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## Township accounts hold \$878,000

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Township governments were established many years ago, back before automobiles, phones and internet, when it took time for someone to get to town to conduct business. A township is a small geographical area, ranging in size from 6 to 54 square miles with 36 square miles being average. There are six townships that make up Martin County – Perry, Halbert, Lost River, Mitcheltree, Center, and Rutherford. Each of those townships has a trustee, a paid elected official. Each trustee also has a paid secretary and a paid advisory board of three people. All six township trustees in Martin County in 2015, operated the trustee's office from their homes and were reimbursed for rent, utilities, phone, and travel, in some cases.

There are 1,008 townships in Indiana. Indiana is one of only 20 states that maintain some form of township government.

One of the main jobs of a township trustee is to provide money to people in need. Township assistance is given to individuals who are in an emergen-

cy situation and have no other means to provide the basic essentials of life. Residents in need can request help paying for utilities, rent, medical and dental expenses, prescriptions, vehicle repairs, fuel, groceries, and clothing.

The trustee also provides fire protection to its citizens when the township is not incorporated into a city or town. This could include contracting with a local fire department to provide the services to the township residents. It can also include providing funds for buildings, equipment, and vehicles for the department.

The trustee also maintains cemeteries by hiring people to provide mowing services. Other duties can include helping with funeral expenses, providing and maintaining township parks and community centers, destroying detrimental plants, noxious weeds, and rank vegetation; and providing insulin to the poor.

Money is provided to the townships from property taxes, auto excise tax, and county option income tax. Interest earned from the rollover of cash balances is also included in the budget. At the end of 2015, the six townships had cash balances totaling \$874,228.49.

## Bicentennial torchbearer names announced

Lt. Governor Eric Holcomb, Indiana Office of Tourism Development (IOTD) Executive Director Mark Newman, Indiana Farmers Mutual Insurance President and CEO Kim Smith and Bicentennial Torch Relay State Director Noelle Szydyk last week unveiled the names of more than 2,000 Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay torchbearers, as well as the official torchbearer uniforms. The unveiling took place during a press conference at the Indiana Statehouse.

"The 2,000 plus Hoosiers selected as torchbearers embody the Indiana traditions of service, civic pride, community involvement and volunteerism," said Lt. Governor Holcomb. "As we reflect on Indiana's first two hundred years, it is only fitting that we celebrate Hoosiers who serve as inspirations in their communities."

The following people were chosen as

torchbearers for Martin County: Lisa Bauer, John Bowling, William (Jack) Butcher, Phyllis Crews, Eric Doane, Lynne Ellis, Jim Floyd, Theresa Fuhrman, Betsy Graves, Kenneth Greenwell, Noel Harty, Jordan Hawkins, Brooke Hawkins, Megan Hawkins, Lynn Hawkins, Megan Jones, Richard Kluesner, James Marshall, Ernie Martin, Carolyn McGuire, James Poirier, Mike Ringwald, Paula Ringwald, Travis Roush, Candace Roush, Deirdree Sanders, Connor Sorrells, Mike Steiner, and Philip Todd. Also chosen were the late Charles Force and the late Robert Greene. The county will provide a participant to represent these two torchbearers.

A list of all torchbearer names and the counties they represent can be found at [http://www.in.gov/ibc/files/EditedTorchbearers\\_list\\_6.29E.pdf](http://www.in.gov/ibc/files/EditedTorchbearers_list_6.29E.pdf).

