



Ice -Photo by Bill Whorrall, www.billwhorrall.com
The county narrowly missed being hit with freezing rain and snow earlier this week. While counties to the north did get hit with icy rain, Martin County just received regular rain. There are areas of the county though that have seen freezing spots, such as the photo above at the bluffs of Beaver Bend.

The River church reaching out to the less reached

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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According to Christy and Ed Farhar, a married couple from Shoals, a few years ago God began to touch them with a need to help the unchurched in Martin County. It took nine months for them to come up with ways to reach them. "We began to research generational poverty and statistics and we thought why not open a church that will reach those that are unchurched," said Ed.

The River church was opened for their first service on September 7, 2013, in the former tobacco building behind the Martin

County Courthouse, and they had 14 people at that service. "We were thrilled!" said Ed. Ed, having served as a pastor for many years, took over the preaching at The River.

The name of the church, The River, the couple came up with after a long back and forth process. "We landed on The River because God is the living water and in Him we will not need for anything. He fulfills all our needs. It's cool that both locations we have been at are on the river," said Christy.

"When we planted the church we knew that we had to be appealing to people that didn't go to church, that is the reason we don't dress up, God isn't looking at our clothes, He is looking (See 'THE RIVER' cont. on page two)

Area food service establishments inspected

The following restaurant inspections were done by Julia Albright, of the Martin County Health Department. The information listed is verbatim from the inspection report and all were routine inspections unless otherwise noted. Violations found again from the previous inspection will be noted with (repeat violation).

DECEMBER 12

Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant, 15519 US Hwy. 231, Loogootee

Four non-critical violations:
-Storage containers used to store flour, dry beans, etc. have build-up of dried food particles on outside of container. Range hoods have build-up of grease/dust. (Repeat violation)

-Three-compartment sink in dish washing area not being properly utilized to wash/rinse/sanitize.

-Scoops being used for flour, dry beans, etc. are not stored to prevent handle from contacting food.

-Shelving throughout walk-in cooler and dish area has corrosion present on surfaces. (Repeat violation)

VFW Post #9297, 168 Leahy Street, Crane

One critical violation:
-Hot holding temperature of taco meat at 121 degrees.

Village Pizza & Lonely Nights, 102 Furlong Street, Crane
No violations noted.

Proposal for city pool will need negotiated

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Loogootee City Council discussed the two proposals they received for the rebuilding of the city pool at their meeting Monday night, January 12. One proposal from RL Turner included a new 30x30 pool, about one-third the size of the existing pool, with a 40-foot slide, a splash pad with five features and eight sprays (water would not be recycled, it would go straight into the sewer system), a sun bathing mound and replacing the fence and adding shade umbrellas. The total amount quoted was \$560,000 and the work would be done by August 1.

The Renosys proposal included revamping the existing pool with new gutters around the perimeter, lining the interior, and adding steps going down into the pool to go along with the ladders. It also included enlarging the kid pool and adding a "beach" entry where children could just walk into it without stepping down. The proposal did not include a slide, a splash pad, or shade umbrellas. It did include a separate filtration system for the kiddie pool and redoing the fence. The amount quoted was \$522,600 with work to be done July 1. It was discussed that the slide Renosys put into the proposal was elaborate (\$68,000) and with money remaining in the budget, around \$27,000, could be used to purchase a smaller slide.

The council voted to approve the proposal from Renosys. Park Board Member Samantha Nelson asked if the park board or public could have input on the negotiations of what could be done with any remaining money not spent for the proposal. Mayor Noel Harty said she could contact Mr. Dahl to find out when the planning meeting will be held.

On Tuesday, Mayor Harty said that many aspects of the proposal will be negotiated and the funds that end up being left over will go toward as many options as possible. Around \$40,000 or more may end up being available to purchase extra items.

Steve Padgett, president of the West Boggs Sewer District, and Travis Sum-

mers, board member of the sewer district, came before the council to discuss the possibility of transferring ownership of the sewer district to the City of Loogootee. Padgett explained that the West Boggs Sewer District is non-profit and has five board members. He said the job of West Boggs Park is to improve the water quality of West Boggs Lake and with the recent renovations done on the lake, they expect to see more visitors coming to fish and camp, and also bringing more business to Loogootee. He said when the sewer district started in 2008 there were 280 members. They now have 349 members with three other pending sewer installation. He said they employ one part-time accountant and one part-time office manager and have two field consultants to handle issues with the system. Padgett said one reason they want to transfer the operation of the sewer district is because they are having problems finding board members. He said he felt the transfer would be a "win-win for both parties." He said the sewer district has assets totaling \$4.6 million with long-term debt totaling \$1.5 million. He said to start the sewer district they received a grant from the USDA (United State Department of Agriculture) for \$3.48 million and the sewer district is financially sound and has room for growth.

Mayor Harty said he felt it would be a good opportunity for the city and for West Boggs Sewer District. He recommended hiring Umbaugh & Associates to look over the sewer district's financial records and report back. The council approved that recommendation.

Padgett said that according to the timeline the sewer district's lawyer worked out, they believe the transfer could be done as early as late June/early July.

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Candidate filings open for city election

The 2015 Municipal Primary Election for the City of Loogootee will be May 5, 2015.

Candidates may file for candidacy for the following offices: mayor, city clerk/treasurer, city council member districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and at-large.

Last day to file for candidacy is February 6, 2015 by noon.

The following are current filings to date:

Mayor
Noel D. Harty (D)
Clerk/Treasurer
Ronald Gilbert (D)
Gianna Armstrong (D)
City Council District 1:
Richard Taylor (D)
City Council District 2:
Ruth Smith (D)
City Council District 3:
Carroll Rayhill (D)
City Council District 4:
No filings to date
City Council At-Large:
Fred Dupps (D)

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Daviess-Martin Joint County Parks & Recreation Dept.
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POOL

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The council approved changing the salary ordinance to put City Attorney Isha Wright-Ryan on the payroll at \$346.92 bi-weekly.

The board approved Police Chief Kelly Rayhill purchasing a new vehicle for himself, a 2015 Ford sedan. Two quotes were received from Bloomington Ford for \$22,871 and Ruxer Ford for \$25,036. The council decided to go with Bloomington Ford. Clerk-Treasurer Nancy Jones explained that only \$18,500 was in the police budget for the purchase of a new vehicle so an additional appropriation would have to come from the LOIT (Local Option Income Tax) fund to pay the rest. Rayhill said his current vehicle is a 2004 model with over 100,000 miles.

City Superintendent Bo Wilson requested that the council consider hiring a full-time person to work in the water/sewer/street department to replace his part-time meter

reader who will be leaving. A full-time starting position pays \$10.75 an hour. Councilman Rick Norris suggested waiting the departing employee officially retires to hire someone. Wilson also said he has a person trained to take over meter reading. Norris suggested increasing the part-time person's hours to stay away from the need to pay benefits. After more discussion, the council decided to see where the extra \$20,000 would come from to pay a full-time employee's benefits package and discuss it in early February, when Wilson wants to have a replacement ready to go.

At the start of the council meeting, members approved Richard Taylor to serve as their president again for the year.

During the board of public works meeting, prior to the council meeting, the board approved a request for a new street light to be installed at Church Street and Southeast Third Street in front of the new parking lot for St. John Catholic Church.

THE RIVER

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at our hearts." Christy said they also knew that statistically people aren't beating down church doors so they knew we had to go to the people.

On months that have a 5th Sunday they set that day aside and do something for the community. So far they have had a free community picnic at the ballpark where they offered free haircuts, they hosted a widows banquet. They have also went door to door twice, the first time just passing out magnets and inviting those that don't belong to a church to The River and most recently they passed out lightbulbs and Kleenex to every home in the town district, which ended up being about 400 homes.

A little over a year later they were averaging anywhere from 65-75 at each service. Having that many in their congregation, the building that housed the church, quickly became too small so they started looking at other options.

Christy said the story on how they ended up in their new location was actually a funny one. She said Ed would look on Google maps at The Crim Building, right past the bridge going into Shoals and pray to have it someday. Christy said for a year, Ed would look at the building on the map. After contacting the owners of The Crim Building, it all worked out and the building became the new home of The River. Christy said she and Ed give credit to God for not only the building, but for the relationship they now have with the building's former owners, Butch and Bobbie.

"The building is such a blessing because we have more room for our programs and more room to grow," said Christy.

"We are a missional church doing church a little different and going outside our four walls," said Ed.

The church offers Sunday School at 9

a.m. for all ages. Church starts at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday morning with Bible Study at 6 p.m. each Sunday night.

Rotating Mondays are men's and women's Bible studies. Men's are the 1st and 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m. and women's are the 2nd and 4th Monday at 6 p.m.

The church holds a food pantry for Shoals residents on the 3rd Monday of each month from 6-7 p.m.

Wednesday church is at 6 p.m. with kid's church at the same time.

Thursdays are the overcomers addiction program at 6 p.m. and that is for any type of addiction from drugs and alcohol to food.

On Fridays from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. the church does the S.H.O.P. teen center after boys' home basketball games. Organizers of the S.H.O.P. are still raising funds to move to a more permanent facility.

