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Health department provides annual report to commissioners

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The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday night, January 16. Commissioner Dan Gregory was not in attendance.

The Martin County Health Department submitted their 2017 annual report. Last year, Public Health Nurse Julia Albright vaccinated a total of 536 patients with 1,344 total vaccinations. She also gave 37 flu shots and 62 TB tests. She administered 32 blood pressure checks and 67 lead screenings. The health department conducted 53 food inspections and two food complaints were investigated.

There were 22 animal bite reports followed up on by the public health

nurse and 55 communicable disease reports.

Carol Baker, the health department registrar, issues 46 birth certificates and 340 death certificates last year. Five home births were recorded along with 48 deaths. 23 genealogy reports were issued.

Colonel Child, environmental specialist, reported 25 sewage permits last year and has 30 pending applications not yet completed. It was noted in the report that requests for residential sewage permits have shown a substantial increase over previous years.

In other business, Kathy Collins, community corrections director, provided information on two juvenile grants that she will be submitting – one for \$25,000 and the other for \$4,750.

The commissioners approved applying for the grants.

The commissioners approved the reassessment contract with Reller's Southern Indiana Appraisal for \$247,900 for five years. County Attorney Dave Lett reported that the contract was \$10,000 more than the previous five-year contract.

Attorney Lett also gave Auditor January Roush a check for \$3,128.72 from the insurance company for Roger's Group who damaged a garage at the highway department when delivering gravel.

Emergency Management Assistant Andy Ringwald reported that his department has been very busy responding to slide-offs and accidents due to the snowfall.

Health department inspects food service establishments

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

DECEMBER 7

China Wok, 601 W. Broadway Street, Loogootee

One critical violation:

-Temperature of fried rice 104.2 degrees, vegetable lo mein 114.4 degrees on hot food bar. Temperature of apple salad on cold food bar 52.6 degrees.

One non-critical violation:

-Shelving in kitchen has build-up of dried food particles. (Repeat violation)

Dairy Queen, 212 Mill Street, Loogootee

One non-critical violation:

-Coke machine fountain nozzles have build-up of black substance.

Wendy's #364, 701 W. Broadway Street, Loogootee

One non-critical violation:

-Build-up of dried food particles on shelving behind front counter.

DECEMBER 18

Martin County Council on Aging, 409 Courthouse Drive, Shoals

No violations noted.

DECEMBER 21

Main Street Grille, 111 Mill Street, Loogootee

No violations noted.

Dairy Master, 506 W. Broadway Street, Loogootee

One critical violation:

-Raw ground beef stored over ready-to-use tomato juice cans in walk-in cooler.

One non-critical violation:

-Exterior surface of storage containers have build-up of dried food. (Repeat violation)

Corner Café, 201 N. JFK Avenue, Loogootee

No violations noted.

DECEMBER 27

Fraternal Order of Eagles, 207 S. Main Street, Shoals

One critical violation:

-Eggs stored above ready-to-use pickles and ketchup in Whirlpool cooler.

VFW Post 8589, 314 S. Main Street, Shoals

No violations noted.

DECEMBER 28

Faytastic Pizza, 220 Main Street, Shoals

One critical violation:

-Rolls of sausage stored with ready-to-use shredded lettuce in Avantco cooler.

Los Bravos Mexican Restaurant, 502 W Broadway Street, Loogootee

Two non-critical violations:

-Multiple items not covered in coolers

-Build-up of dust on fan unit and ceiling in walk-in cooler
(See 'INSPECTED' on page two)

Shoals School Board holds first meeting of the year

The Shoals School Board met January 11. The following board members were present: Dianna Ragsdale, President; Eva George, Vice President; Jenell Hoffman, Secretary; Bill Bauer and Drexel Turpin, Members. Also in attendance were Superintendent Dr. Candace Roush, High School Principal Kindra Hovis, Middle School Principal Austin Malone, and Lorna Troutman.

The board held reorganization and Dianna Ragsdale was named board president, Eva George was named

Primary filings 2018

The following have filed candidacy in the Martin County Clerk's Office for the 2018 Primary Election in Martin County:

Martin County Assessor
Carolyn S. McGuire (R)
Martin County Circuit Court Clerk
Gerald D. Montgomery (R)
Martin County Sheriff
T.A. "Andy" Burkhardt (D)
Martin County Council District 3
Barb McFeaters (R)
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Charles S. Hamilton (R)
Halbert Township Trustee
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Lost River Township Advisory Board
Keith Emmons (R)
Crane Town Clerk/Treasurer
Linda Ann Willoughby (R)
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Bernard Butcher (D)
Judith A. Harlow (D)
Shoals Town Council
Cary D. Albright (R)
Earl Boyd, Jr. (R)
Clint D. Hoffman (R)
Cecil L. Ragsdale (D)

Crane Precinct Committee Member
Bernard Butcher (D) Filing for candidacy for the May 8, 2018 Primary Election begins January 10, 2018 and ends February 9, 2018 at noon in the Martin County Clerk's Office.

Please call the Clerk's Office at 812-247-3651 to check status or with any questions regarding the upcoming election.

vice president and Jenell Hoffman was named secretary.

The board approved the following personnel actions:

-Tiffany Wittmer as elementary library aide

-Julia Sanders as elementary substitute

-Wes White as varsity softball coach

-Jeff Cooper as softball assistant coach

-Josh Sexton as varsity baseball assistant coach

-Kyle Troutman as volunteer baseball coach and Brittany Cooper as volunteer softball coach

-Danny Roush as volunteer baseball coach

-Kindra Hovis' request for restricted work due to pregnancy

-Larry Sherfick as volunteer student intern advisor, student athletic volunteer, and substitute

-Cori Lukomski as a substitute teacher

-Amy Troutman as a cafeteria and custodial substitute

-Joshua Neideffer as a cafeteria and custodial substitute.

-Trish McKibben as junior high

cheer volunteer

-Resignation from Wayne Underwood as maintenance supervisor

-Permission to post maintenance supervisor position

-The board held a first reading of the maintenance supervisor job description and a second reading will be held at the February board meeting.

-An announcement of Ashely Montgomery and Brianna Wagler as student teachers in the elementary was given.

The board approved a donation of an aqua massage bed to the athletic department from Donna Walker of Loogootee.

The Shoals Middle School currently has three sixth grade teachers due to the large class size of students. With the large class moving to the 7th grade next year, this will free up a teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. The board approved of allowing an interested internal teacher to become a reading/writing data coach for the 2018-2019 school year.

