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Food service inspections

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 27

Dairy Master, 506 West Broadway Street, Loogootee

One non-critical violation:

-Exterior surface of several storage containers have build-up of dried food/dust on surface.

American Legion Post 120, 112 Church Street, Loogootee

No violations noted.

Los Bravos, 502 West Broadway Street, Loogootee

Two critical violations:

-Raw pork stored above ready-to-use milk in True cooler in kitchen.

-Multiple items had no date marking in all cooler units. (Repeat violation)

Two non-critical violations:

-Large Mantowoc ice machine had build-up of a pink substance on upper interior surface.

-Back storage room exterior doors not tightly sealed.

McDonald's, 106 East Broadway Street, Loogootee

One critical violation:

-Temperature of cooling unit at Frappaccino station 47.6 degrees; temperature of cooling unit under McFlurry machine (Beverage Air) was 45.2 degrees.

Knights of Columbus, 102 East Main Street, Loogootee

One non-critical violation:

-Coke fountain nozzle has build-up of black substance.

DECEMBER 30

Velma's Diner, 304 Main Street, Shoals

One critical violation:

-Temperature of items inside Haier cooler at 47.6 degrees. Temperature of items in steam table not more than 135 degrees: mac and cheese 121 degrees, gravy 123.6 degrees, meatloaf 130 degrees, beef and gravy 121 degrees.

One non-critical violation:

-Bags of salt and pepper packets and container of Sweet & Low packets stored directly on floor below work table in kitchen.

American Legion Post 61, PO Box 492, Shoals

No violations noted.

Bradley's Bar & Grill, 605 West Broadway Street, Loogootee

One critical violation:

-Eggs stored over ready-to-use cooked potatoes in walk-in cooler.

(Response to Bradley's Bar & Grill inspection submitted by Brad Williams, owner, on December 30: "We have corrected the issue and educated the staff to properly store the eggs so they are not resting over the potatoes.")



Beautiful sunrise

-Photo by Sarah Mullen

Photographer Sarah Mullen captured this gorgeous sunrise during on of the days last week when schools were closed due to snowfall. The photo was taken over West Boggs Lake.

Shoals School Board holds first meeting of the year

The Shoals School Board met last Thursday, January 12.

The board voted Dianna Ragsdale as president of the board, Eva George as vice president, and Jenell Hoffman as secretary.

The board voted to keep the date and time for regular meetings during 2017 to the second Thursday of each month beginning at 6 p.m. They also approved board pay at the rate of \$109 for regular meetings and \$60 for special and executive meetings.

Approval was given for Indiana All Star Driving School to use the school facilities and offer driver education courses during the summer of 2017 at a per-student cost of \$345.

The board approved the Martin County Sheriff's Department to hold officer training in the cafeteria and junior high building on February 13 from 5-7:30 p.m.

The board approved the following personnel actions:

-Resignation of Dave Qualkenbush as boys' assistant track coach

-Rhonda Sanders as girls' assistant track coach

-Jeff Cooper and Adam Terry as assistant softball coaches

-Brandi Gilbert as high school special education teaching assistant

-Amanda Turpin as Pep Club sponsor

-Nici Key as Pep Club volunteer

-Lydia Turpen as Elementary Title 1 Teaching Assistant

-Darla Holt as after school attendant for student athletes

-Larry Hembree, Patrick Sinnott, and Cara Wyman to serve as substitute teachers during the 2016-17 school year.

-Tony Abel in the position of custodian.

The board approved the Rockettes Dance Team to hold dance clinic fundraiser February 13 through February 17.

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The board approved cancelling an outstanding check #4940 to Purdue Extension in the amount of \$240 that has been outstanding and unpaid for a period of two or more years.

The board approved the donation of t-shirts for all school students and staff provided by Jones Oil, Bailey Brothers Used Cars, Loughmiller Machine, The River Church, Shoals Summer League, Gamma Iota, Hawkins Health Care, and Shoals Lions Club.

The board approved allowing Bill Whorrall to donate a copy of his book "Good Morning Martin County" to each graduating senior.

The board approved a field trip request from the girls' varsity basketball team to attend an IU Women's Basketball Game on February 5.

The board tabled action on a request from Dover Hill Christian Union Church and Teri Kerr to hold "Faith and Fitness" at the school on Sunday evenings until more details about the request can be discussed.

The board approved the Shoals Lions Club to hold a basketball banquet in the cafeteria on February 27 or March 6.

The board voted to re-appoint the following treasurers: Lisa Elliott, Corporation Treasurer; Andrea Qualkenbush, Deputy Corporation Treasurer; Deborah Howell, Jr. Sr. High ECA Treasurer; Angie Sango, Elementary ECA Treasurer; and Miranda Beaver, Cafeteria Treasurer. They also approved to renew bonds for the school corporation and ECA treasurers for the calendar year 2017.

All members of the board were provided with a blank conflict of interest form as well as guidelines regarding what may constitute a conflict of interest and the need for disclosure. (See 'SHOALS' cont. on page 2)

Martin County needs your help!

Have you ever gone to bed hungry? Have you ever had to tell your kids no, when they are hungry and ask for something to eat? Have you ever wondered where your next meal would come from? For most of us, the answer is "NO", but did you know that there a lot of people right here in our own community who deal with these issues on a regular basis?

As most people run around consumed with their own lives and problems, there are several individuals and organizations in Martin County who are volunteering their time and resources to help out the less fortunate in the community. Did you know that there are several food banks in the county that are making sure that people in need of food get the necessary items to provide nutritious meals for themselves and their children? In Martin County, those in need of food rely on the Loogootee Methodist Church, St. Vincent DePaul, and The River Church in Shoals. These food banks rely on local food donations as well as food provided by larger food pantries outside of the county to cover the needs of the community. Together, these three food banks are providing food for more than 1,000 people each month. In addition to these three food banks, there are also food distribution programs sponsored by both Redemption and New Beginnings Churches in Loogootee.

Are you shocked to learn that over 1,000 people in Martin County are served monthly by local food banks? With a population of just over 10,000 people, this means that ten percent of our friends and neighbors who live in Martin County need help. It may be an elderly person with a limited income and high medical bills or it could be a father of three who lost his job just before Christmas. Hunger does not discriminate and people sometimes need help from others. How can you help?

On February 11, Martin County food banks are again teaming up with local law enforcement officers for the 2nd annual "Martin County Safe Community Campaign", which will be held at the Martin County Community Building. This event will serve as a community food drive as well as a chance to hang out with the local police officers in the county. Event planners are asking that you please bring non-perishable food items on the 11th. Whether it is a couple of cans of fruit or a truck load of food, they are asking that the good people of our community come together to provide for those in need.



-File photo

Last year's "Safe" campaign collected tons of food for local pantries.

Operation Round Up grants awarded to local organizations

The trustees of the Daviess-Martin Community Fund, Inc. met at the December 14 quarterly board meeting to award grants to local groups and organizations.

Four organizations received a total of \$4,360. This brings the total amount of grants awarded to \$419,933.17 since 2004.

The four recipients were:
After School Program/WISH at Lena

Dunn Elementary - \$250
Retired Sr. Vol. Program, dba/RSVP Volunteer Center - \$1,500
Hope Resource Center - \$1,110
Martin County Mayor's Youth Council - \$1,500

If you are part of an organization that could benefit from an Operation Round Up grant, go to www.dmremc.com to download an application and submit it by February 28.



-Photo provided

The newly formed Martin County Mayor's Youth Council, was presented a \$1,500 ORU grant by Theresa Showalter, REMC administrative assistant, at an organizational meeting at the Martin County Community Learning Center. The council is made up of nineteen high school students from Martin County. The program helps to grow young leaders and gives them the opportunity to be involved and gain responsibility while being mentored on community issues. The group will discuss and implement ideas which are deemed plausible in the municipalities of Shoals and Loogootee and Martin County as a whole.



