

A look back at 2015 in headlines

JANUARY

Loogootee hires math teacher (Andrea Sutton)
Sanders made recorder
Three Shoals Lego League teams compete at USI
Proposal for city pool will need negotiated
The River Church reaching out to the less reached
City hoping to negotiate pool proposal
Student talks to Loogootee School Board about technology
Two new board members start term on Shoals School Board (Eva Neeley and Dianna Ragsdale)
Indiana flu season proving to be severe
Howard publishes next book in Lost River Saga
Crane Federal Credit Union holds grand opening of new WestGate branch
Former NSWC Crane Commander dies
Commissioners discuss employee handbook, roads, wheel tax

FEBRUARY

Council goes over economic development, new sheriff's department trucks, road crew
Lengthy drug investigation in Martin County nets six
Loogootee Police to buy drug dog for \$4,500
Loogootee attorney failed to pay over \$66,000 in taxes from law firm income
Cost of technology upgrades tops school board meeting
Howard to "Bring Your Ancestors to Life"
SBOE addresses shortening ISTEP+ testing at special meeting
Shoals School Board not happy with bball coaches
Dupps to re-run for city council

MARCH

Township coffers hold \$874,000 in rollover funds
Program to free up jail space starts
New HIV cases in SE Indiana outbreak
Kent Benson guest speaker at chamber dinner
Commissioners talk jail, bridges, parking, contracts
Governor breaks ground on Major Moves 2020 construction
Crane inventors issued new patents
Shoals School Board torn on how to make up snow days
Loogootee School Board discusses bus contracts, technology plan
NAVSEA Commander visits NSWC Crane
Shoals School to extend day to make up for missed time
Residents celebrate Ag Day in Martin County
NSWC Crane receives hiring authority
Commissioners discuss community corrections, roads, parking
Animal shelter raises \$7,209 at auction
West Boggs Lake in Loogootee is full again after restoration
State ramps up response to HIV in Southeastern Indiana

APRIL

Commissioners going Monday to request wheel tax
County's jobless rate for February stood at 5.5 percent
The Harlem Wizards are coming to town

again

Kerns family sets up memorial fund after loss of their son
NSWC Crane Commanding Officer speaks at WestGate Academy
Wheel tax discussion tabled
Addyson Aiman awarded 2015 Lilly Scholarship
Tickets on sale now for musical "Annie" at LHS
Drug tip exposes nearly 1.5 pounds of marijuana in Loogootee residence
SBOE moves to shorten ISTEP+, approves changes at Indianapolis Public Schools
Highway department still going after wheel tax
City council approves change order for pool construction
Keefe resigns from Shoals School
Carter's Legacy 5K to be held May 16
Loogootee hires new basketball coach (Kent Chezem)
Report shows Indiana air quality improving
More HIV cases reported in SE Indiana as testing ramps up
Wheel tax again topic of meeting discussion
DNR releases '14 deer harvest report - 120,073
NSWC Crane celebrates anniversary of cutting-edge lab

MAY

Two incumbents defeated in Loogootee Primary
Homeowners needed for rehab grant
NSWC Crane STEM Director wins Tech-Point Mira Award
Former mayor questions Loogootee City Council
Council gives Town of Crane \$20,000 for storm water grant
County's fifth graders participate in 22nd annual L.E.A.D. program
First case of H5N8 avian influenza diagnosed in Indiana backyard poultry flock
Rec fees changing at state parks and forests
NSWC Crane holds ceremony to celebrate arrival of EA-6B Prowler
Governor signs education agenda bills reforming state board of education
Loogootee Elementary bypasses one million pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House
SBOE approves new A-F rules for school accountability
Loogootee to graduate 83 Friday night
County council votes down wheel tax
Schools School Board loses athletic director, many other staff members
Memorial 5K raised \$31,000 last Saturday
Loogootee School Board approves summer positions
Shoals High School to graduate 39 on Saturday
Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay torch-bearer nominations are now open
Head Start families complete 934 reading activities

JUNE

ISO rating could affect Loogootee residents
Martin County's unemployment rate drops to 3.7 percent for April
Shoals part of state historic grants
City council discusses fire department, pool
Community corrections ready to expand to help residents
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Gone but not forgotten -those we lost in 2015

GRACE I. HOVIS (6/3/34-12/20/14)
CHARLES J. PAYNE (11/22/38-12/29/14)
WILLIAM CLEMENT FARRELL (5/23/31-1/2/15)
HELEN F. JONES (3/8/18-1/6/15)
JANET L. (TINKLE) RAGAINS (8/14/31-1/6/15)
JAMES H. BOWLING (3/12/26-1/11/15)
BARBARA F. PATTON (4/7/50-1/16/15)
BETTY L. RASICO (6/24/30-1/16/15)
HOWARD J. MEYER (8/5/21-1/19/15)
ANNA LOU MATHIAS (4/18/30-1/19/15)
BRUCE SAGER (6/20/30-1/19/15)
VERNA "JEAN" STUCKEY (6/12/30-1/19/15)
EDWARD A. EUBANK (9/19/35-1/21/15)
TRACY LEE HILLENBURG (8/16/44-1/21/15)
LARRY DEE ALBRIGHT (11/27/30-1/22/15)
EVALYN ROSE BRIDGEWATER (1/25/15-1/25-15)
BERNARD WILLIAM HARKER (11/24/21-1/26/15)
CHARLES "CHUCK" STANLEY LA-SOTA (1/24/56-1/26/15)
NORMA JEAN SCHLAEGEL (8/25/39-1/26/15)
JUNE HART (6/17/36-1/27/15)
VIRGINIA SUE GOOTEE STRANGE (6/17/36-1/28/15)
JESSICA A. TROUTMAN (6/21/00-1/28/15)
DOROTHY NIGG (7/21/21-1/29/15)
GARY THOMPSON (9/30/45-1/29/15)
DORIS RYAN (6/26/19-1/30/15)
BARBARA SEXTON (8/9/37-1/30/15)
KAREN SMITH (10/25/46-2/2/15)
PATRICK T. MONTGOMERY (8/29/58-2/7/15)
LEVI DEAN GRABER (12/26/66-2/13/15)
NORMA ROSE (KAISER) FOX (10/24/58-2/14/15)
MICHAEL HARVEY "MIKE" DIVINE (2/27/47-2/17/15)
ROSE MARY O'CONNOR (3/13/24-2/19/15)
STANLEY C. HODGES (2/9/38-2/20/15)
RICHARD J. "DICK" WALKER (5/21/23-2/22/15)
RAYMOND ASBELL (8/22/48-2/24/15)
DAVID LYNN STURGEON (1/8/59-2/26/15)
REVEREND RONALD DEAN JOHNSON (1/20/42-3/1/15)
TIMOTHY W. WITTMER (3/12/60-3/2/15)
JAMES R. "JIM" HUEBNER (3/24/49-3/3/15)
MELVIN "FRANK" WITTMER (7/13/43-3/3/15)
DANIEL J. "DANNO" ARVIN (8/31/54-3/6/15)
BETTY LOU HARDING (9/9/29-3/7/15)
MARY L. (DILLON) BAKER (5/11/21-3/8/15)
WALLACE E. "WALLY" MITCHELL III (9/27/33-3/10/15)
HAROLD L. GREEN (3/8/27-3/17/15)
CLARENCE C. FUHRMAN (2/11/20-3/18/15)
HERBERT D. SHERFICK (2/11/29-3/19/15)
ROCHELLE M. LENTS (3/11/35-3/22/15)
ALVIN C. WAGLER (3/8/24-3/22/15)
LILLIAN M. WININGER (3/14/22-3/27/15)
CAROLYN EVELYN (HARDER) SIMS (7/13/37-3/28/15)
MARVIN R. WILLIAMS (2/7/49-3/31/15)
CALVIN DEAN WAGLER (7/10/56-4/3/15)
BILLY WAYNE WININGER (8/9/43-4/6/15)
DELPHIA DORIS (SIMS) HECKARD (8/25/25-4/11/15)
DAVID C. PROBASCIO (8/7/48-4/13/15)
CAROL VORIS (4/3/32-4/13/15)
PATRICIA A. CANADA (6/13/44-4/16/15)
RUTH FRANCIS OTTO (10/15/24-4/18/15)
ERNEST J. "ERNIE" BRADLEY (3/30/25-4/21/15)
JOSEPH ROBERT "BOB" MATTINGLY (4/21/33-4/21/15)
LARRY E. PENDLEY (7/15/39-4/21/15)
WILLIAM SCOTT DYE (10/7/55-4/24/15)
WILLIAM R. "BILL" COX (3/16/44-4/25/15)
ROBERT E. HENSON (2/12/27-4/28/15)
AGNES I. MANGIN (12/14/35-4/29/15)
DARREL E. MURTEN (4/13/23-4/29/15)
IVAN "BUD" GOODWIN (5/3/27-5/8/15)
MARGARET A. SMITH (9/9/21-5/10/15)
ROY VICTOR WAGLER (6/26/39-5/11/15)
MARY BERNICE BAUERNFIEND (3/26/22-5/12/15)
MILDRED "MILLIE" MARY WAGNER (5/24/29-5/13/15)
EVELYN G. HILBERT (2/9/25-5/14/15)
ERIC L. "BONES" BATEMAN (6/2/72-5/15/15)
MARGARET F. NORRIS (3/26/25-5/17/15)
JIMMY FRANKLIN ARMS (8/3/50-5/18/15)
MARCIA CAROL BERNER (4/19/30-5/18/15)
JERRY L. STREET (11/27/44-5/23/15)
(See 'GONE' continued on page 2)

GET OUTDOORS

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DAVIESS-MARTIN JOINT COUNTY
PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

WEST BOGGS PARK

GLENDALE SEWA CAMPGROUND

HEADLINES

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Relay for Life this Saturday
Shoals gets new athletic director, three teachers

Elementary principal and chorus teacher resign from Loogootee

Annual Loogootee Summerfest kicks off tomorrow night

Commissioners talk about sheriff's department, roads, courthouse

Crane Army Ammunition Activity gains new commander

Great turn out for Running for our Future 5K, held in honor of Chuck LaSota

NSA Crane Joint Land Use Study completes milestone

Report: Indiana retains A-level performance in advanced manufacturing, logistics

Community corrections looking to possibly build

Martin County's jobless rate at 4 percent for May

State health officials discuss long term planning process for HIV outbreak response and transition