The board approved setting date and time for regular meetings during 2018 on the second Thursday of each
(See 'SHOALS' on page two)



SOAR donation

Kurt Phagley, from Duke Energy, presented a check for \$5,000 to Martin County SOAR recently to help fund educational programs. Shown with Phagley are Martin County SOAR representatives Karen Whorrall, Vernita Williams, and Karen Slaven.

-Photo provided

SHOALS

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month beginning at 6 p.m. The board approved school board pay at \$109 for regular meetings and \$60 for special and executive meetings.

The board voted to re-appoint the following treasurers: Lisa Elliott, Corporation Treasurer; Miranda Beaver, Deputy Corporation Treasurer; Deborah Howell, Jr. Sr. High ECA Treasurer; Pamela Doane, Elementary ECA Treasurer; and Michelle Roush, Cafeteria Treasurer.

The board approved renewing bonds for the school corporation and ECA treasurers for the calendar year 2018.

Dr. Roush was re-appointed to the Vocational and Special Education Board.

Formal approval of any reported conflict of interest will be on the agenda for the regular board meeting on February 8, 2018.

A motion was made by Drexel Turpin to appoint all members of the board of school trustees to the board of finance. A second was made by Bill Bauer and a 5-0 vote was given.

During the regular board meeting, a recess was held to hold a board of finance meeting. The board of finance reviewed a report of investments prepared by Corporation Treasurer Lisa Elliott. The finance board voted Diana Ragsdale to serve as president of the Board of Finance and Jenell Hoffman to serve as secretary.

The board approved the 2018-19 school calendar.

The board held a first reading of the updated wellness policy.

The board approved the Lions Club to use the cafeteria for the boys' basketball banquet on February 26, 2018 and to use the lawn in the front of the school for an Easter egg hunt on March 31, 2018.

A thank you letter was read by Jenell Hoffman from the Brett family.

The board voted to approve the cancellation of outstanding checks and the

transfer of appropriation balance to close out the 2017 school year.

Kindra Hovis, high school principal, reported on the following:

-Congratulations to the high school band who placed first place at the Orleans Pep Band Invitational.

-Congratulations to the 2018 Risings Stars of Indiana- Ashley Albright, Lori Albright, Klayton Tichenor, and Jarrod Wagoner.

-Two high school teachers recently received a classroom grant from the Martin County Community Foundation.

-The high school welcomes two new students this semester.

-Discipline continues to be down according to data compared from December 2016 to December 2017.

-The high school is discussing possible new schedule changes for the 2018-2019 year such as implementing more dual credit courses, having solely middle school and solely high school teachers with the exception of F&P classes.

-Mrs. Cornett and Mr. Stephenson's classes are busy working on science fair projects for the upcoming Crane Science Fair.

-ISTEP teachers are busy preparing students for ISTEP.

-Student centered teaching and collaborative work are being implemented in Algebra class.

-Several seniors are now working toward a Core 40 diploma rather than

a general diploma to help meet the State's new graduation requirements.

Austin Malone, middle school principal, reported on the following:

-We are six weeks from ISTEP and teachers have been focusing on critical standards and utilizing Study Island to hone their skills. All testing this year will be done online.

-Attendance: 6th grade 95.1 percent, 7th grade 97.4 percent, and 8th grade 94.7 percent with an average of 95.5 percent.

-Discipline write-ups were down 75 percent from November to December.

-Some possible new ideas for next year are an 8th grade field trip and 8th grade graduation, an honors day for middle school, a dedicated student council for middle school, and possibly penalties for missing assignments.

-The lunchpreneurs group will hopefully travel to Indianapolis office for a meeting with Governor Halcomb.

The superintendent reported on the following:

-The school is applying for the Lilly Counseling and the ROI grants.

-Administrators and coaches will be attending a training in Indianapolis to help improve our athletics program.

-The school is looking into a before school program with Hoosier Uplands similar to the current after school program.

-The superintendent held a discussion with the board about community

members using the facilities during the early morning hours.

-The superintendent is looking into the possible use of e-learning days to help make up some of the snow days that are used during the year.

-The superintendent had a good discussion with Senator Eric Bassler about possible upcoming bills going through the legislative process.

-Thank you to Wayne Underwood for his dedication to the Shoals Community School Corporation and years of service.

The meeting adjourned at 7 p.m. The next board meeting will be held on Thursday February 8, 2018.

INSPECTED

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American Legion Post 61, 224 S. High Street, Shoals

(Routine inspection and response to a complaint)

Two non-critical violations:

-Boxes of Merckley meat sitting directly on floor of walk-in cooler.

-Grease in fryers not protected from contamination between weekly use.

Velma's Diner, 308 Main Street, Shoals

Two critical violations:

-Temperature of pies in cooler 49.8 degrees.

-Containers not being updated with new date marking when being used again.

Break Time Bar & Grill, 119 Cooper Street, Loogootee

One critical violation:

-Eggs stored over ready-to-use jugs of milk in Kenmore cooler in storage shed.

American Legion Post #120, 112 Church Street, Loogootee

No violations noted.

McDonald's, 106 E. Broadway Street, Loogootee

One non-critical violation:

-Wiping cloths not stored in sanitizing water between use.

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GEORGE CROPP

George M. Cropp passed away at 1:35 p.m. January 12, 2018 at Brookside Village in Jasper. A resident of Shoals, he was 95.

He was born October 31, 1922 in Daviess County; son of Dr. George M. and Helen (Baker) Cropp. He married Barbara Ann Patterson on August 27, 1949 at St. John's Rectory in Loogootee.

George graduated from Indiana State Teachers College at Terre Haute and also obtained a Masters Degree. He taught at Washington High School, Montgomery High School and retired as Principal of Shoals High School. He was a veteran, having served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was stationed on the U.S.S. Indianapolis as that ship delivered the nuclear bomb to Hawaii prior to being dropped upon Japan in 1945.

He enjoyed golf, playing for 27 years in the Vegas Invitational Pro-Am golf

tournament. He was an amateur radio operator for many years; a saxophone player; enjoyed dancing; and was a music lover, particularly enjoying Big Band music and jazz. George was a car collector, particularly enjoying his Porsche 911. He was recognized as having grown the largest potato in the State of Indiana during his tenure in 4-H.

He was a member of the Shoals United Methodist Church; White River Lodge No. 332, F&AM; Scottish Rite; Hadi Shrine; Ironwood Country Club in Palm Desert California; and Las Vegas Country Club in Las Vegas Nevada.

