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Loogootee Fire Department topic of council meeting

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Loogootee City Council met Monday night, February 13 and the main topic of discussion was the Loogootee Fire Department. The first item discussed was whether the council was okay with Fire Chief JD Flynn using his fire department vehicle, also known as command one, to travel to and from his job at Crane each day. Flynn said that the previous chief, Morgan Huebner, also drove the fire department vehicle to his work, although he worked in the city limits. Flynn said it has always been standard operating procedure as long as the vehicle is not driven outside the fire district. There is no written policy regarding the use of the fire department vehicles, but Flynn said it's always been protocol to allow for the chief to maximize response time, if a call were to come in. He said that having the vehicle in Crane, it would help respond to calls in that area much faster.

Council Member Carroll Rayhill asked Flynn how many times in the past six months he has been dispatched back to Loogootee from his job at Crane. Flynn replied that it's been maybe two or three times. He said it's hard to judge that though because he may not get dispatched back to Loogootee for 12 months and then the next month, be dispatched four times.

Council Member Rayhill asked how often Flynn pays for the gas he puts in the truck. Flynn replied that he pays for gas on every second or third tank fill-up. Council Member Roger Downey also asked how many miles the truck currently has and Flynn replied that he was not sure.

Downey had copies of the charged bills from Jones Oil and asked for clarification on the bills. He said that some of the bills are not clear regarding which vehicle was being filled up and who was doing the fill-up. He asked that Flynn provide more information on the bills when he charges gas so

that the council and the clerk-treasurer know what vehicle is receiving the gas and who signed for it.

Downey said he didn't have an issue with Flynn driving the vehicle to and from his job but he felt the city needed to have a policy on file. Council Member Rayhill said he also doesn't have an issue with Flynn driving the vehicle to Crane but not anywhere outside the county, unless he is attending a meeting. It was suggested that if the vehicle was to be taken out of the city, the mayor be contacted so it can be logged. The rest of the council agreed to allow Flynn to drive the vehicle.

Flynn also told the council that he is restructuring the fire department and he is currently going through several standard operating procedures. He said he also wants to create three new paid positions – two line officers and one equipment officer. He wanted to make the council aware that he is going to start hiring these positions now. He said they will work without pay this year but he wants to add them as paid positions

in 2018.

Also in regard to the fire department, the board of public works and safety agreed to transfer a 2005 Crown Victoria police car, that is no longer needed, to the fire department. The car will be driven by the assistant fire chief.

The council voted to hire Bingham Greenebaum Doll, LLP, of Jasper, to do the legal work associated with the city starting planning and zoning. The firm verbally told the mayor that they would charge up to \$7,500 to do the work needed. City Attorney Isha Wright-Ryan was originally asked to submit a quote for the same work. At last month's council meeting she had said that since zoning is not her forte, she spoke with the firm of McIntire and Smith in Bedford about assisting her with the ordinance. She said the estimate they came up with is not to exceed \$25,000. They expect it to be between \$10,000 and \$15,000 but they want to put enough there to cover any additional costs. At last month's meeting, (See 'FIRE' continued on page 2)

Commissioners discuss payroll, courthouse upgrades, parking

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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Auditor January Roush spoke to the Martin County Commissioners at their meeting Tuesday, February 14, about her department upgrading their current payroll software. Currently, employees have to bring in time sheets to the courthouse and come back to pick up check stubs. The new software would make everything digital. The software would also help eliminate errors. The initial cost for the upgrade would be \$12,729 and that includes training. It would also cost \$5,500 per year for maintenance and a licensing fee based on the number of employees. Roush said the money would come from the riverboat fund. Roush said they have been looking at upgrading their payroll program for a while and each week they have something else go wrong that this upgrade would fix. Roush said she doesn't expect the commissioners to make a decision now but wanted to provide them with the information. The commissioners decided to table the issue until next meeting.

Auditor Roush also talked to the commissioners about wanting to hire someone to put together a county website. She said she received a quote from Michael McNabb and explained to him that she wanted something basic where people can go and get information they need with links to state sites. She said she told him she wanted something similar to Daviess County's website. McNabb's quote included a \$1,500 set up charge, \$120 annually for hosting, and \$30 per hour if any changes need to be made. Roush said the site would not have to be secure because it would just have basic information but if they decided to ever accept property tax payments, it would have to be upgraded to include security capabilities. The

commissioners approved the purchasing of the website with Commissioner Boyd abstaining because he works with McNabb.

Roush also said she is getting quotes to strip the wall paper and paint the commissioners' room and replace the flooring. She said they also have new tables to put in the room. Commissioner George said he would like to get a U-shaped table so that there is ample room for the county council to sit. Roush said she can look into finding a table like that.

Community Corrections Director Kathy Collins spoke to the commissioners about programs that provide education and work opportunities for veterans and regular citizens. She thanked Economic Development Director Tim Kinder for helping facilitate the programs.

The commissioners approved Kenneth Macy to serve on the Shoals Library Board, a four-year appointment.

Sheriff Travis Roush, who was not in attendance, submitted a request to trade two parking spots at the side of the courthouse for two parking spots in front of the courthouse, for his officers to park. Commissioner Dan Gregory said that they have to take into consideration that taxpayers come into the courthouse too and would like close parking spots as well.

Commissioner Paul George said that parking is definitely an issue at the courthouse. He said something is going to have to be done in the near (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 2)

County bridge updates

Bridge #12 on Indian Springs Road will be closed on or after March 24 for a minimum of two months. Bear Hill Road will be the alternate route. Also, the bridge on Sherfick School Road is complete and the road is open to traffic.



-Photo courtesy of state archives

Bateman Schoolhouse was built in 1897 in Lost River Township. The schoolhouse recently sold to a private party for \$8,400.

Bateman Schoolhouse sold for \$8,400

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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Last November, a group met at the courthouse in Shoals to discuss the future of the Bateman Schoolhouse on Windom Road. Due to a decline in people willing or able to take on fundraising tasks, such as the annual benefit auction, money was not coming in to fund repairs to the building. In the end, Lost River Township, the owners of the building, decided to seek bids to sell the schoolhouse. "We exhausted every avenue," said Lost River Township Trustee Millie Brown adding that there are just not funds for that kind of a project. The chosen bid was from a man and his two sons who live in Spencer and Dubois counties. The building sold for \$8,400 and contains .8 of an acre.

Lost River Township Trustee Millie Brown said that the schoolhouse is in

need of several repairs and they were struggling to find a company that would provide insurance for the building. The schoolhouse was used for community events in the past but Brown said the last person to meet there was a 4-H club who has since started meeting at the club leader's house. Brown noted that she was not able to use taxpayer funds from the township to make repairs to the schoolhouse and it was her responsibility, as township trustee, to properly dispose of the property. According to the tax records through the department of local government finance, the schoolhouse had an assessed valuation of \$170 in 2015. Brown said she had two appraisals done on the property but they were sealed and could not be publicly revealed.

The new owner listed on the deed was Just Weight, LLC, of Spencer County, but according to Trustee Brown, the (See 'BATEMAN' cont. on page 2)

FIRE

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the council had requested that the mayor get more quotes. Mayor Harty said Monday night that he had contacted at least three firms, one didn't reply with a quote, one said they were too busy, and he had got the verbal quote from Bingham Greenebaum Doll.

Mayor Harty reported that two city employees will start going door to door to ask questions for an income survey associated with the city's storm water grant. The mayor's secretary, Phyllis Panko, will be one of the people going door to door and she said there are only three questions on the survey. A total of 386 random addresses were chosen around the city to be a part of the survey.

Public Works Superintendent Bo Wilson reported to the council that he had purchased the utility truck with a crane for \$35,110. The truck replaces the department's current model. Council Member Downey asked if Wilson had attempted to sell the former model yet and Wilson said he had not but he has an advertisement prepared.

Mayor Harty suggested that he and Kelly Rayhill set up a few days before March 31 to get registrations for golf carts in the city. Rayhill agreed and will provide information to the media at a later date.

The council voted to approve Lonnie Hawkins to serve on the Alcoholic Beverage Commission to replace Tim Strange who is no longer interested in

servicing.

The council approved the Perry Township Fire Agreement for \$8,000, the same amount as last year.

The council approved one building permit for Dan Brown at 105 Lynn Drive to build a garage.

During the board and public works meetings, prior to the city council meeting, a resident complained about a property on Cedar Street. He said it is a trailer they started tearing down a few months ago, it's an eyesore and a safety hazard. Kids are playing in the debris. He is worried he will be unable to rent out a house he owns next to the property. The mayor suggested that the resident show photographs and information about the property with Building Commissioner Richard Taylor, who was in the audience. Taylor took the photos and asked the resident if there were any dogs in the neighborhood where he would need to bring a "big club".

COMMISSIONERS

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future. Auditor Roush suggested that employees park on the back side of the courthouse to open up the spots directly across from the courthouse, for the public. They also discussed possibly putting lines in the recycling lot across the street to organize parking better.

The commissioners tabled the sheriff's request until they can ask him his reasoning for changing his department's designated spaces.

BATEMAN

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new owners created the limited liability corporation to purchase property. One of the sons purchased another property in similar condition and fixed it up. The family frequents Martin County to hunt in the National Forest. Brown said she is not certain what they plan to do with the property but they mentioned possibly trying to fix it up and possibly even live in it.

The \$8,400 received went into the township's fire department fund for the purchase of equipment, etc.

