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## County council says no to highway employee raises

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
*Martin County Journal Publisher*

Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett came before the Martin County Council at their meeting Monday night, February 1, to again discuss pay increases for his employees who have CDL licenses. Padgett said there are employees that deserve to be paid more for what work they can and are willing to do. He said he is trying to prevent what has happened before by losing good employees. Right now everyone who works for the highway department is classified as an operator and each make \$15.30 per hour. Padgett wants to change that to have two more classifications which would increase pay for four employees to \$15.60 and one other employee to \$15.80. Five employees would stay at \$15.30 per hour.

Padgett noted he has two employees out now, one on FMLA and one on workman's comp so he has the money in his budget to pay for the increases. He also told the council that he called Daviess County and they pay their operators \$18.90 per hour. He said he understands Daviess County has a larger population but noted that the difference in pay was substantial.

Council Member Randy Winger said he didn't want to take action without President Rich Summers not being present. Summers was absent due to illness.

Council Member Lonnie Hawkins said that he doesn't mind waiting until next month but doesn't want the issue to be tabled continuously. He said he would like the council to make a decision before next meeting so they can vote one way or the other and move on to something else.

Council Member Winger told

Padgett that back in 2009 all of the highway employees were reclassified as operators and all taken up to the same pay. Padgett said he was not in charge then and it was the former highway superintendent.

Highway Secretary Terri Alcorn asked what the county plans to do when the only two Class A CDL drivers quit and there is no one available to operate equipment to remove a fallen tree in the middle of the night.

Winger asked Padgett how many new operators he's hired in the past six months. Padgett replied that he has hired two. Winger asked if the positions were advertised in the paper as operator's needing Class A CDL drivers. Padgett replied that they just advertised

### County may be getting notification system

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
*Martin County Journal Publisher*

Sheriff Travis Roush and Civil Defense Director Monte Wolf spoke to the Martin County Commissioners at their meeting Tuesday night, February 2, about the possibility of installing a notification system to contact residents during an emergency situation.

Roush explained that other counties have this service that can call landlines and some cell phones during an emergency, not just weather-related. He said they are still looking into the various companies and prices but he is estimating the cost for installation at \$5,000. He is not sure if there are additional costs involved such as a maintenance fee. Roush said he wants to work with the fire departments and other law enforcement to see what they would like to use. He said that he just wanted to make the commissioners aware of the plan but they did not need to act on anything right now. Roush will bring more

for CDL.

Albright asked what happens when everyone who works in the courthouse wants to reclassify their jobs to get pay increases.

Council Member Lynn Gee said she was afraid it was going to cause a lot of conflict within the other departments.

"So basically what your saying is there is no use coming back next month with this?" asked Padgett.

Albright said he if didn't come back then the council wouldn't have to decide.

"Sounds like you already have," said Padgett.

Albright said he already hears from various departments how important one employee is over another. He said he

information back at another meeting.

Roush also reported that the Fortville Police Department in Hancock County has a van they no longer use. He said the van is free and has 50,000 miles on it. He plans to use the van to transport inmates and get supplies for the jail kitchen. He said one issue with the van is that the tires are dry rotted due to sitting for a period of time.

Wolf spoke to the commissioners about the avian flu. He said there are no new outbreaks and everything is now stabilized.

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### County's jobless rate stays at four percent

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
*Martin County Journal Publisher*

Martin County's unemployment rate was unchanged from November to December, staying at 4 percent. The county had the 24<sup>th</sup> lowest jobless rate in the state for December, tied with Clark, Kosciusko, Marshall, Vanderburgh, and Rush counties.

In December, the county had 4,969 residents in the workforce with 201 of them unemployed. In November, there were 5,146 residents able to work and 206 of them without jobs. In December of 2014, Martin County's jobless rate was 5.3 percent with 4,988 residents in the workforce and 264 of them unemployed.

Daviess County's jobless rate rose just slightly from November to December, from 3.7 percent to 3.9 percent. The county had the 17<sup>th</sup> lowest jobless rate in the state for December, tied with five other counties.

In December, the county had 15,590 residents in the workforce with 607 of them without work. In November, there were 15,741 residents able to work and 590 of them unemployed. In December of 2014, Daviess County's jobless rate (See 'RATE' cont. on page 2)

understands the wages are not what everyone wants but he isn't aware of any vacancies in any department from lack of employees.

Gee said the workers know what they are going to make when they are hired.

Padgett said with the change in the health insurance, some employees make less now than they did in 2009.

Council Member Buck Stiles made a motion to approve the pay increases with Council Member Hawkins making the second. Council members Gee, Winger, Albright and Barb McFeaters also voted against so the pay increases were not approved.

The board voted Dan Steiner to serve on the Alcoholic Beverage Board. Council Member Stiles was opposed.

Due to a calculation error, the county will receive an additional \$253,932.98 (See 'COUNCIL' cont. on page 2)

### Martin County Primary Election filings to date

The 2016 Primary Election will be held May 3, 2016. The filing period for candidates ends February 5, 2016 at noon. For information, contact the clerk's office at 812-247-3651. The following are current Martin County filings:

Martin County Auditor

January L. Roush (D)

Martin County Circuit Court Judge

Lynne E. Ellis (R)

Martin Co. Commissioner District #1

Kevin R. Boyd (R)

Martin Co. Commissioner District #3

Dan J. Gregory (R)

Martin County Council-at-Large

Warren D. Albright (R)

Floyd "Lonnie" Hawkins (D)

Keith Gibson (R)

Richard "Rich" Summers (D)

Martin County Coroner

Tina Franklin (D)

Larry R. Harding (D)

Martin County Recorder

Rhonda Sanders (R)

Gianna Gee-Armstrong (D)

Martin County Surveyor

Nathan D. Hoffman (R)

Martin County Treasurer

Lori Carrico (R)

Julie Fithian (D)

Republican State Convention Delegate

Warren D. Albright

Gerald D. Montgomery

Republican Precinct Committeemen

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South Center - Jon "Pat" Brown

East Memphis - Earl Boyd Jr.

Perry 1 - Carolyn Sue McGuire

Perry 2 - Francis "Pat" Jones

Perry 3 - Brian Boyd

North Center - Kenneth Brett

Precinct committeemen are needed for all 18 precincts in Martin County. For information, contact the clerk's office.



### Little bobcat

Indiana Conservation Officer Tony Mann helped release this young bobcat in Daviess County, south of Loogootee, on Monday. The little bobcat posed for a picture before taking off.

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# COUNCIL

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in timber money from Crane. According to Auditor January Roush, she received a check for only \$10,989 last week so she called the state forester. What was discovered is the state auditor's office had made an error on the number of acres of Crane in Martin County. They had the county with only 136 acres of Crane when the actual number is 50,136. Refunds will now have to be received from Greene and Daviess Coun-

# RATE

**(Continued from page one)**  
was 4.5 percent with 15,203 residents in the workforce and 681 of them without jobs.

Dubois County's jobless rate was unchanged from November to December, staying at 3.3 percent. The county had the second lowest unemployment rate in the state for December, tied with Bartholomew County.

In December, the county had 22,487 residents in the workforce with 738 of them without jobs. In November, there were 22,908 residents able to work and 750 of them unemployed. In December of 2014, Dubois County had an unemployment rate of 4.1 percent with 21,821 residents in the workforce and 902 of them without jobs.

Orange County's unemployment rate went up from 5.5 percent in November to 5.8 percent in December. The county had the 13<sup>th</sup> highest jobless rate in the state of the 92 Indiana counties for December, tied with Jasper and Newton counties.

In December, the county had 8,489 res-

idents in the workforce and 493 of them unemployed. In November there were 8,694 residents able to work and 481 of them without jobs. In December of 2014, Orange County's unemployment rate was 7.3 percent with 8,821 residents in the workforce and 645 of them unemployed.

Lawrence County's jobless rate moved from 5.7 percent in November to 6.4 percent in December. The county had the sixth highest jobless rate in the state for December, tied with Starke and LaPorte counties.

In December, the county had 20,669 residents in the workforce with 1,329 of them unemployed. In November, there were 20,630 residents able to work and 1,179 of them without jobs. In December of 2014, Lawrence County's jobless rate was 7.4 percent with 20,502 residents in the workforce and 1,521 of them without jobs.

The top ten spots in the state for the lowest jobless rate for December were Hamilton County at 3.1 percent, Dubois and Bartholomew counties at 3.3 percent,

LaGrange, Hendricks and Adams counties at 3.5 percent; Elkhart and Boone counties at 3.6 percent, and Johnson, Decatur and Jackson counties at 3.7 percent.

The top ten spots in the state for the highest jobless rate for December were Greene County at 7.3 percent, Vermillion County at 7 percent, Lake County at 6.7 percent, Fayette and Sullivan counties at 6.5 percent, LaPorte, Lawrence and Starke counties at 6.4 percent; and Crawford and Fountain counties at 6.2 percent.

# SYSTEM

**(Continued from page one)**  
Leo Padgett, highway superintendent, told the commissioners that he went to the council meeting and was shot down on getting changes in his employees' pay. He wanted to increase the pay of his Class A CDL operator by 50 cents and his four regular CDL drivers by 30 cents.

Padgett said the council asked why he is not training more employees to drive the equipment and Padgett said some do not want the extra responsibility. He said he's

going to have to go back to the council and try again or tell his employees they are going to have to train on the equipment.

Commissioner Dan Gregory said you can't force employees to do something they don't want to do unless Padgett changes the job descriptions.

"I say regroup and try again," said Commissioner Paul George.

Padgett said right now he only has his mechanic and Commissioner George available to move equipment.

Gregory said the commissioners could accompany Padgett to the next council meeting and they will try again.

Padgett also reported that CLR will have costs Wednesday for the Brooks Bridge project.

Commissioner George told Padgett that the highway department needs to go around and check on trees that are at risk of falling and cut them down now before they cause a problem.

The commissioners approved adding Houghton Lane and Falls Lane into the county's inventory of roads.

Commissioner George read the 2015 report from SOAR, the adult literacy organization in the county. SOAR did the following in 2015: helped 43 head start families, provided 105 first graders with books in the "Put Your Nose in a Book" campaign in May, provided 120 third graders with dictionaries and 120 fourth graders with thesauruses in August, 40 homeschoolers with dictionaries and thesauruses, tutored 27 adults, helped 13 high school students with SAT prep, and volunteers put in 1,202 hours.