Survivors include his brother in law, Donald Patterson and his beloved caregiver for many years, Kayla Hembree of Shoals.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara; his parents, a brother, Daily L. Cropp; and his cousin, Robert

Siefert.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, January 18 and one hour prior to the funeral service which will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, January 19 at the Shoals United Methodist Church. Interment will be at Goodwill Cemetery in Loogootee.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes is in charge of the arrangements.

DELORIS FETTIC

Deloris E. (Gaddis) Fetic, formerly of Shoals, passed away January 11, 2018 at the Washington Nursing Center. A resident of Washington, she was 86.

She was born April 7, 1931 in Martin County; daughter of James B. and Ruby (Zollars) Gaddis. She married Don Fetic and he preceded her in death.

She graduated Shoals High School,

was employed at RCA in Bloomington and later as a research librarian at the Corydon Public Library. She was a member of the Shoals Christian Church.

Survivors include a sister, Hazel Davis and husband, Frank, of Shoals and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents, husband, sisters, Nina Figg, Dorothy Gaddis, Beulah Gaddis, and Dola Edington; and brothers, Roy Gaddis and Floyd Gaddis.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, January 18 at the Shoals Christian Church with Bro. Matt Sullivan officiating.

Burial will be in the Spring Hill Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 12 p.m.-2 p.m. on Thursday at the church.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes is in charge of the arrangements.

National unemployment stays at 4.1 percent for December

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 148,000 in December, and the unemployment rate was unchanged at 4.1 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week. Employment gains occurred in health care, construction, and manufacturing.

Household Survey Data

In December, the unemployment rate was 4.1 percent for the third consecutive month. The number of unemployed persons, at 6.6 million, was essentially unchanged over the month.

Over the year, the unemployment rate and the number of unemployed persons were down by 0.6 percentage point and 926,000, respectively.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rate for teenagers declined to 13.6 percent in December, offsetting an increase in November. In December, the unemployment rates for adult men (3.8 percent), adult women (3.7 percent), Whites (3.7 percent), Blacks (6.8 percent), Asians (2.5 percent), and Hispanics (4.9 percent) showed little or no change.

Among the unemployed, the number of new entrants decreased by 116,000 in December. New entrants are unemployed persons who never previously worked.

The number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) was little changed at 1.5 million in December and accounted for 22.9 percent of the unemployed. Over the year, the number of long-term unemployed declined by 354,000.

The labor force participation rate, at 62.7 percent, was unchanged over the month and over the year. The employment-population ratio was unchanged at 60.1 percent in December but was up by 0.3 percentage point over the year.

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons (sometimes referred to as involuntary part-time workers) was essentially unchanged at 4.9 million in December but was down by 639,000 over the year. These individuals, who would have preferred full-time employment, were working part time because their hours had been cut back or because they were unable to find a full-time job.

In December, 1.6 million persons were marginally attached to the labor force, about unchanged from a year earlier. (The data are not seasonally ad-

justed.) 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 474,000 discouraged workers in December, little changed 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 1.1 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 rose by 148,000 in December. Job gains occurred in health care, construction, and manufacturing. In 2017, payroll employment growth totaled 2.1 million, compared with a gain of 2.2 million in 2016.

Employment in health care increased by 31,000 in December. Employment continued to trend up in ambulatory health care services (+15,000) and hospitals (+12,000). Health care added 300,000 jobs in 2017, compared with a gain of 379,000 jobs in 2016.

Construction added 30,000 jobs in December, with most of the increase among specialty trade contractors (+24,000). In 2017, construction employment increased by 210,000, compared with a gain of 155,000 in 2016.

In December, manufacturing employment rose by 25,000, largely reflecting a gain in durable goods industries (+21,000). Manufacturing added 196,000 jobs in 2017, following little net change in 2016 (-16,000).

Employment in food services and drinking places changed little in December (+25,000).

Over the year, the industry added 249,000 jobs, about in line with an increase of 276,000 in 2016.

In December, employment changed little in professional and business services (+19,000). In 2017, the industry added an average of 44,000 jobs per month, in line with its average monthly gain in 2016.

Employment in retail trade was about unchanged in December (-20,000). Within the industry, employment in general merchandise stores declined

by 27,000 over the month. Retail trade employment edged down in 2017 (-67,000), after increasing by 203,000 in 2016.

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

The average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls was unchanged at 34.5 hours in December. In manufacturing, the workweek edged down by 0.1 hour to 40.8 hours, while overtime remained at 3.5 hours. The average workweek for production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls was unchanged at 33.8 hours.

In December, average hourly earnings for all employees on private

nonfarm payrolls rose by 9 cents to \$26.63. Over the year, average hourly earnings have risen by 65 cents, or 2.5 percent. Average hourly earnings of private-sector production and non-supervisory employees increased by 7 cents to \$22.30 in December.

The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for October was revised down from +244,000 to +211,000, and the change for November was revised up from +228,000 to +252,000. With these revisions, employment gains in October and November combined were 9,000 less than previously reported. (Monthly revisions result from additional reports received from businesses and government agencies since the last published estimates and from the recalculation of seasonal factors.) After revisions, job gains have averaged 204,000 over the last 3 months.

Radius Indiana announces slate of officers, new board members and plans for 2018

The Radius Indiana Board of Directors begins 2018 with new board members and a number of new initiatives for the organization, including an international economic development marketing venture.

The board reconfirmed former Radius Indiana CEO Becky Skillman as Board Chair, the election of three new board members, and ratified a 2018 budget that includes several new priorities and projects to benefit the Radius region.

Additional officers include Vice Chair Don Schulte, Schulte Consulting; Secretary Tim Kinder, Martin County Alliance; and Treasurer Neil Dauby, German American Bank. Rounding out the Executive Committee are Misty McCammack, Duke Energy; Sabrina Burdine, Washington County Economic Growth Partnership; Doug Kellams, East Gate Business & Technology Park; and Mayor of Washington Joe Wellman.

New board members elected to three-year terms are Tim Robinette, Old National Bank; Steve Bartels, Patoka Lake Marina & Winery; Mike Roeder, Vectren; and Misty Weisensteiner, Orange County Economic Development Partnership.

"The board members bring additional perspectives to our leadership for regional economic development," said Radius Indiana President and CEO Jeff Quyle. "I look forward to

seeing what the group will accomplish for the region in 2018."

The board also approved a 2018 budget that includes funding for the second Economic Development for Community Leadership Program, increased marketing and graphic design activities, increased support for Crane Community Development and funding to support a regional tourism strategy.

The new budget also includes a Radius Indiana sponsored economic development trip to Japan slated for late fall 2018.

