

Loogootee Schools discuss paid entry to chorus concerts

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Chadd Mosby spoke to the Loogootee School Board at their meeting Tuesday night, November 17, on behalf of his wife, Misty Mosby, the high school choral director. He said that his wife had requested that the administration allow her to hold two choral programs a year and charge admission to those programs as a way of raising money for the department. Her request was denied.

Superintendent Joan Keller said that the requests were not denied, they are currently working toward a solution that goes along with the board policy that states there can be no school functions after 6 p.m. on Sundays.

Mosby asked what policy Keller was referring to and Keller replied that it isn't really a policy, it's more of a practice, what the school has always done.

Board Member Tim Bradley said that in the past the religious leaders of the community have sent letters requesting that the school recognize Wednesday evenings and Sunday evenings as nights for religion and the school has always honored that.

Mayor Noel Harty, who was in the audience, said that he hasn't spoken to one person against paying an admission fee into the choral concerts. Mike Tippery, the school's curriculum director, spoke up saying that Harty hasn't spoken to him. Harty corrected himself saying that Tippery is now the only

person he has spoken to that is against charging an admission to choral concerts.

Discussion then ensued regarding sports programs that do have practices, etc. after 6 p.m. on Wednesdays and Sundays. Harty said that all programs and groups should be treated equally.

Brandi Hennette, president of the chorus parent boosters, said the reason charging at chorus events was even brought up was because parents are tired of constant fundraisers. She said that the parents that attended the booster meeting said no more fundraisers. Hennette also said that the chorus programs are not concerts, they are more like mini musicals. The choral department currently has no money so they were looking at alternatives to help raise the funds needed to replace equipment and buy costumes.

Keller said that the only issue is that students are required to be at the programs as part of their grade in the class. That means parents have to pay for admission when their child is required to be there. Several in the audience replied that something would be worked out for parents who could not afford the ticket price.

Bobbi Nonte, who was in the audience, told the board that she wanted Misty to know that the community supports her. She feels that Misty was recruited to come to Loogootee to take over the chorus program and that she should be able to run the program as she sees fit.

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Commissioners talk about jail upgrades, highway supply bids

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, November 10.

Linda Dillon, veteran service officer, presented her October report. The garage door that holds the veteran van is off track. Commissioner Boyd will look at it after the meeting.

Dillon attended the Marantha Tabernacle Church Veteran's Dinner on Saturday and will be attending the Veteran's Day program at the Shoals Schools on Wednesday. She ordered signs for the parking lot beside the garage stating veteran's parking only.

Sheriff Travis Roush came before the commissioners regarding the heating/cooling unit at the security center. During a recent inspection, M&M Electric found that the heating exchange broke on one of the units. Sheriff Roush suggested replacing the unit instead of replacing parts. He had a quote from M&M Electric for \$7,968. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to accept the quote from M&M Electric for \$7,968 to replace the heating and cooling unit. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Sheriff Roush updated the commissioners on replacing the server at the security center. He received two quotes and suggested accepting the quote from RTC Communications for \$10,030.50, which includes an automatic backup system. The council gave a verbal commitment pending commissioner approval. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to accept the quote from RTC Commu-

nication of \$10,030.50 for a new server. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Sheriff Roush also informed the commissioners of a credit card system to bond out inmates he is considering. Sergeant Keith Keller informed the commissioners that his Operation Pullover Grant was approved for \$1,000. It will be for one year and include four blitzes. The security center currently has 40 inmates. The process of signing inmates up for Medicaid has begun.

Kathy Collins, community corrections director, came before the commissioners to have an amendment signed for her community corrections grant. The amendment included the performance bonus of \$25,523.22. The total grant funds to be disbursed for the 2015-2016 year will be \$173,646.44. Director Collins recently applied for a grant that would give her a programming position and additional clerical funds but the grant was denied.

Monty Wolf, civil defense/EMA, updated the commissioners on the county-wide emergency notification system he wants to get installed.

Leo Padgett, highway superintendent, submitted his two-week work schedule. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to give Townsend Tree Service permission and authorization to cut a tree away from power lines on Spout Springs Road. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and (See 'COMMISSIONERS' cont. on page 2)



-Photo by Josh Hughett

High School Teacher Shelley Christmas, at left, and Middle School/Athletic Secretary Jamie Wildman, at right, were honored at last night's Loogootee School Board meeting as outstanding staff members.

Shoals School Board approves staff changes, other monthly business

The Shoals School Board met last Thursday, November 12.

The board approved the following personnel actions:

- Approval to pay \$400 HECC Technology Conference Registration fee for Reuben Montgomery from REAP Grant
- Danielle Turpin as FFA Sponsor for 2015-16 School Year
- Cindy McNabb and Shannon Wagoner as co-sponsors of elementary Math Bowl for 2015-16 school year
- Resignation of Teresa Allbright from position of custodian
- Anita Dixon as custodian, Tessa Brown and Billy Harbison as substitutes
- Permission to advertise for ECA bus drivers and substitute custodians
- Resignation of Misty Davis as cafeteria manager. Board gave the superintendent permission to post open position and hire.
- Mary Beth Brett as substitute in the cafeteria and custodial areas.
- Permission to post for the girls' varsity/JV

track position

- Brittany Hert as dance coach
 - Katie Hoffman as middle school cheer coach if enough students sign up
 - Amber Hoffman as elementary cheer coach if enough students sign up
 - Mike Fischer sixth grade basketball coach
 - Josh Sexton as fifth and sixth grade basketball coach
 - Jamie Shaw, Dana Turpin, and Derek Turpin as girls' basketball volunteers
 - Danny Roush, Tanner Sorrells, Kyle Troutman, Eric Cooper, Kyle Turpin, Drexel Turpin, and Scott Wade as boys' basketball volunteers
 - Tara Conner as cheerleading volunteer
- The board approved the following field trips:
- High school band to North Knox for Festival of Bands on November 3
 - High school students to WestGate at Crane on November 13
 - Spell Bowl Team to Bedford for competi-
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DNR shares timber sale revenue with 16 counties

The DNR Division of Forestry has notified 16 counties they will receive shares of nearly \$442,000 to help support public safety efforts of rural and volunteer fire departments.

The Division of Forestry allocates 15 percent of timber sale revenue from state forests to counties in which harvests occur. Each county shares the funds it receives with rural and volunteer fire departments that maintain a cooperative agreement with the DNR's Fire Control Headquarters.

The \$441,976.92 being distributed is a record for the program despite a dip in the volume of timber sold during the last fiscal

year. Higher timber prices and the timing of payments to the DNR contributed to the record funding.

Although timber sale revenue helps fund several DNR Division of Forestry programs, DNR's forestry management focus is to improve and maintain forest health for long-term sustainability as required by state law. DNR forestry management practices are based on the best science and nationally accepted standards, and conducted in a certified sustainable manner that earns continued approval from the Sustainable Forestry Initiative and the Forest Stewardship Council.

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Because Reality TV Is Still Just TV

DAVIESS-MARTIN JOINT COUNTY
PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

WEST BOGGS PARK

GLENDALE SEWA CAMPGROUND

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The \$5-\$8 ticket will be for an assigned seat and also include a chili dinner prior to the evening show. There would be two shows on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The first show would be \$5 and the second show \$8, which would include the chili dinner. The winter concert is scheduled for December 13 and the booster parents want to start selling tickets as soon as possible.

In the end, Superintendent Keller said they will work something out by Thursday of this week.

High School Principal Chip Mehaffey presented an award to Shelley Christmas as the staff member in the high school recognized for outstanding work. Christmas has been at Loogootee for 17 years and currently teaches biology and chemistry. She is the LHS Beta Club sponsor and the president of the State Beta. She is in charge of all academic teams, the senior class sponsor, a member of the GTEP team that traveled to Sweden, takes prom pictures every year and charges almost nothing to the students for the photos, updates the composite photos of each class in the hallways, tutors students before and after school, and teaches a college-level class at 7 a.m. every morning and doesn't get paid for it. Mehaffey said that what Christmas does for the school is irreplaceable.

The board thanked Shelley for everything she does for the school.

Middle School Principal Lacey Jeffers presented a staff appreciation award to Jamie Wildman.

Wildman has been with the school for seven years first serving as the high school extra-curricular activities treasurer and last year moved to middle school and athletic secretary.