The schoolhouse was built in 1897 and was named after John C. Bateman who donated the land to build the

school. The school had first through eighth grades and a two-year high school. In 1911, a third year was added to the high school. In 1917, the high school grades were transferred to Shoals but the school continued to teach grades first through eighth. The school closed in 1964 when the township schools merged with Shoals. The schoolhouse then served as a community center.

Many of the original aspects of the school house are still in place including the floors and ceilings, blackboards, and a stage on the second floor. A wooden outhouse stands behind the building.



Safe Community Event

-Photo provided

The Safe Community Event, with local law enforcement, was held last Saturday at the fairgrounds. An estimated 263 people attended the event, \$607 was donated for local food banks, and a total of 4,200 food items were brought in for the food banks.

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MARY LEDGERWOOD

Mary Ellen (Thompson) Ledgerwood passed away at 2:30 a.m. Friday, February 10, 2017 at Loogootee Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. A resident of Loogootee, she was 90.



She was born July 12, 1926 in Daviess County; daughter of the late Ralph C. and Flossie (Winklepleck) Thompson.

She graduated from Odon High School in 1945. While living in Odon, she was a member of the Odon Evangelical United Brethren Church where she served as Sunday School secretary for many years. Prior to leaving the Odon community in 1965 when she got married, she worked for the Odon Journal. She married Vance C. Ledgerwood on April 11, 1965. He passed away on February 13, 2009.

Mary was a 50-year member of the Odon Eastern Star Chapter #341 and a charter member and 50 year plus member of the Odon Rebekah Lodge #319.

She was a member of the Loogootee United Methodist Church after she got married. She taught Sunday School and worked with Vacation Bible School for over 16 years. She and Vance were the financial secretaries at the church from January 1991 until July 2007. She was active as a 4-H leader and with the Boy Scout program. Since 1985, she has been a news correspondent for the Dubois County Herald.

She is survived by her children, Craig (Tisa) Ledgerwood of Coppell, Texas and Janet (Tom) Duex of Spring Grove, Illinois; three grandchildren, Tommy, Emily, and Timmy Duex; three step-grandchildren, Eddie, Evan, and Eric Provencio; brother, Jim Thompson of Odon; brother-in-law, Terry (Dianna) Ledgerwood of Columbia, Missouri; several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Vance C. Ledgerwood and parents, Ralph C. and Flossie (Winklepleck) Thompson.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, February 18 at the Loogootee United Methodist Church. Burial will follow in Goodwill Cemetery. Visitation will be held Saturday, February 18 from 9 a.m. until the time at the church. Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

MARGIE CLARK

Margie Ann Clark passed away at 9:48 p.m. Tuesday, February 8, 2017 at Jasper Memorial Hospital. A resident of Loogootee, she was 81.

She was born February 1, 1936 in Loogootee; daughter of Alfred and Wilma Clark (Way).

She was a member of St. Martin's Church in Whitfield. She earned her Master's Degree in nursing, and worked and taught at St. Mary's School in Evansville and the University of Evansville. She worked at many hospitals over the years including Daviess County Hospital, Jasper Memorial Hospital, and several hospitals in Indianapolis, including St. Francis.

She is survived by her brothers, Frank Clark (Linda) of Jasper, Jack Clark (Marcia) of Beaufort, South Carolina; John Clark (Patricia) of Jasper, Fred Clark of Jasper, and Tom Clark of Albany, Georgia; and numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Alfred and Wilma Clark; brothers, Bob Clark, Bill Clark, and Jim Clark, and sisters, Mary Walton and Betty Sutton.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, February 14 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial will be held on a later date. Condolences may be shared at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

KATHERINE GUY-PENDLETON

Katherine Guy-Pendleton passed away at 8:21 a.m. Sunday, February 12, 2017 at her daughter's home in Bloomington. A resident of Loogootee, she was 94.

She was born June 10, 1922 in Logan County, Arkansas; daughter of the late Simon and Gertrude (Leding) Edelhuber. She was one of 11 children growing up during the Great Depression. In her junior year of high school, her father was killed in a coal mining accident. She stayed home and helped her mother for one year and returned to finish high school at St. Scholastica in Ft. Smith, Arkansas.

During World War II, Katherine, worked as a chemist at a Navy facility in Oakland. In 1942 she met Charles L. Guy, at a USO in Little Rock, Arkansas. They continued to correspond with each other when he was sent to Europe during World War II. When Charles was sent home after the war he went straight to Arkansas and proposed and married Katherine. They were married on November 5, 1945 in Paris, Arkansas and they were married for 53 years. Shortly after being married they moved to Indiana as Charles started a job as bindery supervisor at the Abbey Press in St. Meinard, Indiana. Charles and Katherine moved to Crane and Charles worked there as a fireman for 27 years, until his retirement. Eventually they settled down in Loogootee where they raised nine boys and five girls.

She was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and the Martin County Right to Life.

She was preceded in death by a son, Stephen Guy; daughter, Michelle Merrill; 1st husband, Charles L. Guy, who passed October 15, 1998 and her second husband, Lewis Pendleton, who passed June



26, 2014; parents, Simon and Gertrude (Leding) Edelhuber; and 10 brothers and sisters. She is survived by her children, Mary Louise (Jeffrey Jones) Guy of Bloomington, Tim Guy of Loogootee, Martha (Paul) Butler of Houston, Charles K. (Debbie) Guy of Loogootee, Margaret (Stephen Sr.) Elkins of Flat Rock, North Carolina, Michael (Mary) Guy of Loogootee, Patrick (Hysue) Guy of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Mark Guy of Jasper, Elizabeth Guy of Holland, Christopher (Julie) Guy of Chandler, Arizona, John (Lucita) Guy of Bloomington, Gerald Guy of Jasper; 21 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; daughter-in-law, Dorothy Guy of North Ridgeville; son-in-law, John Merrill of Indianapolis; sisters-in-law, Evelyn Edelhuber of Paris, Arkansas and Mary Edelhuber of Subiaco, Arkansas.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at 10 a.m. on Friday, February 17 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be held Thursday, February 16 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Martin County Right to Life.

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

KARL HARDER

Karl O. Harder passed away at 12:06 p.m. Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at Memorial Hospital and Healthcare Center. A resident of Loogootee, he was 90.

He was born December 24, 1926 in Shoals; son of the late Edward and Anna (Mann) Harder. He married Anna Irene (Reilly) Harder on November 7, 1954 and she preceded him in death. He attended St. John Lutheran Church and was a member of the Loogootee American Legion.

He is survived by his children, Bill Harder of Washington, Karla Harder of Loogootee, Joni (Paul) Roads of Arizona, Mary (Kent) Salmon of Loogootee and Joyce (Greg) Hall of French Lick; grandchildren, Seth Harder, April Hotz, Karla French, Nick Hall, Riley and Morgan Roads, Gage, Jim and Adam Salmon; five great-grandchildren; and brothers, Tom (Clarann) Harder of Shoals and Bill (Dorothy) Harder of Tennessee.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Anna Irene (Reilly) Harder; parents, Edward and Anna (Mann) Harder; infant son, Edward Joseph Harder; daughter, Sally Hotz; siblings, Engery Harder, Lillian Harder, Christine Harder and Howard Harder.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 13 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial followed in Goodwill Cemetery.

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

HELEN MOORE

Helen Mae (Clifton) Moore, formerly of Shoals, passed away at 8:25 p.m. Friday February 10, 2017 at the Villages at Oak Ridge in Washington. A resident of Washington, she was 98.

She was born in Vigo County on March 22, 1918; daughter of Edward and Mayme (Keane) Shaw. She was married to Lawrence Clifton, Clarence Albright



and Herman "Mick" Moore and they preceded her in death. She retired from Service Master and was a Job Coordinator for the Martin, Knox, Pike and Daviess County Experience Work, also known as the Green Thumb Program. She was a member of the First Christian Church in Washington.

She is survived by a daughter, Dorothy Harder of Morgantown; two sons, Stanley Clifton and Dallas Allbright, both of Washington; 18 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and several great-great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, a daughter, Debi Allbright; sons, Donald Clifton, Fred Clifton and Floyd Clifton; and four brothers and a sister.

Funeral services will be held Thursday February 16 at 11 a.m. at Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with Rev. Ronald Bowen officiating. Burial will be in the Springhill Cemetery in Shoals. Visitation will be Wednesday, February 15, from 4-8 p.m. and on Thursday from 8:30 a.m. until time of the service.

Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals is in charge of the arrangements.

CLEON "BUD" RAMSEY

Rev. Cleon "Bud" Ramsey joined Jesus in Heaven on the morning of February 8, 2017 at the St. Vincent Heart Center, in Indianapolis. A resident of Bedford, he was 86.



He was born January 31, 1931 in Palestine, Illinois; the son of Hugh and Kathryn (Staten) Ramsey. He married Geneva Felice on September 2, 1955; and she survives. He was an ordained minister of the Wesleyan Church and pastored several churches in Wood River, Illinois; Casey, Illinois; Bicknell, Terre Haute, Connersville, and Bedford. Rev. Ramsey was also a bus driver and custodian at Bedford North Lawrence High School. He was a graduate of Palestine High School and attended God's Bible School in Cincinnati and Frankfort Pilgrim College in Frankfort. Rev. Ramsey attended Davis Memorial Church of Bedford and was a Korean War Army Veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Geneva Ramsey of Bedford; two daughters, Terri (Chris) Carter of Richmond and Diana (Dana) Turpin of Shoals; five grandchildren, Michael (Vikki) Caldwell, Stephen (Kristy) Caldwell, David (Samantha) Caldwell, Danielle Turpin, and Darek Turpin; seven great grandchildren, Adrien, Austin, Brylee, Alexis, Adalynn, Liam, and Isabella, his sister, Erleen Ervin (Paul), and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Virginia; brother, Loren; and two siblings in infancy.