"The Radius Indiana trip to Japan will be the first international trip for us as a regional economic development group and will include local elected officials and several economic development professionals from around the region," said Quyle. "Foreign investment in Indiana is a powerful economic driver and we continue to see more and more companies choosing our state for new ventures. We want to ensure that the Radius region is top of mind for companies looking to expand or locate new facilities in the Midwest."

Other initiatives include multiple site selector trips to share the benefits of doing business in the area, regional marketing efforts, as well as a continued commitment to skilled workforce development, community development and defense industry strategy.

Martin County Sheriff's Department log

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

5:40 p.m. - Received a report of domestic dispute south of Loogootee. Deputy Shinn and Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

9:13 p.m. - Received a report of domestic dispute in Shoals. Deputy Reed, Deputy Shinn, and Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

11:43 p.m. - Received a report of domestic disturbance north of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Norr is responded.

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

4:56 a.m. - Deputy Reed assisted a motorist east of Loogootee.

5:00 a.m. - Deputy Reed assisted a motorist east of Loogootee.

5:40 a.m. - Received a report of accident west of Shoals. Deputy Reed and Shoals Fire Department responded.

7:32 a.m. - Received a report of accident south of Shoals. Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, Shoals Fire Department, Martin County Highway Department, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

7:50 a.m. - Received a request for welfare check east of Loogootee. Sheriff Roush, Loogootee Chief Rayhill, and ISP Trooper Qualkenbush responded. Everything checked out okay.

8:20 a.m. - Received a report of accident south of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene, Shoals Fire Department, and Martin County Highway Department responded.

10:46 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance east of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

12:40 p.m. - Loogootee Chief Rayhill assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

1:20 p.m. - Loogootee Captain Hennette assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

1:43 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

2:24 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted a motorist east of Shoals.

2:36 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving west of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene and Sergeant Keller responded.

3:43 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller and Martin County Ambulance responded.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

12:42 a.m. - Received a report of a water leak in Loogootee.

1:27 a.m. - Received a report of car alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Norris responded.

9:57 a.m. - Sheriff Roush took two inmates to court.

10:45 a.m. - Received a report of stolen license plate in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

10:56 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

1:36 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took two inmates to court.

3:05 p.m. - Received a report of injured animal in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

4:41 p.m. - Received a request for welfare check in Crane. Sergeant Keller responded. Everything checked out okay.

5:31 p.m. - Received a report of accident south of Loogootee. ISP Trooper McBeth, Martin County Ambulance, and Dubois County First Responders responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

1:05 a.m. - Received a report of commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd and ISP

Trooper Beaver responded. Everything checked out okay.

1:26 a.m. - Received a report of domestic disturbance in Loogootee. Deputy Reed, Loogootee Officer Floyd, and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

6:56 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Deputy Reed, Loogootee Chief Rayhill, and Martin County Ambulance responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

7:55 a.m. - Received a report of reckless driving east of Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

9:36 a.m. - Sergeant Keller took two inmates to court.

12:00 p.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist in Shoals.

1:00 p.m. - Sergeant Keller took one inmate to court.

2:00 p.m. - Received an animal complaint and request for welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette and Animal Control Officer Hughett responded. Everything checked out okay.

3:27 p.m. - Received a request for welfare check in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded. Everything checked out okay.

4:57 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving in Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

5:39 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

5:45 p.m. - Received a report of loose cows west of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

6:40 p.m. - Received a report of accident south of Shoals. Major Burkhardt, Martin County Ambulance, and Shoals Fire Department responded.

10:35 p.m. - Received a noise complaint west of Shoals. Deputy Reed responded.

10:50 p.m. - Received a report of ruff in the roadway on US Hwy 650. Major Burkhardt responded.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

12:41 a.m. - Received a report of car-deer accident north of Shoals. Deputy Wright responded.

5:41 a.m. - Received a report of tree down on US 231, north of Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

9:38 a.m. - Received a report of residential burglar alarm in Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene responded. Everything checked out okay.

10:05 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:24 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene completed a boat identification check in Shoals.

11:40 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

11:50 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted a motorist north of Shoals.

11:53 a.m. - Received a request for assistance with civil complaint south of Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

12:00 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted a motorist north of Shoals.

12:30 p.m. - Received a trash complaint north of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

12:42 p.m. - Received a report of accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

1:00 p.m. - Received a report of a theft north of Shoals. Major Burkhardt re-

sponded.

1:46 p.m. - Sheriff Roush took three inmates to court.

2:38 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took three inmates to court.

6:10 p.m. - Received a report of roadway hazard west of Shoals. Indiana State Highway Department and Major Burkhardt responded.

7:00 p.m. - Received a report of multi-car accident on US 50. Major Burkhardt, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

7:11 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:06 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd, Deputy Reed, and Deputy Wright responded. All was okay.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

12:27 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

4:36 a.m. - Deputy Wright assisted a motorist on US 50 in Shoals.

7:26 a.m. - Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, and ISP Trooper Lents assisted a motorist in a ditch near Shoals.

9:30 a.m. - Received a report of a water leak in Loogootee. Loogootee Utilities was contacted.

10:50 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was okay and no one was transported.

12:15 p.m. - Received a report of a rollover accident on SR 150, east of Shoals. Major Burkhardt, ICO Doane, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. One subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

12:33 p.m. - Sheriff Roush and Chief Deputy Greene assisted a motorist south of Loogootee that had slid off the road.

1:38 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

2:16 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across the road near Shoals. The Martin County Highway Department responded.

2:34 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:39 p.m. - Received a report of a slide off on US 231, south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire responded.

3:10 p.m. - Received a report of a slide off east of Shoals on US 50.

4:06 p.m. - Received several reports of slide offs and accident on US 50, east of Shoals. Hwy. 50 East to the Lawrence County line was closed for several hours

as deputies, Shoals Fire, and the state highway responded.

5:23 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee on US 231. Haysville Fire responded and Major Burkhardt responded.

5:29 p.m. - Received a report of a slide off in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

5:52 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals on SR 150. Chief Deputy Greene and Reserve Deputy Gammon responded.

5:55 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:59 p.m. - Received a report of a wreck south of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

7:45 p.m. - Received a report of a roll over south of Loogootee on US 231. Deputy Shinn responded.

11:05 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

11:55 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded and all was okay.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

10:22 a.m. - Received a report of a water leak in Loogootee. Loogootee Public Works responded.

1:13 p.m. - Received a report of trash dumped on US 50 in Shoals. Major Burkhardt, Shoals Fire, and ISP Trooper Lents responded.

3:49 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded and all was okay.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

9:10 a.m. - Received a report of a slide off in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

9:40 a.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

11:24 a.m. - Received a report of a water leak in Loogootee. Loogootee Public Works responded.

