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Snow geese

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Watching huge flocks of Snow Geese swirl down from the sky, amid a cacophony of honking, is a little like standing inside a snow globe. These loud, white-and-black geese can cover the ground in a snowy blanket as they eat their way across fallow cornfields or wetlands. Among them, you might see a dark form with a white head—a color variant called the “Blue Goose.” Snow Geese have skyrocketed in numbers and are now among the most abundant waterfowl on the continent.

Public forums to be held on Crane land use

The Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) and RADIUS Indiana are hosting the second public forum for the Naval Support Activity (NSA) Crane and the Lake Glendora Test Facility Joint Land Use Study (JLUS). At this forum the public will be able to review and comment on the compatibility issues that have been identified as part of the JLUS. Input on additions and feedback on identified issues is welcome and encouraged. The public will also provide input on the prioritization of issues.

The counties of Daviess, Greene,

Lawrence, Martin, and Sullivan, and agencies and organizations in the region are engaged in the JLUS to address compatibility planning with NSA Crane and the Lake Glendora Test Facility. The JLUS will assess 25 compatibility factors and recommend strategies to address issues based on these factors which include, but are not limited to: coordination/communication, land use, noise, infrastructure extensions, legislative initiatives, roadway capacity, safety zones, and vibration.

In order to develop a plan that is responsive to local needs, input from

the community is essential. This forum will be provided in three locations. The Daviess, Martin and Greene counties forum will be held Monday, February 22 from 6-8 p.m. at the WestGate Academy, 13598 East WestGate Drive, Odon, IN 47562. The second forum for Sullivan County will be held Tuesday, February 23 from 7-9 p.m. at the Sullivan Middle School. The third forum for Lawrence County will be held Wednesday, February 24 from 6-8 p.m. at the Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce Building.

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SOAR celebrates volunteers

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SOAR celebrated its years of independent operations serving Martin County at a dinner honoring volunteers, at the Mill Street Grille recently. During the last four years, 202 adults/young adults and 1,540 children and parents have been impacted by SOAR’s programs and services. To learn more about tutoring or to become a tutor, call or text 812-709-1618.

Martin County Primary Election candidates

The 2016 Primary Election will be held May 3, 2016. The following is a final list of candidates for Martin County:

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
Brian George (D)
Dan J. Gregory (R)
Martin County Council-at-Large
Warren D. Albright (R)
Floyd “Lonnie” Hawkins (D)
Derek Harrell (D)
Keith Gibson (R)
Richard “Rich” Summers (D)
Martin “Marty” Tarrh (R)
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 Delegates

Warren D. Albright
Pat Brown
Stephanie J. Horton
Gerald D. Montgomery
Republican Precinct Committeemen
Perry 1 – Carolyn Sue McGuire
Perry 2 – Frances “Pat” Jones
Perry 3 – Brian Boyd
Perry 5 – Josh Hughett
North Center – Kenneth Brett
South Center – Jon “Pat” Brown
South Halbert - Gerald D. Montgomery
East Memphis – Earl Boyd Jr.
West Memphis – Matthew Sullivan
Lost River – Phillip Emmons

Budget order, final tax rates approved for Martin County

The Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) certified Martin County’s 2016 budget order and tax rates on January 6, 2016, paving the way for on-time property tax bills. The budget certification puts the county in a position to have taxes due on May 10, 2016.

“The certification of the budget order allows local governments to better plan for their operations for 2016 based on the approved budget and anticipated revenue figures. In addition, the certification of the budget order and tax rates sets the stage nicely for on-time property tax bills, which is important for the predictable administration of the property tax system,” DLGF Commissioner Courtney L.

Schaafsma, CGFM said. “A tremendous amount of collaboration between local and state officials is required to ensure property tax bills go out on time, and it is rewarding to see all the efforts pay off.”

The first step in the assessment to tax billing process is the completion of the property assessments, which culminates with the submission of a
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Senior Night at Shoals

The public is invited to Shoals Senior Night activities on Saturday, February 13 at the Shoals High School Gymnasium before the varsity boys’ basketball game. Honored will be senior athletes and band and chorus members.

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 ratio study. A ratio study is a comparison between property sales prices and assessed values in the county to ensure that market values are being used to determine assessed values. Typically, these should be submitted to the state and approved by May 31, the year prior to tax billing. Martin County's ratio study was submitted on July 16, 2015. Once the DLGF approves the ratio study, the assessor sends the gross assessed values to the county auditor, who applies exemptions, deductions, or abatements to determine the net assessed values – the values upon which

tax rates are based. That information was statutorily due to the DLGF by August 1, 2015. Martin County's certified net assessed values were submitted on September 8, 2015. Now that the 2016 budget has been certified by the DLGF, the next steps are handled at the county level. The county auditor is to calculate tax bills, which the county treasurer should mail to taxpayers no later than April 19, 2016. A copy of the Martin County budget is available at http://in.gov/dlgr/2572.htm?WT.cg_n=reportslinks&WT.cg_s=martincounty.

Indiana students to get free help in filing for financial aid

Filling out financial aid paperwork for college can be complicated and time-consuming, but College Goal Sunday makes it easy. The program offers assistance and advice to help college-bound students complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Financial aid professionals will be available at Vincennes University's Vincennes and Jasper campuses during College Goal Sunday on February 21 at 2 p.m. (EST). The Vincennes Campus event will take place at the Shake Learning Resources Center and on the Jasper Campus in the Classroom Building. Most colleges, universities, and vocational/technical schools throughout the U.S. require students seeking federal financial aid, including grants and loans, to complete the FAFSA. The FAFSA must be received by the federal processor on or before March 10 to be considered "on-time" for Indiana state grant funding. 21st Century Scholars are re-

quired to complete and submit a FAFSA to claim their Scholarships. College Goal Sunday 2016 events will take place throughout Indiana at 42 sites in 32 communities. Now in its 27th year, College Goal Sunday is a charitable collaboration involving the Indiana Student Financial Aid Association (ISFAA), in cooperation with the Indiana Commission for Higher Education. College Goal Sunday is co-funded by Lilly Endowment Inc., NCAN, and the Indiana Secondary Market for Education Loans, Inc.

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RICHARD YOWELL

Richard Lee Yowell passed away Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at Hearthstone Health Campus, from complications following a stroke. A resident of Bloomington, he was 87.



RICHARD YOWELL

He was born July 11, 1928 and raised in Schenectady, New York, where his father worked for the real estate division of General Electric. He is the son of Robert L. and Edna Mae Long Yowell.

He was also a career GE employee, working at the Mt Vernon, Indiana facility as a purchasing agent with their plastics group. He was instrumental in the start-up and initial operation of this newly constructed plant. Upon entering adulthood, Richard moved West for his schooling and earned his Bachelors of Science degree in chemical engineering from the University of Missouri in 1950. He also attended Wharton College, working on an advanced degree prior to receiving an employment offer from GE. His education continued while employed there, as he graduated from General Electric's three-year manufacturing management program. He retired from GE in 1991 after a long and successful career, moving to Bloomington to enjoy his other life interests, which included golf, birds, and traveling.

He leaves a legacy of philanthropy

in higher education and healthcare, two of his passions in improving the world around him. His legacy of kindness and generosity also left impressions upon all those around him as his thoughtfulness and love that he shared made him a "gentle-man" in the true sense. Richard was of strong faith, and was a member of Sherwood Oaks Christian Church. He often spoke of his blessings in life and in particular the many kids and grandkids that "kept on a comin'" "during his later years.