A funeral service was held Saturday, February 11 at Ferguson-Lee Chapel of Thorne-George Family Funeral Home with Pastor Ken Bushey officiating. Burial followed in Spring Hill Cemetery in Shoals with military rites accorded by the Shoals American Legion. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.fergusonlee.com.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

12:10 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:34 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:44 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded and all was okay.

7:15 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50 near Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

5:59 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Deputy Salmon responded and all was okay.

7:27 a.m. - Received a report of a tree blocking US 50, east of Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

7:30 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on US 50, west of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

8:45 a.m. - Jail Commander took one inmate to the doctor.

9:45 a.m. - Captain Dant assisted a motorist south of Loogootee.

10:00 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

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

1:26 p.m. - Received an animal complaint near Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

5:25 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation involving a weapon south of Shoals. Sheriff Roush, Sergeant Keller, Loogootee Officer Baker, Town Marshal Eckert, ISP Trooper Johnson, and ISP Trooper Beaver responded. They were assisted by units from the Orange County and Dubois County Sheriff's Offices.

6:40 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

7:22 p.m. - Received a report of a hit-and-run accident east of Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert, Loogootee Officer Baker, ISP Trooper Beaver, and Shoals Fire responded.

8:20 p.m. - Received a report of a dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baker, Sergeant Keller, and Town Marshal Eckert responded.

8:55 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Deputy Salmon responded.

10:41 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle fire in Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

6:10 a.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene and Loogootee Officer Baker responded for traffic control.

8:55 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

1:03 p.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

1:14 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to IU Health in Bedford.

4:15 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene and Captain Dant assisted with a detail at the court house.

5:55 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene and Town Marshal Eckert assisted child protective services with a detail in Shoals.

10:35 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

4:48 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231, south of Loogootee. Deputy Salmon and Deputy Shinn responded.

1:00 p.m. - Jail Commander Abel transported one inmate from the Putnamville Correctional Facility for court.

1:25 p.m. - Sheriff Roush and Chief Deputy Greene took three inmates to court.

3:16 p.m. - Received a report of a drive off without paying in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

4:00 p.m. - Deputy Reed performed a vehicle identification check near Shoals.

6:25 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:29 p.m. - Received a medical alarm near Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded and everything was okay.

6:49 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded for lift assistance only.

8:51 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

2:04 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris and Deputy Shinn responded. Everything was okay.

3:26 a.m. - Deputy Shinn assisted a motorist south of Loogootee.

9:45 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

9:50 a.m. - Sergeant Keller performed a vehicle identification check near Shoals.

11:45 a.m. - Received a request for lift assistance near Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

12:27 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

2:14 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled semi east of Shoals on US 150. Sergeant Keller and Shoals Fire responded.

5:50 p.m. - Received a report of smoke north of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller and Loogootee Fire responded.

8:05 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:06 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Deputy Shinn responded.

11:05 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

2:18 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. Crane Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to IU Health in Bloomington.

2:57 a.m. - Received a report of a prowler near Loogootee. Deputy Shinn and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

9:08 a.m. - Loogootee Officer Dant performed a vehicle identification check in Loogootee.

10:40 a.m. - Received a report of a break-in and theft in Shoals.

2:30 p.m. - Received a dog complaint

in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Dant responded.

3:26 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Sergeant Keller, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

6:15 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Deputy Reed, Martin County Ambulance, and Haysville Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

12:23 a.m. - Received a report of a hit-and-run accident in Shoals. Deputy Salmon, Deputy Shinn, and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

4:05 a.m. - Received a report of road rage near Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

5:50 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:53 a.m. - Received a report of an

accident north of Shoals. Shoals Fire, Martin County Ambulance, and Deputy Shinn responded.

8:28 a.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals on US 150. Captain Dant responded.

12:12 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

1:10 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. No one was transported.

4:21 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious male in Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

5:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

7:18 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle east of Shoals on US 150. Deputy Reed responded.

8:45 p.m. - Received a report of a small fire in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire responded.

Bedford teen charged with numerous felonies after morning traffic stop

A Bedford teenager was charged with numerous drug related felonies after being pulled over just outside of Loogootee last Saturday morning.

Around 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Senior Trooper Jarrod Lents observed a black Toyota Avalon traveling eastbound on US 50 near Church Street. The Toyota was traveling with the passenger wheels across the fog line, almost touching the grass. Lents turned around behind the Toyota and followed it to observe additional driving behaviors; he later observed the vehicle cross over the center line and back over the white fog line numerous times. Lents pulled the Toyota over on US 50, west of Hart Road.



GARRET DIEHL

While speaking to the driver, 18-year-old Garret Diehl, of Bedford, Lents could smell the odor of alcoholic beverages coming from within the vehicle. Lents learned that Diehl and his 16-year-old passenger had left a party in Bloomington and were trying to return home to Bedford, but had become lost. Further investigation by Lents led him to determine that Diehl and smoked marijuana and taken Xanax only hours before being pulled over. A search of the car by Lents unveiled a metal grinder with what was believed to be marijuana inside.

Martin County Deputies transported the 16-year-old passenger to the jail to await the child's mother to pick him up. The minor was summoned into court for possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia.

Lents transported Diehl to the Daviess Community Hospital, where he presumably tested positive for having THC and benzodiazepines in his body. Diehl was transported back to the Martin County Jail where he was lodged, without incident, on charges of operating while intoxicated with a minor passenger in the vehicle, maintaining a common nuisance, and neglect of a dependent, all Level 6 Felonies. Diehl was charged with operating while intoxicated - minor passenger in the vehicle, a Level 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 6 Felony; neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; operating while intoxicated - controlled substance, a Class C Misdemeanor; and possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Real estate transfers

The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to Michael J. McAtee, a part of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.26 acre, more or less.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

2:35 p.m. - Dustin Dasto, 26, of Cedar Lake, Indiana, was arrested by Captain Dant on a Lake County Warrant and is being held without bond.

4:31 p.m. - Timothy Morrow, 19, of Crane, was arrested by Deputy Reed on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest was Sheriff Roush.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:15 p.m. - Jason Craft, 27, of Paoli, was arrested by Sergeant Keller and charged with pointing a firearm. He is being held without bond.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

8:34 a.m. - Craig Bell, 40, of Shoals, was arrested by Sergeant Keller on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond. Sheriff Roush and ISP Trooper Lents assisted with the arrest.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

10:30 a.m. - Garret Diehl, 18, of Bedford, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with operating while intoxicated with a controlled substance, minor in possession, and maintaining a common nuisance. His bond has been set at \$25,000 10%.

COURT NEWS

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

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

January 10

Michael D. Huddleston, convicted of operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days with 60 days suspended. Defendant received 4 months of probation.

January 17

Nina S. Sherfick, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony and operating while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 7 actual days previously served plus 7 Class A credit days.

January 23

Michael J. Butcher, convicted of maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 262 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 131 actual days previously served plus 131 Class A credit days.

Russell W. Erwin, convicted of intimidation, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 810 days with 362 days suspended and credit for 224 actual days previously served plus 224 Class A credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

January 26

Rikenkumar T. Patel, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 361 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

January 30

Christopher J. Senne, convicted of invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 72 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 35 actual days previously served plus 35 Class A credit days.

January 31

Justin C. Crosby, convicted of maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 1.5 years with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and 0 time served days.

Jacqueline Davis, convicted of resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 361 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

Jason W. Greene, convicted of dealing in methamphetamine, a Class 5 Felony, amended from a Class 4 Felony. Sentenced to serve 3 years with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 166 actual days previously served plus 56 Class B credit days.

Gene W. Ross, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony and habitual offender sentence enhancement. Sentenced to serve 5 years with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 62 actual days previously served plus 62 Class A credit days.

February 1

Morgan T. Wells, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days with 433 days suspended and credit for 57 actual days previously served plus 57 Class A credit days. Defendant received 15 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

January 5

Russell W. Erwin, invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

January 10

Michael D. Huddleston, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

January 17

Nina S. Sherfick, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Richard W. Wetter, failure to return to lawful detention, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; habitual offender sentence enhancement, dismissed.

January 23

Michael J. Butcher, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

January 25

Angel L. Pagan, Jr., possession of a narcotic drug, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; maintaining a common nuisance, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; habitual offender sentence enhancement, dismissed.

January 26

Rikenkumar T. Patel, resisting law enforcement, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

January 31

Justin C. Crosby, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; three counts of unlawful possession or use of a legend drug, Class 6 Felonies, dismissed; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Jacqueline Davis, disorderly conduct, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Jason W. Greene, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Gene W. Ross, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substances or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; habitual vehicular substance offender sentence enhancement, dismissed.

February 1

Morgan T. Wells, three counts of unlawful possession or use of a legend drug, Class 6 Felonies, dismissed; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Eddie J. Cundiff, two counts of possession of methamphetamine, Class 6 Felonies, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

February 1

Personal Finance Company, LLC vs. Toni Clifton, civil collection.

Discover Bank vs. Brittany G. Westfall, civil collection.

February 2

Portfolio Associates, LLC vs. Robert White, civil collection.