Christy said their goal in starting The River was never to take anyone away from another church. She feels churches should work together and not against each other. She said 80 percent of their congregation didn't have a church before attending theirs.

"We are a laid back church. There is no dress code (just wear something), Ed preaches in jeans and t-shirts. We are a loving, close knit church family and just want to do what God tells us to do; Love Him and Love Others," said Christy.

For more information on The River, visit their facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-River-Loving-Jesus-Loving-people/529526687093281>.

FOOD

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thru had build-up of black substance.

Biggin's Place, LLC, 109 Hill Street, Loogootee

One critical violation:

-Temperature of items on salad bar were 42.6 degrees or higher. (Repeat violation)

Two non-critical violations:

-Range hood filters have accumulation of grease/dust. Storage containers, shelving and carts in kitchen area have build-up of dried food particles.

-Ice machine has build-up of black substance on upper interior surface.

Pizza Junction, 301 JFK Avenue, Loogootee

No violations noted.



BY SCOTT HUTCHESON
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Time for Change in Habits?

It's January, the start of a new year, which means that many of us have made some sort of resolution. Researchers at the University of Scranton tell us that nearly half - 47 percent - of adults in the U.S. make some sort of resolution, and that the most common are to lose weight, get organized and spend less/save more. They also report that only about 8 percent of those making resolutions will be successful in achieving them, but that those who do explicitly make them are 10 times more likely to achieve their goals than those who do not explicitly make resolutions.

Part of what makes resolutions difficult to keep is that they demand a change in our habits, and that's hard to do. A recent story on National Public Radio reporting on what science tells us about translating our resolve into changed behavior. One of the insights was that there are two sorts of behaviors: those that we perform infrequently and those that we perform very frequently.

So a resolution to finally build shelves in the basement to help organize your totes and boxes is a very different sort of behavior than giving up cigarettes, when smoking is something you likely do several times each day. Those who want to change the behavior of others have had pretty good success with infrequent actions. Public awareness campaigns promoting annual preventative health screening, for instance, have worked well. They work less well for more frequent actions, like smoking. The most effective way to change more frequent behaviors is to change the environment in which the action occurs.

Environment is such a powerful factor that the researchers say we often "outsource control to the environment," leaving us virtually powerless to make the change without changing the environment around us. If you eat your nightly pint of ice cream while sitting on the couch watching "Wheel of Fortune" at 7 p.m., then DVR the show and watch it in the bedroom before going to bed, ideally without the ice cream. You've changed the environment.

What, if anything, can this research on individual habits and behavior change tell us about our civic habits? By "civic habits" I

mean the things we do to make the communities we live in better places. Perhaps the most obvious civic habit is that of voting. That falls into the infrequent behavior category. Although, voter turnout could certainly be higher, efforts to increase voter turnout have had some positive impact.

But what about civic habits that go beyond casting a vote? Another group of researchers provide a useful definition for this type of civic participation. They describe civic habits as those that are "aimed at solving community problems." In my experience, I've encountered very few communities that have developed the civic habit of coming together to address community issues.

The habit I have seen, however, is an enthusiastic willingness to complain about what's going on in the community. We've even come up with some clever acronyms to describe these folks: NIMBYs (Not In My Back Yard) and CAVE (Citizens Against Virtually Everything).

Visit a local coffee shop or log into a local online discussion board, and you will see this particular civic habit in full force: significant numbers of folks having daily discussions about what everybody else is doing wrong in their community.

Imagine trying to change that particular civic habit by redirecting the conversation from a negative spiral to a more positive, "What could we do together to make our community an even better place?"

A few communities have been successful in changing that conversation or starting appreciative conversation where no conversations had existed at all. They took a lesson from the research on habits and changed the environment by offering a regular forum to have such discussions.

Nearly 15 years ago, Ernest Andrade decided to create a new civic habit in Charleston, South Carolina. The city's economy had been riding the wave of tourism for some time, but leaders knew this was not sustainable in the long run. Andrade launched Fridays @ The Corridor, a civic forum to talk about what might be next for Charleston and how to take action to make something happen. All these years later, the forum is still going strong and is now an ongoing civic habit. It has been the catalyst for diversifying Charleston's economy into a high-tech hub, as well as a terrific vacation destination.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF EAST FORK WATER, INC.

The annual meeting of East Fork Water, Inc. will be held January 26, 2015, commencing at 7:30 p.m. at the office, located at 213 S. Main Street in Shoals, Indiana. Directors for North Center, South Rutherford, Halbert and Lost River townships will be elected. Members are invited to attend.

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JAMES BOWLING

James H. Bowling passed away Sunday, January 11, 2015 at the Loogootee Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center. A resident of Loogootee, he was 88.

He was born March 12, 1926 in Loogootee; the son of Harry Joseph and Bridget Nancy (Mattingly) Bowling. He attended Loogootee Schools. He married Orvilla Jean Strawn on February 19, 1944 and she preceded him in death on May 20, 1998.

Jim enlisted into the U.S. Army in July 1944 and served in the MP Platoon 9th Infantry Division. He was a rifle sharpshooter, and received the Eame Theater W/2 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct, Victory Medal and

Distinguished Unit Badge. He served in the Rhineland Central Europe. He retired from the Crane Naval Base in 1972. He was a member of the St. John the Evangelist Catholic Parish, the American Legion, and the VFW.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Connie J. (Creigh) Hall of Lady Lake, Florida and Mrs. Vicki J. (Dale) Marchino of Washington; two sons, Mark J. (Amy) Bowling of Loogootee and Kevin J. (Sharon Thompson) Bowling of New Palestine; daughters-in-law, Rita J. Bowling of Clayton and Sheri J. Bowling of Loogootee; grandchildren, Brian Bowling, Michael Gee, David Gee, Lennie Marchino, Gina

Marchino, Katie Marchino, Adam Bowling, Alan Bowling, and Taylor Bowling; great grandchildren, Will Bowling, Logan Gee, Harper Gee, Ellie Marchino, Joe Marchino, Masie Marchino, Will Logan, Farrah Logan, Louis Logan, Colin Bowling, Alex Bowling, Drayden Bowling, and Jaeger Bowling; one sister, Mary M. (Margie) Sherfick; and two brothers John W. Bowling and Donald F. Bowling of Loogootee.

He was preceded in death by parents, Harry J. and Bridget N. Bowling; son, Tony Bowling; brothers, J. Lester Bowling, R. L. Jack Bowling and sister Dorothy Bowling Hortie. Grandchildren preceding him in death are Robert J. (Bobby) Bowling; and

Sarah J. Bowling Fuhrman.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by the Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at 10 a.m. Thursday, January 15 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial will follow in St. John Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, January 14 at Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Stroke Association or the Helping Hearts Hospice, DCH, P.O. Box 760, Washington, IN 47501.

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

The Mayor's Den

By Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty



December brought colder temperatures and precipitation, but it also signs of the upcoming holiday. Monday December 1, I watched the 7th and 8th grade Lady Lions host the Southridge Raiders at Lee Kavanaugh Gym. Tuesday December 2 began with my weekly volunteering at the elementary school. A fire broke out at Burch's Lakeside Greenhouse in one the buildings on the complex that houses storage for Lays Potato Chips. The building and truck in front of the building were both destroyed. Thankfully, once again no one was hurt. After the fire, I went to the public library to join the celebration of their 75th year. It was a good time with cake, cookies, punch, and exchanging memories. That evening was the 5th and 6th grade girls games at Lee Kavanaugh Gym, as our Lady Lions hosted the Vincennes Rivet Lady Patriots. Both teams played well but in the end, the 5th grade didn't come out with a win, whereas the 6th grade did.

Wednesday the 3rd, I met with Jason Tiptlett to discuss possible growth of scouting in our area. Thursday the 4th, I attended the quarterly Martin County Community Corrections meeting at the Martin County Learning Center. The meeting focused on operations of the organization, among many other issues. Then, I headed back to city hall to attend a prevailing wage hearing for the upcoming pool project. The hearing wages were presented which are common for each individual work situation that might take place on the project. With no patron input, the wages recommended by the state were put into place. In the afternoon, I went to Midwestern Engineers to attend the first of many anticipated meetings discussing the events which took place in our downtown area on November 12. Perspectives of the area as it is today and its future were discussed in great detail with everyone agreeing it is eminent the downtown area be rebuilt. That evening, I attended Charlotte Meyer's annual Christmas party and enjoyed her delicious treats, along with her other party guests. Then, I went to Jack Butcher Arena as our varsity Lady Lions hosted the Lady Vikings of Barr-Reeve. It was a good game, but the Vikings prevailed.