Torchbearers were nominated by

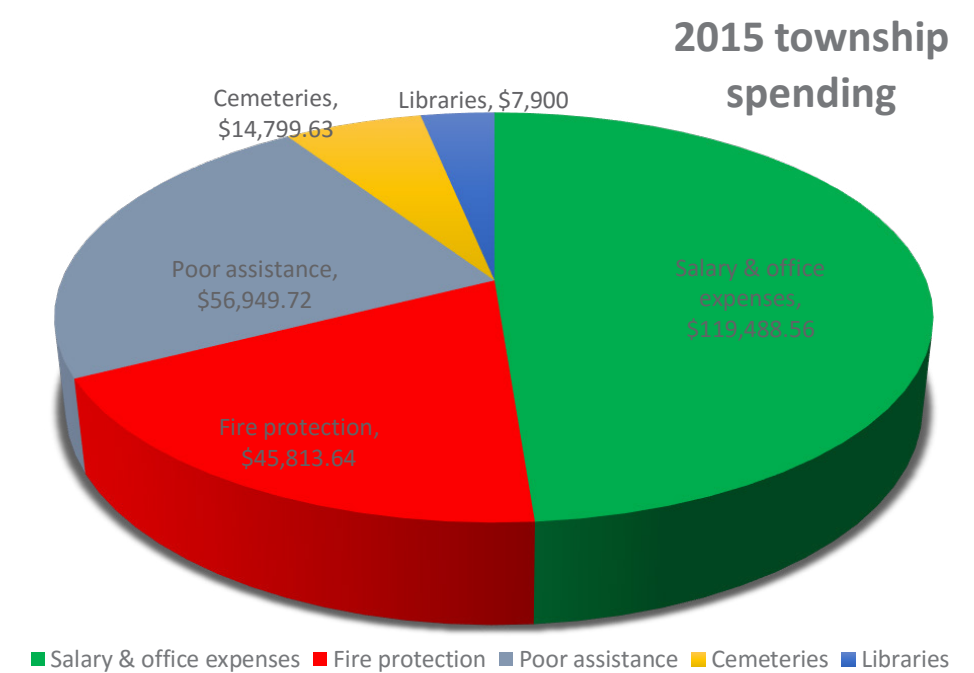
## Monday afternoon crash kills Odon man, driver arrested

A Fourth of July crash north of Loogootee took the life of an Odon man, injured four children, and resulted in a driver going to jail on numerous felony charges.

At 2:40 p.m. Monday afternoon, Jessica I. Bechtel, of Odon, was traveling southbound on US 231 near County Road 700 North (five miles north of Loogootee) in her 2006 Dodge Durango, when she crossed the center line and drove into oncoming traffic. Terry Tapp, of Martinsville, was northbound in his 2015 Chevrolet Traverse, and saw Bechtel driving towards him. Both drivers swerved in an attempt to avoid the crash; Bechtel was able to avoid colliding with Tapp's Chevrolet, but instead struck the camper trailer he was pulling.

As a result of the crash, debris from the trailer was thrown through the front passenger side window of the Dodge, and struck the front seat passenger, Tyson Willkie, of Odon. Willkie was pronounced dead at the scene by the Martin County Coroner. Four children inside the Dodge were also injured. Shaylee Bechtel, of Odon, was transported to Daviess County Hospital in Washington and later transferred to St. Mary's in Evansville. The other three children were treated and released to family at the scene.

During the investigation of the crash, Troopers found that Bechtel had operated her vehicle with amounts of methamphetamine, amphetamine, and benzodiazepine in her blood. She was



Each township's leftover money rolls over into the next year.

Each year the township trustees are required by state law to file an annual report. Those reports, according to the state Gateway site, must be provided to the state for upload onto the state database 60 days after the end of the year. That deadline for 2015 annual re-

ports was March 1, 2016. To view all reports, visit [https://gateway.ifonline.org/report\\_builder/](https://gateway.ifonline.org/report_builder/). Information from the filed reports is broken down below for each township.

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## MCHS Animal Shelter trying to free up space to save more lives

In an effort to clear out the animal shelter for dogs and cats waiting to come in, the Martin County Humane Society will be doing \$20 adoptions on Wednesday, July 6 from 5-7 p.m. and Saturday, July 9 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The animal shelter currently has more than 40 dogs and cats and many more waiting to come in. The regular adoption fee for dogs is \$80 and for cats is \$40. All dogs and cats are spayed or neutered, have booster and rabies vaccinations, are treated for fleas and ticks and given wormer upon intake. Dogs 7 months and older are also heartworm tested. Each adoption also comes with a bag of Hill's Science Diet food and a goodie bag with treats and coupons. Petfinder is also currently providing adopters with \$190 worth of products and services. Information on how to get those products will be handed out with the adoption paperwork.

The \$20 adoption fee event will be held these two days only and only applies to dogs and cats that are already spayed or neutered.

The Martin County Humane Society Animal Shelter is located at 507 North Oak Street in Loogootee. The shelter operates on donations and volunteers only. For more information on the dogs and cats currently available, visit [www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org](http://www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org).

the public and selected by local committees on a county-by-county basis. More than 4,000 torchbearer nominations were received. Those selected are Hoosiers who demonstrate exceptional public service, excellence in their profession, acts of heroism or volunteer service to their neighborhood, community, region or state.

Developed by IOTD, the Relay is patterned after the Olympic Torch Relay and is designed to connect Hoosiers everywhere during the bicentennial year. The unifying nature of the torch relay underscores the achievement, influence and aspirations of Indiana and its people while symbolically passing the torch to future generations of Hoosiers. The torch relay route was charted by a committee of representatives from multiple state agencies and the private sector. The route showcases locations (See 'BICENTENNIAL' on page 2)

arrested and lodged, without incident, in the Martin County Jail.

