.

"The threat is unprecedented," warns ASCLD President Ray Wickenheiser. "Some of the clandestine substances being sold or made accessible have formulations that are so toxic that it's better to consider them poison."

The street drugs the public may be exposed to can be so dangerous that even trace amounts can be fatal when ingested, inhaled or even absorbed through the skin. Carfentanil, a drug 100 times more lethal than fentanyl and 10,000 times more lethal than morphine, is used to tranquilize elephants, yet is now available on the streets. A lethal dose is approximately 20 micrograms, which is about the size of a grain of salt. The problem is so serious that it requires scientists working in crime laboratories across the United States to take additional special precautions to protect their own safety. According to Wickenheiser, approximately 94 percent of all crime laboratories in the United States compile and share data pertaining to drug evidence submissions. "Crime laboratories see and identify a variety of drugs, compiling statistics from across many law enforcement agencies. There is a direct relationship between the kinds of drugs we are seeing in our laboratories and the spike in overdose deaths being reported in hospitals across the country."

ASCLD warns members of the public to pay close attention in order to recognize and avoid dangerous drug paraphernalia. Drugs seen in America's

crime laboratories are often packaged, transported, and used with common household items.

Items to be avoided include:

- Pills, tablets, or unidentified candy
- Powders, especially those that are white or gray in color
- Glassine (wax paper) packets, small knotted plastic bag corners or ziplock bags
- Clear capsules that contain powder
- Rubber balloons or condoms
- Small, brightly colored packages
- Syringes or spoons
- Stickers or labels that seem out of place (potent drugs may be on the adhesive side)

The following crime lab data underscore the nature and severity of the problem:

In the first six months of 2017, there was a 19 percent increase in opioid submissions to crime labs as compared to all of 2016

In 2016, there were over 22 different types of fentanyl (a powerful opioid pain medication) identified in crime labs

2017 has seen a 54 percent increase in fentanyl cases submitted to crime labs

Between 2012 and 2016, laboratories have witnessed a 6000 percent increase in fentanyl cases. This increase corresponds directly with the overdose deaths being seen nationwide.

Case backlogs have increased by roughly 28 percent in the last year due to the increasing case submissions, case complexity and danger of the drugs now being seized by law enforcement

Forensic scientists working in America's crime laboratories have seen firsthand, the kinds of materials and containers that may pose the greatest threat. This public alert is based on their direct experience observing and analyzing these dangerous drugs.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

1:10 a.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a business alarm.

10:15 a.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on US 231.

1:59 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle all over the road on 75 North.

7:56 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on Hwy 50.

10:25 p.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted the county with a domestic dispute.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

8:49 a.m. - Caller reported a hit-and-run accident on East Broadway Street. Chief Rayhill responded and charges will be filed on a female. Chief Rayhill was assisted by the Martin County Sheriff's Department.

10:20 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

6:09 p.m. - Caller reported juveniles riding in the bed of a pickup.

10:20 p.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a business alarm.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

12:10 a.m. - Caller reported he believed someone was trying to break into his house. Officers were unable to locate.

5:42 a.m. - Caller reported a broken-down vehicle on Broadway Street.

7:54 a.m. - Caller reported a male damaging property. Male was later transported to Good Samaritan Hospital.

10:40 a.m. - Caller reported a broken-down vehicle on Hwy 50.

2:50 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious female on East Washington Street.

5:43 p.m. - Female reported a civil complaint.

9:40 p.m. - Caller requested a security check on a vehicle.

11:12 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

7:16 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

10:05 a.m. - Caller requested assistance with a funeral procession.

2:40 p.m. - Female came on station to report a civil complaint.

4:10 p.m. - Caller reported a trash complaint.

4:20 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious persons at the Marathon Station.

5:28 p.m. - First responders were requested on Ackerman Drive for a medical call.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

1:34 a.m. - First responders were requested on Queen Street for a medical call.

7:57 a.m. - Caller reported a possible parking concern.

6:58 p.m. - Officer Floyd responded to a residential alarm.

8:00 p.m. - Officer Floyd assisted with a traffic detail.

8:19 p.m. - Caller reported an out-of-control female.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

10:19 a.m. - Officer McBeth assisted the county with a hit-and-run accident.

4:15 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

4:21 p.m. - Officer McBeth assisted with a traffic detail.

9:45 p.m. - Caller reported a broken-down vehicle on US 231.

9:53 p.m. - Male requested extra patrol.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

12:01 a.m. - Caller reported loose livestock on Hwy 50.

3:45 a.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted the county with a car-deer accident.

6:40 a.m. - Caller reported an item in the road on Main Street.

3:07 p.m. - Officer McBeth responded to a business alarm.

9:52 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

11:06 p.m. - Brayton Sanders, 19, of Shoals, was arrested by Sergeant Keller and charged with two counts of domestic battery and is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest was Loogootee Sergeant Norris.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

11:33 a.m. - Lowell Sanders, 47, of Loogootee, was arrested by Sergeant Keller and charged with leaving the scene of a personal injury accident and is being held without bond. Assisting with the investigation was Loogootee Officer McBeth.

