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## Investing in Loogootee *-Photo by Courtney Hughett*

Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty and Loogootee Building Commissioner Richard Taylor presented a plaque to Stewart and Mary Ellen Blake to honor them for the many business investments they make in the city. From left to right are Richard Taylor, Mary Ellen Blake, Stewart Blake and Mayor Noel Harty.

## Library wants emergency landing zone for new building

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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The Loogootee City Council met Monday night, June 12. At last month's council meeting, Mayor Noel Harty reported that the library was interested in the two-acre property in front of the pool that is currently used at the emergency helicopter landing zone. The city owns the property. Last month, Fire Chief JD Flynn had said he would have to see if a suitable landing zone existed elsewhere before the city gave up the land.

On Monday night, Mayor Harty asked Fire Chief JD Flynn if he has been able to find a suitable location to move the landing zone. Flynn said that due to regulations involved in having a landing zone, he has not been able to find an appropriate piece of property that met regulations or one that compared to the landing zone they have now which is in an excellent location and can land three helicopters at once if needed.

The mayor asked Flynn if he had investigated the school property. Flynn replied that issues with property at the school are that they need it available at all times and not all the property on school grounds is accessible from the roads.

Although it was not formally mentioned, it was insinuated that the library had offered up the land they were given at St. Vincent on Park Street for the Air Evac helicopters to use. Flynn said that the gravel in that lot was an issue with landing a helicopter.

Loogootee Library Board President Pat Hale then spoke up and said they are getting mixed signals on what would be an acceptable landing zone.

She said she called Air Evac herself and asked what criteria was needed for a landing zone. She said the Air Evac rep she spoke to in Paoli said that an 80-foot by 80-foot landing zone was acceptable but they prefer 100-foot by 100-foot. She also asked the representative if the helicopter could land near gravel. She said his response was that they can land near and on gravel with no problem. She added that he said they can land anywhere.

Mayor Harty suggested that someone from Air Evac come and take a look at the different areas and see if one was acceptable.

Susan Harrawood, representing the library, said they need to know as soon as possible in order to apply for the OCRA grant that is due September 1. She said in order to apply for the grant, they have to have a location. Pat Hale added that the public was against the location by the food pantry and some prominent members of the community approached the library and said they would get more support if they moved the location. She said the original design the library presented can be tweaked to fit on the landing zone property.

Council Member Teresa Nolley said she can't move forward on giving the library the property if the fire chief has not found an adequate place for the helicopter to land.

It was decided to have representatives from Air Evac come to Loogootee next week and look over available pieces of land. Mayor Harty added that the library will need to convince the fire chief that there is a better location than the one they currently have. It was noted that a special meeting could (See 'LANDING ZONE' on page 2)

## Loogootee Summerfest starts tomorrow night

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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The Loogootee Summerfest will start tomorrow, Thursday, June 15. The evening will begin with opening remarks from Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty.

The vendor booths and amusement rides will be set up along West Main Street from 5-10 p.m. and St. John's Lutheran Church will hold their ice cream social during the same time.

Zinsanty will take to the main stage from 5:30 to 6 p.m. and the annual queen contest will begin on the main stage at 6:30 p.m. "Martin County Has Talent" will start on the main stage at 8 p.m.

On Friday, the Louisville Wild Bunch will kick off the evening on the main stage at 5 p.m. The Louisville Wild Bunch is a team in the Armored Combat League. Chapters, across the country, compete against each other in events similar to the Medieval Times Shows. The vendor booths, amusement rides and St. John's ice cream social will again be held from 5-10 p.m. "Martin County Has Talent" will take place once again from 6-8 p.m. on the main stage. The Loogootee Fire Department will have a smoke house open from 5-9 p.m. Fun Guns will take

to the main stage at 8 p.m. Fun Guns band members are Steven Wagler, Justin Senne, Joel Norris and Ian Graves.

The final day of Summerfest, Saturday, June 17, starts with the 5K fun run/walk at the corner of West Main and West First streets. The walk begins at 7:30 a.m. and the run at 8 a.m.

A golf scramble will be held at Lakeview Golf Course at 9 a.m. along (See 'SUMMERFEST' on page 2)



IRA AND CAROLYN CLARK

Ira and Carolyn Clark have been chosen as this year's Loogootee Summerfest Parade Grand Marshals. The following is information on the Clarks.

Ira Galen Clark was born in Washington to Robert and Gladys (McCracken) Clark in 1935. Carolyn Rose Gregory was born in Washington to Elbert and Treasa (Lagle) Gregory also in 1935. They became boyfriend and girlfriend in the first grade and remained that way until their marriage at the ages of 18 in November 1953 after both graduating from Montgomery High School in May 1953. They have been married for 63 years.

Ira joined the United States Air Force in 1954, served four years and is a Veteran of the Korean War. Among his many duties was teaching helicopter flight training. He then attended Vincennes University obtaining his Associate in Science degree. He then attended Oakland City University where he obtained his Bachelor of Science Degree to teach mathematics. He went on to obtain his Master's Degree from Indiana University and studied additional graduate work at Indiana State University.

He was hired by the Loogootee Community School Corporation as a math teacher in 1962 where he taught math and coached basketball. Later, he became the high school guidance counselor as well as the high school athletic director and assistant principal. In 1981, he was a nominee for Athletic Director of the Year voted by the Athletic Director's Association of District Six. He became the Loogootee High School Principal in 1983 and served in that capacity for six years until he chose to return to the classroom and teach mathematics until his retirement from the Loogootee Community School Corporation in 1995.

After retiring from teaching, Ira, his (See 'CLARKS' on page 2)



The Hunter Smith Band will perform at Summerfest on Saturday night on the main stage at 8 p.m.

## Shoals School Board holds special meeting

The Shoals School Board met June 8. Board Member Bill Bauer was absent.

The board approved the following personnel actions:

-Miranda Albright as 2017 summer cleaning crew leader to receive pay at an extra \$1 per hour

-Kindra Hovis two-year contract renewal

-Shannon Wagoner as elementary principal on a two-year initial contract to include the 2017-18 and 2018-2019 school years

-Andrea Qualkenbush - resignation as Rockettes Dance Team Co-Coach

-Heidi Hoffman as P.E./Health Teacher for 2017-18 (Board Member Jenell Hoffman abstained from this vote)

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# LANDING ZONE \_\_\_\_\_ SHOALS

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be held prior to the next scheduled council meeting to vote on whether to give the property to the library.

In other business, Mayor Harty said that there are parking issues at the Mill Street Grill, on Mill Street, and they would like to come up with some ideas to add more parking. City Attorney Isha Wright-Ryan suggested contacting Martin County Surveyor Nathan Hoffman to find out where the city has right of way.

Utilities Superintendent Bo Wilson said that due to the water department taking the new offices in the annex building, AA now has been moved to the upstairs of the building. He said it is very hot in their meeting area. There are 15-20 people who attend those meetings each week. Mayor Harty said they could get a price on getting an air conditioner. The council gave Wilson permission to get costs on an air conditioner.

The council approved street closings as in years past for Summerfest with an addition this year of Butcher Boulevard during the 5K run/walk on Saturday morning. Superintendent Wilson also suggested the city look into purchasing more barricades. He noted that they are not cheap however they are needed. Council Member Teresa Nolley, who also helps organize the Summerfest, agreed that they use all the available barricades and more would be helpful.

The council decided not to increase the rents of the water/sewer depart-

ment now that they moved into bigger offices in the annex building. This was discussed at last month's meeting.

The council approved replacing seven of the 14 windows still needing improvements at the annex building. The total cost for all 14 windows to be replaced from Builders Best is \$18,396 but there is only \$10,000 budgeted for the windows this year. The council will budget for the remaining windows next year. Wilson noted that the plan also includes removing one window that's in a closet and put up siding that matches the current siding of the annex.

The council approved creating two part-time summer positions at \$7.25 per hour not to exceed 29 hours per week.

The council tabled approving the employee handbook until the next meeting as the council has not had time to go over them.

The council approved two building permits for Jim Matthews for two duplexes on Park Street and Southwest 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

During the board of public works meeting, Street Superintendent Bo Wilson suggested his department start doing limb pickup on Mondays. He said they receive calls every day of the week to pick up limbs and they decided it would be better to have one day when they were picked up. Anyone wanting to have limbs picked up can call the water department. Wilson said they will try this on Mondays for a while to see if it works out.

ceived her CMA and EMT training as well as her LPN degree all from Vincennes University while continuing to work at the hospital. She enjoyed working in the emergency room and obstetrics and in the pharmacy as a pharmacy technician. Carolyn retired from the Daviess County Hospital in 1997 after 44 years of service.