Dr. Keller reported that the \$2 million in bonds for the school improvements have been sold at 2.29 percent interest, better than expected. The bonds will be closed on De-

ember 3rd and that's when the board can have access to the money. The board has vetted the choices on proceeding with the roof, window and lighting replacing and Keller recommended hiring Midwestern Engineers, of Loogootee, as the head engineer and Myszak & Palmer Architecture in Vincennes, as the architecture firm. The board approved both recommendations.

Dr. Keller also reported that health insurance rates increased seven percent through Anthem. Five percent of that, she said, is taxes the insurance company pays for the Affordable Care Act. The board voted to put the administrators on the health savings account plan that would be paid by the corporation and would save the school \$13,000 to \$15,000.

The board also approved increasing Middle School Principal Lacey Wade's pay from \$60,000 to \$70,000 a year. Her contracted work days will go from 209 to 220.

The board approved the following personnel actions:

-Scott Arthur as girls' eighth grade basketball coach

-Michael Foster as girls' seventh grade basketball coach

-Don Arthur as volunteer in the girls' junior high basketball program

Board Member Scott Hall brought up wanting to pray before each ball game. Keller said there is a lawsuit up north at another school regarding this issue. She said if the school decides to implement praying and one person is offended by it they can take the school to court. Hall asked what the repercussions would be. Keller replied that the judge will order you to stop. Attorney Dave Lett said a fine can be issued if the school does not cease prayer.

Keller said that prayer can be initiated by the students but it cannot be supported by the school or the staff, per state law. Hall said he would just like to see individuals able to initiate prayer if they want to.

New business joins ranks with 30 + others at technology park

Right Choice Drug and Alcohol Testing is WestGate@Crane's newest company. Right Choice joins over 30 small businesses and Fortune 500 companies located in the technology park.

Right Choice DAT provides drug and alcohol testing, drug-free workplace program assistance, and DNA Paternity and Genealogy testing. Right Choice originally opened doors in Terre Haute in 2004, and with their recent contract with NSWC Crane they believe WestGate@Crane is the perfect place to do business.

Owners Terry and Bettina Whittington look forward to offering their services to this region.

"We are excited to be here in the Crane and WestGate Community. We hope the services

we offer can help those around, and we have other services we'd like to bring to the surrounding area when they are needed," says Terry.

"We probably see around 80 to 90 people a day in our Terre Haute office, and we'd love to see that here," says Bettina.

Bettina says there are a lot of customers, especially in the tri-county area, who would have to travel far to receive the testing Right Choice provides. She says having an office at WestGate@Crane will save her customers time, money, and energy.

Right Choice is located in the former WestGate@Crane Child Development Center on SGM Gene Shaw Technology Drive in the technology park. For more information, you can email: crane@rightchoicedat.com.

WestGate@Crane Technology Park launches co-working space, The Lock & Key.

The Lock & Key co-working collaborative workspace launches at WestGate Academy in WestGate@Crane Technology Park.

The Lock & Key is strategically located in WestGate@Crane Technology Park just outside of NSWC Crane and easily accessible by the neighboring tri-county area. The Lock & Key is a space for people to work individually or meet clients in a collaborative environment.

Executive Director of WestGate@Crane Technology Park Don Schulte believes opening this space is a step in the right direction in order to further develop the region.

"Collaborating, building relationships, and networking are essential elements that support business development and allow businesses to thrive. WestGate@Crane wants to help be a regional catalyst for business success and we want our new Lock & Key co-working space to be another piece of the puzzle to promote business in our re-

gion."

The Lock & Key is part of Indiana Coworking Passport program, where members from all of Indiana's participating co-working spaces can connect across the state. The Lock & Key is also listed on Bloomington's Switchboard.

The Lock & Key provides daily, monthly, and yearly membership rates. High school and college students receive a discounted membership price. Members receive high-speed wireless internet, Starbucks coffee, print/copy machine access, domestic phone calls, parking, and access to WestGate@Crane Technology events. The Lock & Key will be open Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In the future, The Lock & Key will have a new home in a 10,000-square-foot room in WestGate Academy.

For more information visit The Lock & Key webpage: <http://westgatecrane.com/thelockandkey/>.

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the motion passed.

A pipe issue on Brady Street in Loogootee was discussed. County Attorney Dave Lett confirmed that it was not the county's responsibility. The commissioners agreed until a bill is turned in no action will be taken.

Superintendent Padgett reported back from the council meeting regarding the re-classification and pay differential regarding his employees. The council recommended the commissioner re-classify the employee's job titles. The council will not move on the issue until budgets are back from state.

President George will assist the highway department with moving the paver.

County Attorney Dave Lett opened the highway supply bids for 2016. The following bids were received: St. Regis Culvert, Erosions Resources Supply, Civilcon and Southern Indiana Supply for culvert supplies; Asphalt Materials Inc. for oil and asphalt; Rogers Group and Indian Creek for stone; Cave Quarries for stone and cold mix; and Dave O-Mara Contractor, Inc for cold mix.

Commissioner Gregory made a motion to take the bids under advisement until the next meeting. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Jerry Earl informed the commissioners of his concern of speeding traffic on Red School Road. Sheriff Roush will step up patrol.

Commissioner Boyd made a motion to renew the Dental Health Option by Health Resources group dental plan. The dental health plan is by volunteer only to the em-

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tion on November 19

-Robotics Club to scrimmage at Bedford North Lawrence High School on December 3

-Robotics Club to qualifying tournament at Greenwood on December 19

-Robotics Club to qualifying tournament at Vincennes University Jasper Campus on January 30, 2016

The board approved the estimates and recommendations Midwestern Engineers for the engineering and architecture of the roof replacement project.

The board approved a donation from Martin County College Success Coalition in the Amount of \$500 to apply toward salary of the school psychologist.

The board held a first reading of change to board policy 6620 - participation in school sponsored activity. The second reading is scheduled at the December 10 board meeting.

The board held a second reading and approval of job descriptions for non-certified positions (corporation treasurer, corporation secretary/deputy treasurer/transportation secretary, head cook/cafeteria manager, and food service worker/cafeteria assistant manager) and it was approved 5-0.

The board approved the cheerleaders to sell laundry and dishwashing detergent during the month of November, 2015 and the Booster Club to sell Shoals Spiritwear at home games now through December 4, 2015.

The board voted to approve Danny Roush to hold open gym for baseball fundamentals for students in grades 4-12.

Austin Malone, elementary principal, reported on the following:

-Attendance push - Goal: 98 percent; September: 137 days of perfect attendance; average of 9.1 days per class (16 days in October); 3-way tie for 1st place - Mrs. Ader, Mrs. Douglas, and Miss Harmon all had 12/16 days: (75 percent) of perfect attendance. As a school, they averaged 97.4 percent That's a .3 percent increase.

-The robotics team competed at USI in Evansville on Saturday at the first Lego League Qualifying Tournament in the categories of Core Values, Robot Design, and Project. All three teams came home with awards.

-RoxStars Team -Best Robot Design -1st place in Robot Games and advance to state.

-RoxBots Team -Best Recycling Project

-RoboRox Team -Grand Champions with overall highest score in all three judged categories -2nd place in Robot Games and ad-

employees. The premiums are paid entirely by the employee. There was no increase in the premiums. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Auditor Roush explained that employees are paid bi-weekly and normally have 26 pays per year. Next year there will be 27 pays. Due to this, the commissioners need to decide whether to have employees go three weeks without pay or change it to 27 pays instead of 26. Employees will still be paid the same but there gross pay will be slightly lower. Commissioner Boyd made the motion to have 27 pays in 2016. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. Due to the payroll system voluntary deductions being set on 26 pays, employees will receive one pay without any voluntary deductions taken out.

Auditor Roush informed the commissioners of the raising of the Bicentennial Flag on December 11, 2015. More information will be sent out once Auditor Roush has the plans lined out.

Commissioner Gregory made a motion to do a request for proposals for health insurance benefits for 2016. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The commissioners thanked all veterans for their service.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m. The next commissioners' meeting will be Tuesday, November 24 at 6 p.m.

vance to state

-Fundraiser forms and money that have been submitted are currently being tallied.