1:19 p.m. - Noah Cox, 20, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer McBeth on an Orange County warrant and is being held without bond.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

11:58 a.m. - Shyler Vincent, 27, of Owensburg, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents. He was arrested on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

4:21 p.m. - Trista Strange, 26, of Loogootee, was arrested by Sergeant Keller and charged with leaving the scene of a personal injury accident and false informing. She is being held without bond. Assisting with the investigation were Captain Dant and Loogootee Officer McBeth.

11:57 p.m. - James Carpenter, 20, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Reed on a Posey County warrant and is being held without bond.

CLASSIFIED ADS

HELP WANTED

PART-TIME POSITIONS

The Martin County Sheriff's Office is seeking applicants for part-time Jail Officers, Dispatchers and Cooks. The pay is \$10.00 per hour. Applications are available at the Martin County Jail, which is located at 318 Capital Avenue in Shoals. Experience is not required, but preferred.

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4-H NEWS

By Stacy Brown

Martin County Purdue Extension Educator



4-H Enrollment Has Begun!

Believe it or not, it's already time to enroll in 4-H for the 2017-2018 year. Did you know that 4-H is more than agriculture and home economics? We have a robotics club open to grades 3-12, a tractor club, a shooting sports club, and so much more. If you have an interest in writing, cake decorating, teaching, home design, or baking, you need to join 4-H! Are you looking to do more community service in Martin County, then Junior Leaders is the club for you? Are you hoping to earn scholarships for college or present confidence at your first job interview? 4-H can help with that as well. You just need to join!

Enrolling is easy, just go to ww.4honline.com and follow the prompts to re-enroll if you are renewing your membership as a 4Her. If you have any questions, please call the office. If you will be a new 4-Her, please call the Extension Office at 812-295-2412 for assistance in enrolling. Currently enrolled volunteers must also re-enroll before the deadline on January 15. Enrolling early is important in receiving all the latest news and information from Purdue Extension.

Junior Leader Call Out

Interested in strengthening your leadership skills? Want to help out in the community? Do you like to have fun? If you answered yes to any of these questions, Junior Leaders is for you! Any 7th- 12th grader may sign up to be a Martin County 4-H Junior Leader. The club meets at least once a month at the Martin County Learning Center.

As a Junior Leader you perform acts of community service such as bingo with nursing homes and helping with the Christmas Toy Store. You also serve as a youth leader for younger 4-Hers by doing demonstrations on projects, camp

counseling, and running kid related events at the fair. All of this helps you build life and leadership skills. It also looks great on college and job resumes. Junior Leaders also have a lot of fun. Each year, the club has some meetings while eating out, playing miniature golf, or bowling. To celebrate there is a completion trip at the end of year.

If you are ready to join or just want to learn more, come to our next meeting on Sunday, November 19 at 4 p.m. at the Learning Center. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office at (812) 295-2412.

Scholarship and Resume Workshop Offered to High School Students

There will be a two-day scholarship and resume workshop offered to youth in grades 9-12 on December 2 and 9 from 1-4 p.m. at the Martin County Learning Center. Day one of the workshop will be reviewing successful resumes, preparing for interviews, and scholarships offered through 4-H. The second day participants will submit resumes for proofing and participate in a mock interview. Please register by November 27 as space is limited. The workshop is free to youth who enroll in 4-H before November 27. There is a \$15 fee for all non-4-Hers. Please call the Extension Office at 812-295-2412 for more information and to register.

Extension Office Offers Programs for Classrooms and Other Youth Organizations

The Martin County Extension Office offers programs for classrooms and other youth organizations in STEM subjects, the arts, and leadership. This year's National Youth Science Challenge is Incredible Wearables. Students get the chance to build a wearable fitness device that tracks heartrate, steps, and other functions. Other programs offered are Captain Cash, a grade school program focused on money management; Makers, activities related to science, technology, engineering, and math; and Arts Management, a high school program focused on the business side of working in the arts. If you are interested in bringing any of these programs to your classroom or group, please contact Stacy at (812) 295-2412.

Upcoming Events

Jolly Jug Rox meeting, November 13 at 6 p.m. at Hindostan Church

Junior Leaders meeting, November 19 at 4 p.m. at the MC Learning Center

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Grazing Bites

By Victor Shelton

NRCS State Agronomist/Grazing Specialist

I really don't know what happened to the fall. It seems like it should still be September, not November, but the weather is now starting to confirm the date and the realization that winter will soon be upon us.

I often talk about taking inventory of winter feedstuff. I'm primarily measuring dry matter, e.g. hay, pasture, stockpile, crop residue, and grazable annuals still left. October rains certainly helped to green things up and provide some new growth, but that won't last much longer and real growth is about done and dormancy of perennials is not far off. Three or four nights in a row in the 20's is usually enough to stop and/or kill top growth and force dormancy. If the weather stays cold or at least cool, plants will remain dormant until starting to grow again in the spring. Please note, as long as that plant is still growing at all, it's not dormant.

Back to the dry matter; how do the dry matter requirements of the ruminant animals for the winter period match up with what you have on hand? Figure an average weight per class and then multiply that number times the number of each class. Now you have a total live weight. Multiply total live weight by .03 to get an average daily intake. For example, 20 cows weighting 1,100 pounds is 22,000 pounds live weight times .03 (three percent dry matter intake) equals 660 pounds of dry matter needed per day.