-Photo provided

Tony Massie, DMREMC AMR/meter technician, demonstrates electrical safety to students in Lena Dunn Elementary School's "WISH" after school program. The program received a \$250 ORU grant to purchase circuit board kits for the explore electricity lesson.



-Photo provided

The Hope Resource Center, a non-profit Pregnancy Care Center and Medical Clinic in Lawrence County, received a \$1,110 Operation Round Up Grant to help fund the Earn and Learn Parenting Program. Theresa Showalter, DMREMC administrative assistant, at right, presents the check to Abby George, executive director of the Hope Resource Center.

SHOALS

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Formal approval of any reported conflict of interest will be on the agenda for the regular board meeting on February 9, 2017.

The board held a second reading and approved the after-school attending job position and a first reading of the update to the vacation policy and the family medical leave of absence policy. Second readings and approval are scheduled for the February meeting.

The board reviewed a draft version of the 2017-18 school calendar and discussed several possible changes. Following discussion, a calendar for the 2017-18 school year was approved and it will be posted on the school website.

Kindra Hovis, junior/senior high school principal, reported on the following:

- 8th grade class won the attendance challenge for the second grading period
- Individual student attendance challenge has been created for the start of the new semester

- Megan Hawkins has collected enough bottle caps to for two benches that will be installed in the new outdoor mural area

- 11 Shoals student representatives were in attendance at meeting of Mayor's Youth Council

- Congratulations to Alex Tedrow for being selected as a semi-finalist for the Coca-Cola scholars foundation. Alex was selected out of nearly 86,000 applicants

Austin Malone, elementary principal, reported on the following:

- Saturday, January 28 the Robotics Teams will compete at State

- Friday, February 3 is the next 2 p.m. early release day

- ISTEP testing begins in March
- The elementary has begun their ver-

sion of PBIS. They are calling it PRIDE Points.

- Many of the teachers were awarded grant money from the Martin County Foundation and have begun utilizing those funds.

- Thank you to Larry Sherfick and the Shoals High School Student Council for donating multiple coats to the kids.

- Thank you to Ann Stewart for leading SPA!

- Thank you to Mr. McAllister for building a box for the SPED primary!

Dr. Roush reported on the following items:

- Thank you to the area businesses that donated the t-shirts to all of the students.

- The school is excited to announce that they received a grant and will be partnering with Hoosier Uplands next year to offer a free after school program for elementary students. The program will provide after school snacks and activities for up to 40 elementary students. The program applications will go out in March and students will be selected on a first come, first serve basis.

- The school applied for a \$30,000 Lilly grant to focus on counseling needs and should hear back in the next week or two.

- The school reserved funding to update the school parking lots and more information will be made available at the February board meeting.

- The school is still collecting parent permission slips for Harlee the comfort dog.

- The school tax rate came in around .86 cents for the 2018 year.

- The school received an \$18,000 grant from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute to partner with The Community Corrections Department to provide more help with our current PBIS and CASS programming.

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Obituaries

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RICHARD GREEN

Richard C. (Buck) Green passed away at 8:55 a.m. Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at his home. A resident of Loogootee, he was 71.



RICHARD GREEN

He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed Notre Dame Football, NASCAR and spending time with his grandchildren.

He was retired after 40 years as a laborer for a local feed mill. After retirement, he worked at Walmart in the meat department.

He is survived by his wife, Linda (Bledsoe) Green of Loogootee; sons, Richard J. (Jessica) Green and Edward Green, both of Loogootee; grandchildren, Matthew, Ashley, Brendan and Savannah Green; sister, Judith Blackwell; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter R. and Afra (Carri-co) Green and brother-in-law, Robert Blackwell.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by the Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at 10 a.m. Saturday, January 21 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be held Saturday, January 21 from 9 a.m. until the time of service at the church with a Knights of

Columbus service to be held at 9:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

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

DAVID JOHNSON

David R. Johnson passed away at 6:35 a.m. January 12, 2017 in Loogootee. A resident of Shoals, he was 70.



DAVID JOHNSON

He was born in Martin County on March 24, 1946; son of Thomas and Eva Pearl (Emmons) Johnson. He attended school in Shoals. He was a cook at the Golden Gables in Bedford for 30 years. He attended Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church. He enjoyed yard sales, painting, gospel bluegrass music and spending time with his cat, Sam.

He is survived by two sons, Marty and Kevin Johnson of Bedford; two grandsons, Marty Johnson and David Barlow; a granddaughter, Tia Wheeler; and two sisters, Ruth Taylor and Barbara Thomas, both of Loogootee.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, David; a sister, Francis York; and two brothers, Charles Johnson and infant, George.

Funeral services were held Monday January 16 at Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals. Rev John Simmons officiated. Burial followed in the Clark Cemetery.

Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals was in

charge of arrangements.

AGNES BLEDSOE

Agnes I. Bledsoe, formerly of Loogootee, passed away at 3:18 a.m. Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at Brownsburg Meadows. A resident of Brownsburg, she was 96.

She was born March 8, 1920 in Shoals; daughter of the late Merle and Nellie (Head) Hitt.

She was a member of the Loogootee Christian Church.

She is survived by her daughter, Sue (J.D.) Faris of Indianapolis; granddaughters, Kathi (Stan) Lower and Su-

san (Bruce) Caveney; four great-grandchildren, Kendra (Greg) Gilbertson, Michael (Rachel) Lower, Allie and Tyler Caveney; two great-great grandchildren, Kenley and Crosby Gilbertson; and sister, Avis Hitt.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Virgil Bledsoe; parents, Merle and Nellie (Head) Hitt; and three brothers and three sisters.

Funeral services were conducted by Brother Ed Frost on Friday, January 13 at the Loogootee Christian Church. Burial followed in Goodwill Cemetery.

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

Arts Commission accepting nominations for 2017 Indiana Governor's Arts Awards

The Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) announced that it is now accepting nominations for the 2017 Governor's Arts Awards.

Nomination forms are now available on the IAC website at www.in.gov/arts/2332.htm. Nominations will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. (EDT) March 15, 2017.

Nominations may also be completed in a .pdf format and submitted by email to rvanzant@iac.in.gov.

Nominations originally made, but not selected for the 2015 / 2016 Bicentennial Governor's Arts Awards will automatically be reconsidered for 2017. However, nominators may wish to submit updated information if there have been significant changes in the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the arts since the original nomination was made.

Originally presented in 1973, the biennial awards recognize excellence in artistic achievement, philanthropy, arts education, and leadership in the arts. The awards also build statewide awareness of the important role the arts plan in Indiana.

A new addition for the 2017 Governor's Arts Awards will the opportunity to recognize and encourage the work on emerging artists.

"The awards have traditionally hon-

ored established artists, but Indiana has a legacy of producing outstanding young talent and the Indiana Arts Commission is committed to helping artists build their careers and achieve success here at home," said Lewis C. Ricci, IAC Executive Director. "Indiana has a significantly higher percentage of self-employed artists than the national average. We want to encourage those artists to stay here, produce their work here, which only enhances Indiana's reputation as a state that creates."

Previous recipients of the state's highest honor in the arts include Bicentennial Governor's Arts Award recipients American Pianists Association; cartoonist and entrepreneur Jim Davis; Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds; arts collectors and philanthropists Robert and Ellen Haan; choreographer and educator David Hochoy and Dance Kaleidoscope; legendary jazz guitarist Wes Montgomery. For a complete list of all Governor's Arts Award recipients, please visit the IAC website.

Questions about the 2017 Governor's Arts Awards should be directed to Rex Van Zant at 317-232-1273 or email rvanzant@iac.in.gov.

The Indiana Arts Commission is dedicated to the vision of the arts everywhere, every day, for everyone in Indiana.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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The Martin County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for part time positions for jail officers and dispatchers. Please pick up applications at the Sheriff's Office.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

5:30 a.m. - Received a report of horses on the roadway east of Loogootee. Deputy Salmon responded.