He is survived by his wife, Janet L. Waggoner of Bloomington; sister Jean Y. Farrisee of Frankfort, Kentucky and her four children, David Farrisee, Elizabeth Utz, Scott Farrisee, and Lynne Farner; cousins, Shirley Brummett and Dorothy Mullendore of Missouri; step children, Vickie Crow of Bloomington, Deanna Bauernfiend of Shoals, Donetta Levron of Houma, Louisiana; Loran Dee Doane of Virginia, and Jackie Lee Doane of Bloomington; along with 13 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Joan Holland Yowell of Schenectady, New York, and parents, Robert L. and Edna Mae Long Yowell of Schenectady, New York.

Funeral services were held Monday, February 8 at Sherwood Oaks Christian Church. Interment followed at Spring Hill Cemetery in Shoals.

Allen Funeral Home in Bloomington was in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.allenfuneralhome.org.

JOHNNY MCGUIRE III

John Addison "Johnny" McGuire III passed away Friday, February 5, 2016. A resident of Shoals, he was 52.



JOHNNY MCGUIRE III

He was born in Jasper on June 9, 1963; the son of John McGuire Jr. and Muriel Geraldine (Jenkins) McGuire.

He obtained his GED, was disabled and served in the United States

Army. He is survived by a brother, Keith, and his wife, Karla McGuire, of French Lick; sisters, Patricia Collins of Plainfield; Carolyn McGuire of Indianapolis; Yvonne Abel, and husband, Dave, of Bloomington; and Pamela, and husband, Joe Reed, of Avon.; nine nieces and nephews; and eight great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Stephen Wayne McGuire in infancy.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the hour of service at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, February 12 at Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. Burial will follow in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Condolences may be made online to the family at www.fergusonlee.com.

CATHERINE WILDMAN

Catherine M. Wildman passed away with her family by her side at 2:23 p.m. February 7, 2016 at The Timbers in Jasper. A resident of Loogootee, she

was 91.

She was born February 7, 1925 in Martin County; daughter of the late George and Marie (Buckley) Doyle.

She was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. She loved attending



CATHERINE WILDMAN

mass. She enjoyed cooking, crocheting and shopping.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Wildman; parents, George and Marie (Buckley) Doyle; brothers, Joe, Bill and Glenn Doyle; sister, Rose Mary Doyle; children, Jeffrey Wildman and Janice (Mike) Taylor, both of Loogootee; grandchildren, Jessica Wildman of Vincennes and Miranda Taylor of Loogootee; great-grandson, Daegan Wildman; sisters-in-law, Eleanor Wildman and Edna Wildman.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at 11 a.m. Thursday, February 11 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be held Thursday, February 11 from 9 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be made online at blakefuneralhomes.com.

The Mayor's Den

By Loogootee Mayor
Noel Harty

My first meeting of the New Year was the school board meeting. Highlights included election of new officers, as follows: Brent Courter, President; Chad Wade, Vice President; and Nancy Summers, Secretary. It was also decided to move the meeting day from the third Tuesday to the third Thursday of each month. Thursday the 7th I headed to St. John Catholic Church for the funeral of Iva Lundy. Mrs. Lundy was very active in both her church and community, and her presence will be greatly missed. That evening was the monthly storm water utility board meeting, with guest speaker Rhonda Rumble with SIDC (the Southern Indiana Development Commission). Rhonda spoke of various grants available for the utility and how they might be able to prepare themselves for such funding.

On Friday the 8th, I was at Jack Butcher Arena as our Lions Junior Varsity and Varsity Boys' Basketball Teams hosted the Cougars of North Daviess. Despite a great effort, both teams fell short of the win. On Monday the 11th was the first board of works and public safety and common council meetings for the year. Main topic for discussion of the board of public works and safety meeting was the recognition of Officer Steve Nolan, who amongst many other arrests, claimed 16 DWI (Driving While Intoxicated) arrests during the 2015 calendar year. Lael Hill with MADD attended to recognize Office Nolan for his great efforts; and he was presented with a certificate on behalf of the organization. The city also recognized Officer Nolan for his efforts which make our community a better and safer place to live. Among the highlights of the common council meeting were the

public hearing for the rate ordinance regarding the purchase of the West Boggs Sewer District, appointments for the 2016 calendar year, and updates from various department heads regarding operations of our city. Wednesday the 13th was the first land use planning meeting for the city. Introductions were exchanged, followed by how land use planning got started, where we are today, and looking towards the future.

Thursday the 14th was the quarterly Martin County Community Corrections meeting at the Martin County Learning Center. Among the many issues discussed and acted upon was the election of officers for this year. Following the meeting, I went to St. John Catholic Church for the funeral service of Dewey Weaver. Mr. Weaver, who served in the military, retired from NSWC Crane where he served for many years. He loved to do all types of odd jobs and was true to his faith. I then went to Loogootee Elementary to meet with representatives from Tri Kappa for a check presentation for the municipal pool. We are very thankful for the many years Tri-Kappa and their efforts have improved our community and appreciate their help with the new pool. Saturday the 16th was the Martin County Safe Campaign at the Martin County Community Building - a huge success with over 7,000 cans of food, 2,000 bags of beans and \$3,000 in cash collected for the three local food banks right here in our county. In addition to all of the great contributions received, everyone who attended the event also received something: the Martin County Sheriff's Department, Martin County Judge, Martin County Prosecutor's Office, Martin County Community Cor-

rections, Indiana State Police, Indiana Conservation Department, Shoals Town Marshal Todd Eckert, City of Loogootee Police Department, and Jon Cropp with Memorial Hospital spoke or assisted with demonstrations in their area of expertise. Special appreciation to all and especially Indiana Conservation Officer Corporal Eric Doane for proposing the event. In the evening, I was back at Jack Butcher Arena to watch our Lions Junior Varsity and Varsity host the Vikings of Barr Reeve. Though our Lions brought forth great effort, Barr Reeve prevailed in both match-ups. The evening was also Homecoming for the LHS student body. Congratulations to King Cam Callison and Queen Paige Walton. Tuesday the 19th was the monthly Martin County Indiana Bicentennial Meeting. Highlights of the discussion focused on the route to be taken by selected torch bearers, entertainment for the event, and recognition for sponsors. That evening was the city parks and recreation meeting. Main topics included discussing the opening day of the municipal pool for the 2016 season (summer isn't that far off!) and operations of the facility itself.

Wednesday the 20th began on a sad note with Marge Wagoner's funeral at St. John. Mrs. Wagoner was a lifelong resident and she held multiple positions throughout her career, including editor of the Loogootee Tribune. She and her husband were loyal Lions fans and had a special love for Coach Jack Butcher. After the funeral, I went to The Candy Mill for the monthly Martin County Chamber of Commerce meeting. Many issues were discussed, the highlights being the upcoming chamber dinner, hosting State School Superintendent Glenda

Ritz as the guest speaker, and the Indiana Bicentennial Celebration coming up in September. In the evening, the common council met in special session to discuss improvements needed in anticipation of a downtown project on the vacant lots in the area. A proposal was submitted by Richard Burch, President of Midwestern Engineers. The proposal is to take the area behind the buildings now known as an alley and transform it into a street which will allow all to enter and exit from both directions. The proposed cost of this project is around \$300,000. After a lot of great discussion, it was decided to invite a representative from Hoosier Uplands (who anticipates there may be a possible use for the vacant area) to the February meeting. With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned. After the meeting, I went to the Martin County Solid Waste District for the monthly board meeting. Much of the discussion at the meeting was the current markets and how they affect the district in today's ever-changing world.