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# Obituaries

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## VIRGINIA EARL

Virginia D. (Holt) Earl passed away at 2:35 a.m. January 29, 2016 at the Garden Villa in Bedford. A resident of Huron, she was 82.



VIRGINIA EARL

She was born August 23, 1933 in Martin County; daughter of Eddie and Louise (Johnson) Holt. She married Alfred Lee Earl on January 10, 1953 in Martin County and he preceded her in death on May 28, 2010.

She was a member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness in Mitchell. She was a homemaker and enjoyed fishing, hunting, cooking and doting on her grandchildren.

She is survived by her children, Nina Woody of Huron, David Earl of Huron, Teresa, and husband, Dennis King, of Huron; Jerrica, and husband, Jason Kutche of Huron; grandchildren, Lisa (Cody) Moore, Ronnie Jones Jr., Tina (Mike) Triplett, Jennifer Whalen, Kayla (Mark) Jones, and Daysen Alfred Lee Kutche; 11 great grandchildren and nine great great-grandchildren; brother, Wayne (Sue) Holt; sisters, Anabelle Blake and Hazel Joann Hall.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; brother, Robert E. Holt; sister, Bernice Beacher, and two great-great grandchildren, Ciera Nicole Moore West and Braxton Boyer.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 2 at Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Huron. Officiating was Mark Morrow.

Condolences may be made online to the family at [www.queenlee.com](http://www.queenlee.com).

## MARVETTA BAKER

Marvetta K. Baker died at 11:33 p.m. Thursday, January 28, 2016, at her home. A resident of Bedford, she was 64.

She was born March 31, 1951, in Bedford; the daughter of Marie (Watson) Lake. She married Michael Wayne Baker on December 8, 1973; he died on December 27, 1998.

Surviving are six sons, Michael Wayne Baker, Jr., Mark Baker, Phillip (Tina) Baker, Dustin Baker and Rocky Baker, all of Bedford, and Mica (Shawna) Baker of Heltonville; one daughter, Pearl (Chris) Craig of Martin County; fourteen grandchildren and one great grandchild; eight sisters, Vera Glasco, Merle Hughes, Caroline Harrison, Jane Sykes, Ronnie Hughes, Karen Trowbridge, Rosella Sons and Dianna Hanners; and two brothers, Randy Lake and David Miller.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Donivan Watson.

Funeral services were held Monday, February 1 at Ferguson-Lee Funeral Home in Bedford. Burial followed in House of Prayer Cemetery, Fayetteville.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.fergusonlee.com](http://www.fergusonlee.com).

## FORREST PENDLEY

Forrest R. "Roger" Pendley, formerly of Shoals, passed away at 6:42 p.m. Monday, January 25, 2016 at St. Mary's Hospital in Evansville. A resident of Evansville, he was 84.

He was born in Shoals, Indiana on July 10, 1931; son of Hovey and Myr-

tle (Jones) Pendley.

She graduated from Shoals High School and served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War. He retired from National Gypsum following 41 years of service. While residing in Shoals, he attended the West Shoals Church of Christ.

He married Esther Hilbrecht on April 14, 1973 at the Odon Church of the Nazarene and she survives in Evansville. Their union was blessed with one son, Roger Pendley and he also resides in Evansville.

Also surviving is a sister, Margaret Pendley of Greenwood.

He is preceded in death by his parents, sister, Eldena Baily and brother, Edmond Pendley.

A funeral service was held Saturday, January 30 at Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. Burial will follow in Spring Hill Cemetery. Rev. John Simmons officiated the service.

Condolences may be made online to the family at [www.queenlee.com](http://www.queenlee.com).

## ADELITA BLEEMEL

Adelita F. Bleemel passed away at 2:42 p.m. January 27, 2016 at IU Health Paoli Hospital. A resident of Shoals, she was 2.

She was born in Bedford on November 26, 2013; daughter of Jennifer (Gibson) Moreno and Shane Moreno.

Survivors include her parents, Jennifer and Shane Moreno of Shoals; brother, Dustin Bleemel of Jasper; and grandparents, Trudy Dubon of Huntingtonburg, Monroe and Faye Gibson of

## Martin County Community Foundation helps Haysville FD

The Martin County Community Foundation (MCCF) recently awarded a grant to the Haysville Community Volunteer Fire Department toward the purchase of a 6x6 utility vehicle to improve response in remote locations that are unreachable by conventional vehicles.

The 5.5hp Polaris Ranger 6x6, with a roll over protection structure, has a 95-gallon copolymer water tank and can pump from 20 gallons per minute at 80 psi to 95 gpm at 40 psi. Integral to the tank is a 5 gallon foam cell for additional firefighting capability. The hose reel holds 70 feet of 3/4" Red Booster Hose and a 1" forestry nozzle. The unit is also outfitted with a RKO Fire Rescue system which includes the medical rescue slip-in-unit and transport basket.

The Haysville Community Volunteer Fire Department serves Rutherford Township in Martin County as well as sections of Dubois County. The coverage area is agricultural and rural, with Rutherford Township covering 35 square miles. Each year they respond to brush and field fires, ATV accidents and other EMS calls. With its firefighting capability combined with the rescue operations requirement, this utility vehicle can more effectively react to a variety of emergency situations in those remote areas.

Before acquiring this unit, the volunteers would have to carry injured people across rugged terrain. The rescue operations can be due to tree-stand, off-road vehicle and a variety of other accidents. The 95-gallon tank capacity has greatly enabled their ability to fight wild fires, replacing the five-gallon backpack-type units that were carried to the scene and then needed to be refilled as the firefight progressed. Haysville Community Volunteer Fire Department Captain Charles Nehmer notes that this new capability is a mod-

Shoals, and Donna and LeRoy Bleemel of Jasper.

She was preceded in death by her great-grandparents and aunt, Sue Ann Gibson.

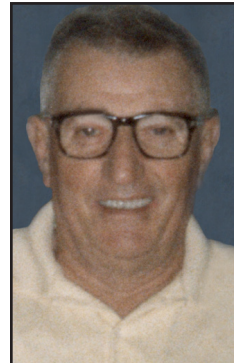
Funeral services were held Monday, February 1 at the Cresthaven Funeral Home in Bedford. Burial followed in Cresthaven Memory Gardens.

## WALTER BROWN

Walter H. Brown passed from this life Friday, January 29, 2016, at The Village of Oakridge in Daviess County. A resident of Odon, he was 99.

He was born in Knox County on June 17, 1916; son of Hugh H. and Violet A. (Halley) Brown. On August 19, 1939, Walter was united in marriage with Martha J. McCallian.

He served our country in the U.S. Army during WWII. He received several distinguished awards including: two Bronze Stars, EAME Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Medal WWII, and he refused a Purple Heart Medal because he did not want to be separated from his division. Walter was also a Squadron Leader and a Sergeant with Company E 133rd Infantry Regiment 34th Red Bull Division. He later worked at NWSC Crane for 30 years, retiring in 1977, as a Supervisor.



WALTER BROWN



-Photo provided

Shown with the Polaris Ranger 6x6 utility vehicle in the front row, from left to right, are Samantha Nelson (MCCF Board member), Bryan Buchta (Haysville FD), Curt Johnson (MCCF Executive Director), and Dan Gregory (MCCF Board member). In the back row, from left to right, are Charles Nehmer (Haysville FD Captain), Byron Wening (Haysville FD)

el resource causing other fire departments to take notice of what Haysville has to offer.

The MCCF works to provide grants that can respond to the emerging and changing needs of Martin County. Grants for these purposes, like the remote access vehicle for the Haysville Community Volunteer Fire Department, are funded from endowments that are designated as "unrestricted" funds. Not knowing what the future may bring, these funds are specifically established to maintain flexibility in meeting the changing needs in the community, today and tomorrow.

The Lilly Endowment understands the importance of these types of funds and, through March 31, is matching dollar-for-dollar any donations to unrestricted funds. And for the other types of funds (such as scholarships, field of interest funds focusing on certain areas, or designated funds for specific charitable organizations), the Lilly Endow-

ment is matching 50 cents on the dollar that is donated.

He was a 50-year member of the Odon Moore Lodge #303 F & AM and a Past Master for two terms. He was also a member of Second Mt. Olive Church, Frank Roberts VFW and the American Legion. He liked softball and played in both the Crane and American Legion Softball Leagues. He was also involved in his community, serving on the Odon School Board and as a member of the North Daviess School Board.

Survivors include a daughter, Mary Jean (Norman) Beasley of Shoals; grandchildren, Kelli Beasley of Montgomery and Kerri (Tony) Nonte of Indianapolis; great-grandchildren, Kainen (Brittany) Salmon of Montgomery and Haileigh Nonte of Indianapolis; great great-grandchildren, Emma and Abigail Salmon of Montgomery; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Agnes Craig, and three brothers, Sam, Hugh, and Tom Brown.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. today, Wednesday, February 3 at the Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon with Rev. Adam Cissell officiating. He will be laid to rest in Walnut Hill Cemetery in Odon, with Military Graveside Rites by the Army Honor Guard, Odon VFW and the Odon American Legion.

The family has requested that contributions be made to a charitable organization of your choice in Walter's name.

All arrangements have been entrusted to James W. Meng, Jr. and the Meng Family Funeral Home. Online condolences may be sent to [www.mengfuneralhome.com](http://www.mengfuneralhome.com).

ment is matching 50 cents on the dollar that is donated.

If you are interested in hearing more about this unique opportunity, or for any endowment information, please contact the MCCF Executive Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or [mccf@cfpartner.org](mailto:mccf@cfpartner.org).

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, JANUARY 25

7:40 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to the Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:29 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance North of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Crane Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:50 a.m. - Received report of a fire south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire and Loogootee Fire responded.

2:40 p.m. - Sheriff Roush assisted with a funeral detail.

3:56 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded and all was okay.

6:50 p.m. - Received report of a car-deer accident. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

5:11 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation south of Loogootee. Deputy Salmon and Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.

6:02 a.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Deputy Salmon and Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

10:30 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

10:30 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded and the dog was picked up by the humane society.

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

2:15 p.m. - Loogootee Chief Rayhill assisted child protective services with a welfare check.

2:30 p.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

4:58 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. IU Health Ambulance and Williams Fire responded. The subject was transported to IU Health in Bedford.

6:46 p.m. - Received a dog complaint east of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

6:50 p.m. - Received report of an alarm call east of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded and all was okay.