2:00 p.m. - Received a report of a slide off east of Shoals. Lost River Fire responded.

2:38 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

3:11 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

4:30 p.m. - Received a report of an article in the roadway on SR 150. Deputy Shinn responded.

7:40 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident north of Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

8:09 p.m. - Received a report of a slide off near Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

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Loogootee Police Department log

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

8:50 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the county with a welfare check on a male.

12:40 p.m. - Caller reported a broken-down semi on Broadway Street.

2:45 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on US 231.

6:24 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

10:11 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on Broadway Street.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

1:27 a.m. - Caller reported a car alarm going off at Southwind Apts.

10:45 a.m. - Caller reported a stolen license plate.

3:05 p.m. - Caller requested an officer assist in removing an item from the road.

10:07 p.m. - Caller reported loud music on Poplar Street.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

1:05 a.m. - Caller reported a 911 hang-up on Broadway Street.

1:26 a.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

2:37 a.m. - Officer Floyd responded to a business alarm.

5:53 a.m. - Officer Floyd responded to a business alarm.

6:56 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the ambulance service.

7:55 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

2:00 p.m. - Caller requested a security check at a residence.

4:10 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle near Park Street.

4:40 p.m. - Caller requested a security check at a residence.

7:34 p.m. - Caller reported a property

damage accident in front of Subway.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

8:30 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted on a funeral procession.

1:25 p.m. - Caller reported a business alarm on Park Street.

4:43 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody issue.

6:16 p.m. - Caller reported a trespasser on his property.

7:15 p.m. - First responders were requested on West Main Street for a medical call.

10:51 p.m. - Caller requested an officer assist in removing a male from his property.

11:01 p.m. - Officer Floyd responded to a business alarm.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

10:23 a.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on US 231.

3:34 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

5:30 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle slid off on Hwy 50.

5:57 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

9:45 p.m. - Officer McBeth responded to a business alarm.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

10:22 a.m. - Caller reported a slid off on Hwy 50.

4:09 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint. Animal Control was contacted.

8:00 p.m. - Caller reported a possible underage party.

10:24 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on Hwy 50.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

9:00 a.m. - Caller reported a property dispute.

9:10 a.m. - Caller reported a slid off on Poplar Street.

2:15 p.m. - Officer McBeth responded to a business alarm.

8:04 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody issue.

Real estate transfers

Brien D. Lagle, of Martin County, Indiana to **Brooke W. Gregory**, of Martin County, Indiana, the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 6, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 10 acres, more or less.

Denise C. Emmons, of Martin County, Indiana to **Gregory & Sons Properties, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 6 in Block "H" in Loogootee Land Company Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Active shooter workshop

During the township meetings recently held by the Martin County Sheriff's Department, they fielded several questions about "active shooter" situations. Therefore, they will be sponsoring an "Active Shooter" workshop on Wednesday, February 21, at 6 p.m., at the Martin County Community Building. They encourage all organizational leaders to attend, especially, those that work in confined areas, such as churches, banks, schools, and other office-like settings. This hope this workshop will be very empowering and equip citizens with a skill set to increase survivability in an active shooter scenario. R.S.V.P is not required, and snacks and refreshments will be provided.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

2:15 p.m. - Justin Hoskins, 26, of Williams, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene on a Martin County warrant for possession of methamphetamine and is being held without bond.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

5:29 p.m. - Tyson Stutzman, 22, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Captain Hennette and charged with maintaining a common nuisance and possession of marijuana. He is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond.

5:29 p.m. - Damien Payne, 25, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Captain Hennette and charged with visiting a common nuisance and possession of marijuana. He is being held without bond. Sergeant Keller assisted with the arrest.

11:10 p.m. - Charles Needs III, 42, of Odon, was arrested by ISP Trooper McBeth and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated with a prior and is being held without bond.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

12:56 a.m. - Matthew Taylor, 40, of Washington, was arrested by Major Burkhardt and charged with non-support of a child and is being held on a \$10,000 cash only bond.

1:22 p.m. - Robert Osbourne, 68, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Chief Rayhill and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and is being held on a \$20,000 10% bond.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

1:31 a.m. - Ralph Stiles, 43, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Shinn and charged with operating while intoxicated refusal. His bond has been set at \$20,000 10%.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

11:15 p.m. - Deputy Shinn on station with Mark Harding, 48, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Reed and charged with possession of meth, resisting arrest with a vehicle, and maintaining a common nuisance. He is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest were Town Marshal Eckert and Deputy Shinn.

CLASSIFIED ADS

HELP WANTED

Martin County Sheriff's Office is seeking qualified candidates for deputy and jail officer positions.

Minimum Requirements:

1. Be a citizen of the United States
2. Be at least 21 years of age
3. Have a high school diploma or G.E.D.
4. Have eyesight correctable to 20/20
5. Cannot have any Felony, Battery misdemeanor or Domestic Violence convictions
6. Pass a written entry-level examination
7. Pass physical examination / agility testing
8. Submit to drug screening, psychological testing and a Polygraph/Voice Stress Analysis
9. Possess a valid driver's license from the State of Indiana
10. Submit to being fingerprinted
11. Submit to a character and background investigation, which includes but is not limited to:
 - your credit rating
 - your previous and current employment
 - your driving record
 - any criminal records
 - interviews conducted with family members and/or friends
12. May be required to appear for a panel interview

Interested candidates can acquire an application and the Martin County Sheriff's Office: 318 Capital Avenue, Shoals, IN 47581 (812) 247-3726.

BIDS WANTED

The Martin County Highway Department is accepting 2018 bids for supplies for the following highway improvement projects:

-Mount Calvary Rd from city limits to Reinhart Rd

1381 tons of cold mix
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-Butler Bridge Rd from Ridge Rd to Bridge 73

3330 tons of cold mix
303 tons of #11 stone
10595 gallons of AE-90S

-Dover Hill Rd from Killion Mill Rd to Rama Dye Rd / Killion Mill Rd N SR450

3614 tons of cold mix
329 tons of #11 stone
11499 gallons of AE-90S

-Cale Rd from Indian Springs Rd to Bear Hill Rd / Mt. Olive Rd to Bear Hill Rd

3704 tons of cold mix
337 tons of #11 stone
11786 gallons of AE-90S

Bids are due February 9, 2018 at 4:00 pm in the auditor's office.

Bids will be opened February 13, 2018 at the 5:30 pm commissioner's meeting.