-Professional Development: four intermediate teachers to ACUITY training; special Education teachers to a Power of Reading Summit; special education teachers to an autism workshop

-Basketball begins: First boys' home game is this Saturday at 9:30 vs. Vincennes Rivet; first girls' home game is Wednesday at 6 vs. Vincennes Rivet

-ISTEP Test Scores Information: Embargoed so there isn't much they can say.

-They have sent letters home to all parents of students who took ISTEP last year letting them know how to access score information and submit rescore requests. Teachers made personal phone calls to the parents of students who were close to passing. Teachers and administration personally assisted parents with the rescore process online. The rescore request process was anything but helpful as the rescore request window was less than a week after scores were almost four months late. The only way to submit a rescore was online. Tomorrow is the final day to submit a rescore request.

-Thank you to the following groups: Dover Hill Christian Church - clothing donation; Bill Green - donated "Colorful History of Martin County" coloring book; LEGO Team volunteers; Shoals Volunteer Fire Department; Martin County Sheriff's Department - K9 unit demonstration as part of D.A.R.E. program

Lucas Calhoun, Jr. Sr. High School Principal reported on the following:

-Veterans Day Presentation - Special thanks to Charlene Breidenbaugh and her large team of student volunteers, Mrs. Heckard's Family & Consumer Sciences team for the wonderful food, and the service men and women in attendance and all members of the community who joined and/or helped!

-Junior and Senior Beta Conventions - Tomorrow and Saturday - Many, many competitions.

-Mrs. Teresa Heckard - Congratulations on receipt of Retired Teachers' Association grant

-Speaker-Sarah Panzau on Wednesday, November 18 at 9:30 a.m.

-Technology training for staff continues - School Safety Specialist Training scheduled next week

The board discussed and approved by consensus to schedule the regular December meeting for Wednesday, December 9 at 6 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.

Loogootee Beta students win awards

Loogootee High School's Beta Club traveled to the French Lick Resort for the 25th Annual Indiana State Beta Convention, which was themed, "Let the Beta Times Roll." Seventy eight of the 84 club members, as well as 20 adult chaperones, left at 8 a.m. on Friday morning to begin academic competitions at 10 a.m. LHS's Beta Club was presented with one of four Key Awards given at the first session for its percentage of members that attended the convention.

Of the 33 competitions, of which 10 to 15 schools competed, Loogootee students placed in the top three in 17 of those categories. Those students receiving first place include Nick Bowman in Agriculture Division I, Carson Rayhill in Oratory, Max Christmas in Photography, Mayson Riley in Recyclable Art, Jake Carrico in Spelling Division I, and Kendall Riley in French. Tristan Jones's campaign skit also placed first and starred Anaya Carrico, Jon Krzesniak, Jake Simmons, and Alan Yang.

Second place finishers included Lane Keller in Math Division I, Max Christmas in Onsite Pencil Drawing, Dylan Arthur in Science Division I, and Shania Swiger in German.

Loogootee students that received third place awards included Matty Jones in Fiber Arts, Kendall Burch in Mixed Media, and Alan Yang in Science Division II. The quiz bowl team consisting of Sara Bailey, Nick Bowling, Eden Jenkins, and Jon Krzesniak placed third after several hard-fought battles.

Loogootee's very entertaining Character Skit entry, written and managed by Carson Rayhill and acted out by Anaya Carrico, Breanna Hollaway, Jacob Hollihan, Matty Jones, Kaleb Lyon, Konnor Lyon, Jordan Mann, Meghan Mathias, Katie Sims, Emma Walters, and Lexi Willis, placed third as well.

Each student that placed in the top three at the state level has the option to compete at the national level at the National Beta Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana, this summer.

LHS was able to raise over \$800 for Camp About Face and placed third in the Philanthropy category. Over the past 25 years, Indiana's State Beta Club has contributed well over \$160,000 to this camp, managed by Riley's Children Hospital, for children with cranial and facial abnormalities. Loogootee's Beta Club would like to thank the community for their

Each student that placed in the top three at the state level has the option to compete at the national level at the National Beta Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana, this summer.

After two days of competitions, a dance, and three convention sessions, students returned to the school at approximately 2 p.m.

The Beta Club would like to say thank you to all of those parents and adults that helped chaperone the convention, help with wardrobe malfunctions, transport luggage and props, coordinate competitions, and fill in where help was needed.

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This year, 123 rural and volunteer fire departments will benefit. Fire departments are encouraged to use the funds to improve their wildland firefighting capability.

The 16 counties and their share of the funds are:

- Brown - \$67,082.74
- Clark - \$33,627.45
- Crawford - \$11,648.78
- Dubois - \$1,836.75
- Greene - \$1,689.28
- Harrison - \$79,201.85
- Jackson - \$18,284.65
- Martin - \$14,098.48
- Monroe - \$79,294.80
- Morgan - \$24,542.29
- Owen - \$24,857.79
- Perry - \$15,378.53
- Pike - \$20,545.41
- Scott - \$7,417.28
- Sullivan - \$2,050.56
- Washington - \$40,420.28



-Photos provided

Shown above are the high school first place winners at the Beta State Convention. In the front row, from left to right, are Kaleb Lyon, Meghan Mathias, Emma Walters, Katie Sims, Lexi Willis, Anaya Carrico, Breanna Hollaway, Kendall Riley, Jake Simmons, and Matty Jones. In the second row, from left to right, are Konnor Lyon, Carson Rayhill, Alan Yang, Dylan Arthur, Nick Bowman, Max Christmas, Jon Krzesniak, Jake Carrico, Lane Keller, and Shania Swiger. In the photo on the right are Beta officers accepting Key Awards on behalf of LHS Beta Club. From left to right are Kendall Burch, Jordan Mann, Jonathan Krzesniak, Emily Bateman, and Clayton Thomas. In the photo below, are all the members of the LHS Beta Club, sponsored by Shelley Christmas.



Indiana Philanthropy Alliance celebrating 25 years during National Philanthropy Week

Indiana Philanthropy Alliance, the state's membership association of grantmakers, is celebrating its 25th year since incorporation with a reception at Indiana Humanities.

According to the first annual report of the Alliance, the purposes of the organization were to: foster interaction among donors; enhance the quality and quantity of grantmaking in Indiana; stimulate development of new foundations and corporate giving programs; inform grantseekers about private philanthropy in the state; and bring attention to the contributions and importance of philanthropy in Indiana. While the Alliance has gone through various additional name and mission statement changes over the years, that core purpose has remained.

Currently, IPA's 160 member grantmakers hold about \$12.5 billion in assets, and

award more than \$500 million in grants each year.

IPA's members include the Community Foundation Partnership, Inc. (CFP) which serves the Lawrence and Martin County Community Foundations. The CFP is helping build better communities by partnering with community minded individuals, professional advisors and non-profits. Currently, there is match money available to leverage donor gifts to local endowments. (Curt Johnson can provide more information on how you can leave a lasting impact for local charitable causes in Martin County at 812-295-1022.)

National Philanthropy Week offers an opportunity to recognize the contributions that the philanthropic community has made, through dollars given and invested, volun-

teer hours offered freely, and expertise donated to compassionate causes. Here in Indiana, children are educated, hungry people are fed, housing is found for families in crisis, adults are empowered to complete college degrees, our environment is nurtured, and our economy is strengthened through talent recruitment – and that's just a small part of what Hoosier philanthropy is doing on a daily basis in your community.

Indiana Philanthropy Alliance is a non-profit membership association for Indiana's private, family, community, and corporate foundations, corporate giving programs, and other grantmaking organizations. IPA's mission is to champion, support, and connect its members as they transform Indiana through effective philanthropy. To learn more, please visit www.inphilanthropy.org.

Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

4:33 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident south of Loogootee on US 231. Deputy Salmon responded.

8:44 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

9:25 a.m. - Received a report of a stolen vehicle east of Shoals. Captain Dant took the call.

10:35 a.m. - Received a report of chickens running loose north of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene answered the call.

11:40 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:20 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

3:17 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill, Martin County Ambulance, and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

4:51 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

5:22 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident in Shoals. Sgt. Keller took the call.

5:36 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Sgt. Norris took the call.

5:42 p.m. - Sgt. Keller assisted a motorist south of Loogootee.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

12:29 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:30 a.m. - Received a report of an alarm in Loogootee. Corporal Baker responded.

3:41 a.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Corporal Baker took the call.

5:26 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on US 231, north of Loogootee. Corporal Baker worked the case.