6:54 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

6:20 a.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Loogootee on SR 645. Deputy Salmon, Martin County Ambulance, and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

3:45 p.m. - Received a report of illegal dumping in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

6:48 p.m. - Received a report of tree limbs hanging over the road east of Shoals. Lost River Fire and the Martin County Highway Department were contacted.

7:27 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:50 p.m. - Received a report of a possible drunk driver south of Loogootee. Dubois County Sheriff's Department was contacted.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

1:26 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Shoals. Marshal Eckert and Sergeant Keller responded. All was okay.

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

10:30 a.m. - Major Burkhardt took one inmate to court.

12:58 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals. Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, Major Burkhardt, and Corporal Baker responded.

4:16 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department was dispatched and all was okay.

5:09 p.m. - Received a request for a motorist assist north of Loogootee. Indiana State Police responded to the call.

5:50 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department was dispatched.

7:58 p.m. - Received a request for assistance in Crane. Martin County Ambulance and Greene County Sheriff's Department responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:27 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Shoals. Major Burkhardt assisted child protective services with this detail.

11:16 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

5:18 a.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

6:09 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

7:37 a.m. - One inmate was transported to the doctor.

8:22 a.m. - Received a report of a break-in in Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Reserve Deputy Gammon responded.

10:00 a.m. - Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, and Reserve Deputy Gammon assisted the ICO with removing a truck from the river near Shoals.

11:20 a.m. - Received an alarm call near Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded and all was okay.

12:13 p.m. - Received a report of a break-in near Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

12:38 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

3:03 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

3:52 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:17 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident west of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

9:30 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted a motorist in Shoals.

12:02 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded and all was okay.

2:39 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious activity at Hindostan. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

6:16 p.m. - Received a report of a property line dispute near Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

7:30 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation just east of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller, ISP Trooper Beaver, and Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.

10:12 p.m. - Received a report of harassment north of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

10:00 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. The Shoals Fire Department removed the tree.

10:05 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Am-

balance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:33 p.m. - Received a report of a possible runaway near Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

## ARRESTS

### MONDAY, JANUARY 25

10:04 a.m. - Tarah Morey, 26, of Jasper, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents on a Martin County Warrant and is being held without bond.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

11:47 a.m. - Robin Salmon, 23, of Shoals, was arrested by Captain Dant. She is being held by court order and has no bond.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

4:40 p.m. - Jessica Huff, 21, of Shoals, was arrested by Major Bur-

khardt on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

1:15 p.m. - Jessica Howard, 26, of Shoals, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene and charged with theft. She is being held without bond. Also assisting in the arrest was Sheriff Roush, Major Burkhardt and Corporal Baker.

5:13 p.m. - Justin Killion, 35, of Loogootee, was arrested by Major Burkhardt for false informing. He is being held without bond.

## Martin County real estate transfers

**Michael Bledsoe, Brenda Bledsoe, Richard Bledsoe, and David Bledsoe,** of Martin County, Indiana to **David W. Bledsoe, and Deborah L. Bledsoe,** of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the west half of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 12, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, lying in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2.572 acres, more or less.

**Michael K. Braun,** of Martin County, Indiana to the **State of Indiana,** a part of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 11, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.051 acres, more or less. A part of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 11, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.177 acres, more or less. A part of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 11, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.040 acres, more or less.

**Ralph D. Hardwick and Colleen M. Hardwick,** of Martin County, Indiana to the **State of Indiana,** a part of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 11, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.140 acres, more or less.

**John and Diana Fegan,** of Martin County, Indiana to East Fork Water,

Inc., of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 24, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.101 acres, more or less.

**Randall F. Bauernfiend and Vicky L. Bauernfiend,** of Martin County, Indiana to **Randall F. Bauernfiend, Vicky L. Bauernfiend, and Emilee Bauernfiend,** of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 48 in McCormick's Subdivision of Lot Number 103 in Chenoweth's Extension to the Town of Shoals, Indiana, formerly West Shoals, Indiana.

**Lester Marner and Sylvia Marie Marner to Joseph Knepp, Jr. and Lois Knepp,** the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 3, Township 3 North, Range 4 West; also the northwest quarter of Section 2, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 180 acres, more or less, except portions containing 17.79 acres and 5.297 acres, more or less.

**Lois M. Payne,** of Martin County, Indiana to **Scott W. Pennington,** of Martin County, Indiana, a part of Lot Numbered 23 in the Stiles Addition to the Town of Shoals, Martin County, Indiana.

**William E. Harder, Jr. to James Hunt and Trish Hunt,** Lot Number 16 in Risacher's First Addition in Loogootee, Indiana, except four feet off of the west side thereof.

## FRIDAY NIGHT IS RIB NIGHT!

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*More details next week!*



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# MARTIN COUNTY COURT NEWS

## CRIMINAL COURT New Charges Filed January 4

Ian J. Nelson, driving while suspended, a Class A Infraction; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Roger D. Tinkle, two counts of invasion of privacy, Class A Misdemeanors.

Devon M. Jones, leaving the scene of an accident, a Class B Misdemeanor; false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Robert A. Osborne, possession of a narcotic drug, a Class 5 Felony; possession of a controlled substance, a Class 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Sasha Pottorff, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; neglect of a dependent, a Class 6 Felony.

Daniel D. Clifton, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; neglect of a dependent, a Class 6 Felony.

Andrew J. Sanders, maintaining a common nuisance, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor; driving while suspended, a Class A Infraction.

Matthew L. Bradley, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance, a Class 6 Felony; operating while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Logan C. Kelsey, maintaining a common nuisance, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

## Loogootee Police log

### MONDAY, JANUARY 25

4:41 a.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to US 231 for a semi on fire.

6:54 a.m. - First responders were requested on Redbud Street for a medical call.

11:45 a.m. - Caller reported a child custody issue.

3:56 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a residential alarm.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

12:38 a.m. - Caller reported a 911 hang-up at a residence in Bowling Trailer Court.

5:11 a.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a domestic dispute on Mt. Pleasant Road.

6:02 a.m. - Caller reported threatening text messages.

10:30 a.m. - Caller reported a loose dog near US 231. Martin County Humane Society picked the dog up.

2:15 p.m. - Chief Rayhill and Captain Hennette assisted child protective services.

9:22 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on East Broadway Street.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

6:20 a.m. - First responders were requested on State Road 645 for a vehicle accident.

3:45 p.m. - Caller reported illegal

dumping of trash at Family Dollar.

9:51 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from Chuckles.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

7:05 a.m. - Caller reported a street sign had been run over on Doyle Avenue.

2:15 p.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

4:20 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a business alarm.

7:52 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

7:55 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on Washington Street.

11:16 p.m. - First responders were requested in Loogootee for a medical problem.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

6:54 a.m. - Caller reported a 911 hang-up on North Line Street.

11:20 a.m. - Captain Akles responded to a residential alarm on State Road 550.

4:49 p.m. - Caller reported a dispute on JFK Avenue.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

12:55 a.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on CR 150.

12:02 p.m. - Captain Akles responded to a business alarm.

7:36 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute at Scenic Hill.

11:10 a.m. - Caller reported a 911 hang-up on West Washington Street.

## Sheriff's department reminds drivers to celebrate responsibly this Super Bowl

The Martin County Sheriff's Department, in partnership with the Governor's Council on Impaired & Dangerous Driving and the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI), would like to remind all Indiana motorists to celebrate this year's Super Bowl responsibly, by driving sober and safe.

"With increased celebration comes an even greater responsibility to do so safely," said Sergeant Keith Keller. "We want to remind motorists during the Super Bowl weekend drinking and driving don't mix. So celebrate responsibly and help keep our Indiana roadways safe."

During the 2015 Super Bowl weekend (6 p.m. January 30 through 5:59 a.m. February 2), there were nearly 740 traffic collisions in Indiana. Of those, 45 were alcohol-related, with 60 percent involving a driver with a blood alcohol content of 0.08 or greater. In total, there were 14 injuries and 0 deaths as a result of alcohol-related accidents.

"Accidents involving impaired drivers is something we can all prevent," said Council Chairman, Todd Meyer. "To-

gether, we can work to keep each and every motorist safe during Super Bowl weekend."

The Martin County Sheriff's Department, the Governor's Council, and ICJI would like to remind motorists that accidents and deaths resulting from impaired driving can be prevented with the following precautions:

Before the celebration begins, plan a safe way home

Do not drive impaired

If you do drink, use a taxi, public transportation, ridesharing service or designate a sober friend or family member, and give them your keys

If you see a drunk driver on the road, call 911

If you know someone who is about to drive or ride impaired, take their keys and help make arrangements to get them home safely

To learn more about the Martin County Sheriff's Department, please visit: [www.martincountysheriff.net](http://www.martincountysheriff.net). For more information on Indiana's efforts on impaired driving prevention and enforcement, please visit: [www.in.gov/cji/2354.htm](http://www.in.gov/cji/2354.htm).

### January 8

Travis W. Stine, false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Mitchell F. Newton, driving while suspended, a Class A Infraction; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Malcolm R. Laramore, driving while suspended, a Class A Infraction; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

### January 13

Steven D. Sterling, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Emily N. Kanatzer, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Jesse Martinez, strangulation, a Class 6 Felony; battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor.

### January 15

Jessica J. Hopper, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Carl E. Wiscaver, Jr., operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating while intoxicated with previous conviction within 5 years, a Class 6 Felony.

### January 19

Andrew S. Qualkenbush, criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor; public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor; illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor.

William T. Lucas, battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor.

William T. Lucas, II, battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Joshua S. Lampert, speed contest, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Aaron T. Hudson, speed contest, a Class B Misdemeanor.

### January 22

Jessica L. Huff, four counts of check deception, Class A Misdemeanors.

David S. Contreras, obstruction of justice, a Class 6 Felony; leaving the scene of an accident, a Class B Misdemeanor; operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor.

### January 25

Miranda C. Pershing, visiting a common nuisance, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Colton W. Lengacher, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; visiting a common nuisance, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Carl E. Wiscaver, Jr., battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Jeff Hamilton, maintaining a common nuisance, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Tyler A. Hostetter, maintaining a common nuisance, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

### January 26

Tarah Morey, escape, a Class 5 Felony; theft, a Class 6 Felony; failure to appear, a Class A Misdemeanor.