JULY

30th Annual Catfish Festival starts tomorrow

Shoals Schools to have registration early this year

\$300 million in Indiana crops' value lost to flooding so far

Governor announces tax amnesty to be conducted in the fall

Indiana reforms its local income taxes

County council discusses whether to buy property

Loogootee School Board to hold public hearing on superintendent contract

One killed, four injured in single-vehicle crash north of Loogootee

Pool grand re-opening

Hurt: Indiana crop losses now potentially up to \$475 million

State climate office: Indiana rains set record for month of June

City discusses storm water issues

Addyson Aiman, daughter of Autumn Aiman and Andy Aiman was named this year's Miss Martin County at the Martin County 4-H Fair

Police pursuit results in crash near Shoals

Loogootee hires choral director and social studies teacher

Dr. Yoon retiring after 48 years in medicine

Shoals School Board getting staff organized for the new school year

Public input wanted on Crane land use study

NATO experts visit NSWC Crane

Lili's Lemonade Stand now in its third year

County's unemployment rate unchanged from May to June

Commissioners approve grants, need road money

DNR happy with outcome of West Boggs Lake project

AUGUST

Relay for Life holds wrap-up meeting

June-July rainfall in Indiana not a record, but it's close

Mustering Elm Park holds 4th Annual Car Show

City council discusses sign, animal shelter

Shoals Elementary wins \$10,000

Commissioners discuss jail inmates, judge's claim

Youth First expands to Loogootee Schools

Shoals School Board approves staff changes, bus route transfer

First human West Nile virus case reported in Indiana for 2015

Purdue experts: Tree deaths across Indiana may be related to weather stress

Indiana corn, soybean crops expected to fall well short of last year

SEPTEMBER

One in five Martin County residents struggle with literacy

Double homicide in Martin County ends with arrest

Foresters want Natchez Road closed

WestGate College Fair to be held September 29

Two arrested for growing marijuana on Sherfick School Road

Martin County Senior Citizens Housing awarded \$1M to rehabilitate 42 units of affordable housing

Loogootee Schools plan \$2 million in updates

Traffic stop turns into pursuit and drug charges for Loogootee man

New corn disease confirmed in Indiana

Martin County's jobless rate at 3.8 percent for August

House bills require jail, community corrections to make changes

Commissioners declare burn ban, effective immediately

Loogootee teachers accept pay freeze

Community corrections makes staff changes, contract approved for sheriff mandate

More than 800 students attend WestGate College Fair

Commodore Run returns to NSA Crane

Solar array provides power for electric co-ops in Greene, Daviess, Martin counties

OCTOBER

Council divided on budget, raises Loogootee man arrested after pursuit

NSWC Crane Chief of Staff wins Torch-bearer Award for professional, community achievements

Bowling Manufacturing to start hiring

Work still ongoing to fill Shopko building

Governor Pence proposal adds \$1 billion in road funding over four years

Loogootee School Board approves \$2 million bond

Tax sale nets more than \$133,000

Commissioners go over grant ap, 911 upgrades, road issues

Loogootee Fall Festival this Friday

Jug Rox Adult Boosters to host Fall Festival Saturday

Martin County jobless rate at 3.6 percent for September

NOVEMBER

Downey wins only contested race in Tuesday's Election

Future city council members question current members

Veterans Parade to be held Saturday

Commissioners hire highway employees

State health officials announce first Indiana influenza death of 2015-16 season

City approves sick leave increase, buys downtown lot

Highway department wants pay scale change to keep employees

Lt. Governor announces open hours at WestGate

Mild and dry weather expected initially this winter in Indiana

Loogootee Schools discuss paid entry to chorus concerts

Commissioners talk about jail upgrades, highway supply bids

DNR shares timber sale revenue with 16 counties

New business joins ranks with 30+ others at technology park

Commissioners give timber money to fire departments

County's unemployment rate stays at 3.6 for October

Nurse Practitioner Tony Holt now at Country Health Center

DECEMBER

Commissioners discuss bridge number 11 repair

Christmas festivities to be held in downtown Loogootee this weekend

Theft investigation leads to arrest in Shoals

Plans underway for solar field in Burns City

OCRA awards \$2M for Workforce Development Programming to eight Indiana communities

Three more people test positive following HIV retesting blitz in Southeastern Indiana

State board creates expert panel to avoid future ISTEP+ problems

Loogootee School Board approves 2016-17 calendar

Governor Pence endorses local road funding legislation

Toy Store provides 500 children with Christmas gifts this year

Indiana receives \$2.7 million in federal funds to support state's defense industry

Brooks Bridge closed due to cracked beam

Martin County's unemployment rate at 4.1 percent for November

Traffic stop leads to several arrests in Shoals

\$42 million in funding awarded for Southwest Central Indiana regional development initiatives

Governor leads caravan to open new 27-mile long section of I-69

GONE

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HELEN M. FULLERTON (7/30/21-5/27/15)

BETTY C. ROBLING (7/4/54-5/29/15)

VIRGINIA SUE WAGGONER (4/17/41-5/29/15)

THOMAS R. HORSTING (10/6/61-5/31/15)

KEVIN DEAN GIBSON PHILLIPS (7/8/97-6/5/15)

WILLIAM "BILL" KINNAMAN (5/5/28-6/8/15)

MARY BETH (PINTO) PLEMENS (2/11/40-6/8/15)

ELIJAH JAMES WHITE (6/7/15-6/10/15)

RUTH INEZ BOYD (10/22/18-6/14/15)

LOWELL E. "PETE" CRANE (12/24/54-6/16/15)

WILLIAM H. "BILL" HAWKINS (4/4/44-6/17/15)

MARGARET M. BERNARD (3/14/32-6/22/15)

JOSHUA PAUL XAVIER TINKLEMANOFSKY (6/22/15-6/22/15)

STANLEY L. SALMON (1/9/51-6/25/15)

TESS ELIZABETH LAGREE (11/21/13-6/28/15)

KEVIN B. SUTTON (1/25/57-7/3/15)

JAMES MARK "JIM" HUGHETT (7/19/63-7/4/15)

ELIZABETH J. GILBERT (9/24/44-7/9/15)

DONALD ALVIN BRINEGAR (5/10/33-7/10/15)

KENNETH R. VANCE (9/2/25-7/13/15)

CARL L. HOWELL (3/31/39-7/14/15)

EDNA G. YARNELL (6/1/12-7/15/15)

LONNIE SURVANCE (1/13/47-7/16/15)

BARBARA ANN ADAMS (12/21/40-7/18/15)

JAMES H. GRABER (5/27/47-7/25/15)

DELORES "DEE" SUTTON (10/5/33-7/25/15)

EDNA JANE ALLBRIGHT (1917-8/3/15)

DOROTHY MAE (TEDROW) WILSON (1/29/48-8/4/15)

DANIEL DEAN "DANNY" REYNOLDS (12/28/71-8/6/15)

CHARLES WILLIAM WILSON (6/6/37-8/6/15)

DONALD JOSEPH QUALKENBUSH (8/10/35-8/7/15)

RUTH (TROUTMAN) GOLDSBERRY POWELL (8/28/30-8/9/15)

VIOLETTE MAXINE SCHREIBER (5/16/22-8/14/15)

JACQUELINE SUE IVEY (2/8/52-8/20/15)

MARY E. BARMES (1/16/42-8/21/15)

JAMES DEAN BERGMAN (2/24/64-8/22/15)

JOHN R. HUNT (5/6/40-8/24/15)

ALLAN A. SIMS (10/16/32-8/25/15)

RAYMOND T. "TOM" THARP (5/12/63-8/25/15)

SALLY LUNSFORD (1/8/42-8/26/15)

BETTY L. CROUSE (9/7/43-8/29/15)

PHILIP J. BARROW (6/24/48-9/2/15)

LARRY FRANKLIN ARMS (6/15/54-9/9/15)

JOHN DAVID HENRY (2/9/47-9/11/15)

EVA KNOX (4/23/32-9/11/15)

CLEO WILCHER (10/19/32-9/13/15)

JOAN LEE HARRIS (5/21/32-9/15/15)

TAMMY LYNN HERT (4/15/62-9/18/15)

DONALD "DONNIE" MONTGOMERY (12/15/49-9/20/15)

RANDALL G. "WOODY" WOOD (1/15/45-9/21/15)

COY F. BEASLEY (3/5/19-9/25/15)

HELEN LUCILLE THARP (8/14/24-9/25/15)

DONALD QUIGLEY (12/23/42-9/29/15)

ROBERT WHITE SR. (11/22/31-9/29/15)

GLADYS L. CUNDIFF (2/14/30-10/1/15)

MARY AGNES MUDD (7/2/47-10/1/15)

ALICE MATTINGLY (3/31/46-10/3/15)

DALLAS RICHARD HARRIS (12/16/45-10/4/15)

ANITA LUELLEN HOGGATT (4/16/31-10/4/15)

ELIZABETH "LIZ" J. NOLAN (3/23/36-10/6/15)

WANDA JEAN (RATLIFF) PARSONS (11/8/44-10/13/15)

NELLIE MAE MULLINS (11/6/45-10/16/15)

DANIEL L. LANNAN (7/28/31-10/20/15)

CARROLL MARVIN LEDGERWOOD (10/10/35-10/23/15)

JOHN MARNER (5/7/49-10/24/15)

JOHN D. SMITH, SR. (1/17/39-10/24/15)

RITA J. DORSAM (5/2/61-10/26/15)

LARRY E. TRAMBAUGH (Birthdate unknown-10/26/15)

ELMER CLETUS TEDROW (3/5/31-10/27/15)

MARJORIE ARVIN (4/19/23-10/29/15)

THERESA CECILIA RYAN (10/22/26-10/29/15)

STEPHEN R. HUFF (12/2/52-11/2/15)

ELMER "SPARK" SWARTZENTRUBER (12/25/22-11/2/15)

MONA C. ENKOFF (5/6/26-11/7/15)

SHEILA RENEE BRUNER CRAYS (11/22/70-11/8/15)

JOYCE A. WININGER (7/22/45-11/8/15)

BARBARA JEAN HARKER (6/20/28-11/9/15)

DIANA LOUISE (KREITZER) PARKER (7/23/53-11/17/15)

WILLIAM I. FEAGANS JR. (12/5/46-11/19/15)

ANNA LAURA FIELDS (9/21/39-11/20/15)

DANIEL WITTMER (6/21/45-11/23/15)

GEORGIA A. KLEISER (5/25/29-11/24/15)

CARRIE TROUTMAN (4/28/27-11/26/15)

LOIS JEAN DENNY AULTZ (7/27/40-11/30/15)

HELEN M. HOPKINS (4/18/39-12/8/15)

GOLDA MAE BROTHERS (11/9/28-12/9/15)

JACK H. STUCKEY (11/19/25-12/9/15)

KARA SUE (BRADLEY) ARVIN (1/28/74-12/13/15)

OPHIA I. CHAMBERS (11/20/28-12/13/15)

FRANCIS J. "FRANK" OCHS (2/25/44-12/14/15)

GEORGE D. "FROG" BROWN (2/19/40-12/17/15)

HILDEGARD ELISABETH MOFFETT (3/22/29-12/21/15)

MARIE C. JONES (12/31/1912-12/25/2015)

ROBERTA A. "BOBBIE" CHERRY (12/29/48-12/26/15)

MICHAEL DAVID JONES (8/15/56-12/26/15)

EDITH F. LANE (11/14/60-12/27/15)

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OBITUARIES

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EDITH LANE

Edith F. Lane passed away at her home Sunday, December 27, 2015 at 4:30 a.m. A resident of Shoals, she was 55.