Tangela M. Gleason vs. Glen J. Gleason, domestic relations with children.

Lisa M. Osborne vs. John M. Osborne, domestic relations with children.

February 3

NCB Management Services, Inc. vs. Daniel Wiscaver, civil collection.

February 7

Jason McCoy vs. Martin County 4-H Council, civil collection.

Crane Credit Union vs. Robert White III, Heather D. White, and First National Bank of Omaha, mortgage foreclosure.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

January 30

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Bank of America and against the defendant Kimberly Howell in the amount of \$15,342.52.

February 2

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff LVNV Funding, LLC and against the defendant Ricky L. Arthur in the amount of \$1,466.25.

February 3

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Discover Bank and against the defendant Damon Baker in the amount of \$12,227.75.

February 8

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Discover Bank and against the defendant Allison L. Braun in the amount of \$13,193.86.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

2:00 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

3:30 p.m. - Caller reported he was being threatened by a person who lives in the Mitchell area.

3:50 p.m. - Caller reported a juvenile had stolen two bikes from her yard.

5:22 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

8:07 p.m. - Officer Baker responded to a business alarm.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

9:00 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

2:30 p.m. - Caller requested a vehicle identification check.

5:53 p.m. - Officer Baker assisted the county with a dispute.

6:40 p.m. - First responders were requested on South Kentucky Avenue for a medical call.

6:41 p.m. - Officer Baker assisted the county with a hit-and-run accident.

8:00 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on 1200 East.

8:22 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute at Country Place Apartments.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

3:26 p.m. - Caller reported a lost dog. Dog was later located.

11:45 p.m. - Female reported threatening facebook messages.

8:15 p.m. - Male reported harassment.

10:35 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a child.

11:15 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a child.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

5:59 p.m. - Caller requested a vehicle identification check.

6:50 p.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to

February 7

Stewart Blake vs. Joey Nelson, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

January 13

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Arvin Crushed Stone and against the defendant Charles Peters in the amount of \$2,064.83.

January 23

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Personal Finance Company, LLC and against the defendant Carrie Arvin in the amount of \$1,988.43.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Personal Finance Company, LLC and against the defendant Devan Bledsoe in the amount of \$2,000.42.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Onemain Financial of Indiana, Inc. and against the defendant Zach T. Clifton in the amount of \$4,601.95.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Personal Finance Company, LLC and against the defendant Mike McBride in the amount of \$4,626.87.

February 7

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff SHWS Development, LLC and against the defendants William and Heather Hamblin in the amount of \$2,626.

February 7

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Peggy L. Walker and against the defendant Shelly Petty in the amount of \$361.50.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

February 1

James A. Garrison of Shoals and Elizabeth R. Minton of Shoals.

February 6

Joshua M. Payne of Loogootee and April D. Wisner of Loogootee.

a business alarm.

6:52 p.m. - First responders were requested in the Bramble area for lifting assistance.

8:53 p.m. - First responders were requested on Church Street for a medical call.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

2:04 a.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a business alarm.

11:00 a.m. - Male reported a hit-and-run that occurred in Jasper.

5:51 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to smoke about a mile south of the Lakeview. Was deemed a controlled burn.

6:29 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

7:37 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver in Daviess County.

10:15 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

11:05 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:08 a.m. - Caller requested a vehicle identification check.

2:30 p.m. - Caller reported a loose dog. Officer Dant spoke with the owner.

4:20 p.m. - Caller reported a loose dog on SW 1st Street. Officer Todd seized the animal.

6:15 p.m. - Officer Todd assisted the county with a vehicle accident on Rutherford Road.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

2:11 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted a motorist.

8:43 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was dispatched to South Kentucky Avenue for a small fire.

9:26 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on JFK Avenue. Captain Hennette located the vehicle.

More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



Don't become preoccupied with your child's academic ability, but instead:

- *Teach them to sit with those sitting alone.
- *Teach them to be kind.
- *Teach them to offer help.
- *Teach them to be a friend to the lonely.
- *Teach them to encourage others.
- *Teach them to think about other people.
- *Teach them to share.
- *Teach them to look for the good.

This is how they will change the world.

In 1986, Peter Davies was on holiday in Kenya after graduating from Louisiana State University.

On a hike through the bush, he came across a young bull elephant standing with one leg raised in the air. The elephant seemed distressed, so Peter approached it very carefully. He got down on one knee, inspected the elephant's foot, and found a large piece of wood deeply embedded in it. As carefully and as gently as he could, Peter worked the wood out with his knife, after which the elephant gingerly put down its foot.

The elephant turned to face the man and with a rather curious look on its

face, stared at him for several tense moments. Peter stood frozen, thinking of nothing else but being trampled. Eventually the elephant trumpeted loudly, turned and walked away. Peter never forgot that elephant or the events of that day.

Twenty years later, Peter was walking through the Chicago Zoo with his teen-aged son. As they approached the elephant enclosure, one of the creatures turned and walked over to near where Peter and his son Cameron were standing. The large bull elephant stared at Peter, lifted its front foot off the ground, then put it down. The elephant did that several times then trumpeted loudly, all the while staring at the man.

Remembering the encounter in 1986, Peter could not help wondering if this was the same elephant. Peter summoned up his courage, climbed over the railing and made his way into the enclosure. He walked right up to the elephant and stared back in wonder. The elephant trumpeted again, wrapped its trunk around one of Peter's legs and slammed him against the railing, killing him instantly.

Probably wasn't the same elephant.

A woman is sitting at home on the couch with her husband and she says, "I love you."

He asks, "Is that you or the wine talking?"

She replies, "It's me . . . talking to the wine!"

A police recruit was asked during an exam, "What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?"

The reply, "Call for backup."

THOUGHTS:

1. I wish everything was as easy as getting fat.
2. I hate it when I'm trying to pull the blankets up and I punch myself in the face.
3. Don't let anyone tell you that fairy tales aren't real. I wake up every morning to drink a potion made from magic beans and it brings me back to life.
4. I don't do drugs and I don't drink. At my age, I can get the same effect by standing up too fast.

SERIOUS THOUGHTS:

1. It's hard when you miss people. But you know if you miss them it means you were lucky. It means you had someone special in your life, someone worth missing.
2. A strong woman may remain silent when people talk behind her back, but that doesn't mean she doesn't notice. It simply means she chooses not to waste her energy on foolishness. She has more important things to do.
3. If your religion requires you to hate someone, you need a new religion.
4. Perhaps the butterfly is proof that you can go through a great deal of darkness yet become something beautiful.

Make someone smile today!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, February 16 at 5 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office at the high school. The meeting is open to the public.

Al-Anon meeting

Al-Anon will hold a meet and greet on Tuesday, February 21 at 7 p.m. at Redemption Church in Loogootee. Everyone is invited to attend and learn about the benefits this family support group.

Pack the Jack

Loogootee High School is hosting a new event called "Pack the Jack" on Senior Night, Thursday, February 23 at Jack Butcher Sports Arena. Bring family, friends, neighbors and even strangers to help fill the gym to its capacity and support the seniors in their last home game.

Commission on Public Records meeting

The Martin County Commission on Public Records will meet February 21 at 10:30 a.m. in the commissioners' room at the Martin County Courthouse. If unable to attend the meeting, please submit all forms to the clerk's office before for the meeting.

Sons of the American Revolution meeting

Indiana Society Sons of the American Revolution Daniel Guthrie Chapter will hold their first meeting of 2017 on February 21. This meeting will take place at the Free Methodist Church on R Street in Bedford, IN. Dinner will begin at 6 p.m. with the meeting at 7 p.m. This will be the awards night for law enforcement, EMT, Eagle Scout, essay contest winners and heroes. They will also swear in the 2017 Chapter Officers. All are welcome to attend.

Sunday nights of revival

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

Attention Senior Citizens

The Loogootee Senior Citizen Center, located in the Annex building attached to JFK Gym on JFK Avenue in Loogootee provides activities for seniors every Monday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon. For \$5 a year, seniors can participate in Euchre tournaments, games, puzzles, etc., with other local seniors. Anyone interested is welcome to stop by, there are no age or residency requirements to participate.

Free lunch for kids

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

SOAR Tutoring

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

Humane society meetings

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

Solid waste board

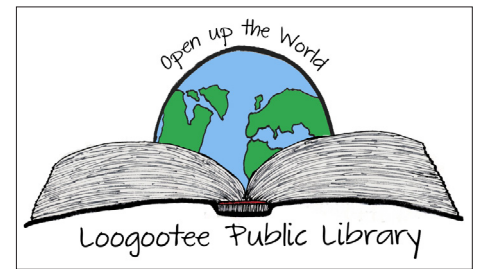
The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

Tourism meetings

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

Soil and Water meetings

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



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Tri-Kappa recently donated money to the library and we appreciate their support. They have been a constant support of the library and our mission. The donations help the community as well as the library. The money will be used for programming for children as well as adults. Recently, we received a \$500 cash donation from an anonymous donor. The individual shared that as a child the Loogootee Public Library was a place that he/she visited often and still had fond memories of. The library staff- both past and present- never gets tired of hearing this kind of feedback. It is our goal to provide materials and programming to all ages and request feedback from the community. We have a survey that we are currently circulating to see what the community thinks about the materials and services we provide. Please take time to fill out one of the short surveys.

New Books:

Mystery: "Heartbreak Hotel" by Jonathan Kellerman.

Children's Books: "Short" by Holly Goldberg Sloan.