7:16 a.m. - Received a report of a natural gas smell on SR 550, east of Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

7:32 a.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

8:30 a.m. - Received a report of an injured deer in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill took the call.

10:32 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:10 p.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to the doctor.

12:57 p.m. - Sheriff Roush took three inmates to court.

1:00 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill looked for the vehicle.

1:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:17 p.m. - Received a dog complaint east of Shoals. The Martin County Humane Society was contacted.

5:48 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231, south of Loogootee. Sgt.

Keller responded.

9:50 p.m. - Received an alarm call near Shoals. Marshal Eckert and Corporal Baker responded.

11:09 p.m. - Received a report of an attempted break-in in Loogootee. Loogootee Sgt. Norris, Corporal Baker, and ISP Trooper Johnson responded.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

10:05 a.m. - Received an alarm call near Loogootee. Captain Dant and Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

10:49 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene was dispatched.

10:51 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism near Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

11:11 a.m. - Received a report of a break-in, in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill took the call.

1:10 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

2:20 p.m. - Received a report of a break-in, in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

2:30 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, Major Burkhardt, and ISP Trooper Lents and ISP Trooper Johnson responded.

5:57 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Shoals. Corporal Baker responded.

6:33 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

3:32 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:10 a.m. - Received a report of trees down north of Shoals. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

5:48 a.m. - Received a report of trees down south of Shoals. The Martin County Highway Department responded.

6:29 a.m. - Received a report of trees down south of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene and Martin County Highway Department removed the trees.

7:20 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on U 231, south of Loogootee. Sheriff Roush responded.

9:00 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

1:40 p.m. - Major Burkhardt took one inmate to the doctor.

2:08 p.m. - Received a report of a break-in and theft south of Shoals. Sheriff Roush is working the call.

9:36 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident west of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

9:50 p.m. - Received a report of a break-in, in Loogootee. Major Burkhardt, Corporal Baker, and K9 officer Virka responded.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

10:30 a.m. - Sheriff Roush took one inmate to court.

12:05 p.m. - Major Burkhardt performed a welfare check south of Shoals.

12:45 p.m. - Major Burkhardt, Corporal Baker, and K9 officer Virka gave presentation at Loogootee School.

2:15 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Depart-

ment and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was not transported.

3:54 p.m. - Received a call reporting a field fire in Daviess County. Transferred call to Daviess County.

6:27 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on 231 South. Major Burkhardt responded.

7:14 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across a dead end road off Mill Road. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

9:22 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driver south of Loogootee. Deputy Salmon notified.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

3:49 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

4:26 a.m. - Received a report of an accident with injuries south of Loogootee. Deputy Salmon and South West Ambulance responded. South West Ambulance transported patients and G&M towed the vehicle.

11:17 a.m. - Received a call reporting a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

12:05 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. Martin County Ambulance transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

12:14 p.m. - Received a call reporting an accident on Hart Road. Major Burkhardt responded.

3:08 p.m. - Received a call about an unattended child in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

5:50 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Deputy Salmon unlocked the vehicle.

6:30 p.m. - Received a call reporting a boat with passengers stranded on the river in Shoals. Marshal Eckert, Deputy Salmon, Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

12:36 a.m. - Received a call reporting an accident north of Shoals. Caller advised he hit three mailboxes. Deputy Salmon responded.

5:31 a.m. - Received a call reporting a fire south of Shoals. Deputy Salmon and Shoals Fire responded.

12:25 p.m. - Received a call reporting a cable down across a drive near a communications tower north of Loogootee. Advised Captain Dant.

2:55 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

3:03 p.m. - Received a call about a break-in south of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

3:36 p.m. - Received a report of a dog running loose in Loogootee. Captain Akles responded.

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

7:01 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Deputy Salmon unlocked the vehicle.

9:17 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Deputy Salmon unlocked the vehicle.

8:05 p.m. - Received a call about a raccoon in a garage in Loogootee. Officer Norris responded.

6:28 a.m. - Received a call reporting a car in a ditch west of Loogootee. Advised Daviess County.

Real estate transfers

Edward R. Hamilton, of Martin County, Indiana to **Edward R. Hamilton and Maryann Hamilton**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing approximately 1/3 acre, more or less.

Abydel Farms, LLC, of New Castle County, Delaware to **Timothy J. Lukomski and Cori L. Lukomski**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: Part of the southeast quarter of Section 12, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.50 acres, more or less. Tract II: Part of the southeast quarter of Section 12, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 8 acres, more or less.

Carla Sue Kline, Terry Lynn Wade, Debra Kaye Graber, Mary Beth Simmons, David Scott Ross, and John Edward Ross, of Martin County, Indiana and **John Edward Ross and Cole Tyson Ross**, of Daviess County, Indiana; and **Carl L. Ross, Jr.**, of Fresno County, California to **Justin Crosby**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 13 and 14 in Block "G" of the Loogootee Land Company Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Norma Jean Purkhiser, by Terri L. Alcorn, her court appointed guardian of the person and estate, of Martin County, Indi-

ana to **Terri L. Alcorn**, guardian of the person and estate of Norma Jean Purkhiser, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: The southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 19, Township 2 North, Range 3 West. Tract II: The northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 30, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing 40 acres, more or less. Tract III: A part of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 19 and part of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 30, both Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing 3.4 acres, more or less. Tract IV: All that part of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter and the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 25, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, which lies east of the middle of Lost River, containing about 44 acres.

Mark Taylor and Dawn D. Taylor, of Martin County, Indiana to **Alan Robert Nonte and Angela B. Smith**, both of Dubois County, Indiana, a part of the east half of the northwest quarter of Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, containing 2.4974 acres.

Mark Taylor and Dawn D. Taylor, of Martin County, Indiana to **Alan Robert Nonte and Suzanna L. Nonte and Angela B. Smith**, all of Dubois County, Indiana, two tracts in the City of Loogootee, Indiana containing 244 square feet.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF EAST FORK WATER, INC.

Nominations for new directors for Mitcheltree and East Perry townships will be accepted before December 11th at the East Fork office located at 213 S. Main Street in Shoals, Indiana. Fifteen or more members may make nominations for new directors in writing, by certified mail, or personal delivery. The annual meeting will be held January 25, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. and nominees will be voted upon at that meeting. All members are invited to attend.

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Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

5:35 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

8:30 p.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to call regarding a mental health issue.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

7:40 a.m. - Caller requested assistance in Redwing Trailer Court.

8:45 a.m. - Caller reported a deer had been struck near Shaded Estates.

8:47 a.m. - Caller requested a vehicle identification check on a trailer.

1:30 p.m. - Received a call of a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

3:40 p.m. - Female came on station to report a theft of a wallet.

11:09 p.m. - Caller reported a burglary on Church Street.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

10:15 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted Martin County Sheriff's Department with an alarm on US 231.

1:15 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231. Officer was unable to locate.

2:15 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on East Washington Street.

2:45 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute in Redwing Trailer Court.

4:46 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on Butcher Boulevard.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

4:52 a.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on East Washington Street.

9:46 p.m. - Caller reported a female in his vehicle while parked on Poplar Street.

10:51 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious

vehicle in the high school parking lot.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

9:30 a.m. - Caller reported a vehicle with a wheel about to come off.

10:21 p.m. - Caller reported property damage in the Marathon parking lot.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

12:20 p.m. - Caller reported an attempted theft on Butcher Boulevard.

4:23 p.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

9:28 a.m. - Caller reported a theft of medication.

3:00 p.m. - First responders were requested on Crane Road for a medical call.

3:33 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

3:36 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

6:18 p.m. - Male came on station to report mail fraud.

8:49 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

JAIL BOOKINGS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

8:09 a.m. - Jason Greene, 43, of Shoals, was arrested by Sheriff Roush for driving while suspended prior. His bond has been set at \$25,000 10%. Roush was assisted with the arrest by Chief Deputy Greene.

Thursday, November 12

9:50 p.m. - Joshua Hedrick, 32, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Nolan for operating while intoxicated and is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond. Corporal Baker and K9 Virka assisted in the arrest.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

11:16 p.m. - Amber Noble, 39, of Odon, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Nolan and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

5:31 a.m. - Andrew Qualkenbush, 18, was arrested by Deputy Salmon and charged with minor consuming. No bond till initial hearing.