8:05 a.m. - Received a report of a dispute south of Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

8:15 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

9:00 a.m. - Major Burkhardt and K9 Officer Asher made an informational appearance at Shoals School.

9:05 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:35 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:00 p.m. - Major Burkhardt and K9 Officer Asher made an informational appearance at Loogootee School.

3:03 p.m. - Received an odor of gas complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire responded.

4:24 p.m. - Received a report of a power line down near Shoals. Sergeant Keller and REMC responded.

4:54 p.m. - Received a report of a dispute in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded and spoke to the individuals involved.

7:00 p.m. - Sheriff Roush and Deputy Reed had an informational session with Crane residents during their monthly town hall meeting.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

1:17 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Deputy Salmon and Deputy Reed responded. Everything was okay.

1:35 a.m. - Received a dog complaint east of Loogootee. Deputy Salmon and Deputy Reed responded.

2:18 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Deputy Salmon, Deputy Reed, and Loogootee Officer Baker responded. Everything was okay.

3:18 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Deputy Salmon responded. Everything was okay.

4:57 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down on SR 450. Deputy Salmon and Shoals Fire responded to remove the tree.

5:20 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down on US 150. Deputy Salmon and Shoals Fire responded to remove the tree.

7:20 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

7:50 a.m. - Received a report of a tree in the roadway on US 50 near the state forest. Shoals Fire responded to remove the tree.

8:50 a.m. - Captain Dant took four inmates to court.

9:30 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

10:38 a.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

11:15 a.m. - Sergeant Keller took one inmate to court.

12:51 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across SR 450 near Shoals. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

1:10 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across the road in Indian Springs. REMC removed the tree.

1:15 p.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

1:22 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across Mill Road. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

1:24 p.m. - Received a report of tres-

passing in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

2:35 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across Chicken Farm Road. Shoals Fire responded.

2:40 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across Burns Lane, south of Shoals. Lost River Fire removed the tree.

3:48 p.m. - Jail Officer Emmick was on station with Holly Norris from the Rockville Correctional Facility.

4:52 p.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted with property transfer near Loogootee.

6:11 p.m. - Shoals Fire assisted with traffic control east of Shoals for a disabled vehicle.

6:30 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across Mill Road. Shoals Fire and REMC responded.

8:28 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on US 231, north of Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense removed the tree.

8:50 p.m. - Received a report of a tree on US 231, near Burns City. Martin County Civil Defense removed the tree.

8:59 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across US 50, near the state forest. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

12:42 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on US 231, south of Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

3:16 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

5:10 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Shoals. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

5:14 a.m. - Received a report of a stolen vehicle from Shoals. Deputy Salmon, Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, and Deputy Reed responded. The vehicle was later recovered near Shoals.

8:37 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:00 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

9:35 a.m. - Received a report of an abandoned dog near Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

10:28 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

11:28 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:27 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene removed some debris from the roadway in Shoals.

2:20 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

7:23 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.

8:20 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded and all was okay.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

8:30 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

9:18 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

1:30 p.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

1:35 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across SR 150, east of Shoals. Shoals

Fire responded.

2:30 p.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

9:22 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:30 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded and everything was okay.

10:38 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle off the roadway near Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris, Town Marshal Eckert, and Deputy Shinn responded.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

8:20 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:10 a.m. - Received a report of threats in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

11:25 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

12:17 p.m. - Jail Officer Emmick took one inmate to the doctor.

12:35 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:00 p.m. - Major Burkhardt, Sergeant Keller, and Loogootee Captain Hennette gave an informational presentation at Loogootee Schools.

3:14 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

3:48 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

7:37 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231, north of Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

7:40 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

8:05 a.m. - Jail Commander Abel took one inmate to the doctor.

8:23 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Dant responded and everything was okay.

11:09 p.m. - Received a report of sus-

picious activity west of Shoals. Deputy Reed responded.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

1:30 a.m. - Deputies' Salmon, Reed, and Shinn, along with Loogootee Officer Baker assisted Orange County officers, in an attempt, to locate an individual wanted for an altercation in French Lick.

6:58 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:59 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:53 p.m. - Received a report of a fight in Shoals. Sergeant Keller, ISP Trooper Lents, and Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

2:27 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

3:30 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded and everything was okay.

4:34 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Lost River Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The Martin County Coroner was requested and the subject was transported to the Queen Lee Funeral Home.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

10:00 p.m. - Matthew Wright was arrested by Deputy Salmon on a Dubois County warrant. He was transported to the Dubois County Jail.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

11:00 a.m. - Jayland Baker, 21, of Loogootee, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene on a petition to revoke warrant and is being held without bond. Sheriff Roush assisted in the arrest.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

12:30 p.m. - William Randolph, 32, of Patricksburg, was arrested by Sergeant Keller on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond. Jail Commander Abel and Dispatcher Abel assisted in the arrest.

Martin County Humane Society

3RD ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

3:30-5:30 p.m.

at The Lodge of Loogootee



Want to enter your chili?

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Entry fee: \$10

Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place. \$5 to come taste and vote!

All proceeds go to the care of the dogs and cats at the animal shelter. Come out and support the animals!

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

8:15 a.m. - Caller stated she was having some problems with her juvenile daughter.

3:03 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to a CO2 detector going off at a residence in Country Court.

8:45 p.m. - Captain Hennette and K-9 Roxy assisted the county with a traffic stop.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

2:18 a.m. - Officer Baker responded to a business alarm.

8:10 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female on US 231.

1:30 p.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a residential alarm.

5:28 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

8:35 p.m. - Caller reported a possible disturbance in Redwing Trailer Court.

8:46 p.m. - Caller reported a tree down on US 231.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

2:42 a.m. - Officer McBeth assisted the county with a foot pursuit on US 231.

9:40 a.m. - Received a report of two loose dogs on Church Street.

11:30 a.m. - Caller reported an abandoned vehicle on Hwy 50.

12:05 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

5:43 p.m. - Caller reported a burglary.

5:58 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

7:25 p.m. - First responders were requested on Redbud Street for a medical call.

8:21 p.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a business alarm.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

9:00 a.m. - Caller reported a problem with a student.

9:18 a.m. - First responders were requested on North Oak Street for a medical call.

11:15 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted child protective services.

10:32 p.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to

Real estate transfers

Darrell L. Wagler and Rebecca K. Wagler, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Ephriam Ray Graber and Loretta Kay Graber**, of Daviess County, Indiana, Lots Number 38 and 39 in Clark's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee.

Cathy Lee Struck, of Martin County, Indiana to **Zachary J. Struck and Andrew L. Struck**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 10 in Roger's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Lester Wayne Estell, of Martin County, Indiana to **Larry Wagler and Rita Wagler**, of Daviess County, Indiana, part of the northwest quarter of Section 6, Township 4 North, Range 4 West.

Thomas J. Miller, of Martin County, Indiana to **Rita A. Miller**, of Martin County, Indiana, tract of land in the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 1, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 5 acres, more or less.

Hoosier Hills Credit Union, an Indiana corporation to **Richard Ray Quick, Jr.**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the north half of the southeast quarter of Section 24, Township 5 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2.989 acres, more or less.

Richard Ray Quick, Jr., of Martin County, Indiana to **Richard Ray Quick, Jr. and Edward A. McDonald, III**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the north half of the southeast quarter of Section 24, Township 5 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2.989 acres, more or less.

a residential alarm.

10:46 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle near Bellbrooke.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

12:21 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person on US 231.

8:33 a.m. - Received a report of a broken-down vehicle on Hwy. 50.

6:23 p.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted child protective services.

7:36 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

10:08 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy. 150 N. Officer was unable to locate.

10:10 p.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

8:23 a.m. - Officer Dant responded to a business alarm.

10:15 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

7:15 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

1:53 p.m. - Officer Floyd assisted the county with a fight.