Thursday the 21st, I spent most of the day in the office. In the evening, I attended the monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees at LHS. The meeting was very informative as presentations were brought forth by Dara Chezem, elementary principal; Chip Mehaffey, high school principal; and Mike Tippery, assistant school superintendent, on the academic and technology goals for the establishment. In addition the retirement of longtime teacher and coach, Mike Wagoner, was announced. Friday the 22nd was a day full of emotion for all of us at city hall as we celebrated Kay Summers' retirement. Kay has served the past eight (See 'MAYOR'S DEN' cont. on page 5)

Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

7:32 a.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

8:25 a.m. - Received a report of a hit-and-run accident north of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

10:30 a.m. - Sheriff Roush took two inmates to court.

11:00 a.m. - Received a report of property damage in Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

1:40 p.m. - ICO Mann assisted a trapped bobcat near Loogootee.

3:30 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette and ICO Mann looked for the vehicle.

5:17 p.m. - Captain Dant was on station with one inmate from Rockville Correctional Facility for court.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

6:57 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:30 a.m. - Sheriff Roush took two inmates to court.

10:17 a.m. - Captain Dant did three vehicle identification checks north of Loogootee.

10:35 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check north of Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

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

2:00 p.m. - Received a report of an assault in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill and Captain Hennette responded.

3:28 p.m. - Received a request for assistance from Orange County Sheriff's Department at an accident east of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported two subjects to IU Health Hospital.

5:14 p.m. - Reserve Deputy Wright transported one subject from the Lawrence County Jail for court.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

1:06 a.m. - Loogootee Sergeant Norris assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

3:39 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:46 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:00 a.m. - Captain Dant did a vehicle identification check near Shoals.

9:45 a.m. - Received report of a tree hanging over US 231 south of Loogootee. The state highway department responded.

10:10 a.m. - Received a report of a break-in in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

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

10:50 a.m. - Sheriff Roush assisted a motorist near Shoals.

11:50 a.m. - Sheriff Roush responded to a suspicious vehicle in Shoals.

1:59 p.m. - Received a report of a tree hanging over US 50, east of Loogootee. The state highway department responded.

3:02 p.m. - Major Burkhardt did a vehicle identification check north of Shoals.

3:30 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin

County Ambulance responded.

6:25 p.m. - Received a report of a theft north of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

8:24 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee. The Martin County Sheriff's Department deputies responded.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

5:21 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231 near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Nolan stopped the vehicle and all was okay.

6:28 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:35 a.m. - Sheriff Roush, Captain Dant, and Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded to a welfare check near Shoals.

10:55 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

12:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:40 p.m. - One inmate was transported to the Lawrence County Jail.

3:34 p.m. - Received a report of a break-in in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

10:37 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Shoals. Major Burkhardt and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

11:00 a.m. - Sheriff Roush took two inmates to court.

11:42 a.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

11:48 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle north of Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

3:58 p.m. - Martin County Ambulance responded to a lift assistance call in Shoals.

4:19 p.m. - Received a report of a drive-off without paying in Loogootee. Major Burkhardt located the vehicle.

6:09 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Shoals. Major Burkhardt and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to the Daviess Community Hospital.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

2:11 a.m. - Loogootee Officer Nolan performed a security check at a business in Loogootee. Corporal Baker assisted.

4:42 a.m. - Corporal Baker assisted a motorist near Loogootee.

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

9:05 a.m. - Received a report of an unresponsive male near Shoals. Major Burkhardt, Sheriff Roush, Shoals Fire, Martin County Ambulance, Prosecutor Steiner, and Coroner Franklin responded.

9:28 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

12:43 p.m. - Received a report of an impaired driver north of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded to the call.

1:33 p.m. - Major Burkhardt assisted a motorist north of Loogootee.

3:18 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. Shoals Fire, Major Burkhardt, and Martin County Ambulance responded. Two people were transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:20 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Crane. Sergeant Keller and ISP responded.

10:50 p.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Shoals. Sergeant

Keller and Martin County Civil Defense responded.

11:15 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Sergeant Norris responded and all was okay.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

3:36 p.m. - Captain Dant responded to a domestic situation in Shoals.

11:25 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Shoals. Corporal Baker and Lost River Fire responded.

Martin County real estate transfers

Shoals Baptist Church, Inc., of Martin County, Indiana to **The State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, Inc.,** of Morgan County, Indiana. Tract #8: Part of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 0.62 acres, more or less. Tract #9: Part of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 0.57 acres, more or less. Tract #10: Part of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 19, Township 3 North,

Range 3 West, containing 0.66 acres, more or less.

Jessie Daniels a/k/a Jesse Daniels and Sarah Daniels, of Martin County, Indiana to **Brian Jones,** of Martin County, Indiana, Lot 28 in Doe Run Subdivision.

Martin F. Lewis and Marcia A. Lewis, of Martin County, Indiana to **Ernest L. Lewis and Jill E. Lewis,** of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: A part of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 10, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing 2 acres, more or less.

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL JUDGMENTS AND SENTENCING

January 19

Jessica L. Neal, convicted of driving while suspended, a Class A Infraction and driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 325 days suspended and credit for 20 actual days previously served plus 20 Class A credit days. Defendant received 6 months of probation.

January 21

Joshua R. Hedrick, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 283 days suspended and credit for 41 actual days previously served plus 41 Class A credit days. Defendant received 8 months of probation.

Charges Dismissed

January 21

Joshua R. Hedrick, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

January 27

Toyota Motor Credit Corporation

vs. Phyllis G. Waddle, civil collection.

First National Bank of Omaha vs. Robert E. White, III, civil collection.

January 28

Ryan L. Daugherty vs. Nicole A. Daugherty, petition for dissolution of marriage.

February 1

Holli R. McCowan vs. James T. McCowan, petition for dissolution of marriage.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

February 1

Medical of Dubois vs. Lori Armstrong, complaint.

Medical of Dubois vs. Jeanine D. Cole, complaint.

Medical of Dubois vs. Jessica J. Coleman, complaint.

Medical of Dubois vs. Steven M. Doyle, complaint.

Medical of Dubois vs. Lucinda J. Fuhrman, complaint.

Medical of Dubois vs. Gary W. Clark, complaint.

Medical of Dubois vs. Nicholas R. Wade, complaint.

Charles Krutcheon and Angela Young vs. Daniel Clifton and Sasha Pottorff, complaint.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

9:10 p.m. - Jaekob Sluder, 21, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Sexton and charged with possession of marijuana and paraphernalia. His bond has been set at \$10,000 10%.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

8:30 p.m. - Tonya Graves, 44, of French Lick, was arrested by Sheriff Roush on a Martin County warrant. She is being held without bond.

8:30 p.m. - Stephanie Bradley, 43, of Washington, was arrested by Sheriff Roush and charged with burglary and theft. She is being held on a \$50,000 10% bond.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

3:11 p.m. - Leia Epperson, 33, of Paoli, was arrested by Major Burkhardt on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

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State board of education approves 2014-15 school corporation grades

The Indiana State Board of Education last week approved 2014-15 school corporation accountability grades during its regular business meeting. The grades approved by the board reflect changes enacted by the Indiana General Assembly and signed into law by Governor Mike Pence to ensure that no school or school corporation is penalized by lower ISTEP+ scores during the state's transition to more rigorous college and career ready academic standards.

The distribution of school corporation grades can be found below.