## CRIMINAL JUDGMENTS AND SENTENCING

### January 7

Richard E. Dooley, III, convicted of

possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 180 days in the Martin County Security Center with 148 days suspended and credit for 16 actual days previously served plus 16 Class 1 Credit days. Defendant received 148 days probation.

Michael S. Hulsey, Jr., convicted of battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor amended from battery by means of a deadly weapon, a Class C Felony. Sentenced to serve 358 days in the Martin County Security Center with 0 days suspended and credit for 179 actual days previously served plus 179 Class 1 Credit days.

### January 12

John R. Jones, convicted of maintaining a common nuisance, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 730 days at the Indiana Department of Corrections with 454 days suspended and credit for 138 actual days previously served plus 138 Class 1 Credit days. Defendant received 15 months of probation.

Charles E. O'Connor, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor; driving while suspended, a Class A Infraction; and driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve on first count, to serve 52 days in the Martin County Security Center with 0 days suspended and credit for 26 actual days previously served plus 26 Class 1 Credit days. Sentenced on second and third count to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 313 days suspended and credit for 26 actual days previously served plus 26 Class 1 Credit days. Defendant received 10 months of probation.

## Charges Dismissed

### January 7

Richard E. Dooley, III, possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; illegal possession of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

### January 12

John R. Jones, dealing in methamphetamine, a Class 5 Felony, dismissed; possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of chemical reagents or precursors with intent to manufacture a controlled substance, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT

### New Suits Filed

### January 20

Portfolio Recovery Assoc. vs. Tonya Beck, civil collection.

### January 21

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Randy Garland, Jr., civil collection.

Bank of America vs. Susan Lyn Harshaw, civil collection.

### January 22

JP Morgan Chase Bank vs. Michael J. Carr, Rhonda L. Carr, Household Finance Corp, III; Citifinancial Servicing, LLC; and Discover Bank, mortgage foreclosure.

### January 25

Danielle L. Bough vs. Tanner S. Bough, petition for dissolution of marriage.

### January 26

Christopher W. Wolf vs. Paula S. Wolf, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Teresa D. Campbell vs. Joseph L. Campbell, petition for dissolution of marriage.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

### January 25

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Capital One Bank and against the defendant Kimberly M. Howell in the amount of \$16,203.94.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT

### New Suits Filed

### January 21

Mary Catherine Martin vs. Calvin Gibson, complaint.



## More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



An old geezer became very bored in retirement and decided to open a medical clinic. He put a sign up outside that said: "Dr. Geezer's Clinic. Get your treatment for \$500, if not cured, get back \$1,000."

Doctor Young, who was positive that this old geezer didn't know beans about medicine, thought this would be a great opportunity to get \$1,000. So he went to Dr. Geezer's clinic.

Dr. Young: "Dr. Geezer, I have lost all taste in my mouth. Can you please help me?"

Dr. Geezer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put three drops in Dr. Young's mouth."

Dr. Young: "Aaagh!! - "This is gasoline!"

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your taste back. That will be \$500."

Dr. Young gets annoyed and goes back after a couple of days figuring to recover his money.

Dr. Young: "I have lost my memory, I cannot remember anything."

Dr. Geezer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put three drops in the patient's mouth."

Dr. Young: "Oh, no you don't, -- that is gasoline!"

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your memory back. That will be \$500."

Dr. Young (after having lost \$1,000) leaves angrily and comes back after several more days.

Dr. Young: "My eyesight has become weak --- I can hardly see anything!!!!"

Dr. Geezer: "Well, I don't have any medicine for that so, here's your \$1,000 back." (giving him a \$10 bill)

Dr. Young: "But this is only \$10!"

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You got

your vision back! That will be \$500." Moral of story - Just because you're "Young" doesn't mean that you can out-smart an "old Geezer".

### THINGS TO PONDER

1. Betty White would be the greatest thing since sliced bread, but she's been around six years longer than the first sliced loaf. So, sliced bread is the greatest thing since Betty White!

2. I have a fear of German sausages. Yes I fear the wurst.

3. We don't blame dentists when we don't brush properly and we get a cavity, so why do we blame teachers when kids don't pass because they don't study?

4. I'm a bookaholic on the way to recovery. JUST KIDDING. I'm on the road to the bookstore (library).

5. The same boiling water that softens the potato hardens the egg. It's about what you're made of, not the circumstances.

6. Definitions of a snow day (noun): 1. A day when God says, "teachers, I still love you." 2. A day when parents realize just how underpaid teachers really are.

7. Children need to learn to take responsibility for their actions so that they do not become adults believing that nothing is ever their fault.

8. A child who reads will be an adult who thinks.

9. How many standardized tests does it take to educate a child? None. That's what teachers do.

10. Uncoachable kids become unemployable adults. Let your kids get used to someone being tough on them. It's life. Get over it.

Make someone smile today!

## On The Home Front

By Linda Evans-Dillon  
Martin County Veteran Service Officer

The Martin County Veteran Service Officer has an office in the Martin County Courthouse. An appointment isn't required but suggested as most of the time I am out of the office transporting veterans to medical appointments, meeting with or visiting veterans in the community.

During the month of January the CVSO assisted 11 veterans, had two meetings, took zero veteran runs, participated in no funerals, and visited the Legion's and VFW's in Crane, Loogootee and Shoals once. The veterans van took five trips transporting five veterans to VA medical centers and clinics.

There were five trips cancelled by veterans this month. I need everyone to understand that I turn veterans away when they request use of the van on days that it is scheduled to a different location than being requested so not only are you causing an inconvenience to the drivers that volunteer their time

to drive the van but you are also preventing other veterans from using the van.

DRIVERS NEEDED for the veteran's 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 in the surrounding area. This is not a paid position but I am able to provide \$10 a trip as long as there is money in the "Thank the Driver Fund". You must have an Indiana license and a clean driving record. If interested, please contact me.

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

For assistance call 812-247-2210, transportation needs call 812-247-2450 and leave a message or e-mail [martin-countyvsso2013@yahoo.com](mailto:martin-countyvsso2013@yahoo.com).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sons of Revolution meeting

The Daniel Guthrie Chapter, Indiana Society Sons of the American Revolution will hold their first meeting for 2016 on February 16 at the Free Methodist Church located at 640 "R" Street in Bedford. Dinner will start at 6 p.m. with the meeting starting at 7 p.m. This will be "awards night" in which they will present the law enforcement, firefighter, EMT and hero medals and certificates to outstanding individuals in the chapters area. They will also be awarding the Knight Essay 1st, 2nd and 3rd place and Eagle Scout Scholarship winners with selected awards. The 2016 chapter officers will be sworn in by the NSSAR Central District Vice President General Compatriot Robert P. Cunningham. The meeting is open to the public. The chapter's website is [www.rootsweb.com/~indgcsar/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~indgcsar/)

### Talk to a lawyer telephone clinic

The February session for free legal advice is set for Thursday, February 4 between the hours of 4:30 p.m. CST and 7 p.m. CST. For individuals in the Eastern Time Zone, the hours are 5:30 p.m. EST and 8 EST. During these hours, volunteer lawyers and paralegals will be available to take calls from the general public and speak to individuals regarding matters of Indiana law. To access the free telephone clinic, the numbers are: (812) 618-4845 and 888-594-3449. This free telephone legal clinic is co-sponsored by the Evansville Bar Foundation, Indiana Bar Foundation and Volunteer Lawyer Program of Southwestern Indiana.

### 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!

### Solid waste board

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

### Humane society meetings

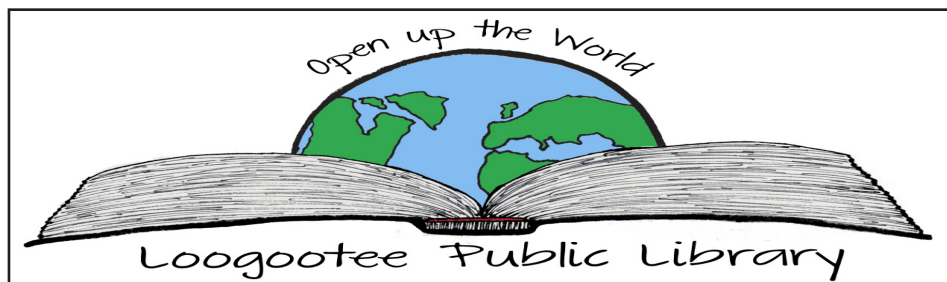
The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 7 p.m. Members of the humane society are invited to attend.

### Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Shoals Public Library. The public is invited to attend.

### Soil and Water meetings

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



BY DARLA WAGLER  
Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

This week I would like to share my review of "The Intern" DVD starring Robert Di Nero and Anne Hathaway. "The Intern", directed by Nancy Meyers, is about a 70-year-old retired widower that decides he wants to try something new. The movie is one of those feel good movies that older folks and young adults will enjoy. Robert Di Nero's character reminded me of old Hollywood and I could see Cary Grant playing the lead part. His character shows us that there is still a lot to learn from our elders and that we should not count them out just because they are retired. His character does a great job relating to all ages in this movie. Anne Hathaway does a good job as the young career mother trying to juggle work and family. There are several challenges that arise but with the help of Robert Di Nero's character we see her grow. I would give "The Intern" four stars.

New Books:  
Mystery Fiction: "Breakdown" by Jonathan Kellerman and "The Art of War" by Stephen Coonts".

Fiction: "Sage's Eyes" by V.C. Andrews and "The Spring Moss" by Carla Neggers.

Inspirational Fiction: "A Son's Vow" by Shelley Shepard Gray, "The Restoration" by Wanda Brunstetter, "Joshua's Mission" by Vannetta Chapman, and "Keeper of the Stars" by Robin Lee Hatcher.

YA Books: "My Name is Not Friday" by Jon Walter and "Remembrance" by Meg Cabot.

DVDs: "Sheriff Callie's Wild West: Howdy Partner" and "The Buttercream Gang"

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Perhaps the most celebrated awards in the horticulture field are the All-America Selections. Since the first awards were announced in 1933, winners have touted their success in these trials to promote the sale of seed and plants. The All-America judges include experts from universities, seed companies, research laboratories, botanical gardens and various horticultural societies. The test gardens are in many areas around the country, to test how the plants perform in various conditions. The trials accept seed of only new, previously unsold varieties. To demonstrate the importance of the awards, "Straight Eight" cucumbers was a 1935 All-America Selection. To this date, seed catalogues label that variety of cucumber with the AAS symbol. Winning the award helps breeders to market their seed to retail companies and those companies use the designation to market the seed to the public. Some varieties may excel in one area of the country, but not do well in another environment. In 2014, the selection committee began recognizing varieties that excel in various regions, as well as the national winners. Indiana is in the Great Lakes region.

