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Flying high . . .

-Photo by Bill Whorrall, www.billwhorrallart.com

There is not much more majestic than seeing a bird flying so gracefully through the air. The above hawk was photographed by Martin County Artist and Photographer Bill Whorrall on one of his nature hikes on Monday.

Health department inspects food services

The following restaurant inspections were done by Julia Albright, of the Martin County Health Department. The information listed is verbatim from the inspection report and all were routine inspections, unless otherwise noted. Violations that were seen again from one inspection to the next are noted with "(Repeat violation)" after the entry.

NOVEMBER 14

Carla's Catering, 12547 West River Road, Shoals

No violations noted.

NOVEMBER 16

Loogootee United Methodist Church, 208 West Main Street, Loogootee

One non-critical violation:

-Boxes of food storage containers sitting on floor of storage room in kitchen.

NOVEMBER 17

VFW Post #9297, 168 Leachy Street, Crane

Two critical violations:

-Temperature of items in True refrigerator at 44.6 degrees and above.

-Hand sink blocked with other food storage container and other items.

One non-critical violation:

-No self-closing device on women's toilet room door. (Repeat violation)

Village Pizza/Lonely Night Saloon, 102 Furlong Street, Crane

Three non-critical violations:

-Upper interior surface of ice machine has build-up of black substance.

-Three-compartment sink not being properly utilized to wash/rinse/sanitize.

-Exterior door of storage room not tightly sealed. (Repeat violation)

Parade rescheduled

Due to rain this past Sunday, the City of Loogootee's 3rd Annual Festival of Lights Christmas Parade is rescheduled for Wednesday, December 14. The parade will proceed through downtown at 6 p.m. The Theme for the parade is "Christmas 200 Years Ago" to honor Indiana's Bicentennial celebration this year. Duane and Karen Mann will serve as this year's parade grand marshals.

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 will perform on the square at 7 p.m.

County council okays sheriff to hire jail officer

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Martin County Council met Monday, December 5.

Sheriff Travis Roush submitted a comparison analysis of the number of inmates per jail officers with other counties similar in size to Martin County. During a recent jail inspection, it was recommended by the inspector to have a NIC Staffing Analysis completed. Sheriff Roush submitted the report with recommendations at the last

council meeting. The analysis said that the jail should have 19 jail officers but currently only has four. Due to the lack of staff, he currently has over four-and-one-half months of compensation time owed to employees. If additional staff is hired, he believes it would save money because current employees would not have compensation time accrue and would be able to take vacation and personal days.

Roush said he currently has one jail officer per 56 inmates. In comparison (See 'COUNCIL' cont. on page 2)



-Photo provided

Martin County Council President Richard Summers (front left) presents outgoing Councilman Lonnie Hawkins (front right) with a Certificate of Achievement and Appreciation for his 12 years as a council member at the council meeting Monday night. Council Members Lynn Gee, Warren Albright, Buck Stiles, Randy Wininger and Barb McFeaters are shown in the back row.

State forest gives county timber money

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

Joshua Kush, resource specialist at Martin State Forest, attended the Martin County Commissioners' meeting Tuesday, December 6 to present a check for timber sales. Kush told commissioners that 15 percent of what timber they sell at Martin State Forest goes to the county. This year that amount was \$16,275.88. The commissioners thanked Kush for attending the meeting to present the check.

Auditor January Roush said she

looked into it and they can distribute up to \$8,137.94 to Loogootee Fire Department, Lost River Fire Department, Martin County Civil Defense and Shoals Fire Department. The rest can go to the highway department. It was discussed that last year the commissioners voted to give all the money to the fire departments. Roush said she would look into what they did last year. Commissioner Dan Gregory said he would prefer all the money to go to the fire departments so it doesn't get wasted.

The commissioners tabled the request (See 'TIMBER' cont. on page 2)



Shown is the Martin County time capsule to be buried Sunday.

County's time capsule to be buried Sunday

In honor of the Indiana Bicentennial Celebration this year, the Martin County Bicentennial Committee will bury a time capsule at the courthouse on Sunday, December 11 at 2 p.m. The capsule is already sealed and contains newspaper clippings, mementos, and other items pertaining to Martin County in 2016. The capsule will be un-earthed in 100 years.

The time capsule interment ceremony will begin with a welcome message from the Martin County State Bicentennial Coordinator Marie Hawkins followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Richard Summers, song by Amy Kavanaugh; a speech by Commissioner Paul George, a presentation of an official Bicentennial medallion to Historical Society Vice President Jim Marshall, and speeches from Sheriff Travis Roush and Timothy A. Craddock, commanding officer of NSA Crane. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Bridge updates from the highway department

Per the Martin County Highway Department Crane Road in Perry Township will be closed on or after December 6, 2016 for bridge repair. The road will be closed for approximately 3-4 weeks.

Also, Spout Springs Bridge is now open.

Man arrests on sexual misconduct charges

The Martin County Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with the Indiana Department of Child Services, investigated allegations of sexual misconduct with a minor and patronizing a prostitute.

The investigation led to the arrest of Glen Akles, 51, of Loogootee, on suspicion of sexual misconduct with a minor, a Level 4 Felony, and patronizing a prostitute, a Class A Misdemeanor. Akles was previously a police captain at the Loogootee Police Department.

Akles was booked into the Martin County Jail on the evening of Wednesday, November 30.

A probable cause affidavit was submitted by the Martin County Sheriff's Office to the Circuit Court of Martin County and the Martin County Prosecutor.

A bond was set at \$75,000 with 10 percent cash surety allowed. The case is still an ongoing investigation and was directed to the Martin County Prosecutor, C. Michael Steiner.

After posting bond on Thursday, December 1, Akles died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

COUNCIL ——— TIMBER

(Continued from page one) to other counties, Roush said, "We are not in the same ballpark of anybody. We are twice as much as our closest competition." He added, "This is a safety concern."

Council Member Lynn Gee said Roush is having a hard time keeping jail officers. She asked what could be done if he hired more. Roush replied that if they didn't have to work so many hours, they would probably stay.

Council Member Randy Winger asked Roush how many officers he truly needs. Roush said two additional jail officers would help him a lot. Winger asked if the council could take small steps and provide one additional jail officer right now. Roush said he would be fine with that. An additional jail officer's total salary, with benefits, would be around \$40,000. After more discussion, the council all verbally agreed that once the budget order is issued, the sheriff could hire one corrections officer.

Council Member Buck Stiles questioned Sheriff Roush on the possibility of sharing duties between the animal control officer and the jail officer. Roush replied that the animal control officer will only be used for animal issues and would not be on staff in the jail all the time, only when there was an animal issue. Roush added that he will begin the interview process this month for a part-time animal control officer with a start date of January 1, 2017.

Council President Richard Summers presented outgoing Council Member Lonnie Hawkins with a certificate of achievement and appreciation for his 12 years as a council member. Councilman Hawkins thanked the council for the last 12 years and wished them well in the upcoming years.

(Continued from page one) for proposals for bridge inspections until the next meeting.

Jeff Quyle, new president of Radius Indiana, introduced himself to the commissioners. He told the commissioners that Radius is working to help market the region; working closely with Crane and the WestGate Authority. He told the commissioners that anything Radius can do to help the commissioners, they should let Martin County Economic Development Director Tim Kinder know. Radius Indiana encompasses eight counties in the region, including Martin.

Quyle also spoke a bit about the \$42 million Lilly grant that was given to 11 counties to help with job development, research, etc.