Friday the 5th, German American Bank treated city hall and city employees to a much appreciated and delicious Christmas dinner. In the evening, I watched the Lions Junior Varsity and Varsity Boys' Basketball team take on the Trojans at Wood Memorial High School. In both games, our Lions played hard but were unable to secure victories. Saturday the 6th, I attended Shoals' annual Christmas Parade, which was a resounding success, as usual! In the evening, I went to Jack Butcher Arena to watch our Lions hosting the Patriots of Vincennes Rivet. Our junior varsity came up ahead and varsity fell just a little short. Sunday the 7th, after church, I attended the annual 6-12 grades Christmas Band Concert at LHS and thoroughly enjoyed the selection of past and present Christmas tunes. After the concert, it was time to begin set-up for our First Annual City of Loogootee Festival of Lights Christmas Parade. Approximately 1,000 spectators braved the cold to watch the almost 50 participants decked out with holiday decorations and lights. It was a great success, and I thank everyone for the positive

feedback. Thank you to all of our community who participated and pulled together to assure the event was a success. Monday the 8th was our monthly board of works and common council meetings. The highlights included the current bond ordinance for the pool project and the continuing issue with blighted properties.

Tuesday the 9th started with my volunteer duties at Loogootee Elementary, and then back to the office for the remainder of the day. In the evening, I had the privilege of driving the 5th and 6th grade girls basketball team to Washington Catholic to square off in regular season play. Both teams won with nice size margins. Wednesday the 10th was the quarterly meeting and open house of SIDC at the Martin County Community Building, including a great lunch served by the Corner Café. That evening was the regularly scheduled meeting for the parks and rec department. The main focus, of course, was the current bond process for the current ongoing pool project. On Thursday the 11th, city hall and city employees were treated to a delicious pizza party sponsored by Terri Kelso Insurance. In the evening, I watched our 5th and 6th grade girls take on the Springs Valley Black Hawks at Lee Kavanaugh Gym. Our Lady Lions came up short in 5th grade action, and the 6th grade won. Friday, December 12th, I spent much of the day at the office working on day-to-day operations - except for lunch as I was treated to lunch by my family and friends in celebration of my birthday. In the evening, I was back at Jack Butcher Arena to watch our Lions Varsity Boys and Junior Varsity host the Rangers of Forest Park. Both match-ups were very exciting, although our Lions did not end up where they wanted to be in the end. In addition to the two games, the Loogootee Lions Cheer Clinic also took place with over 50 future Loogootee Lions Cheerleaders participating. A lot of talent was revealed; and we will all be looking forward to seeing these young ladies in the future.

Saturday the 13th, I started the morning at Loogootee United Methodist Church at their Toy Store, held each year to benefit the many families and kids who reside in our great county. I had the privilege of working side by side with Joe Haseman and Jerry Hulsman, and later on the in the morning with Ross Adams and Brayton Browder - a great group to work with. I want to thank Curt Johnson for asking me to be a part of it all and all of the many volunteers who make this happen each year. After the Toy Store, I headed to Jack Butcher Arena to attend the Lady Lions Varsity and Junior Varsity hosting the Clay City High Heels. In both matches, our Lady Lions played hard. The JV came out on top but our varsity didn't. In the evening was the Battle of Martin County: our Lions hosting the Jug Rox. In the first round of competition, our junior varsity Lions hosted Crawford County as the Rox were not able to have a junior varsity team this year. It was an exciting game as our Lions, playing against the talented group of young men from Crawford County, kept it very close and fell short by only three. After the first game the 2014 Homecoming King and Queen were crowned. Special congratulations to both Homecoming King Gage Wilcoxon and

Queen Ashleigh Powell. In the second game, our Lions and Rox both played very well with our Lions coming up with a tight win. Sunday the 14th after church, I headed the LHS Auditorium for the 2014 Christmas Choral Concert. The event was a huge success with grades 6-12 sharing Christmas melodies of both yesterday and today. Following the concert, I went to St. John's Lutheran Church to attend the Joyful Hearts Christmas Program. The program was well attended and enjoyed by everyone who turned out to listen to the delightful performance of many songs of the holiday season. Then, I went to the East Side Station of the Loogootee Fire Department to attend and partake of their annual Christmas Dinner. Firemen Greg Rasico and Eric Rasico (father and son) share the same birthday which happened to be the same day as the dinner, making it all the more special.

Monday the 15th was the bi-monthly meeting of the Martin County Alliance for Economic Development at the Martin County Learning Center. The main focus of this meeting the election of officers for the 2015 calendar year and a review of past projects completed. After that meeting, I headed to Jack Butcher Arena to catch the last half of the 8th grade boys' basketball game hosting the Blackhawks of Springs Valley. In a nail biting last-second shot, our Lions came out on top and as I am told, the 7th grade did for the evening with their game going into overtime. Tuesday the 16th, after my weekly volunteer duty at Loogootee Elementary, was the Martin County Chamber of Commerce bi-monthly meeting, this time at Los Bravos restaurant. The main topic was the election of officers for the 2015 calendar year and a discussion of upcoming projects. In the evening, I attended the monthly school board meeting at LHS. Highlights of the meeting included the hiring of Chip Mehaffey as the new high school principal, recognition of Tiffany Lingenfelter as the staff member of the quarter, and recognition of Larry Craney and Shawn Howell for their service on the school board. Following the meeting, I went to South Knox High School to watch the junior varsity and varsity boys' basketball teams take on the South Knox Spartans. Both teams played hard but were not able to be where they wanted to be in the end. Wednesday the 17th was the monthly Martin County Solid Waste Meeting and annual Christmas Dinner, held in the basement of German American Bank with Buck Holland catering. Attendees had a choice of prime rib or baked chicken and the dinner was delicious. Thursday the 18th, I spent most of the day in the office. Friday the 19th was the annual Christmas Dinner for appreciation to all staff and volunteers who dedicate so many hours trying to make a difference in our community. The delicious meal was catered by Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant; and we all enjoyed the food and time together. Saturday the 20th I drove to Memorial Gym in Huntingburg for the consolation and final games of the Dubois County Hoops Classic. The first round was the Forest Park Rangers and the Northeast Dubois Jeeps squaring off with the Rangers coming out with a nice size win. The championship game was the Jasper Wildcats against the Southridge Raiders with Jasper

finishing with the win by six. While at the tourney, I had the privilege of seeing the Mayor of Huntingburg, Denny Spinner, and former Loogootee Principal and Athletic Director, Bill Powell.

Monday the 22nd, Chiefs Rayhill and Huebner, along with Councilman Norris and I, met with in-coming Sheriff Travis Roush to discuss how the city and county work together as a team to provide the best emergency management services available. That evening, I went to West Baden and French Lick to enjoy the beautiful Christmas lights and displays and obtain possible ideas for our community. Tuesday the 23rd began on a somber note as I assisted with the funeral of Alma O'Neal-Walker. Mrs. Walker was a lifelong resident of Loogootee and a Crane retiree; and she will be sorely missed by family and friends. That evening, I went to Jack Butcher Arena as the Lions Junior Varsity and Varsity Boys' Basketball teams played host to the Washington Hatchets. Both junior varsity and varsity teams fought hard with the varsity coming out with a nice size win in the end. The evening was very special as the 1990 boys' basketball team, which was the last team to have an undefeated regular season, was honored between the two matches. Congratulations to all on the team and to Jeff Doyle for being recognized as Indiana Hall of Fame Silver Anniversary Team. Wednesday the 24th and Thursday the 25th Christmas Eve and Day was mostly was spent worshiping and spending time with family and friends. On Friday December 26th I spent the morning at the office working on day-to-day operations; and in the afternoon, I went to French Lick for the opening games of Springs Valley Basketball Tournament. The Lions in the third game of the tournament took on the very talented Lanesville Eagles. Both teams gave their all as the game went into overtime with our Lions winning by two. Saturday the 27th our Lions played in the second morning game taking on West Washington. Though our Lions took the game into overtime twice, they fell short by two in the end. Our Lions then played in the consolation game in the evening against the Shiners of Rising Sun and won by two, taking third place for the tournament.

Monday the 29th, I assisted with the funeral of lifelong resident, Eugene Wilcoxon. Mr. Wilcoxon was a veteran and he was retired from the United States Postal Service. He spent much of his life volunteering his time and talents trying to make a difference in the lives of others; and he will be missed. Tuesday the 30th was an early afternoon city council meeting to approve claims for the 2014 calendar year and receive a check from the Friends of the Pool for an astounding \$21,300.00! Wednesday the 31st I attended the swearing-in ceremony of all the newly elected officials, held at the Martin County Courthouse. There was standing room only and the township advisory board members, township trustees, county council members, county recorder, sheriff and prosecutor participated in the 30-minute ceremony. New Year's Eve, I attended a gathering of friends at the home of Karen Slaven. I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a very blessed 2015!!!

Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, JANUARY 5

6:25 a.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver northbound on US 231 at Bramble. All on-duty officers were advised.

12:25 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Shoals. Sergeant Keller was advised.

3:11 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance west of Shoals. Martin County EMS, Sergeant Keller, and Deputy Dant responded. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

3:29 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver eastbound on US 50 towards Shoals. Major Burkhardt was advised.

5:55 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with no injury on Mill Road. Deputy Harmon responded.

8:31 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

10:17 p.m. - Received a report of a medical alarm in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

12:13 a.m. - Received a report of a burglary alarm at Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant. Deputy Harmon and Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.

12:55 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Deputy Harmon completed the detail.

7:20 a.m. - Received a report of a property dispute in Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Deputy Dant responded.