In her youth, Carolyn was elected the Daviess County Queen. She was also a member of the Daviess County Homemakers where she was elected Daviess County Homemaker of the Year and served as the President for two years. She was also the Secretary and Treasurer of the Daviess County Past Presidents for 11 years. She was President of the Loogootee United Methodist Women's Group for ten years as well as the Loogootee United Methodist Church Super 60's President for 17 years. Carolyn is a member of the Loogootee United Methodist Church.

Ira and Carolyn have three children, Marsha Neal (Ed) of Freelandville, Greg Clark (April) of Loogootee and Susan Wittmer (Terry) also of Loogootee. Their grandchildren are Chris Bledsoe of Loogootee; Mackenzie Weaver of Seattle, Washington; Taylor Wittmer of Austin, Texas; and Conner Wittmer and Sydnee Wittmer both at home in Loogootee. They have one great-grandson, Gaven Bledsoe at home in Loogootee.

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-Transfer of Brenda Lowry from the position of 20 hours per week cafeteria custodial worker to the position of 28 hours per week cafeteria cook for the 2017-18 school year.

-Rikki Albright as 20 hours per week cafeteria custodial worker for the 2017-18 school year.

-Jessica Hert as high school guidance counselor for the 2017-18 school year.

-Alicia Asbell, Kylee Hardwick and Megan Hawkins as girls' basketball volunteers

-Reeva Troutman as soccer volunteer  
The board approved a \$100 donation from Gamma Iota Xi for the elementary music department.

The board approved the National Beta Convention Field Trip to Orlando Florida June 27 – July 3, 2017 and Rockettes Dance Team to attend a dance camp in Jasper on June 26 and 27, 2017.

The board approved the following facility usage requests:

-Catfish Festival Queen Contest and Basketball Tournament to use the gymnasium in case of rain during the 2017 festival

-Family Fellowship Church and Shoals Little League to hold Back to School Bash in the gymnasium on Saturday, August 5, 2017 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

-Daviess Martin County REMC to hold Annual Meeting at the school in April of 2018 with exact date to be determined.

-Volunteer Fire Department to use the high school art hallway on June 25, 2017 from 6-8 p.m. for training.

The board approved the textbook rental fees for the 2017-18 school year. Fees for junior/senior high students will vary depending on course selection. Elementary fees are kindergarten-\$62.68; first grade-\$74.57; second grade-\$55.30; third grade-\$47.11; fourth grade-\$62.42; fifth grade-\$108.01; and sixth grade-\$97.40.

The board approved cafeteria breakfast and lunch prices for next school year. The price reflects a state mandated increase of .10 cent increase in lunch pricing. New meal prices will be as follows: breakfast all students-\$1.60 per day; breakfast adults-\$2 per day; student K-6 lunch-\$2.40 per day; student 7-12 lunch-\$2.50 per day; and extra milk-50 cents each.

The board approved donating or disposing of unused and obsolete cafeteria equipment.

The board held a first reading on Board Policy Series 8000 and updates to the corporation wellness policy. The second readings and approval will be held at the July 6 board meeting.

The board held a second reading and approved the new job description for the position of Shoals Middle School and High School Guidance / Attendance Secretary.

The board approved a school bus usage request from John Gore to use his contracted bus for a one-day trip that is not school related.

The board approved an updated version of the graduation diploma. They set the 2018 prom to be held April 21, 2018.

Austin Malone thanked the board, administration, teachers, and school staff for their support and assistance during the years he has served as elementary principal.

The junior/senior high principal's report was as follows:

-Graduation rate will be in the 90's which is the highest it has been in years

-VU gave out more academic honor awards to Shoals students compared to other area schools

-Junior High Academic team placed 3rd in Science

-High School Academic team placed 2nd in Social Studies

-High school band received GOLD at ISSMA High School Band Contest

-Sea Air Land Robotic Champions

-Tyler Lythgoe soccer signing (OCU)

-Office referrals down 33.5 percent

-PBIS trip to Holiday World was a huge success with over 100 students in attendance. Pictures of the trip can be found on the school Facebook page

-Beta Club inducted 40 new members last month

-Your Life Speaks guest speaker was a huge hit for the students – speaker even returned to school on the last day to present a drum set to one of the students – video is on the school Facebook page

-Thank you to the following local businesses for continuous donations for the PRIDE store and for the end-of-year drawing; teachers and faculty members for a very, very successful school year; Dr. Roush for the time spent preparing and tutoring students for the ECAs and ISTEP 10; school board for supporting the school's vision in creating a middle school; and the Adult Booster Club for the generous donation to the athletic department

Dr. Roush reported on the following:

-Graduation went well.

-Condolences to the Jones family.

-The budget calendar will be read at the July board meeting.

-Congratulations to new principal Mrs. Wagoner.

-The school will need a new background check policy to comply with the new laws.

-The school will have a booth at the Catfish Festival.

-Progress is being made on classroom renovations in the elementary and high school.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

## SUMMERFEST \_\_\_\_\_

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with a wiffle ball tournament at the Little League fields.

At 1 p.m. a Texas Hold'em Tournament will begin at the K of C building.

Vendor booths, amusement rides and the ice cream social will be held from 4-10 p.m. on Saturday. A car show, sponsored by Toy's Auto Parts and Route 50 Cruisers, will be held on Mill Street starting at 4 p.m. along with a sidewalk chalk contest for kids, sponsored by Tri Kappa.

The Loogootee Fire Department will hold a demolition demonstration at 5 p.m. and will again have a smokehouse open from 5-9 p.m. Also, from 5-9 p.m., the Loogootee Police Department and Martin County Sheriff's Department will have a K9 demonstration.

"Martin County Has Talent" will again be held on the main stage from 6-7 p.m. and the annual parade will start at 7 p.m. This year, Ira and Carolyn Clark will serve as the parade grand marshals. (See sidebar for biographies on the Clarks.)

The Hunter Smith Band will perform on the main stage from 8-10 p.m. The Hunter Smith Band is led by Indianapolis Colts punter Hunter Smith. The band's genres of music consist of country, rock, pop and alternative.

The Summerfest will come to a close at 10 p.m. with the annual fireworks display.

## CLARKS

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son, Greg; his son-in-law, Terry; and Terry's father, Amos Wittmer, joined together to form W&C Squared Construction LLC where he worked full-time as a carpenter, one of the many talents he learned as a child and teen growing up in Glendale. In addition to carpentry work he became the custodian of the Loogootee United Methodist Church in 2003 where he remained until he had a fall in December 2016 and officially retired at the end of March 2017.

Ira was on the Loogootee Community School Corporation School Board of Trustees from 1996-2004 where he continued his service to the Loogootee School System. In 2007, he began serving on the Board of Directors for Generations, an agency on aging and disability serving the communities of Daviess, Dubois, Greene, Knox, Martin and Pike counties, in 2007 and continuously served until his decline in health in December 2016. He has also served on the Martin County Council on Aging, and several committees at the Loogootee United Methodist Church including the Pastor Parish Relations Committee. He is a member of the Loogootee United Methodist Church and the American Legion.

Carolyn began working at the Daviess County Hospital in 1953 where she served in many capacities. She re-

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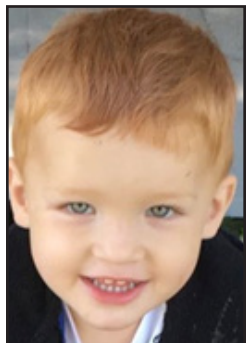
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## JONATHON JONES

Jonathon Markus Jones passed away at 7:16 p.m. Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at the IU Health Paoli Hospital. A resident of Shoals, he was 2.

He was born August 21, 2014 at the Jasper Memorial Hospital; son of Joseph and Jessica (Sheetz) Jones.

He is survived by one sister, Jasmine Jones, age 8; one brother, Joseph William Jones, age 5; maternal grandparents, Mark and Mary Sheetz of Loogootee; paternal grandparents, Joseph and Aloha Jones of Shoals; and great-grand-



JONATHON JONES

mothers, June Jones of Shoals and Sue Winger of Shoals.

Funeral services were held Saturday June 10 at the Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes with burial in the Springhill Cemetery. Pastor

Mike Newland officiated.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of the

## MCCF accepting scholarship applications

The Martin County Community Foundation (MCCF) is pleased to announce it is accepting applications for two non-traditional scholarships for students that have been out of high school for at least one year. The two scholarships and criteria are below.

Martin County Non-Traditional Scholarship

This scholarship is for non-traditional students who meet the following criteria:

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- Must demonstrate a need for assistance

The Second Door Scholarship is named after the saying "When one door closes, another one opens..." This scholarship is for non-traditional students who meet the following criteria:

- Must be a resident of Martin County
- Must have graduated or left high school at least two years prior to applying for the scholarship

Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes was in charge of the arrangements.