12:20 p.m. - Peter Jochim was arrested by Conservation Officer Doane to be booked on a Johnson County warrant.



Sailor graduates

Seaman Apprentice Mikayla R. Richardson graduated from Great Lakes Recruit Training Center in Great Lake, Illinois, on Friday, November 13, 2015. Mikayla graduated in the top three percent of her graduating class of 697 sailors. On Saturday, she flew to San Antonio, Texas, for 26 weeks of Corpsman training at Fort Sam Houston Medical Center. Attending the graduation were her parents, Scott and Diane from Washington; grandmothers, Rosalie Hager and Carolyn Arvin; and her aunt, Lynn Ziegler of Loogootee. She is the granddaughter of Leo C. Arvin and Russell Hager of Loogootee, and the late Robert Richardson of Shoals.

Martin County Court News

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

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCING

November 4

Joshua Phillips, convicted of criminal confinement, a Class D Felony. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 211 days suspended and credit for 77 actual days previously served plus 77 Class 1 credit days. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

November 5

Samuel T. Parsons, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days in the Martin County Security Center with 54 days suspended and credit for 3 actual days previously served plus 3 Class 1 credit days. Defendant received 6 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

November 4

Joshua Phillips, strangulation, a Class D Felony, dismissed; battery, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

November 5

Samuel T. Parsons, operating while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

November 5

Branch Banking and Trust Company vs. Matthew L. Bradley, mortgage foreclosure.

November 6

Mark C. Keene vs. Anna M. Keene, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Jessica Huff vs. Jason Clark, petition for dissolution of marriage.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

November 10

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midland Funding, LLC, as successor to Credit One Bank, and against the defendant Matthew New in the amount of \$1,256.89.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Isha E. Wright-Ryan Attorney at Law, P.C. and against the defendant Tamara Waller for civil plenary in the amount of \$12,270.14.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

November 4

Renewing Management, Inc. vs. Emily Smoot, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

November 5

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Carl E. Wiscaver, Sr. and against the defendant Sherry Youngblood in the amount of \$6,121.

November 10

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Isha E. Wright-Ryan Attorney at Law, P.C. and against the defendant Carolyn Baker Sims in the amount of \$1,269.92.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

November 12

Ryan W. Bundy of Crane and Bridgette M. Chrisman of Crane.

Basic safety tips can prevent tree stand/elevated platform falls

With firearms deer season approaching in Indiana, hunters must understand the risks of hunting from an elevated platform and how to protect themselves from a fall.

Falls from elevated platforms are the leading cause of deer hunting accidents in Indiana, accounting for more than half of all accidents. In an average deer season, about 18 hunters will experience a fall.

Already this year, deer hunters have reported seven falls from elevated platforms during the early archery season. Firearms season, the most popular among the different deer seasons, starts Nov. 14 and last 16 days.

Lt. Larry Morrison of the DNR Division of Law Enforcement said falls are preventable if hunters follow basic tree-stand precautions.

"If they are thinking safety, safety, safety, they should be just fine," he said.

The first step toward elevated platform safety is to make sure the equipment is in working order. Only use an elevated platform that has the approval of the Treestand Manufacturers Association (TMA), and make sure to read the manufacturer's warnings and instructions before installation.

Hunters who use homemade elevated platforms should check them thoroughly for stability before using, especially stands that

are exposed to weather from being left outside year-round.

Hunters should also wear a full-body, fall arrest harness system that meets TMA standards, to include a lifeline system. Single-strap and chest harnesses should not be used. Do not leave the ground until the full-body, fall arrest harness system is on. Always have three points of contact with the tree when climbing and descending.

"Most of the falls occur while a person is ascending or descending," Morrison said.

A hunter should never climb with anything in his/her hands or on his/her back. A haul line should be used to lift a gun, a bow or other gear into the stand. Firearms on a haul line should be unloaded with the action open and muzzle pointed downward.

Other safety tips include hunting with a buddy, telling someone the exact location of your elevated platform before heading into the woods, getting a full night's rest before a hunt, and making sure a cellphone, whistle, flare or some other signal device is on your person at all times. In addition, the hunter should be familiar with the equipment they are using.

For more information and a short online safety course, visit hunterexam.com/treestandsafety.

Indiana State Police to conduct sobriety check point in Dubois County

Troopers from the Indiana State Police Jasper Post will be conducting a sobriety check point at an undisclosed location in Dubois County on Friday, November 20. Those drivers passing through the check point area should have their licenses and registrations ready to present to troopers, and will only be detained briefly while troopers determine whether further investigation is necessary.

The purpose of the sobriety check point is to remove those motorists from the highways who are alcohol and/or drug impaired and poses a danger to all who use the roadways. Impaired drivers are responsible for billions of dollars in property damage, personal injury, and death annually.

Reminders so motorists do not find themselves "Over the Limit and Under Arrest":

- Plan ahead and always designate a sober driver before consuming alcohol.

- Don't drive your vehicle if you've been drinking alcohol. Call a taxi or sober friend.

- Take care of your friends. Never let a friend drive while impaired.

- If you are hosting a party, always offer non-alcoholic beverages. Make sure all of your guests leave with a sober driver.

- Never provide alcohol to anyone under the legal drinking age of 21.

Motorists encountering another vehicle being operated erratically are encouraged to dial 911 or call the Jasper Indiana State Police Post at (812) 482-1441 or (800) 742-7475. Be prepared to give a description of the vehicle, location, and direction of travel.

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

Many people think of fall as harvest time. Indeed, the area farmers have been in the fields reaping the rewards of the summer's work. Even though the tender vegetables have been nipped by Jack Frost, the harvest of many root crops continues. Carrots, turnips, parsnips and other root crops often get better as the weather cools. As long as the ground is not frozen, the harvest of such crops may continue. It is even possible to extend the harvest further, possibly all winter. To keep the harvest going, cover the area with an insulating mulch before we get a hard freeze. Straw bales work well, but a less-expensive option is bags of leaves. Simply place the bags on the root-crop bed. When you need to dig some roots, simply move the bag and dig. Be sure to replace the bag afterward if you do not dig all of the crop.

It is also time to dig a less-common root crop and process it for future use. Horseradish roots may be dug now. The larger roots may be harvested and smaller, pencil-size roots may be replanted to produce next year's crop. Horseradish is a perennial crop, so be sure you plant it where you want it to grow. It will spread some, but many people like to plant it in the back of perennial flower beds, where the large, dark green leaves make a good background for light-colored blooms. After washing the roots, peel off the tough outer peeling. You may want to wear gloves and eye protection when working with horseradish. The juices can cause skin and eye irritation. A good way to prepare horseradish is to put the roots in a blender with a little vinegar or lemon juice, a few ice cubes and a little water. Blend this until the roots have been reduced to a coarse ground spice consistency. Store the prepared horseradish in a jar with a light lid in the refrigerator. You may add it to sauces, beans, casseroles and any other dish that needs to be pepped up a little. A little horseradish goes a long way, so be careful.

I have already received two seed catalogues for the 2016 growing season. While

it may be a little early for planting, some bed preparation may be done now. Peas, spinach and other hardy greens may be planted early in the spring, but spring weather is often wet, making it hard to get a planting bed ready. If we get a few days of dry weather before the ground freezes, you may wish to go ahead and prepare a spot for early crops now. When spring comes, you will then be ready for planting. If the soil is too wet, you may cover the seeds with compost or bagged soil. Those early greens and peas seem to be the tastiest vegetables of the year.

You may also wish to prepare a hot bed for even earlier planting. I have traditionally planted lettuce in a hot bed on Valentine's Day. To make a good hot bed, dig down into the ground about a foot, framing the bed with boards or blocks. You may put fresh manure in the bottom, which will provide warmth as it decomposes. You may use the soil you dug out to cover the manure, or you may use compost or purchased soil. I generally use the native soil mixed with compost. Cover the bed with some old windows or make a frame to cover with clear plastic. Come February, the bed will be ready for planting that early lettuce. Many people use hot beds to start plants for the summer garden, so you may want to make more than one bed.