Leo Padgett with the highway department, reported that the highway department roof is finished being replaced.

He also asked if he could purchase a tank to mix chemicals used to put on snowy roads. He said the tank would

hold 5,000 gallons. The commissioners told him to look into purchasing one.

Sheriff Travis Roush gave the commissioners a copy of the jail inspection report. He said the only recommendation was for the jail to have a staff analysis done. He had one done. The report suggested that the jail have 19 jailers and Roush currently has four. He said the council is okay with providing him with one more jail officer next year. He said it's a safety issue for not just the officers but the inmates along with being a liability issue.

Roush also presented the commissioners with two estimates to convert the fluorescent lighting in the jail to LED. He said the conversion could save around 40 percent on electric costs. Quyle, from the audience, suggested Roush speak to Duke Energy about rebates. He said that the rebates may require a specific kind of bulb. Roush said he would contact them. After discussion, the commissioners decided to go with the low bid of \$7,275 from a company in Jasper.



Joshua Kush, with the Martin State Forest, is shown in the middle presenting a check for \$16,275.88 in timber sales to Commissioner Kevin Boyd (left) and Commissioner Paul George (right). (Photo by Josh Hughett)

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Maranatha Tabernacle Church in Loogootee presents . . . "BROTHERS FOREVER"

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worship service**



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Maranatha Tabernacle is located 1/2 mile north of the Loogootee Municipal Bldg, 13111 Hwy 231 N. Please call 812-295-4349 for additional information.

This Christmas concert is free, but a love offering will be taken to help offset cost. Brothers Forever will be selling their CDs.

Obituaries

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IRIS WAGONER

Iris Wagoner, 88, of Loogootee, passed away at 12:05 p.m. December 1, 2016 at Memorial Hospital Healthcare Center in Jasper. A resident of Loogootee, she was 88.

She was born July 11, 1928 in Lawrence County; daughter of the late Alfred and Mildred (Crane) Inman.

She began her calling for cooking when she was 14 years at The Hut in Burns City. She ended her cooking career in 2006 at Hunt's Steamer Café after working for the Hunt family for nearly 38 years. Iris told her family she was put on Earth to be a caretaker. She loved taking care of kids, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, VFW Ladies of Auxiliary and American Legion Ladies of Auxiliary.

She is survived by her grandchildren, Larry (Shellie) Bradley of Shoals, Lana Bradley (Karri Tinkle) of Loogootee and Kent Bradley of Loogootee; siblings, Sharon Stuffle of Odon, Terry (Alice) Inman of Odon, Sandra Sue Hunt, Charlotte (Lloyd) Resler, Jack (Karen) Inman and Pamela Clark, all of Loogootee; 14 great-grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Wagoner; daughter, Dianne Bradley; granddaughter, Kara Arvin; parents, Alfred and Mildred (Crane) Inman; siblings, Alfred Junior (Joyce) Inman and Betty (Wilber) Kel-

so; brothers-in-law, Norman Stuffle and John Hunt.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker on Monday, December 5 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

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

GENEIVE "JENNY" LENTS

Geneive Alice "Jenny" Lents passed away Sunday evening, December 4, 2016 just one month shy of her 103rd birthday. A resident of Loogootee, she was 102.

She was born on January 6, 1914; daughter of Herman and Agnes Carrico.

A resident of Loogootee and member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Jenny worked for many years as a seamstress. Throughout her adult life, she participated in many volunteer activities including organizing St. John's funeral dinners, nursing home visits and work with the St. Vincent de Paul. She was a member of St. John's Daughters of Isabel and St. Martin's Alter Society. In 1996 she was awarded the Brute Award for outstanding fellowship and service in the Diocese of Evansville. She will be remembered fondly for her service, her card playing and her wit.

She is survived by daughter, Katherine Brown of New Mexico; nephew and p.o.a., Mark Strange of Montgom-



ery and daughter-in-law, Suzanne Lents of Loogootee; step daughter, Marilyn Arvin and brother-in-law, Ray Truelove as well as numerous nieces, nephews and step-grandchildren.

JENNY LENTS She was preceded in death by husband, Paul Brown of Loogootee (1912-1958) with whom she adopted her daughter, Katherine. She was also preceded in death by husband, Louis Lents of Whitfield (1905-1978) whom she married in 1964, father to Marilyn (Dennis) Arvin and the late Don (Suzanne) Lents and the late Vernon Lents. She was also preceded in death by her parents, Herman and Agnes (Padget) Carrico, as well as her much loved brothers and sisters, Katherine Spaulding, Ethyl Doyle, Mary Baker, Kenneth Carrico, Gerald Carrico, Margaret Strange, Evelyn Carrico, Ernest Carrico and Lavern Truelove, all of whom remained in her heart and her thoughts throughout her days.

A rosary will be said at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, December 9 at the Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee with visitation to follow from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at 10 a.m. on Saturday, December 10 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

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

DARRELL DIAMOND

Darrell Q. Diamond passed away at 4:30 a.m. December 7, 2016 at his home. A resident of Montgomery, he was 74.

He was born March 24, 1942 in Letcher County, Kentucky; son of the late Russell and Sarah (Baker) Diamond.

He retired from Indiana Limestone after working for 36 years as an operator. He loved fishing and hunting.

He is survived by his wife, Patsy Diamond of Montgomery; children, JoAnn (Kenny) Lucas of Washington and Darrell Wayne (Rufina) Diamond of Shoals; step-daughter, Jodi Lynn McIntyre; grandchildren, Danny Watson, Sarah McKenzie, Kendra Wilcoxon, David Watson, Rachel Lane Way, Tanner Diamond and Ramona Simmons; many great-grandchildren; sisters, Genoma (James) Downs, Audie (Tom) Downs, Rachel (Bruce) Bateman and Tim (Kay) Diamond.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Russell and Sarah (Baker) Diamond; grandson, Kyle Johnson; granddaughter, Lacy Diamond; sister, Treva (Larry) Richardson.

To honor Darrell's wishes, no services will be held. Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Arrangements were provided by Blake & Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

5:19 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on US 231, north of Loogootee. Deputy Salmon responded.

9:06 a.m. - Received a report of a semi-driving recklessly on SR 450, north of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

10:00 a.m. - Received a fire alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire responded.

10:35 a.m. - Captain Dant assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

12:43 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

1:00 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle in Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

1:18 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

3:15 p.m. - Captain Dant on station with one inmate from Daviess County for court.

5:34 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle in Shoals. Sergeant Keller and Sheriff Roush responded.

11:30 p.m. - Deputy Reed and Deputy Salmon assisted a motorist on SR 450, north of Shoals.

11:40 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Loogootee. Deputy Salmon responded.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

12:52 a.m. - Received a request for officers and an ambulance near Shoals. Deputy Salmon, Deputy Reed, Sheriff Roush, Loogootee Officer Baker, Martin County Ambulance, and Shoals Fire responded. The Martin County Coroner assisted at the scene. The subject was transported to Queen Lee Funeral Home.

5:36 a.m. - Deputy Salmon assisted a motorist west of Loogootee.

7:15 a.m. - Received a report of an accident on SR 450, north of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene, Captain Dant, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

9:00 a.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

10:00 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took three inmates to court.

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

1:45 p.m. - Captain Dant took four inmates to court.

2:55 p.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

3:50 p.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to court.

4:45 p.m. - Received a request for medical equipment assistance in Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

5:00 p.m. - Received a report of a theft near Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

7:02 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing near Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

10:16 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

4:10 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.