## Patoka's Cruise-In with a View Open Car Show

Join Patoka's 1<sup>st</sup> car show with a view at the Patoka Lake Beach on Saturday, July 22, 2017. The show will run from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. EDT in the upper beach parking lot overlooking the lake. The entry fee is \$15 now through July 15 or \$20 the day of the show. Day of registration will begin at 9a.m. at the event site. The entrance fee to Patoka Lake will be waived for all participants. A rain date is set for July 29. The first 50 registered vehicles will receive a dash plaque. Trophies will be awarded! Enjoy music, food, door prizes, raffles and a 50/50. Shine those bumpers, wash the windows and get ready to pop those hoods! All proceeds from this event will support the educational birds of prey at the Nature Center. This

program is brought to you by the Patoka Lake Volunteers. For questions or to register call Ivy at (812)267-7460. The public is invited to attend. Car lovers gather for this exciting cruise-in with a view!

The entrance fee of \$7 per vehicle for Indiana residents (\$9 out of state) is required for the

Newton Stewart State Recreation Area, Patoka Reservoir, located north of Wickliffe Indiana, Highway 164. For more information regarding this program or other interpretive events, please call the Nature Center at 812.685.2447.

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, JUNE 5

2:14 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:29 a.m. - Received a report of a theft near Shoals. Deputy Salmon responded.

7:20 a.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

10:30 a.m. - Sergeant Keller took two inmates to court.

11:37 a.m. - Received a trash complaint near Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

12:55 p.m. - Sergeant Keller took one inmate to the doctor.

2:51 p.m. - Received a report of a fight south of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

4:00 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:59 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.

6:48 p.m. - Received a report of a break-in in Crane. Deputy Reed and K9 Officer Virka responded.

10:01 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. Deputy Reed responded.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 6

12:25 a.m. - Received a report of an assault in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris, Sheriff Roush, Deputy Salmon, Deputy Reed, and K9 Officer Virka responded.

4:11 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:25 a.m. - Loogootee Captain Hennette performed a vehicle identification check in Loogootee.

10:00 a.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to court.

10:40 a.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

11:45 a.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to court.

1:07 p.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

1:51 p.m. - Received a complaint on semis north of Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

2:00 p.m. - Received a complaint of vandalism north of Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

2:30 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

2:53 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Sergeant Keller and Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

3:30 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

5:51 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:37 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Shoals. Deputy Salmon responded.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

12:24 a.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris and Deputy Salmon responded.

2:00 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Deputy Salmon responded and all was okay.

3:42 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Deputy Salmon and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Good Samaritan Hospital in Vincennes.

8:26 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. Martin County Ambulance responded. Martin County Coroner Franklin also responded.

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

10:22 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

12:58 p.m. - Jailer Emmick took one inmate to the doctor.

2:05 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

4:10 p.m. - Major Burkhardt performed a vehicle identification check in Shoals.

5:48 p.m. - Received a report of an accident and request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire, Martin County Ambulance, Major Burkhardt, Sergeant Keller, ISP Trooper Beaver, and AirEvac responded. The subject was airlifted to University of Louisville Hospital.

9:33 p.m. - Deputy Shinn assisted a homeowner with an alarm call south of Shoals.

10:27 p.m. - Received a report of a theft and altercation east of Shoals. Deputy Shinn and Town Marshal Eckert responded.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 8

8:01 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

10:05 a.m. - Captain Dant transported one inmate from Orange County for court.

10:17 a.m. - Received a horse complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

11:45 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

12:47 p.m. - Received request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire and Memorial Hospital Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:50 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Loogootee on US 50. Captain Dant, Loogootee Fire, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subjects were transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:30 p.m. - Sheriff Roush transported one inmate to court.

1:39 p.m. - Major Burkhardt performed a vehicle identification check near Loogootee.

2:40 p.m. - Sheriff Roush took two inmates to court.

3:52 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Captain Dant, Major Burkhardt, and Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

4:46 p.m. - Reserve Deputy Harmon performed a vehicle identification check north of Loogootee.

4:55 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic south of Shoals. Major Burkhardt and Reserve Deputy Harmon responded.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 9

12:29 a.m. - Received a report of suspicious vehicle east of Loogootee. Deputy Shinn responded.

1:55 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious male in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd and Deputy Shinn responded.

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

11:15 a.m. - Received a report of debris on US 231, north of Loogootee. The state highway department responded.

12:55 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:24 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. Crane Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Greene County Hospital.

3:48 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

4:00 p.m. - Received a report of a verbal dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

4:25 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on Hwy 150, east of Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

5:35 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth, Loogootee Officer Floyd, ISP Troopers' Dick, Lents, McBeth, Deputy Reed, and K9 Officer Virka responded.

7:30 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 10

1:42 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic in Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

2:02 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded and all was okay.

12:10 p.m. - Major Burkhardt assisted a motorist near Shoals.

1:09 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Loogootee. Major Burkhardt, Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Fire, and Loogootee Officer Todd responded. AirEvac transported the subject to Deaconess Hospital in Evansville.

3:59 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:52 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:58 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. Martin County Ambulance and Crane Fire responded.

The ambulance was hit at the scene and Deputy Reed responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:11 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:22 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded and all was okay.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 11

3:33 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

1:55 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded and all was okay.

7:03 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:34 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic near Loogootee. Deputy Salmon and Deputy Reed responded.

## ARRESTS

### TUESDAY, JUNE 6

2:40 p.m. - Thomas Eshbach, 49, of Bedford, was arrested by Captain Dant on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 8

1:03 a.m. - Evan Schaber, 29, of French Lick, was arrested by ISP Trooper McBeth on a Lawrence County warrant and is being held without bond.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 9

3:45 p.m. - Bobbie Souerdike, 48, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with maintaining a common nuisance and possession of

paraphernalia. She is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest were Major Burkhardt and K9 officer Asher.

7:24 p.m. - Audra Mattingly, 30, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Floyd and charged with attempted murder, aggravated battery, criminal recklessness, and domestic battery. She is being held without bond. Several members of the Martin County Sheriff's Office and the Indiana State Police assisted.

10:25 p.m. - Angus Robinson, 29, of Mitchell, was arrested by Deputy Shinn and charged with criminal trespass and is being held on a \$20,000 10% bond.

## Martin County real estate transfers

**Edward F. Wildman**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Eric M. Waltz**, of Daviess County, Indiana, beginning at the southeast corner of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West.

**Todd Wisner and April Wisner n/k/a April Payne**, of Martin County, Indiana to **April Payne**, of Martin County, Indiana, a parcel of land containing one acre of even width off of the east side in Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing 2 acres.

**James W. Marshall and Sara J. Marshall**, of Martin County, Indiana to **White River Rentals, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Center Township, Martin

County, Indiana, containing 0.50 acres, more or less. A part of the southwest quarter of Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.99 acre.

**Michael J. McAtee**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Amy N. Gieske**, of Martin County, Indiana, 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.

**John Phillip Ervin and Astrid Ervin**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Timothy J. Rincker**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 20, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing

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# COURT NEWS

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

## CRIMINAL COURT New Charges Filed April 27

Brittany N. Andi, possession of methamphetamine, unlawful possession of a syringe, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, possession of paraphernalia, operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body.

### April 28

Krystal R. Holt, dealing in a narcotic drug, neglect of a dependent.

Erin L. Baker, possession of methamphetamine, unlawful possession of a syringe, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, possession of paraphernalia, operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body.

Darin A. Slaughter, domestic battery.

### May 1

Cori C. Schaeffer, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia.

Drew M. Murray, illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

Mark A. Stone, two counts of dealing in methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine, possession of a controlled substance, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, two counts of neglect of a dependent, possession of marijuana, habitual offender sentence enhancement.

Timothy W. Witt, dealing in methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine.

Angela K. Killion, possession of methamphetamine, possession of a controlled substance, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, possession of marijuana.

Karl R. Young, Jr., dealing in methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine.

Gregory M. Tolbert, possession of a narcotic drug, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, possession of paraphernalia.

Melinda S. Artrip, domestic battery, two counts of resisting law enforcement.

### May 4

Jason M. Oliver, possession of a narcotic drug.

### May 8

Mindy R. Holt, resisting law enforcement, disorderly conduct, public intoxication.

James D. Woody, operating while intoxicated, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more.

### May 11

Bryan L. Burris, nonsupport of a dependent child.

### May 15

Steven J. Davidson, operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license.

John Castro, Sr., resisting law enforcement, operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license.