Winners are announced three times a year, in November, January and July. For 2016, there are two annual flowering plants and five vegetable or fruit varieties selected for national recognition. There are also three regional winners in the Great Lakes region.

Both of the flowers selected are annual geraniums (genus *pelargonium*) in the Brocade collection. Brocade Cherry Night has bronze leaves with green margins and semi-double flowers that are cherry pink. Brocade Fire has bright orange semi-double blooms and bi-color foliage. Both of these winners were developed by Dummen Orange.

Strawberry Delizz F1 is described as an everbearing strawberry that is easy to grow from seed or from transplants. The compact plants are great for container gardening. The variety was bred by ABZ Seeds.

For the first time in history, a Japanese mustard (*mazuna*) has been selected for honors. Red Kingdom F1 is a reddish-purple mustard with a mild but flavorful taste. The judges commented that it is as decorative as it is delicious. The breeder is Asia Seed Company, Ltd.

Pepper Cornito Giallo F1 bears sweet peppers with fruity flavor. They start out green and mature to a bright yellow. The plants begin bearing early and continue until frost. The variety was developed by Johnny's Select Seed.

Two tomatoes were selected for AAS recognition in 2016. Candyland Red is a current tomato, with fruits smaller than a cherry tomato. It is indeterminate and will bear over a long season. It was developed by Pan American Seed Company. Chef's Choice Green F1 is a green tomato with yellow stripes. The flavor is described as citrus-like and the plant has good disease resistance. The breeder is Seeds by Design, Inc.

Two vegetables and a flower received

recognition as Great Lakes regional winners. Pumpkin Super Moon F1 is the first white pumpkin to receive AAS recognition. The pumpkins top out at about 50 pounds. It features early fruit development and vigorous growth. It is a product of Seeds By Design, Inc. Radish Sweet Baby F1 by Asia Seed Co., Ltd. Is a purple and white radish. The swirled colors continue inside the colorful peel. It has a slightly spicy flavor and reaches harvest size from seed in 40 to 45 days. The winning flower in the Great Lakes region is a salvia or Texas sage. Summer Jewel Lavender is the fourth of the Summer Jewel series to receive AAS selection. Like the others in this Takii & Company, Ltd. Series, Summer Jewel Lavender will continue to flower throughout the summer and is a great pollinator attractor.

The red, white and blue AAS selection ribbon will make these selections easy to find in your favorite seed catalogues. They have been judged as reliable producers, so you may be confident of succeeding with these selections.

## Spring Mill SP hosts Civil War winter battle

Explore the hardships of winter for the soldiers of the Civil War during a living history event at Spring Mill State Park, February 20-21.

On both days, the event runs from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the park's Pioneer Village, with the winter tactical battle featured event at 2 p.m. At 1:50 p.m., visitors will be directed to viewing areas where they can safely see the battle re-enactment.

Before and after the battle, visitors can tour the village, visit with the soldier re-enactors and warm by the fire.

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

For more information, contact Coletta Prewitt at (812) 849-3534 or [spring-millstatepark@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:spring-millstatepark@dnr.IN.gov).

Spring Mill State Park ([stateparks.IN.gov/2968.htm](http://stateparks.IN.gov/2968.htm)) is at 3333 State Road 60 East, Mitchell, 47446.

## Photo contest celebrates historic resources

Help celebrate Indiana's bicentennial this year by participating in the DNR Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology's annual photo contest to recognize Historic Preservation Month in May.

The subject of the photo must be in Indiana and more than 50 years old. Images could include anything from a cemetery, to a main street to a grain silo. The contest does not place limitations on the condition of the historic resource. Photos can be color or black and white, must be 8 x 10 inches, and matted with a 2-inch white or ivory mat board. Participants should not frame their photos. The contest deadline is April 1, 2016. The contest is free, and photographers can submit up to three entries per person. Photos will be judged by a panel of DNR representatives, preservationists and photographers. For a list of contest guidelines, the mailing address and the required entry form, go to [dnr.IN.gov/historic/3994.htm](http://dnr.IN.gov/historic/3994.htm).

## Purdue Extension's updated corn, soybean guide now available

BY EMMA HOPKINS  
Purdue University News Service

The 2016 edition of Purdue Extension's Corn and Soybean Field Guide is now available at Extension's The Education Store.

The new edition includes updated information on nitrogen rate guidelines and timing for nematode scouting.

"We added timeframe tables to our nematode section to provide producers guidance on when to sample their fields for nematodes, which can feed on the roots of corn and soybeans and remove nutrients from the plant, resulting in significant damage," said Corey Gerber, director of Purdue's Crop Diagnostic Training and Research Center.

The pocket-sized guide provides expert guidance and practical information on all stages of corn and soybean production from planting up to harvest. It includes reference websites for fertilizer and pesticide recommendations, as well as color photographs for pest identification and crop growth staging. Other sections cover nutrient deficiencies, soil fertility and herbicide damage.

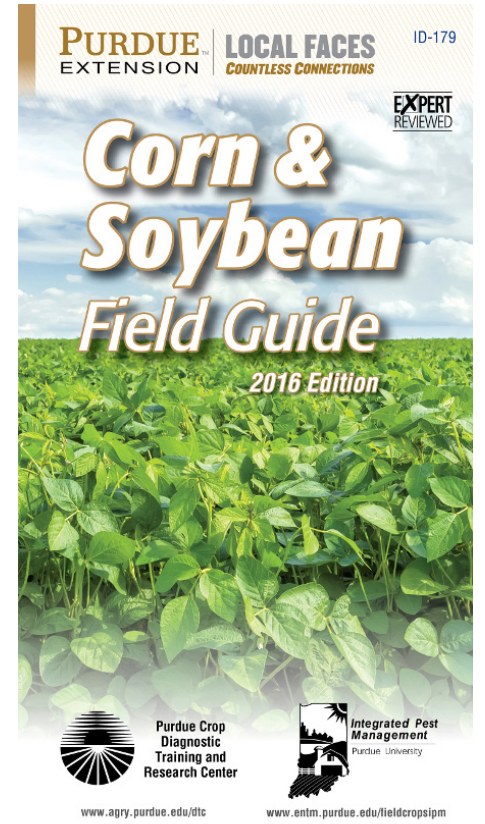
Individual copies of the guide are available at The Education Store for \$9. Bulk orders of 25 are available for \$202.50. To order, go to [https://edustore.purdue.edu/item.asp?Item\\_Number=ID-179](https://edustore.purdue.edu/item.asp?Item_Number=ID-179) or call 888-398-4636, extension 46794.

## Wabash and Erie Canal Walk/Talk February 20

The Wabash and Erie Canal is a historic waterway that connected Toledo, Ohio to Evansville, Indiana. Canal construction began in 1832, reaching Evansville in 1853. There are many intact sections of this canal that run through parts of the Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge. On February 20, 2016, Preston Richardt, a Refuge Friend, will present an interesting and informative program focusing on the section of the canal as it approaches the town of Dongola from the Patoka River aqueduct.

As they walk along, participants will learn the history of the canal including why it was built and why it was abandoned. They will see a section of the canal as it is today, and walk through and understand a canal town. Preston will also help participants locate other sections of the canal on Refuge property and beyond.

The program will begin at 9 a.m. (Central time) at the McCandless Tract on the Refuge. The walk, approximately 1/2 to one mile in length, is expected to last one to 1.5 hours. It will pass through wooded areas and a power line right-of-way that has briars and other undergrowth on it. Participants should dress appropriately



The 2016 edition of Purdue Extension's Corn and Soybean Field Guide includes updated information on nitrogen application, nematode management and a new section on how to identify and treat the corn disease *Physoderma brown spot*. (Purdue Agricultural Communication image)

for weather and hiking conditions. Lowland areas might be flooded.

From the Oakland City Junction of SR 57/SR 64, drive north on 57. Turn left onto CR 150N, which is the last road before the Patoka River bridge. The Dongola Kiosk is on the right side of the road.

From Petersburg, drive south on SR 57, crossing the Patoka River Bridge, entering Gibson County. Turn right onto CR 150N, the first road after crossing the Patoka River bridge. The Dongola Kiosk is on the right side of the road.

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# Grazing Bites

By Victor Shelton

NRCS State Agronomist/Grazing Specialist

I took advantage of the unseasonably good weather at the end of January and worked on some fence rows. It doesn't seem like it matters what method of brush control I use, there is always something to cut, pull, or glean out of the fence. Mild winter weather is also my preferred time to build fence. Fence posts are easily driven into the ground and I am a little less concerned about driving over good forage and causing damage. It is best for the ground to be either thawed and drained (broke through) or frozen when using equipment to reduce possible damage.

If you have any frost-seeding of legumes to do, now is the prime time to get it done. It is important to try and get some seed to soil contact if possible when broadcast seeding. This can be accomplished by carefully grazing the forages down more than normal prior to seeding, using a toothed harrow to help scratch the seed in, or utilizing your existing livestock to help trod it in. All three methods can produce positive results.

Clovers are probably the easiest legumes to frost-seed. The seed is small and slick and easily moves down through the residue/residual to the ground. If you already have some clover and are just enhancing what you have, then utilize improved varieties for the best results. If you don't have any clover presently, then you should inoculate the seed with the appropriate rhizobium. The seed may germinate and thrive without it, but it will do so much better if it is present, especially if one of the goals for planting the legume is as a nitrogen source for the grass component of the stand.

It is best to get a seeding recommendation and rates for the legumes from your local soil and water conservation district office or extension office. Some legumes do better with particular types of livestock over others, some do better depending on the type of soil and drainage, and there are some differences depending on management. Red clover for example is better suited for hay than most white clovers because it dries better. There is also a huge difference in seed size which highly influences the amount of seed that is needed. Most white clovers have over three times more seed per pound than red clovers. It is easy to seed too much white clover and seed size is part of the reason. White clovers (Dutch whites, Ladinos, Alsike, etc.), can cause bloat issues when they dominate a stand.