8:49 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.

9:00 a.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to court.

11:25 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

11:47 a.m. - Received a report of suspicious vehicles near Loogootee. Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, and Captain Dant responded.

1:00 p.m. - Sheriff Roush took two inmates to court.

3:57 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill, Loogootee Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

7:17 p.m. - Received a medical alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

11:07 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 50, east of Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

7:01 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill and Captain Dant responded.

9:11 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

9:50 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:15 a.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

1:00 p.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

4:10 p.m. - Received request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Fire, Sheriff Roush, LPD Chief Rayhill, LPD Captain Hennette, Chief Deputy Greene, Major Burkhardt, and Prosecutor Steiner responded.

6:26 p.m. - Major Burkhardt assisted the department of child services with a welfare check near Shoals.

8:27 p.m. - Received a report of prowlers east of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:10a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

10:45 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:05 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:09 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

3:20 p.m. - Received a report of theft in Indian Springs. Major Burkhardt responded.

6:49 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

6:56 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Deputy Shinn responded.

11:39p.m. - Received a report of an abandoned vehicle north of Shoals. Deputy Shinn and Shoals Marshal Eckert responded. Vehicle was towed by KRB Towing.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

8:52 a.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

11:14 a.m. - Received a report of a fight in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Dant responded.

2:04p.m. - Received a report of a reck-

less driver on Hwy. 231 South, headed into Loogootee. ISP Trooper Lents responded.

7:00 p.m. - Received a report of cows out on Hwy. 231 North. The owner of the cows called in to report he has the cows back in the fence.

11:38 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver Hwy. 231 North. Loogootee Officer Baker and Deputy Shinn responded.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

9:04 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:15 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

1:38 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle slide off on Hwy 150, near the

Loogootee Police Department log

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

1:32 a.m. - Officer Baker called in a pursuit of a black four-door vehicle. Vehicle was later located and Baker is investigating this incident.

8:30 a.m. - Caller requested assistance in getting a child to school.

10:00 a.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to a fire alarm on JFK Avenue.

1:18 p.m. - Caller reported a broken-down vehicle on Hwy 50.

5:40 p.m. - Caller reported a loose dog on Queen Street.

10:12 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle in the ditch on Broadway Street.

10:23 p.m. - Officer Baker assisted the county with a traffic stop.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:30 a.m. - Caller reported a harassment complaint.

9:00 a.m. - Caller reported an issue with a student at the high school.

9:10 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the county with an animal complaint.

11:30 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the state police with a search warrant.

3:42 p.m. - Caller requested extra patrol.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

11:55 a.m. - First responders were requested on JFK Avenue for a medical call.

7:20 p.m. - First responders were requested on Boston Street for lifting assistance.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

7:15 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on High Street. Driver checked out okay.

9:15 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on JFK Avenue.

10:05 a.m. - First responders were requested on High Street for lifting assistance.

4:13 p.m. - First responders were requested on West Williams Street for a medical call.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

12:04 a.m. - Caller reported suspicious activity on SE 1st Street.

10:45 a.m. - First responders were requested on Hart Road for a medical call.

11:05 a.m. - First responders were requested on North Line Street. for a medical call.

5:31 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

5:32 p.m. - Caller requested extra patrol.

6:05 p.m. - Female requested an officer regarding a property exchange.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

12:45 p.m. - Caller reported a stolen cell phone.

zip lines. Chief Deputy Greene, Martin County Ambulance, and Shoals Fire responded. No transport was needed.

4:32 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

6:59 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Shoals. Loogootee Officer Baker, Town Marshal Eckert and Deputy Reed responded.

8:40 p.m. - Sheriff Roush and Deputy Reed conducted a welfare check east of Shoals.

9:54 p.m. - Received a report of a hit-and-run in Loogootee. Deputy Salmon, Deputy Reed, and Loogootee Officer Baker responded.

10:38 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic in Shoals. Deputy Salmon responded.

2:04 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231. Vehicle was located.

7:30 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on Broadway Street.

8:18 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute near Loogootee.

10:05 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver in the IGA parking lot.

10:19 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in the high school parking lot.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

9:04 a.m. - First responders were requested on High Street for a medical call.

12:23 p.m. - Caller reported an animal complaint.

4:23 p.m. - Caller reported a parking complaint on private property.

4:27 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle parked in the middle of the road.

7:02 p.m. - Caller reported an irate customer at a local business.

10:01 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on Pine Street.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

10:15 a.m. - Jacqueline Davis, 52, of Bloomington, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. Her bond was set at \$10,000 10%.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

1:25 p.m. - Randal Robling, 29, of Birdseye, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with driving while suspended prior, possession of marijuana, and possession of paraphernalia. She is being held without bond.

6:25 p.m. - Glen Akles, 51, of Loogootee, was arrested by Sheriff Roush and charged with sexual misconduct with a minor and patronizing a prostitute. His bond has been set at \$75,000 10%. Sheriff Roush was assisted by Chief Deputy Greene.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

1:35 a.m. - Gene Ross, 50, of Evansville, was arrested by Town Marshal Eckert and charged with driving while intoxicated, possession of meth, and possession of paraphernalia. His bond has been set at \$25,000 10%.

2:50 p.m. - Luke Holscher, 29, of Vincennes, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

4:00 p.m. - Tyson Stutzman, 21, of Bicknell, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and Sheriff Roush and charged with prostitution. He is being held without bond.

COURT NEWS

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

CRIMINAL COURT New Charges Filed October 26

Larry W. Troxel, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Travis R. Salmon, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; unlawful possession of syringe, a Class 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony.

J. Paul Keller, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

October 27

Christian V. Bauer, hunting deer with the aid of bait, a Class C Infraction.

Adam M. Cox, hunting deer with the aid of bait, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Tyson D. Banks, hunting deer with the aid of bait, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Nathan E. Haynes, jacklighting from a vehicle, a Class C Infraction.

James A. Cox, hunting deer with the aid of bait, a Class C Misdemeanor.

October 28

Lamont D. Edwards, battery by bodily waste, a Class B Misdemeanor; criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Joseph E. Earl, aggravated battery, a Class 3 Felony; battery by means of a deadly weapon, a Class 5 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; unlawful possession of syringe, a Class 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Kyle A. Kelly, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

October 31

Eric J. King, dealing in methamphetamine, a Class 3 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Class 5 Felony; battery by bodily waste, a Class 6 Felony; unlawful possession of syringe, a Class 6 Felony; three counts of resisting law enforcement, Class A Misdemeanors; possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Ashley Reichert, criminal confinement, a Class 5 Felony; domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Dustin J. Seals, dealing in methamphetamine, a Class 5 Felony; possession of chemical reagents or precursors with intent to manufacture a controlled substance, a Class 6 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Brad M. Edwards, domestic battery, a Class 6 Felony.

Timothy S. Sterling, operating a vehicle as a habitual traffic violator, a Class 6 Felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating while intoxicated with previous conviction within 5 years, a Class 6 Felony; habitual vehicular substance offender sentence en-

hancement.

November 7

Debrah A. Parsons, battery resulting in serious bodily injury, a Class 5 Felony; strangulation, a Class 6 Felony.

November 9

Christopher D. Ketterer, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Bailey Harris, possession of a synthetic drug or synthetic drug lookalike substance, a Class A Misdemeanor; driving while suspended, a Class A Infraction.