5:00 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

9:25 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

Multi-state license fraud investigation results in over \$85,000 in fines and restitution

Indiana Conservation Officers and Illinois Conservation Police investigated cases of hunting license/permit fraud beginning in early 2015 extending through 2016 that has resulted in over \$85,000 in fines and restitution.

"Operation Double Dip was started to investigate individuals who claim residency in Illinois and Indiana in order to purchase hunting licenses/deer permits at the cheaper resident rate," said Sgt. David Hyatt, Illinois Conservation Police. "This is a case that protects the privileges of our legitimate resident hunters and ensures that each state receives the funding needed for Fish and Wildlife projects."

Both Indiana and Illinois law state, "No person may claim residency in more than one state at the same time for the purpose of purchasing resident hunting or fishing licenses." This investigation revealed that many of the defendants had defrauded the state for several years.

211 counts of falsification were filed in the state of Illinois. A one hundred percent conviction rate was recorded against all Illinois defendants who have been ordered to pay over \$65,000 in restitution and fines. Prosecution was handled by the Illinois Attorney General's office and the Sangamon County State's Attorney's office.

"Conservation Law Enforcement is an important component in the protection and continual improvement of our state's natural resources," said Colonel Danny L. East, Indiana DNR Law Enforcement Division Director. "The cooperative efforts of both Indiana and Illinois law enforcement divisions were vital to the success of this case."

A total of 21 years of hunting privilege revocations were ordered against Illinois defendants.

Indiana has recorded an estimated 57 defendants because of this investigation. The majority of Indiana cases are still pending and final amount of charges has not been determined. \$20,581.50 in restitution has been ordered and 12 years of hunting privileges have been revoked against Indiana defendants, so far in this case.

COURT NEWS

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

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

December 1

Jessica N. Lomax-Whorrall, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor and operating while intoxicated with previous conviction within five years, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days at the Martin County Security Center with 539 days suspended and credit for 4 actual days previously served plus 4 Class A credit days. Defendant received 17 months of probation.

December 20

Gloria N. Cagle, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days at the Martin County Security Center with 395 days suspended and credit for 78 actual days previously served plus 78 Class A credit days. Defendant received 14 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES

DISMISSED

December 1

Jessica N. Lomax-Whorrall, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; operating while intoxicated with previous conviction within 5 years, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed.

December 20

Gloria N. Cagle, unlawful possession of a syringe, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

January 5

Nathan G. Truelove, four counts of escape, Class 6 Felonies, dismissed; possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of a narcotic drug, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; two counts of unauthorized absence from home detention, Class A Misdemeanors, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

January 5

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff First National Bank of Omaha and against the defendant Robert E. White III in the amount of \$15,154.09.

January 10

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff International Hair LG, Inc. and against

Accident reports

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

7:43 a.m. - Zachary Q. Taylor, of Loogootee, was operating a 2003 Chevy on Broadway Street. Taylor proceeded through a red light and struck a 2005 Toyota operated by Katherine F. Reed, of Loogootee. Chief Rayhill investigated.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

2:20 p.m. - Joanna Hurst, of Loogootee, was operating a 2006 Chevy in the Hoosier Auto parking lot. Hurst stated her brakes went out and she struck a building. Hurst was cited for driving while suspended. Captain Hennette investigated.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

8:30 a.m. - Xiao Yang, of Loogootee, was operating a 2016 Dodge in the high school parking lot and attempted to pull out of a parking spot. At this time, Yang's vehicle struck a 2008 Dodge owned by Trudy and Ron Riley, of Loogootee. Chief Rayhill investigated.

the defendant Lynn Williams in the amount of \$7,667.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

January 4

Peggy L. Walker vs. Shelly Petty, complaint.

January 6

Lloyd and Linda Burch vs. Logan and Kristen May, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

January 4

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Rene A. Allbright in the amount of \$2,085.26.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Jason E. Bradford in the amount of \$5,223.73.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Steven Buchta in the amount of \$946.06.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Carlis R. Craft, Jr. in the amount of \$5,806.58.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Joseph M. Davis in the amount of \$5,623.58.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Michelle D. Wood in the amount of \$2,297.98.

January 5

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Capital One Bank and against the defendant Caleb A. Sanders in the amount of \$1,495.22.

Judgement in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Jennifer A. Willis in the amount of \$721.

January 6

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Johnathan Davila in the amount of \$1,547.25.

January 13

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Thomas P. Gordon in the amount of \$775.30.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

January 11

Joel C. Boyd of Shoals and Stephie E. Garner of Washington.

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More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



What I wanted to do in 2016:

- *drink water
- *eat healthy

What I actually did in 2016:

- *drank margaritas
- *ate tacos

Soo. . . my brother has two tickets for the 2017 Super Bowl, both box seats. He paid \$3,700 for each ticket.

He didn't realize when he bought the tickets that the game would be on the same day as his wedding – so now he can't go.

If you are interested and like to go in his place, it's at First Community Church, in Atlanta, GA at 4 p.m. Her name is Tiffany. She's 5'3", about 110 pounds, great cook, good looking, makes \$120,000 a year! She will be the one in the white dress.

"C'mon Ma you have got to try it" I pleaded to my elderly Mother. "I don't know how my Mother lasted this long without ever using the internet, but enough was enough!" I thought.

"Ok" she said reluctantly settling down by the computer and slowly putting on her reading glasses "what do I do now?"

"Now I'm going to open the home page of Google," I explained. "OK, here it is! Now type in ANY question you want into the bar over here and you will find an answer to your question," I confidently assured her.

My Mother looked at me warily, thought for a second, and slowly began to type, "How is Gertrude doing this morning?"

On the advice of a future family member, I do "brain games" every morning to make sure that my brain (what's left of it) stays sharp. When I ran across the following, I decided it

was too late. What do you think?

Two men met at a bus stop and struck up a conversation. One of them kept complaining of family problems.

Finally, the other man said: "You think you have family problems? Listen to my situation: "A few years ago, I met a young widow with a grown-up daughter. We got married and I got myself a step-daughter."

"Later, my father married my step-daughter. That made my step-daughter, my step-mother. And my father became my step-son."

"Also, my wife became mother-in-law of her father-in-law. Much later, the daughter of my wife, my stepmother, had a son."

"This boy was my half-brother because he was my father's son. But he was also the son of my wife's daughter which made him my wife's grandson. That made me the grandfather of my half-brother."

"This was nothing until my wife and I had a son. Now the half-sister of my son, my stepmother, is also the grandmother."

"This makes my father, the brother-in-law of my child, whose stepsister is my father's wife, I am my stepmother's brother-in-law, my wife is her own child's aunt, my son is my father's nephew and I am my OWN GRAND-FATHER!"

There was this guy looking for the best Hollandaise sauce, and a friend suggested he look in Nome, Alaska.

When questioned why in Nome, the friend replied, "Everyone knows that there is no place like Nome for the Hollandaise."

Wife texts husband on a cold winter morning, "Windows frozen, won't open."

Husband texts back, "Gently pour some lukewarm water over it and then gently tap edges with hammer."

Wife texts back 10 minutes later, "Computer really messed up now."

Make someone smile today!

ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



Carrie is a female tiger stripe kitten with spots of calico. She is around 14 weeks old. She is very sweet, LOVES attention, and gets along with other cats. Her adoption fee is \$40. The animal shelter is open Monday and Wednesday 5-7 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m. To see all the dogs and cats available, visit www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org. The shelter is located at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Loogootee girls' Senior Day

The 2016-2017 Loogootee Lady Lions will be hosting Senior Day events for Mayson Riley and Emily Brookshire on Saturday, January 21 prior to, during, and immediately following their game against The Linton Miners. Game time for Linton at Loogootee is scheduled for a noon tip off.

Faith Baptist 25th Anniversary

The congregation of Faith Baptist Church, in Loogootee, would like to invite the whole community to celebrate their 25th anniversary on Sunday, January 22 at their morning worship hour at 11 a.m. and for a celebratory dinner immediately following at noon. The church was founded on January 26, 1992 and is located at 205 East Main Street in Loogootee.

Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, January 19 at 5 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. The meeting is open to the public.

Drawing classes

Artist Bill Whorrall would like Martin County, and surrounding area, teens and adults to know he has re-started his drawing class in the SOAR office (in the building behind the community building on the fairgrounds). It will meet Saturdays, January 21 and 28. The class will be from 2-4 and all materials will be supplied. Beginners and experienced artists are welcome! \$15 per class and can be paid on the day of the class.

SOAR tutor training

Martin County SOAR will have new tutor training on Monday, February 6 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The second class will be on Wednesday, February 8, at the same times. Anyone interested in working with SOAR as a tutor can contact 812-709-1618 or email martincountysoar@hotmail.com.

Online survey needs your input

Share your opinions about local housing needs through the Martin County Housing survey (available online at: <https://purdue.qualtrics.com/SouthernIndianaHousingDemandSurvey>). Don't miss your chance to be heard! If you have already recently answered housing-related questions via a phone survey, please do not answer the same questions using this web-based link (in order to avoid duplication). All responses are voluntary and anonymous. The deadline for providing feedback is February 15, 2017. The information you provide will guide decision-makers as they explore ways to expand local housing options.

Sunday nights of revival

New Beginnings Community Church and Maranatha Tabernacle Church are holding 14 continuous Sunday nights of revival starting January 8 through April 9, 2017. The "Code Blue" (start your heart with God) revival meetings begin at 6 p.m. (EST) each Sunday night and meet at Maranatha Tabernacle Church, 13111 Hwy 231 N., Loogootee. Special revival speakers and worship bands will participate each month. For additional information, contact Pastor Ernie at 812-709-0258 or Pastor Duane at 812-295-4349.

Attention Senior Citizens

The Loogootee Senior Citizen Center, located in the Annex building attached to JFK Gym on JFK Avenue in Loogootee provides activities for seniors every

Monday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon. For \$5 a year, seniors can participate in Euchre tournaments, games, puzzles, etc., with other local seniors. Anyone interested is welcome to stop by, there are no age or residency requirements to participate.

Free lunch for kids

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

SOAR Tutoring

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

Humane society meetings

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

Solid waste board

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

Tourism meetings

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

Soil and Water meetings

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

Loogootee Elementary Term Two Honor Roll

Third grade

High honors: Chloe Allen, Paxton Arvin, Cameron Crays, Brody Gilbertson, Joseph Graber, Olivia Nonte, Savannah Sitzman, and Owen Tompkins.

Honor roll: Anderson Aiman, Julianna Baker, Mason Britton, Carson Brown, Brooklyn Carrico, Riley Jones, Colt Kerns, Macy Knepp, Dax Lee, Marley McAtee, Madison Nail, Hailey Osborne, Chloe Ramsey, Noah Smith, Olivia Taylor, Declan Todd, Carson Trambaugh, Bailee VanMeter, and Evan Williams.

Fourth grade

High honors: Anistyn Aiman, Ryken Chandler, Breanna Courter, Brianna Eckerle, Ava Fuhrman, Ashley Green, Luke Guy, Kennedy Huff, Judith Park, Ella Parker, Koen Waggner, Wade Walton, and Cacia Wilcoxen.

Honor roll: Avery Brock, Amber Cagle, Landon Campbell, Abigail Chapman, Olivia Christmas, Pierce Davis, Noah Esch, A J Foster, Gunner Fox, Kierstyn Hupp, Kendall Kemp, Moronix Lantz, Emma Lingenfelter, Morgan Mattingly, Dylan Norris, Adelyn Sergeant, Spencer Stevens, Isaac Tarr, Maren Walters, Ruger Wathern, and Donna Yang.



Graduate . . .


Michael Milligan traveled to Norfolk Virginia on Saturday, December 17, 2016, where he graduated from Old Dominion University with a 4.0 GPA. His degree is Master of Engineering Management (M.E.M.). Michael was accompanied by his wife, Katie and two children, daughter, Mattie (13) and son, Nickolis (6). Milligan said he wants to thank all of his family and friends, whom without your support, he could not have achieved his goal of a Master's degree. He also thanked his employer, Alion Science & Technology, whose benefits were instrumental in attaining this degree.



Making A Difference

MARTIN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

By Curt Johnson
MCCF Executive Director



-- ENDOWMENTS --

What exactly is an endowment, and why would a person or group want to start one? The Martin County Community Foundation (MCCF) was established to assist citizens and groups in starting endowments, which are similar to savings accounts, generating interest returns for particular causes. These endowments are simply cash, stocks, IRAs, insurance, real estate, or bequests that are donated for these causes.

-- BENEFITING CAUSES --

Endowments may be to benefit charitable causes or organizations that have done good things and deserve to be funded, or for scholarships in honor of loved ones or for general education purposes. Those benefiting from the endowments must be a church, governmental entity, accredited education institution, or other tax-exempt non-profit organization having a 501(c)3 status.

-- WHY START ONE? --

Almost any good cause would benefit from having an endowment started that can fund it far into the future. Usually endowments are started when someone like you feels compelled enough to begin a permanent fund for something that is important to them. Founding donors want to put their money where their hearts are. You may do this on your own, or encourage a group to begin an endowment. Either way, it takes someone with foresight to

appreciate the power of this “forever funding”, and then to follow through on starting an endowment.

-- THE MCCF'S ROLE --

The MCCF serves as the caretaker of these funds. Part of what the MCCF does is to receive the donation(s), guard that principal so that it continues to grow, and to provide the continuity to administer these funds, forever. Those assets, the endowments, are invested and professionally managed and over time will grow to provide stable income for the beneficiaries or causes to which they are dedicated.

--MCCF ENDOWMENTS --

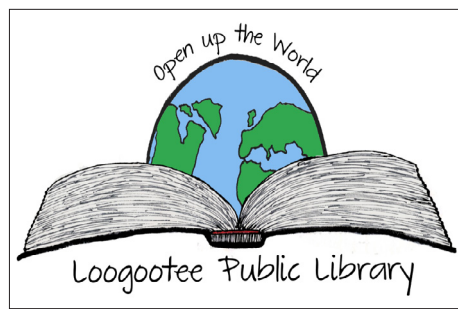
The MCCF has over 50 endowments that give back to our community in several ways. There are several types of endowments to do this. There are (1) the unrestricted funds that address the changing and emerging needs of Martin County, (2) the scholarships for a wide variety of educational choices, (3) the designated funds to provide support to specific charitable organization, (4) the field of interest funds that address broadly defined areas of concern, and (5) the donor advised funds that allow donors to recommend grants that address those changing and emerging needs in the community.

-- STARTING AN ENDOWMENT --

If you or someone you know is interested in an endowment, please contact the Executive Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

You are also welcome to visit our website at www.cfpartner.org/mccf.htm, follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/MartinCountyCF](https://twitter.com/MartinCountyCF), and “like” the MCCF Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mcccommunityfoundation.



BY DARLA WAGLER
Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The winter reading program for adults, Hot Reads for Cold Nights, has started and we already have 33 adults registered. This is a fun way to spend the next 8 weeks since we are stuck indoors this winter. The grand prize is a \$50 Visa card so stop by the library and get signed up.

New Books:

Mystery Fiction: “Never Never” by James Patterson and “The Rising” by Heather Graham.

Inspirational Fiction: “The Newcomer” by Suzanne Woods Fisher and “Because Your Mine” by Colleen Coble.

The library hours are Monday and Tuesday 10-7, Wednesday closed, Thursday and Friday 10-5 and Saturday 9-1. The phone number is 812-295-3713 or check out the website www.loogootee.lib.in.us or like us on Facebook. The library has free Wi-Fi service available for patrons.

4-H NEWS



By Stacy Brown
Martin County Purdue
Extension Educator

Club Meetings

Shooting Sports—Shooting Sports is becoming its own club. Please join us for meetings every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Martin County Community Building starting January 9.