You can buy clover seed coated too. Coated seed has a coating of clay material surrounding the seed which actually helps you be able to sow very small seed more accurately. It does change the pounds of bulk seed you are planting. Most coating adds about 33-34 percent inert ingredients to the bag of seed. So if you are wanting to plant six pounds of red clover, you are actually going to have to increase the amount of bulk seed you plant per acre to about nine pounds per acre to get your planned six pound rate. Most legumes have good germination and purity rates normally, but that does vary some. The inert ingredient percentage needs to be accounted for with the purity. For example a lot with 98 percent germination and 97 percent purity with 33 percent inert (the coating)  $.98 \times .97 \times (1 - .33) = .63$  (or 63 percent) of the lot is live seed. So if the desired pure live seed rate is six pounds per acre,  $6 / .63 = 9.5$  pounds per acre. When it comes to something like a Ladino clover and you are wanting to seed only about a pound per acre in some cases, coated seed makes it a lot easier to do.

Coated seed can also be the carrier of the

inoculant if needed and occasionally has other things included. If you really need the inoculant, the seed needs to be used the same year it was coated. Quite a bit of legume seed has a calcium carbonate coating which can create a slightly better environment pH wise for the sprouting seed, but for the plant to thrive and do well, low pH soils should be limed at least six months in advance to create the environment best suited for the legume being present. Most clover a soil pH of 6.2 to 6.8 with preference on the upper end of that range.

There are lots of reasons to add legumes to your pastures and hay fields and I won't go into a lot of detail but just mention a few. Diversity is always good and rarely do you find a monoculture in nature. The synergy and

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relationship between grasses and legumes is always positive and they provide benefits to each other. The mix of legumes and grasses helps to boost yield from nitrogen produced by the legume and the combination provides more grazing than either one by itself. The clover fills in the gaps or voids in a grass stand. Some legumes can persist under drier conditions than cool-season grasses during the summer. The legumes can provide a significantly high amount of the nitrogen needed for the grass in the stand and boosting its yield and thus quality. Legumes can also be a good pollinator plant for bees. Legumes generally are higher in quality than most grasses at the same stage (crude protein, nutrients, and digestibility).

I can't over emphasize that clover can be seeded too thick and get too dense, too much clover can mean serious bloat issues!

Legumes are good to dilute stands of endophyte-infected tall fescue and some new research indicates that a tannin in red clover might actually help offset the toxin in endophyte tall fescue. I'll be following up on this.

Earlier I included residue/residual in a statement and there is a reason I did that. Just recently, Jim Gerrish noted in a grazing social medium that we need to be more careful of the use of these two words in regards to the forage left in the pasture after a grazing episode. Quoting Gerrish, "Is it residual or is it residue? A lot of people in grazing circles seem to use these terms interchangeably, but in grazing science they mean two very different things. Residual is the living plant material left behind after a grazing event. For clarity we often say 'post-grazing residual'. Residue is dead plant material left on the soil surface. It is synonymous with litter or duff.

Leaving the appropriate residual largely determines the recovery rate of the pasture. The more green leaf residual, the faster plants regrow.

Leaving the appropriate residue is an essential component for moderating soil temperature and building an effective water cycle. Both residual and residue are important management considerations and affect almost all soil-plant-animal relationships. Let's try to make sure we use the right terms in our conversations so we know what one another are trying to express!"

I totally agree and thought this statement was excellent! I try to stick to these same definitions and if I have ever deviated from this, I apologize. So, with that said, how is the residue and residual in your pastures today?

Keep on grazing!

## Firewood cutting permits available at Martin State Forest

Firewood cutting permits are available at the Martin State Forest office. Numerous dead or dying hazard trees have recently been cut down around the forest loop road and they are now available to those wishing to purchase cutting permits. Permits cost \$10 each, or three for \$25. A maximum of ten permits per year per household may be purchased. Ten permits purchased at one time would cost \$85.

This firewood is for personal use

### Overcrowded barns could pose disease risk for cattle

BY DARRIN PACK  
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Beef cattle seeking shelter from harsh winter weather could be at an increased risk of disease in overcrowded barns, Purdue University experts say.

Extreme cold or rapidly changing weather can lower animals' immune response, leaving them more susceptible to disease, said W. Mark Hilton, clinical professor of beef production medicine.

"During good weather, beef cattle tend to spread out a bit and don't seek shelter," he said. "When the weather is inclement, and if a good barn is available, animals will seek shelter there. If the shelter is too small for the entire herd, or if it has poor ventilation, the viruses some animals harbor can be more easily spread to other animals."

Hilton recommends limiting access to barns and other shelters.

"If producers are calving in this weather, which I think is a mistake because the conditions are so variable, calves should have access to shelter while their dams should not," he said. "If cows and calves are allowed free access to buildings it becomes an almost impossible task to keep the environment clean."

Hilton said producers should make sure their animals have proper nutrition, suitable housing and all necessary vaccinations.

Ron Lemenager, Purdue Extension beef specialist, said cattle should be kept in outdoor lots and pastures unless the weather becomes unbearably frigid.

"Cows, replacement heifers and feedlot cattle can handle low temperatures pretty well when they have a dry, winter hair coat and protection from the wind," Lemenager said. "Where we run into problems is when we have low temperatures and wind chill factors."

Abrupt changes in weather, such as a quick warm-up with rapidly melting snow, can also pose problems since wet, muddy fields make it harder for cattle to move easily or find nutritious feed.

"Mud is always a challenge because it not only increases the energy required to maintain the animals but also because their intake is typically reduced," Lemenager said.

The problem of finding adequate nutrition is especially acute this year because last year's forage crop was hampered by extreme weather. After record rainfall and flooding early in the growing season, many forages were harvested too mature or with too high of a moisture content. As a result, forage quality was compromised.

"I have seen a lot of low-quality hay across the state that will not meet energy and sometimes protein re-

quirements for cows in late gestation or early lactation," Lemenager said. "Adding a wind chill factor really puts those cows in jeopardy."

For every 10-degree Fahrenheit drop in the wind chill factor below 30 degrees, the energy requirements for a typical cow increase by 13 percent, he said.

"The bottom line is to get your forages tested so you know what nutrients are being provided and then work with a nutritionist to develop a supplementation strategy that will meet animal performance requirements."

It is also a good idea to provide cattle with warm, dry bedding, Lemenager said. Bulls especially need bedding to prevent scrotum frostbite, which can result from the animals lying on frozen ground or concrete.

**Indiana popcorn production down in 2015**

BY KEITH ROBINSON  
Purdue University News Service

Popcorn production in Indiana fell by 29 percent last year because of less demand following bounty crops the two previous years and from frequent rains that flooded some fields.

A new report from the U.S. Department of Agriculture shows that growers produced 3.1 million hundredweight of popcorn, equal to 310 million pounds.

"Prolific popcorn production in 2013 and 2014 in Indiana led to a reduction in production in 2015," said Greg Matli, state statistician for the Indiana field office of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Growers in 2014, in particular, produced a record crop of popcorn on a record amount of harvested acres - 4.32 million hundredweight from 90,000 acres. They produced 3.7 million hundredweight in 2013.

With so much popcorn on the market from the nation's second-leading popcorn-producing state, demand from processors fell. Consequently, fewer acres were planted last year in Indiana - 85,000, compared with 91,000 in 2014. They harvested 83,000 acres, down 7,000 acres from 2014.

The weather was a factor in the lower numbers, too. Frequent rain in the spring and part of the summer flooded fields often, killing some young corn plants, hindering development of others and decreasing yields at harvest. Popcorn plants yielded an average of 37 hundredweight per acre, compared with 48 in 2014 and 46 a year earlier.

The average price farmers received for their 2015 popcorn was \$16.50 per hundredweight, down \$2.40 from the previous year.

The total crop value was \$50.7 million, down 38 percent from \$81.6 million in 2014.





## Students of the month

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The Loogootee Elementary Students and Staff Member of the Month for January were recently chosen. In the front row, from left to right, are Amelia Hudson, Savannah Green, Alivia Fox, Alivia Willis, and Anniston Kelso. In the second row, from left to right, are Wade Walton, Carson Trambaugh, Isaiah Jones, Alaina Diamond, and Ava Fuhrman. In the back row, from left to right, are Josh Gardiner, Reis Whitney, Leighton Jeffers, Libby Taylor, and Mrs. Shirley Jeffers (staff member of the month). Not pictured was Caitlyn Meade.

## VU Family Weekend Is February 5-6

Vincennes University's Family Weekend begins Friday with bowling at the VU Bowling Center from 7 to 9 p.m. followed by the screening of the film, "The Hunger Games Mockingjay-Part 2" at 9:30 p.m. at Shircliff Theater.

Saturday features a Block Party from 12 noon to 5 p.m. in the Bell Student Recreation Center, Trailblazer basketball game at 7 p.m. at the P.E. Complex against Lewis & Clark College, followed by a Roller Rave Skating Party from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Bell Stu-

dent Recreation Center.

"The Family Weekend Block Party will have multiple opportunities for fun.

Participants can vest themselves in inflatable sumo wrestler suits for some friendly matches, jump onto an inflatable Velcro wall, navigate through a challenging obstacle course, build a bear, create a unique art Frisbee, and design their own trucker hat. There will also be free food, candy and great music," said Barry Hawkins, Jr., director of Student Activities.

## Loogootee, Shoals Youth Baseball sign-ups

### Loogootee Little League sign-ups

The Loogootee Little League will be having sign-ups for the 2016 Season, Wednesday, February 3, 6-8 p.m. and Saturday, February 6 from 9 a.m. to noon. Sign-ups will be held in the Loogootee High School cafeteria.

The cost to participate in Little League will remain the same as last season; \$40 for one child, and \$30 for each additional child, with the family maximum being \$100. No child will be turned away due to financial hardship. To be eligible to play, boys/girls must be four years old by August 30, 2016. Boys who do not turn 13 years old by April 30, 2016

are allowed to play, along with girls who were 12 or under by December 31, 2015. League divisions are determined upon numbers, so it is important to meet the February 6 deadline.

### Shoals Youth League sign-ups

Sign-ups for Shoals Youth Baseball/Softball League will be held Saturdays, February 20 and 27 from 9 a.m.-noon at The River church. The cost is the same as last year: \$30/1st child, \$15/every child thereafter.

If your child wants to play and you are unable to pay the registration fee, please contact let the league know. They don't want anyone missing out.