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

Like many gardeners, I get my gardening fix in the winter with houseplants. My home is filled with plants of many types, including ferns, succulents and many other types of plants. They range from tiny air plants to trees that are over six feet tall. However, nothing chases away the winter blues better than blooms and some of the most beautiful blooms come from orchids.

The orchid family is one of the largest, if not the largest, of plant families. They occur in almost every climate around the world. There are more than 750 genera of orchids and more than 28,000 species have been identified. Since tropical orchids were introduced to hothouse cultivation in the 19th century, more than 100,000 hybrids and cultivars have been bred.

Not all orchids are tropical plants. In fact, 43 species of orchids are native to Indiana, while only three are found naturally in Hawaii. Most of the orchids in Indiana are in marsh areas of northern Indiana, but some, like the lady's slipper, may be found in our area. Indiana's orchids are of the terrestrial type, meaning they grow in the soil, usually from a corm, rhizome or tuber.

Most of the orchids we grow as houseplants are of the epiphytic type. Epiphytes do not grow in the soil. They have roots, which function as anchors to cling to supports. In nature, they usually grow in trees. The roots can quickly absorb moisture during a downpour to sustain the plant through subsequent dry periods. However, the roots do not absorb nutrients, leaving the leaves to absorb food for the plant from the air.

In nature, epiphytic orchids grow in bright light, but do not do well in direct afternoon sun. They need high humidity and air movement around the roots. They survive dry periods, alternating with drenching. However, since they are not in the soil, the moisture quickly drains away. They grow in temperatures between 55 and

85 degrees. The better one is able to mimic these conditions, the more success one will have in growing them indoors.

The majority of the orchids commonly found for sale are Phalaenopsis orchids, often called moth orchids, although cattleya and dendrobium orchids may also be found. Most orchids are sold in bloom and are potted in wet moss in glass, ceramic and plastic pots. Obviously, these conditions are not conducive to healthy orchid growth. In fact, if left in these pots, they are doomed to root rot.

Orchids should not be repotted while they are in bloom, so it is possible to keep them going for some time before repotting. The secret is to not over-water, while providing the proper light, temperature and humidity. An east-facing window is usually the best option, but a south window may be used as long as there is protection from direct afternoon sun. A tray filled with pebbles and water under the plants will provide the necessary humidity. Another humidity option is a table-top fountain. The best way to water potted orchids is to weekly place a couple of ice cubes on the surface of the moss. The ice will melt and provide all the moisture the plant needs.

When repotting orchids, always use an orchid pot. Orchid pots are usually clay pots with large slits around the pot. This will allow the quick drainage the plants require. I recommend purchasing a commercial orchid mix as the potting mixture. These media are composed mostly of bark chunks, charcoal and sometimes Styrofoam.

Orchids bloom usually last for several weeks, and healthy plants may have multiple blooming stems that will bloom over long periods. Once the blooms have dropped, the bloom stems may be cut back. Use a specially-formulated orchid fertilizer once or twice a month and provide the proper growing conditions and the plant will reward you with more blooms after a few months.

NRC approves two new nature preserves

The Natural Resources Commission (NRC) approved two new nature preserves during its regularly scheduled meeting today at Fort Harrison State Park.

The action increases to 284 the number of state-designated sites protected by the Nature Preserves Act.

Calumet Prairie Nature Preserve in Lake County is in the northeast portion of Lake County, within Lake Station. Measuring about 119 acres, it lies within the Northwestern Morainal Natural Region.

Owned and managed by the DNR Division of Nature Preserves, the site contains the largest sedge meadow and wet prairie natural community complex in Indiana, and provides habitat for associated rare plants and animals.

The approximately 519-acre Outbrook Ravine Nature Preserve, in Clark and Scott counties, encompasses a large, rugged area with a range of high-quality forest community types (mesic through dry), including the most northwestern extension of naturally occurring Virginia pine. The Knobstone Trail, Indiana's long-distance trail, traverses the site, which is owned and managed by the DNR Division of Forestry.

The NRC also received a report from the DNR review committee regarding a petition for rule change to add standards to specifically govern cultivated ginseng seeds and plants. The committee agreed with the concept of allowing for separate rules for cultivated ginseng, but the current statute does not allow for such a separation. As a

result, a change to the ginseng law will be required.

The NRC also granted final adoption for a rule to prohibit the use of an airborne human transportation device or an unmanned motor-driven airborne device (i.e., drone) on a DNR property, unless the operator has obtained a permit or is doing so in an area designated for that activity. The rule was granted preliminary adoption at the September 2016 NRC meeting.

As an informational item, the NRC was given information about the Blue Ribbon Panel on Sustaining America's Diverse Fish and Wildlife Resources regarding support for the Recovering America's Wildlife Act that was introduced in Congress and if passed, would provide a funding source for species of greatest conservation need throughout the country.

The NRC is an autonomous board that addresses topics pertaining to the DNR. More details on these actions are available at nrc.IN.gov/2354.htm under "January Agenda."

NRC members include the DNR director, heads of three other state agencies (Environmental Management, Tourism Development, and Transportation), six citizens appointed by the governor on a bipartisan basis, the chair of the DNR's advisory council, and the president of the Indiana Academy of Science. The Academy of Science president and the agency heads, other than the DNR director, may appoint proxies to serve the commission in their absences.



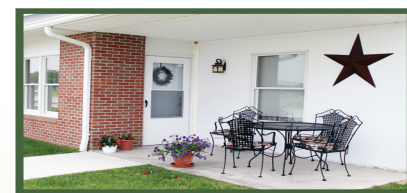
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By Curt Johnson
MCCF Executive Director



Last week I suggested you start the new year thinking about your giving plan. So, let's say you've decided you want to do something to help your community, and you've got some funds that you can put toward some charitable giving. But it seems like a lot to really understand all the options that are available to you. So, where do you start?

-- ADVISORS CAN HELP --

Professional advisors can be invaluable guides in helping you plan and execute your charitable giving. When they are fully apprised of your values, interests and intentions, advisors can give detailed information on your giving options and how these options will work in your specific financial situation. They can also project how each option will affect your



The Martin County Veteran Service Officer has an office in the Martin County Courthouse. An appointment is necessary. For assistance, call 812-247-2210; transportation needs call 812-247-2450 and leave a message or e-mail martincountyvso2013@yahoo.com. Calls are returned on Tuesday and Thursday.

During the month of December, the veteran service officer assisted 11 veterans and had four meetings. The veterans' van took six trips transporting six veterans to VA medical centers and clinics.