US 231 was closed for approximately two hours while the crash was investigated. The Indiana State Police was assisted by the Loogootee Police Department, Martin and Daviess County Sheriff's Departments, Indiana Conservation Officers, Martin County and Southwest EMS, and the Loogootee Fire Department

Bechtel was charged with operating while intoxicated with a controlled substance – causing death, a Level 3 Felony; operating while intoxicated with a passenger under 18 years old, a Level 6 Felony; and neglect of a dependent – placing a dependent in a dangerous situation, a Level 6 Felony.



# TOWNSHIPS

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## RUTHERFORD TOWNSHIP

Rutherford Township's trustee is Terry J. Street. His clerical assistant is Renee Street. The advisory board consisted of Lonnie Survance, Virgil S. Street, Sherry Hurt, and Jeff Horney. In 2015 Rutherford Township began with a balance of \$104,658. After receipts and disbursements the township ended 2015 with a balance of \$86,764.46

Of the \$40,271.61 that was paid out, \$11,145.00 went toward salaries including the trustee's salary of \$6,180, his assistant's salary of \$3,090 and the advisory board member's salaries of \$625 each (Survance and Hurt split the 2015 salary). \$1,015.32 was spent on office supplies which includes \$462.60 to Boyce Forms, \$120 to the Strawn Agency, \$75 to Street's Accounting, and \$357.72 for travel expenses. Also, \$5,280, (\$440 per month) was paid in rent, utilities and phone for the township office located in the Streets' home.

Rutherford Township paid Shawn Truelove \$1,800 for mowing of cemeteries. The township also gave \$14,500 to the Haysville Fire Department for a fire service contract and \$275 was paid to each Keith Keller and Derek Johnson from the firefighting fund.

As for assistance, \$5,038.11 was given to the seven households that requested help in 2015. Of that \$3,838.11 was paid to Daviess Martin REMC and \$1,200 to Brocksmith Blake Funeral Home.

## HALBERT TOWNSHIP

Halbert Township's trustee is Exzelia Montgomery. Her clerical assistant is Pauletta Montgomery. The three-member advisory board includes Stephanie Horton, Travis Montgomery, and Kimberly Albright. Halbert Township started 2015 with a cash balance of \$173,774.55 and ended the year at \$192,586.26.

Of the \$48,220.68 total spent in 2015 by Halbert Township, \$17,118.54 was used to pay for salaries including the trustee's salary of \$10,283.20, the clerical salary of \$2,341.08, and \$687.08 each to the three advisory board members. \$1,216.54 was paid to the IRS for salary deductions. \$550.42 was spent on office expenses including \$196 to the post office, \$114 to Old Paths Tract Society, Inc., \$22.42 to Hoffman Office Supplies, and \$218 to Downey Risk for

# BICENTENNIAL

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of natural beauty, local interest and historic significance.

The Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay will start Friday, September 9, 2016 in Corydon, Indiana's first state capital, and culminate with a celebration on Saturday, October 15, 2016 on the grounds of the Indiana Statehouse in Indianapolis. The torch relay will touch each of Indiana's 92 counties during the 3,200-mile journey across the state.

"Enthusiasm is building as the start of the torch relay approaches," remarked IOTD's Mark Newman. "Communities large and small are pulling out all the stops to honor their torchbearers and celebrate Indiana's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday. Collectively, the over 2,000 torchbearers have had far reaching impact and all of Indiana should be proud."

In addition to the selected torchbearers, the relay will employ other modes of conveyance that are symbolic of the history and heritage of Indiana, including watercraft, farm equipment, race cars, horse and wagon, antique automobiles and others.

In order to conduct an event the size

the trustee's bond.

Also \$2,340.57 (\$195 per month) was paid to Exzelia Montgomery for the use of her home and phone for the trustee's office. For Halbert Township's cemetery care \$1,000 was paid to Janie Johnson, \$800 was paid to Bill Keller, \$400 was paid to Marlin Courtright and \$200 was paid to Jaron Gibson.