Compare the amount of dry matter you will need for the livestock with how much you have and absolutely allow for waste. How hay is stored and fed affects how much is actually consumed. Hay stored outside and fed free choice can easily waste up to 45 percent of the offered amount. The more waste, the more you need to have on hand. Once you know about how much dry matter you are going to need to get through the winter and an idea on how much you have available to feed, if you are a little short on forages, you can add some supplements such as corn gluten, soybean hulls, etc. into your feeding plan. In fact, you may want to add supplements anyway if hay quality is somewhat lacking, or if more energy is needed. We used 3 percent for the intake estimate which is actually a little high, but if we have a wet, cold winter, energy needs to keep warm will increase and any growing animals will also have higher needs. It's better to overestimate than to be short. Cold, wet, and especially muddy conditions will increase energy requirements. If you are still short on feed, then you may want to purchase some hay or consider reducing numbers some.

Purchased feeds, whether hay, silage, or supplements, are all direct costs against the animal operation which increases the per-animal cost. Before you commit to any input costs, you probably need to look at alternatives or the other side of the scale. Is it more cost effective to reduce animal numbers or to buy feed where short? Are there animals that are hard keepers that will require more feed to maintain? Are there animals that have not kept up with the remaining animal production model?

Here are a few things to at least look at and consider when evaluating your herd. First would be body condition. If an animal is not able to gain efficiently on the pasture or other feeds present, especially as compared to the rest of the group and maintain itself likewise, then

this animal is certainly a candidate for culling. I certainly look at temperament. Animals with a poor attitude quite often disrupt normal activities and can also sometimes be considered dangerous. Life is too short to deal with some animals. Health should be a major factor. This could be a genetic issue or an ailment that might justify culling. Animals that are just not reproducing or cycling as they should be should be considered to be culled. It is also the opportunity to improve the herd. If you cull or sell off a certain percentage of the group each year, such as five or ten percent, then the remaining are that much better, plus you are amplifying the best animals. Selecting for animals with good conformation is important. They should have good feet and legs, udders, good scrotal conformation, and good girth and appropriate frame. They should also hold appropriate characteristics for the breed, and male and female features. If the animal doesn't fit your program or management, then consider culling it. Using these evaluation methods, will give you the opportunity to build herds back with good, sound, efficient animals that can provide you and the next generation with even better stock.

One last note on stockpiled forages. Back fencing is generally highly recommended as you graze across a field to keep the animals from continuing to go back and eat new regrowth. I usually base this on the quality of the stockpile. Older stockpile, or stockpile over 90 days old, is less likely to be overgrazed. I would certainly keep an eye on the field and if you see much grazing of regrowth or too much soil disturbance, especially if you are seeing any bare soil at all, back fence. Once forages go completely dormant, grazing will have less impact on next spring's growth, but grazing it too short will still have a negative impact on runoff, infiltration, and the possibility of weeds the next season.

I will end this issue with a few personal thoughts about Thanksgiving. Many families have a tradition of everyone noting something that they are thankful for prior to the bountiful feast they are about to partake. Tis the season, so, I'm thankful for fall rains and the forage and crops we have, even after dry weather. I'm thankful for growing up in the era where working hard was respected and expected, when families gathered at the table for meals, and ate from the garden more than a box. When watching a black and white TV was something special for a few quality shows. When homes were rarely locked, you knew all your neighbors, and you waited until the party line was open to make a call. When life at least seemed simpler, slower, and less stressful. I wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving, perhaps bringing back some old traditions, enjoying family, friends, food, and all the blessings that we should be thankful for.

Keep on grazing!

Reminders & Opportunities

Southern Indiana Grazing Conference (SIGC) – March 7, 2018, Crane, IN – Speakers include Dr. Allen Williams, Dr. Pat Keyser, and Dr. Ray Smith. For more information contact the Daviess County Soil and Water Conservation office at 812-254-4780, Ext 3, email Toni.Allison.dcs.wcd@daviess.org, or visit <http://www.daviesscoswcd.org/index.php/sigc> or <https://www.facebook.com/SouthernIndianaGrazingConference>

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More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



Veterans' Day is Saturday and I thought it appropriate to honor our service people with a bit of humor. My dad and my brother served honorably, and they always enjoyed a good laugh. Hats off to all who have served and are serving now. Love you all.

Strangers on a train

Four strangers traveled together in the same compartment of a European train. Two men and two women faced each other. One woman was a very wealthy and sophisticated 70-year-old lady who was decked out in the finest of furs and jewelry. Next to her sat a beautiful young woman, nineteen years old--who looked like something right off the cover of a fashion magazine. Across from the older lady was a very mature looking man in his mid-forties who was a highly decorated Sergeant Major in the Army. Next to the Sergeant Major sat a young private fresh out of boot camp.

As these four strangers traveled, they talked and chatted about trivial things until they entered an unlighted tunnel, and there they sat in complete darkness and total silence, until the sound of a distinct kiss broke the silence; following the kiss, a loud slap could be heard throughout the cabin.

In the ensuing period of silence, the four strangers sat quietly with their own thoughts.

The older lady was thinking, "Isn't it wonderful that even in this permissive day and age there are still young women who have a little self-respect and dignity?"