Jeremy J. Gauwitz, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

November 10

Anthony Richmond, armed robbery, a Class 3 Felony; criminal confinement, a Class 3 Felony.

November 15

Christopher J. Senne, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Cory L. Turpin, driving while suspended, a Class A Infraction; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Nicholas A. Dant, two counts of invasion of privacy, Class A Misdemeanors.

Christopher J. Senne, intimidation, a Class 6 Felony.

November 16

Glen S. Akles, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Brian M. Padgett, domestic battery, a Class 6 Felony; strangulation, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

November 17

Joshua C. Rasico, criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Jahiah S. Gosney, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

November 18

Andrew M. Ford, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; driving while suspended, a Class A Infraction; operating while intoxicated with previous conviction within 5 years, a Class 6 Felony; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

William J. Moffitt, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

November 21

Amy R. Moffitt, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Devin Byers, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; possession of a narcotic drug, a Class 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class B Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Devon M. Payne, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Ashlyn S. Jewell, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor; driving while suspended, a Class A Infraction.

November 22

Brian Conley, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor; illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor.

November 28

Tokala Richardson, public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor; illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Lyndsay M. Roberts, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Thor A. King, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; dealing in marijuana, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Justin C. Crosby, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; three counts of unlawful possession or use of a legend drug, Class 6 Felonies; unlawful possession of syringe, a Class 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Morgan T. Wells, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; three counts of unlawful possession or use of a legend drug, Class 6 Felonies; unlawful possession of syringe, a Class 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Michael Kane, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; three counts of unlawful possession or use of a legend drug, Class 6 Felonies; unlawful possession of syringe, a Class 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Joshua M. Payne, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; three counts of unlawful possession or use of a legend drug, Class 6 Felonies; unlawful possession of syringe, a Class 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

James R. Brim, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; three counts of unlawful possession or use of a legend drug, Class 6 Felonies; unlawful possession of syringe, a Class 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Christina D. Stinebaugh, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; three counts of unlawful possession or use of a legend drug, Class 6 Felonies; unlawful possession of syringe, a Class 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Devon M. Payne, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; three counts of unlawful possession or use of

a legend drug, Class 6 Felonies; unlawful possession of syringe, a Class 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor; false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Brad A. Zins, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; three counts of unlawful possession or use of a legend drug, Class 6 Felonies; unlawful possession of syringe, a Class 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor; false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Ashlyn S. Jewell, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; three counts of unlawful possession or use of a legend drug, Class 6 Felonies; unlawful possession of syringe, a Class 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

November 29

Shelby D. Winger, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Jacqueline Davies, resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor; disorderly conduct, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Cayla R. Boyd, possession of cocaine, a Class 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Douglas E. Sims, Jr., possession of cocaine, a Class 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

November 23

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Karen Hickman, civil collection.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Tina Todd, civil collection.

November 28

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Pamela Petit, civil collection.

November 29

James V. Action and Helen L. Action vs. Ashley Salmon, civil penalty.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

November 29

Isha E. Wright-Ryan vs. Erin Kate Hawkins, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

November 30

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff White River Co-Op, Inc. and against the defendant Cheyenne J. Fleetwood in the amount of \$1,920.82.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

December 1

Jason Scott Salmon of Loogootee and Terry Lynn Jones of Loogootee.

December 5

Darrell W. Diamond of Shoals and Rufina T. Diamond of Shoals.

Real estate transfers

Stephen C. Lafree, of Martin County, Indiana to **Faron Hudson and Deborah Stamm**, of Lawrence County, Indiana, Lot Number 87 in the Original Town of Crane. Also, the east one-half of Lot Number 88 in the Original Town of Crane.

Justin Brown to **Jimmy D. Inman**, Lots Number 25 and 30 in the original plat of Indian Springs, Mitcheltree Township, Martin County, Indiana.

More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



WHY WE NEED BEST FRIENDS:

1. Because they laugh at the same stupid things we do.
2. Because they give us honest advice.
3. Because they will be there for us, even if they're thousands of miles away.
4. Because they celebrate with us when we're at our best, but still love us at our worst.

SOME OLD, SOME NEW.....PUNS FOR EDUCATED MINDS

1. The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
2. I thought I saw an eye-doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical aleutian.
3. She was only a whiskey-maker, but he loved her still.
4. A rubber-band pistol was confiscated from an algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.
5. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
6. A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.
7. A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.
8. Two silk worms had a race, they ended up in a tie.
9. A hole has been found in the nud-

ist-camp wall. The police are looking into it.

10. Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
11. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
12. Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other: "You stay here; I'll go on a head."

13. I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger, then it hit me.

14. A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab center said: 'Keep off the Grass.'

15. The midget fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.

16. The soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.

17. A backward poet writes inverse.

18. In a democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.

19. When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.

20. If you jumped off the bridge in Paris, you'd be in Seine.

21. A vulture carrying two dead raccoons boards an airplane. The stewardess looks at him and says, "I'm sorry sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger."

22. Two fish swim into a concrete wall. One turns to the other and says, "Dam!"

LITTLE BITS OF HUMOR

1. My mind says I'm in my twenties. . . my body says, "You Wish!"
2. What does a thesaurus eat for breakfast? A synonym roll
3. There is no we in chocolate. (or bacon)
4. You never appreciate what you have until it's gone. Toilet paper is a good example.
5. Those who stir the poo pot should have to lick the spoon.
6. Everyone should believe in something. I believe I should be on a beach drinking margaritas.
7. I love turning the clocks back so it gets dark by 4 p.m. said no one ever.
8. Parenting Tip: After your first child is born, go buy 20 years worth of poster board. This will save you countless 10 p.m. trips to CVS.
9. All my nieces are brilliant and beautiful . . . and obviously take after their aunt.
10. I wonder what my dog named me.
11. Although I can still party like an absolute rockstar, it would appear that I cannot recover like one.
12. Short Girl Problem #24 - when the sun visor doesn't even help when you're driving.
13. You know you are in a small town when your mom knows what you did before you get home.
14. This just in - you will be blessed with money if you get up and take your butt to work!
15. My goal this weekend is to move just enough so no one thinks I'm dead.

Make someone smile today!



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

FEW donation

The Crane Federally Employed Women (FEW) group hold a Christmas party each year and for the past several, they have collected items for the Martin County Humane Society Animal Shelter. Lori Tedrow, with FEW, is shown in the photo with Humane Society President Josh Hughett. Items donated, on the table in the back, included bleach, fabric softener, paper towel, dog treats, and cat litter.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LHS Girls' Bball Soup Supper

The Loogootee Girls' Basketball Teams will be hosting a goodwill soup supper on Saturday December 17 prior to the boys' game against Springs Valley at Jack Butcher Arena. The soup supper will be in the high school cafeteria starting at 5 p.m. and concluding at approximately 8 p.m. The girls' basketball teams will be serving and your choices will be chili or chicken noodle soup with cheese, crackers, a drink and your choice of dessert. Donations will be accepted and appreciated.

Chamber meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce will meet Wednesday, December 14 at noon at Bradley's Bar & Grill. Anyone interested in learning about the Chamber is invited to attend.