In the ornamental garden, it is time for clean-up. If you have not yet cut the foliage from the herbaceous peonies, do so now. Be sure to take the foliage to the compost bin or dispose of it away from the garden if there has been any fungal disease. Leaving the foliage on the ground will allow the disease spores to get an early start next year. Peonies are very hardy, so they do not need any winter protection after the first year. Often the result of mulching around peonies is counter-productive. As the mulch decomposes, it results in raising the soil level. Peonies do not bloom well when the roots are more than 4 inches deep, so it is best not to add mulch around them annually. Left alone, peonies may grow in a location for decades.

hours. They are also available online at Mother Nature's Mercantile, innsgifts.com.

Mountain bike trails are available at 18 state park, reservoir and forest properties. Currently, all trails at Potato Creek State Park in North Liberty are rated as "Beginner." This means no permits are required to ride trails at Potato Creek.

A permit is not required for cyclists on property roadways or paved bicycle paths.

Funds from permit sales will help offset operating costs at state parks, reservoirs and forests.

Off-Road Cycling Permit holders must still pay standard gate fees when property gatehouses are staffed.

NRC approves new nature preserve, adds to another

The Indiana Natural Resources Commission on Tuesday approved the 270th state-dedicated nature preserve and a significant addition to an existing preserve.

The new sites are the Wapi-nipi Nature Preserve in Wayne County and the Moraine Addition Nature Preserve in Porter County.

Wapi-nipi is a 114-acre property approximately 5 miles southwest of Richmond and within the Bicentennial Conservation Area announced by Gov. Mike Pence in 2014.

It consists of a tall, west-facing bluff overlooking Whitewater River with the uplands dominated by high quality mixed deciduous forest. The tract is owned and managed by Whitewater Valley Land Trust and was purchased with funding assistance from the Indiana Heritage Trust, and the Bicentennial Nature Trust.

Wapi-nipi is the Miami Indians word for Whitewater.

The Moraine site is 406 acres addition to the existing Moraine Nature Preserve, a 474-acre property owned by the DNR Division of Nature Preserves. The addition protects an area of rolling ridges, steep hills, muck pockets, pot holes, shallow ponds, fens and a tributary of Coffee Creek. It includes a combination of natural com-

munities, including a mature beech-maple forest and a rare sedge meadow.

In other actions, the Commission:

Preliminarily adopted a rule amendment governing use of motorized carts on DNR property. The amendment responds to a citizen petition and would allow a person with a mobility disability to use a motorized cart in a DNR campground. The proposal conforms to Americans With Disabilities Act standards and is subject to a public comment period before returning to the Commission for final approval.

Approved new admission fees for the museum at Falls of the Ohio State Park, setting the adult price to \$9, and child or school group student admission to \$7. Children under 5 are still admitted free. The new fees are comparable to other local and regional attractions. Falls of the Ohio is the only DNR state park without a gate entrance fee. The new fees take effect January 1.

Readopted a rule (Indiana Administrative Code 312 IAC 6) for navigable waterways that governs activity relative to a license, activity where a license is required, and other statutes administered by the DNR.

Adopted a report to Morgan Circuit Court regarding a petition to establish the Upper Wildwood Shores Conservancy District.

Conference for Indiana crop advisers set for December 15-16

BY CHELSEA CLODFELDER
Purdue University News Service

The annual Indiana Certified Crop Adviser conference will be on December 15-16 in Indianapolis, featuring presentations across the educational areas of nutrients, soil and water, and pest and crop management.

The conference at the Indianapolis Marriott East, 7202 E. 21st St., will include 32 speakers from Purdue University and other universities and colleges in 11 states, as well as from several agriculture companies.

While the conference is intended mainly for CCAs and crop consultants, the presentations also could benefit farmers, agribusiness professionals and graduate students. CCAs can earn up to 16 continuing education units.

Topics include nitrogen loss and replacement, building healthy soils for healthy crops, the effect of spray water quality on herbicide efficacy, an update on the potential for unmanned aerial vehicles in commercial agriculture, and developments in nutrient timing and placement for modern corn hybrids.

Each session held in the morning will be repeated in the afternoon to accommodate

the different schedules of those attending. Special, extra half-day sessions on specialty crops and applications will be offered once. Breaks throughout the program will be provided for networking opportunities.

The complete program schedule is available on the Indiana CCA website at www.indianacca.org/program/7/.

Early registration is recommended. Registration prices will increase by \$25 after December 8, and registration will close December 14. For CCAs, the price is \$225 for both days or \$125 for one day. For other attendees, the conference costs \$325 for both days or \$175 for one day. Those interested in attending can register at www.indianacca.org/registration/7/step/0/.

Hotel rooms are available at a special conference rate of \$97 per night for December 14 and 15. Reservations can be made by calling the hotel at 800-228-9290 or 317-352-1231 and mentioning the Indiana Certified Crop Adviser group to receive the conference rate. Reservations also can be made online at www.indianapolismarriott-east.com.

Questions about the conference should be directed to the Indiana CCA office at 317-762-7955.

Two ways to donate your deer meat

Indiana hunters can donate deer meat to those in need or to members of their communities through two DNR programs.

The Sportsmen's Benevolence Fund and GiveIN Game program allow hunters to share their bounty with those who would like local, low-fat and high-protein meat.

The Sportsmen's Benevolence Fund benefits Indiana's food pantries. The fund was created in 2008 to help offset deer processing costs. Harvested deer are dropped off at deer processors throughout the state. Last year, more than 70,000 pounds of ground deer meat went to food pantries. Hunters can find a processor in their area by searching at dnr.IN.gov/lawenfor/3987.htm.

The GiveIN Game Program was created in 2010 to help connect hunters to community members who want deer meat. This program works like an online telephone directory that allows hunters and community members to contact each other directly to donate or request deer meat. Last year, more

than 715 people participated, with the need for deer meat outweighing the offers.

Hunters are encouraged to sign up and donate deer meat at: dnr.IN.gov/fishwild/7240.htm.

Build a nesting box for gray squirrels at Paynetown SRA

Help grey squirrels by building them a nesting box during a December 3 workshop at Paynetown State Recreation Area on Monroe Lake. The workshop starts at 6 p.m. and will last 90 minutes to two hours.

Participants will assemble and decorate a wood nesting box and learn about grey squirrel mating and nesting behavior.

The cost is \$25 per kit. Eight kits are available, and two people may work together on the same kit.

Registration is required by November 30 at bit.ly/squirrelbox2015.

For more information, contact Vance at jvance@dnr.IN.gov or (812) 837-9967.

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Martin County 4-H Achievement Program held at fairgrounds

On Sunday, October 18, the Martin County Extension Board and Extension Office held the annual 4-H Achievement Program to honor 4-H members who attained the highest levels of achievement during the past year.

Electric Awards: Mattie Milligan, Division III and Justin Sanders Division V. The Electric Awards were sponsored by Daviess-Martin County REMC.

Outstanding 4-H Achievement: Megan Hawkins and Melanie Hawkins. The awards were sponsored by White River Co-Op.

Outstanding 4-H Leadership: Megan Hawkins and Melanie Hawkins. The awards were sponsored by The Shoals News and Loughmiller Machine, Tool & Design.

Outstanding 4-H Agriculture: Megan Hawkins. This award was sponsored by Martin County Farm Bureau, Inc.

Outstanding 4-H Crafts: Katherine Gilbert. This award was sponsored by Loughmiller, Machine, Tool and Design.

Outstanding 4-H Home Economics: Melanie Hawkins. This award was sponsored by Martin County Farm Bureau, Inc.

Outstanding Conservation of Natural Resources: Megan Hawkins. This award was sponsored by Old National Bank.

Horse and Pony Junior High Point: Justin Peterson. This award was sponsored by Regal Mills.

Horse and Pony Senior High Point: Kendall Riley. This award was sponsored



by Hon. Lynne Ellis, Martin County Judge.

Outstanding 1st Year Members: Cathryn Gee and Russell Mauder. The awards were sponsored by German American Bank.

Outstanding 6th Year Members: Melanie Hawkins and Ryan Hawkins. The award was sponsored by Dr. Donald Kerr & Family.

Top Notch 10 Year Member: Adalyn Arvin. The award was sponsored by Old

National Bank.

Outstanding Livestock Buyer: Jones Oil Company/Propane Direct. The award was sponsored by the Martin County 4-H Council.