The young woman, shaking her head and greatly puzzled, asked herself, "Why in the world would any man in his right mind want to kiss an old fossil like that when I'm sitting here?"

The Sergeant Major, rubbing his sore face, was outraged that any woman could ever think that a man in his position would try to sneak a kiss in the dark.

The private, grinning from ear to ear, was thinking, "What a wonderful world this is when a private can kiss the back of his hand and then smack a Sergeant Major in the face and get away with it!"

Jeep in the mud

During training exercises, the lieutenant who was driving down a muddy back road encountered another car stuck

in the mud with a red-faced colonel at the wheel.

"Your jeep stuck, sir?" asked the lieutenant as he pulled alongside.

"Nope," replied the colonel, coming over and handing him the keys, "Yours is."

Worse Punishment?

An Air Force cargo plane was preparing for departure from Thule Air Base in Greenland. They were waiting for the truck to arrive to pump out the aircraft's sewage holding tank.

The Aircraft Commander was in a hurry, the truck was late in arriving, and the Airman performing the job was extremely slow in getting the tank pumped out.

When the commander berated the Airman for his slowness and promised punishment, the Airman responded: "Sir, I have no stripes, it is 20 below zero, I'm stationed in Greenland, and I am pumping sewage out of airplanes. Just what are you going to do to punish me?"

Very Important Colonel

Having just moved into his new office, a pompous, new colonel was sitting at his desk when a PFC knocked on the door. Conscious of his new position, the colonel quickly picked up the phone, told the PFC to enter, then said into the phone, "Yes, General, I'll be seeing him this afternoon and I'll pass along your message. In the meantime, thank you for your good wishes, sir."

Feeling as though he had sufficiently impressed the young enlisted man, he asked, "What do you want?"

"Nothing important, sir," the PFC replied, "I'm just here to hook up your telephone."

Make someone smile today and veterans, "Thank you for your service."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Commissioners' executive meeting

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

Shoals School Board meeting

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

Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Monday, November 13 at 5 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. The meeting is open to the public.

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.

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.

Free lunch for kids

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

SOAR Tutoring

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

Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third 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. Members of the humane society are invited to attend.

Solid waste board

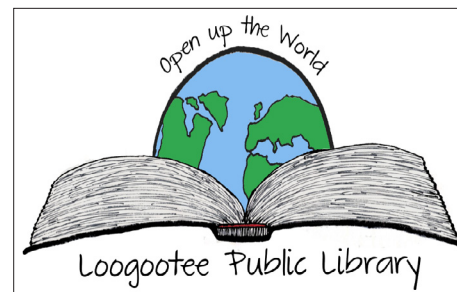
The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

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 free-will donation is requested. Call 812-295-3130 to make a reservation, so enough food is prepared.



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Friends of Loogootee Library (FOLL) will be having a Silent Auction on Saturday, November 18 from 4-8 p.m. at the Loogootee VFW. Local businesses have donated some really nice items to be auctioned off. Chili soup with the fixins will be available for a donation. Please come out to support your local library.

Movin' Monkeys will only be offered on Mondays from 10:15-11:00 a.m. at St. John's Upper Level for kids birth to preschool age.

NEW BOOKS:

Mystery: "The Midnight Line" by Lee Child and "Every Breath You Take" by Mary Higgins Clark.

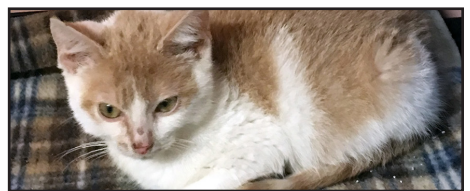
Fiction: "Typhoon Fury" by Clive Cussler and "The Noel Diary" by Richard Paul Evans.

Inspirational Fiction: "In This Moment" by Karen Kindgsbury.

DVDs: "Spookley".

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

ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



HALF PRICE adoption fees on cats! Through November. Just \$20. The animal shelter is open Monday and Wednesday 5-7 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The shelter is located at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. To see all available animals, visit www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org.

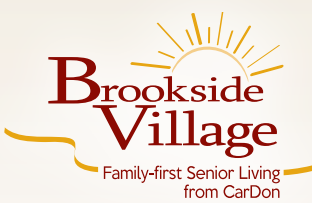
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Eight hospital employees nominated for LCM Award

Eight Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center employees have been nominated for the 2017 Little Company of Mary Award, named for the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary, the religious organization that sponsors Memorial Hospital.

Nominated by their co-workers for their exemplary devotion to the hospital's Mission and Core Values in their daily work, the nominees include: Tammy Barkley, Lange-Fuhs Cancer Center; Martie Bickwermert, Cardio-pulmonary Services; Jessica Collins, Petersburg Family Medicine/Memorial Family Care; Jonathan Cropp, Martin County Health Center; Tina Roos, Critical Care Services; Marilyn Shelton, Post-Surgical Services; TJ Skelton, Information Technology; and Charlotte Stephenson, Lange-Fuhs Cancer Cen-

ter. Sr. Renee Cunningham, LCM, Memorial Hospital's Mission Committee Chairperson, recognizes these individuals as those "who have been nominated because their actions have spoken louder than any words. They are regarded by their co-workers as individuals who have demonstrated by what they do that the hospital's mission of 'being for others' and the core values of respect for human dignity, compassionate caring, stewardship, quality and justice are a priority -- a way of life -- for them. We are blessed to have caring, compassionate employees like them."