Horse and Pony

Monday, February 6, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at Martin County Learning Center
Monday, March 13, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at Martin County Learning Center
Monday, April 3, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at Martin County Community Building Robotics

Monday, January 30, 6 p.m. at the Martin County Learning Center

Indiana State Fair Queen Crowned

Congratulations to Martin County's Kendall Riley for placing in the top 10 at the Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant. Kendall is a 10 year 4-H alumna of Martin County 4-H. Thank you, Kendall, for representing our community so well at the state level. The 2017 Indiana State Fair Queen is Becca Lax from Vanderburgh County, first runner-up is Gabi Reese from Boone County, second runner-up is Sydney Dobson from Jasper County, third runner-up is Ashley Fritz from Hancock County and fourth runner-up is Kaylee Gray from Pike County. Miss Congeniality is Sophi Schultz from Allen County. The Indiana State Fair will be held August 4-20.

Camps, Conferences, & Trips

Recently application of interest forms for state camps, conferences, and trips were sent to all 4-H families. If you are thinking of attending any of these events, please fill out the form and send it back to the Extension Office. More information will be sent to you as it becomes available.

4-H Scholarships Available

The following scholarships are available through 4-H. Scholarship applications must be submitted through 4Honline.com by January 25, 2017. To for more information about the scholarships please visit <http://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/scholarships.aspx>

4-H Accomplishment Scholarship—Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors, and College Freshmen are eligible to apply.

4-H Foundation Scholarship—All Seniors are eligible for this state and county scholarship.

4-H Club Scholarship—Seniors in high school or those who are currently enrolled in a post-secondary institution and will be transferring to Purdue University in the fall semester.

Become a Volunteer

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

Opportunities to Help 4-H Grow in Martin County

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



Students, staff of the month

-Photo provided

Loogootee Elementary named their students and staff member of the month for December. In the front row, from left to right, are Gabe Walton, Josie Mathies, Haley Huff, Lauren Nolan, and Natalie Arthur. In the second row, from left to right, are Luke Williams, Henry Humerickhouse, Joe Graber, Brody Gilbertson, and Anderson Williams. In the back row, from left to right, are Wade Walton, Mrs. Tiffany Lingenfelter, and Brianna Eckerle.

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While evergreens are the obvious attention grabbers in the winter garden, there are many other plants that provide interest. This week, we will take a look at the BFF of deciduous trees and shrubs—bark, fruit and form.

During summer months, we usually do not pay much attention to the bark on trees and shrubs. After all, the foliage and the flowers take center stage. In the winter, those attributes are more prominent. The first way that bark may bring winter interest is by color. In some cases, the colors are just more noticeable in winter, while in others, the seasons result in a change in color. The white bark of sycamores and birches really is emphasized, especially when such trees occur in clusters. Other trees put on bright colors for the winter. At Sandhill Gardens, I have three different colors of bark on shrub dogwoods. In addition to the red and yellow twig dogwoods, I have a hybrid dogwood called Autumn Flame which lives up to its name. The young stems of this shrub sport beautiful pink to apricot coloring. With all of the osier dogwoods, the colors are most intense in the young stems, so cut out a third of the oldest stems each year to keep the color coming. Another colorful bark specimen is a coral-bark Japanese maple, which is in front of my house and is visible from the living room picture window. Even food-production areas get some winter color from the hues of the newest stems among various berry brambles, ranging from blue to burgundy.

Another way that bark adds winter interest is by patterns. In winter, we notice the patterns in the bark of various trees. Some trees, such as beeches and crape myrtles have smooth textures, while others may have geometric patterns. Exfoliating bark is another of my favorite attributes for winter interest. Some trees shed bark in sheets, such as sycamores, while shrubs like oak-leaf hydrangea sport a more scruffy exfoliating bark. The phenomenon often results in revealing several layers of bark of different shades. One of the most beautiful exfoliating trees in our area is the river birch. The ninebark actually gets its common name because someone noticed nine different shades revealed when the shrub sheds its outer layer of bark.

In an earlier column about feeding wildlife, I mentioned several trees and shrubs that provide fruits for birds in the winter. These same fruits provide interest for our eyes. While the birds have stripped many of the berries from plants by this time of the year, a few shrubs still are covered in colorful berries. Hollies, including my beloved deciduous winterberry hollies, provide beautiful berries for the landscape. While red berries are the most common, some hollies have orange, yellow and even black berries. Junipers, including our native red cedars, have beautiful steely blue berries, which are actually the cones of these conifers. Pyracantha, commonly called firethorn, provides some of the brightest berries in nature. The bright orange berries are some of the last to be consumed by birds. The experts say that some berries appear to be unpalatable to birds until late winter, when the berries

have fermented. Some birds actually become intoxicated from over-indulging in the late-season berries. Whether by their own colors or by the birds they attract, the fruits of some plants add interest to the garden in winter.

Form is the other way that trees and shrubs provide winter interest. I remember riding down a country road with my grandfather and was amazed that he could tell what type of tree was ahead just by the shape of the limbs. In the winter, when the leaves are gone, the variety of branching forms becomes more obvious. There is interest in the high-reaching limbs of sycamore and in the weeping branches of the weeping willow. Each species provides interest, and if you have a variety of trees, the interest is compounded. Since my rides with granddad, I have always loved interesting branching patterns. I guess that is why I have planted so many contorted specimens at Sandhill Gardens. My favorite, of course, in the contorted filbert, which is really the most spectacular plant in my garden in winter. Its branches twist and turn and are particularly beautiful when one views either the rising or setting sun through the canopy. Come by and see it sometime.

Reward offered for information on Whooping Crane shot in Greene County

Indiana Conservation Officers have partnered with Indiana Turn in a Poacher (T.I.P.), Friends of Goose Pond and International Crane Foundation to offer a reward of \$6,500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for killing a Whooping Crane in Greene County.

On January 3, 2017, an International Crane Foundation volunteer found the crane near Goose Pond Fish and Wildlife area. The carcass has been sent to the National Fish and Wildlife Forensics Laboratory in Ashland, Oregon for further testing.

In an effort to apprehend those responsible for the killing of the Whooping Crane, several conservation organizations have come together to offer a reward.

“Goose Pond FWA is a winter home for up to 25 percent of the entire eastern Whooping Crane population”, said Dane Strahle, Friends of Goose Pond president. We strongly support the efforts to find the person(s) responsible for this killing”.

Friends of Goose Pond’s board members are offering a \$2,500 reward. This reward is offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible.

International Crane Foundation is supporting this effort and has committed to offer a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible.

“The population of Whooping Cranes has recovered from a few dozen in the 1940s to about 450 in the wild today”, said Tim Grunewald, International Crane Foundation North America Program Director. “The protection of the Whooping Crane population is a very high priority for our organization, and we hope to see justice served in this case.”

NRC approves three new nature preserves

The Natural Resources Commission (NRC) approved nature preserve status for three sites during its regularly scheduled meeting this morning. The move increases to 277 the number of state-designated sites protected by the Nature Preserves Act, which turns 50 years old this year.

The three new nature preserves are Pisgah Marsh in Kosciusko and Whitley counties, and two nature preserves in Harrison-Crawford State Forest—Greenbrier Knob in Harrison County, and County Line Glades in Harrison and Crawford counties.

Pisgah Marsh Nature Preserve is a 118-acre property that is part of the larger Pisgah Marsh Fish & Wildlife Area and is owned and managed by the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife. It is located within the Northern Lakes Natural Region along the intersection of Kosciusko, Whitley and Noble counties. Acquisition was through a mix of Fish & Wildlife and Nongame Wildlife funds.

This new nature preserve contains high-quality examples of fen, sedge meadow, marsh, and oak woodland natural communities. An ADA-accessible boardwalk leads visitors to Pisgah Lake. The preserve provides habitat for

a number of state-endangered wildlife species, including Blanding’s turtle, spotted turtle, Virginia rail, sedge wren and least bittern.