During this program the Martin County Extension Board held its annual elections. The newly elected extension board members are Kathy Lingenfelter, Shawna Walton, Caleb Richer, Teresa Mauder, and Patty

Tolbert. These members will begin their tenure in January 2016 and will join current extension board members Rhonda Rumble, Josh Ausbrooks, Deanna Hert, Amy Holt, Julinda Adams, and Tammy Gore. Extension Board members whose tenure is expiring this year and will no longer serve on the board are Laura Dawley, Mitch Green, Rhonda Sanders, Carla Hoffman and Mimi Hawkins.

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By Ann Ackerman



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The Optimist sees the light at the end.
The Realist sees the train.
But the Engineer sees three idiots on the track.

YOU KNOW YOU'RE A MOM WHEN:

1. Happy Hour is their naptime.
2. You fantasize about sleeping.
3. Cleaning up is a pointless exercise.
4. You know the true meaning of 24/7.
5. You have "take a shower" on your to-do list.
6. It takes two times as long to get out of the house than it does to run the errands.
7. You don't speak to adults, you spell with adults.
8. You think waking up at 7 a.m. is sleeping in.
9. Having conversations about poop is normal.
10. You have more baby wipes in your purse than cash.

THINGS TO PONDER:

1. Stealing someone's coffee is called mugging.
2. The other day I held the door open for a clown. It was a nice jester.
3. Pasteurize: too far to see.
4. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
5. Whoever invented "knock-knock" jokes should get a no-bell prize.
6. Energizer bunny arrested: charged with battery.
7. I put my grandma on speed dial. I call that Instagram.

7 THINGS CHILDREN NEED TO HEAR:

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3. I'm sorry.
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Houston: Please tell us.
Woman: I'm fine.

2015 is almost over and . . .

- I lost no weight
- Didn't learn anything
- Haven't saved any money
- Still ugly.

Dalai Lama said: "There are only two days in the year that nothing can be done. One is called YESTERDAY and the other is called TOMORROW, so today is the right day to love, believe, do, and mostly live."

Make someone smile today!

RSVP honors volunteers at banquet

On Monday, November 2, the RSVP Volunteer Center held the 42nd Annual Recognition Banquet at the Gasthof restaurant in Montgomery. 232 volunteers, community partners and worksite representatives attended. During the previous 12 months, 419 volunteers contributed 92,942 hours of service in Daviess and Martin counties. According to the US Department of Labor, the value of this service is over two million dollars, which benefits area residents and non-profit organizations.

RSVP Volunteers work in over 45 different agencies and organizations, performing over 150 types of activities. The past year saw an increase in requests for volunteers and new projects.

Washington Mayor Joe Wellman and Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty spoke on the value of volunteerism and their gratitude for volunteer service.

Those Martin County residents who served more than 500 hours in the last year include: Faryl Armstrong, Mark Bault, Teresa Bault, Linda Bennett, Edmund

Cronk, Teresa Davis, Rachel Doyle, Laura Jean Gilbert, Bill Greene, Martha Greene, Evan Hand, Joseph Haseman, Alma Henson, Beth Lett, Dianna Overall, Denny Ramsey, Elaine Renoire, Ken Woods, and Shirley Zehr. Additional volunteers from Daviess County contributed 500 hours also.

Washington resident Sheila O'Maley was presented the 2015 "Volunteer of the Year" award. Sheila volunteers with Friends for Animals, Generations Tax Preparation Project, The Eastside Park Beautification League, RSVP Vision Screening for children and adults, as well as participating in many short term and one time projects.

RSVP Executive Director, Kim Herbertz said, "Our recognition dinner is just a small way of saying thank you to these generous volunteers who do so much to help others in our communities."

DeWayne Shake of WAMW Radio acted as Master of Ceremonies for the event and closed the program thanking the volunteers for everything they do to make Daviess and Martin counties better places to live.

On the Home Front

By Linda Evans-Dillon

Martin County Veteran Service Officer

The Martin County Veteran Service Officer has an office in the Martin County Courthouse. An appointment isn't required but suggested as there are times I am out of the office transporting veterans to medical appointments, meeting with or visiting veterans in the community.

During the month of October the CVSO assisted eight veterans, had six meetings, took zero veteran runs, participated in one funeral, and visited the Legion's and VFW's in Crane, Loogootee and Shoals once. The veterans van took nine trips transporting 10 veterans to VA medical centers and clinics.

DRIVERS NEEDED for the veteran van. I am aware that we all have very busy lives and very little free time which is why I am looking for reliable drivers to add to my call list. I am looking for VOLUNTEERS that are willing to transport a veteran possibly one trip a week to medical appointments in the surrounding area. This is not a paid position but I am able to provide \$10 a trip as long as there is money in the "Thank the Driver Fund". You must have an Indiana li-

cense and a clean driving record. If interested please contact me.

Veterans enrolled in the VA health care system can get your seasonal flu shot at any VA health care facility and now at any Walgreens that administers them. To get a seasonal flu shot at Walgreens, you only need to tell the pharmacist you receive care at a VA medical facility and show your VA ID card. After Walgreens administers the vaccine, the immunization record is transmitted securely to your VA health record—regardless of whether VA covers the cost of the vaccine. Important information, including the type of immunization, the date and the administering provider will then be part of your VA electronic health record without any additional steps for you.

The Veterans Crisis Line provides confidential help for veterans and their families. Call at 1-800-273-8255 (PRESS 1) for help.

For assistance or transportation needs, please call 812-247-2210 and leave a message or e-mail martincountyvso2013@yahoo.com.

Generations sponsoring Build*A*Basket project

This holiday season, Generations' Angel-Worx program is sponsoring its 8th annual Build*A*Basket project to help provide for the basic needs of Generations' clients while bringing them some holiday cheer.

Generations serves older adults in Daviess, Dubois, Greene, Knox, Martin and Pike counties. These older adults are on fixed incomes and often cannot afford the everyday necessities that many of us take for granted.

A total of 800 baskets were turned in last year and delivered to individuals in need.

This project is open to schools, churches, businesses and individuals and involves purchasing a plastic laundry basket and fill-

ing it with items such as dish soap, deodorant and toothpaste. Some individuals decorate their baskets to make them more festive.

Baskets must be completed by December 16. Participants will be given a drop off location prior to that date. Generations' Case Managers, Meals on Wheels drivers and volunteers will deliver the gift baskets to the clients.

To register for the project and to receive a complete list of basket items, contact Alma Kramer by calling 800-742-9002 or 888-4527 or emailing akramer@vinu.edu.

Generations is a program of Vincennes University's Community Services Division.

Memorial Health Washington groundbreaking scheduled

The public is invited to Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center's groundbreaking ceremony on November 23 at 5 p.m. ET for its newest Daviess County health clinic—Memorial Health Washington—to be located at 600 South State Road 57 in Washington. Following the ceremony will be a reception at Bobe's Pizza Express with light refreshments. Memorial Health Washington will feature an 8,800-square-foot facility with 14 exam rooms.

Dahl Family Medicine will be relocating to the new facility. In addition, Dr. Brian Woebkenberg, Orthopaedic Surgeon, Dr.

David Gilley, Urologist, and Heartland Cardiology physicians and medical practice providers will transition their services to this facility as well.

Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center, based in Jasper, is a regional health center with more than 20 clinics throughout seven counties in southwestern Indiana. With approximately 100 physicians on active staff in 30 specialties,

Memorial Hospital provides care to over 4,500 inpatients, 150,000 outpatients, and approximately 1,000 newborns on an annual basis.

Calendar of Events

Surviving the Holidays program

Surviving the Holidays program to be offered at Loogootee United Methodist Church on Monday, November 23 at 6 p.m. Plan to attend and bring a friend. Call 295-3049 to register.

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.

Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts

Boys interested in Boy Scouts or Cub Scouts, call 295-6652 or 854-7837 for information on joining.

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Solid waste board

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

to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

Humane society meetings

The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 7 p.m. Members of the humane society are invited to attend. To find out how to become a member, email mchs@frontier.com.

Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Shoals Public Library. 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.

Festival of Lights Christmas Parade and Christmas Stroll

Time is fast approaching for the City of Loogootee's 2nd Annual Festival of Lights Christmas Parade to be held Sunday, December 6 along with the downtown stores being 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 First Christmas" and entries are being accepted by calling the 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.

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IRS imposter scam, spoofing among top 2015 phone scam trends

Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller said nearly 1,300 complaints were filed with his office this year about the IRS imposter scam, making it the most common telephone privacy complaint of 2015. Phone scams offering credit services and tech support services are the second and third most common complaints this year.