7:58 a.m. - Received a report of a possible broken down vehicle on US 50 near Ironton Road. Deputy Dant responded.

10:00 a.m. - Two inmates were transported to court.

10:18 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

11:30 a.m. - One inmate was transported to court.

11:30 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with no injury on Stephens Street. Major Burkhardt responded.

1:00 p.m. - Three inmates were transported to court.

2:00 p.m. - Received a report of a broken down semi on US 150 east of Fairview Lane. Sergeant Keller, Deputy Dant, and ICO Doane responded.

2:30 p.m. - One inmate was transported to court.

6:35 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and the Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

7:43 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check southeast of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

2:57 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with no injury on US 231 near Brooks Bridge Road. Deputy Baker responded.

4:02 a.m. - Received a report of livestock on the roadway on Clark Cemetery Road. Deputy Baker responded.

5:30 a.m. - Received a report of a burglary alarm at Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant. Deputy Baker responded.

7:20 a.m. - Received a report of a residential burglar alarm southeast of Shoals. Deputy Dant responded.

11:55 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check southeast of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

5:30 p.m. - Received a report of possible

child neglect in Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Chief Deputy Greene responded.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

1:10 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS, Deputy Baker, Town Marshal Eckert, and the Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

4:24 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash involving a deer on US 50 between Loogootee and Shoals. Deputy Baker responded.

10:00 a.m. - Received a report of a possible broken down vehicle on US 150 near Asbell Road. Chief Deputy Greene and Major Burkhardt responded.

11:05 a.m. - Received a report of a commercial burglar alarm at the Martin County Museum. Chief Deputy Greene and Major Burkhardt responded.

1:00 p.m. - Four inmates were transported to court.

1:30 p.m. - Two inmates were transported to court.

2:00 p.m. - One inmate was transported to court.

2:42 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Deputy Dant responded.

3:56 p.m. - Received a report of an illegally parked vehicle in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

5:40 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County EMS and the Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to St. Vincent Dunn Hospital, Bedford.

6:30 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded.

10:13 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Deputy Baker completed the detail.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

9:20 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle that lost an object and it struck the following vehicle on US 231. Sheriff Roush responded.

9:30 a.m. - One inmate was transported to court.

9:30 a.m. - Received a report of trash on fire in the roadway on Beard Road south of Brooks Bridge Road. The Haysville Fire Department responded.

10:34 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Daviess Community Hospital, Washington.

11:40 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County EMS, Chief Deputy Greene, Deputy Dant, and the Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

1:30 p.m. - One inmate was transported to court.

3:25 p.m. - Received a request for a VIN check north of Loogootee. Sheriff Roush and Major Burkhardt completed the detail.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

5:46 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County EMS and the Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to St. Vincent Dunn Hospital, Bedford.

12:27 p.m. - A subject came to the Martin County Sheriff's Department to report a battery. Sergeant Keller was advised.

12:49 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

7:10 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with no injury on Valley Avenue in Padanaram. Sheriff Roush, Deputy Harmon, and G&M Wrecker Service responded.

9:11 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and the Shoals Fire Department responded.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

9:15 a.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted Martin County Community Corrections with a traffic detail.

7:00 p.m. - Deputy Harmon transported an emergency detention to Good Samaritan Hospital, Vincennes.



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CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed January 2

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Kimberly Duzan, civil collection.

Fifth Third Mortgage Co. vs. Troy W. Arvin, Arrow Financial Services, LLC and Jackson Medical Center Hospital, mortgage foreclosure.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT New Suits Filed January 5

Renewing Management, Inc. vs. Cory Roach, complaint.

January 6

Capital One Bank vs. Kimberly M. Howell, complaint.

Bank of America vs. Kimberly Howell, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS January 7

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff LVNV Funding, LLC and against the defendant Shannon E. Tharp in the amount of \$3,978.61.

MARRIAGE LICENSES December 31

Zachary John Boyer of Loogootee and Trisha Raylynn Moore of Loogootee.

Indiana State Police officers to benefit from VU partnership

Indiana State Police officers will benefit from a new partnership with Vincennes University. "We are proud to partner with the State Police to offer a great opportunity for officers to earn well-deserved college credit for their training and experience," said VU President Dick Helton.

Under the agreement, VU will award articulated college credit, equal to three law enforcement classes, for ISP officers who have completed the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) Certification.

VU will also grant credit for an additional class, Criminal Investigation, for those with ILEA Certification and three years' experience, and grant credit for an additional class, Police Operations and Community Relations, for those with ILEA Certification and five years' experience.

"The recent agreement between the state police and Indiana's oldest institution of higher learning, Vincennes University, creates a pathway to convert college-level state police academy training and years of police experience into credit hours for associate and bachelor degree programs offered at VU," said Indiana State Police Superintendent Doug Carter.

Under the agreement, officers must apply and be accepted to VU, with faculty in VU's Law Enforcement and Homeland Security and Public Safety programs serving as academic advisors to the officers. ISP students will be charged \$25 per credit hour.

"This new partnership between the Indiana State Police and Vincennes University serves to recognize the exceptional training and professional law enforcement experiences of the men and women of the Indiana State Police by acknowledging their accomplishments through experiential academic credit and advanced degree opportunities," said Louis Caprino, chair of Homeland Security and Public Safety at VU.

The Law Enforcement program is one of the largest programs at VU. Its focus is to prepare students for entry-level positions in law enforcement agencies in Indiana and across the country.

It also prepares students wishing to continue their education for the next level of university study.

Students study traffic investigation, forensic science, police operations, and other important topics. They also conduct experiments and create footprint casts, take fingerprints, analyze blood spatter patterns, and many other tasks performed regularly in U.S. law enforcement.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, JANUARY 5

10:05 a.m. - Chief Rayhill and Captain Hennette assisted Sgt. Keith Keller on a traffic stop in Whitfield.

11:25 a.m. - Caller reported a civil complaint.

4:00 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel at White River Co-Op. Vehicle information was given.

10:17 p.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a residential alarm on North Line Street.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

12:13 a.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a business alarm on US 231.

1:28 p.m. - Caller reported that she thought someone was in her garage. Everything checked out okay.

6:39 p.m. - First responders were requested on Crane Street for lifting assistance.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

9:13 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50. Officers were unable to locate.

5:00 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male on East Broadway Street.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

4:52 a.m. - Officer Nolan responded to a business alarm on Church Street.

11:04 a.m. - A male came on station to request a vehicle identification check on an

out-of-state vehicle.

4:56 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

4:09 a.m. - Officer Nolan reported a water leak on JFK Avenue.

2:45 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint on South Kentucky Avenue.

2:50 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

4:08 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person on Hwy 50.

7:51 p.m. - Officer Nolan assisted the Daviess County Sheriff's Department with a suspicious person on West Boggs Circle.

10:34 p.m. - Caller reported loud music on Poplar Street.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

4:48 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from Chuckles. No direction of travel was given.

10:10 p.m. - Caller reported an abandoned vehicle at CVS.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

1:53 p.m. - Caller reported a civil complaint.

2:44 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint on US 231.

5:35 p.m. - Caller reported a traffic complaint on SE 1st Street.

7:40 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

agent with 29 years' experience. He is an example of the VU professors with decades of experience, ranging from local police, to state, and to the federal level.

Jail bookings

MONDAY, JANUARY 5

11:02 a.m. - Jesus B. Torres, 51, of Loogootee, was arrested for operating never received a license, counterfeit government issued identification, and possession of marijuana. Torres is being held without bond and was arrested by Sergeant Keller.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

7:57 p.m. - Richard A. Walton, 51, of Washington, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance. Walton is being held on \$20,000 or 10% bond and was arrested by Deputy Baker.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

1:41 p.m. - Christopher W. Davis, 44, of Shoals, was arrested for battery. Davis is being held on \$25,000 or 10% bond and was arrested by Sergeant Keller.

Real estate transfers

Clint D. Hoffman, of Martin County, Indiana to James R. Force, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 12 in Section 1 of Sawmill Ridge.

Thelma J. Smith, of Martin County, Indiana to Donna Lou Foster and Jennifer Ann Ova, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West containing .14 acre, more or less.

Alan Matheis and Donna Matheis and Jacob Berg and Camille Berg, all of Dubois County, Indiana to Nick Matheis, LLC, of Dubois County, Indiana, the east half of the northeast quarter of Section 4, Township 3 North, Range 3 West containing 80 acres, more or less. Also, 39 1/2 acres off of the west side of the south half of the west fractional Section 3, Township 3 North, Range 3 West.

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Indiana expected to warm up soon in January, then get colder again

BY KEITH ROBINSON
Purdue University News Service

After this bitter-cold start to the new year in Indiana, a gradual warming trend could begin in mid-January and offer some relief for the rest of the month before - you guessed it - temperatures dip again for a long spell.

But the Indiana State Climate Office, based at Purdue University, also expects a drier trend of below-normal precipitation through March, a contrast to last year's frequent snowstorms.

"This is consistent with the original prognosis in the fall of a drier-than-normal winter overall in Indiana," Dev Niyogi, state climatologist, said Thursday, January 8.

Even the month of December leading into the start of winter was warmer and drier than normal.