NEW DVDs: "Trolls" and "Captain America: The First Avenger".

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

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AG launches campaign against phone scams, announces 2017 Do Not Call registration schedule

Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill last week announced the first of four Do Not Call registration deadlines in 2017 as part of a new telephone privacy campaign aimed at protecting Hoosiers from phone scams – “Do Not Call/Do Not Answer”.

Indiana residents have until February 21 to register their information with the Office of the Indiana Attorney General “Do Not Call” list. This step will help you avoid calls from telemarketers beginning April 1.

“Nobody has time for unwanted phone calls soliciting unwanted goods and services,” Hill said. “Register your phone number on our Do Not Call list and limit the ridiculous phone calls that interrupt dinner with your family, pull you away from important meetings at work and distract you while you’re driving.”

This week, Hill launched his new telephone privacy campaign aimed at safeguarding Hoosiers from potential phone scams. In recent years, more and more Hoosiers have filed complaints with the Office of the Indiana Attorney General Consumer Protection Division claiming they were contacted by someone from an unknown number impersonating authority figures such as a law enforcement officer or an Internal Revenue Service agent demanding money and personal information. Often, Hoosiers get tricked into believing these phone calls are legitimate and they end up compromising their personal identity by providing sensitive information such as their social security and bank account numbers.

“Do Not Call/Do Not Answer” will be the blueprint to combat unwanted phone calls from telemarketers as well as criminals who are trying to scam Hoosiers.

Even if you’re registered on the Do Not Call list, it’s likely you’ll still receive some phone calls from random, unknown numbers. The easiest way to avoid dealing with those phone calls -- whether it’s a telemarketer or someone trying to rip you off with a scam -- is by simply ignoring the phone call, Hill said.

“Do Not Call/Do Not Answer is an easy concept. Sign up for the Do Not Call list and lessen your chances of being contacted by a telemarketer. Then, if you still have unknown numbers calling, do not answer,” Hill said. “If the phone call is that important, the caller will leave a voicemail, or better yet that person will text you. Don’t subject yourself to the sort of vulnerability that comes with scammers trying to swindle you over the phone, demanding credit card numbers or private information. If you don’t know the number, just don’t answer.”

Hill stressed the idea of simply ignoring calls from unknown numbers because of the likelihood they’ll still occasionally occur even after registering on the Do Not Call list. Being placed on the Do Not Call list will eliminate most telemarketing calls. However, under Indiana law, Hoosiers on the Do Not Call list may still be contacted by certain groups such as insurance agents, newspapers, realtors and most charities.

Do Not Call list registration is free for Indiana residents and available for

residential land lines, wireless numbers, prepaid wireless numbers used primarily in Indiana, and voice over internet protocols (VOIP) better known as “robocalls”. Registration secures your phone number’s spot on the Do Not Call list unless you move or change any of your personal information.

Do Not Call list registration deadlines occur every three months beginning February 21. You may register your information with the office’s Do Not Call list at any time; however, you will likely receive calls from telemarketers until the list is once again available to telemarketers. For example, if you miss the first registration deadline on February 21, you may still register on February 22 however, your number won’t be on the Do Not Call list belonging to telemarketers until July 1. This is why it’s important to register by February 21, ensuring your number will be on the list effective April 1.

Whether Hoosiers are on the Do Not Call list, the Indiana Attorney General strongly advises against answering phone calls from unknown numbers -- especially those with area codes from another state. If you’re receiving these calls, you can contact the office and file a complaint. If you have been contacted by someone attempting to scam you over the phone, please visit IndianaConsumer.com or call 1-800-382-5516.

Manufacturing remains strong in Radius Indiana region

Radius Indiana released the First Quarter 2017 Radius Manufacturing Index (RMI.) The index shows that the manufacturing sector continues to remain strong in the eight-county region, as growth continues at a moderate pace.

RMI was developed by Radius Indiana and provides the organization an analytic tool that monitors several facets to gauge the strength of the manufacturing industry in the region in southern Indiana.

“Our index, the RMI, shows that manufacturing growth is continuing, but is reaching a more sustainable level compared to the high growth we saw when coming out of the recession a few years ago,” said Jeff Quyle, president and CEO of Radius. “Manufacturing as a share of the regional economy is still an important stalwart of the productivity the Radius region is known for.”

According to the RMI, average manufacturing wages climbed during the quarter, but remain below the state and national averages for manufacturing wages. Manufacturers as a percentage of the total number of business establishments in the region also increased in this quarter’s index. That bump means the location quotient for manufacturing in the Radius region also increased. The location quotient (LQ) is a measure of how concentrated a business sector is in a region or state compared to that sector’s national average. The Radius region LQ is 2.86 indicating a higher concentration of manufacturing than the nation’s LQ of 1, and is also higher than the state of Indiana’s LQ of 2.02.

The overall index declined from 57.54 to 55.96 for the Radius region. The leveling of the five-year job growth



Vice Adm. Thomas Moore, commander, Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA), speaks at a town hall event with Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane) employees in attendance on February 8, 2017 at NSWC Crane. Moore is holding town hall events throughout the NAVSEA to brief his campaign to “Expand the Advantage”. (U.S. Navy photo by NSWC Crane)

NSWC Crane hosts Vice Adm. Moore for first visit to Southern Indiana

Vice Adm. Thomas Moore toured Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane) on Wednesday, February 8 to learn more about the cutting-edge engineering and technical work performed at the world’s third largest naval installation.

Moore received briefings about NSWC Crane’s three mission focus areas, Expeditionary Warfare, Strategic Missions, and Electronic Warfare. He also toured the Rapid Innovation Prototype Lab (RIPL) and saw firsthand how Crane fields and puts solutions

into the warfighter’s hands faster than ever before.

“I had heard all these great things about Crane and what I was going to see when I got out here, but I have to tell you, I’m really blown away by the work that you’re doing here,” Moore said.

Moore hosted a town hall during his visit about his Campaign Plan to “Expand the Advantage”, which was also live streamed to the entire workforce. When he finished his address, Moore took the time to answer questions from those in attendance.

“The word ‘expand’ implies you’re already doing a great job,” Moore said. “This isn’t about, ‘Hey, we need to do better.’ I want to expand on the great work we’re already doing today. It’s about winning. I expect to win them all -- that’s what we do. We’re looking for winners.”

Moore used the recent Super Bowl winning New England Patriots to further explain what it means to “Expand the Advantage”.

“When Tom Brady was sitting out the first four games this year, I guarantee you that Bill Belichick didn’t pull his team together and say, ‘We’re just going to have to hold on and do the best we can for the next four games and when we get our superstar back, then we’ll start winning.’ I guarantee you they did not say that,” Moore said. “I guarantee you Belichick said, ‘We’re going to win all these games.’ I guarantee you when they were down 28-3 in the Super Bowl, he didn’t say, ‘Hey, let’s try to make it close.’”

“My point is, we have to go into everything we do expecting to win. It’s as simple as that.”

Moore became the 44th commander of Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) on June 10, 2016. As NAVSEA commander, he oversees a global workforce of more than 73,000 military and civilian personnel responsible for the development, delivery and maintenance of the Navy’s ships, submarines and systems.

NSWC Crane is a naval laboratory and a field activity of NAVSEA with focus areas in Expeditionary Warfare, Strategic Missions and Electronic Warfare. The warfare center is responsible for multi-domain, multi-spectral, full life cycle support of technologies and systems enhancing capability, all which provide a decisive advantage for our Warfighters.

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The first flowers of the season are in bloom at Sandhill Gardens. As I took a walk through the gardens Sunday afternoon the bright yellow blooms of the winter aconite caught my attention. I then found some hellebores that had also opened this weekend. There are crocus buds that will soon be opening and some of the early daffodils will likely bloom before the week is out. I know that it is still winter and bad weather is still possible, but the first blooms always excite me and encourage me. Spring is definitely on its way.

There are several jobs that need to be done in the garden over the next couple of weeks. It is time to plant lettuce and other leafy greens in cold frames to have the earliest salads. I plant greens and onions in a framed raised bed and have some old windows with which to cover them when temperatures are expected to drop below freezing. It is important to remember to remove the windows on warm days, or risk burning your crop. Of course, if you have a place where the soil was prepared earlier, most greens may be planted directly in the ground. It will just take a little longer for the seeds to germinate and for the greens to mature.

There is work to be done in the orchard. This is the prime time for pruning of most fruit trees. Purdue University offers some pruning tips on the agricultural department website. In general, fruit trees should be opened up to allow sunlight to penetrate the canopy. This also thins the branches and while the number of fruits may be reduced, the quality of the fruit will be better. Another important thing to remember when pruning fruit trees is to disinfect your pruners between cuts to reduce the chance of spreading diseases. A ten percent bleach or alcohol solution will kill most pathogens. You may either have the solution in a bucket into which you will dip the cutting edges of the pruners each time you make a cut or put the solution in a spray bottle and spray the pruners between cuts.

It is also time to make dormant oil applications. Dormant horticultural oils should be applied when temperatures are expected to remain above freezing for twenty-four hours and when winds are light. The dormant oils are a preventative measure. The oils coat the bark and smother insect eggs and other pathogens that may have overwintered in the bark. Dormant oils may also be used on grape vines.

Elsewhere, it is time to begin cleaning up the garden. If you still have residue from last year's vegetable garden, clear it away as soon as possible. If you have a traditional garden plot, you should avoid walking there when the soil is wet. However, if you garden in raised beds and can reach across them, any day when the weather allows you is a good opportunity to remove stubble. If there was any problem with disease last year, you will need to either burn the stubble or dispose of it far away from the garden. Do not put any diseased vegetation in your compost bin.