Attention Senior Citizens

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

Free lunch for kids

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

SOAR Tutoring

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

Humane society meetings

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

Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at

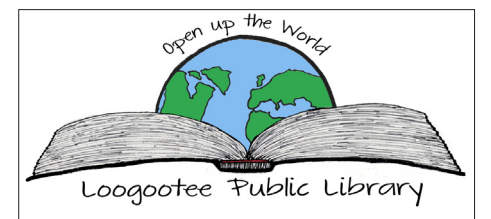
6 p.m. at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

Tourism meetings

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

Soil and Water meetings

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



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at the library on Tuesday, December 13 at 6 pm. Mrs. Claus will read "Twas the Night before Christmas". Julie Lagree will also be here to entertain kids with her story telling, crafts and other fun Christmas activities.

The library will be closed Christmas Eve, December 24 and December 26 so employees can spend time with family.

New Books:

Mystery Fiction: "Sinner Man" by Lawrence Block.

Fiction: "Prince Lestat and the Realms of Atlantis" by Anne Rice, "When ALL the Girls Have Gone" by Jayne Ann Krentz, and "Whole Town's Talking" by Fannie Flagg.

Juvenile Fiction: "Whatever After: Sugar and Spice" by Sarah Mlynowski.

DVDs: "A Heartland Christmas", "Christmas in the Smokies", and "Tis the Season for Love".

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.

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Making A Difference

MARTIN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

By Curt Johnson
MCCF Executive Director



'TIS THE SEASON FOR GIVING!

Now is a great time for giving. When you make a donation by December 31st to the Martin County Community Foundation, you aren't just giving money – you're creating a positive impact that makes Martin County better. Here are five ways to make the most of your year-end giving.

1 - GIVE EARLY

A gift by check is complete when mailed (postmarked) by December 31st. If you plan to hand-deliver a check or cash to the MCCF, do it plenty early to be sure we're available to accept the donation by the end of the year. Some other foundations and charities accept gifts by credit card and those are complete when your credit card account is charged. Others even have the option of donating online; those gifts can be donated up until 11:59 p.m. on December 31st.

2 - REVIEW YOUR STOCKS

Consider a year-end gift of appreciated stock. If you donate stock, you will receive a charitable deduction for the current market value of the stock, which can provide significant savings in capital gains tax. Contact the MCCF for more information about how you can maximize your tax savings with gifts of stock.

3 - GIVE WITH YOUR RETIREMENT PLAN

If you're receiving taxable income from an IRA, the Charitable IRA Rollover Act allows donors age 70 ½ or

older to donate up to \$100,000 from their IRA without counting the distribution as income. Learn more about using your Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) to support the causes you care about most. The MCCF can provide some information about IRA charitable rollovers. If you are interested in an IRA rollover gift for the 2016 tax year, you should contact your financial advisor soon to take advantage of this benefit by December 31st.

4 - GIVE NOW, DECIDE LATER

If you need a charitable tax deduction this year but are undecided about which nonprofits to support, consider opening a donor-advised fund at the MCCF. You can claim a deduction for contributions to your fund now even though distributions from the fund would be made in future years. Contact the MCCF for details.

5 - LET US DO THE LEGWORK

Working with us gives you access to our extensive knowledge of the local nonprofit community and the needs of our county. We're here to help you achieve your charitable goals. Contact the MCCF Executive Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or mccc@cfpartner.org to get started.

Make your giving count before 2016 ends!

The main content of this week's topic was provided by the Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County.

Work One to offer High School Equivalency classes

The Work One office in Loogootee is offering free High School Equivalency classes. Classes meet on Monday and Thursday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. There is a 12-hour minimum for the class. Within the 12 hours, the student will be enrolled and tested to see where their skill levels are in math comp., applied math, reading, and language. A separate algebra test will be given to determine what area of study is needed. The actual High School Equivalency test also cover science and social studies,

so these subjects will also be covered.

Anyone interested in beginning class should show up at the Work One office on any Monday at 1 p.m. They will need their SSN, paper, and pencil and plan to stay for a full class to complete enrollment and testing. If there are questions, you may call or text, Vicki Conrad (instructor) @ 812-936-2881. Please make inquiries Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. No weekend or holiday calls please and no calls after 4 p.m.

4-H NEWS

By Stacy Brown
Martin County Purdue
Extension Educator



4-H Camp Counselors Needed

The weather may be getting colder, but we are already thinking about 4-H Camp 2017. Any currently enrolled 4-H member grades 9-12 may apply to be a camp counselor. This is an amazing opportunity to grow as a leader, make new friends, learn new things, and have a ton of fun. There are two required trainings for camp counselors. The first is March 5. This is an all-day training in Spencer County. The second is on May 30 with times to be determined. If you are interested in applying to be a counselor, please contact Stacy at the Purdue Extension office (812) 295-2412. Before you apply, make sure you re-enroll in 4-H for 2017 at 4Honline.com.

Become a Volunteer

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

Enrollment for 4-H 2016-2017 Is Here

The end of summer marks the beginning of next 4-H season. Open enrollment began on October 1. If you are interested in 4-H or know someone who is now is the time to start planning to join us for another great year in Martin County. Any child grades 3 through 12 may join 4-H. We also have a future 4-H program for kids in grades K-2. While most 4-Hers concentrate on projects for the fair, the program is about much more than exhibits. 4-H teaches leadership, community service, independence, confidence, and many other life skills. There are clubs and projects that focus on livestock judging, shooting sports, robotics, and junior leadership. Each year there are dozens of opportunities for youth to

attend workshops, conference, and camps focusing on career choices, diversity, and co-operation. 4-H is a great way to meet new friends and learn to make the best better.

If you have any questions or would like information sent to you about enrolling for 4-H please contact the Martin County Purdue Extension office at 812-295-2412.

Opportunities to Help 4-H Grow in Martin County

Almost everyone in Martin County has either been involved in 4-H or knows someone who has been a part of this great youth organization. Over the years, 4-H has helped to develop life skills, teach responsibility, offer opportunities, award scholarships, and much more to Martin County youth. The program has been growing true leaders since its inception and many 4-Hers have gone on to become actual leaders of the community. As 4-H continues to grow in the 21st Century, the cost of maintaining the space needed for programming also grows. Now is your chance to give back to an organization that has given so much to the young people in the area. The Martin County 4-H Council has launched a fundraising campaign for the upcoming year. Businesses that donate will have their names listed on a plaque in the Community Building. Donations of \$5,000+ will receive a platinum status, \$1,000-\$4,999 will receive a gold status, \$500-\$999 will receive a silver status, and donations of \$100-\$499 will receive a bronze status. Individuals may donate as well and any donation is appreciated. We also have a 4-H recipe book containing all the recipes submitted to the 2016 fair. They are \$5 and available at the Purdue Extension-Martin County office. All donations will go toward maintaining the fairgrounds and buildings so future 4-Hers and the community can continue to benefit from programming. To donate, please contact the Purdue Extension Office at 812-295-2412.



You are invited to the

**Loogootee VFW
Post 9395**

**NEW YEARS
EVE
CELEBRATION**

Saturday, December 31

We will be serving dinner 5-9 p.m.
Prime Rib, Baked Potato, Vegetable, Salad Bar & Dinner Roll
Reservations are suggested 812-295-4661. \$25 per meal.
We will also have Live Music starting at 9 p.m.



**Martin County
Humane Society**

PET PHOTOS WITH SANTA
Saturday, December 10th
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
at the Animal Shelter
507 N. Oak Street, Loogootee

Get your pet's photo with Santa for just \$10!
Photos are digital only and will be emailed to you.
No appointment necessary.
The shelter accepts cash, check and credit cards.