For money given to the needy, 84 requests were made for help and 57 households received poor assistance, totaling \$14,061.00. Of the 57 households receiving help, 42 were helped with utility bills, 8 with housing payments, 6 with food assistance, and 6 with health care. Money was paid to the following on behalf of those seeking help: Dr. B W Asdell \$150, Everett Atkinson \$160, Dr. Rick Bauer \$400, Kevin Boyd \$300, Cave and Cave Dentistry \$125, CVS Pharmacy \$86.14, Daviess Martin REMC \$7,016.04, Duke Energy \$3,064.93, Falls Timber LLC \$250, Monty Holt \$100, Jay C Food Store \$205.14, Montgomery Farms \$50, Propane Direct \$600, Renewing Management \$489.50, RJ's \$55, Paul D. Sanders \$125, Shoals Municipal Utilities \$433.09, Vectren Energy \$151.61, and White River Co-Op \$300.

Also, \$6,000 was paid to the Shoals Fire Department and \$4,000 to the Shoals Public Library.

## LOST RIVER TOWNSHIP

Lost River trustee is Mildred Brown and she does not pay a clerical assistant. The 2015 advisory board consisted of Alice Butler, Keith Emmons, and Bruce Fithian. At the beginning of 2015 the trustee's cash balance was \$63,909.20 and was \$68,024.43 at the end of the year. A total of \$465.12 was spent on office expenses including \$185 to Nonte & Co., \$231.12 to CPI Supply, and \$49 to the Shoals Post Office.

For 2015 a total of \$31,870.22 was paid out. Of that, \$4,397.49 was spent on salaries including \$3,078.24 for the trustee's salary and three advisory board members were paid \$439.75 for the year. \$985.02 was paid to the IRS for salary deductions.

Brown paid herself \$500 (\$42 per month) for rent and phone for the trustee's office. For cemetery care in Lost River Township, Phillip Jones was paid \$450, Jerry Schnarr, Keith Albright and David Butler were each paid \$150 and William A. Emmons was paid \$100.

of the Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay, a strong team and critical partnerships are necessary. Newest among those partners is Indiana Farmers Mutual Insurance who is the official sponsor of the uniforms that will outfit the torchbearers, community volunteers and torch relay staff. The specially designed torch bearer uniform is comprised of a light weight lined wind resistant jacket made of ripstop polyester fabric, a 100% micro polyester moisture wicking t-shirt and a specially designed cap.

"We are excited and proud to be an official partner of the Bicentennial Torch Relay. It's not often that you have the opportunity to participate in a historic event that will touch every county across the state, and we are honored to join with our fellow Hoosiers in celebrating 200 years of statehood," said Kim Smith, President and CEO of Indiana Farmers Mutual Insurance Company.

To follow the Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay on social media, visit IN-TorchRelay on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Lost River paid \$19,423.97 to the fire department.

Four people requested hardship assistance from the Lost River Trustee last year and four were helped totaling \$2,015. Of that, \$1,575 was paid to Daviess Martin REMC, \$240 to Dubois Water, and \$200 to Jay C Food Store.

## CENTER TOWNSHIP

Center Township's trustee is Charles Hamilton and his clerk is Donna Hamilton. The three-member advisory board includes Kenneth Brett, Larry Downs, and Gerald Wilcoxon.

Center Township's cash balance was \$114,728.30 at the beginning of 2015. At the end of the year the balance was \$122,946.10.

A total of \$31,016.76 was spent for the township last year. \$8,963.98 was spent on salaries. Of that, \$5,585.28 was paid to the trustee, \$1,723.44 to the trustee's clerical assistant, \$568.42 to two advisory board members and \$518.42 to the third advisory board member. A total of \$4,357.45 was paid to the IRS.

The rent for the trustee's office, paid to Donna Hamilton, was \$1,800 (\$150 per month). The trustee's office spent \$988.97 in office expenses including \$145 for the trustee's bond, \$50 to Tyler Hardwick for printer repairs, \$372.37 to Boyce Forms, \$326.24 to Rural King, \$6.56 to Staples, and \$88.80 to Donna Hamilton for computer cartridges.

For cemetery care \$1,499 was paid to Roy Dale Grafton and \$1,350 to Jayce Graber.

Center Township gave \$3,339.67 to the Town of Shoals for a firefighting contract and \$1,900 to the Shoals Public Library.

34 people requested assistance from the trustee last year and 26 households were given assistance. The amount given in assistance in 2015 was \$6,681.01. Of that, \$3,269.14 was paid to Duke Energy, \$350 to White River Co-Op, \$2,063.96 to Daviess Martin REMC, \$229.91 to Jay C Food Store, \$400 to Dr. Cave (dentist), \$168 to Super 8 (lodging), and \$200 to Shoals Municipal Utilities.

## MITCHELTREE TOWNSHIP

Mitcheltree Township's trustee was Tammy Gore for 2015 and her clerk was John Gore. The three-member advisory board included Dan Butler, Charity Tolbert, and Sharon Belcher.