The nominees were honored at a Tea on October 10. The award recipient will be announced on Thursday, November 16.

Notes from the WIC Nutritionist

BY ELIZABETH WHITE
Martin County WIC Nutritionist

INTRODUCING THE NEW FREE WIC APP!!!!

The app is a convenient way for WIC clients to:

- Find the nearest WIC clinic
- Access WIC appointment information
- View current and future food benefit balances
- Receive notifications about expiring benefits and upcoming appointments
- Get reminders about what to bring to the appointment
- Scan UPC codes while shopping to see if the item is WIC-approved
- Locate the nearest grocery store or

pharmacy where benefits are accepted To download the app, go to google play or app store and search for "IN-WIC" or "Indiana WIC."

The WIC program provides supplemental nutritional foods, referrals, breastfeeding support, and nutrition education for pregnant women, nursing women, infants, and children 1-5 years. The Martin County WIC clinic is open Monday and Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Please call 247-3303 to make an appointment. To contact your Breastfeeding Peer Counselor text or call 812-709-1761. Please note her phone number change.

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-- FOREVER YOUNG --

When I think about youth and youngsters, I think about how a part of each of us wants to be forever young. And what song first comes to mind when talking about being "forever young"? OK, I'm going to show my age a little bit, but for me, it's a Bob Dylan song "Forever Young" that he recorded in the early 1970's. Some younger folks may better remember the Rod Stewart remake from the late 1980's.

-- OUR WISHES --

The song was written with a father's heart looking at his son. He knows there are challenges ahead, but he first asks that God bless his son and keep him, may he do for others, and may he reach for the stars. Then he wishes a good character for his son, one that is righteous, truthful, and courageous. All this so that his son will be productive in life, set with a strong foundation to withstand changes with a joyful song in his heart. That's a short and paraphrased version of the essence of the song, that being to stay "forever young."

-- OUR YOUTH --

So, what do those thoughts and words have to do with life? Like many songs, they reflect something recognized by the author. In this case, it's what we hope and pray for our children. That they learn and grow into caring adults amid all that life may throw at them. And it all starts with the visions of children beginning to learn as they swing on swings or twirl around the poles with a big smile on their face. To learn

and grow, but with that smile of a face that is forever young.

-- HELPING THEM GROW --

As adults, we really do want to help our youth learn and grow, and to do so in as safe an environment as possible. That's why you'll find playgrounds and ballparks in about any town you visit. These places nurture the kids' imagination, help them learn to deal with conflict or confrontations, set and follow through on goals, to learn to work with a team, and other mini-versions of what we must deal with as adults.

-- SHOALS BALLPARK --

Just recently the MCCF was able to grant money to the Shoals Ballpark to help with some needed improvements. This park offers activities that can help toddlers to teenagers learn many of those traits and characteristics of the people we want them to become. A park like this creates memories. Memories of a smile on a face, the joy of looking forward to a new day, the glory in the simple things in life. Those things keep us forever young.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

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

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

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NEW ITEMS ARE BEING ADDED EVERY DAY!



Pictured left to right are Trish McKibben (Park Board President), Jerry Braun (MCCF Board member) presenting a \$300 grant to Earl Boyd Jr (Town Council President), Lori Butler (Town of Shoals Clerk-Treasurer), and Michelle Roush (Park Board Secretary).

Registration deadline approaching for Indiana Poetry Out Loud

The Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) and the Indiana State Library (ISL) remind Indiana high schools of the approaching deadline to register for the 2018 Poetry Out Loud competition.

Poetry Out Loud will accept commitments from Indiana schools to participate in the state recitation process until Thursday, November 30, 2017. For more information on the competition and how to register, visit the Indiana State Library website www.in.gov/library/5580.htm.

Preliminary competition is held at the individual school level to determine the school's representative to the state final competition February 17,

2018 at the Indiana State Library.

The state champion receives a \$200 cash prize and an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. to compete in the Poetry Out Loud National Finals in April. The state champion's school receives a \$500 stipend to purchase poetry books.

The Indiana Arts Commission and the Indiana State Library are partners in presenting the Indiana Poetry Out Loud competition. For more information about the competition, visit the State Library's Poetry Out Loud page.

For general information about the National Poetry Out Loud program and competition, visit www.poetryoutloud.org.



In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser

Purdue University Master Gardener

Some areas have had a touch of frost, but we still have not had a killing frost. Some of the more tender plants succumbed to the cold mornings, but at Sandhill Gardens, there are still roses in bloom, as well as Stoke's asters and some Encore azaleas.

This is one of the most important times of the year for applying weed controls in lawns. Winter annuals and some hardy perennials, such as dandelions, have begun strengthening the roots for next year. Applying a broad-leaf herbicide now will result in better weed control next year. Contact herbicides applied now will be carried to the roots of the plants, since that is where the plant is concentrating on growth at this time. If the root is killed, the plant will not be back next season.