## Indiana students to get free FAFSA filing help at College Goal Sunday

Financial aid professionals will be volunteering at Vincennes University Jasper Campus and 41 other sites in Indiana to help college-bound students and their families open the door to financial aid during College Goal Sunday. The event is set for 2 p.m. (local time), February 21, 2016.

The free program assists Indiana students in filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA form is required for students to be considered for federal and state grants, scholarships and student loans at most colleges, universities and vocational/technical schools nationwide. The FAFSA MUST be filed by March 10 to be eligible for Indiana financial aid. College Goal Sunday is so important since completing this required form correctly and by the deadline is sometimes perceived to be complicated and time consuming. In less than one afternoon at a College Goal Sunday event, students and their families can get free help and file the form online.

Now in its 27th year, College Goal Sunday has helped more than 90,000 Indiana students and families complete the FAFSA properly and on time. College Goal Sunday is a charitable program of the Indiana Student Financial Aid Association (ISFAA).

"Far too often families don't know who to ask for help with their FAFSA," said Bill Wozniak, co-chair of College Goal Sunday. "This event helps families across the state file the FAFSA, and brings students one step closer to fulfilling their educational goals."

According to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education's Division of Student Financial Aid (SFA), programs like College Goal Sunday are reaching first-generation college students. In recent years, according to SFA statistics, more single-parent Hoosier families have filed for financial aid, indicating programs like College Goal Sunday are reaching high-risk students and their families.

"There is significant disappointment for students who don't complete their financial aid paperwork properly and on time," said Wozniak. "That's why the Indiana Student Financial Aid Association continues to provide College Goal Sunday. If our assistance gives students a better chance at higher education, we're fulfilling our mission."

What students should bring

Students should attend College Goal Sunday with their parent(s) or guardian(s), and parents' should bring completed 2015 IRS 1040 tax returns, W-2 Forms and other 2015 income and benefits information. Students who worked

last year should bring their income information as well. Students 24 years of age or older may attend alone and bring their own completed 2015 IRS 1040 tax return, W-2 Form or other 2015 income and benefits information. Students and parents are encouraged to apply for their U.S. Department of Education FSA IDs at [fsaid.ed.gov](http://fsaid.ed.gov) before coming to the event.

Volunteers will walk through the online form line-by-line and answer families' individual questions as needed. All sites offer FAFSA online capabilities and many have Spanish interpreters. A complete list of sites is available at [CollegeGoalSunday.org](http://CollegeGoalSunday.org).

Attendees may win educational prizes

Students may also win one of ten \$1,000 scholarships. Students who attend any of the College Goal Sunday sites and submit a completed evaluation form will automatically be entered in a drawing for a \$1,000 scholarship. The winners will be notified in March, and prizes will be sent directly to the higher education institution selected by the winning students.

21st Century Scholars benefit

21st Century Scholars are income-eligible students who sign a contract in the seventh or eighth grade promising they will graduate from high school, meet grade point requirements, fulfill a pledge of good citizenship, and apply for college financial aid. Upon high school graduation, Scholars who have fulfilled the commitment receive state funds to help cover their college tuition and fees for eight semesters at eligible Indiana colleges. To fulfill their pledge, scholars must submit a completed FAFSA form on time. College Goal Sunday can help.

Program is a national model

College Goal Sunday originated right here in Indiana, and is now a national model. Following Indiana's example, College Goal Sunday events organized by more than 34 states have opened doors to higher education for tens of thousands of students all over the country. Visit [CollegeGoalSunday-USA.org](http://CollegeGoalSunday-USA.org) to learn more.

For more information about College Goal Sunday visit [CollegeGoalSunday.org](http://CollegeGoalSunday.org).

## Ball State Dean's List

Ball State University has announced the names of students who were included on the dean's list during the fall 2015 semester. The following are students from Martin County who made the dean's list:

Shoals: Whitney Albright.  
Loogootee: Connor Bailey.

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## Health officials urge wider use of preventative medication as number of HIV outbreak cases rises by 4

State health officials Monday announced that four additional cases of HIV have been confirmed in connection with the Scott County outbreak since December 4 and urged people who engage in high-risk behaviors to talk with their physicians about preventative medications that can lower their risk of infection.

The four diagnoses bring the total number of people who have tested positive in the HIV outbreak to 188.

The outbreak has been linked to shared needles among injection drug users. All of those newly diagnosed were identified as contacts of cases previously identified in the outbreak.

"We have made tremendous progress in slowing the spread of HIV infection in Scott County, but we know more people are likely to be diagnosed as testing continues," said Indiana State Health Commissioner Jerome Adams, M.D., M.P.H. "Stopping risky behaviors is the best defense against HIV, but pre-exposure prophylaxis can also help protect those still battling addiction. We strongly urge physicians to talk frankly with patients about their risks and whether medication is appropriate to help prevent infection with HIV."

Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) consists of a combination of two HIV medicines that are taken daily by mouth. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says daily PrEP use

can reduce the risk of contracting HIV through sexual contact by more than 90 percent and through injection drug use by more than 70 percent.

PrEP is recommended for people who have injected drugs in the past six months and have shared needles or works and for those who have been in drug treatment in the past six months. Federal guidelines also recommend it be considered for people who are HIV negative but are in an ongoing sexual relationship with an HIV-positive partner or others who are at high risk of contracting HIV through sexual contact. Those who take PrEP must have an HIV test before beginning the medication to ensure they aren't already infected and be retested every three months while taking the medication.

"Anyone who engages in risky behavior needs to know how to prevent HIV, and PrEP can be a valuable tool for many people," Dr. Adams said.

To learn more about PrEP, go to [www.cdc.gov/hiv/risk/prep/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/risk/prep/index.html). For more information about ways to reduce your risk of HIV, visit the CDC's HIV Reduction Tool at [www.cdc.gov/hivrisk/](http://www.cdc.gov/hivrisk/).

Visit the Indiana State Department of Health at [www.StateHealth.in.gov](http://www.StateHealth.in.gov) for important health and safety information, or follow us on Twitter at [@StateHealthIN](https://twitter.com/StateHealthIN) and on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/isdhl](https://www.facebook.com/isdhl).

## AG settlement with RadioShack enables consumers to redeem old gift cards

Hoosiers who have unused gift cards from former retailer RadioShack can now file claims seeking to recover any remaining balances, said Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller.

Consumers with these gift cards can visit [oldradioshackgiftcards.com](http://oldradioshackgiftcards.com) to read about the claims process and obtain a claim form which they can submit electronically or by mail. This must be done by December 2, 2016.

This refund opportunity is part of a settlement agreement previously approved in U.S. Bankruptcy court and supported by 24 state attorneys general and the District of Columbia.

All claims will be reviewed according to the court approved plan and settlement which established the RSH Liquidating Trust and authorized it to review and approve claims in accordance with the court's orders.

Under the Court's order, the Trust will treat as a priority claim and pay 100 percent of the balance on the cards to consumers holding gift cards that were purchased directly from RadioShack, the RadioShack website or any of its authorized sellers. Cards acquired in any other way will NOT be treated as a priority claims and those claimants will at most receive a small percentage of the balance of the card and may not receive any payment.

The deadline for filing claims is December 2, 2016 and consumers in all fifty states are eligible to file proofs of claim.

Zoeller cautions consumers that no one associated with this settlement will contact them to ask for personal or financial information or to request any payment. Consumers asked for such information or payment should

say no to those requests as it is likely a scam.

For more information, visit [oldradioshackgiftcards.com](http://oldradioshackgiftcards.com).

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## DR. RICHARD MOSS Dr. Richard Moss to run for Congress

Dr. Richard Moss, of Jasper, has announced that he will seek the nomination for the 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional district in the May 3, 2016 Republican primary.

Dr. Moss is a board certified specialist in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery (Ear Nose and Throat). He earned his undergraduate degree in Biology at Indiana University, and completed his Doctor of Medicine degree at the I.U. School of Medicine in Indianapolis. Moss has been in private practice since 1991 with offices in Jasper and Washington for over 20 years. He previously had offices in Paoli, Tell City, and Huntington. He is one of the original investors in the St. Thomas Surgery Center in Jasper. He is a member of the Indiana State Medical Association and a fellow of the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery.

Between 1987 and 1990, Dr. Moss traveled extensively throughout Asia, serving as a visiting surgeon on a voluntary basis at major medical centers in Thailand, Nepal, India, and Bangladesh. Although he received little or no compensation during these three years, he considers them among the most rewarding periods of his life. He continues his volunteer work and extensive travel with his family around the world today. Dr. Moss gives multi-media presentations and slide shows of his travels and work overseas at local schools and churches.

Dr. Moss has written a regular conservative column for the Dubois County Herald for more than ten years. He has written also for the Indianapolis Star, the Evansville Courier and Press, the Bloomington Herald-Times, the Petersburg Press Dispatch, and the Ferdinand News. He maintains a conservative blog ([exodusmd.com](http://exodusmd.com)) and has recently authored a memoir about his mother (*Matilda's Triumph*). He continues to write political columns that are distributed through his book signings and speaking engagements and often published. He is completing a second book about his life as a traveling cancer surgeon in Asia in hopes of promoting better understanding of the challenges of poverty, neglect, and advanced disease in the developing world. Dr. Moss also founded and owned the Bronx Bagel, a bagel shop and deli in Jasper.

He has been married to his wife, Supit ("Ying"), for 26 years. Supit was a nurse whom he met while working in Thailand. She now assists him in his office. They are proud parents of four children, Arielle (23), Noah (21), Adina (12), and Isaiah (11). Arielle is a recent graduate of I.U. Bloomington and a Fulbright (See 'MOSS' continued on page 11)

## Purdue economist: Avian influenza in southern Indiana not affecting grocery prices

BY KEITH ROBINSON  
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Avian influenza that led to the culling of 414,000 turkeys and chickens at southern Indiana commercial poultry farms is having little effect on prices of turkey and eggs at grocery stores, a Purdue University agricultural economist says.

Estimates of quarterly prices show changes by plus or minus one percent, which are within fluctuations normally seen in these markets, [Philip Paarlberg](http://Philip.Paarlberg) said.

"With these price changes there will be very little impact on consumers," he said. "At least that is how it stands now."