### May 16

Christopher L. Ruble, possession of methamphetamine, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, operating while intoxicated, operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body.

### May 18

William J. Shaw, criminal confinement, domestic battery.

### May 22

Neil J. Pitstick, possession of marijuana.

Collin M. Bell, illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

Steven E. Boyd, nonsupport of a dependent child.

### May 23

Hannah J. Gregory, driving while suspended.

Korvayr L. Sanner, illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

Cody L. Carnegie, invasion of privacy.

Marty G. Peek, possession of marijuana.

Daraja C. Rhodes, possession of marijuana.

Anthony J.T. Wells, possession of marijuana.

Tasheena L. Rasico, illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

Jaunyel C. Holmes, driving while suspended.

David L. Sturgeon, driving while suspended.

Christopher S. Isenhower, possession of marijuana.

Heather R. Ditton, dealing in methamphetamine, four counts of dealing in a narcotic drug; possession of methamphetamine, unlawful possession of a syringe, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances.

Michael R. Morrison, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, resisting law enforcement, battery resulting in bodily injury to a public safety officer.

Brandon L. Chastain, possession of methamphetamine, possession of a narcotic drug, unlawful possession of a syringe, possession of paraphernalia.

Robin De-Ann Higgs, possession of methamphetamine, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, false informing, possession of paraphernalia.

Travis R. Lively, possession of methamphetamine, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, possession of paraphernalia.

Diovionne J. Banks, intimidation, public intoxication, disorderly conduct, criminal mischief, illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

### May 24

Quinton J. Gogel, possession of marijuana.

Kelly Webb, driving while suspended.

Cory Stuffle, possession of marijuana.

### May 25

Jason W. Baylis, invasion of privacy.

### May 30

Kristie E. Evans, public intoxication.

Rusty L. Sutton, domestic battery, operating while intoxicated, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more.

## CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

### May 18

Jacqueline R. Mattingly, convicted of operating while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 263 days suspended and credit for 51 actual days previously served plus 51 Class A credit days. Defendant received 10 months of probation.

### May 25

Gary L. Stancombe, Jr., convicted of battery against a public safety official, a Class 5 Felony. Sentenced to serve 2.5 years with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 272 actual days previously served plus 91 Class B credit days.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

### May 18

Jacqueline R. Mattingly, operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor, dis-

missed.

### May 22

Evan T. Chestnut, possession of marijuana in the amount of less than 30 grams, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

### May 25

Gary L. Stancombe, Jr., battery against a public safety official, a Class 5 Felony, dismissed; two counts of resisting law enforcement, Class 6 Felonies, dismissed; strangulation, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; criminal confinement, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

### May 24

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Charles Kline, civil collection.

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Nina Cook, civil collection.

### May 26

Brian T. Ader vs. Lisa R. Ader, petition for dissolution of marriage.

### May 31

Crane Credit Union vs. Dillion J. Baugh, civil collection.

### June 6

Cynthia Clymer vs. Todd Clymer, petition for dissolution of marriage.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

### June 6

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Jonathan Robertson in the amount of \$8,927.44.

### June 7

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midland Funding, LLC and against the defendant Opal Mesarosh in the amount of \$746.53.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midland Funding, LLC and against the defendant Michael Wilson in the amount of \$613.29.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT

### May 26

Crane Credit Union vs. Aaron L. Brown II, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Rick B. Griffin, complaint.

### May 31

Isha E. Wright-Ryan, Attorney at Law, P.C. vs. Ayron Gladson, complaint.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

### June 1

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Medical of Dubois and against the defendant Steven R. Crays in the amount of \$308.41.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Medical of Dubois and against the defendant Traci Grafton in the amount of \$150.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Medical of Dubois and against the defendant Logan L. King in the amount of \$429.07.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Medical of Dubois and against the defendant James H. Ringer in the amount of \$453.15.

### June 7

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Melinda S. Scott in the amount of \$1,273.52.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

### June 5

Bryant J. Ackerman of Loogootee and Brittany J. Eckerle of Loogootee.

### June 6

Leanna M. Bailey of Shoals and Kyle Jacob Cooper of Shoals.

Lucas A. O'Connor of Loogootee and Emily V. Sutton of Loogootee.

### June 7

Gerald L. Gammon, Jr., of Shoals and Courtney C. Sanders of Shoals.

## Loogootee Police log

### MONDAY, JUNE 5

9:45 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

2:10 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

4:03 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

5:03 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Broadway Street.

5:21 p.m. - Received a 911 hang-up on Wood Street. Everything checked out okay.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 6

9:25 a.m. - Caller requested a vehicle identification check.

8:20 p.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted child protective services.

10:05 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

11:05 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person on Poplar Street.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

3:15 p.m. - Caller reported a male acting strange at Chuckles. Male left before officers could arrive.

4:20 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident on Broadway Street.

8:43 p.m. - Caller reported a loud music complaint on East Main Street.

10:05 p.m. - Caller reported a barking dog complaint on Vincennes Street.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 8

8:01 a.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on Reason Avenue.

10:05 a.m. - Caller reported a controlled burn.

10:17 a.m. - Caller reported a horse out of Poplar Street. Owner was contacted.

12:50 p.m. - Chief Rayhill and Loogootee Fire assisted with a two-vehicle accident on Hwy 50.

5:07 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

6:09 p.m. - Received a call of golf carts on US 231. Officers were unable to locate.

8:05 p.m. - Caller reported a dispute in Redwing Trailer Court.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 9

3:48 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

4:00 p.m. - Caller reported a dispute in Sunset Trailer Court

5:35 p.m. - First responders were requested on SW 1<sup>st</sup> Street for a medical call.

5:35 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on SW 1<sup>st</sup> Street.

8:46 p.m. - Officer Floyd cited a male into court for possession of marijuana.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 10

8:43 a.m. - Caller reported a controlled burn.

10:03 a.m. - Caller reported a dispute on Broadway Street.

10:25 a.m. - Caller reported a possible violation of a protective order.

1:09 p.m. - Loogootee Fire responded to a vehicle accident on US 231.

6:04 p.m. - Caller reported a view obstruction on North Line Street.

8:20 p.m. - First responders were requested on Cedar Street for a medical call.

11:22 p.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a business alarm.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 11

12:17 p.m. - Caller reported a dispute on Broadway Street.

1:55 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on JFK Avenue.

4:57 p.m. - Caller reported a missing male.

7:05 p.m. - First responders were requested on NE 3<sup>rd</sup> Street for a medical call.

9:19 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver. Driver was located and he checked out okay.

## More Neat Stuff

By Ann Ackerman



### 10 THINGS HOOSIERS DO THAT SEEM STRANGE TO OTHERS:

1. We'll strike up a conversation with you. We call it being friendly.
2. We will sit outside our house to watch storms.
3. We're all about tailgating, any time, any place.
4. We think peanut butter goes with everything.
5. We wear shorts at the slightest hint of Spring (my brother, Skipper, certainly does).
6. We have a shoe tree we're proud of. (Milltown, Indiana)
7. We love our farms and rural areas.
8. We'll actually get to know our neighbors.
9. We love "weird" food. (frog legs, brains)
10. We call green peppers "man-goes."

The local news station was interviewing an 80-year-old lady because she had just gotten married for the fourth time. The interviewer asked her questions about her life, about what it felt like to be marrying again at 80, and then about her new husband's occupation.

"He's a funeral director," she answered.

"Interesting," the newsman thought.

He then asked her if she wouldn't mind telling him a little about her first three husbands and what they did for a living.

She paused for a few moments, needing time to reflect on all those years. After a short time, a smile came to her face and she answered proudly, explaining that she had first married a banker when she was in her 20s, then a circus ringmaster when in her 40s, and a preacher when in her 60s, and now - in her 80s - a funeral director.

The interviewer looked at her, quite astonished, and asked why she had married four men with such diverse careers.

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She smiled and explained, "I married one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go."

The following are statements that made sense at the time but later proved to be - well you decide.

### SO MAYBE I WAS WRONG:

1. "We don't like their sound, and guitar music is on the way out." -Decca Recording Company on declining to sign the Beatles, 1962
2. "This telephone" has too many shortcomings to be seriously considered as a means of communication. The device is inherently of no value to us." -Western Union internal memo 1876
3. "Reagan doesn't have that presidential look." -United Artists executive after rejecting Reagan as lead in the 1964 film The Best Man
4. "Rail travel at high speed is not possible because passengers, unable to breathe, would die of asphyxia." -Dr. Dionysius Lardner 1830
5. "I think there is a world market for maybe five computers." -Thomas Watson, chairman of IBM 1943
6. "X-rays will prove to be a hoax."