Martin County Humane Society
ANIMAL SHELTER
507 N. Oak Street, Loogootee IN 47553
812-295-5900 ~ mchs@frontier.com
www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org



With Christmas coming quickly, many people are thinking more of decorating the yard and house than doing garden work. However, there are some jobs that may be done now and result in some decorative materials.

Holly has been a part of Christmas decorations for centuries. The recent cold weather should have holly bushes and trees in dormancy, and it is a good time to do some pruning and shaping. The trimmings may then be used for holiday decorations.

I do not recommend using hedge shears for pruning and shaping hollies. Instead, use good by-pass pruners to make cuts at angles that will help hide the white inner wood. Always consider the angle from which the bush is usually viewed when deciding how to angle the cuts. If you want to see the shrub from a window, prune it so the cuts are away from the window. If you wish to impress the neighbors, make interior cuts that are not seen from the street.

You may use the cuttings for holiday decorations. They are best used outside of the home on wreaths, where the cool temperatures will help them stay green through the holidays. Inside, you may put them in vases with water to prolong the beauty, but do not use them on indoor wreaths or decorations for more than a few days, especially if using them with lights. Even though the leaves will remain green for a long time, they will dry out and could be a fire hazard.

The red berries (actually botanically classified as "drupes") could also be a hazard if there are children or pets in the home. While the berries are usually only mildly toxic to humans, ingesting them may cause vomiting or diarrhea. The berries, while beautiful, are not tasty, so it is not likely that one would consume enough of them to be fatal. Still, with children, it is best to not have the temptation available.

The holly has been assigned a lot of symbolism associated with Christmas. Actually, boughs of holly were

used in many pagan rites at the winter solstice and the use of holly and other evergreens was not encouraged by the early church. However, over time, the use of evergreens as Christmas decorations has become accepted as a depiction of eternal life in Jesus Christ. The white flowers of holly are said to reflect the purity of Christ, while the red berries that highlight the branches at this time of the year remind us of His blood that was spilled for our sins. The sharp leaves are a reminder of the crown of thorns that Jesus bore and the bitterness of the leaves is likened to the gall that was offered to Christ on the cross.

Actually, not all hollies have red berries. There are more than 400 known species of holly in the world, some of which have black or yellow berries. Not all leaves are sharp. Some of the Japanese hollies have small, smooth leaves. Some hollies are not evergreen at all. I recently wrote about the deciduous hollies that I included in the prayer garden at the Springs Valley United Methodist Church in French Lick. These hollies are resplendent with bright red berries, but now have lost their leaves. Some hollies do not have berries at all. Hollies are dioecious, meaning that male and female flowers occur on different plants. The male flowers are pollinators only and do not set berries. A single male holly will pollinate several female plants. I have seen plants that have had male limbs grafted only female shrubs, resulting in a shrub on which both male and female flowers will grow, but if the graft is damaged, that part of the plant may die and the female part will fail to set berries.

Many people like to put lights on hollies and other shrubs in the gardens. With modern lights, especially the LED's, there is little danger, since the lights do not produce a lot of heat. Some of the older lights could result in enough heat to make the plant break dormancy, which could result in damage when the tender growth is hit with cold temperatures.

View the Geminids meteor shower at Paynetown SRA

Usually one of the strongest showers each year, the Geminids often produce bright and intensely colored meteors.

Monroe Lake will host a viewing event for the Geminids at Paynetown State Recreation Area on Tuesday, December 13 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The event will take place next to Deer Run Shelter; a directional sign will be posted at the Entrance Gatehouse.

The property's naturalist, Jill Vance, will explain the science behind the meteor shower and provide a fire and hot chocolate to help keep you warm. Vance recommends bringing folding chairs or blankets to recline on for more comfortable sky viewing.

The program requires clear (or mostly clear) skies and will be cancelled if there is too much cloud cover. If sky conditions look iffy, you can check the program status any time after 4 p.m. by calling the Paynetown Activity Center

(812-837-9967) or going to www.facebook.com/monroelake.

Paynetown SRA (stateparks.IN.gov/2954.htm) is at 4850 South State Road 446, Bloomington, 47401. There is no entrance fee charged during the winter months.

Hunting seasons schedule

Hunting seasons beginning in December

Deer muzzleloader: December 3 to December 18

Turkey archery: December 3 to January 1, 2017

Mourning Doves: December 10 to January 8, 2017

Geese: December 10 to February 12, 2017 (North Zone)

Crow: December 13 – March 1, 2017

Ducks, coots, mergansers: December 24 to January 1, 2017 (North Zone)

Special antlerless deer: December 26 to January 1, 2017

Farm Service Agency extends voting deadline for county committee elections

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Indiana Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director, Julia A. Wickard, recently announced that the deadline to submit ballots for the 2016 County Committee Elections has been extended to ensure farmers have sufficient time to vote. Eligible voters now have until December 13, 2016 to return ballots to their local FSA offices. Producers who have not received their ballot should pick one up at their local FSA office.

"We're extending the voting deadline to December 13 to give farmers a few additional days to get their ballots in," said Wickard. "I urge all eligible producers, especially minorities and women, to get involved and make a real difference in their communities by voting in this year's elections. This is your opportunity to have a say in how federal programs are delivered in your county."

FSA has modified the ballot, making it easily identifiable and less likely to be overlooked. Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked no later than December 13, 2016. Newly elected committee members will take office

January 1, 2017.

Nearly 7,700 FSA County Committee members serve FSA offices nationwide, with nearly 300 serving in Indiana. Each committee has three to 11 elected members who serve three-year terms of office. One-third of County Committee seats are up for election each year. County Committee members apply their knowledge and judgment to help FSA make important decisions on its commodity support, conservation, indemnity, disaster and emergency programs.

Producers must participate or cooperate in an FSA program to be eligible to vote in the County Committee election. Approximately 1.5 million producers are currently eligible to vote. Farmers who supervise and conduct the farming operations of an entire farm, but are not of legal voting age, also may be eligible to vote.

For more information, visit the FSA website at www.fsa.usda.gov/elections. You may also contact your local USDA service center or FSA office. Visit <http://offices.usda.gov> to find an FSA office near you.

Beginning Farmer program to host workshop in Indianapolis

Purdue Extension's Beginning Farmer program will host its Central Regional Workshop December 14 in Discovery Hall at the Indiana State Fairgrounds, with sessions focusing on helping growers adopt practices that promote sustainability, personal health and job satisfaction.

"The key is that we want to help this audience be productive and healthy through efficiency and being aware of ways that they can retain that productivity through good practices that are often overlooked until too late when health is compromised," said Roy Ballard, Extension educator in Hancock County and one of the event organizers.

Topics include financial and legal resources for beginning farmers, keeping hand tools sharp, walk-behind tractors

and using high tunnels to help extend the growing season.

Presenters include faculty members from the Purdue College of Agriculture, Purdue Extension educators, industry experts, and representatives from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service and the North Central Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education organization.

The workshop runs from 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. There is no cost to attend but registration is required. For more information or to sign up, visit Purdue's The Education Store at https://edustore.purdue.edu/wk_rules.asp?item_number=CW-BP-23.

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Grazing Bites

By Victor Shelton

NRCS State Agronomist/Grazing Specialist

Winter is upon us. At least that is what the weatherman keeps saying. We have been blessed with really good fall conditions in most areas. Some areas could have benefited from a little bit more rain in October and early November, but for the most part, soil moisture levels were pretty good across Indiana. I am pleased with the fall forage growth and the amount of stockpiled forage. We have now seen cold enough temperatures, at least for the most part, to assume that we are now dealing with dormant forage.