In other action, the board voted to hold public hearings later this year in the four schools that are entering their fifth year of state intervention. State law requires the board to hold hearings and determine whether to return the school to its district, transition school to a charter school, continue current intervention activities, or implement

a new intervention strategy. The board also voted to establish quality review teams to visit schools that received a fourth consecutive "F" accountability grade for the 2014-15 school year and hold public hearings at schools receiving a fifth "F" grade, as required by law.

At the request of Superintendent Ritz, the board removed from its agenda consideration of proposed growth tables to be used in the calculation of the 2015-16 accountability grades. The delay is being sought to provide the department of education additional time to refine its proposals. Superintendent Ritz said she is considering the scheduling of a special meeting in February to consider those proposed tables.

The board moved the March regular business meeting to Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 9 a.m. (EST) in conference room B of the Indiana Government Center South.

	2014		2015	
	# of Corps	% of Corps	# of Corps	% of Corps
A	132	46%	133	46%
B	94	33%	93	32%
C	54	19%	55	19%
D	8	3%	7	2%
F	1	0%	1	0%

Dr. Hassan hired at Memorial Hospital

Oncologist Amr Hassan, M.D. was recently appointed to the Active Medical Staff at Memorial Hospital and Health



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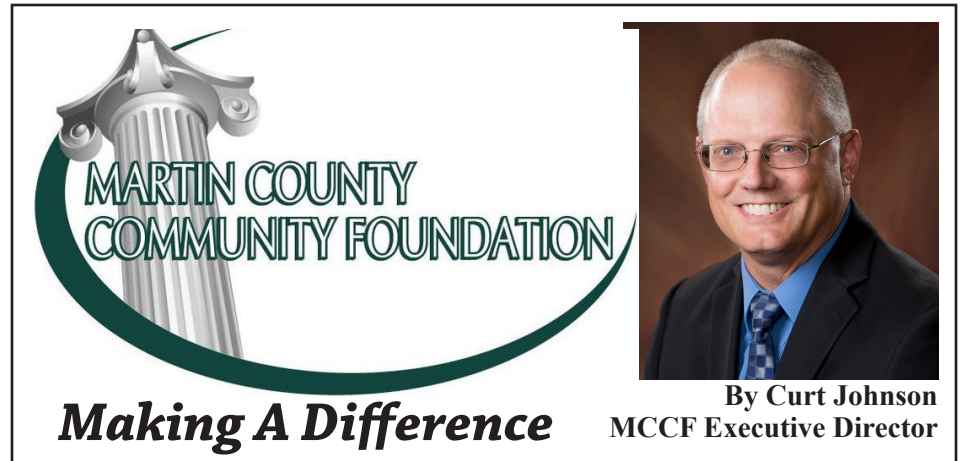
Care Center. An oncologist is a doctor who treats cancer.

Dr. Hassan received his medical degree from Ross University School of Medicine in Dominica, West Indies. He completed an internship and residency in internal medicine and a fellowship in hematology/oncology at the University of Massachusetts Memorial Medical Center. He is board certified in internal medicine and medical oncology, and has participated as an investigator in several research projects. Most recently, Dr. Hassan served as a hematologist/oncologist at St. Vincent Hospital Cancer & Wellness Center and as medical director for Holy Trinity Hospice, both in Worcester, Massachusetts. He is a member of the American College of Physicians and the American Society of Clinical Oncologists.

MAYOR'S DEN

(Continued from page one)

years as deputy clerk in the clerk-treasurer's office. Kay has always gone the extra mile to make a difference in our community; and she always does it with a smile. We will miss her presence in our daily lives very much. Saturday the 23rd, I drove to Bloomfield High School to watch our Lions Junior Varsity and Varsity take on the Cardinals. Despite a lot of great effort the Lions fell short in both matchups. Sunday the 24th the Loogootee High School Choir (grades 7-12) performed at Loogootee Christian Church. The program was full of spirit and faith and was a huge success. Monday the 25th I met with Rev. Joseph Seger at Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant to discuss various service projects in the area. On Tuesday the 26th the Martin County In-



Making A Difference

By Curt Johnson
MCCF Executive Director

The core mission of the Martin County Community Foundation (MCCF) is to build permanent funds and to distribute income from those funds to projects, organizations, charitable needs and civic endeavors that will enhance the quality of life for the people of Martin County. We rely on your care and concern for our community to accomplish this. So, how can you help?

Giving Made Easy

There is a way to make your giving easy and effective and for you to achieve your charitable goals. Through the MCCF's expertise, you can give to multiple charities with one gift, get assistance with identifying effective charities, and be assured your gift will have the greatest impact.

Simplicity in Giving

One gift can be made to the MCCF at a time when your financial circumstances allow and when tax savings can be maximized. You can then make the decision as to whether you want the gift to be given to one or multiple charities or if the gift should be used for the good of the community as a whole. As a bonus, you are relieved of record-keeping and your tax return is greatly simplified.

You can also consider making a difference in Martin County by giving through the MCCF when writing or revising will/estate plans, giving memorials/honorariums, and when listing primary/secondary beneficiaries of your IRAs, life insurance, stocks, bonds, etc.

Identifying Effective Charities

A community's needs change over time. The Community Foundation, through the expertise of our staff and volunteers and our relationship with other funding organizations and agencies, know the needs and opportunities within our community.

For those changing needs, the MCCF manages 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.

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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. Doubling the impact of your donation for these purposes is as good a return on your money as you'll find nearly anywhere. 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 Endowment is matching 50 cents on the dollar that is donated. Still a great return.

The MCCF has a broad base of contributors and is a public foundation that qualifies for high-level tax savings. By combining assets for investments, the Community Foundation is able to minimize the cost of investing. In addition, the MCCF works with other foundations and government to bring together greater funding for our community needs.

What it Means to You

With ease, efficiency, and community and investment expertise, the MCCF is able to meet your charitable wishes and provide a flexible, cost-effective and tangible way to show your care and concern for our County.

Your Next Steps

Looking forward to helping you achieve your charitable goals are our MCCF Board members:

- Liz Chattin, President
- Candace Roush, VP
- Melissa Courter, Secretary
- Dan Gregory
- Terry Hasler
- Katie Hawkins
- Beth Lett
- Samantha Nelson
- Rita Poirier
- Cecil Ragsdale
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Information is also on our website at www.cfpartner.org/mccf.htm or "liking" the MCCF at www.facebook.com/mcccommunityfoundation on Facebook.

If you are interested in hearing more about these opportunities, or for any endowment information, please contact any board member or the MCCF Executive Director Curt Johnson at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org. Together, we all can make a BIG difference.

diana Bicentennial Committee had the privilege to meet here at city hall, with the State Torch Bearer Coordinator Noelle, for a discussion revolving around the torch relay and what Martin County and Crane's roles will be with the event. In the evening, I headed to Washington for the quarterly Four Rivers - Red Door meeting. The primary topic was housing. I spent Wednesday the 28th at the office working on day-to-day operations. Thursday the 28th was also Kay Summers' last day on the job; and we were all sad to see her leaving us, but happy for her retirement too. In the evening I went to Jack Butcher Arena for the last girls' home basketball game of the season. Congratulations to Seniors Bailey Davis and Kendall Riley ... we wish you all the best now and in the future!