Following the early-January cold blast, temperatures are expected to return to normal starting about mid-month. January mid-month normal temperatures in Indiana range from highs of about 39 degrees Fahrenheit in the southwestern portion of the state to 32 degrees in the northeast. Normal lows are about 17 degrees in the northeast to 22 in the southwest.

After the brief warm-up, the outlook for February through March generally is for temperatures to be cooler than normal but precipitation drier than normal.

A year ago at this time, much of Indiana was in a deep freeze, with actual temperatures often below zero and wind chills well into the minus-double digits. Parts of Indiana returned to that weather the first week of January, although the duration was expected to be much shorter.

The state average temperature for January 2014 was 19.1 degrees, 6.9 below normal. That ranks the month tied with 1982 as the eighth-coldest January on record in Indiana.

January 2014 also saw snow every 2-3 days in Indiana, although snowfall varied markedly throughout the state. In the Lake Michigan-effect region, snow totals ranged from 20 to nearly 50 inches. But extreme southwest Indiana received less than an inch.

The frigid winter persisted through much of February until month-old snow cover began to thaw later in the month. River ice jams resulted in flooding, which left some homes heavily damaged while utility com-

Become a state park volunteer for MLK Day of Service

You can celebrate the Martin Luther King Jr. National Day of Service on January 19 by signing up to volunteer at an Indiana state park in 2015.

From maintaining trails to entering computer data to helping in nature centers, Hoosiers can donate their time and talent in a variety of ways at a state park, according to Jody Heaston, "Volunteering gives you a great sense of accomplishment," Heaston said. "You know you are helping manage and conserve our natural and cultural resources for future generations to enjoy."

For more information on volunteering, visit stateparks.IN.gov/2443.htm.

Download an application and return it to the state park or lake where you want to vol-

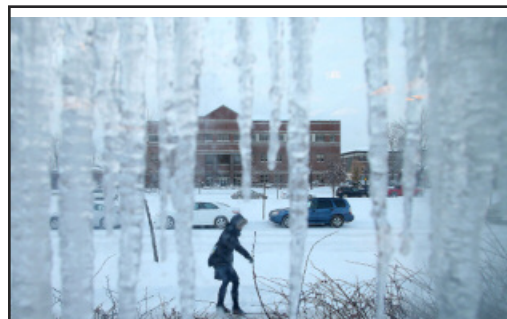
Hunter Education class at Dubois County Fairgrounds

An Indiana Hunter Education Course is slated for Saturday's January 17 and 24 at the Dubois County 4-H Fairgrounds. Classes will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, January 17 and from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 24. Participants must attend both days to complete the course. All Indiana residents are invited to complete this FREE course.

All instruction will be by Indiana conservation officers and certified Indiana volunteer hunter education instructors. Certification is required for anyone born after December 31, 1986, who wishes to



One of two 8-foot-tall sculptures called "Brickhead Conversations" on the Purdue University campus received a makeover, courtesy of a 6-inch snowfall during the first week of January. The multiethnic heads sculpted by James Tyler stand in front of Purdue's Yue-Kong Pao Hall of Visual and Performing Arts. (Purdue Agricultural Communication photo/Tom Campbell)



Icicles cascading down the side of the Whistler Hall greenhouse at Purdue University frame a student negotiating a snowy path on campus. The 6-inch snowfall in early January melted off the greenhouse roof but turned to a curtain of ice as it dripped down the side of the building. (Purdue Agricultural Communication photo/ Tom Campbell)

panies scrambled to fix sewer, water and gas lines ruptured by underground freeze and thaw cycles.

unteer. You can also send it to jheaston@dnr.IN.gov if you don't have a particular park in mind.

January 19 is a state holiday, so property offices and most nature centers will be closed. Nonetheless, the public is invited to visit a park that day for self-directed service such as walking trails and picking up litter. Check with your favorite park before January 19 to see if there are other self-directed volunteer opportunities available.

If you volunteer on Martin Luther King Jr. National Day of Service, you are invited to take a photo and share it on Facebook at facebook.com/INDnrstateparksandreservoirs.

To view all DNR news releases, please see dnr.IN.gov.

purchase an Indiana hunting license. The course will cover ethics, safety, laws, survival and safe handling practices for archery, black powder and firearms. Lunch will be provided for participants and attending family members on both days for \$5/person.

To sign up, visit www.passitonindiana.com. There is a 120-student limit for the class and pre-registration is required. This course is being sponsored by the Dubois County Shooting Sports Instructor Council. For questions, call (812)685-2447.



In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

I awoke this morning (Monday) to a flurry of activity outside my home. I usually drink my first cup of coffee sitting where I can look through a picture window to watch the birds at my feeders. This morning, there was more activity than usual in the branches of a clump of winter-berry hollies. A flock of cedar waxwings had spotted the bright red berries and descended upon them. I watched as the sleek birds worked their way through the branches. As they made their way toward the end of the branches, the limbs bowed, yet the waxwings clung tenaciously, creating an amusing aerialist show. I will miss that splash of color outside my window, but my life was certainly enriched by having witnessed this phenomenon.

Waxwings are known for their love of fruit and berries. I took a walk around the gardens and there are still abundant berries on other hollies, beauty berries, crab apples and firethorns, so the waxwings will have plenty of food for coming days. I do not know why they chose to strip the clump by the window, but I am glad that they did. It made my day. I have long known of the habit of waxwings of stripping a tree or bush in a fury of feeding, but this is the first time that I have been able to experience it up close. The deciduous holly clump is a mere six feet from my window, but the birds seemed to ignore my presence on the other side of the glass.

There is no bird feeder than I could have purchased and no type of commercially available feed that would have afforded the acrobatic scenario that graced Sandhill Gardens on a wintery day. It was not just luck that brought the waxwings to the gardens. As I have often advised, the way to attract native wildlife is to plant native plants that they rely upon for food and shelter. The deciduous holly, firethorn and beauty berry plants are all cultivars of native shrubs. The improvements made through selective breeding have resulted in more berries than the actual native varieties, but they are still the same berries that attract the birds in the wild. I again recommend planting these plants if you want to provide winter interest in your garden in future years. One cannot always count on the

waxwings' arriving at a time convenient for watching them, but having the right plants will certainly attract them to your garden.

In last week's column, I wrote about a couple of independent companies that offer specialty vegetable garden merchandise. The antics of the waxwings reminded me that there are companies that specialize in native plants. I received one such catalogue last week. It really looks more like a magazine than a catalogue, with a masthead entitled "Native Gardener's Companion". The company is actually known as the Prairie Moon Nursery and specializes in plants for recreating meadows and prairies.

I appreciate that the plants in the catalogue are identified with both the Latin botanical names and common names. While I love the history of common names, I am aware that a plant may be known by different common names in different parts of the country. The reverse is also true. A common name may be used for several different genera of plants. The Latin names help ensure one is ordering the exact plant one expects to receive.

The plant descriptions are wonderful. Icons shown with each plant indicate the cultural needs, such as light and moisture requirements and the type of soil in which the plant thrives. They also indicate if the plant attracts birds, butterflies or other wildlife and if a plant is resistant to deer and rabbits. The pictures are large enough to give the buyer a good idea of what to expect from a plant.

The catalogue includes several full-page articles on various topics, including a seed-starting primer that includes information on scarification (breaking the outer shell of a seed to hasten germination) and stratification (supplying an artificial moist cooling period needed to promote germination of some seeds). In short, they are supplying the information customers need to succeed.

Prairie Moon nursery sells both seeds and plants. They also offer tools and other gardening needs and several books of interest to gardeners.

Contact Prairie Moon Nursery at 32115 Prairie Lane, Winona, Minnesota 55987. You may also call them at 1-866-417-8156 or visit the prairiemoon.com website.

Purdue Extension pork conference January 30th to offer PEDv update

Purdue Extension and Indiana Pork are teaming up to present the fifth annual Southern Indiana Pork Conference during which experts will offer pork industry updates - including information about porcine epidemic diarrhea virus.

The January 30 conference will run from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (EST) at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant, 393 Third Avenue, Jasper.

Kenneth Eck, Purdue Extension educator in Dubois County and one of the conference organizers, said the goal is to bring together pork producers, academics, veterinarians and others in pork business to talk about key industry issues. Topics will focus on livestock regulations, updates in swine production and health and environmental issues.

Veterinarian John Baker of the Warrick Vet Clinic will present "Health Concerns - Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea Virus (PEDV)" - a topic of concern in the swine production sector. PEDv is a virus of swine that can carry with it a mortality rate of about 100 percent for infected piglets that are less than two weeks old. While it offers no threat to human health or food safety, the virus is devastating to baby pigs.

Additional conference topics and speakers:

* "Lower Cost, Higher Fiber By-Product Diets" by Allan Schinckel, Purdue Extension Breeding & Genetics Specialist.

* "State Regulatory and Legislative Issues and How They'll Affect You" by Indiana Pork's Josh Trenary, executive director, and Ben Wicker, director of producer outreach.

* "On-Farm Semen Storage" by Kara Stewart, Purdue Extension Reproductive Physiologist.