If possible and practical, it is best to not start grazing stockpiled forage until it goes dormant. Until it goes dormant, every time that solar panel of leaves is removed, the plant will draw from the reserves in the roots. If you hurt those reserves too much, and you will set back spring growth. If you don't allow longer rest period in the spring to allow the plant to build back roots and reserves, you can really hurt your forage stand. There are times where grazing can be beneficial, such as for reducing competition early spring for frost seeded legumes. We will consider it dormant at this point.

If you are new to stockpiling, there are a few things to think about. It is usually best when first entering a field to give your livestock at least two or three days' worth of forage. You should start the grazing process on the end of the field with the water. You might be able to use a portable watering system for a while moving it along with the livestock, but that type of system gets challenging to keep from freezing. Back fencing is not nearly as important once the forages go dormant, so there is nothing really wrong with just utilizing water on one end of the field, as long as the walking distance and the time frame on the field doesn't create too much trailing.

The allocation that you gave the livestock can now be grazed down to the desired residual height, ideally still 3 to 4 inches for most fescues and orchardgrass. Once the plants are at that desired stop grazing height, it is time to allocate more. To get the highest efficiency, daily allocations are best, but you can increase the amount as needed, especially if you are going to be gone a day or so.

These allocations are easy to do with temporary fence, especially if you are not back fencing. If you are back fencing, you need three sets which would include a reel, poly-wire, and enough step-in posts to complete a run across the field. If you are not back fencing, then two sets are best, but you can make it with just one. With two sets, you can have one in place, and move the second with less concern of the livestock moving faster than you do. If back fencing, the third fence is the back fence. Once the livestock are moved into the new allocation, the old back fence can be moved ahead of time for the next allocation. This is especially nice if you are fighting daylight or timing of that next move.

I prefer to keep things easy and also where I'm less likely to accidentally shock myself. Solid plastic handles on the end of the poly-wire means you can hang it on a hot or non-energized wire and it won't be "hot" until you make it hot. You then make it hot using jumper leads which look like little miniature jumper cables. It also helps to have a set of these per run also. While I'm

still on the topic, I recommend buying quality poly-wire! The best poly-wire has eight or more strands of stainless steel strands in it. I'm not a fan of poly-tape, which is very similar, but usually ribbon-like and about a half inch wide. The tape is harder to keep taut and nearly impossible with ice or snow on it.

Strip grazing of stockpiled forage can be done on any size of field, but longer, more narrow fields are certainly the easiest to work with. When you are laying out new permanent fence divisions, consider this if you plan to do any stockpiling. My wife thinks that any run over 300 feet is too much when she has to fill in for me...so we have gone with more longer, narrower fields, and I have to admit I find it kind of nice too.

A step-in post with a smaller, yet strong steel tip and a foot peg for easy installation works the best for the frozen soil conditions that are ahead. When grazing heavier stockpile, you will find that the ground does not freeze much unless we get extended sub-zero temperatures creating a nice insulation blanket. Keep your choice of reels reasonably cheap at least to start with if you are going to be doing short runs. Longer runs make it easier to justify more expensive ones because of the gearing.

Good quality stockpile is usually tall fescue. Nothing stockpiles as well and holds its nutritional value longer through the winter as tall fescue. If you have stockpiled orchardgrass, use it first. Orchardgrass starts falling apart fairly quickly and has little value as winter progresses. Quality stockpiled tall fescue quite often has better feed values than a lot of hay that is fed at the same time.

Unless you are still grazing fall-planted winter annuals with corn stalks, a lot of the value of corn stalks has been depleted by now and continuing to graze them will mean supplementation will probably be required. Sorghum-sudan-grass has been frozen and dried off two or three weeks by now and could provide some grazing opportunities if still present. If you have ample stockpile of corn residues and annuals to continue grazing until the end of the year, then you are already more efficient than most livestock producers; good job.

I've been asked numerous times lately about buying cows. Is now a good time to increase the cow herd? I can't really answer this question because I can't predict the future market, but I'm hoping this softened price trend will flatten off. If inputs are kept in check and the operation was not created or increased on the inflated market, then you are probably still in the game and profit is certainly possible. The higher cattle prices of the last five years were a nice blessing, but in reality, not sustainable long-term. We might complain about current prices, but honestly, they are still better than in the past. Only time will tell where prices go from here and how current events might influence them. Livestock producers just have to go back to one thing that they can control and that's inputs, especially with cow costs. You are usually better off, even when prices are high, to operate with an input level that works with lower prices. It would still pay to consider culling as needed and stick to the adage of "buy low and sell high."

Keep warm and keep on grazing!

Safety tips for when your vehicle becomes disabled

Every motorist has the responsibility to be safe. Safe driving includes behaviors while operating a vehicle as well as properly maintaining a safe vehicle and knowing what to do in an emergency.

Because highways can be dangerous for pedestrians, motorists involved in crashes and breakdowns need to be knowledgeable about how to safely respond. Most drivers are likely to experience this kind of situation at some point, and it is impossible to establish recommendations for all conditions. However, it is important that all motorists make good choices to prevent tragedy.

What to do if your vehicle is disabled
If removing a vehicle from traffic is not safe or possible, or if people are injured, immediately call 9-1-1.

The safest place is off the roadway - especially on busy interstates. If possible, safely attempt to reach an exit ramp or shoulder and get as far away from moving traffic as is safely possible.

Stay in the vehicle,
Remain buckled up,
Turn on flashing lights, and
Call for help.
If anyone decides to exit the vehicle,
Stay as far away from traffic as possible,

Put your parked car between you and moving traffic,

Do not turn your back to oncoming vehicles, and

Always be aware of your surroundings.

If you and your passengers decide to leave the vehicle, leave a note on the dashboard explaining what happened and include contact information.

Fender bender? Move vehicles to the shoulder

INDOT and the Indiana State Police want motorists to be safe and keep traffic moving smoothly on busy highways. When crashes block traffic, it increases the risk of secondary crashes. If possible, move minor collisions off the roadway or to the shoulder.

Indiana law states that drivers involved in crashes that do not result in injury or death shall not obstruct traffic more than necessary. Off the roadway or on a shoulder is a much safer place to exchange information or wait for help. Don't worry - your insurance coverage will not be compromised if

you move your vehicle to the shoulder.

Move over for emergency vehicles
To protect lives, Indiana's Move Over Law requires motorists to approach cautiously when an emergency vehicle is stopped with emergency lights flashing. Change lanes away from the emergency vehicle if you can do so safely. If not, reduce your speed 10 mph under the posted speed limit and proceed with caution. Emergency vehicles include:

- Police vehicles
- Ambulances
- Fire trucks and rescue equipment
- Highway incident-response vehicles
- Highway maintenance vehicles
- Utility service vehicles
- Vehicle recovery equipment (tow trucks)

Violating the law can result in a fine and your license will be suspended up to 2 years if you cause damage to emergency equipment, injury or death to an emergency worker.

Even though Indiana's Move Over Laws state that motorists must move over and yield for only emergency vehicles, drivers should always be courteous to those who are broken down on the shoulder. Give them room so that they can safely repair their vehicles. Be an attentive and courteous driver and help prevent tragedies.

Crashes are no accident!

Each year, more than 800 people lose their lives in crashes on Indiana roadways. Most of those crashes were caused by impaired driving, speeding, and aggressive or distracted driving. The following safety tips can help prevent the most common fatal errors drivers make and help drivers reach their destinations safely.