She was born in Hendricks County on November 14, 1960. She married David R. Lane on Valentine's Day in 2000.

She was a homemaker and a member of the French Lick Wesleyan Church.

She is survived by her mother, Norma Wilson of Plainfield; husband, David R. Lane of Shoals; four sons, John Kindley of Odon; Joe Kindley of Shoals, Rocky Morton of Shoals and Rusty Bonham of Shoals; grandchildren, Hannah Kindley, Savannah Kindley, Elijah Morton, Brooke Kindley and Jordyn Kindley; three step-grandsons; three brothers, David Brickert, Jimmy Brickert and Randy Brickert, all of Plainfield; one sister, Kathy Brickert of Plainfield, and several nieces and nephews.

CDC year in review: What's next?

In a digital press kit released Monday, CDC reviews the most pressing public health challenges of 2015 and previews plans for 2016.

CDC has made significant strides combating some of the biggest threats to Americans' health, including infectious and chronic diseases. In 2015, CDC helped lead global efforts to slow Ebola transmissions in West Africa and make major progress in preventing future outbreaks. Rates of adult cigarette smoking reached an all-time low, and health care industries across the country made commitments to combat antibiotic resistance. CDC continues to lead improvements in all areas of public health, even in those where there has already been great progress.

In 2016, one CDC focus is reversing the number of deaths from infections resistant to antibiotics. At least 23,000 Americans died from these largely preventable infections in 2015. CDC also will continue to find ways to prevent deaths from prescription drug abuse – which has claimed the lives of more than 160,000 Americans over the past decade. And, because smoking is still the leading cause of preventable death in the U.S., CDC remains on the frontlines in the fight to help Americans quit and not start.

"CDC works to protect the health, safety and security of Americans – and 2015 was a particularly challenging – and successful – year," said CDC Director Tom Frieden, M.D., M.P.H. "Old and new threats to our health, such as Ebola, dengue, HIV, e-cigarette use among kids, foodborne illness, prescription drug overdoses, and increased drug resistance are just a few of the threats that kept us up at night – and will keep us busy in 2016."

Looking back, and what's next?

Ebola

Widespread transmission of Ebola in West Africa has been controlled, although additional cases may continue to occur sporadically. Because of ongoing surveillance and strengthened response capacities, however, the affected countries now have the experience and tools to rapidly identify any additional cases and to limit transmission. In 2015, CDC partnered with other U.S. Department of Health and Human Services agencies and private industry to launch an Ebola vaccine trial in Sierra Leone and vaccinated more than 8,000 participants. In the United States, HHS, with CDC support, has invested nearly \$340 million to enhance state and local and health care system preparedness for Ebola, including the designation and funding of a robust healthcare network of more than 55 local and regional assessment and treatment centers. In 2016, CDC is setting up permanent offices in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone to help the most affected West African countries effectively detect and respond to future outbreaks. CDC is also supporting the African Union in setting up their own centers for disease control and prevention, the African CDC, to address priority public health concerns in Africa.

Antibiotic Resistance

In 2015 the White House released the National Action Plan to Combat Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria to ensure the responsible use of antibiotics, and the CDC took part in the

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the hour of service at 1 p.m. on Thursday, December 31 at the Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. Burial will follow in the Hindostan Cemetery.

BOBBIE CHERRY

Roberta A. (Bobbie) Cherry passed away at 1:05 a.m. December 26, 2015 at St. Mary Medical Center in Evansville. A resident of Loogootee, she was 66.

She was born December 29, 1948 in Washington; daughter of the late Don and Mae (Burton) Reinhart and Robert (Bud) McCord.

She retired from NSWC Crane as a financial analyst. She previously worked for Century 21. She was a member of Hindostan United Methodist Church.

She enjoyed crocheting, but most of all, she loved her family and friends.

first White House Forum on Antibiotic Stewardship. In 2016, CDC will accelerate these activities and release a report that details progress in prescribing practices in human medicine. CDC also plans to debut the Antibiotic Patient Safety Atlas, an interactive web platform with open access to antibiotic resistance data.

Global Health Security

This year, the advancement of the Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA) was marked by a 30-country commitment to achieve the targets of the GHSA. In 2016 the U.S. will establish a five-year roadmap to help us reach those targets. This plan is needed to ensure all countries have the ability to find, stop and prevent infectious diseases – to protect those in their community and prevent spread to the rest of the world.

Tobacco

The 2015 "Tips from Former Smokers" campaign demonstrated that hard-hitting ads featuring the struggles of former smokers can make a real impact. In 2012, the campaign resulted in an estimated 100,000 smokers quitting permanently and averted about 17,000 premature deaths. While the number of current adult smokers is at an all-time low, there is still much work to be done to curb tobacco use in teens.

Prescription Drug Overdose

The prescription drug overdose epidemic continues to grip the nation, making this issue a top priority for CDC and all of HHS. In 2015 the agency launched the Prevention for States program that gives qualifying states the tools they need to detect and prevent opioid deaths. A new social media campaign highlighted stories of Americans directly impacted by opioid abuse, and our rigorous surveillance continued to detect new outbreaks and threats in the opioid abuse epidemic – like the rising problem of fentanyl-laced heroin. In 2016, CDC plans to release opioid prescribing guidelines for primary care providers and expand the Prevention for States program to all 50 states and Washington, D.C.

Lab Safety

Lab safety improvements at CDC remained a critical area and saw much progress in 2015, including establishing the new Office of the Associate Director for Laboratory Science and Safety and welcoming the inaugural class of Laboratory Leadership Service fellows. The nature of CDC's scientific laboratory work means that some risk is always there. Looking ahead in 2016, the goal is to use lessons learned and best practices to mitigate as much of this risk as possible. CDC can't stop its work – it's too important to the agency's ability to protect Americans and keep us all safe.

CDC works 24/7 protecting America's health, safety and security. Whether diseases start at home or abroad, are curable or preventable, chronic or acute, stem from human error or deliberate attack, CDC is committed to responding to America's most pressing health challenges. As 2015 comes to a close, the agency reflects on the lessons learned over the past year, and is committed to helping make 2016 the nation's healthiest year yet.

She is survived by her children, Scott Arvin, Brian (Heather) Arvin and Katie Hawkins, all of Loogootee; grandchildren, Trent, Jarrett and Ashlee Arvin, Zachary and Parker Arvin, and Maelee and Josie Hawkins; siblings, Gary (Judy) McCord of Brownstown, Carla (Tom) Williams, Donnie (Mary Ann) Reinhart and Debbie (Gene) Parsons, all of Loogootee.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Lee Arvin and his parents, Leonard and Pauline Arvin; parents, Don and Mae (Burton) Reinhart and Robert (Bud) McCord; brother, Jim Reinhart and daughter-in-law, Kara Arvin.

Funeral services were conducted on Wednesday, December 30 at Loogootee United Methodist Church. Burial followed in Truelove Cemetery.

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee was in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, donation may be made to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Condolences may be made online at blakefuneralhomes.com.

MARIE JONES

Marie C. Jones passed away on Christmas Day, December 25, 2015 at 11:55 a.m. at the Loogootee Nursing Center. A resident of Loogootee, she was 102.

She was born on New Year's Eve, December 31, 1912 in Martin County; the daughter of the late Henry C. and Emma (Jackle) Hoffman. She married Walter O. Jones on February 23, 1935, and he preceded her in death on March 30, 1968.

She was a life-long member of Saint John's Lutheran Church in Loogootee and the Lutheran Ladies Aid Society, Fraternal Order of Eagles Ladies Auxiliary Aeries #2442, and Martin County Senior Citizens.

Left to cherish her memory are her family, including daughters, Marlene E. and husband, Ray Brown, of Atlanta, Georgia; Carolyn and husband, Eddie Sorrells, of Shoals; granddaughters, Deanne Cooper and Paula Ackerman; grandsons, Alan Brown, Thomas Sorrells and Timothy Sorrells; 14 great-grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren; sister, Wilma Fuhrman of Washington; and numerous nieces and

nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband, parents, daughter, Nadine Thimling; grandson, John Sorrells; sisters, Louanna Rickard, Freida Palmer and two brothers, Fred Hoffman and Herbert Hoffman.

A funeral service was held Monday, December 28 at the Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. Burial followed in the Spring Hill Cemetery.

MICHAEL JONES

Michael David Jones passed away at his residence in Franklin on Saturday, December 26, 2015. A resident of Franklin, he was 59.



He was born on August 15, 1956 in Washington; son of Leo and Mary (Lynch) Jones. He married Laudonna (Bell) Jones on May 26, 1978. She survives.

He was a 1974 graduate of Shoals High School. He also was a

MICHAEL JONES graduate of I.U.P.U.I. in Indianapolis.