* "Understanding Piglet Gut Immune Responses Due to Weaning Stress and Soybean Meals" by Brian Richert, Purdue Extension swine specialist.

* "Pork Quality Assurance Plus (PQA+) Certification" by Eck. (Producers need only attend PQA+ portion of event if they are only interested in certification.)

Indiana Pork will provide lunch. Conference attendance and lunch are free, but reservations are required by January 23 by registering on-line at www.indianapork.org (Click on the pork conference banner) or by calling Indiana Pork at 317-396-9352.

For more information visit <http://www.extension.purdue.edu/dubois>, or contact the Purdue Extension Dubois County office at 812-482-1782 or duboisces@purdue.edu.

MANURE workshop has the scoop on poultry litter use

Poultry producers and other farmers who use poultry litter should attend the "MANURE: Managing All Nutrients by Using Resources Efficiently" workshop on Groundhog Day (February 2) in Loogootee to learn how to get the most out of manures as fertilizers and understand state regulations on manure. The workshop will run from 8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the Martin County Fairgrounds.

Several speakers will provide a thorough look at the different aspects of poultry litter application and its place in a cropping system. Dr. Brad Joern (Purdue University), who specializes in soil chemistry and crop nutrient management planning, will share how to improve the efficiency of manure and nutrients used on an operation. Barry Fisher (United States Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources Conservation Service) will discuss how to incorporate manures in a complete management system. Mark Anson (Anson Family Farms) will provide a firsthand perspective as a farmer who has used cover crops and poultry litter on his operation.

"Don't be put-off by the topic of the workshop - manure is exciting to the farmers we work with who recognize the many benefits it holds for their operation. Whether they are interested in building up

soil organic matter on their land or simply consider it a financial home run, they are looking for ways to efficiently incorporate manure into their management systems," explained Lisa Holscher, the soil health program manager for the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Districts and the Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative.

PARP credits and Certified Crop Advisor CEUs (1.0 SW, 1.0 NM) have been requested. Advance registration for the event is required by January 28 and the event cost is \$5.00 (which includes lunch and light refreshments). For those seeking PARP credits, please bring your private applicator card and an additional \$10.00 in check or cash to the event. Registration can be completed online at www.ManureHappens.eventbrite.com or by calling the Martin County Soil and Water Conservation District at (812) 295-3149. The Martin County Fairgrounds is located at 2666 US Highway 50 in Loogootee.

The workshop has been organized by the Martin County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), along with the Daviess, Dubois, Knox, and Orange County SWCDs, the United States Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS), Purdue Extension, the Indiana State Department of



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A covered litter storage facility protects the nutrient content of the manures and substantially reduces the chance of contaminated run-off. Photo courtesy of Daviess County SWCD.

Agriculture, the Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative (CCSI), the Lost River Watershed Project, and the Patoka River Watershed Project. These partners are equal opportunity providers and accommodations for those who need them will be provided;

simply contact the SWCD at (812) 295-3149 at least 10 days prior to the event. German American Bank, Farbest Foods, Perdue Farms, White River Co-Op, and the Martin County Farm Bureau provided sponsorship for this event.

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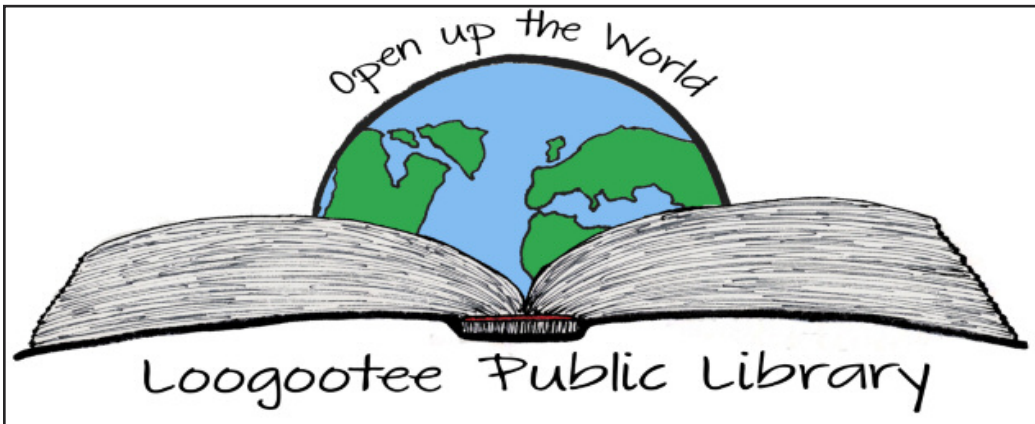
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FOLL (Friends of Loogootee Library) are sponsoring a 75th Anniversary Book Cover Contest and invite the public to submit a drawing reflecting the last 75 years of the library. It could be the three different buildings that housed the library or any idea that reflects the last 75 years of the Loogootee Public Library. Please have those drawings submitted to the library by March 2, 2015 by 11 a.m. You can drop it off or email to dwagler@loogootee.lib.in.us.

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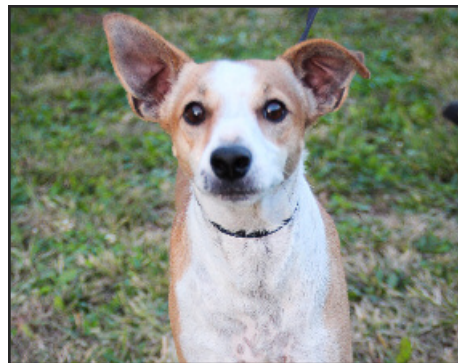
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Gibson Southern Winter HoopsFest looking for teams

Gibson Southern Youth Basketball Program is hosting an AAU basketball tournament on February 6, 7, 8. This tournament is open to SCHOOL FEEDER TEAMS ONLY for grades 2-8. There is a three-game guarantee. Cost is \$200 before January 16 or \$225 after January 16.

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Calendar of Events

Shoals School Board meeting

The Shoals School Board will meet Thursday, January 14 at 5 p.m. in the central administration office. Some items on the agenda include the reorganization of the board, discussion on driver's education in the summer of 2015, high school activity period proposal, and timber sale contract. The meeting is open to the public.

Scouts pancake breakfast

Loogootee Scouts Pack 444 and Troop 484 will host an all-you-can-eat pancake and biscuits and gravy breakfast this Saturday, January 17 from 7 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Loogootee United Methodist Church. The cost is \$6 for adults, \$4 for children age 3-8, and free for children two and under. The church is located at 208 West Main Street in Loogootee. All proceeds go to support the scouting program.

Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Tuesday, January 20 at 5:30 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. The meeting is open to the public.

Commissioners executive meeting

The Martin County Commissioners will meet in executive session Tuesday, January 20 at 7 p.m. or immediately following the regular commissioners' meeting, in the courthouse at Shoals. The purpose of the meeting is for discussion of strategy with respect to the purchase or lease of real property by the board of commissioners. The meeting is closed to the public.

Sons of the American Revolution meeting

The first quarterly meeting of the Daniel Guthrie Chapter, Indiana Society Sons of the American Revolution will be held on February 17 at the Free Methodist Church on R Street in Bedford. Dinner is at 6 p.m. and the cost is \$13 each. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. This will be the annual Awards Night where they will be presenting the Law Enforcement and Firefighter Commendation Medals and Certificates. Hero of the year Medal and Certificate will be presented. They will also be presenting the Bronze Good Citizenship and Outstanding Citizenship awards. Three Edgewood High School girls will receive certificates from the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest. A Eagle Scout Medal, patch and certificate will be presented to an Eagle Scout.

Boy Scouts

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

Cub Scout meetings

Cub scout meetings are held at Loogootee United Methodist Church on the first, third, and fourth Monday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Bryan Adams at 812-854-7837.

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Solid waste board

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Humane society meetings

The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 7 p.m. Members of the humane society are invited to attend. To find out how to become a member, call the shelter at 812-295-5900 or email mchs@frontier.com.

Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Martin County Community Learning Center on the fairgrounds.

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.



ZAYNE PAUL ROACH

Loogootee family welcomes second son

Devon and Ashley Roach, of Loogootee, would like to announce the birth of their second son, Zayne Paul Roach, who was born at 7:48 a.m. January 6, 2015 at Jasper Memorial Hospital. He weighed 9 pounds, 15 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. He is welcomed home by his big brother, Wyatt, who is three years old. Grandparents are Lynn Auberry, of Washington; Tim and Amy Auberry, of Washington; Daniel Roach, of Alfordsville; and Jim and Janet Matthews, of Loogootee.

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National unemployment dropped to 5.6 percent for December

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 252,000 in December, and the unemployment rate declined to 5.6 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week.

Job gains occurred in professional and business services, construction, food services and drinking places, health care, and manufacturing.

Household Survey Data

The unemployment rate declined by 0.2 percentage point to 5.6 percent in December, and the number of unemployed persons declined by 383,000 to 8.7 million. Over the year, the unemployment rate and the number of unemployed persons were down by 1.1 percentage points and 1.7 million, respectively.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rate for adult women (5.0 percent) decreased by 0.2 percentage point in December, while the rates for adult men (5.3 percent), teenagers (16.8 percent), whites (4.8 percent), blacks (10.4 percent), and Hispanics (6.5 percent) showed little change. The jobless rate for Asians, at 4.2 percent (not seasonally adjusted), changed little from a year earlier.