In the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) imposter scam, callers claim to be with the IRS and demand immediate payment of past-due taxes. Scammers might threaten arrest and jail time if the payment is not received immediately, and usually request that the money be paid back through the purchase of pre-paid cards.

The IRS imposter scam is among several imposter scams that have emerged this year in which callers pretend to be a legitimate entity and give a false impression of authority to scam Hoosiers out of their hard earned money, Zoeller said. The way they are able to do this, he said, is by Caller ID spoofing where the caller falsifies the telephone number and/or name relayed as the Caller ID information to mimic the identity of someone else.

Members of the public who are targeted by the IRS imposter scam should hang up on the caller immediately and file a complaint with the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at TIGTA.gov or with the Attorney General's Office at www.IndianaConsumer.com.

More than 3,000 Hoosiers complained to the Attorney General's Office about unwanted calls this year.

Zoeller said the best way for people to know whether a call they are receiving is a scam is by registering their number on the Do Not Call list. Legitimate companies will not call numbers on the Do Not Call list, so if someone is on the list and is receiving unsolicited contact, it is likely a scam.

"With Caller ID spoofing and other deceptive tactics, it is easy for fraudsters to convince people they are someone legitimate, even a government agency," Zoeller said. "The best protection against phone

scams is simply not do any type of business or give out personal information over the phone unless you initiate the call yourself."

To sign up or to confirm a number is on the Do Not Call list, visit www.IndianaConsumer.com or call 1-888-834-9969. Consumers do not need to re-register unless their address has changed. To achieve compliance with Indiana law, telemarketing companies may obtain a copy of the list from the Attorney General's Office.

Avoid getting scammed over the phone by following these tips:

-Don't let a telephone solicitor pressure you to make an immediate decision.

-Ask for a caller's contact information and tell them you will call them back. Verify that the number they give you is tied to a legitimate company or agency by doing your own research.

-Know that most government entities, including the IRS, will not initiate contact over the phone. Additionally, they will never ask you for credit card, debit card or prepaid card information over the phone.

-Do not wire any money or make payments over the phone unless you have independently verified the caller.

-Check unfamiliar companies with the AG's Office or the Better Business Bureau before agreeing to a purchase.

-Hang up on recorded message calls or "robocalls." Don't press any numbers.

Additionally, Zoeller urged Hoosiers to take advantage of available call-blocking options to help stop scam calls. The Attorney General's Office created a non-exhaustive, call-blocking reference sheet to inform the public about available options and encourage development of new options. This reference sheet outlines different call-blocking applications and information about each option, including who is able to use it, the cost, benefits, weaknesses and how to get it.

People who receive an unwanted call or are targeted by a phone scam can file a complaint with the Attorney General's Office by visiting www.IndianaConsumer.com or calling 1-800-382-5516.

Walorski concludes Defense Tour

Rep. Jackie Walorski (IN-02), member of the House Armed Services Committee, last Thursday finished her three-day Defense Tour throughout Indiana. Walorski spent the day touring the Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane Division (NSWCC), which is the principal tenant command located at Naval Support Activity Crane. NSWCC is the third largest naval installation in the world, employing roughly 3,300 people and including broad variety of development and support operations.

Over the course of the tour, Walorski has visited military installations and industry partners around Indiana to showcase the importance of Indiana's role both nationally and locally in defense interests, research and development, and technology. During the tour at NSWCC, Walorski discussed the importance of Indiana manufacturing, problem-solving and ingenuity as a leading contributor to national defense programs around the world.

"Today's visit is a great way to end my defense tour and highlight why southern Indiana is a leader in defense operations. There is no question that Crane's contributions to both the Navy and the nation are invaluable to keeping Americans safe," said Walorski. "As I head back to Washington, rest assured I'll continue to be an advocate for Indiana's defense industry and ensure the rest of the country and the world knows that Hoosiers are vital to our national security and deserve our recognition and gratitude for the incredible work they do on our country's behalf."

According to the Indiana Business Resource Center, "the prominence of the defense industry in Indiana may be one of the most important untold stories of the past decade." In addition to being a leader in the defense industry, Indiana's defense contracts also support high-paying jobs. According to the IMPLAN model used to estimate the economic impact of the defense industry, the estimated average compensation for direct defense-sup-



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Rep. Jackie Walorski (IN-02) met with Commanding Officer Captain Jeffrey Elder, USN at the NSWCC last Wednesday as part of her three-day multi-city defense tour around Indiana. Walorski represents the 2nd Congressional District in Indiana, where she serves as a member of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, House Armed Services Committee and House Committee on Agriculture.

ported jobs was nearly \$20,000 greater than Indiana's average compensation per worker for all jobs.

Walorski's tour began last Tuesday in South Bend, where she toured Honeywell's aircraft wheels and brakes manufacturing facility and the AM General test track, where she rode in a HMMWV (Humvee®) vehicle, which is produced in South Bend for military use overseas. She then traveled to Fort Wayne to visit the 122nd Fighter Wing base and finished the day with a tour of the \$39 million BAE Systems facility along with Rep. Marlin Stutzman. On Wednesday, Walorski spoke at the annual Veterans Day ceremony at the Indiana War Memorial, led a defense roundtable with leaders from the defense industry and university officials from around the state, and also toured Rolls-Royce's LiftFan facility, where jet engines for the F-35B are manufactured.

Hoosiers encouraged to get smart about antibiotics

State health officials are raising awareness of antibiotic resistance and promoting the responsible use of antibiotics during the week of November 16-22, which Governor Mike Pence has proclaimed Get Smart About Antibiotics Week.

The campaign, now in its sixth year, is a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) initiative. The effort coordinates work of CDC's Get Smart: Know When Antibiotics Work campaign and enlists states, nonprofit groups and for-profit partners to improve antibiotic stewardship in communities and healthcare facilities and on the farm.

"Antibiotic resistance is one of the biggest health threats we face," said State Health Commissioner Jerome Adams,

M.D., M.P.H. "By prescribing antibiotics responsibly, healthcare providers can help ensure that patients with bacterial infections have access to effective medications that improve their chances of recovery."

At least 2 million people in the United States become infected each year with bacteria that are resistant to antibiotics, and an estimated 23,000 people die as a direct result of these infections. Many others die from conditions that were complicated by an antibiotic-resistant infection.

The CDC has deemed antibiotic resistance an urgent public health threat. According to the CDC, antibiotic use is the single most important factor leading to antibiotic resistance around the world. Antibiotics are among the most commonly prescribed medications, yet up to 50 percent of those prescribed are for people for whom they aren't appropriate or effective.

Antibiotics cure bacteria, not viruses. Taking antibiotics for viral infections, such as a cold, the flu or most types of bronchitis, will not cure the infections, keep other individuals from catching the illness or help you feel better. Taking antibiotics when they are not needed increases the risk of getting an infection later that resists antibiotic treatment.

If you are ill, check with your healthcare provider to see if an antibiotic is necessary. If so, remember these important tips:

-When you are prescribed an antibiotic, take it exactly as the doctor tells you.

-Complete the prescribed course even if you are feeling better. If treatment stops too soon, some bacteria may survive and re-infect you.

-Throw away any unused medication

once you have completed your prescription.

-Do not share your antibiotics with others.

State health officials are collaborating with Butler University and the Indiana Coalition for Responsible Antibiotic Use on a project to educate healthcare providers and their patients about the dangers of overprescribing and overusing antibiotics. The project includes a poster designed by Butler University student Paige Watkins that allows providers and others to post their photo and declare they are committed to using antibiotics responsibly.

"I think the poster is a great way to start conversations between prescribers and their patients about what antibiotic resistance is," said Kristen Nichols, assistant professor of pharmacy practice at Butler. "It is important to have this conversation, and not only when patients feel they need an antibiotic."

To download the poster, go to <http://bit.ly/1kmNnxT>. For more information about the poster project, contact Kristen Nichols at (317) 948-4239 or via email at knichols@butler.edu.

Visit the Indiana State Department of Health at www.StateHealth.in.gov for important health and safety information, or follow us on Twitter at @StateHealthIN and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/isdh1.

Hoosiers who do not have health care coverage or access to a doctor are encouraged to check availability for the new Healthy Indiana Plan—HIP 2.0—by visiting www.HIP.IN.gov or calling 1-877-GET-HIP-9.



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