He was a dedicated employee of Gibraltar Design in Indianapolis as a Mechanical Engineer, working through his fight with cancer until his three final days.

He was a member of Shiloh Community Church in Franklin. Michael, in his early years, enjoyed playing softball and racquetball. He loved nature and spending time with his grandchildren.

He is also survived by their children, Chris (Jennifer) Jones of Chesterton and Sarah Jones of Fishers; grandchildren, Rebecca, Olivia and Cooper Jones of Chesterton and sister, Anita Tuttle of Bloomfield.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters, Rebecca Jones and Cheryl Jones; and brother, John Jones.

Rev. Ron Ellis conducted a celebration of Michael's life on Wednesday, December 30 at Flinn and Maguire Funeral Home in Franklin.

A committal service will be conducted on Thursday, December 31st at 1 p.m. at Spring Hill Cemetery in Shoals.

MARTIN COUNTY SAFE COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN

JANUARY 16, 2016 AT THE MARTIN COUNTY COMMUNITY BUILDING

Who will be there?
Martin County Sheriff's Office, Indiana
Conservation Officers, Indiana State Police, Loogootee Police Department, Shoals Police Department, Indiana Excise Police, and Community Corrections



Door Prizes will be drawn and Food will be available all day!

WE WANT YOU!!

TO COME VISIT US ON THE 16TH..

The Police Officers serving Martin County are having a community appreciation event on January 16, 2016 and we would personally like to invite you and your family to attend this first ever event. The event which is called the "Martin County Safe Community Campaign" will give you a chance to hang out with the Police Officers of the county and enjoy a fun-filled day of talks and presentations.

This event will also serve as a Food Drive for the local Martin County food banks. All donations of food and money will help feed a hungry family in Martin County. Bring a single item, a grocery sack full, or a truck load of food and we'll take it!

Opening ceremonies will begin at 10:00 am.. The event will conclude at 2:00 pm!

Admission to the event will be one item of non-perishable food.. If you are able to give more, please don't stop there! Each item will go to feed a hungry family in Martin County...

For information on how you can help or if you would like to donate items, please contact: ICO Eric Doane (317) 694-3064 or Sheriff Travis Roush (812) 247-3726

Martin County Sheriff's Department log

TUESDAY DECEMBER 22

8:55 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took two inmates to court.

9:00 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle accident north of Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

10:30 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

1:00 p.m. - Sergeant Keller took two inmates to court.

1:46 p.m. - Received a report of a break in north of Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

1:55 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver eastbound on Hwy. 50 from Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

2:05 p.m. - Received a report of a semi stuck on the tracks in Willow Valley. Sergeant Keller responded.

11:05 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Norris responded.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 23

12:35 p.m. - Major Burkhardt performed a VIN check.

1:00 p.m. - Major Burkhardt took one inmate to court.

2:50 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious subjects just outside the Martin State Forest. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

2:52 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across the road in Loogootee. Chief Rayhill and an ISP Officer responded.

2:58 p.m. - Received a request for an officer at the Loogootee Marathon for an accident in the parking lot. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

3:04 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on Saint Joseph Road. Civil defense responded.

3:08 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on Hwy. 231, north of Loogootee. State highway department was notified.

3:10 p.m. - Received a report of a tree in the road Hwy. 231 South before the Haysville bridge. State highway responded.

3:12 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down in Loogootee. The Loogootee Street Department was notified.

3:32 p.m. - Received a report of a tree limb that went through the roof of a home in Loogootee. Chief Rayhill responded.

6:23 p.m. - Received a report of an alarm at a residence in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

7:08 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down at the Hwy. 50/60 split. Notified Lawrence County.

7:18 p.m. - Received a report of a cabin that had been vandalized east of Shoals. Corporal Baker responded.

11:35 p.m. - Received a report of stolen Christmas lights in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette, Sergeant Keller, and Corporal Baker and K9 Virka responded.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 24

JAIL BOOKINGS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

7:15 a.m. - Dustin Cramer, 32, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Salmon and charged with driving while suspended prior bond set at \$20,000 10%.

Accident reports

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

9:00 a.m. - Phil G. Erler, of Loogootee, was operating a 2002 Chevy on US 231. Erler wanted to turn left into Stoll's Lake-view but changed his mind and turned right into a private drive and struck a 2014 Ram operated by Holly L. Bartelt as she was passing the Erler vehicle on the right. Chief Rayhill investigated.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

3:00 p.m. - Jacob E. Williams, of Bowdon, North Dakota, was operating a 2005 Peterbilt in the Marathon parking lot when his trailer struck a concrete barrier pole causing grain to leak out of the trailer. Chief Rayhill investigated.

12:12 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on Hwy. 231, north of Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded. ATM towed the vehicle.

2:37 a.m. - Received a call reporting a tree across Deep Cut Lake Road. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

2:45 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down on Sherfick School Road. Shoals Fire responded.

3:51 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down on Tharp Road. Lost River Fire responded.

9:25 a.m. - Received a report of identity theft. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

9:27 a.m. - Received a dog complaint call in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

2:34 p.m. - Received a report of a missing person in Loogootee. Chief Rayhill responded. Subject was found.

3:35 p.m. - Received a report of a brush fire in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire responded.

8:22 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on Hwy. 550. Corporal Baker, Martin County Ambulance, and Loogootee Fire responded.

8:32 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving on 231 South. All Martin County units were advised.

8:38 p.m. - Received a noise complaint in Shoals. Corporal Baker was advised.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 25

2:41 a.m. - Received a complaint of reckless driving and squalling tires in Shoals. Corporal Baker spoke with the subjects.

7:56 a.m. - Received a report of an alarm in Shoals. The owner called and advised they are trying to shut it off.

8:00 a.m. - Received a report of damaged and downed mailboxes on Hwy. 550. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

8:42 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

9:10 a.m. - Received a call reporting their mailbox was knocked down on Hwy 550. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

9:15 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:10 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance northeast of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to IU Health Bedford.

1:15 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:45 p.m. - Received a report of a possible drunk driver westbound from the county line. Major Burkhardt was advised.

3:04 p.m. - Received a request for an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Norris responded.

3:30 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

4:22 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle accident, property damage only, in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

5:15 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. No transport needed.

5:42 p.m. - Received a report of a business alarm north of Loogootee. Sheriff Roush, ISP Trooper Beaver and Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 26

4:55 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Shoals. Deputy Salmon responded.

10:14 a.m. - Received a call reporting a lost or stolen license plate. Major Burkhardt responded.

1:16 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but no transport.

3:39 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance South of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:11 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:42 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Shoals. Deputy Salmon responded.

10:26 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 27

4:07 a.m. - Received a report of an alarm going off north of Loogootee. Deputy Salmon and Loogootee Officer Norris responded.

8:04 a.m. - Received a report of a fight in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles and Sergeant Keller responded.

10:20 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down on Hwy. 231 North, north of Farlen. Notified Daviess County.

1:42 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:24 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:43 p.m. - Received a call reporting dogs loose on property north of Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

5:27 p.m. - Received a report of a two-car accident in Loogootee. Sergeant Keller and Martin County Ambulance responded. No transport was needed.

5:59 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Am-

bulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:45 p.m. - Received a request for an officer in Loogootee for a prowler. Loogootee Officer Norris responded.

9:58 p.m. - Received a call about a tree down on Hwy 550. Shoals Fire responded.

MONDAY DECEMBER 28

3:39 a.m. - Received a report of water over the road at Kent Road and Mt Olive Road. Martin County Highway was advised.

4:35 a.m. - Received a report of a large tree down on Windom Road. Shoals Fire responded.

6:53 a.m. - Received a report of a tree half way across Hwy 50, east of Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

7:27 a.m. - Received a report of a dog running loose in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

8:00 a.m. - Received a report of a large tree across West River Road. Shoals Fire and REMC responded.

8:25 a.m. - Received a report of a tree on fire in a power line. Loogootee Fire and REMC responded.

9:54 a.m. - Received a report of power outage in Trinity Springs and Indian Springs. REMC was notified.

11:00 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

2:50 p.m. - Received a report of a large power line across Hwy. 150 at Boyd Hollow Road. Sheriff Roush and REMC responded.

4:08 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across Haw Creek Road. Haysville Fire responded.

Martin County real estate transfers

Richard D. Arvin and Phyllis Arvin, of Martin County, Indiana to **Cory J. Arvin and Ashley M. Arvin**, a part of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 5 acres, more or less.

Richard D. Arvin and Phyllis Arvin, of Martin County, Indiana to **Cory J. Arvin**, trustee of the Richard D. Arvin and Phyllis Arvin Irr. MAP Trust. Tract I: A part of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 4.542 acres, more or less. Tract II: The northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, containing 40 acres, more or less. Tract III: An undivided half interest in and to the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, containing 40 acres, more or less. Tract IV: Also, an undivided half interest in and to the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, containing 40 acres, more or less. Also, an undivided half interest in and to the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 18, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, containing 40 acres, more or less. Tract V: Also, the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, 40 acres, more or less. Tract VI: Also, the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, containing 40 acres, more or less. Tract VII: Also, the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, containing 40 acres, more or less. Tract VIII: Also, a strip of ground in Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, containing 16.465 acres, more or less. Tract IX: Also, the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, containing 40 acres, more or less. Tract X: Also, the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, containing 5 acres, more or less.

Richard D. Arvin, of Martin County, Indiana to **Cory J. Arvin**, trustee of the Richard D. Arvin and Phyllis Arvin Irr. MAP Trust, a part of the east half of the northwest quarter of Section 1, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, containing 40.218 acres, more or less.

Mark L. Taylor and Dawn D. Taylor, of Martin County, Indiana to **Gregory G. Taylor and LaRita A. Taylor**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 7, and a part of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter, and part of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 18, all in Township 2 North, Range 4 West, all in Martin County, Indiana, containing 65.60 acres, more or less.

Michael Bledsoe, Brenda Bledsoe, Richard Bledsoe and David Bledsoe, of Martin County, Indiana to **Michael Bledsoe, Brenda Bledsoe and Richard Bledsoe**, of Martin County, Indiana, the west half of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 12, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, containing 15 acres, more or less.

Lisa B. Rush and Tammy Nolan, of Carroll County, Indiana to **William Andrew Purdue**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the northeast quarter of Section 1, Township 3 North, Range 4 West in Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.70 acres.