Greenbrier Knob, owned and administered by the DNR Division of Forestry, is composed of two separate tracts in Harrison-Crawford State Forest. This nature preserve protects mesic upland forest that borders the Blue River along with gravel-wash sites and a high-quality example of a riverine limestone ledge community that hosts several rare and endangered plant species. It is located within the Shawnee Hills Natural Region’s escarpment section.

Noteworthy plant species at Greenbrier Knob include state and federally endangered Short’s goldenrod, Appalachian bugbane, prairie redroot, sand grape, and cleft phlox. Its state-rare species include barren strawberry and wild false indigo. The watch-listed meadow spike-moss and American wild basil also can be found there. Noteworthy animal species include several mollusks along the banks of the Blue River—the state endangered clubshell and snuffbox, and the state special-concern kidneyshell and little spectaclecase. Also present is the state special-concern spotted darter.

County Line Glades, owned and administered by the DNR Division of Forestry, is also composed of two separate tracts in Harrison-Crawford State Forest. It is located just south of Interstate 64 at the county line. This nature preserve protects limestone glades and adjoining dry upland forest with a diverse assortment of site indicator species, including Indian grass, New Jersey tea, American columbo, blackjack oak and post oak. It is located within the Shawnee Hills Natural Region, Escarpment Section.

Noteworthy plant species include the state rare golden alexanders and limestone adder’s-tongue as well as the state threatened pink thoroughwort. Noteworthy animal species include the watch listed springtail and the state endangered Indiana bat.

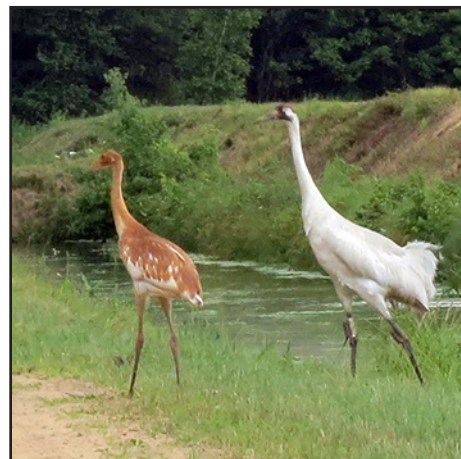
Regarding other issues, the NRC ...

-Accepted a report from the Division of Fish & Wildlife on why it does not support a citizen’s petition to reduce the size of the carapace length of Eastern snapping turtles that can be taken from the wild at this time. A rule change increased the size to 12 inches in July 2015.

-Granted final adoption of amendments to 312 IAC 8-1.5-21.5, defining a state park as a list of 24 properties that are called state parks rather than creating a formal definition of what constitutes a state park.

-Granted final adoption of amendments to 312 IAC 8-2-5 to allow possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages at Indiana Dunes State Park as authorized by IC 7.1-3-17.8.; LSA Document #16-369(F); Administrative Cause No. 16-080P.

-Granted final adoption to adjustments to the nonrule policy statement that lists the public freshwater lakes in Indiana, changing the name “Zehner Millpond Lake” (Marshall County) to “Mill Pond” and altering the description of the lake’s location for purposes (See 'NRC' continued on page 9)



Indiana Turn in a Poacher (TIP) is adding an additional \$500.

An additional \$2500 is being offered by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) for information leading to conviction.

“Poaching is referred to as theft of our precious natural resources”, said Joe Cales, TIP president. “As citizens of Indiana, we do not tolerate the unlawful taking of our fish, wildlife or natural resources and we stand firmly against those who do.”

The Whooping Crane killed in Greene County was part of an effort by the Whooping Crane Eastern Partnership to establish an eastern continental flock on a migratory path between Wisconsin and Florida. This migration path crosses through Indiana, with Whooping Crane’s often stopping at Goose Pond FWA.

Indiana Conservation Officers are collaborating with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to investigate this crime.

“Conservation Law Enforcement is our mission”, said Danny L. East, DNR Law Enforcement Director. “With the assistance of our conservation partners and our citizens, we remain confident that we will bring closure to this case.”

Library program to "check out" state parks continues in 2017

In 2017, Hoosiers can once again "check out" state parks by checking out an entrance pass from a public library.

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

Beginning on February 1, library districts across Indiana will each have one of 240 state park passes placed in circulation at one of the district's branches for check-out. The passes will provide access to Indiana's 32 state park properties and also to Indiana's state forest recreation areas where entrance fees are charged.

This program, which began as a single-year initiative for the Indiana State Parks' Centennial Celebration, has been extended for one year. The program will be evaluated based on the number of times passes are checked out and how they are used. Those who check out the passes will be asked to complete a short survey at the library when they pick up the pass.

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

The Indiana State Library helped pay

for the parks pass program. Some local libraries may purchase additional passes to ensure that each branch has one pass for check-out.

"The State Library is excited about this extended partnership with Indiana State Parks," said State Librarian Jacob Speer. "The partnership gives library patrons an opportunity to explore the many beautiful state park locations across Indiana simply by using their library card to check out the free passes."

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

Gus Grissom biographer to speak at Spring Mill SP

Gus Grissom biographer George Leopold will speak to the public and sign copies of "Calculated Risk: The Supersonic Life and Times of Gus Grissom" on February 4 at Spring Mill State Park.

The event will take place at 2 p.m. in the Oak Room of Spring Mill Inn.

Copies of the book will be for sale in the Oak Room and in the park office after the presentation.

For more information, contact the park's interpretive naturalist, Wyatt Williams, at (812) 849-3534 or wwiliams1@dnr.IN.gov.

Park admission is \$7 per in-state vehicle and \$9 per out-of-state vehicle.

Spring Mill State Park is at 3333 State Road 60 East, Mitchell, 47446.

NRC

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of accuracy.

-Re-elected Bryan Poynter as chair, Jane Ann Stautz as vice chair, and Cameron Clark as secretary.

-Welcomed new members Jeff Holland, president of the Indiana Academy of Sciences, who replaces retiring academy president Donald Ruch; Bruno Pigot, director of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) and Joe McGuinness, director of the Indiana Department of Transportation.

The NRC is an autonomous board that addresses topics pertaining to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. 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 NRC'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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Tri Kappa holds monthly meeting

BY RENEE STREET
Tri Kappa Recording Secretary

On Tuesday, December 13, 2016, a Delta Tau Chapter meeting was held at the Loogootee United Methodist Church. Hostesses were Christina Crane, Lisa Brittain and Judy Kluesner.

President Barb McFeaters opened the meeting after members were served a Christmas meal. Renee Street called the roll call with members answering with their favorite Christmas gift.

Tri Kappa would like to thank Sergeant Keith Keller, of the Martin County Sheriff's Department, for taking time to speak to group about the Cops and Kids program. He showed a video of earlier years when it was first started and was originally called Shop with a Cop. He explained where the funding comes from and how it is used to benefit the kids.

The November 22nd minutes were read by Renee Street. The following correspondence was read by Brittany Lyons: A thank you card from Judy Treffinger for the book, Digital Photography, placed in the Loogootee Public Library in honor of her 40 years in Tri Kappa. Martin County Community Foundation sent a newsletter.

The treasurer's report was given by Dena Lyon. Judy Kluesner indicated that there are still nuts left. If any member needs more, contact her. Brenda Strange donated birthday cards to the Remembrance committee.

Donna Graber needs addresses for college kids to mail care packages, as soon as possible. Judy Treffinger honored Lisa Brittain with a certificate for her 10-year membership in Tri Kappa.