DRIVERS NEEDED for the veterans' van. I am aware that we all have very busy lives and very little free time which is why I am looking for reliable drivers to add to my call list. I am looking for **VOLUNTEERS** that are willing to transport a veteran possibly one trip a week to medical appointments at VA hospital and clinics in the surrounding area. This is not a paid position. You must have an Indiana license and a clean driving record. If interested, please contact me.

The veterans' van only transports to appointments at VA hospitals and clinics. You must contact me for transportation needs. Do NOT contact the driver's directly, they do not have the van schedule. The veterans' van is not a part of the DAV program. It is funded by Martin County taxpayers so we only transport Martin County residents.

The veterans' van will only transport to Indianapolis and Northern clinics on Tuesday and Thursday, Louisville and New Albany on Wednesday and Friday and Southern clinics on Monday's. The veterans' van will NOT leave the recycling center earlier than 7 a.m. Please schedule your appointments accordingly.

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

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-- TYPES OF ADVISORS --

The type of advisor and expertise you most need may depend, in part, on the kinds of giving options you'd like to examine in depth. Most importantly is the level of trust and care you receive as a client.

When planning charitable giving, people most often work with one or more of the following types of professional advisors:

- Attorney
- Accountant
- Estate Planner
- Financial Planner
- Stock Broker
- Insurance Broker
- Philanthropy Consultant (may be part of the above, but focuses solely on helping with charitable giving)
- Planned Giving Officer (works for the nonprofits who would accept your donation and can provide good information for your advisors).

-- SELECTING --

Because advisors have different expertise and services, you may get a variety of opinions about your next steps. You need to find the right match of skills and personality to meet your needs. Talk to your friends, family and others to learn about the advisor's experience in helping others make determinations about their values and giving style. You can also interview potential advisors about their expertise in the areas you are considering.

-- ADVISOR TRAITS --

While you are considering who your advisor(s) will be, keep in mind that donors such as yourself are typically most satisfied with their advisors when the advisor:

- Discusses philanthropy with them in detail, asks questions, and listens.
- Makes philanthropy a discussion about life goals, rather than about estate planning and mortality.
- Keeps the giving plan simple and/or limits discussions of complex giving vehicles to the top few options.
- Treats the plan as a vehicle for giving rather than as a financial product they are selling.
- Is a giver themselves.
- Knows when to look for additional help rather than trying to be an expert on all aspects of giving and family dynamics.

-- IT'S YOUR CHOICE --

Since charitable giving plans deal with personal and sometimes sensitive issues, it is important that you work with an advisor with whom you feel absolutely comfortable. When it comes to narrowing the field, trust your instincts.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

For more information about the MCCF endowment funds and how we can help you develop your charitable giving plan, please contact the Executive Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org.

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

4-H NEWS

By Stacy Brown

Martin County Purdue Extension Educator



4-H Trips and Conferences

Below is a list of all trips and conferences offered by Purdue Extension. If you are interested in attending any of these conferences, please call the Extension Office at (812) 295-2412 or email Stacy at brow1374@purdue.edu. To register for any of these activities or to learn more, please visit: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/workshops.aspx>.

State 4-H Band: Saturday, June 23 – Monday, June 25, 2018 at Purdue University; performance on Monday evening of 4-H Round-Up (June 25).

- Youth who have completed grades 8-12 are encouraged to apply for this workshop.

- The workshop fees may be paid in full, or in part, by the 4-H Council. However, delegates are responsible for their own transportation to and from the conference, as well as any additional costs, such as meals, snacks and souvenirs

- Special application forms must be completed by the 4-H member and band director. Final selection is made by the state 4-H band director. Band members attend an intensive workshop and perform on the last evening of this session.

State 4-H Chorus: Saturday, June 23 – Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at Purdue University; performances at closing session of 4-H Round-Up and on 4-H Day at the Indiana State Fair.

- Youth who have completed grades 8-12 are encouraged to apply for this workshop.

- The workshop fees may be paid in full, or in part, by the 4-H Council. However, delegates are responsible for their own transportation to and from the conference, as well as any additional costs, such as performance uniform, meals, snacks and souvenirs

- Special application forms must be completed by the 4-H member and band director. Final selection is made by the state 4-H band director. Band members attend an intensive workshop and perform on the last evening of this session.

State 4-H Round-Up

- Monday, June 25 – Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at Purdue University.

- Youth who have completed grades 7-9 are encouraged to apply for this workshop.

- Transportation to and from Purdue is arranged through the Extension Office. The workshop and transportation fees may be paid in full, or in part, by the 4-H Council. However, delegates are responsible for their own meals, snacks and souvenirs.

Citizenship Washington Focus

- Saturday, June 30 – Saturday, July 7, 2018 in Washington, D.C.

- 4-H member must be at least 15 years of age and in 9th grade or higher by June 15.

State Fair Youth Leadership Conference

- Tuesday, July 31 – Saturday, August 4, 2018 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds (Discovery Hall).

- Youth who have completed grades 9-12 are encouraged to apply for this workshop.

- The workshop fees may be paid in full, or in part, by the 4-H Council. However, delegates are responsible for their own meals, snacks and souvenirs, as well as transportation to and from the State Fairgrounds.

Indiana 4-H Youth Congress

- TBA at the Indiana State Fairgrounds
- Youth who have completed grades

8-12 are encouraged to apply for this workshop.

- Registration fee and additional details TBA.

National 4-H Dairy Conference

- Sunday, September 30 – Thursday, October 4, 2018 in TBA

- Youth who have completed grades 9-12 are encouraged to apply for this workshop.

- Join 4-H members from across the country and Canada as they learn about the dairy industry and dairy related careers. Conference participants will also spend time at World Dairy Expo.

National 4-H Congress

- Friday, November 23-Tuesday, November 27, 2018

- Eight to twelve 4-H members will be selected to represent Indiana at the National 4-H Congress.

- Applicants must be in grade 9, 10, 11, or 12 at the time of application. Since this trip is in November, finalists selected to attend will be in grade 10, 11, 12, or first year 4-H alumni at the time of this trip.

- Must be a current 4-H member and in at least the third year of membership at the time of application.

4-H Academy @ Purdue (formerly known as 4-H Science Workshops)

- Wednesday, June 13 – Friday, June 15, 2018 at Purdue University

- Youth who have completed grades 9-12 are encouraged to apply for these workshops.

- Transportation to and from Purdue is arranged through the Extension Office. The workshop and transportation fees may be paid in full, or in part, by the 4-H Council. However, delegates are responsible for paying for their own snacks and souvenirs.

- More information on available classes will be available in February 2018.