In the evening of Friday the 29th, I headed to White River Valley High School to watch our Lions Junior Varsity and Varsity Boys' Basketball Teams take on the Wolverines. Our Lions had a great evening, coming out on top by nice margins in both games. Saturday the 30th was the Annual Boy Scout Biscuit, Gravy, Pancake, and Sausage Breakfast at the Loogootee United Methodist Church. The scouts were up at 5:30 a.m. to assure breakfast would be ready by 7 and I commend them for their extra efforts to make this event successful. Sunday the 31st, after worship services, I went back once again to the Loogootee United Methodist Church for the 4th Annual Loogootee Fire Department Soup Luncheon. The food and company were wonderful as usual! I wish each and every one a most blessed February!

More Neat Stuff

By Ann Ackerman



An elderly man in his eighties hurried to his doctor appointment at 8 a.m. He wanted to finish quickly because he must be somewhere by nine. The doctor asked what the next appointment was.

He proudly said that at 9 a.m. every morning he is at the hospital to eat breakfast with his wife. The doctor asked in what condition his wife was in. The man said that his wife had Alzheimer's disease, and for the past five years she hasn't known who he is.

The doctor was surprised and asked the man why he continues to go faithfully if she has no idea who he is . . . the old man replied, "because I still know who she is."

This my friends, is real love.

Bob forgot his wedding anniversary. His wife was mad.

She told him, "Tomorrow morning I expect to find a gift in the driveway that goes from 0-200 in six seconds and it better be there."

The next morning when his wife woke up, she looked out the window to find a box that was gift wrapped in the middle of the driveway. She opened it and found a new bathroom scale . . .

Bob has been missing since Friday.

A LITTLE HUMOR

1. Someone just honked to get me to get out of my parking spot faster so now I have to sit here until both of us are dead.

2. It takes real skill to choke on air, fall upstairs, and trip over completely nothing. I have that skill.

3. My odds of winning the lottery are greater than my odds of finally finishing the laundry.

Recorder documents now available online

Martin County Recorder Rhonda Sanders is pleased to announce two new services for providing access to Martin County's recorded documents through the web. The index and images for documents filed in 2003 or later are now available online at www.doxpop.com. Low-volume searching is available at no cost. High-volume professional searching and document images are available as a fee-based service.

In addition, the recorder's office now offers a free property watch service to the community. Any person may sign up at <http://watch.doxpop.com> to set a watch on his or her property and name. Participants are notified via email any time a document is filed that references the watched property or name.

Both of these services have been provided without any use of public funding (no use of tax money.) The access provided by these services is in addition to the public access already provided at the courthouse.

4. What's the difference between bird flu and swine flu? One requires tweetment and the other requires oinkment.

5. My odds of winning Powerball and having all of my students listen to directions the first time are about the same.

6. What's the difference between a man buying a lottery ticket and a man arguing with his wife? The man buying the lottery ticket actually has a chance to win.

7. Do you want to build a snowman? No, I don't want to build a snowman . . . I want to build a sandcastle, in a beach, in the sun, where there is no snow!

8. I accidentally went grocery shopping on an empty stomach and now I'm the proud owner of aisle #4.

9. At our age, what good is a GPS if we can't remember why we got in the car in the first place?

10. I put my symptoms on WebMD and it turns out I just need to be on a beach drinking something cold.

11. A perfect man loves you unconditionally, is always loyal, and he is always happy to see you. Oh, wait. That's my horse. My horse does that.

12. Water is the most essential element of life, because without water, you can't make coffee.

13. Remember when you could refer to your knees as right and left? . . . instead of good and bad. Good times, eh?

14. I used to be able to pull all-nighters but now I can barely pull all-dayers.

15. I told you that I do not have Alzheimer's. I have "some-timers." Sometimes I remember and sometimes I don't.

Make someone smile today!

For additional information, contact Rhonda Sanders at the recorder's office 812-247-2420, or Julie Pickett-Hall at Doxpop, LLC 765-373-9248.

Dr. Dawkins to present "Lifestyle Changes"

Did you know that 1 in every 4 people die of heart disease? Learn how you can beat the odds by attending this free seminar "Lifestyle Changes: Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease," on Tuesday, March 1 from 6-7:15 p.m. Dr. Adam Dawkins will discuss what you can change to minimize risks and prevent cardiovascular disease. Dinner is included, and pre-registration is required.

Dr. Adam Dawkins received his medical degree at Indiana University School of Medicine and completed

Hawkins honored with 4-H Key Club Member Award

Megan Hawkins has received the 2015 Indiana 4-H Foundation Key Club Member Award. This is the highest award any Junior Leader can receive. She received a certificate and 4-H key chain.

Megan is a 10-year member of the Martin County 4-H program. She is a six-year member of the Martin County Junior Leaders. She has held numerous offices in her local and county clubs. She has completed more than 100 projects so far in her 4-H years. Megan has been involved in Share the Fun, public speaking, horse and livestock judging, fashion revue, community service, 4-H recruitment, and much more.

The 4-H Key Club Award is a program designed with a life-long membership for each recipient of this one-time award. The award designates the recipient as an outstanding 4-H member in the local club and county and encourages him or her to continue leadership in action "to further develop 4-H club work in Indiana."



MEGAN HAWKINS

The 4-H member who earns this Indiana 4-H Key Club Award can be proud of their contribution to club and community. This award is sponsored by the Indiana 4-H Foundation.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Shoals School Board meeting

The Shoals School Board will meet Thursday, February 11 at 6 p.m. in the central administration office. Some items on the agenda include approval of the 2016-17 school calendar, distribution of teacher performance grant money, modification of the teacher evaluation plan, and discussion of an elementary elite volleyball program. The meeting is open to the public.

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

a residency in internal medicine at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis where he also completed a fellowship in cardiology.

This presentation will be held in the Medical Arts Conference Center of the Medical Arts Building located at 721 West 13th Street in Jasper. To pre-register for the "Lifestyle Changes" program, please call Memorial Hospital's Marketing Department at 812-996-2352, or go online to www.mhhcc.org and click on "Classes and Events." Deadline to register is Tuesday, February 23.

winner 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/

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 or call at 295-3149.

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

Although the groundhogs in southern Indiana should not have seen their shadows on a cloudy February 2, winter is refusing to loose its hold. However, it is time to start getting ready for a new gardening season.

The least expensive way to add plants to the garden is to start your own transplants from seed. Whether annuals or perennials, a packet of seeds will yield several plants at a reasonable price.

The first step in growing your own plants is to find suitable containers and get the right planting medium. While most commercial growers use flats for starting plants, I find that I have better luck using pots that are a little deeper. I like to use the long, narrow planting boxes that are usually used as window boxes. The deeper soil allows for better root formation without having to transplant seedlings. Whatever container you choose to use, make sure that it is clean. If it is a container that you have used before, dump out the old soil. Wash the container, using bleach of some other sanitizing agent to make sure there are no disease spores remaining from last year. Young seedlings are especially vulnerable to disease.

The second step is to fill the containers with a sterile potting mix. Do not use garden soil or regular potting mix. The seed starting mix costs a little more, but the success rate when using it justifies the additional expense. The mix is usually very dry, so you should water the mix before planting. Fill the container about two-thirds full and water well. You may need to stir in the water to get the soil to accept the moisture. You do not want a soggy mix, but

it needs to have adequate moisture to promote germination of the seed and early plant growth.