For people like me, who are less concerned with having a perfect lawn, it is a good time to pick wild greens. One need not wait until spring for a salad of dandelion greens and chickweed. The autumn growth will not have a bitter taste. You may continue to harvest both these wild greens and fall-planted greens until a hard freeze turns the leaves brown.

Garden clean-up should get underway any day that it is nice enough to be out in the garden. This is especially important in the vegetable garden. Cleaning out beds now will save some time in the spring. Also, since both disease and insects may over-winter in the dead plant material, it is best to pull out the plants and dispose of the far from the garden or send them away with the garbage.

If you have not already done so, it is time to trim back the herbaceous peony foliage to the ground. With the wet weather we had for much of the summer, it is likely that there was black-spot on many plants. Disposal of this foliage far away from the peonies will be a major step in preventing infestations next year. In the case of tree peonies, rake up the leaves as they fall

from the plants, but do not cut back the woody stems.

When it comes to some other herbaceous perennials, it is mostly up to personal preference. If you like for your garden to look neat and clean, go ahead and cut back any foliage that has died. However, I prefer to leave ornamental grasses until the spring. The clumps will provide some interest, especially when there is a hard frost or a light snow. The seed heads will provide food for some small birds and will offer some shelter during the cold winter nights ahead.

Two of my favorite native plants also provide food for birds. The seed heads of black-eyed Susans and coneflowers are favorite eateries for finches and other small birds. At Sandhill Gardens, I usually do not have to put out bird feed until we have a snow cover, yet I always have birds in the garden.

I have already received my first 2018 seed catalogue. The Dixondale Onion Company is usually one of the first I get every year. I suppose it is because they carry winter onions and other things that may be planted in the fall and early winter.

Leaves are falling—both inside and out. Having moved my collection of tropical and sub-tropical plants indoors, I now must deal with the falling leaves inside the house and greenhouse. Do not get excited if some of your plants are losing leaves. Some of them are actually deciduous and are going into dormancy, but still could not survive outside in the winter. Some of the tropical plants will lose some leaves in response to the lower light levels inside. The plants will usually survive and will put on some new growth soon. Remember that the plants will need less fertilizer and less water during the winter months. Water only when the soil feels dry. More houseplants die from overwatering than from drought.

DNR offers free admission to veterans, active-duty military

All veterans and active-duty military personnel, and everyone in their vehicle, will be admitted free to DNR state parks, reservoir properties and state forests on Veterans Day, Saturday, November 11. Veterans and military personnel should present ID or evidence of military service where entrance gates are in operation.

"We appreciate the sacrifices and service of our veterans and active-duty military and look forward to recognizing them with a day to explore some of the best outdoor places in our state," said Dan Bortner, director of Indiana State Parks.

For proof of military status, gate attendants will accept:

- Discharge papers (veteran's DD Form 214).
- Veteran license plates: Ex-POW, Purple Heart, Disabled Hoosier Veteran, Pearl Harbor Survivor.
- Veteran license plates also include:
 - Air Force Veteran
 - Army Veteran.
 - Coast Guard Veteran.
 - Marine Corps Veteran.

- Merchant Marine Veteran.
- Navy Veteran.
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Disability Award Letter.
- Veterans hunting and fishing license.

- Documents showing veteran benefits with veteran's name on document.
- Any other certificate or verification letter or form.

For general information about state park, reservoir and forest properties, visit dnr.IN.gov.

For information about interpretive programs at state parks and reservoirs, visit InterpretiveServices.IN.gov.

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Ag Economy Barometer: Producers more optimistic in October

BY JENNIFER STEWART-BURTON
Purdue University News Service

Producer sentiment toward the agricultural economy improved slightly in October, according to a monthly survey of 400 agricultural producers from across the United States.

The Purdue University/CME Group Ag Economy Barometer landed at 135 in October, up three points from September. It represented the third-highest reading since data collection began two years ago.

The improvement was driven by the Index of Future Expectations, which increased from 130 in September to 137 in October. The Index of Future Expectations is one of the barometer's two sub-indices. The other, the Index of Current Conditions, weakened slightly.

For the second year in a row, producers were asked whether they plan to make management changes, such as

Drivers should be aware of deer this fall

As days shorten and the breeding season for deer approaches, the chance of encountering one while driving increases significantly.

Nearly 50 percent of all vehicle accidents involving white-tailed deer occur between October and December, according to deer research biologist Joe Caudell of the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife.

The risk of deer-vehicle accidents can be minimized by practicing defensive driving, Caudell said. The Insurance Information Institute provides the following information to reduce your chances of colliding with a deer:

- Deer are most active between sunset to midnight and during the hours shortly before and after sunrise, so be especially attentive at these times.
- Deer often travel in groups, so if you see one, another is likely nearby.
- Be especially careful in areas where you have seen deer before.
- Use high beams when there is no opposing traffic; scan for deer's illuminated eyes or dark silhouettes along the side of the road.
- Be especially cautious where agricultural fields are divided from forested areas by roads.
- If you see a deer, slow your vehicle, even if the animal is far away.
- Exercise extreme caution along woodlot edges, at hills or on blind turns.
- Brake when you see a deer in your path, but stay in your lane; most serious crashes occur when drivers try to miss a deer but hit something else.
- Do not rely on deer whistles or other devices. They have not been proven to reduce deer-vehicle collisions.