Johnathan A. Cropp and Leslie J. Cropp to **Cassie N. Hopkins**, Lot Number 26 and 28 feet of even width off of the east side of Lot Number 25 in Oliver and Taylor's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Ronald K. Fromme and Jamie D. Fromme, of Martin County, Indiana to **Christopher David Goller and Rebecca Sue Goller**, of Martin County, Indiana, the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 31, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing 40 acres, more or less. A part of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 31, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 12.40 acres, more or less.

Martin County Court News

CRIMINAL COURT New Charges Filed November 25

Joseph G. Turano, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more; operating a vehicle while intoxicated; habitual vehicular substance offender sentence enhancement.

Justin R. Truelove, auto theft.

November 30

Brandon Pendley, public intoxication; illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

Brian D. Graber, illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

Jeffery D. Lindy, illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

Caleb P. Wade, illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

Matteson Booth, illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

Kevin C. Heller, illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

Kaitlin Schultheis, illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

Nichole M. Blocher, illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

David W. Stover, operating a motor vehicle after forfeiture of license for life; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person.

Jerry E. Williams, maintaining a common nuisance; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body; possession of marijuana.

Pamela D. Gammon, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person with a passenger less than 18 years of age; neglect of a dependent; resisting law enforcement; operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

Gary L. Rasico, battery in the presence of a child; battery resulting in bodily injury.

Joshua J. Jones, maintaining a common nuisance; possession of marijuana.

December 1

Rebecca D. Rush, theft; resisting law enforcement; possession of marijuana.

Rocky J. Morton, possession of metham-

phetamine; maintaining a common nuisance; possession of marijuana.

December 4

Jessica L. Neal, driving while suspended.

December 12

Benjamin Cole Harner, dealing in methamphetamine; possession of methamphetamine; two counts of dealing in a schedule I controlled substance; dealing in marijuana; maintaining a common nuisance; two counts of possession of a controlled substance; possession of marijuana; two counts of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 ore more; two counts of operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

December 16

Josh Reichenberger, operating a motor vehicle after forfeiture of license for life.

December 18

Donald L. Gibson, domestic battery; battery.

December 21

Roger D. Tinkle, unlawful use of 911 service.

Larry G. Holt, Jr., possession of methamphetamine; maintaining a common nuisance; habitual offender sentence enhancement.

Devaughn R. Mesarosh, possession of methamphetamine; maintaining a common nuisance.

Janet Sue French, possession of a narcotic drug; maintaining a common nuisance; possession of marijuana.

Nathan G. Truelove, maintaining a common nuisance; possession of marijuana.

Caleb H. Truelove, maintaining a common nuisance; possession of marijuana.

December 23

Rocky M. Baker, maintaining a common nuisance; unlawful possession or use of a legend drug; possession of marijuana.

December 29

Christopher L. Wade, carry a handgun without a license; jacklighting from a vehicle.

Jeremie A. Tharp, harvesting ginseng out of season.

Tony L. Truelove, visiting a common nuisance.

Alva Hovis, leaving the scene of an acci-

dent.

Dustin A. Cramer, driving while suspended.

Kent Bradley, operating while intoxicated; operating while intoxicated with previous conviction within 5 years; habitual vehicular substance offender sentence enhancement.

Troy A. Lowe, strangulation; domestic battery; habitual offender sentence enhancement.

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCING

December 15

Brandon S. Parrish, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor; driving while suspended, a Class A Infraction and driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days at the Martin County Security Center with 0 days suspended and credit for 30 actual days previously served plus 30 Class 1 credit days.

Joshua A. Phillips, convicted of theft, a Class A Misdemeanor; invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor; battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor; criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor; and theft, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 1 year at the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and 0 credit days.

December 17

Dylan V. Bruner, convicted of arson, a Class 4 Felony. Sentenced to serve 3 years at the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and 0 credit days.

Steven J. Davidson, convicted of battery with moderate bodily injury, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 730 days at the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 182 actual days previously served plus 182 good time credit days.

December 18

Cameron E. Brown, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 545 days at the Indiana Department of Corrections with 487 days suspended and credit for 29 actual days previously served plus 29 Class 1 credit days. Defendant received 16 months of probation.

December 21

Jessica L. Bates, convicted of possession of a narcotic drug, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 545 days at the Indiana Department of Corrections with 363 days suspended and credit for 91 actual days previously served plus 91 good time credit days. Defendant received 6 months of formal probation and 6 months of informal probation.

Donald L. Hawkins, convicted of operating a vehicle as a habitual traffic violator, a Class 6 Felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor; and operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 4 years at the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 131 actual days previously served plus 131 good time credit days.

December 22

James D. Abel, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 1 year at the Martin County Security Center with 0 days suspended and credit for 65 actual days previously served plus 65 Class 1 credit days.

Darbi K. Grannan, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class 5 Felony. Sentenced to serve 545 days at the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended.

Brandon C. Lindsey, convicted of operating while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 359 days suspended and credit for 3 actual days previously served plus 3 Class 1 credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

Julie L. Walls, convicted of residential entry, a Class 6 Felony and criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 1.5 years at the Martin County Security Center with 1.5 years suspended and credit for 45 actual days previously served plus 45 good time credit days. Defendant received 455 days of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

December 17

Dylan V. Bruner, criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; arson, a Class 4 Felony, dismissed.

December 18

Cameron E. Brown, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

James D. Abel, driving while suspended, a Class A Infraction, dismissed; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

December 21

Jessica L. Bates, possession of a synthetic drug or synthetic drug look-a-like substance, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

December 22

Darbi K. Grannan, dealing in methamphetamine, a Class 3 Felony, dismissed; maintaining a common nuisance, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Brandon C. Lindsey, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

December 9

Evansville Teachers Federal Credit Union vs. Troy W. Arvin, civil collection.

December 10

Ashley Osgatharp vs. Tad Osgatharp, petition for dissolution of marriage.

December 11

Capital One Bank vs. Jean Rockwell, civil collection.

Michael E. Clifton vs. Nathan Jones, Brittany Blaker, and Treasurer of Martin County, civil collection.

December 16

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Candy S. Dreher, civil collection.

December 18

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Terry L. and Toni S. Orman, civil collection.

December 21

Kevin H. Farmer vs. Melanie A. Farmer, petition for dissolution of marriage.

December 28

Branch Banking and Trust vs. Stanley Knepp, Shannon Knepp, German American Bancorp, and the State of Indiana, mortgage foreclosure.

Samantha Graham vs. Thomas Winger, civil plenary.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

December 10

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC and against the defendant Donna Combs in the amount of \$763.55.

December 18

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC and against the defendant John C. Chapman for mortgage foreclosure in the amount of \$66,449.76.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

December 9

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Larry Walton, complaint.

December 14

Procol, Inc. vs. Kathleen Stemp, complaint.

December 17

Brian Hawkins vs. Candace L. Hawkins, complaint.

December 21

White River Co-Op vs. Benjamin M. Tuell, complaint.

December 23

Kevin R. Boyd vs. Jerald Emmons and Julie Lents, complaint.

December 29

Martin County Credit Union vs. Johnny R. Blackmon, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

December 22

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Warren Atkison and against the defendant Rory Browder in the amount of \$496.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

December 28

Brutus Wright of Williams and Kyra D. Ping of Williams.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

6:43 a.m. - Caller reported damage to a mailbox on Country Court.

1:10 p.m. - Caller reported damage to a mailbox on US 231 North.

1:45 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on Park Street. Officer was unable to locate.

2:45 p.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

4:43 p.m. - Captain Hennette and K-9 Roxy assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a drug-related arrest.

7:15 p.m. - First responders were requested at Southwind Apartments for a medical call.

9:19 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

2:15 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on Broadway Street. Chief Rayhill located the vehicle and the driver checked out okay.

3:31 p.m. - Caller reported a possible theft at IGA.

11:05 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on her children.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

2:50 p.m. - Caller reported a tree down on Walker Street.

3:30 p.m. - Caller reported a tree limb had fallen onto her residence.

4:09 p.m. - Caller reported a 911 hang-up on SE 1st Street.

4:24 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on SW 1st Street.

5:45 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Broadway Street. Captain Hennette located the vehicle and spoke with the driver.

6:28 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a business alarm.

7:32 p.m. - Caller requested a security

check on a home on Cedar Street.

11:35 p.m. - Caller reported males stealing Christmas lights on Queen Street. Officers located the males and charges will be filed.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

12:12 p.m. - Caller reported property damage.

9:45 a.m. - Caller reported a loose dog complaint. The Martin County Humane Society picked the dogs up.

2:40 p.m. - Caller reported her son is missing. Male later returned home.

3:35 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to a possible grass fire on US 50.

8:49 p.m. - First responders were requested on State Road 550 for a car-deer accident.

10:46 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle in the ditch near Whitfield.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

9:15 a.m. - First responders were requested on Brooks Avenue for a medical call.

6:29 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to East Washington Street for a gas odor.

Saturday, December 26

5:13 p.m. - First responders were requested on Church Street for a medical call.

10:33 p.m. - First responders were requested in Southwind Apartments for a medical call.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

12:12 p.m. - Caller reported harassing text messages.

8:04 a.m. - Caller reported a fight near Pine Street.

4:02 p.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 South for a medical call.

5:28 p.m. - Caller reported a two-vehicle accident near CVS. Details aren't complete at press time.

9:45 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious activity on Truelove Drive.

USDA shares top outcomes of the year

This year, millions of rural businesses and families were positively impacted by U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) investments in their communities. Last Tuesday, December 22, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack released a list of USDA's top achievements in 2015, demonstrating USDA's efforts to help farmers and ranchers bring their products to tables domestically and abroad, build critical infrastructure in America's rural areas, conserve our nation's natural resources through long-lasting partnerships, and continuously work toward improving the lives of all Americans.

"Since 2009, USDA has focused significant and targeted investments in America's rural communities to bring transformative change. Last year, those investments blossomed across the United States with substantial results in the burgeoning bio-economy, an exploding local and regional food system, unparalleled investments in renewable energy, improved nutrition interventions for young people, historic partnerships in conservation and greenhouse gas reduction, and major contributions in rural infrastructure, among some. Even with challenges in 2015, including an unprecedented animal disease outbreak and lower commodity prices, America's rural communities have proven once again that we are a nation of makers, creators and innovators, and our economy and security are stronger because of it. As we look to 2016, USDA will continue to seek out new and innovative ways to expand opportunity for America's farming families and rural communities," said Vilsack.