Probably the most important step is reading the seed packets. Not all seeds are planted the same way. Some seeds need to be covered with only a thin layer of soil, while others need to be planted more deeply. Some seeds need light to germinate and should not be covered at all. All of this information should be found on the packet. The packet will also contain information about pre-planting seed treatment. Some seeds have a tough outer shell that needs to be treated for quicker germination. For some seeds, that can be done by soaking the seeds overnight in water. Others need to be refrigerated for a while to simulate winter. Some seeds need to be scratched with a knife or rubbed with sandpaper. Whatever is best for the particular seed you are planting, that information should be on the seed packet. The packet will also contain the number of days necessary for germination and also the number of days the seed needs to be planted before the seedlings are ready to be planted in the garden. Do your homework. Some plants can take some light frost, but many plants should not be set out until after May 10, which is the frost-free date for our area. While you may be able to transplant the seedlings into larger pots before planting them in the garden, most plants do better if you wait until the prescribed number of days before transplanting to plant the seeds.

The packets will also include information about spacing of the seeds or the eventual plants. I like to space the seeds a little farther apart that the packets indicate, reducing the need for thinning. Using the deeper containers also allows for more root growth and one may even be able to add some additional soil to keep the plants from becoming too spindly.

Even though you watered the soil, after planting, use a mister or spray bottle to help the seeds settle in the potting mix. Some seeds even benefit from using a board to press down and make sure the seeds have good contact with the planting medium. Cover the pot with clear plastic to help deep the moisture in and promote good germination. Watch the containers carefully. There is work to do once the seeds germinate. Next week's column will deal with the next steps.

“100 Words for 100 Years” celebrates state parks’ history

Learn about Indiana’s State Parks on Facebook, 100 words at a time, to celebrate 100 years of history during 2016.

In honor of Indiana State Parks’ centennial, staff will write and publish weekly Facebook posts called “100 Words for 100 years” through the end of 2016. The 100-word entries will be posted each Wednesday until summer, when the number of posts per week will increase. Many will be accompanied by historic photos.

The posts will explore a unique aspect of state parks’ history. Examples so far include Rose Island amusement park on the banks of the Ohio River, the former site of which is now part of Charlestown State Park, and the construction of U.S. Army Corps of

Engineers flood-control reservoirs, which are managed for recreation by Indiana State Parks.

“We hope that with these 100-word posts people can see a snapshot of our history that will pique their interest,” said Ben Clark, chief of cultural resources for Indiana State Parks. “And we want folks to learn something about our state parks’ history and how the past has made the parks into what they are today.”

The Indiana State Parks Facebook page is at facebook.com/INdnrstateparksandreservoirs. Click “Like” if you are not already a friend.

If you have ideas for a history post, email Clark at bclark@dnr.IN.gov. If you have old photos, you can also email them to Clark, or share them on Facebook.

Campground hosts needed at Indiana State Parks

Indiana’s state parks are looking for volunteers to serve as campground hosts in exchange for free camping during their service.

Hosts work a minimum of 20 hours per week. The volunteer period varies at sites, based on the number of applicants and on the amount and type of work required.

Properties are looking for dedicated campers who enjoy working outdoors, with people and with DNR staff.

Properties needing volunteers for hosts are Brown County, Clifty Falls,

Ouabache, Pokagon and Potato Creek state parks, and Monroe and Hardy lakes.

Campground hosts are also needed at State Forest campgrounds.

A complete list of site availability and detailed information about hosting duties is at stateparks.IN.gov/2404.htm or contact the property where you would like to serve as a host.

Completion of a volunteer application is required to apply. Download a volunteer application form at stateparks.IN.gov/2443.htm.

Maple tree hike at Fairfax SRA, March 6

Learn all there is to know about maple trees during a two-hour hike at Fairfax State Recreation Area on Sunday, March 6.

The hike starts at 2 p.m. Participants will learn about maple identification, legends and superstitions, and see a demonstration on how to tap a maple tree for its sap. The hike ends with sampling of maple sugar and different types of maple syrup.

The program is limited to 20 people and costs \$5 per person.

Advance registration is required by March 1 at bit.ly/mapletree2016.

For more information, contact Monroe Lake naturalist Jill Vance at jvance@dnr.IN.gov or (812) 837-9967.

Property entrance is free during winter. Fairfax SRA (stateparks.IN.gov/2954.htm) is at 9801 S. Fairfax Road, Bloomington, 47401.

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Tick genome reveals inner workings of a versatile blood-guzzler

BY NATALIE VAN HOOSE
Purdue University News Service

An international team of scientists led by Purdue University has sequenced the genome of the tick that transmits Lyme disease, the most common vector-borne illness in North America.

The decadelong project, involving 93 authors from 46 institutions, decodes the biology of an arachnid with sophisticated spit, barbed mouthparts and millions of years of successful parasitism. The genome of *Ixodes scapularis*, known as the deer tick or blacklegged tick, also sheds light on how ticks acquire and transmit pathogens and offers tick-specific targets for control.

"The genome provides a foundation for a whole new era in tick research," said Catherine Hill, lead author of the paper, Purdue professor of medical entomology and Showalter Faculty Scholar. "Now that we've cracked the tick's code, we can begin to design strategies to control ticks, to understand how they transmit disease and to interfere with that process."

I. scapularis is the first tick species to have its genome sequenced.

The principle genome paper was published in *Nature Communications* on Tuesday (February 9) and is available at <http://dx.doi.org/10.1038/ncomms10507>.

Genomic Resources for Tick-Borne Diseases

Tick-borne illnesses cause thousands of human and animal deaths annually, and ticks transmit a wider variety of pathogens and parasites than any other arthropod. They primarily spread disease by creating a feeding wound in the skin of their hosts, regurgitating infected saliva into the wound as they ingest blood.

Despite ticks' capacity to acquire and pass on an array of pathogens, research on ticks has lagged behind that of other arthropod vectors, such as mosquitoes, largely because of a lack of genetic and molecular tools and resources.

"Ticks are underappreciated as vectors - until you get Lyme disease," Hill said.

About 30,000 cases of Lyme disease are reported in the U.S. annually, most concentrated in the Northeast and upper Midwest. But the Centers for Disease Control estimates the actual number of cases is 329,000 a year, many of which are unreported or misdiagnosed.

While not fatal, Lyme disease can be permanently debilitating if the infection is not treated before it reaches the chronic phase.

The deer tick also vectors human granulocytic anaplasmosis, babesiosis and the potentially lethal Powassan virus. Other tick species transmit a number of flaviviruses, including some that cause hemorrhaging and inflammation of the brain and the membrane that covers the brain and spinal cord. Less is known about the tick-borne flaviviruses than Lyme disease, Hill said, but they are particularly important diseases in Europe and parts of Asia and represent global threats to human health.

"Genomic resources for the tick were desperately needed," she said. "These enable us to look at tick biology in a systems way."

The genome provides two lines of valuable biological resources, Hill said: the genes and proteins that make ticks successful parasites and excellent vectors of parasites and pathogens.

Identifying the proteins involved in the transmission of tick-borne diseases could help researchers develop strategies to halt this process.

Researchers pinpointed some of the proteins that play key roles in the interactions between deer ticks and the bacterium that causes Lyme disease and



Deer ticks can transmit a number of illnesses including Lyme disease. (Andrew Nuss)

proteins associated with the transmission of human granulocytic anaplasmosis, an emerging disease.

A companion paper published in *PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases* identified proteins and biochemical pathways associated with infection and replication of the encephalitis-causing Langat virus, another pathogen transmitted by *Ixodes* ticks. These proteins could be candidates for drugs and vaccines and give clues to how the virus affects the tick.