-Lord Kelvin, President of the Royal Society 1883

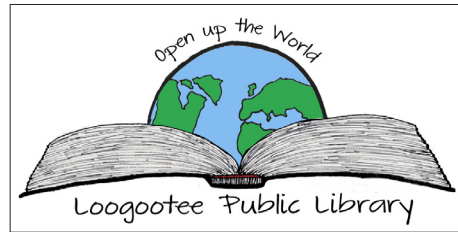
7. "The horse is here to stay but the automobile is only a novelty—a fad." -The president of the Michigan Savings Bank advising Henry Ford's lawyer not to invest in the Ford Motor Co 1903

8. "Television won't last because people will soon get tired of staring at a plywood box every night." -Darryl Zanuck, movie producer, 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox 1946

9. "No one will pay good money to get from Berlin to Potsdam in one hour when he can ride his horse there in one day for free." -King William I of Prussia, on trains 1864

10. "If excessive smoking actually plays a role in the production of lung cancer, it seems to be a minor one." -W.C. Heuper, National Cancer Institute 1954

Make someone smile today!



**BY DARLA WAGLER**  
Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Friends of Loogootee Public Library (FOLL) will have be setting up in front of IGA on Saturday, June 17 from 8 a.m. to noon selling "Behind Every Great Community is a Great Library" tee shirts as a fundraiser to raise money for the building fund. The shirts will be \$15 (an additional fee for larger sizes) and only adult sizes will be available for now. Later, Friends of Loogootee Public Library (FOLL) and board members will be at the Summerfest set up in front of Café Corner with the Helping Hands booth.

Last Friday, we had over 40 kids and 14 adults ride the bus plus several decided to drive instead of riding the bus to the Westgate Outdoors Day. The kids had a great time participating in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) activities plus learning about the various animals that were there.

Build a Better World summer reading program activities this week include Tyler Walton Art for ages 4-9 years old Thursdays in June at 10:15. Be there at 10 so we know how many to set up for. Father's Day cards will be the craft starting on Thursday and A foam DAD bookmark craft for Friday. Next Monday, there will be a tour of the Martin County Jail in Shoals at 10:15. Build a Better World Story Time is on Tuesday at 10:15 and a movie night -showing the movie Trolls- on Saturday, the 24<sup>th</sup> at dusk.

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](http://www.loogootee.lib.in.us) or like us on Facebook. The library has free Wi-Fi service available for patrons.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Domestic Violence Task Force

Middle Way House will hold its next Domestic Violence Task Force Meeting at Martin County Community Corrections, 211 SE 1st St, Loogootee, on Wednesday, June 21, from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

### LUMC Vacation Bible School

Loogootee United Methodist Church will hold their vacation bible school from June 26-30, from 6-8:30 p.m. each night. The theme this year is "Hero Central". They will also be offering a meal first for all participants starting at 5:15 p.m. Children will hear the bible stories of Samuel, Abigail, Jesus in the temple and teaching by the Sea of Galilee, then Pentecost. The recreation, craft, and science demonstration all relate to these stories. Any donations given this year will go to support the local humane society. Loogootee United Methodist church is located at 208 W. Main Street. If you have any questions, please call the church secretary at (812) 295-3049.

### AL-ANON meetings

AL-ANON, a support group for those impacted by substance abuse, meets every Thursday at 8 p.m. at Loogootee Redemption Church.

### 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!

## Grants available for local organizations serving Martin County residents

The Martin County Community Foundation is accepting applications for the 2017 Open Grant Cycle which funds charitable programs and projects that serve Martin County. Last year, fifteen Martin County projects were funded through the open grant cycle; the grants ranged from \$220 to \$2,500 each.

The 2017 grant cycle is funded by distributions from the following permanent endowment funds: Wendell Bough Family Fund, Courter Family Fund, Ken and Juanita Crane Fund, Al and Helen Friesenhengst Fund, Gregory Family Humanitarian Fund, Leo Harding Family Unrestricted Fund, Rich and Judy Kluesner Fund, Michael B. and Beth A. Lett Fund, Old National Fund, Smithville Charitable Foundation Fund, Tri-Kappa of Loogootee-Shoals Community Grants Fund, Donald and Janett Walton Fund for the Betterment of Martin County, and the MCCF Unrestricted Fund. Newly created endowments are the John T. and Elizabeth J. Chattin Community Fund and the German American Bancorp Fund. The Sarah Bowling Fuhrman Fund for Youth, Expectant Mothers Assistance Fund, and Loogootee Performing Arts Fund provide additional funding.

Grant application packets are now available online at [www.cfpartner.org/mccfgrantshowtoapply.htm](http://www.cfpartner.org/mccfgrantshowtoapply.htm) or at the Martin County Community Founda-

### 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](http://www.martinswcd.com) or call at 295-3149.

### Attention Senior Citizens

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

tion office located in the community building at 2668 U.S. Hwy. 50, Loogootee. Please call (812) 295-1022 to schedule a pick-up time. Completed applications must be returned to the community foundation by 4 p.m., August 1, 2017 to be considered for funding.

Non-profit organizations recognized by the IRS as having 501(c)(3) status, accredited educational institutions, and governmental entities are invited to submit applications. Awards will be announced at the MCCF Annual Dinner on November 6, 2017.

## Indiana State announces dean's list


Indiana State University has announced its dean's list for the spring semester of 2017.

To be eligible for the list, students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Area students making the dean's list are Nicole Harder and Delena Evans of Shoals.


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By Curt Johnson  
MCCF Executive Director



#### -- BEQUESTS --

So, what is a bequest? A bequest is an instruction in your written will that states how to distribute some or all of your estate. The simple "charitable bequest" is the most popular planned gift because it's an easy way to leave a lasting legacy. When you make a charitable bequest, you retain full use of your property during your life, so there is no disruption of your lifestyle and no immediate out-of-pocket cost. You simply direct that part of your estate go to one or more of your favorite charities.

#### -- TYPES OF BEQUESTS --

You have considerable flexibility since charitable bequests take several forms. You can leave: (1) a specific request which is a gift of a particular asset, such as 100 shares of XYZ Corporation; (2) a percentage request where some part of the value of the distributed estate is gifted; (3) a residual bequest that leaves a gift as the remainder of the estate after all taxes, expenses, and other bequests have been satisfied; or (4) a contingent bequest that is a gift that will be made to a second beneficiary in the event that the original beneficiary is deceased or does not accept the gift.

The type of bequest language that you choose should fit what you want to accomplish. You should think carefully about how your gift can help the person or organization when deciding what bequests to include.

#### -- WHY A BEQUEST? --

If you do not leave a will and do not make a bequest, you cannot be sure that your property will be distributed as you intend. Without a will, your property will be distributed by a pre-set formula according to government laws, and it is possible that family members, close friends, and worthwhile charities will receive no part of your estate.

Making a will is the only way to be sure that the people and causes you care for will receive your generous gifts. You can designate exactly how you want your charitable bequest to be used or you can leave it to the MCCF "unrestricted" funds so that we have the flexibility to meet our community's ever-changing needs.

While a charitable bequest offers no income tax benefits, it is fully deductible for estate tax purposes if you meet basic requirements. And keep in mind that for estates subject to estate tax, the tax rates are historically higher than income tax rates.

#### -- CHANGING A BEQUEST --

You can change any bequest provision during your life, which means you stay in complete control of the process. You can amend your will with a codicil (the legal instrument to modify a will) or execute an entirely new will.

It's a good idea to update your will on a regular basis to keep up with changes in laws and your own objectives and concerns. Also, remember that if you decide to leave a specific asset such as a car or a vacation home to a beneficiary in your will, but later you decide to sell or otherwise dispose of the asset, the specific bequest will fail and that beneficiary will receive nothing.

#### -- ALTERNATIVES --

There are other ways to make a "bequest" type of arrangement without a will. You can make similar beneficiary

designations with a life insurance policy, revocable trust or retirement plan. Making a charitable organization the beneficiary of a retirement plan and leaving other assets to loved ones can provide income tax relief for your heirs in addition to other potential estate tax savings.

#### -- LET US KNOW --

If you wish to make a charitable bequest (or have already done so) to the MCCF, it's important to let us know. We want the opportunity to thank for your commitment and generosity. And to invite you to join our "Legacy Society" to recognize you as a part of a key group of individuals showing concern for Martin County's future needs. We also want to offer our help as you plan your bequest so that you get the most satisfaction out of it. Good planning can magnify the impact of any gift.

#### -- MORE INFORMATION --

If you or someone you know is interested in a charitable bequest, please contact the MCCF Executive Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or [mccf@cfpartner.org](mailto:mccf@cfpartner.org).