USDA invites all Americans to take a look back at 2015 through our archived In Case You Missed It series. Posted weekly, the In Case You Missed It report tells the stories of rural Americans who are working to meet ever-changing challenges, paving the way to empower future leaders to meet the world's growing food, fuel and fiber needs, and continuously adapting and evolving to ensure American agriculture remains a leader throughout the world.

Here is a list of USDA's top outcomes in 2015:

Agriculture and Trade

Delivered nearly \$200 million to help poultry producers recover, and spent nearly \$1 billion total in response to the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza outbreak.

Achieved \$139.7 billion of agricultural exports, the third-best year on record. Ensured passage of Trade Promotion Authority, and helped to complete negotiations of the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

Enrolled 1.76 million farmers in the new Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs by conducting an unprecedented educational campaign. The program has provided \$4.8 billion in financial help to more than 900,000 farms that experienced a \$20 billion drop in revenues during 2015.

Helped 6,600 small, underserved and new farmers obtain credit through popular microloan program (16,000 since 2013), with 70 percent issued to new farmers.

The Value Added Producer Grant program, one of our most successful and effective drivers in helping agricultural producers grow their businesses, had another strong year, awarding \$43.9 million for 363 grants that assisted 2,659 businesses and 2,548 farmers.

Announced that Whole-Farm Revenue Protection Insurance will be available in every county in 2016.

Supported nearly 10,000 farms and ranches, food entrepreneurs and communities through local food-related projects. Over 6,000 farmers markets and direct-marketing farmers are now authorized to accept Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits, more than five times the number in 2009. Between FY09 and FY14, USDA invested more than \$800 million in more than 29,100 local and regional food businesses and infrastructure projects. As a result of our support,

the market for local food has grown to an estimated \$11.7 billion in 2014 from \$5 billion in 2008.

Reached a record 19,474 certified organic operations in the United States.

Developed the first Process Verified Program claim for non-GMO/GE food products.

Launched www.usda.gov/newfarmers, an interactive web tool designed to connect new farmers with programs and resources.

Anti-Poverty Efforts and Nutrition

Launched 10 employment and training pilot projects to help SNAP participants find and keep gainful employment.

Announced 97 percent of schools successfully meet the updated, science-based nutrition standards for school meals under Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act.

Reached more than 8.1 million kids with healthy meals through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). Total breakfast participation increased by more than 3 million students since 2008. CEP has been successfully implemented in over 14,000 schools and has led to a 9 percent increase in school breakfast participation and 5 percent increase in school lunch.

USDA's StrikeForce initiative has expanded to include 880 counties, parishes, boroughs, and census areas in 21 states and Puerto Rico. In 2015, in StrikeForce target areas, USDA partnered with more than 1,000 organizations to support 56,600 projects that directed more than \$7.5 billion in investments to the poorest places in rural America.

Named first 10 rural and tribal communities to participate in Rural IMPACT demonstration programs. Rural IMPACT helps communities adopt a two-generation approach to addressing the needs of vulnerable children and parents, with the goal of increasing parents' employment and education and improving the health and well-being of children and families.

In partnership with the University of Kentucky, announced establishment of the USDA Rural Child Poverty Nutrition Center at the University of Kentucky in Lexington to reduce child food insecurity in states with the highest number of persistently poor rural counties.

In 2015, USDA and our partners served 190.6 million meals to low-income children during the summer months when school meals are not available. Since the summer of 2009, USDA has increased the number of summer meals served by 16.1 percent. Since the beginning of the Obama Administration, USDA has served a total of 1.2 billion summer meals.

Cost Savings and Process Improvements

Achieved \$1.4 billion in savings, efficiencies, and cost avoidances since 2012 and saved more than 290,000 USDA staff hours through signature process improvements in the past year alone.

Climate Change

Announced 10 Building Blocks for Climate Smart Agriculture and Forestry, which, by 2025, will reduce net emissions and enhance carbon sequestration by the equivalent of taking 25 million cars off the road.

USDA and EPA set the first-ever national food waste reduction goal of 50 percent by 2030 in an effort to reduce the amount of wasted food in landfills producing methane emissions that fuel climate change.

Global Food Security

Feed the Future reached nearly 19 million households and helped nearly 7 million farmers gain access to new tools and technologies. New data demonstrate that, through Feed the Future and other U.S. Government efforts, childhood stunting rates have declined in Ethiopia, Ghana, and parts of Kenya by between 9 and 33 percent in recent years, while areas in Uganda have seen a 16 percent drop in poverty.

In 2015, the McGovern-Dole Program benefitted 2.5 million children in Africa and Central America.

Conservation and Forestry

Through an unprecedented voluntary conservation effort with landowners, the greater sage-grouse no longer needs Federal protection under the Endangered Species Act.

Increased the pace and scale of forest restoration by nine percent since 2011 and increased timber harvest by 18 percent since 2008, despite record droughts, longer wildfire seasons, and the increasing percentage of the budget spent fighting wildland fires. In 2015, 2.87 billion board feet were harvested and sold.

USDA's overall investment in drought disaster relief and long term conservation practices exceeded \$1.2 billion in 2015.

Provided \$3 million in funding to support the development of tall wood demonstration projects in New York and Portland, Oregon.

Leveraged \$800 million to 115 high-impact conservation projects across the nation through the Regional Conservation Partnership Program.

As of September 2015, 24.2 million acres were enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). CRP also is protecting more than 170,000 stream miles with riparian forest and grass buffers, enough to go around the world 7 times. This year marks the 30th anniversary of CRP. Since 1985, the program has sequestered an annual average of 49 million tons of greenhouse gases, equal to taking 9 million cars off the road; prevented 9 billion tons of soil from erosion, enough to fill 600 million dump trucks; and reduced nitrogen and phosphorous runoff by 95 and 85 percent, respectively.

USDA invested \$20.5 million through the Conservation Innovation Grants program for 45 projects, including efforts to increase habitat for pollinators, develop new ways to attract private investment in natural resource conservation, give agricultural producers greater access to greenhouse gas markets, and help farmers and ranchers make their operations more resilient to climate change.

State forest management receives high marks again

Indiana Department of Natural Resources director Cam Clark today released the results of two independent reviews that support the methods by which Indiana state forests are being managed.

Findings from the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) and the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) reaffirm the DNR Division of Forestry's long-standing practice of sustainably managed state forests. Both reports are available at dnr.IN.gov/forestry/7532.htm.

DNR Forestry has met or exceeded SFI and FSC certification standards for nine straight years.

"Without question, our 158,000 acres of state forests were judged 'well managed,' and this certification should be viewed similarly by all Hoosiers as a job well done," Clark said. "I commend the Division of Forestry for its hard work in meeting all the requirements of both forest management standards."

SFI establishes North American standards for sustainable forestry practices, and FSC does the same for international standards. SFI and FSC certification ensures wood products from state forests are grown in a sustainable and well-managed manner.

Two auditors representing SFI and FSC spent three days reviewing office plans and supporting documents, and also toured forest sites to evaluate forest management practices. Their review focused on Clark and Harrison-Crawford state forests. Forest management activities were scored for conformance to standards that include wildlife management, forest management prescriptions, archaeological site protection, endangered species protection, and water quality. In renewing Indiana's certification, the

Independent study by Mississippi State University found efforts to create migratory bird habitat on more than 470,000 acres in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri and Texas following the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill provided significant benefits to ducks, geese and other birds. Following the spill, USDA worked with farmers and landowner to create wetlands and winter habitat for migratory birds.

Invested \$30 million this year in 33 new projects and 40 existing projects to improve water quality in high priority watersheds the Mississippi River Basin.

Energy and Bioeconomy

Made available \$100 million in grant funds, with matching funds from state and private partners, which will provide \$210 million to nearly double the number of fueling pumps nationwide that supply American-made renewable fuels, such as E15 and E85.

Issued a report that examines and quantifies the effect of America's biobased products industry from an economics and jobs perspective. The report notes that in 2013 alone, that industry contributed four million jobs and \$369 billion to the U.S. economy.

The BioPreferred Program now has more than 14,000 biobased products listed in its online catalog and, to date, more than 2,400 products are certified to use the BioPreferred label.

USDA's Rural Energy for America Program provided 1,945 projects with a total of \$82.9 million in grants and \$161.2 million in loan guarantees, the largest funding level in the history of the program.

Made one conditional commitment through the 9003 program to a biorefinery in New Orleans.

Through the Biomass Crop Assistance Program, USDA provided assistance to 890 growers on 49,000 acres for costs associated

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FSC auditor stated that DNR Forestry "has demonstrated continued overall conformance to the applicable Forest Stewardship Council standards" and cited other strengths:

A "strong" best management practice monitoring program, with post-harvest BMP reviews conducted by DNR Forestry resource foresters and by a comprehensive second-party process.

Employment of a full-time wildlife biologist, whose time is focused on special situations (e.g., the Habitat Conservation Plan to protect bat habitat) but provides support for regular work activities. The audit also notes, "The Indiana Division of Forestry has dedicated considerable resources to developing state-of-the-art bat conservation practices."

Employment of a full-time archeologist, who has developed an "exceptional" program for identifying and managing culturally important sites.

An "exceptional" program to retain stand-level wildlife habitat elements in accordance with scientific information.

"Excellent" recreational opportunities for the public, including walking and horse trails, camping, and access to lakes and ponds.

Annual State Forest open houses and a comprehensive website that contribute to public involvement in public land management and planning.

A mentoring program for newly hired DNR Forestry employees, including frequent oversight by central office experts.

Significant improvements to haul roads for handling wet-weather traffic and larger logging trucks.

Restoration and maintenance of state forest offices, shops and recreational facilities, many that have historical significance.

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with harvesting and transporting agriculture or forest residues to facilities that convert biomass crops into energy.

Research projects funded through NIFA's Biomass Research and Development Initiative (BRDI) is leading to the development of economically and environmentally sustainable sources of renewable biomass. Projects include a grant to Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. in Findlay, Ohio, which is working to use remaining plant residue from the guayule shrub for rubber production.