In December, the number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or longer) was essentially unchanged at 2.8 million and accounted for 31.9 percent of the unemployed. Over the year, the number of long-term unemployed has declined by 1.1 million.

The civilian labor force participation rate edged down by 0.2 percentage point to 62.7 percent in December. Since April, the participation rate has remained within a narrow range of 62.7 to 62.9 percent. In December, the employment-population ratio was 59.2 percent for the third consecutive month. However, the employment-population ratio is up by 0.6 percentage point over the year.

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons (sometimes referred to as involuntary part-time workers) was little changed in December at 6.8 million. These individuals, who would have preferred full-time employment, were working part time because their hours had been cut back or because they were unable to find a full-time job.

In December, 2.3 million persons were marginally attached to the labor force, little changed from a year earlier. (The data are not seasonally adjusted.) These individuals were not in the labor force, wanted and were available for work, and had looked for a job sometime in the prior 12 months. They were not counted as unemployed because they had not searched for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey.

Among the marginally attached, there were 740,000 discouraged workers in December, down by 177,000 from a year earlier. (The data are not seasonally adjusted.) Discouraged workers are persons not currently looking for work because they believe no jobs are available for them. The remaining 1.5 million persons marginally attached to the labor force in December had not searched for work for reasons such as school attendance or family responsibilities.

Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 252,000 in December. In 2014, job growth averaged 246,000 per month, compared with an average monthly gain of 194,000 in 2013. In December, employment increased in professional and business services, construction, food services and drinking places, health care, and manufacturing.

Employment in professional and business services rose by 52,000 in December. Monthly job gains in the industry averaged 61,000 in 2014. In December, employment increased in administrative and waste services (+35,000), computer systems design and related services (+9,000), and architectural and engineering services (+5,000).

Employment in accounting and bookkeeping services declined (-14,000), offsetting an increase of the same amount in November.

Construction added 48,000 jobs in December, well above the employment gains in recent months. Specialty trade contractors added jobs in December (+26,000), with the gain about equally split between residential and nonresidential contractors.

Employment also increased in heavy and civil engineering construction (+12,000) and in nonresidential building (+10,000).

In December, employment in food services and drinking places increased by 44,000. The industry added an average of 30,000 jobs per month in 2014.

Health care added 34,000 jobs in December. Job gains occurred in ambulatory health care services (+16,000), nursing and residential care facilities (+11,000), and hospitals (+7,000). Employment growth in health care averaged 26,000 per month in 2014 and 17,000 per month in 2013.

In December, manufacturing employment increased by 17,000, with durable goods (+13,000) accounting for most of the gain. Manufacturing added an average of 16,000 jobs per month in 2014, compared with an average gain of 7,000 jobs per month in 2013.

Employment in wholesale trade and in financial activities continued to trend up in December.

Employment in retail trade changed little in December, following a large gain in November. Employment in other major industries, including mining and logging, transportation and warehousing, information, and government, changed little in December.

The average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls was unchanged at 34.6 hours in December. The manufacturing workweek edged down by 0.1 hour to 41.0 hours, and factory overtime edged up by 0.1 hour to 3.6 hours. The average workweek for production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls edged up by 0.1 hour to 33.9 hours.

In December, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls decreased by 5 cents to \$24.57, following an increase of 6 cents in November. Over the year, average hourly earnings have risen by 1.7 percent. In December, average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees decreased by 6 cents to \$20.68.

The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for October was revised from +243,000 to +261,000, and the change for November was revised from +321,000 to +353,000. With these revisions, employment gains in October and November were 50,000 higher than previously reported.

Governor's recommended budget prioritizes education

Chris Atkins, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, last Thursday presented Governor Pence's recommended budget for Fiscal Years (FY) 2016 and 2017 before the state budget committee.

The governor's budget is honestly balanced, holds the line on spending, maintains reserves, funds the administration's priorities, and incurs no new debt. It's two-year average increase in spending, 1.34 percent, is well below inflation, which is 2.06 percent over a ten-year average.

"This is an education budget," said the Governor. "It puts Hoosiers first, continues Indiana on a pathway to prosperity, and funds our priority of expanding educational opportunities for all our kids, from pre-K and K-12 to higher education and into the adult workforce."

The governor's budget increases K-12 funding by 2.0 percent, or \$134 million, in FY 2016 and 1.0 percent, or \$67 million, in FY 2017. It includes provisions to pay good teachers more by adding 10 percent more funding for Teacher Performance Grants each year, for a total of \$63 million for the biennium. It provides for equity in education funding by allocating an additional \$1,500 per pupil grant for charter schools, designates \$10 million each year of the biennium for the new pre-K pilot

program, increases funding by \$20 million per year for career and technical education efforts through the Indiana Works Councils, and adds \$7 million in each of the next two years for adult high schools.

In addition, the budget helps to serve those in need across the state, including \$11 million per year to fund the state adoption subsidy program at the department of child services, full funding for the Medicaid forecast, and a total of \$8 million to enhance awareness and provide critical prenatal care services to at-risk mothers as part of the State's effort to reduce the infant mortality rate.

The budget also builds on the administration's focus on jobs and economic development through \$84 million over the biennium to support the Regional Cities initiative and \$100 million in FY 2016 and \$200 million in FY 2017 for the Major Moves 2020 fund. And, in preparation for the state's upcoming bicentennial celebration in 2016, the budget provides \$25 million for the construction of a new state archives building and \$25 million for the new Bicentennial Inn at Potato Creek State Park, the first new state park inn since Spring Mill Inn was built in 1939.

The governor's recommended budget can be found at www.in.gov/sba/2651.htm.

Indiana to participate in public-private partnership supporting Hoosier advanced manufacturing

Indiana will participate in a public-private partnership to expand research, development and job creation in composite material technology, with the U.S. Department of Energy's selection last Friday of a multistate group for a \$70 million federal investment to support automotive, defense, aerospace, motorsports, advanced materials and energy-related sectors.

"Composite materials are revolutionizing the manufacturing sector, especially in Indiana," said Victor Smith, Indiana Secretary of Commerce. "As the national leader in manufacturing job growth last year, Hoosiers were already well-positioned to take the lead in advancing this technology. With this added bolt of support, composite material technology will help lift the future of advanced manufacturing in Indiana in partnership with our universities, national labs and neighboring states. Automobiles, campers, household products and even space vehicles are stronger with composite material technology, as is our Indiana economy and Hoosier job creation."

Indiana is to receive up to a \$15 million matching federal investment as part of the Institute for Advanced Composites Manufacturing Innovation, a multistate partnership to support regional research and development in U.S. advanced manufacturing. The institute, which is backed by more than 90 manufacturing companies across the region, will operate as a public-private partnership, funded at \$259 million over five years based on additional pledged commitments from industry, universities and the six partner states.

Purdue University, which has supported Indiana's bid for this federal investment, will launch the Design, Modeling and Simulation Enabling Technology Center, one of five major research centers created as part of the initiative. This center will focus on knowledge-transfer efforts, which will increase the affordability of composite manufacturing while also introducing more time for innovation into the manufacturing supply chain. Through shared research and development infrastructure and capabilities, the partnership will enable demonstration of advanced composite materials technologies to grow and attract further manufacturing in-

vestments.

"The advanced composite market is poised for dramatic growth," said Purdue President Mitch Daniels. "This important public-private partnership has a strong research, development and deployment mission, establishing a major sector of our manufacturing economy focused on advancing the use of composite materials such as carbon fiber to make lighter-weight cars, wind turbines, natural gas storage tanks and other products."

Composite materials are formed by blending different structural compounds together to create a better product, for example replacing metals on cars and airplanes with lighter, stronger and more energy-efficient composites. Major advancements in this rapidly growing field have in part enabled companies in Indiana to create high-paying jobs and world leading technology, including Dallara IndyCar Factory in Speedway, IDI Composites International in Noblesville, Toyota Indiana in Princeton, SABIC Innovative Plastics in Mount Vernon, Honda Manufacturing of Indiana, LLC in Greensburg and hundreds of other suppliers and manufacturers statewide.

When combined with matching federal and industry funds, the state's \$15 million investment will be leveraged by a ratio of at least 2-to-1. All pledged state dollars will stay within Indiana.

Funds will be distributed according to the guidelines and procedures associated with the state's 21st Century Fund. Guidelines will also follow procedures developed for the Institute for Advanced Composites Manufacturing Innovation and the broader National Network for Manufacturing Innovation. Additional information relating to the public-private partnership and technical themes will be available in the coming months.

The announcement of Indiana's new composite material technology initiative follows news from last year that aerospace companies including General Electric are developing a turbomachinery research facility with the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, extending public-private partnerships to sustain Indiana's national leadership in manufacturing innovation.