You can receive a complimentary copy of "Planning for the Future: A Guide to Planning your Will & Trust". This document will help you prepare for your discussion with your attorney, tax and/or financial advisor.

There are also several online documents in the "Wills and Bequests" folder in the MCCF Resource Documents library. Other folders in the library can help you with estate planning, types of gifts, and retirement and personal planning. Contact Curt for a link to the files.

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

## TRANSFERS

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one acre, more or less.

**Donna Haynes, Deborah Osborne, Jacquie Catt, Brenda Edwards and Falcia Hollaway**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Steven A. Parker and Dana J. Parker**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 1, Township 1 North, Range 5 West, Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 8.74 acres, more or less, except a section containing 0.942 acres, more or less.

**Austin J. Myers**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Austin J. Myers and Summer V. Shaw**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of Section 3, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 28.53 acres, except sections containing 5.5946 acres, 5 acres and 5 acres. Containing after said exceptions, 12.934 acres.

**Nancy J. Sterling**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Norma C. Hughes**, of Barrow County, Georgia, Lot Number 17 in Risacher's Fifth Addition to the City of Loogootee, Martin County, Indiana.

**Scott L. Arvin**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Scott L. Arvin and Trenton Arvin**, of Martin County, Indiana, four acres in Section 19, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, in Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana.

# 4-H NEWS

By Stacy Brown

Martin County Purdue Extension Educator



#### Day Camp 2017 Announced

The Martin County Junior Leaders will once again host a summer day camp for county youth grades K-4. The camp will be June 19-21 from 12:30 to 4:30 each day at the Martin County Community Building. This year's this is Barn Yard. Participants will learn about science and art through barn yard themed activities. The cost for the first child in the immediate family is \$20, every child after that in the immediate family is \$15. Please call the Extension Office at 812-295-2412 to make reservations by June 14, 2017.

#### Club Meetings

Jolly Juniors—Thursday, June 22 and Thursday, June 29, at 6 p.m. at Truelove Church.

Jolly Jug Rox—Monday, June 19.

The last meeting will be Thursday, July 6. All meetings are at the Hindostan Church from 6-7 p.m. Please mark your calendars and see you at the meetings.

Dream Team—Saturday, June 24 at 10 a.m., Sunday, July 2 at 7 p.m., Saturday, July 8 at 10 a.m., Monday, July 10 time TBD. All meetings are at the Loogootee City Park except July 10. It will be held at the Martin County Fairgrounds. Books will be signed at the July 10 meeting.

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



A sewing workshop was hosted by Carolyn Johnson (left) and Debbie Rayman (right) on June 7. 4-Hers that attended were Karter Burris (left) and Makenzie Mauder (right).



A cake decorating workshop was hosted by Allison Albright and Heather Arvin on June 5. 4-Hers that attended were Eleora Neeley Kori Redman, Chloe Ramsey, Kamila Wilson, Karmen Wilson, Lilian Lukomski, Makenzie Mauder, Cora Ausbrooks, Cacia Wilcoxen, Lillie Bauer, Cassidy Bruner, and Olivia Harker.

#### Upcoming Events

Livestock weigh-ins

Poultry - June 17, 9-11 a.m.

Upcoming Events

June 23 - Fair Entry closes

July 10 - 4-Her mandatory

fair clean-up day

July 11 - Non-perishable projects judged 5-8 PM

July 12 - Perishable projects judged 5-8 PM

July 13 - Livestock move in day

Fair Schedule

The 2017 Martin County Fair Schedule has been announced.

Saturday, July 8

9 a.m. - Ag Tractor Driving Contest

Monday, July 10

Mandatory Fair Clean-Up—All 4-Hers required to help.

Friday, July 14

9 a.m. - Horse & Pony judging in the horse arena

5 p.m. - Building open to public

5 p.m. - Color Me Green Run, sponsored by Martin County Jr. Leaders

5 p.m.-7 p.m. - Sign up for silent auction items

6 p.m.-10 p.m. - Dino's Amusement Rides

6:30 p.m. - Queen Contest at free stage; Public Dress Revue during queen contest; entertainment from the Performing Arts winner

7 p.m. - Antique Tractor Pulls and Truck Pulls; general admission: \$5, children under 5 free. Pits: \$15. Hillside seating, bring lawn chairs or blankets. Contact Dan Wagler @ 812-617-5286.

Saturday, July 15

9 a.m. - Building open to public

9 a.m. - Antique Tractor show

9 a.m. - Beef show in livestock arena (old time showmanship after show)

11 a.m. - Cookie Walk in the 4-H Food Stand

11 a.m. - Robotics Demonstration on free stage

1 p.m. - Rabbit show in livestock arena

4 p.m. - Lawn tractor driving contest

5 p.m.-7 p.m. - sign up for silent auction items

6 p.m.-10 p.m. - Dino's Amusement Rides

7 p.m. - Sheep show in livestock arena (old time showmanship after show)

7 p.m. - Farm tractor pulls; general admission: \$5, children under 5 free. Pits: \$15. Hillside seating, bring lawn chairs or blankets. Contact Dan Wagler @ 812-617-5286.



One of the recent trends in gardening is the use of food-producing plants in the landscape. This week, I harvested berries from two plants that offer both landscape interest and food value.

I went to a cousin's home last week to pick some gooseberries. The tart berries are good for jams, compotes and pies. Gooseberry bushes are useful for making hedges. While some hybrids have been bred to be thornless, most cultivars have thorns and are therefore useful as a living fence. The foliage of gooseberry bushes is attractive and they take on a bronze color in the fall.

At Sandhill Gardens, I have but one gooseberry bush, which has yet to bear a crop of berries. Most gooseberries are self-fertile, but others will benefit from a pollinator. I believe that may be the problem with my bush, so I hope to get another bush to plant near it to see if I will get berries.

The other berry I picked this week is just the opposite of the gooseberry in taste. The native serviceberry is among the sweetest of fruits. The serviceberry, also known as sarvis, shadblow, Juneberry or Saskatoon berry, is perhaps one of the most underused plants in the landscape. I certainly do not understand why there is not a serviceberry bush or tree in every landscape. In spring, the tree is covered with clusters of white flowers. The berries, which range from a rusty red to black, are sweet and flavorful. They are great for jams, jellies and syrups. A tea made from the leaves and twigs was used by some native tribes as a treatment for diabetes and recent clinical research indicates that the serviceberry does support glucose absorption by the cells, thus lowering blood sugar levels.

Depending on the specific species, serviceberries will form a large multi-stemmed bush or a small tree. The leaves become red to orange in the fall. It is certainly a better option for the home landscape than the invasive ornamental pear trees. Even if one does not want to harvest the berries, the birds will take care of that chore. The drawback with serviceberries is

## Spring Mill State Park begins jogging and photography club

Exercise and create art at the same time by joining Spring Mill State Park's new Photog Jogging Club.

The first meeting will take place at 10 a.m. on Monday, June 26, in the Donaldson parking lot.

The club will meet weekly in various areas of the park to hit the trails with interpretive naturalist Kelsey Campbell. Participants will learn about the park, capture beautiful nature scenes, and get fit.

For more information, contact interpretive naturalist Wyatt Williams at (812) 849-3534 or [wwilliams1@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:wwilliams1@dnr.IN.gov).

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

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

that it takes a few years for the trees to begin production, but it is worth the wait.

Serviceberries will grow in a variety of locations, including wet areas and partial shade. They may be planted as a focal point or they make a nice allee when planted along a path or roadway. With few pest problems, they are a low-maintenance plant that has both food and beauty value. The biggest problem with serviceberries is finding them. For some reason that completely escapes me, nurseries have not joined the bandwagon for serviceberries. Part of the reason may be that they are native plants and many nurseries do not think people will pay for plants that they see growing wild. However, I do not recommend trying to transplant serviceberries from the wild.

Another popular berry plant that is also attractive is the blueberry. Blueberries come in various sizes, so there is a variety that will fit about anywhere. Blueberries like acidic soil, so you may need to amend the soil to successfully raise them. The dark green, waxy leaves are attractive and the tasty fruits are a bonus. Fruit size may range from the tiny berries of wild plants to berries as big as a nickel. One recent development is a pink blueberry, which adds to the visual interest of the plant. The plants make an attractive hedge and there are even cultivars specifically bred for growing in containers. With blueberries, production is better with different varieties for pollination. Since different cultivars bloom and bear at different times, it may take some investigation to ensure that you have compatible cultivars. Many companies label the plants with suggestions of companion varieties.

With both beauty and food value, these berries are wonderful additions to any landscape. They may take a little work to get them off to a good start, but they will reward you with berries for years.