4-H Scholarship Applications Due January 25th

All enrolled 10-12 grade 4-Hers have the opportunity to apply for scholarships through Purdue Extension. The scholarship categories include leadership, citizenship, and animal science. Scholarship amounts start at \$1,000. The application deadline is January 25th, 2018. If you are interested in applying, please contact the Extension Office at (812) 295-2412.

Extension Office Offers Programs for Classrooms and Other Youth Organizations

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

Upcoming Events

Cooking Workshop - January 13, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the MC Community Building

Shooting Sports Club meeting - January 22 at 6 p.m. at the MC Community Building

More Neat Stuff



I suppose this is not a very good year for the following joke, but here goes anyway:

On the first day of school, a teacher tells her students that she is a Patriots fan. She asks her students to raise their hands if they are a Patriots fan, too. Everyone in the class raised their hands except one little girl.

The little girl said, "I am a COLTS fan."

The teacher asked why Lily is a Colts fan.

Lily responded by saying, "My mom and dad are Colts fans."

"Well, said the teacher, what if your mom and dad were idiots, then what would you be?"

Lily smiled and said, "Then I'd be a Patriots fan."

On New Year's Eve, Daniel was in no shape to drive, so he sensibly left his van in the car park and walked home. As he was wobbling along, he was stopped by a policeman. "What are you doing out here at four o'clock in the morning?" asked the police officer.

"I'm on my way to a lecture," answered Roger.

"And who on earth, in their right mind, is going to give a lecture at this time on New Year's Eve?" enquired the constable sarcastically.

"My wife," slurred Daniel grimly.

Doing a random act of kindness for others may not make your day, but it may make theirs. Here are a few suggestions:

- *Donate hats, scarfs, mitten, gloves, or coats to those who need them.
- *Pay it forward by paying for someone's coffee, food, etc.
- *Leave a big tip.
- *Bring homemade snacks to work.
- *Leave positive comments online.
- *Do a household chore without being asked.
- *Adopt a pet.
- *Carry an elderly neighbor's groceries.
- *Bring a hot meal to a friend in need.
- *Leave quarters at the laundromat.
- *Shop local.

- *Host a clean-up party at the park.
- *Compliment a stranger or coworker.
- *Say thank you to all the workers you meet.
- *Donate your eyeglasses.
- *Let someone into your lane.
- *Bake a cake for a coworker's birthday.
- *Call your parents.

A FEW THOUGHTS:

*As you get older, you've got to stay positive. For example, the other day I fell down the stairs . . . Instead of getting upset, I just thought, "Wow, that's the fastest I've moved in years."

*I'm not fat, but I'm not thin either. I'm at the point where you can definitely tell I like chocolate cake.

*I'm not a control freak. I just know how to fold a towel the right way. You can't just start folding all willy-nilly like some sort of linen rebel.

*If you don't do a lot of stupid things when you're young, you won't have funny things to talk about when you're old.

*Everyone's entitled to be stupid now and then, but some people abuse the privilege.

Make someone smile today!

ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



SADIE is a female St. Bernard/beagle mix, very sweet, large, weighs around 80 pounds. Knows how to "sit" and loves to play. She is spayed and up to date on shots. Adoption fee is \$80. The shelter is located at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. To see all available animals, visit www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Loogootee School Board meeting 2525.

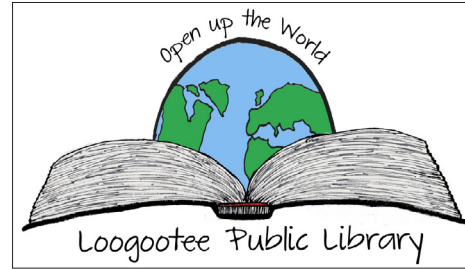
The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, January 18 at 5 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. The meeting is open to the public.

Food pantry hours

The Loogootee United Methodist Food Pantry will be open the first, second, third and fifth Thursdays of the month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and also the first Monday of the month from 5-6:30 p.m.

Free lunch for kids

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



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The library board is busy planning fundraisers to raise money towards the new library. I have listed some options that people from the community can do to help raise money for the proposed building project:

-Estate planning - don't forget that you can include a donation to the Loogootee Public Library or Friends of Loogootee Library (FOLL, 501-C) in your will or trust. It is completely tax free.

-You can remember in your estate planning several ways without using any of your present income or jeopardizing the face value of current investments.

Some possibilities are:

-Designating a gift from a will
-Naming the library as beneficiary of insurance policies

-Sharing part of the interest from a current investment, such as an appreciated stock

Your attorney and accountant can provide information on establishing charitable trusts, special bequests and other similar gifts for the library.

If you are thinking you would love to give to the new library building fund but are short on cash here are some suggestions:

-Clean out your closet and donate to the library or post on Facebook marketplace then donate the money to the library.

-Buy online through AmazonSmile, a program that automatically donates 0.5% of your purchase to a charity of your choice. It costs you nothing the only thing required is to have to shop at smile.amazon.com. Please remember you can only purchase through the site and buying thru Amazon apps, Kindle, or through affiliate sites won't count. You can also do shopping through GoodShop, which works like AmazonSmile, gifting a small percentage of purchases to the charity of your choosing.

Thank you in advance for supporting the library.

SOAR Tutoring

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

Tourism meetings

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

Humane society meetings

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

Solid waste board

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

Soil and Water meetings

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

Attention Senior Citizens

The Loogootee Senior Citizen Center, located in the annex building attached to JFK Gym on JFK Avenue in Loogootee provides activities for seniors every Monday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon. For \$5 a year, seniors can participate in Euchre tournaments, games, puzzles, etc., with other local seniors. Anyone interested is welcome to stop by, there are no age or residency requirements to participate. Seniors are also offered lunch at the Loogootee Senior Center every Monday and Thursday. A free-will donation is requested. Call 812-295-3130 to make a reservation, so enough food is prepared.

Genealogy workshop

The Shoals Public Library will be hosting a genealogy workshop on Thursday, January 25 at 5:30 p.m. (weather permitting). Teresa Heidenreich, Director of Washington Carnegie Public Library, will be giving a lecture on beginning genealogy. A free beginner kit will be given to each attendee. Light refreshments will be served. Registration is not required but please call the Shoals Public Library (812) 247-3838 for more information or if interested in attending. This workshop is sponsored by the Martin County Genealogical Society.

Specials at The Lodge

Wednesday: Tenderloin Plate

Thursday: Pork Chops

Friday: Baked Spaghetti

Friday night: Seafood Boil

Saturday: Chicken Cordon Blue Sandwich

Saturday night: Smoked Chicken, Chops & Ribs

Sunday: Honey Sage Roasted Turkey



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