Buckle Up! Make sure you and your passengers are properly restrained.

Never drive impaired. Avoid alcohol and drugs. Use a designated driver.

Avoid distractions: Smartphones, audio devices and radio, and food and beverages.

Drive defensively. Aggressive drivers take unnecessary risks and often cause crashes.

Share the road. Look out for pedestrians, bicycles, motorcycles, and commercial trucks.

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National unemployment rate edges down to 4.6 percent for November

The unemployment rate declined to 4.6 percent in November, and total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 178,000, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week.

Employment gains occurred in professional and business services and in health care.

Household Survey Data

In November, the unemployment rate decreased by 0.3 percentage point to 4.6 percent, and the number of unemployed persons declined by 387,000 to 7.4 million. Both measures had shown little movement, on net, from August 2015 through October 2016.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rate for adult men declined to 4.3 percent in November. The rates for adult women (4.2 percent), teenagers (15.2 percent), Whites (4.2 percent), Blacks (8.1 percent), Asians (3.0 percent), and Hispanics (5.7 percent) showed little or no change over the month.

The number of job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs edged down by 194,000 to 3.6 million in November. The number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) was little changed at 1.9 million and accounted for 24.8 percent of the unemployed. Over the past 12 months, the number of long-term unemployed was down by 198,000.

The civilian labor force participation rate, at 62.7 percent, changed little in November, and the employment-population ratio held at 59.7 percent. These measures have shown little movement in recent months.

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons (sometimes referred to as involuntary part-time workers), at 5.7 million, changed little in November but was down by 416,000 over the year. 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 a full-time job.

In November, 1.9 million persons were marginally attached to the labor force, up by 215,000 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 591,000 discouraged workers in November, little different 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 1.3 million persons marginally attached to the labor force in November had not searched for

work for reasons such as school attendance or family responsibilities.

Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 178,000 in November. Thus far in 2016, employment growth has averaged 180,000 per month, compared with an average monthly increase of 229,000 in 2015. In November, employment gains occurred in professional and business services and in health care.

Employment in professional and business services rose by 63,000 in November and has risen by 571,000 over the year. Over the month, accounting and bookkeeping services added 18,000 jobs. Employment continued to trend up in administrative and support services (+36,000), computer systems design and related services (+5,000), and management and technical consulting services (+4,000).

Health care employment rose by 28,000 in November. Within the industry, employment growth occurred in ambulatory health care services (+22,000). Over the past 12 months, health care has added 407,000 jobs.

Employment in construction continued on its recent upward trend in November (+19,000), with a gain in residential specialty trade contractors (+15,000). Over the past 3 months, construction has added 59,000 jobs, largely in residential construction.

Employment in other major industries, including mining, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, transportation and warehousing, information, financial activities, leisure and hospitality, and government, changed little over the month.

The average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls was unchanged at 34.4 hours in November. In manufacturing, the workweek declined by 0.2 hour to 40.6 hours, while overtime was unchanged at 3.3 hours. The average workweek for production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls was unchanged at 33.6 hours.

In November, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls declined by 3 cents to \$25.89, following an 11-cent increase in October. Over the year, average hourly earnings have risen by 2.5 percent. Average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees edged up by 2 cents to \$21.73 in November.

The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for September was revised up from +191,000 to +208,000, and the change for October was revised down from +161,000 to +142,000. With these revisions, employment gains in September and October combined were 2,000 less than previously reported. Over the past 3 months, job gains have averaged 176,000 per month.



Students, staff of the month

-Photo provided

Loogootee Elementary recently chose their students and staff member of the month for November. Shown in the front row, from left to right, are Libby Swartzentruber, Kennedy Huff, Grayson Kluesner, Jackson Richer, Jocelynn Sims, Dayson Taylor, and Juanita Gleason. In the second row, from left to right, are Judith Park, Amber Cagle, Mrs. Brenda Edwards, Olivia Holt, and Savannah Green. Not pictured was Chloe Allen.

Secretary of State releases 2016

General Election voter turnout report

Secretary of State Connie Lawson last Friday announced that 58 percent or 2,807,676 of Indiana's 4.8 million registered voters cast a vote in the November 8 General Election. The complete 2016 General Election Turnout and Absentee Chart with voter statistics for each county can be viewed online at www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2016_General_Election_Turnout.pdf. The report was compiled by the Secretary of State's office using voter data gathered in Indiana's 92 counties.

"Early voting reached a record high of 33 percent this year," said Secretary Lawson. "Hoosiers continue to take advantage of the options counties and the state have provided to make voting easier."

In 2008, early voting was at 24 per-

cent and in 2012, it was at 22 percent.

Candidates and issues continue to drive turnout in elections. Voter turnout in the 2016 is comparable to 2008. In 2008, 62 percent of registered Hoosiers voted in the General Election. In 2012, 58 percent of Hoosiers voted in the General Election. This year was a record setting year with 2,807,676 Hoosiers casting a ballot, more than in 2008 and 2012.

Congratulations to Decatur, LaGrange and Whitley Counties on having the highest turnout in the state. All three reached 71 percent turnout. They were followed by Hendricks, Vermillion and Wells counties at 70 percent.

Turnout statistics for previous elections can be found online at www.in.gov/sos/elections/2983.htm.

Young Women LEAD – scholarship opportunities for young women leaders

SOAR, a leadership development program for emerging high-potential businesswoman, is excited to share a unique opportunity to support the growing number of strong young women leaders in our region. The greatest barrier to leadership reported by girls is self-perception—a lack of self-confidence in their own skills and competencies. It is imperative to ensure all young women have the chance to develop self-confidence in their own leadership abilities. One way to accomplish this is to provide transformational growth opportunities through leadership conferences and experiences. Young Women LEAD is an example of one such conference that is making a difference in the lives of young women in our communities.

Young Women LEAD is a free all-day conference for local high school girls focusing on Leadership, Education and Development. The purpose of the conference is to empower young women to embrace their strengths and reach their full potential. The event features nationally-recognized women who share their own insights and real life issues and how to overcome them to achieve successful and meaningful careers. The conference also provides an opportunity for the young women to identify, connect and learn from local female business leaders. This year's conference will be held on Wednesday, March 8, 2017.

The conference is organized by the local participants of SOAR, a leadership development program designed to assist businesses in developing their women for future leadership positions.

The project allows the SOAR members to practice their leadership skills, while at the same time "paying it forward" in their communities. The members of the 2016 SOAR program that are organizing the 2017 Young Women LEAD conference are Tricia Claridge, Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center; Candice Helming, Kimball International; Martha King, Jasper Engines and Transmissions; Danielle Moya, Kimball Electronics; Brooke Nichter, Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center; Ashley Reuber, Indiana Furniture and Erin Whaley, Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center

Young Women LEAD conferences are produced exclusively by volunteers and are 100 percent funded locally by both corporate and private donations. In order to reach all young women, the conference is free to all participants. However, the planning costs for producing the event are estimated at \$75 per attendee. As a contribution to this empowering program, you can provide a scholarship to cover registration for at least one or more future women leaders.

For more information about making a contribution, you may contact Ashley Reuber at ashley.reuber@indianafurniture.com. If you are interested in providing a scholarship donation to Young Women LEAD, donations may be made by mailing your payment (checks need to be made payable to: Young Women LEAD) and contact information to: Indiana Furniture c/o Ashley Reuber, Cost Accountant PO Box 270, Jasper, IN 47546.

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