Some countries have restricted imports of poultry and poultry products following the Jan. 15 announcement of confirmation that highly pathogenic avian influenza infected a southern Indiana poultry flock. Canada has recognized the established control zones in accordance with the zoning agreement with the United States. Mexico, Japan and Cuba have restricted Indiana poultry products while the European Union has U.S. county-level restrictions. South Korea has imposed restrictions on the entire United States.

Those restrictions have tended to offset the loss of production and to lower prices - ever so slightly - in the U.S. because of the decreased demand for exports.

Turkey prices have been largely unaffected because the 258,000 birds destroyed represent only about 0.1 percent of the turkeys produced nationally. The 156,000 laying hens that were culled also represent a very small fraction of layers raised nationally.

Any additional incidents of avian influenza H7N8, the strain that led to the culling, could result in greater price fluctuations depending on conditions such as a significant disruption of supplies or further declines in poultry exports.

While the financial impact on the total poultry industry from the situation in Dubois County is small, Paarlberg said the incident will have a major impact on the farms involved and the community, including the disruption of producers' livelihoods and any temporary reduction in jobs of workers.

"So the impact is primarily local," he said.

Dubois County is Indiana's largest turkey-producing county, growing 1.4 million birds annually. Indiana ranks fourth in the nation in turkey production.

Turkeys at 10 sites infected with H7N8 avian influenza were destroyed. Besides the one flock with highly pathogenic avian influenza, eight flocks had low pathogenic avian influenza, and testing of one other flock was continuing.

The laying hens were not infected with H7N8 but were culled because the laying facility was near an infected barn of turkeys and were considered at risk of contracting the virus.

The Indiana Board of Animal Health said this week that testing will continue for several more weeks in the area to ensure that no more H7N8 strain remains.

The Centers for Disease Control considers the risk of illness to humans from the strain to be very low. It says properly cooked and handled poultry is not a source of infection for avian influenza viruses.



# The Mayor's Den

By Loogootee Mayor  
Noel Harty

November started with the always much-anticipated annual 4-H dinner at the Martin County Community Building: turkey and dressing with all the fixings, and everything as tasty as always. Monday the second was the annual fall RSVP luncheon at the Gasthof Amish Restaurant. A large crowd of around 300 volunteers assembled to enjoy the food, fun, and program. RSVP is a great opportunity for retirees to give back to their community by volunteering their time to many different various organizations, and I am proud to see our county's volunteer numbers steadily growing. In the evening was the annual Martin County Community Foundation Dinner at the community building. Guest speakers Angie Lewis and Captain James Elder of Crane spoke on the importance of giving back to one's community and the evening was quite a success. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kleusner who were recognized for all they have done and continue to do to make our community a better place to live. Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> city hall was closed for Election Day. Congratulations to everyone on the ballot; you are all winners!

November the 4<sup>th</sup> was St. John's Lutheran Church's Annual Chili Day and the church was packed with hungry soup lovers! Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> was the monthly board of works and public safety as well as common council meetings, discussing end of year issues. November 11<sup>th</sup> was the annual Veterans Day Parade at Shoals, honoring all veterans in our area for their valuable service to our country. I also attended a Veterans Day program at LHS. Special "thank you" to Brian Whitney for asking me to do the invocation again this year. Bud Erler and Phil Todd gave great speeches on how war was and is like even today. The 12<sup>th</sup> was the one-year anniversary of the downtown fire that will never be forgotten by the many who were there on that day, including the volunteers who assisted the firefighters battling the roaring blaze and the businesses damaged or lost. As we all remember that day and the great effect it had on our community, we look towards the future in all the possibilities of what could be. On the 13, I went to Jack Butcher Arena to watch the Harlem Wizards play in action with our own Martin County Stars. The event, as always, was a huge success - contributing both entertainment as well financial support to our youth.

November the 14<sup>th</sup> was the First Annual City of Loogootee Firemen's Ball at St. John's Center. Cara's Catering provided the food and Fire and Ice provide the dance tunes. A lot of fun! November 20<sup>th</sup> due to the unfortunate passing of Anna Fields, I went to St. Mary's Barr Township to assist with the services. Mrs. Fields was always a very outgoing person who loved her family, friends, and just life in general. She will be greatly missed. Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> I went to Shoals School Cafeteria to conduct a surplus auction for the facility. Though the crowd may not have been what any of us might have preferred, I think those who did come and participate got some really good deals. On the 23<sup>rd</sup>, I assisted with the services at St. John Catholic Church for the passing of Bill Fegan. Mr. Fegan, like Mrs. Fields, was a very outgoing person who loved everyone -- especially his wife Janice who was right by his side for many years; and he will also be

greatly missed. On Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> I headed to Jack Butcher Arena for the Stimulus and Hoosier Basketball Academy Classic. The Lions played well in the morning game, squaring up against Irvington Prep and advancing to the final game playing South Spencer who won the final game. Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup> was the annual Hanging of the Greens at the United Methodist Church packed with beautiful music and Christmas décor.

November came and went quickly this year and the holidays came just as fast! On December the 5<sup>th</sup> I traveled to the West Baden Springs Hotel to watch the Loogootee High School Choir sing in the atrium at the facility. What an honor it was for our choir and especially for all those who were able to attend to witness our choir singing so beautifully the sounds of the season in such a gorgeous setting. After the performance, I drove to Shoals to attend the Annual Christmas Parade sponsored by the Shoals Lions Club. The parade, as always, was a huge success with many local youth in attendance to see Santa and receive their bag of candy. In the evening, I went to Vincennes as our Lions traveled to the house of the Patriots of Rivet. After two great matchups, our Lions Varsity prevailed in a great action-packed game. Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> was the LHS School Band Concert held each year to kick off the holiday season. Many great songs of both today and yesteryear were performed got the entire audience in the Christmas mood. After the concert, the line-up was began at the rear of the school for the second Annual City of Loogootee Festival of Lights Christmas Parade. Shirley Fellers and Norma Woods were our grand marshals and those who participated in the parade outdid themselves. The crowd was even larger than last year so this new tradition is a success!

On Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> it was time to head back to the Loogootee High School Auditorium for the annual choral concert - this year titled "A Frozen Christmas". The musical was fun and very well done and enjoyed by the audiences. Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> was the last regularly scheduled board of public works and safety and common council meetings for the year. A lot of great discussion took place at both meetings wrapping up the end of the year and the purchase of the West Boggs Sewer District was one of the main topics of discussion. Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> was the quarterly Martin County Community Corrections meeting at the Martin County Learning Center. The primary focus of the meeting was a review of the great success of the program. Following the meeting, I went assist with the services of Kara Arvin at St. John Catholic Church following her untimely and unfortunate passing. Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> was the annual City of Loogootee Christmas Dinner. This year's dinner was held at St. John's Center who allowed us to use their facility. The yearly dinner is in appreciation to all who are either employed or volunteer for the city, and who together work hard to make Loogootee a very special place to live. This year's dinner was attended by many local legislators, particularly State Senator Eric Bassler and State Representative Mike Braun, who came to present Richard Taylor (who has served as a city councilman for the city for over 37 years) the coveted "Sagamore of the Wabash" award. Also recognized were City Councilmen Rick Norris and Fred Dupps in appreciation for their time in office.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> the city held a special city council meeting to do the first reading on a rate ordinance for the purchase of the West Boggs Sewer District. After the meeting, I headed to the Hatchet House to watch both our Lions Junior Varsity and Varsity Boys' Basketball teams square off with the Hatchets. Despite a great effort brought forward the Lions, the Hatchets prevailed. The 23<sup>rd</sup> was a very highly anticipated event at Bakers Life Fieldhouse: the Pacers game in which our own Coach Jack Butcher was recognized at halftime as being "Indiana's All Time Most Winningest High School Basketball Coach." Over 200 fans made the trip and enjoyed every minute of it. Congratulations to Coach Butcher and all of those who played for him over the years and supported the teams. On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> was the Springs Valley Basketball Tourney at Springs Valley. Our Lions came to play both games but just were not quite where they wanted to be in the end. Wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup>

began with signing final paperwork for the purchase of the West Boggs Sewer District. Following the transaction process, I then headed to the United Methodist Church to attend the funeral of my longtime co-worker and great friend, Roberta (Bobbie) Cherry. I was privileged to work with Bobbie in both the real estate and trustee offices. She always put the needs of others first before her own and I appreciated both knowing and working with her. Following her funeral service, I was back to city hall for the swearing in of all of our elected officials for the next four years. The busy day ended heading to Springs Valley to watch the final game the Lions would play in for the tourney, matching up with the Blackhawks. Our Lions played once again with great determination but fell short to the Hawks. On Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup> New Year's Eve, most of the day was spent at the office. In the early evening, I attended church services reflecting on 2015 also looking with great anticipation to the New Year! I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a most blessed 2016!!!



-Photo provided

Shown above from left to right are Dr. Stan Tretter, CMO, Dr. Robert White, Behavioral Health, Tonya Heim, Vice President of Patient Services and CNO, Anne Barber, RN, and Jodi Richardson, Director of Behavioral Health and Social Work Services.

## Memorial Hospital names Anne Barber as next DAISY Award Winner

Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center is excited to announce the next recipient is of the DAISY Award is, Anne Barber, RN. Anne has consistently gone above and beyond her call to help others in need. Thank you, Anne, for your dedication to your patients and Memorial Hospital and Health Care center. For more information or to nominate a nurse, visit [www.mhhcc.org](http://www.mhhcc.org) or contact Tammy Billings at 812-996-0154.

The DAISY Award is an international program that rewards and celebrates the extraordinary clinical skill and compassionate care given by nurses every day. Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center is proud to be a DAISY Award Partner, recognizing one of our nurses with this special honor each quarter. To find out more about the DAISY Foundation, please go to [www.DAISYfoundation.org](http://www.DAISYfoundation.org).

## MOSS

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Scholar teaching in Morocco where she now resides. Noah is currently studying Business Management at I.U. Bloomington. Adina and Isaiah attend Jasper Middle School. All of the children play multiple musical instruments and perform regularly. Dr. Moss eagerly attends their many recitals, competitions, and performances and is actively engaged in the education and rearing of his children.

Dr. Moss and his family regularly participate in interfaith activities with local churches including a local food bank. They are members of the Temple Adath

B'nai Israel (a synagogue) in Evansville.

Dr. Moss seeks office because of profound concerns over the direction of the country and the behavior of the federal government. He feels that both parties have failed the American people. He believes firmly that bold new conservative leadership in the Republican Party is required if the nation is to undo the damage of the Obama years and restore America to greatness.

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