According to Caudell, drivers should make a point to pay attention to traffic signs that warn of deer crossings. Deer-crossing signs are useful for notifying motorists of areas where additional caution should be exercised, but drivers tend to get accustomed to such signage, which can reduce their effectiveness over time.

If you end up hitting a deer, remain calm and be careful.

"Although gentle in nature, deer that are injured or stressed can be extremely dangerous," Caudell said. "They have sharp hooves and a powerful kick. Do not approach the animal unless you are positive it has died."

lowering fertilizer or seeding rates, or adjusting their hybrid or variety packages for the upcoming cropping season. The share planning reductions in seeding rates and changes to their hybrid or variety choices for 2018 changed little from last October with 19 percent expecting lower seeding rates and 35 percent planning to adjust seed variety or hybrid packages. But the percentage of producers planning to reduce fertilizer usage in 2018 was noticeably smaller. Just one-third of respondents said they plan to reduce fertilizer rates in 2018, down from 46 percent a year ago.

"One possible reason for the smaller share of producers planning to reduce fertilizer rates in 2018 is prices," said James Mintert, director of Purdue's Center for Commercial Agriculture and principal investigator on the barometer project. "Fertilizer prices, particularly for anhydrous ammonia, are lower than a year ago. For example, recent price quotes for anhydrous ammonia were 20 percent lower than a year ago, with other crop nutrient prices exhibiting smaller price declines."

Each quarter, producers are asked their expectations for crop prices in the coming year. Compared to July, fewer producers expect higher corn, soybean and wheat prices in the next 12 months. However, fewer producers also expect crop prices to decline over the next year.

For the first time, producers were asked about their expectations for farmland rental expenses in 2018. An overwhelming 80 percent of respondents said that they expect farmland rental rates to be unchanged in 2018 compared to 2017. The remaining 20 percent of respondents were split equally between those expecting rental rates to be higher and those expecting lower rates in 2018.

The full October report includes more information about producer sentiment toward farm machinery prices and overall farm expenses, as well as insights from the quarterly Agricultural Thought-Leader Survey. Read the full report at <http://purdue.edu/agbarometer>.

DNR emergency rule for 2017 deer hunting season

An emergency rule signed today by the DNR, filed with the Natural Resources Commission and the Legislative Services Agency, states the following:

"Rifle cartridges that were allowed in previous years on public land for deer hunting are allowed on public land again this year during the deer firearms season, the reduction zone season (in zones where local ordinances allow the use of a firearm), special hunts on other public lands such as State Parks and National Wildlife Refuges, and special antlerless season.

This means that the rifle cartridge must fire a bullet of .357-inch diameter or larger, have a minimum case length of 1.16 inches, and have a maximum case length of 1.8 inches if used on public land. Full metal jacketed bullets are illegal."

For more information on rifle requirements for deer hunting on private land, visit wildlife.IN.gov/7389.htm and click on "Equipment."

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National unemployment stands at 4.1 percent for October

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 261,000 in October, and the unemployment rate edged down to 4.1 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Employment in food services and drinking places increased sharply, mostly offsetting a decline in September that largely reflected the impact of Hurricanes Irma and Harvey. In October, job gains also occurred in professional and business services, manufacturing, and health care.

Household Survey Data

The unemployment rate edged down by 0.1 percentage point to 4.1 percent in October, and the number of unemployed persons decreased by 281,000 to 6.5 million. Since January, the unemployment rate has declined by 0.7 percentage point, and the number of unemployed persons has decreased by 1.1 million.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rates for adult women (3.6 percent) and Whites (3.5 percent) declined in October. The jobless rates for adult men (3.8 percent), teenagers (13.7 percent), Blacks (7.5 percent), Asians (3.1 percent), and Hispanics (4.8 percent) showed little change.

In October, the number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) was little changed at 1.6 million and accounted for 24.8 percent of the unemployed.

The labor force participation rate decreased by 0.4 percentage point to 62.7 percent in October but has shown little movement on net over the past 12 months. The employment-population ratio declined by 0.2 percentage point over the month to 60.2 percent, after increasing by 0.3 percentage point in September. The employment-population ratio is up by 0.5 percentage point over the year.

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons (sometimes referred to as involuntary part-time workers) declined by 369,000 to 4.8 million in October. These individuals, who would have preferred full-time employment, were working part time because their hours had been cut back or because they were unable to find full-time jobs. Over the past 12 months, the number of involuntary part-time workers has decreased by 1.1 million.

In October, 1.5 million persons were marginally attached to the labor force, little changed from a year earlier. (The data are not seasonally adjusted.) These individuals were not in the labor force, wanted and were available for work, and had looked for a job sometime in the prior 12 months. They were not counted as unemployed because they had not searched for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey.

Among the marginally attached, there were 524,000 discouraged workers in October, essentially unchanged from a year earlier. (The data are not seasonally adjusted.) Discouraged workers are persons not currently looking for work because they believe no jobs are available for them. The remaining 1.0 million persons marginally attached to the labor force in October had not searched for work for reasons such as school attendance or family responsibilities.

Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 261,000 in October, after

changing little in September (+18,000). Employment in food services and drinking places increased sharply over the month, mostly offsetting a decline in September that largely reflected the impact of Hurricanes Irma and Harvey. In October, employment also increased in professional and business services, manufacturing, and health care.

Employment in food services and drinking places rose sharply in October (+89,000), following a decrease of 98,000 in September when many workers were off payrolls due to the hurricanes.

Professional and business services added 50,000 jobs in October, about in line with its average monthly gain over the prior 12 months.

Manufacturing employment rose by 24,000 in October, with job gains in computer and electronic products (+5,000) and chemicals (+4,000). Employment in fabricated metals continued to trend up (+4,000). Manufacturing has added 156,000 jobs since a recent employment low in November 2016.

Health care added 22,000 jobs in October. Employment in ambulatory health care services continued to trend up over the month (+16,000). Health care has added an average of 24,000 jobs per month thus far in 2017, compared with an average gain of 32,000 per month in 2016.

Employment in other major industries, including mining, construction, wholesale trade, retail trade, transportation and warehousing, information, financial activities, and government, changed little in October.

The average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls was unchanged at 34.4 hours in October. In manufacturing, the workweek increased by 0.2 hour to 41.0 hours, and overtime edged up by 0.1 hour to 3.5 hours. The average workweek for production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls edged up by 0.1 hour to 33.7 hours.

Average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls, at \$26.53, were little changed in October (-1 cent), after rising by 12 cents in September.

Over the past 12 months, average hourly earnings have increased by 63 cents, or 2.4 percent. In October, average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees, at \$22.22, were little changed (-1 cent).

The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for August was revised up from +169,000 to +208,000, and the change for September was revised up from -33,000 to +18,000. With these revisions, employment was 90,000 higher than previously reported. (Monthly revisions result from additional reports received from businesses and government agencies since the last published estimates and from the recalculation of seasonal factors.) After revisions, job gains have averaged 162,000 over the last 3 months.



-Photo provided

Shown above is the new addition to Parkview Village. An open house is scheduled for Friday, November 10, from 5-8 p.m.

Parkview to host open house of new facilities

The residents and staff of Parkview Village Christian Care Assisted and Independent Living of Odon are happy to announce the completion of new additional facilities. Open House of the new facility will be Friday, November 10, 5-8 p.m. The community is invited to attend their annual fish fry, silent auction and open house.

The new facilities include a new non-denominational chapel with cathedral ceilings, pulpit, piano, choir loft, large format projector screen and seating for eighty people. Also, a large sun room has been completed in the style of a ski lodge, with all glass exterior walls looking out onto the courtyard flowerbeds, activity areas and gazebo. The sun room includes lots of natural wood, game tables, reading areas, an outdoor barbecue area and an outdoor shuffleboard court.

The additional facilities also include a very large activity room equipped with a full residential-style kitchen and an overhead large format projector for movies and demonstrations. The new activity room will seat approximately 40 people at tables, or 80 people in chairs.

A physical therapy area has also been included, with space for a full range of treatment, a doctor's examination room, and a toilet/shower room. The area has a separate outside entrance to the parking area for patients not living in the residence center.

The existing kitchen has been expanded to approximately four times its



original size, with a substantial increase in the size of the cooking areas and working areas, and more freezers and coolers. There are also more staff facilities, a large food storage area, and larger laundry, dishwashing and receiving areas. A new facility maintenance storage and work area has also been included.

The original activity room adjacent to the large community room is being expanded to provide a larger community family dining room and meeting spaces. The new addition is designed to provide needed facilities for the original building and planned new future facilities.

The new facilities were built by Wagler and Sons Construction, of Montgomery, and designed by Battershell and Associates Architects, of Danville.

Artisan celebrates more than 20 years in operation, expansion in Purdue@WestGate Community

Artisan Electronics Inc., an engineering and technical services company, announced an expansion of more than 20 percent as it celebrates over 20 years of operation in southern Indiana.

The company has expanded to a larger facility in the WestGate@Crane Technology Park. "In the past few months, our workforce has expanded by 21 percent," said Greg Gossett, president and owner of Artisan Electronics. "As a result of our growth, we needed more space. The new building will provide more working space in addition to offering warehouse and lab areas that will give us opportunities for new business development."

Artisan specializes in test engineering, including testing and repair of electronic assemblies, components, circuit cards and systems. Launched on Gossett's dining room table in 1996, Artisan has its beginnings in southern Indiana. Artisan's newly expanded workforce consists of high technology job positions, strengthening the labor force in the WestGate and surrounding communities.

After making the decision to expand, Artisan chose to remain at the park because the amenities and benefits it offers to businesses.

"As part of the Purdue@WestGate community and the WestGate Technology Park, we have direct access to resources we would not have otherwise," Gossett said. "We can network within the business ecosystem of the technology park on a daily basis. Most importantly, we are able to maintain a close proximity to our main customer, NSWC Crane Naval Base. Keeping our facility at the park allows us to continue to provide high quality service to our customers, along with the convenience of having us right next door."

Gossett felt the celebration of two decades in business is an important milestone for Artisan and acknowledged the hard work of many people.

"Our employees have been an integral part of the success at Artisan," Gossett said. "Our celebration was a great way to honor the contribution of employees, customers and business partners over the years."

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