"This study opens the door to understanding how tick-borne viruses exploit their hosts and offers unique insights from ticks that could be applicable to humans," said Richard Kuhn, Purdue professor and head of the Department of Biological Sciences, lead author of the virus study and director of the Purdue Institute for Inflammation, Immunology and Infectious Diseases. "Once you know which host proteins are critical for virus replication, you can manipulate those proteins to interfere with the growth and development of the virus."

An Inside Look at Tick Biology

The genome also provides insights into unique aspects of tick biology.

Tick saliva, for example, teems with antimicrobials, pain inhibitors, cement, anticoagulants and immune suppressors, all designed to help the tick feed on its host undetected for days or weeks.

The genome reveals that tick saliva contains thousands of compounds - compared with mere hundreds in mosquito saliva - a diversity that presumably allows ticks to exploit a wide range of hosts and stay attached for a long time, Hill said.

The researchers also identified genes that could be linked to ticks' ability to synthesize new armorlike cuticle as they feed, allowing them to expand over 100 times.

The team searched for clues to how ticks digest blood, a toxic food source due to its high concentrations of iron. The genome points to a number of proteins that link with iron-containing heme molecules, the byproducts of blood digestion, to make them less toxic.

"Ticks have an amazing number of detoxification enzymes, and we don't know why," Hill said. "We've got our eye on this because these enzymes are also involved in detoxifying insecticides. As we develop new chemicals to control ticks, we'll be going up against this massive arsenal of detoxification enzymes, far more than insects have."

One of the major findings of the genome project is that about 20 percent of the genes appear to be unique to ticks. These genes could provide researchers with tick-specific targets for control.

"We don't see the equivalent of these genes in a mosquito or human," Hill said. "That's a fascinating collection of molecules, and as a scientist, I can't wait to get into that pot of gold and find out what

these are and what they do."

Unique Features of the Genome

One of the main challenges the research team faced was the complexity of the tick genome, one of the larger arthropod genomes sequenced to date. Another obstacle was the unusual amount of repetitive DNA, which comprises about 70 percent of the genome, an aspect further explored in a companion paper published in *BMC Genomics*.

While copies of duplicated genes are often eliminated, the tick genome has retained these repeated genes. Many of them have mutated, suggesting that the two copies of a gene are associated with different functions and give the tick an evolutionary advantage. These duplicated genes could also be targets for new tick control measures.

"We estimate those gene duplications took place probably just after the last Ice Age when tick populations would have been expanding into new habitats," Hill said.

The project also included the first genome-wide analysis of tick population structure in North America, resolving a long-standing debate over whether deer ticks in the North and South are actually two different species. According to Hill,

First human case of Zika virus confirmed in Indiana

State health officials yesterday announced the first Indiana case of Zika virus infection in a non-pregnant resident who recently traveled to Haiti. This individual's illness, which was confirmed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), was not severe enough to require hospitalization.

"I'm thankful for the work of the Indiana State Department of Health as they have tracked the spread of the Zika virus in Latin America and the Caribbean in the event it would arrive here in Indiana," Governor Mike Pence said. "Hoosiers can be assured that the Department of Health is working diligently to study the latest information on the Zika virus and will be proactively keeping Hoosiers informed in the weeks and months ahead."

State Health Commissioner Jerome Adams, M.D., M.P.H., said the health department is providing guidance to local health officials and providers in anticipation of additional travel-related cases in Indiana.

"The risk of contracting Zika virus here in Indiana remains low, but we know that many residents are concerned," Dr. Adams said. "We urge anyone visiting affected areas to take steps to avoid mosquito bites."

There is currently an epidemic of Zika virus infection occurring in Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America. The virus is spread to people primarily through bites from an infected *Aedes aegypti* or *Aedes albopictus* mosquito. The CDC has also reported isolated cases of spread through unprotected sexual contact with an infected person. Most people who are infected with Zika virus won't develop symptoms, but those who do are most likely to experience mild illness that can include fever, rash, joint pain and conjunctivitis (pink eye). There is no vaccine or treatment for Zika virus. Patients who think they might have Zika virus infection are asked to contact their health care providers and to avoid mosquito exposure for the first week of their illnesses to reduce the likelihood of transmission through mosquito bites.

The CDC has advised pregnant women to avoid traveling to areas where Zika vi-

the genome offers convincing evidence that the two populations are the same species, despite their genetic differences. Because the majority of Lyme disease cases occur in the North, there might be a genetic component to ticks' ability to transmit Lyme disease that a comparison of the two populations could illuminate.

"Now we've got the script to help us work out what proteins the tick's genes are making, what these proteins do and whether we can exploit them to control the tick," Hill said.

Co-principal investigators for the project are Claire Fraser of the University of Maryland's Institute for Genome Sciences; Frank Collins of the University of Notre Dame's Department of Biological Sciences; Bruce Birren of the Broad Institute of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard University; and Karen Nelson of the J. Craig Venter Institute. The JCVI and VectorBase annotated the genome.

The National Institutes of Health, the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services provided principle funding for the project. NIAID scientist and co-author Jose M. Ribeiro was supported through the NIAID intramural research program.

rus has been detected because of concern about birth defects. It also recommends that men who have a pregnant partner and reside in or have traveled to an area of active Zika virus transmission abstain from unprotected sexual activity for the duration of the pregnancy. Additional guidance can be found on the CDC's Zika page at www.cdc.gov/zika/.

People who choose to travel to Zika-affected areas are encouraged to take precautions against mosquito bites, including the following:

Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants to reduce the amount of exposed skin.

Stay in places with air conditioning or that use window and door screens to keep mosquitoes outside. Sleep under a mosquito bed net if air conditioned or screened rooms are not available or if sleeping outdoors.

Use Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered insect repellents. When used as directed, these insect repellents are proven safe and effective even for pregnant and breastfeeding women.

Look for products containing DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, or IR3535 as the active ingredients.

Always follow the product label instructions and reapply as directed.

If you are using sunscreen, apply sunscreen before applying insect repellent.

Treat clothing and gear with permethrin or buy permethrin-treated items.

Do NOT use permethrin products directly on skin. They are intended to treat clothing.

"Pregnant women should not travel to areas where Zika virus transmission is occurring. Everyone else must weigh the risks against the benefits of travel and make the choice that feels right for them," said Dr. Jennifer Brown, public health veterinarian for the Indiana State Department of Health. "People who choose to travel can reduce their risk of Zika virus infection by taking rigorous precautions to prevent mosquito bites."

For a list of areas affected by the Zika virus, go to <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/page/zika-travel-information>.



Purdue medical entomologist Catherine Hill led a decadelong effort to sequence the tick genome. (Purdue Agricultural Communication photo/Tom Campbell)

National unemployment at 4.9 percent for January

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 151,000 in January, and the unemployment rate was little changed at 4.9 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week. Job gains occurred in several industries, led by retail trade, food services and drinking places, health care, and manufacturing. Employment declined in private educational services, transportation and warehousing, and mining.

Household Survey Data

Both the number of unemployed persons, at 7.8 million, and the unemployment rate, at 4.9 percent, changed little in January. Over the past 12 months, the number of unemployed persons and the unemployment rate were down by 1.1 million and 0.8 percentage point, respectively.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rates for adult men (4.5 percent) and Whites (4.3 percent) declined in January. The jobless rates for adult women (4.5 percent), teenagers (16.0 percent), Blacks (8.8 percent), Asians (3.7 percent), and Hispanics (5.9 percent) showed little change over the month.

The number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) was essentially unchanged in January, at 2.1 million, and has shown little movement since June. These individuals accounted for 26.9 percent of the unemployed.