It is also a good time to remove the remains of last year's ornamentals. The ornamental grasses that I love to leave for winter interest should be cut to the

ground before new growth begins, so that means sometime in the next month or so. If you have large clumps like I have at Sandhill Gardens, this task is most easily accomplished by burning. However, if the grasses are close to structures or trees and shrubs, burning is not an option. In that case, I recommend using twine to tie the grass into a tight bundle before cutting the clump. While small clumps may be cut with hedge trimmers, larger clumps will require a saw. I like to use a cordless reciprocating saw with a long blade. I sometimes still have to cut from several angles and it takes a while to get the largest clumps down, but there is no danger of messing up the plant, so one does not have to be careful about that. Hack away. The stalks may be hauled away or stacked up and burned. Mine usually get added to a brush pile, where they hide some unsightly areas and provide cover for wildlife.

Nice days in February offer great gardening opportunities. They also are good for the soul, reminding us that spring will bring the resurrection of the gardens. The first flowers are a preview of a wonderful season to come.

Purdue crop seminar to focus on pest management

Purdue Extension's Southwest Indiana Crop Seminar on February 27 will focus on pest management to maximize crop production while reducing environmental impacts.

The free seminar runs 12:00-3:30 p.m. (EST) at the Dubois County 4-H Fairgrounds Clover Pavilion, 6 miles south of Jasper on state Route 162. It is geared toward farmers, private applicators and crop advisers.

Speakers and topics:

* Bill Johnson, weed specialist with the Purdue Botany & Plant Pathology Department, will talk about weed management and herbicide resistance strategies.

* Carl Bradley, plant pathologist with the University of Kentucky Princeton Research and education Center, will discuss strategies for crop disease prevention and review 2016's challenges.

* John Obermeyer, entomologist with the Purdue Entomology Department, will explore current insect concerns and ways to deal with them.

* Kenneth Eck, educator for Purdue Extension - Dubois County, will focus on pollinator protection and recent changes to pesticide labelling.

The seminar counts as one of three meetings required for private applicator or fertilizer applicator recertification. The fee for PARP credit is \$10, and attendees who want credit must bring their pesticide cards and attend the entire program. 3.5 continuing education units (CEUs) for certified crop advisers (CCAs) in the area of integrated pest management and 3.0 continuing credit hours (CCHs) for commercial applicators will also be available.

Additional questions should be directed to the Purdue Extension Dubois County office at 812-482-1782, or duboisces@purdue.edu.

Black bear in southern Indiana to wake from hibernation soon

A lone black bear believed to be hibernating in Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge is likely to wake soon, according to the DNR.

This black bear was last spotted in November in the refuge, and wildlife officials believe it spent the winter there. Bears often emerge from hibernation in late winter or early spring to find food and water.

Depending on weather, the bear could emerge as soon as mid-February.

The DNR confirmed the bear's presence last July near Corydon and monitored its movement through southern Indiana. This is the second bear confirmed by the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife in Indiana in the last two years.

Young, male black bears disperse in the spring to establish their own territory and find mates. This bear most likely swam across the Ohio River from Kentucky, which has an expanding bear population.

Black bears are protected under Indiana Administrative Code 312 9-3-18.5 (b-1), which prohibits the killing of a black bear except by a resident landowner or tenant while the animal is "destroying or causing substantial damage to property owned or leased by the landowner or tenant."

Black bears are not aggressive in most situations and prefer fleeing from humans when given the chance. DNR wildlife biologists offer the following bear awareness tips:

-Don't intentionally feed bears. If a bear becomes accustomed to finding food near your home, it is likely to become a "problem" bear.

-Place garbage cans inside a garage

or shed.

-Clean and store grills away after use.

-Don't leave pet food outside overnight.

-Remove bird feeders and bird food from late March through November.

-Don't add meat or sweets to a compost pile.

-If you encounter a bear, don't run. Shout, wave your arms and back away slowly.

-Collect and remove low-hanging or fallen fruit from fruit trees.

-Eliminate meat, cooking oil, fish or fruit odors from near your home. This includes fish-meal fertilizers.

-Collect and remove any ripened vegetables from your garden.

-Protect bee hives through the use of electric fencing.

Remember that the best way to keep both humans and bears safe is to follow these guidelines. If a bear becomes accustomed to human foods it will continue to seek these foods out, according to DNR mammalogist Taylor Rasmussen.

"This usually results in the bear becoming a 'problem' bear, which in most cases results in the euthanasia of the bear," Rasmussen said. "Following these guidelines will help keep the bear wild, which is the safest situation for everyone."

Indiana DNR encourages citizens to report bear sightings to dfw@dnr.in.gov or by calling (812) 334-1137 during regular business hours. Photos or videos can be sent to the same email address. The maximum file size is 15 MB.

Fewer grain dust explosions reported nationwide in 2016

BY JESSICA MERZDORF
Purdue University News Service

The number of grain dust explosions in the United States fell to a 10-year low in 2016, but two of the incidents resulted in the first reported fatalities since 2013, according to an annual report released by Purdue University's Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering.

There were five grain dust explosions in 2016, compared to eight in 2015 and a 10-year average of 9.2 per year. Reported causes of ignition last year included sparks, possibly generated by static electricity or friction between machine parts, and overheated bearings, such as those on conveyer belts and elevators. One of the explosions occurred in a feed mill, two in grain mills and two in grain elevators.

Grain dust was confirmed as the main source of fuel in three of the incidents, but could not be confirmed in two of the others. Fine particles or powder from the grain can also contribute to fires and explosions, said Kingsly Ambrose, assistant professor of agricultural and biological engineering at Purdue.

Two of the three fatalities in 2016 were from Indiana, and the third was from Georgia. Eight people were injured nationwide.

"The two most important factors in preventing an explosion are keeping the facilities clean and the equipment in good working condition," said Am-

brose. "If the facility is clean, then the amount of potential fuel is minimized. If the equipment is in good working condition, there is less chance of ignition."

Performing regularly scheduled equipment maintenance is a key first step in preventing fire and explosion. "We can be happy that the number of explosions is down, but it's important to stay vigilant," Ambrose said. "I always tell people to keep their eyes, nose and ears open - if you see something strange, hear an odd noise or smell something unusual, then that's the time to shut down and check all the equipment."

"It's not about completing a one-day maintenance and thinking you're done for the year. It's a constant, ongoing process."

The full report is available at <http://bit.ly/2016Dust>. For more information about the report, contact Ambrose at 765-494-6599 or rambrose@purdue.edu.

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On the boardwalk

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The long-awaited boardwalk at the Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge has been installed. The boardwalk extends 80 feet over the water and ends in an octagon. The handicap accessible boardwalk has two benches and is perfect for observing wildlife and fishing.

Just in time for Valentine's Day, barn owls pair up in nest box

A show of companionship and survival will play out live before the public in the newly positioned DNR barn owl nest cam.

The cam now shows a barn owl pair from a raised position, allowing a rare view of this state-endangered species.

Barn owls have a distinct a heart-shaped face, dark eyes and white to golden-grown feathers. These two paired up this season just in time for a Valentine's Day appearance on the nest cam.

This owl pair has been living in a DNR-built nest box inside a metal pole barn in southern Indiana since 2009.

Barn owls were once common in the Midwest, living in hollow trees and wooden barns, and hunting hayfields, idle grain fields, pastures and other grasslands for meadow voles. But many wooden barns are being torn down, and few modern farms offer the land a barn owl needs for hunting.

The goal of the webcam is to promote public interest in birds and raise awareness about efforts to support barn owls.

DNR's Wildlife Diversity Program has been placing nest boxes for barn owls since 1984. The nest boxes, like the one the webcam owls use, give owls a safe place to raise their young. More information about nest boxes is at wildlife.IN.gov/3382.htm.

The barn owl webcam can accommodate 20 viewers at a time and is at wildlife.IN.gov/8183.htm.

The barn owl is one of more than 750 animal species, including many rare and endangered animals, support-

ed by the DNR's Wildlife Diversity Program. WDP depends on donations to the DNR Nongame Fund. You can donate at EndangeredWildlife.IN.gov.

Donations can also be done on your Indiana state taxes through Schedule 5/Schedule IN-Donate, using the code "200."

For updates on Indiana's nongame wildlife, subscribe to an email list at <https://bit.ly/2j9hY00>.

Indiana Big Tree Register now available

The updated Indiana Big Tree Register is now available online for Hoosier big tree lovers.

The register, which is published every five years, lists the largest tree—or "champion"—of every native tree species in Indiana. It is at dnr.IN.gov/forestry/8169.htm.

The current listing of Indiana's biggest trees was open for nominations in 2015. DNR Division of Forestry staff confirmed nominations in 2016.

Indiana's Big Tree Register follows a points system used by the National Big Tree Register that takes into account tree height, trunk circumference, and canopy spread to determine the overall largest tree.

There are still several species without champions because they have not received a nomination.

Many of the champions are found in open areas such as cemeteries, yards or agricultural fields. With more space and less competition for water and sunlight, trees in these areas can grow to their largest potential.