Food Safety

Developed the first-ever Salmonella standard for chicken parts, which will reduce illnesses by about 50,000 annually.

Unveiled a National Action Plan designed to advance the appropriate use of antibiotics in food animals and promote collaborations among partners in medicine, veterinary medicine, and public health.

Launched the Foodkeeper App, which helps reduce food waste by showing users how to store foods properly and reminding them to use items before they are likely to spoil.

Rural Development

Made the first investments through the \$10 billion Rural Infrastructure Opportunity Fund and the first Rural Business Investment Company, both launched in 2014. Established two additional RBICs in 2015.

Provided new or improved high-speed in-

ternet access to nearly 6 million rural Americans through investments made by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Announced \$3.4 billion in funding to build or improve more than 15,277 miles of transmission and distribution lines for rural electric cooperatives and utilities, including \$134 million in Smart Grid Technology.

Funded \$1.8 billion in Community Facilities projects over the course of fiscal year 2015. Since 2009, USDA has awarded \$9.7 billion under its Community Facilities programs, including \$4.9 billion for 1,052 health care projects; \$266 million for improvements to 206 public schools; \$133 million for 555 libraries; \$39 million for 240 day care centers; and \$791 million to support 4,876 public safety facilities in rural areas. Through investments made through its Community Facilities programs, over the past two years, USDA has provided more than \$213 million to support 80 rural mental health facility projects in 34 states.

Research

Supported the Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research in its effort to provide awards to support the next generation of agricultural scientists.

In 2015, USDA's intramural researchers executed 35 licenses, issued 73 patents, filed 114 patent applications, and released 50 new cultivars and enhanced germplasm lines. USDA's funding to extramural entities in 2015 led to 20 new issued patents, seven

plant variety protections, 11 patent cooperation treaty applications, 36 non-provisional patent applications and 22 provisional applications.

Transformative innovations that can be found in USDA's 2014 Technology Transfer Report include: Procedures to remove up to 98-percent of the allergens from peanuts without affecting the flavor; A portable method for identifying harmful bacteria in food that could improve the response to food-borne illness outbreaks; A new soil nitrogen test that rapidly and inexpensively deter-

Library program lets you "check-out" state parks

In 2016, Hoosiers can check out state parks by checking out an entrance pass from a public library.

The State Park Centennial Annual Pass Library Check-out Program is a partnership between Indiana State Parks and the Indiana State Library to encourage people to visit libraries and parks.

At libraries across Indiana, 240 state park passes have been placed in circulation for check-out. The passes will provide access to Indiana's 32 state parks and also to Indiana's state forest recreation areas where entrance fees are charged. Passes will be available for check-out from January 1-December 31.

The program is one way Indiana State Parks is celebrating its centennial anniversary. The Indiana State Parks system was a gift to the people of Indiana in 1916 in cele-

brates the total amount of nitrogen in the soil that is available to a plant, reducing costs for farmers while benefiting the environment.

Civil Rights

To address long-standing allegations of past discrimination, we settled large-scale class-action lawsuits with Native American and African American farmers and ranchers and established a voluntary claims process for women and Hispanic farmers and ranchers, providing payments of more than \$2.5 billion combined and over \$118 million in debt forgiveness.

bration of the state's centennial. Read more about activities that are part of the State Parks Centennial Celebration at IN-StateParks100.com.

"Our goal is to provide access to our great Indiana State Parks for those who may have never visited," said Ginger Murphy, deputy director of stewardship for Indiana State Parks. "We also hope that those who come in to check out the annual pass will take time to explore the services and materials available in Indiana's libraries."

The Indiana State Library helped pay for the parks pass program. Some local libraries may purchase additional passes to ensure that each branch has one for check-out.

Check-out duration for the passes may vary by site. Visit your local public library for details about check-out duration.

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More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



I'm not really big on New Year's Resolutions because I'm notorious for breaking them so I thought I would give you some things to think about as we enter 2016!

1. Your shoes are the first thing people subconsciously notice about you. Wear nice shoes.
2. If you sit for more than 11 hours a day, there's a 50% chance you'll die within the next 3 years.
3. There are at least 6 people in the world who look exactly like you. There's a 9% chance that you'll meet one of them in your lifetime.
4. Sleeping without a pillow reduces back pain and keeps your spine stronger.
5. A person's height is determined by their father, and their weight is determined by their mother.
6. If a part of your body "falls asleep", You can almost always "wake it up" by shaking your head.
7. There are three things the human brain cannot resist noticing - food, attractive people and danger.
8. Right-handed people tend to chew food on their right side.
9. Putting dry tea bags in gym bags or smelly shoes will absorb the unpleasant odor.
10. According to Albert Einstein, if honey bees were to disappear from earth, humans would be dead within 4 years.
11. There are so many kinds of apples, that if you ate a new one every day, it would take over 20 years to try them all.
12. You can survive without eating for weeks, but you will only live 11 days without sleeping.
13. People who laugh a lot are healthier than those who don't.
14. Laziness and inactivity kills just as many people as smoking.

15. A human brain has a capacity to store 5 times as much information as Wikipedia.

16. Our brain uses the same amount of power as a 10-watt light bulb!!
17. Our body gives enough heat in 30 minutes to boil 1.5 liters of water!!
18. The Ovum egg is the largest cell and the sperm is the smallest cell!!
19. Stomach acid (conc. HCl) is strong enough to dissolve razor blades!!
20. Take a 10-30 minute walk every day and while you walk, SMILE. It is the ultimate antidepressant.
21. Sit in silence for at least 10 minutes each day.
22. When you wake up in the morning, pray to ask God's guidance for your purpose, today.
23. Eat more foods that grow on trees and plants and eat less food that is manufactured in plants.
24. Drink green tea and plenty of water. Eat blueberries, broccoli, and almonds.
25. Try to make at least three people smile each day.
26. Don't waste your precious energy on gossip, energy vampires, issues of the past, negative thoughts and things you cannot control. Instead invest your energy in the positive present moment.
27. Eat breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince and dinner like a college kid with a maxed out charge card.
28. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
29. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone. Forgive them for everything.
30. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
31. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
32. Make peace with your past so it won't spoil the present.
33. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
34. No one is in charge of your happiness except you.
35. Frame every so-called disaster with these words: 'In five years, will this matter?'
36. Help the needy, Be generous! Be a 'Giver' not a 'Taker'
37. What other people think of you is none of your business.
38. Time heals everything.
39. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
40. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends will. Stay in touch.
41. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
42. Each night before you go to bed, pray to God and be thankful for what you accomplished, today. What if you woke up this morning and only had what you thanked God for yesterday? DON'T FORGET TO THANK GOD FOR EVERYTHING.
43. Remember that you are too blessed to be stressed.

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
 Purdue University Master Gardener

As we approach the new year, we begin a time of planning for a new gardening season. Each day, new catalogues arrive in the mail touting the latest hybrids and the newest equipment. Many companies have traded the traditional seed catalogue for web sites and daily e-mails to entice gardeners to lay out the money for something new.

It is tradition to make resolutions for the new year. I have tried making resolutions, but they usually go quickly by the wayside. However, I do have some plans for the new gardening season.

In 2016, I want to complete the patio around the fire pit at Sandhill Gardens. I made some progress on it in 2015, and I have stockpiled most of the materials, so I hope to find the time to finish that project. I also want to complete other hardscape plans, including putting some pavers down in some of the pathways to make travel through the garden easier and better define the borders. I also hope to complete the repairs on the bridge across the creek in the woods. Getting materials there is the biggest challenge, as the stream is at the bottom of the spectacular cliff that really

defines Sandhill Gardens. The area below the cliff is mainly wild and rough, but the bridge does improve accessibility.

My dream hardscape project for the year is terracing an area to make it safer. The terraces would all me to make a bank level, allowing access with supplies without the danger of sliding down the slope.

Each year, I resolve to refrain from buying too many plants. However, I know that the only thing that will prevent me from buying plants is to not have the money in my pocket for the plants I see and want. I am always seduced by the new and unusual varieties. I have collections of lilacs, sedums and hostas, so new varieties of those plants are always an enticement for me. I also feel sorry for plants on the clearance racks at garden centers, and I usually buy them too.

The winter months are a good time for making plans. Take time to draw out plans for new beds or new pathways. Consult gardening books, catalogues, magazines and websites to help you decide what will work in your garden. Watch some gardening shows and dream about spring. It will be here before you know it.

Calendar of Events

Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will hold their reorganizational meeting Wednesday, January 6 at 5:10 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. The finance committee will meet at 5 p.m. prior to the regular meeting. Both meetings are open to the public.

Volunteer lawyer program to host two telephone clinics in January

The next monthly talk to a lawyer for free telephone clinic will be on Thursday, January 7 between the hours of 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. DST. For individuals in the eastern time zone, the hours are 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Volunteer attorneys will be available to answer general legal questions concerning Indiana law during that time. This service is offered free to the general public. The call in numbers are: (812) 618-4845 and 888-594-3449.

Additionally, a special telephone clinic time will take place on Monday, January 18 between the hours of 4:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. DST. This special talk to a lawyer is part of a statewide celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday. Statewide, throughout the day, hundreds of attorneys will be taking calls and answering general legal questions in all areas of the law. Locally, the event is being co-sponsored and hosted by the law firm of Bamberger, Foreman Oswald and Hahn, LLP. The call in numbers are: (812) 618-4845 and 888-594-3449.

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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.

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.

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Yearlong focus on Rx drug abuse, crime victims and privacy served consumers

Combating the opioid drug abuse epidemic, connecting crime victims with services, assisting victims of privacy data breaches and seeking common-sense rules on e-cigarettes were four special initiatives that Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller's office undertook in 2015.

"The Office of the Attorney General made an extra effort in 2015 to confront some multilayered problems that affect the health, safety and privacy of Hoosier consumers using constructive approaches. We did so working collaboratively as a 'force multiplier' with all three branches of government and local advocates, all within our regular budget and staff," Zoeller said. Here is a summary of AG's office initiatives in 2015:

Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention

As part of its efforts to address the prescription drug abuse epidemic, Attorney General Zoeller's office in conjunction with other law enforcement agencies investigates the overprescribing and diversion of opioid prescription drugs. Through its Medicaid Fraud Control Unit and its Licensing Enforcement Division, the AG's office in 2015 filed disciplinary actions against the professional licenses of 138 license holders – including doctors, physician assistants, pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, nurses and dentists – for violations of prescribing and dispensing laws.