## What Flies at Night

Join entomology expert Lauren Unfried and discover what flies at night at the Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge on June 17 at 7:30 p.m. Central Time. The event will begin with an evening hike around Maxey Marsh and will conclude with an investigation of what can be found flying at night on the Refuge.

Participants are encouraged to dress appropriately for an evening hike including hiking shoes, insect repellent, and bring a flashlight/headlamp and bug net if possible. Children should be accompanied by an adult. The event will last approximately 1 1/2 hours.

To get to Maxey Marsh take SR 64 East through Oakland City to CR 1275 (look for the brown Refuge sign). Turn left (north) on CR 1275 and follow the brown Refuge signs to Maxey Marsh. Parking is available on the right or the left side of the road. (Contact Lauren at 812 768-6440 for information about the hike.)

For more information about the Refuge, visit [www.fws.gov/refuge/patoka\\_river/](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/patoka_river/).



## Bald Eagles

-Photo by Bill Whorrall, [www.billwhorrallart.com](http://www.billwhorrallart.com)

Bald Eagles typically nest in forested areas adjacent to large bodies of water, staying away from heavily developed areas when possible. Bald Eagles are tolerant of human activity when feeding, and may congregate around fish processing plants, dumps, and below dams where fish concentrate. For perching, Bald Eagles prefer tall, mature coniferous or deciduous trees that afford a wide view of the surroundings. In winter, Bald Eagles can also be seen in dry, open uplands if there is access to open water for fishing.

## Angler's alligator gar likely came from Kentucky

The origin of an alligator gar taken earlier this month by an Indiana bow angler has been positively identified as a stocked fish, likely one from a restoration program Kentucky started eight years ago.

"It looks like it's one of our fish," said Stephanie Brandt, a biologist with the Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife.

The clues were a microwire tag embedded in the fish and the absence of a pit tag some other states use in combination with microwires.

"By process of elimination and close proximity to our waters, that's what it looks like," Brandt said.

From the fish's size – 63 inches long and 55 pounds – she said it likely was a 10-year-old fish released in 2009 or 2010.

Kentucky has a partnership with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to restore alligator gar, starting with fry acquired from the Private John Allen National Fish Hatchery in Mississippi and reared at Kentucky hatcheries before they are released into areas with suitable habitat.

The fish taken by the bow angler on the White River in southwest Indiana was not large by alligator gar standards.

There are reports of alligator gar weighing over 300 pounds, but the International Game Fish Association and the National Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame both list the world record caught on rod-and-reel as a 279-pounder taken from the Rio Grande River in Texas in 1951.

A 327-pound alligator gar taken in Mississippi in 2011 was not eligible for record consideration since it was caught in a commercial fisherman's net.

Indiana is on the northern edge of historic range for Alligator Gar, so the fish taken here is considered a rare find. Indiana DNR fisheries biologists who regularly conduct surveys on large rivers haven't found Alligator Gar in the last 30 years.

Common gar species in Indiana are longnose, shortnose, and spotted.

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# Purdue, WestGate, Crane joins forces for educational, technology research, commercialization advancements

WestGate Authority, Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane Division (NSWC Crane), Purdue University and Purdue Research Foundation will combine strengths to advance educational, research and development, and technology commercialization across Indiana and elsewhere, officials announced Monday, June 12.

The agreement will provide educational opportunities from Purdue's Krannert School of Management and Purdue Polytechnic Institute; startup creation assistance from Purdue Foundry; increased tech transfer support from Purdue Office of Technology Commercialization; and company incubation space and amenities from WestGate@Crane Technology Park and Purdue Research Park. A dedication to launch the partnership is slated for July 24.

"The collaboration with WestGate establishes a valuable asset adjacent to the world-renowned Crane facility from which many Indiana residents can benefit," Purdue University President Mitch Daniels said. "Combining the vast strengths of WestGate, Crane and other outstanding economic entities in Southern Indiana with Purdue's educational, tech transfer and startup creation programs will provide many immediate and long-term educational and economic opportunities for people in the entire region."

Purdue University and Purdue Research Foundation have a history of partnering with NSWC Crane in technology commercialization including a technology transfer showcase in 2014, technology transfer collaboration in 2015, and a 2016 award for its technology transfer partnership.

As part of the agreement, Purdue University and Purdue Research Foundation will provide:

- Staffing, including a program manager and programming, at the WestGate@Crane Technology Park.
- Intellectual property support and a WestGate Express License to expedite Purdue and NSWC Crane IP commercialization.
- Entrepreneurs-in-residence to assist with startup creation.
- FireStarter program to guide entrepreneurs through the "Ideation" and startup development process.
- Support amenities offered to Purdue Foundry clients and Purdue Research Park tenants.
- Krannert School of Management NSF Midwest I-Corps™ Node.
- Purdue Polytechnic Institute educational services and classes in the business and technology sectors.

The Purdue Foundry will bring its successful entrepreneurial programs to encourage startup creation from Purdue and NSWC Crane innovations.

"Our footprint at this site is already strong, but bringing the full compendium of what we do in West Lafayette will do much to increase commercialization and startup creation," said Greg Deason, senior vice president of Purdue Research Foundation and director of innovation and commercialization for the Burton D. Morgan Center for Entrepreneurship in Purdue University's Discovery Park. "In addition to the programming we plan to provide, we will establish popular networking events like our Foundry Grounds and Spirited Entrepreneur to the area. We believe the collaboration between Purdue and WestGate can

move the economic development needle for the whole region."

Expanded collaborations are in the works as well.

"Recognizing that many other fine Indiana universities are offering complementary initiatives, we encourage them to participate in this non-exclusive partnership," said Dan Hasler, Purdue Research Foundation chief entrepreneurial officer. "Our hope is that the site will become a collaboration space for our other state university partners who wish to work from WestGate on an extended basis."

Purdue is actively exploring opportunities to collaborate with Indiana University at WestGate.

"Indiana University will be pleased to partner with our Purdue colleagues at

WestGate, as we both recognize the importance of our state's two public research universities working together to support education, research, economic development and related technology commercialization efforts in the region," #8221; said Bill Stephan, IU's vice president for engagement. "Moreover, we look forward to establishing an Indiana University office at WestGate to more effectively and regularly engage with our colleagues and partners."

WestGate Authority President John Mensch said the collaboration is far reaching.

"This agreement enhances our outreach opportunities to a much higher level and enables us to offer a fully embedded ecosystem of technology education, innovation and commercialization for WestGate@Crane," he said. "We are very excited to have Purdue take a bigger role at WestGate and look forward to collaborating with them while continuing to offer the great amenities and opportunities to our community and other partners."

WestGate Authority covers the WestGate@Crane Technology Park, a certified tri-county technology park located in Greene, Daviess, and Martin counties; which includes the Battery Innovation Center. WestGate Authority already works closely with NSWC Crane Division, I-69 Innovation Corridor, Indiana Office of Defense Development, WorkOne and other local and state economic development entities. WestGate is the only multi-county tech park in Indiana.

Purdue Research Foundation already has ongoing collaborations with NSWC Crane.

"We have worked in partnership with the Purdue Office of Technology Commercialization for the past three years with strong success in our technology commercialization areas," said Capt. JT Elder, Commanding Officer of NSWC Crane. "Having Purdue establish a physical presence in our area will increase our collaborations in these activities and across the broader innovation eco-system."

The Purdue Office of Technology Commercialization will increase commercialization and startup programs already established at NSWC Crane.

"We plan to offer a 'WestGate Express License,' which is something modeled after a license we have offered to Purdue entrepreneurs with great success since 2013," said Brooke Beier, executive director of the Purdue Office of Technology Commercialization. "The WestGate Express License reduces the time and



**The WestGate Academy Conference and Training Center in Odon, Indiana will provide facilities for collaborative activities to advance novel technologies and startup creation among WestGate Authority, Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane Division (NSWC Crane), Purdue University and Purdue Research Foundation, officials announced Monday, June 12. (Image provided)**

process of obtaining a license for Purdue intellectual property as a template license with favorable terms and will be available for those companies that are basing their business out of WestGate."

Educational opportunities through Purdue Polytechnic Institute and Purdue Krannert School of Management include classes for degree or continuing education.

"We currently have satellite locations across Indiana. Adding new offerings at WestGate will provide a valuable ongoing opportunity for professionals in the area," said Gary Bertoline, dean of the Purdue Polytechnic Institute. "We plan to provide various courses, seminars and workshops as part of this collaboration."

Purdue Krannert School of Management will launch an NSF Midwest I-Corps™ Node program at WestGate in the fall of 2017.

"We will focus the program on startups that are translating defense technologies and applications to commercial application," said Matthew Lynall, Purdue associate professor of management and director of De-

liberate Innovation for Faculty. "The program will be based on the existing I-Corps program offered at the Purdue Foundry and at other university entrepreneurship centers across the Midwest."