4-H NEWS

By Stacy Brown
Martin County Purdue
Extension Educator

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

Horse and Pony--
Monday, March 13, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at Martin County Learning Center
Monday, April 3, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at Martin County Community Building
Junior Leaders Pampered Chef Fundraiser

The Martin County 4-H Junior Leaders are raising funds to go on an overnight trip. The first of their fundraisers this year is through Pampered Chef. The club will receive 15 percent of all sales. Their goal is to sell \$5,000 in products. They will be hosting a Pampered Chef party on Sunday, February 12 at 4 p.m. at the fairgrounds. The public is welcome! We will be making recipes from the 4-H Foods project manuals. If you would like to order online, please visit <https://pamperedchef.com/go/jrleaders>.

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

Upcoming Events
Livestock weigh-ins for the fair have been set for the spring. They will take place at the fairgrounds.

Beef: March 11, 2017 - 9-11 a.m.
Sheep & Goat: May 6, 2017 - 9-11 a.m.

Swine: May 13, 2017, 9-11 a.m.
Poultry: June 17, 2017, 9-11 a.m.

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

DNR awards more than \$110,000 in urban forestry grants

DNR's Division of Forestry has awarded \$110,465 in federal funds to 11 cities, towns and non-profits in Indiana for urban forestry projects.

Projects include tree inventory and urban tree canopy (UTC) analysis for management planning, new tree plantings, and education and awareness campaigns.

Urban forests enhance air and water quality, making Indiana communities healthier, safer and more beautiful. The DNR Community and Urban Forestry program offers these matching grants annually to jumpstart or enhance urban forest management.

Funds for tree inventory and UTC analysis were awarded to Columbia City, \$18,315; New Albany, \$20,000; Plainfield, \$15,000; and Lawrenceburg, \$10,000.

Funds for tree planting projects that target environmental issues such as water quality, flooding, air quality, and recovery from emerald ash borer were awarded to Churubusco, \$5,100; North Township Parks (Lake County), \$8,750; Remington, \$5,000; Rensselaer Urban Forest Council, \$8,300; Tipton, \$5,000; Trees Inc. (Terre Haute), \$5,000.

Funds for urban forestry awareness, education and outreach projects were awarded to the Indiana Arborist Association, \$10,000.

Funding came through the DNR Community and Urban Forestry program from the U.S. Forest Service.

To learn more about the Community and Urban Forestry grants program, or

to request an urban forestry site visit in your community, contact Carrie Tauscher, community and urban forestry coordinator, at (317) 234-4386 or ctauscher@dnr.IN.gov

Indiana Dunes Birding Festival is May 4-7

Celebrate the migration of bird life from May 4-7 at the 3rd annual Indiana Dunes Birding Festival, with some events taking place at Indiana Dunes State Park. The festival includes both the state park and Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore as site hosts. It is organized by the Indiana Audubon Society in partnership with the region's major environmental groups. The purpose is to highlight the dunes area's rich biodiversity and bird watching opportunities. Registration and information on bird-watching tours, workshops and speakers is at indunesbirdingfestival.com.

Early-bird registration begins February 19. Registration for all four days starts at \$49 for adults and \$39 for youths under age 18. More information is also available at the Indiana Dunes Visitor Center, 1215 N. State Road 49, just south of the intersection of State Road 49 and U.S. 20 in Porter.

Interested participants can also call the visitor center's information desk at (219) 395-1882 or the Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center at (219) 926-1390, or visit each park's respective website at dnr.IN.gov/parklake/2980.htm (state park) or nps.gov/indu (national lakeshore).

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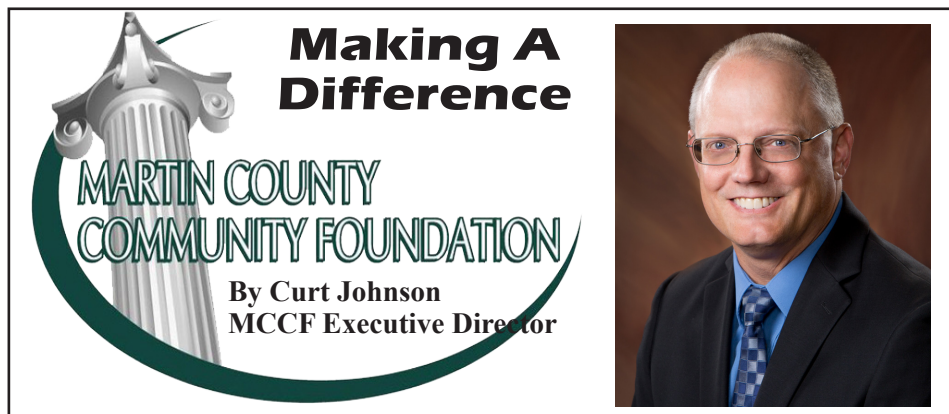


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Martin County Salvation Army lacking in funds, volunteers

Unbeknownst to many, the Martin County Salvation Army serves Martin County families in crisis throughout the year by distributing funds collected during the annual holiday kettle drive to assist with electric and utility bills that would otherwise go unpaid resulting in service termination. The 2015 kettle drive collected \$11,365.03. All of which was used to assist 257 families during difficult times in 2016.

Unfortunately, the 2016 kettle drive suffered from low volunteer turnout for bell ringing, and the funds collected for use in 2017 are insufficient to meet the county's needs in 2017. Despite beginning with a seemingly sufficient budget, 2016 closed with -290.84 in the Martin County Salvation Army's account. With unfortunately low collection during the 2016 kettle collection caused by a scarcity of willing volunteers for bell-ringing, last year's deficit only leaves \$2,706.92 of the kettle funds collected to be utilized throughout 2017. It is predicted by the funds distributor that based on past distribution trends, that amount will be fully distributed by March leaving families in crisis without much needed assistance for the remaining nine months of 2017.

In order to remedy the Martin County Salvation Army's anemic account balance, it was decided that an additional kettle collection and fund drive will take place during the month of July in 2017. Everyone who labors toward the collection of Salvation Army

funds in Martin County are volunteers. Any funds remaining in the account at the end of the year move on to the national level for assisting with national disasters and the few paid administrative positions that exist within the organization. Martin County's board consists of five resident volunteers and two state level representatives, so it is easy to see why additional volunteers are necessary to collect the funds needed to keep Martin County families equipped with basic needs throughout the year. Pleas for bell-ringing volunteers were met largely with indifference in 2016, so a change of heart is being hoped for in response to this second plea for bell ringers during the month of July. Christmas in July will kick-off with a Salvation Army presence in both the Shoals Catfish and Loogootee SummerFest parades followed by an ongoing kettle collection at Hometown IGA in Loogootee and R.J's in Shoals every Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. in July. Please contact kettle coordinator, Cori Lukomski, at 812-295-4771 to volunteer as a bell-ringer for Martin County Salvation Army's Christmas in July. Bell ringers make all the difference!

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--YOUTH AND THE FUTURE --

"We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future." -Franklin D. Roosevelt

Youth. Future. Those two words belong together for so many reasons. Youth have so much to look forward to. Youth have choices to make to get to their future.

The youth are our future, whether we try to build it for them or we prepare them for it.

-- WE HAVE AN INTEREST --

We all have a vested interest in helping our youth to learn, grow and become capable adults. They will be making decisions that affect our community, our county, and beyond. And they will be impacting our own lives when we adults will be relying on them for our care and well-being. It's important that we be a part of their growth.

So how can we help? As parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, mentors, and any other adult close to our youth, you guide and shape them. You should know that everything you do teaches them about adult life and guides them toward their own future. We need to be sure that we are positive role models. We can also encourage our youth's involvement in organizations that focus on youth growth and development.

-- NATIONAL FFA --

One such organization in Loogootee is the National Future Farmers of America (FFA). Their motto sums it up nicely: "Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve." The FFA works to help make a positive difference in the lives of students, to be that positive role model. They want to see the youth develop and grow into successful adults leading the way to the future. They do this through agricultural education.

-- LEARNING TO DO --

The Loogootee High School Chapter of the FFA is in its third year. Last year there were 17 student members and this year there are 28. They learn through a supervised agricultural experience (SAE) where the students

can do such things as tearing down tractor engines or raising livestock. This hands-on experience allows them to apply and develop skills learned in the classroom.

-- FFA IMPACTS --

The students learn the concepts of production, business management, marketing, investments and many other components in the agriculture industry chain, which goes well beyond what many think is "just" the farmers. It's the equipment, transportation, construction, processing, product quality, packaging and a host of other industries and jobs that rely on agriculture. It's a significant part of our economy for us here in Martin County and in Indiana.

-- DOING TO LEARN --

The local FFA chapter grabs the opportunity to experience the agricultural industry whenever it can. One such opportunity is the National Farm Machinery Show in Louisville, KY. This event showcases cutting-edge agricultural products, equipment, services, and technological advances. The students will be able to learn about alternative energy information and solutions, unmanned aerial vehicles, cloud-based data handling, and weather and commodity trends as they relate to the agriculture industry.

-- MCCF HELPS --

The MCCF is pleased to be able to help these students experience an event like the Farm Machinery Show. Shown in the picture is Dan Gregory (MCCF Board member) presenting a grant check to Justin Clark (FAA chapter Vice-President) and the Loogootee High School Chapter of the FFA.

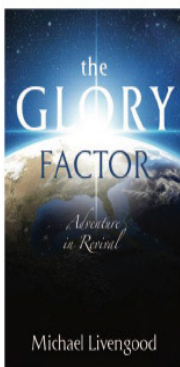

-- MORE INFORMATION --

For more information about the MCCF, please contact the Executive Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org.