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SBOE discusses A-F grades, hears IPS intervention plan

The State Board of Education (SBOE) kicked off the new year deliberating key issues such as A-F accountability, new Career and Technical Education (CTE) opportunities for high school students, and intervention plans within Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS). The board also received updates on the pre-K pilot program, Federal No Child Left Behind waiver and staff performance evaluations for superintendents, principals and teachers.

The SBOE adopted rule language for a modified A-F school accountability model designed to update methodology and metrics to include both academic proficiency and growth, first considering recommendations from the legislatively created A-F panel. Results will be based on annual statewide assessments, graduation rates, and other criteria such as college and career readiness. Next steps for the board will be convening three public hearings across the state to receive input on the proposed rule language, prior to its expected implementation for the fall of 2015.

"Today we are proposing the language that will go out for public comment," said Dr. David Freitas, District 2 SBOE member. "We have due diligence to really study this issue. We need to get the public's feedback and move forward from there."

Next, the Board approved titles for CTE courses to expand offerings to Hoosier students. Approved courses include options in the areas of robotics, energy, accounting and health sciences which have been added to provide students more opportunities to prepare for college and careers.

"I am excited to see automation and robotics, medical forensics, accounting, and banking and investment listed among the courses," said Gordon Hendry, at-large SBOE member. "I think these topics are very relevant in K-12 education. It's incredibly important to prepare our students to succeed in the workplace and compete in a global economy."

Cathedral High School and Brown County Junior High School were recognized by a board resolution for winning first place in their respective grade levels in the We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution program. The program is designed to promote civic competence and responsibility among the nation's elementary, middle, and secondary students.

"I want to congratulate students at Cathedral and Brown County on their accomplishment," said Andrea Neal, District 5 SBOE member. "We make a much bigger impact in the lives of our children when we engage them in civic education."

The board also honored Claire Fiddian-Green for her efforts in service to the SBOE, Indiana students and the education community. Fiddian-Green has served as a technical advisor to the SBOE and as Special Assistant to the Governor for Career Innovation since August of 2013, and leaves her position on January 9 to join the Richard M. Fairbanks Foundation as President and CEO.

Lt. Governor Ellspermann launches 2015 Hoosier Women Artists Contest

On Monday, Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann announced details for the 2015 Hoosier Women Artists Contest. The annual competition was established to celebrate Women's History Month and highlight talented female artists throughout Indiana. Applications are being accepted until February 27, 2015.

The contest celebrates the wide variety of graphic arts including drawing, painting and photography. Past entries have included – but are not limited to – portraits, landscapes, still lifes, animals, buildings and abstracts. Winners of the Hoosier Women Artists Contest will have their artwork displayed in the Lt. Governor's office for one year.

"I am pleased to recognize the many talented Hoosier Women Artists," said Lt. Governor Ellspermann. "It's truly an honor to display the artwork in my front office and share these beautiful pieces with the thousands of people who visit our State House."

Responding to the board's request, IPS Superintendent Dr. Lewis Ferebee outlined a proposal to create a transformation zone for both state and district-identified priority schools. Partnering with Mass Insight, IPS identified turnaround best practices from Evansville that can translate to IPS. The IPS goal is to proactively engage feeder schools, provide coaching for educators and engage all stakeholders in its intervention process. Dr. Ferebee anticipates Phase 1 of the transformation may begin as early as this March. In all, the transformation zone will encompass 13 schools. The Board reflected positively on the joint efforts of IPS and Mass Insight and the overall commitment to work collaboratively on behalf of IPS students.

"We have begun the work to organize the entire district around the concept of the transformation zone model," said Dr. Ferebee. "This is an opportunity to move from takeover to transformation; takeover to me implies something that is one-time and it's not sustainable. Transformation is long-lasting."

Ferebee also reported on progressive discussions with Charter Schools USA to work with students in grades K-6 at Emma Donnan next year. The collaboration is focused on improving student outcomes in underperforming IPS elementary schools.

The Strategic Planning Committee Chair Gordon Hendry reported Board's Balanced Scorecard is now fully populated to track the state's educational progress and that recommendations on the new teacher evaluation model will be presented to the board in February. Statewide input is currently being gathered from stakeholder meetings regarding teacher evaluations.

The SBOE then heard progress on the pre-K pilot program, where four of the five selected counties are beginning programs this January. The first cohort of 468 students will begin in the coming weeks. In August, over 1,600 pre-schoolers are expected to be part of the second cohort.

The Department of Education (DOE) staff reported on staff performance evaluation results for the 2013-14 school year. The Department reported that just 2 percent of more than 57,000 Indiana teachers were rated as ineffective or needing improvement. For the first time, the DOE also tracked school retention rates for educators with 81.61 percent as the state average for the 2013-14 school year. The presented data that showed retention rates directly correlated with A-F school grade as "A" schools retain over 86 percent while "F" schools retain just 64 percent of teachers.

DOE staff also updated the process regarding the NCLB waiver renewal due March 31, committing to provide a final draft of the waiver application to the board on March 12, 2014.

The board's next meeting will be February 4. Visit in.gov/sboe/2598.htm for more information about last week's meeting, including the meeting agenda, presentations and materials.

The winning artwork is judged by a panel that includes Lt. Governor Ellspermann and professors from the Indiana University Heron School of Art and Design at IUPUI.

Applications along with electronic copies of the artwork can be submitted online through the Lt. Governor's website, www.lg.in.gov or mailed to 200 West Washington Street, Room 333 Indianapolis, IN 46204. A reception will be held in March at the Indiana State House to honor the selected artists.

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'THE LAW OF THE GARBAGE TRUCK.'

One day I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us.

My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches! The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean, he was really friendly.

So I asked, "Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!" This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call, 'The Law of the Garbage Truck.'

He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you. Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets. The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day. Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so . . . Love the people who treat you right. Pray for the ones who don't. Life is ten percent what you make it and ninety percent how you take it!

Have a blessed, garbage-free day!

PONDERISMS

1. If you have the power to make someone happy, do it. The world needs more of that.

2. The average dog is a nicer person than the average person.

3. Everyone thinks they have the best dogs and none of them are wrong.

4. The saddest moment is when the person who gave you the best memories, becomes a memory.

5. You never know when a moment and a few sincere words can have an impact on a life. -Zig Ziglar

6. BAD NEWS IS: You cannot make peo-

Folktales, by Letitia Huckaby - exhibition at VU's Shircliff Gallery of Art

"Folktales," the title of an exhibition of photographs by Letitia Huckaby, opened today at Vincennes University's Shircliff Gallery of Art and will continue through February 6. The Gallery is located inside the Shircliff Humanities Building at the corner of Second and Harrison Streets. Admission is free.

The artist will present a lecture on her work on February 6, 10 a.m. (EST), in Shircliff Auditorium, followed by a reception for the artist in the Gallery at 11 a.m. Admission for these events is also free.

"My artistic career began in documentary photography," explains Huckaby, "but after the loss of my father and my grandmother, I became interested in making art that dealt with more personal issues. For the first time I turned the camera on myself, my family, and my African-American heritage."

Huckaby holds a degree in journalism from the University of Oklahoma, a BFA in photography from the Art Institute of Boston; and a master's degree in photography from the University of North Texas in Denton. She has exhibited at the Dallas African-American Museum, Dallas Contemporary, and the Galveston Arts Center; Renaissance Fine Art in Harlem, New York; and the McKenna Museum in New Orleans. Public projects include a piece along the

Trinity River in Fort Worth at the 4th Street trailhead site, and at the new Ella Mae Shamblee branch library in Fort Worth.

GOOD NEWS IS: It doesn't matter.

7. Hope you didn't forget to turn your clock back. I turned mine back to when I was 20.

8. Happy Middle Child's Day! Oh, you didn't notice that it was Middle Child's Day? Don't worry, no one ever does.

9. Dogs have masters. Cats have a staff.

10. Treat yourself with love and respect and you will attract people who show you love and respect.

11. Be somebody who makes everybody feel like a somebody.

12. I don't care how attractive you think you look, if you have an ugly heart, you're ugly.

13. Not to get technical . . . but according to chemistry, alcohol is a solution.

14. I have to stop saying, "How stupid can you be?" to my co-workers. They're starting to take it as a challenge.

15. I may be crazy but crazy is better than stupid.

16. Even duct tape can't fix stupid, but it can muffle the sound.

17. Children seldom misquote you. In fact, they usually repeat word for word what you shouldn't have said.

18. You become like the people you spend the most time with. Choose wisely.

19. When people hurt you over and over, think of them as sandpaper. They scratch and hurt you, but in the end you are polished, and they are useless.

20. I may not be the most important person in your life . . . I just hope that when you hear my name . . . you smile and say, "That's my friend!"

21. Yes, officer, I did see the speed limit sign . . . I just didn't see you.

22. There are 3 kinds of people in this world - those who are good at math and those who aren't.

23. Every time you find some humor in a difficult situation, you win.

24. I'm sorry I hurt your feelings when I called you stupid. I thought you knew.

Make someone smile today!



Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays; and noon to 3 p.m. on Sundays. For more information, contact Emily Loehle, gallery director and assistant professor of art and design, 812-888-4316, eloehle@vinu.edu. Information about upcoming exhibitions is available at www.vinu.edu/content/shircliff-gallery-art.