In 2015 the Attorney General's Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Task Force redoubled its efforts to educate the public, medical providers and pharmacists about the dangers of addictive opioid drugs, powerful painkillers that sometimes are overprescribed and abused, or stolen and resold. Zoeller co-chairs the task force, which he founded in 2012; its 120 members include doctors, pharmacists, health officials, treatment providers, law enforcement and government officials at the federal, state and local levels. At its website www.BitterPill.in.gov are tips on recognizing and treating prescription drug abuse.

A new public health crisis emerged with an HIV outbreak in Scott County caused by prescription drug abuse: addicted people injecting an opioid-based prescription painkiller, Opana, and sharing contaminated needles, which in turn transmitted the HIV and Hepatitis C viruses to other drug abusers. Zoeller's office supported and the Legislature passed Senate Enrolled Act 461, which allows counties, if they so decide, to initiate syringe exchange programs, if the state health commissioner finds a public health emergency exists. Such efforts can halt the shared-needle spread of the viruses, while steering patients into addiction treatment programs. By year's end, four counties had authorized such exchanges.

Drug overdose deaths nationally recently hit a new record, a Dec. 18 report from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found. Last year, the deaths of more than 47,000 Americans were attributed to drug overdoses. The CDC research showed more than six in 10 drug overdose deaths involved narcotics, including prescription painkillers and heroin. Such fatalities can be prevented if first responders use the opioid overdose antidote Naloxone. Approximately 56 law enforcement agencies across the state have been trained and equipped to administer Naloxone kits since they were granted civil immunity to do so under an effort Zoeller supported in 2014; and law enforcement has saved the lives of at least 170 overdose victims in Indiana using the antidote. Naloxone, also called Narcan, is administered to patients via a nasal spray; and Zoeller's office set up a grant program from which law enforcement agencies can apply for funding to purchase Naloxone kits. A new statute, "Aaron's Law," also allows medical professionals to prescribe Naloxone to family members or caregivers of those who are at risk of an opioid or heroin overdose so that the antidote is available for them in advance.

More than 800 professionals attended the

Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Task Force's sixth annual symposium on Oct. 28-29. In December, a new study, the first of its kind, conducted by the National Safety Council in conjunction with the task force found that prescription drug abuse impacts more than 80 percent of Indiana workplaces. Raising awareness among Indiana businesses of the impact opioid abuse has in the workplace will be a priority initiative for the task force in 2016.

Focus on Crime Victims and Human Trafficking

AG Zoeller created the new Victim Services and Outreach Division in the Attorney General's Office, led by Assistant Attorney General Abigail Kuzma, that focuses efforts and directs program resources to victims of human trafficking, domestic violence and sexual assault, and serves the advocates who assist them. Zoeller's office also created a Victim Advocates' Network that shares information such as grant opportunities with more than 400 advocate organizations statewide, including domestic violence shelters, rape-crisis centers, sheriffs' offices and prosecutors' offices.

The new attention on domestic violence victims resulted in a record year for the AG's Office's Hope Card program that summarizes court protective order details on a laminated card that a victim can provide quickly to law enforcement. A total 404 Hope Cards were issued in 2015, more than in the three prior years combined. Also, participation increased by 50 percent in the Address Confidentiality Program that provides a secure mailing location where victims of domestic violence and stalking can collect their mail without their street addresses being known to their perpetrators. AG Zoeller also visited domestic violence shelters and victim service centers and presented 11 Victim Advocate Awards around the state in 2015.

After a previous nonprofit organization that served victims, the Indiana Coalition Against Sexual Assault (INCASA) went insolvent and ceased operating, the Attorney General's Office took the lead in establishing in September a new nonprofit organization that now provides similar services to victims: the Indiana Coalition to End Sexual Assault, Inc., or ICESA.

Since before the 2012 Super Bowl in Indianapolis, Attorney General Zoeller's office sought to raise awareness about the problem of human trafficking. Zoeller co-chairs the IPATH Task Force (Indiana Protection for Abused and Trafficked Humans). In 2015, Zoeller kicked off the "Indiana's Not Buying It" effort that includes public service announcements to alert Hoosiers that human trafficking is often associated with large sporting events, and that individuals involved in prostitution and the commercial sex trade are themselves usually victims of human trafficking. The Legislature passed bills that would shield victims of trafficking from criminal liability for prostitution, while also allowing prosecutors to seek forfeiture of the property of human traffickers who exploit such victims into the commercial sex trade. In 2015, the AG's office staff trained 3,394 individuals at nearly 60 events on responding to human trafficking.

Data Breaches and Credit Freeze

After hackers committed data breaches of consumers' digital files at Anthem Inc., Medical Informatics Engineering (MIE) and other corporations and providers, many Hoosiers whose information was illegally accessed faced the potential risk of identity theft and fraud. At the Attorney General's Identity Theft Unit website, consumers can register for a free credit freeze from each of the three credit bureaus, Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. A credit freeze prevents an identity thief from opening up a new line of credit in the consumer's name without their permission; and the consumer can lift the freeze at any time if they want to apply for credit and then reinstate it. Following the Anthem breach in February, there was an upsurge in interest in the credit freeze, and

the AG's Office launched public awareness ads, "Freeze Identity Thieves," to provide tips on avoiding identity theft and encourage credit freeze registrations. As of late December, the AG's ID Theft web page had been visited 41,920 times and the credit freeze web page had been visited 87,576 times.

E-cigarettes and health risks

State AG's offices have a long history in tobacco enforcement stemming from the 1998 Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) with the tobacco industry, a settlement that imposed tight restrictions on advertising and sale of cigarettes and prohibited tobacco companies from directly marketing to youth. In addition to his role as co-chair of the Tobacco Committee of the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) and as Indiana's top consumer protection official, AG Zoeller serves on the board of directors of the Truth Initiative, a national public health organization dedicated to ending tobacco use in the United States. Zoeller also serves on a U.S. Trade Representative advisory committee that has advocated for not giving tobacco products the same trading status as other goods shipped in international trade.

Attorney General Zoeller and other state AGs have raised the alarm about health risks posed by e-cigarettes, which deliver nicotine in an inhaled vapor form without tobacco, using flavorings appealing to youth, and are not subject to the same sales and marketing limitations as combustible tobacco cigarettes. During the 2015 legislative session, AG Zoeller joined a coalition of health experts who offered a proposal to curb teen use of e-cigarettes. Zoeller supported new laws the Legislature passed in 2015 requiring that "vape" shops be licensed and that e-cigarette liquid containers use child-resistant packaging.

Zoeller and other state AGs this year urged the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to quickly finalize regulations proposed in April 2014 but not yet adopted to add e-cigarettes to the federal Tobacco Control Act so that the products could be regulated similarly to traditional tobacco products. Zoeller was among 29 state attorneys general who in August 2014 sent official comments to the FDA supporting the proposed regulations and recommended that they be strengthened, to ban flavors, prohibit Internet sales and require the same advertising and marketing restrictions on e-cigarettes as on combustible cigarettes. The FDA has not yet fully adopted the proposed regulations, but Zoeller and other AGs urge it to do so. The FDA banned characterizing flavors in combustible cigarettes back in 2009.

Record year for Unclaimed Property

By law the Attorney General's office returns unclaimed property – such as forgotten bank accounts, insurance settlement proceeds and unredeemed store credits – to Hoosiers. In 2015 the AG's Unclaimed Property Division set a new annual record and returned \$88.6 million in funds to property owners, and paid out more than 104,000 claims to 53,347 individual payees. Consumers can search the database at www.IndianaUnclaimed.gov for any funds owed to them and submit a claim.

Other office accomplishments

The Office of the Attorney General is the state's consumer protection agency, enforces telephone privacy laws and homeowner protection laws, and enforces rules regulating licensed professionals before licensing boards. When offenders appealed their convictions or sentences, the Attorney General's office represented the prosecution in appellate court in approximately 1,300 cases this year. The Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) reached settlements of whistleblower lawsuits against drug companies involving illegal off-label marketing of pharmaceuticals or for violations of the anti-kickback statute.

As the lawyer for state government, the AG's office provides legal advice to state agencies and officials and represents them

in civil lawsuits. The AG's Litigation Division has an approximate caseload of 4,482 varied and complex cases in federal and state courts. As of November, the division had opened 2,996 new cases and closed 2,008 cases in 2015. The AG's office also defends state statutes the Legislature passed from legal challenges that plaintiffs filed. In 2015, the office successfully defended Indiana's anti-nepotism statute as well as state laws governing alcohol sale and distribution.

Joining forces with AG's offices in other states, Zoeller's office also participated in legal challenges where state governments questioned whether the federal government overstepped its legal boundaries and intruded into matters reserved for states. Specifically, Indiana in 2015 joined multi-state legal challenges questioning whether the federal EPA exceeded its authority without congressional approval by imposing costly new regulations on agricultural water runoff and on electricity generation from power plants, which would impact farms, businesses and ratepayers.

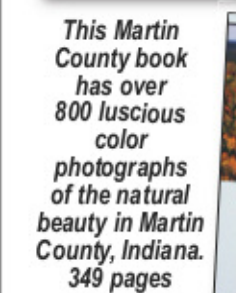
As the state's collection agent, the AG's office pursues legal actions to recover public funds if audits find that tax dollars have been misappropriated within local government units. Zoeller also founded the Public Integrity Coalition which proposed new laws the Legislature passed in 2015 to prevent and deter misappropriation of public funds by government officials.

"As Attorney General, I want to thank sincerely all of the deputy attorneys and non-lawyer staff employees of the Office of the Attorney General for their efforts in 2015 on behalf of Indiana consumers and the State of Indiana. The results achieved so far in our various initiatives have produced good collaboration with other agencies and stakeholders to effectively serve all Hoosiers," Zoeller said.

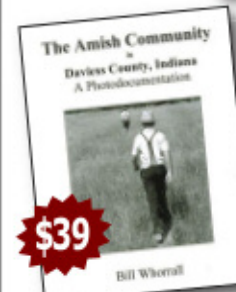
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