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



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Pictured in front row (left to right) are Crystal Tolbert, Stephanie Otto, Sarah Bussinger, Justin Clark (Vice President) accepting the grant, Dan Gregory (MCCF Board member), Grace Hadley, Justin Hellums, Marcus Lukens, Jamie Cronin, and Wyatt Crane. In the back row left to right are Mr. Doug Mayfield (FFA Advisor), Ethan Donaldson, Wyatt Nonte, Kolton Braun, Dylan Dant, Nolan Lottes, Caden Chandler, Conner Wilcoxon, Daniel Park, and Dalton Higdon.

MICHAEL LIVENGOOD

International speakers **Michael and Linda Livengood** will be speaking in the area. The Livengood's have addressed over 6000 audiences on nearly every continent. They are both citizens of the USA and residents of New Zealand. Michael Livengood has an ability to make clear and relevant the message of the Bible in today's culture. An evening with the Livengood's have often been described as "life-changing." They will be at **Maranatha Tabernacle Loogootee Friday, March 3 at 7 pm; Saturday March 4 at 6 pm; Sunday March 5 at 10:30 am & 6 pm** located at 13111 Hwy 231 N (1/2 mile north of the Loogootee Municipal Bldg). Admission is free, a freewill offering will be received. Call Pastor Duane Smith at 812-295-4349 for more information.

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Shoals School Board holds monthly meeting

The Shoals School Board met last Thursday, February 9.

The board approved the following personnel actions:

-Resignation of Christina Potts from position of elementary library assistant
-Teri Kerr as the girls' junior high track coach

-Tawnya Showalter as the girls' JV track coach, primarily assisting with junior high girls

-Scott Johnson and Brian Hert as boys' varsity assistant track coaches

-Josh Sexton as the boys' varsity assistant baseball coach

-Bobbie Bledsoe as varsity volleyball coach for 2017-18 (The board voted 3-2 on this position with Bill Bauer and Eva George opposed)

-Temporary teaching contract – Susan Hallett

-Megan Hawkins as substitute teacher

-Eric Rasicoe as the boys' junior high track coach

-John Gore as volunteer track coach

-Nici Key as elementary library assistant

The board approved adding the following courses to the junior/senior high for the 2017-18 school year: Intro to Agriculture (to replace Science 8), Ag Mechanics, Natural Resources – AG Power, and Plant/Animal Science.

The board approved the following fundraisers:

-Coaches for Cancer Game on February 17 to benefit Martin County Relay for Life Team and American Cancer Society

-Cheerleaders to hold Cheer Clinic on February 20 and 21

-Jump Rope for Heart from March 1 through April 26 for American Heart Association

The board gave approval for Midwestern Engineers to oversee project plans and bidding project on the parking lot paving.

A donation of \$109.61 from the Rusk Homemakers to the art department mural project was approved.

The board approved the high school art students to visit Chicago, Illinois on March 24.

The board held second readings and approved the update to the vacation policy and the family medical leave of absence policy.

The board approved the conflict of interest disclosure statements filed by Eva George and Dianna Ragsdale.

The board approved the following facility usage requests:

-Post Prom Committee to hold post prom at the school on the evening of April 8

-Shoals Lions Club to hold Easter Egg Hunt on school grounds on April 15

Junior/Senior High School Principal Kindra Hovis reported on the following:

-High school band placed 1st at the Orleans Pep Band Invitational They also won the award for being named People's Choice

-RoboRox placed 2nd in Gracious Professionalism at State Competition and FTC placed 14th of 32

-Dance Team placed 2nd in their jazz category at Jasper competition

-Girls' basketball team advanced to the championship sectional game

-Congratulations to Alex Tedrow on being accepted to I.U. School of Music

-They have seen an increase in student achievement so far this semester.

-They are seeing good participation in the newly formed Jr. High Overcomers Club with 35-40 students attending each week.

-Science teachers have been making professional development visits to other area schools to share ideas on science ISTEP preparation.

-US Army Sergeant Peck was a recent guest speaker in the Careers and Exploration Class

-Food drive ends tomorrow
-FFA field trip to Louisville Farm Machinery Show on February 15

-Girls' basketball team attending IU Women's Basketball Game on February 16

-Coaches vs. Cancer game on February 17

-Senior Night February 24

-ISTEP begins the week of February 27

-Students attending Young Women's Leadership Conference on March 8

Elementary Principal Austin Malone reported on the following:

-Dance Clinic begins February 11 with performance on February 17

-Valentine's Day deliveries to students on February 14

-Cheer Clinic and performance: February 20 and 21

-Math Bowl on the 23rd with 4th, 5th, and 6th grade team

-They have so many kids that Malone is driving the white bus

-Rachel Bauer talking to the kindergartners about dental health on February 24

-They are pleased with the PRIDE Points rollout

-Special Education Department Craft Sale next week during recess on Monday and Tuesday. All proceeds benefit the Special Olympics in May

-RoboRox placed 2nd in Gracious Professionalism at the state meet

-Junior High Dance team placed 2nd at the Jasper Dance Invitational

-ISTEP begins in 3 weeks. The first day is Tuesday, February 28

-Teachers participated in professional development activities for Google Classroom, Google Forms, Google Sites, Google Docs, Standards Review, Study Island on the February 3 early student release day

Thank you to the following people

and groups:

-Pastor Jim Biehle and the Family Fellowship Church for providing snacks for all teachers during the Early Release Professional Development Meetings

-Dr. Roush, Mrs. Hovis, Mrs. Greene, and Mr. Kirtland all stepped up and helped with the elementary while Malone was home sick.

-Dr. Roush and Mr. Kirtland for covering Malone's games while he was home sick.

Superintendent Roush reported on the following:

-Congratulations to the girls' basketball team, band, dance team, and robotics teams.

-The school received the \$30,000 Lilly Grant.

-The corporation will be partnering with Indiana University to apply for the \$100,000 Lilly grant. They will be coming in to the school over the next month and conducting focus groups to discover our more severe counseling needs.

-The school will be applying for the

NSWC Crane, USI launch Technician-to-Engineer degree program

Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane) has launched a Technician-to-Engineer degree program in partnership with the University of Southern Indiana (USI). The program is designed to allow students with some previous technical college education – in most cases with an associate or bachelor's degree in a technology field – to earn their bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Engineering.

The first class – a Pre-Calculus course worth five credit hours – met for the first time on January 9 at WestGate Academy Conferencing and Training Center. There are a total of 21 students currently enrolled in the program.

The current course is being taught via distance learning, with the instructor teaching through a live broadcast from the USI campus in Evansville using interactive communication at WestGate Academy. Even though all of the students enrolled in the first-class work at NSWC Crane, the program is not exclusively for NSWC Crane employees. The classes are open to employees from other tenants of the base, area support contractors, and the general public.

"I have always had a passion for computers, electronics and technology, so when I saw such a great opportunity to get an engineering degree and further my education in a field I'm interested in, I couldn't pass it up," said Paul Hart, an NSWC Crane employee in the Flight Systems Division currently enrolled in the program.

Tanner Bailey, an engineering technician at NSWC Crane, is among the students in the program's first course. Bailey was a Pathways intern at Crane while he earned a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering Technology from IUPUI. When he first heard about the Technician-to-Engineer Degree Program last year from an engineer at his branch, he jumped at the opportunity.

"The engineers I work with really encouraged me to take part in this program," Bailey said. "They all told me I would be in a much better position if I was an engineer, and that my future will be much brighter if I earn an engineering degree through this program."

NSWC Crane and USI have both an Educational Partnership Agreement (EPA) and a Partnership Intermediary Agreement (PIA), which allows them

early literacy grant.

-The school will look into apply for a safety grant to provide a school resource officer to the school.

-They are trying to apply for the Paths to Quality Preschool program in order to help accept state funding for low income students enrolled in preschool

-They are still seeking a new PBIS coach through community corrections.

-They are looking into a system that will hire substitutes and allow them to work up to 40 hours per week.

-Our robotics team will be participating in the sea, land, and air challenge

-They need to add some dirt to the baseball and softball fields

-Possible heavy equipment course offered at Springs Valley with industry certification

-The board will look over the 7000 board policy series before the next board meeting.

-The board will approve of the parking lot plans at the April board meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

to partner on educational programs like the Technician-to-Engineer Degree Program, as well as STEM efforts, technology transfer (T2) and commercialization collaboration.

The plan for the Technician-to-Engineer Degree Program is for students to take two to three classes each semester (fall, spring and summer) while still working full-time. Most classes will meet at WestGate Academy and will be taught by either distance learning technology or live in-person instruction. It will take an estimated 4-5 years for students to earn a bachelor's degree in engineering, depending on their number of transferable college credits.

"My goal is to be a well-balanced engineer by the end of this program," Bailey said. "Upon graduation, I feel that I will be able to make a much stronger contribution to my branch and the Department of Defense."

Added Hart, "At the end of the program, I hope to have strengthened my knowledge and skill set to allow me to be a more flexible and valuable asset. I believe this program will help me take on bigger roles, more responsibilities, and ultimately contribute more to my organization."

The tentative list of course offerings for the summer semester includes Calculus I and Digital Logic. The program plans to offer Chemistry I, Fundamentals of Engineering, and Fundamentals of Computer Programming in the fall semester.

"The objectives for this program are to provide our employees with education opportunities for personal growth and skill development, while at the same time increasing our organization's technical capabilities and growing our engineering workforce," said Scott Karcher, NSWC Crane program coordinator. "In addition, we hope this program will serve as a model for more postsecondary educational offerings in this region."

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