Other partners with WestGate include the University of Southern Indiana's SwiSTEM Resource Center, an equipment lending service located in the technology park, and Radius Indiana, a regional partnership encompassing eight counties in South Central Indiana: Crawford, Daviess, Dubois, Greene, Lawrence, Martin, Orange and Washington.

"The agreement between Purdue, WestGate and Crane is really an agreement for all those involved in tech transfer, startup creation and economic development in Southern Indiana," said Becky Skillman, chairman of the board for Radius. "Posting Purdue at the front door of Crane is a significant step for the region."

"The timing is right," added Hasler. "The WestGate Authority has done a super job getting WestGate to this point. Purdue is honored to add one more shoulder to the effort."

## Radius Indiana's Timbrook Graduates from OU Economic Development Institute

Radius Indiana is proud to announce that Chief Operating Officer Joe Timbrook graduated from the University of Oklahoma Economic Development Institute May 4, 2017 at the OU EDI Spring session held in San Antonio, Texas.

The OU EDI Spring session is an intensive week-long, three-tier program that provides a broad spectrum of advanced education for the economic development professional. It is the final education installment for students who have completed a total of 117 hours of instruction with curriculum selected from more than 50 seminars, workshops and discussion groups.

Timbrook becomes one of only three area leaders to graduate from the esteemed program. Bedford Mayor Shawna Girgis and Martin County Alliance Executive Director Tim Kinder have also completed the program. Timbrook will now prepare to test for the economic development industry's nationally recognized designation as a Certified Economic Developer (CEdD).

"Completing this program is no small undertaking and is a true testa-

ment to Joe's commitment to economic development," said Radius Indiana President and CEO Jeff Quyle. "We are so fortunate to have Joe as part of our team - his enthusiasm and dedication for the region are evident in all he does at Radius."

OU EDI classes focus on three major core areas including: Business Retention and Expansion, Real Estate, and Finance, as well as areas of concentration in Marketing, Strategic Planning, Entrepreneurship, and Managing Economic Development Organizations.

OU EDI Dean Peter Abramo said, "As the premier organization dedicated to training economic development professionals, I am very pleased with this year's graduates. They represent some of the finest economic development practitioners in the U.S. working to support their local communities. My congratulations to them."

Beginning in 1962, OU EDI is celebrating its 54<sup>th</sup> year of service to the economic development community. Fully accredited by the International Economic Development Council, the program has trained over 4,000 graduates and remains the world's leading economic development teacher.

# Purdue researcher verifies the existence of 53 people mentioned in Hebrew Bible

Lawrence Mykytiuk cannot document that everything in the Bible took place. What the Purdue University Libraries professor can do is show you that many of the people written about did, in fact, exist.

“While some would put their hand on the Bible and really mean it when they take an oath, a few revisionist academics would throw it out and say, ‘That’s creative writing.’ I was looking for concrete, objective evidence outside of the Bible that would help build the case,” said Mykytiuk, an associate professor of library science.

Mykytiuk (pronounced MICK-ee-took) has added three names to the previously published 50 Old Testament individuals in the Bible, beginning with King David, all of whom he says he has verified through his research. The three new people are Tattenai (also translated as Tatnai), a Persian governor during the time of Ezra (after the Babylonian exile); and two high officials of Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar II: Nergal-sharezer, called the “samgar” official, and Nebuzaradan, “the chief of the guards.” A YouTube video is available [www.youtube.com/watch?v=GYSucgVgeIM&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GYSucgVgeIM&feature=youtu.be).

Tattenai is mentioned in the fifth chapter of the book of Ezra. He also is mentioned outside of the Bible in a letter on a clay tablet from Persian King Darius I the Great, in the year 502 B.C.

According to the Bible, Nergal-sharezer and Nebuzaradan were high officials of King Nebuchadnezzar II, who in 586 B.C. destroyed the First Temple, as well as Jerusalem, and exiled most of the remaining population of Judah. They are mentioned at the scene of the destruction in Jeremiah 39:3 and 39:9, respectively, and Nebuzaradan also is mentioned in 2 Kings, Chapter 25. Their king included them in a contemporaneous list of his courtiers that was written on clay tablets.

Mykytiuk has written about his latest findings in Biblical Archeology Review.

“When you verify that a person existed, you’re not usually verifying that they did what the Bible says they did, because you don’t usually get that much information in the inscription or in the Bible,” Mykytiuk said. “If you get the person’s name, his or her father’s name, and the person’s office or title, that doesn’t verify that they did certain things. But it can sometimes show they were in a position to do the things Scripture says they did. That’s often as far as you can go. Still, there are some longer inscriptions from an-

cient Israel’s neighbors that mention people and events in the Old Testament, just describing them from a different point of view.”

When verifying an individual, Mykytiuk goes through a painstaking three-step process:

Data is checked to make sure it is from an authentic inscription and not forged. Settings from historical documents are matched up to confirm that the person’s time and socio-political “place” (such as the kingdom of Judah) are the same. Mykytiuk considers a period of about 50 years between the person in the inscription and the person in the Bible as permissible, because an adult could be active for that amount of time.

At least three ways of identifying the individual in the Bible (such as the person’s name, the father’s name, and the person’s title) must match the same three identifying marks of the individual in the inscription. Three identifying matches are considered a lock, two are considered a reasonable hypothesis, or even a likely hypothesis for a match, but one is not enough.

“Sometimes the three-step process is not necessary, as when we know that the person in an inscription and the person in the Bible are both connected to a one-time circumstance or event that fits one and only one person,” Mykytiuk said. “For example, Ahab, king of Israel, ruled during the period in which the famous battle of Qarqar was fought in 853 B.C. His Assyrian enemy wrote about ‘Ahab the Israelite,’ one of the kings he fought in that particular battle. Therefore, Ahab, king of Israel in the Bible, and Ahab, the Israelite king at the battle of Qarqar in the Assyrian inscription, must have been the same person.

After interpreting the inscription according to data from other inscriptions outside the Bible, only then does he compare it to the Bible. “To use biblical data as a determining factor in interpreting an inscription, and then to claim that the inscription confirms the Bible, opens the door to circular logic,” he said.

It’s easy to go online and find long lists proclaiming that they are filled with many more verified biblical figures, but Mykytiuk says many of those lists include forged inscriptions and do not guard against inaccuracies. He has published numerous articles on the subject, presented at academic conferences and taken questions from expert reviewers in biblical studies, ancient history, and archaeology, adjusting his criteria accordingly. Mykytiuk can also read languages used in ancient texts,

such as those on monuments, signet rings, and seal impressions in lumps of clay, called bullae (singular: bulla), which were used to seal documents.

The languages he uses to read ancient inscriptions and the Bible include ancient Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek. He also reads inscriptions in various Canaanite dialects and in other ancient languages, such as Phoenician. And in order to keep up with recent scholarship on inscriptions, he reads articles in a few modern European languages.

Although the Hebrew Bible names almost 3,000 people, Mykytiuk states that for an overwhelming number of these, it only gives the person’s name and does not supply enough specific information about them to identify them in any other writing. The number of individuals for whom the Bible gives enough information to identify them

specifically is far smaller, surely no more than a few hundred, he estimates. With 53 of the people mentioned in the Hebrew Bible now verified through years of research, Mykytiuk will move on to the New Testament, first with a BAR article on 23 verified political figures, then to another one covering about six religious figures. In 2015, he published an article in BAR titled, Did Jesus Exist? Searching for Evidence Beyond the Bible.

He calls such verifications his passion and says it’s important because, “This evidence shows that it is not essential to have religious faith in order to understand and accept much of what the Bible presents. It demonstrates that even on the basis of writings outside of the Bible alone, Scripture does have a considerable degree of historical credibility.”

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**Maintenance Technicians  
Manufacturing Positions  
Maintenance Clean-Up  
Metal Machinists**

Jasper Rubber Products is a 100% employee-owned company providing steady employment for the employee owners. We currently have openings in our Maintenance department and manufacturing areas. We offer work schedules with stable hours on the following shifts:

1st shift- 6:00 am—2:00 pm  
2nd shift- 2:00 pm—10:00 pm  
3rd shift-10:00 pm—6:00 am

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**Specials at The Lodge**

Wednesday: Chicken Bacon Ranch Wraps  
Thursday: Roast Beef or Beef Manhattan  
Friday: Fish and Chips with Cole Slaw  
Friday night: Smoked Salmon with a Raspberry Glaze, Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Asparagus  
Saturday: Shrimp Po’boy with Fries  
Saturday night: Smoked Chicken and Smoked Pork Chops  
Sunday: Oven Roasted Turkey



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