Chamber holds monthly meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce met December 14, 2016 at Bradley's Bar & Grill in Loogootee. Present for the meeting were representatives from the following businesses: Hollies Eats & Treats and Martin County Humane Society-Theresa Abney; Maranatha Tabernacle Church-Duane Smith; Overlook & American Tree Experts-Marie Hawkins; The Candy Mill-Carolyn Parsons-Downey; SOAR-Karen Slaven; Old National Bank Loogootee-Susan Arthur; Old National Bank Shoals-Joy Gibson; City of Loogootee-Mayor Noel Harty; Martin County Community Foundation-Curt Johnson; Hoosier Uplands-Deb Terry; Memorial Hospital-Luke Buchta; Daviess Community Hospital-Scott Sell; NSA Crane-Jeff Nagan; ServPro-Tammy May; Kerns Insurance-Ed Kerns; and Purdue Extension-Stacy Brown.

The treasurer's report was given by Susan Arthur. Theresa Abney made a motion to accept the report as is, seconded by Marie Hawkins, and all were in favor.

The secretary's November report was given by Carolyn Parsons-Downey. Marie Hawkins made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Duane Smith, and all were in favor.

Old Business:

Bicentennial closing - Marie Hawkins reported Martin County closed with five

Beth Lett sent Christmas Cards from Tri Kappa to the Martin County Health Center. Dena Lyon sent out a birthday card to a Res-Care resident. Members: Please bring items for the appreciation baskets to January's meeting.

Audrey Robinson reported that all the information about the local scholarships have been given to both Loogootee and Shoals schools. She has put the State Scholarship application information in the Loogootee Tribune, Shoals News and Martin County Journal.

Nancy Whitman brought the birthday calendars for distribution. Thank you to Nancy, Pam Loughmiller, and their committee for the work it takes for this project. This project along with Judy Kluesner's nut sales, are the top two fundraisers that enable Tri Kappa to support so many programs in their budget each year.

Audrey Robinson announced the date for the Top 10 Dinner. It will be held March 19, 2017 from 4-6 p.m. at the Loogootee United Methodist Church.

In new business, the Loogootee Middle School Principal Lacy Wade and Nurse Tiffany Lingenfelter are in the works of putting together 75 safety backpacks for each classroom. The estimated cost of each one is \$26-\$27. This is a one-time request. They will start making them after the funds are received for all 75 packs. They sent a request for a donation. Members discussed and sent in a \$200 donation.

Hostesses were thanked for the festive meeting with food, fun and gift exchange. The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is Tuesday, January 24 at the Loogootee United Methodist Church at 7 p.m.

Legacy awards. Time capsule ceremony was held at the courthouse in Shoals.

New Business:

Karen Slaven, with SOAR, reported that February will be tutor training for anyone interested in tutoring at the learning center.

Luke Buchta, with Memorial Hospital, reported that the hospital has a new stroke robot. Instead of sending patients to Louisville, they now use this robot, which also has a phone if they people need to speak to the doctor or the doctor to the family.

Deb Terry, with Hoosier Uplands, reported that Heard Start went to Westgate for a Christmas party for the children. December 15 is the scheduled date for shop with a cop for all the children.

Scott Sell, with Daviess Community Hospital shared that the hospital is offering chemotherapy to keep patients treatment local.

Curt Johnson reported that the Martin County Toy Store will be open this Saturday from 8:30-3:00, which involves 60-70 volunteers. This is organized by the local group ACCTS.

Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty reported that Martin County has formed a Youth Council. The council will have youth from both Shoals and Loogootee Schools - 11 from Shoals and six from Loogootee, and will also include a city councilman and town board member.

Project focusing on heavy-duty trucks is part of national effort to reduce vehicle fuel consumption

BY EMIL VENERE
Purdue University News Service

Purdue University is leading part of a national effort to reduce vehicle fuel consumption by 20 percent through automated systems that interconnect cars and trucks and the transportation infrastructure using sensors and on-line cloud technology.

The U.S. Department of Energy's Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E) has announced up to \$32 million in funding for 10 projects as part of its Next-Generation Energy Technologies for Connected and Autonomous On-Road Vehicles (NEXTCAR) program.

Purdue leads a project focusing on Class 8 trucks, namely tractor-trailers, and will work with team members Cummins Inc., Peloton Technology, Peterbilt Motors Co., the National Renewable Energy Laboratory and ZF TRW.

"This is the ideal marriage of the public and private sectors to the mutual benefit of both," said Suresh Garimella, executive vice president for research and partnerships. "We anticipate the result will be a commercial and environmental success."

Because heavy-duty trucks consume a significant percentage of total fuel used in the United States, reducing the fuel consumed by those vehicles would have a significant impact on overall vehicle energy usage.

The Purdue-led team will receive \$5 million over three years for its project, which begins in March.

"This project is specific to developing fuel-saving algorithms that depend on connectivity," said Gregory Shaver, a Purdue professor of mechanical engineering who is leading the team. "Trucks will be connected to the cloud, and they will be connected to each other."

The team includes Neera Jain, an assistant professor of mechanical engineering; Daniel DeLaurentis, a professor of aeronautics and astronautics; Shaoshuai Mou, an assistant professor of aeronautics and astronautics, and Srinivas Peeta, the Jack and Kay Kockema Professor in Civil Engineering.

Much of the research will be performed in Herrick's Cummins Power Laboratory. Engineers from Cummins, a leading manufacturer of diesel engines, will spearhead the development of algorithms needed to operate the engine and related systems. The project also will involve four Purdue graduate students.

"We look forward to applying our expertise and working with the other partners. We can improve our customers' business through real-time optimization of the powertrain utilizing off-board computational resources," said Ed Hodzen, director of Advanced Controls Engineering at Cummins. "This enables the use of sophisticated predictive and optimization algorithms that have not been possible to implement on existing on-board powertrain controllers. The opportunities for improvement of efficiency with additional information and computational resources are significant."

The Purdue team will pursue three concepts: on-the-fly recalibration of the engine and transmission to

constantly adapt to new conditions; running model-based control algorithms from the cloud as the vehicle is driving; and platooning with enhanced capabilities, such as synchronizing transmission shifting between two trucks. The vehicles will tap into forward-looking information that reveals changes in road, traffic and driving conditions several miles ahead. Each truck will be connected to a cloud-based network operations center, enabling access to information from crowd-sourced traffic data, road-grade maps and weather services.

"These vehicles will be driven as if every driver had forward-looking information about what's happening a few miles down the road, what the grades are going to be, where the hills are going to be, what the vehicle in front of them is doing," Shaver said. "They are going to be able to react much more quickly, and safely, than a human driver could."

New algorithms will allow "platooning" for trucks, which is much like positioning racecars close to each other to reduce aerodynamic drag.

"It's also the same thing that happens when you have a cluster of bicycles, called a peloton, in competitive racing," said Shaver, the project's principal investigator. "They come together like that because together they reduce the drag on each other. Through automation, we want to get the trucks closer together than human drivers could safely drive them, and we can do this because the connectivity and algorithms are inherently faster, and more accurate, than humans."

Peloton Technology's platooning system provides a wireless vehicle-to-vehicle (V2V) communications link between the throttle and braking systems of pairs of trucks, allowing the trucks to coordinate speeds and maintain a safe, aerodynamic following distance. Optimizing the powertrain via information about the road ahead allows for significant enhancements to platooning algorithms. Today, platooning with the Peloton Technology two-truck platooning system results in average fuel savings of 7 percent at a following distance of 36 feet, based on 4.5 percent fuel savings for the lead truck and 10 percent for the following truck. Enhanced algorithms promise to boost average fuel savings from platooning to as much as 13 percent.

The new technologies are being designed for both highway and cities, but the project's emphasis is on highway operation.

NREL will assist with testing of the trucks on both tracks and roads. Peterbilt will advance its Platooning Development Program to include capabilities such as over-the-air (OTA) engine/transmission calibrations for route, weather and traffic changes. Real-time engine and transmission control cloud updates will allow platooning trucks to be fine-tuned for optimum fuel efficiency.

The team will demonstrate the technology by the end of the three-year project.

One requirement is that the commercial cost of the added technology not exceed \$3,000, underscoring the importance of creating a market pathway to improving the fuel and energy efficiency of heavy trucks.

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