After accounting for the annual adjustments to the population controls, the civilian labor force and total employment, as measured by the household survey, were little changed in January. The labor force participation rate, at 62.7 percent, was little changed. The employment-population ratio (59.6 percent) changed little over the month but was up by 0.3 percentage point since October.

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons (sometimes referred to as involuntary part-time workers) was little changed at 6.0 million in January but was down by 796,000 over the year. These individuals, who would have preferred full-time employment, were working part time because their hours had been cut back or because they were unable to find full-time jobs.

In January, 2.1 million persons were marginally attached to the labor force, little different from a year earlier. (The data are not seasonally adjusted.) These individuals were not in the labor force, wanted and were available for work, and had looked for a job sometime in the prior 12 months. They were not counted as unemployed because they had not searched for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey.

Among the marginally attached, there were 623,000 discouraged workers in January, essentially unchanged from a year earlier. (The data are not seasonally adjusted.)

Discouraged workers are persons not currently looking for work because they believe no jobs are available for them. The remaining 1.5 million persons marginally attached to the labor force in January had not searched for work for reasons such as school attendance or family responsibilities.

Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 151,000 in January. Employment rose in several industries, led by retail trade, food services and drinking places, health care, and manufacturing.

Private educational services and transportation and warehousing lost jobs. Mining employment continued to decline.

Retail trade added 58,000 jobs in January, following essentially no change in December. Employment rose in general merchandise stores (+15,000), electronics and appliance stores (+9,000), motor vehicle and parts dealers (+8,000), and furniture and home furnishing stores (+7,000). Employment in retail trade has increased by 301,000 over the past 12 months, with motor vehicle and parts dealers and general merchandise stores accounting for nearly half of the gain.

Employment in food services and drinking places rose in January (+47,000). Over the year, the industry has added 384,000 jobs.

Health care continued to add jobs in January (+37,000), with most of the increase occurring in hospitals (+24,000). Health care has added 470,000 jobs over the past 12 months, with about two-fifths of the growth occurring in hospitals.

Manufacturing added 29,000 jobs in January, following little employment change in 2015. Over the month, job gains occurred in food manufacturing (+11,000), fabricated metal products (+7,000), and furniture and related products (+3,000).

Employment in financial activities rose in January (+18,000). Job gains occurred in credit intermediation and related activities (+7,000).

Private educational services lost 39,000 jobs in January due to larger than normal seasonal layoffs.

Employment in transportation and warehousing decreased by 20,000 in January. Most of the loss occurred among couriers and messengers (-14,000), reflecting larger than usual layoffs following strong seasonal hiring in the prior 2 months.

Employment in mining continued to decline in January (-7,000). Since reaching a peak in September 2014, employment in the industry has fallen by 146,000, or 17 percent.

Employment in professional and business services changed little in January (+9,000), after increasing by 60,000 in December. Within the industry, professional and technical services added 25,000 jobs over the month, in line with average monthly gains over the prior 12 months. Employment in temporary help services edged down in January (-25,000), after edging up by the same amount in December.

Employment in other major industries, including construction, wholesale trade, and government, changed little over the month.

The average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls rose by 0.1 hour to 34.6 hours in January. The manufacturing workweek edged up by 0.1 hour to 40.7 hours, and factory overtime was unchanged at 3.3 hours. The average workweek for production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls was unchanged at 33.8 hours.

In January, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased by 12 cents to \$25.39. Over the year, average hourly earnings have risen by 2.5 percent. In January, average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees rose by 6 cents to \$21.33.

Indiana Department of Revenue offers free online filing

This tax season, the Indiana Department of Revenue continues to offer free federal and state filing through Indiana freefile (INfreefile).

Taxpayers with an adjusted gross income of \$62,000 or less in 2015 may qualify for INfreefile. Nearly two million Hoosier taxpayers qualify for this program. INfreefile allows taxpayers to use sophisticated question-and-answer style software from trusted vendors to file for free.

Taxpayers should visit www.freefile.dor.in.gov to learn more about the program and to see if they qualify based on the vendors' options. Qualified taxpayers can select the vendor of their choice and complete their tax return for free. Participating vendors include TurboTax, H&R Block, TaxAct, OLT Online Taxes, and 1040NOW.

Benefits of electronic filing include:

Faster refunds - Electronical-

ly-filed returns are processed in 12 to 14 days, whereas a paper-filed return can take up to 12 weeks.

More secure - Fewer people see your personal information.

Get more or pay less - E-filing software may suggest credits and deductions about which you might not have known.

Better accuracy - Electronically-filed returns have a two percent error rate versus 20 percent for paper returns.

INfreefile is part of the Free File Alliance, a national program developed in 2003 through a cooperative effort between the IRS and tax preparation software vendors. More than 43 million taxpayers across the country have used Free File.

If taxpayers have questions or concerns about their returns, they should contact the department by calling 317-232-2240 or emailing individualtaxassistance@dor.in.gov.

Indiana part of \$470M settlement with HSBC to address mortgage, foreclosure abuses during financial crisis

Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller announced Indiana's participation in a \$470 million joint state-federal settlement with mortgage lender and servicer HSBC to address mortgage servicing and foreclosure abuses during the financial crisis.

There were 2,830 eligible Indiana borrowers whose loans were serviced by HSBC and who lost their homes to foreclosure from January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2012 and encountered servicing abuses who will be eligible for payments out of the \$59.3 million fund set aside for restitution nationwide. If all potential claims are submitted, total payments to Hoosiers harmed by HSBC's conduct could exceed \$2 million.

In addition to direct payments to borrowers in Indiana and other states for HSBC's past foreclosure abuses, the settlement also provides loan modification and other relief for borrowers in need of assistance and requires HSBC to comply with more rigorous mortgage servicing standards in the future.

Government entities participating in the settlement include Indiana and 49 other states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the U.S. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB).

"During the worst of the financial crisis, Hoosier borrowers struggling to stay afloat and keep their homes all too often faced illegal abuses from lenders and mortgage servicers," Zoeller said. "Today's settlement will hold HSBC accountable for its past abusive practices and provide monetary relief to those who experienced the most harm."

Payments to borrowers and loan modification

Indiana borrowers eligible for restitution will be contacted through the mail from the HSBC settlement administrator about how to qualify for

payments. The borrower payment amount will depend on how many borrowers ultimately file claims.

Zoeller said his office will alert the public again when these mailings go out and will be available to answer any questions at that time.

The HSBC agreement also requires the company to provide certain Indiana borrowers with loan modifications or other relief. The modification process, which HSBC chooses through an extensive list of options, can include principal reduction and refinancing for underwater mortgages. HSBC decides how many loans and which loans to modify, but must meet certain minimum targets. Because HSBC receives only partial settlement credit for many types of loan modifications, the settlement will provide relief to borrowers that will exceed the overall minimum amount.

Mortgage Servicing Standards

The settlement requires HSBC to substantially reform the ways in which it services mortgage loans, handles foreclosures and ensures the accuracy of information provided in federal bankruptcy court.

The terms will prohibit past foreclosure abuses, such as robo-signing, improper documentation and lost paperwork.

The settlement's consumer protections and standards include:

Making foreclosure a last resort by first requiring HSBC to evaluate homeowners for other loss mitigation options;

Restricting foreclosure while the homeowner is being considered for loan modification;

Procedures and timelines for reviewing loan modification applications;

Giving homeowners the right to appeal denials;

Requiring a single point of contact for borrowers seeking information about their loans and maintaining adequate staff to handle calls.