At the start of 2015, the trustee's cash balance was \$286,532.20 and stood at \$283,818.80 at the end of the year.

A total of \$24,505.08 was spent last year and of that \$7,999.41 was spent last year on salaries - \$5,651.76 for the trustee's salary, \$782.55 for the clerk's salary and \$521.70 for each advisory board member. \$985.04 was paid to the IRS for salary deductions.

The trustee's office, located in Gore's home, had \$1,200 for rent and telephone expenses (\$100 per month). \$466.60 was spent on office operations including \$120 for the trustee's bond, \$233.37 to Walmart, and \$100 to The Rock Church for January rent.

Mitcheltree paid out \$750 for cemetery work but the contractors' names were not listed. Another \$3,050.63 was paid out for mowing but no contractor names were listed.

For township assistance for the poor, \$4,909.85 was paid out helping 15 households. Of that, \$2,880.02 to Daviess Martin REMC, \$762.39 to Lowes, \$197 to Walmart, \$559.44 to Utilities District of Western Indiana, \$400 to White River Co-Op, and \$111 to RTC Communications.

\$4,000 was given to the Williams Volunteer Fire Department for a firefighting contract and \$1,000 to the Shoals Public Library.

## PERRY TOWNSHIP

Perry Township's trustee is Jason Hennette and his clerk for last year was Roberta Cherry. The three-member advisory board consists of Brandi Hennette, Paul Crew, and Julie Green.

Perry's cash balance at the beginning of 2015 was \$102,668.24 and was \$124,031.24 at the end of the year.

A total of \$83,454.45 was paid out in 2015. Of that, \$33,000 was paid in salaries including \$16,000 for the trustee, \$12,500 for his clerk, and \$1,500 for each advisory board member. Also, \$4,931.26 was paid to the IRS for salaries. \$2,518.52 was paid out in office supplies including \$1,050.48 to Boyce Forms, \$1,291.09 to Staples, \$99 to the Postmaster, \$50 to Street Accounting, \$17.25 to German American Bank, and \$10.70 to CVS.

A total of \$6,000 (\$500 per month) was paid in rent to Hennette for the use of his home as the trustee's office and \$1,651.16 was paid to Frontier for his phone and internet.

Shawn Truelove Mowing was paid \$2,950 for cemetery care. \$8,000 was paid to the City of Loogootee for fire protection.

Perry Township gave out \$24,244.75 in poor assistance in 2015, benefiting 65 households. The following received payments: Teresa Nolley \$100, Prof Property Management \$465, Larkin Apartments \$417, Duke Energy \$8,417.54, Town of Crane \$691.28, Loogootee Utilities \$2,339.03, Vectren \$1,287.63, Bloomfield REMC \$269.59, Daviess Martin REMC \$1,441.75, Stewart Blake \$250, Martin County Senior Housing \$400, Daviess County Water \$176.38, Richard Kluesner \$200, Jay Smith \$500, Wildon McPherson \$225, Rosemary Harder \$250, WSW Properties \$250, Brocksmith Blake \$5,784.55, Carl Wiscaver \$200, Jerry Schnarr \$100, and Marie Truelove \$480.

## Martin County General Election info

The Democrat Party has selected Eric Cooper to fill the vacancy for Commissioner District #1. He will be facing Kevin Boyd in the General Election.

Please note the following dates:

WEDNESDAY JULY 27 - First day to file petition of nomination for school board.

FRIDAY AUGUST 26 - Last day to file petition of nomination for school board. By noon.

The following school board positions will appear on the ballot:

Loogootee has two at-large seats

Shoals District 2, 3, and 5 seats

TUESDAY OCTOBER 11 - LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE. If you have moved or changed your name since the last time you voted, you need to update your voter registration. If you are unsure where you are registered, please call 812-247-3651.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 12 - First day to vote absentee at the clerk's office. You can request an application for absentee by mail at any time.

MONDAY OCTOBER 31 - Last day to turn in application to request ballot by mail.

MONDAY NOVEMBER 7 - Last day to vote absentee in office.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 8 - GENERAL ELECTION DAY

Please contact the clerk's office with any questions at 812-247-3651.



# Obituaries

## JASON SEITZ

Jason Seitz, formerly of Loogootee, passed away Thursday, June 30, 2016. A resident of Winslow, he was 38.

He was born June 30, 1978 in Jasper; son of Brenda (Osborne) Sanders and Grant Seitz.

He enjoyed outdoor activities such as fishing, camping, hiking and riding 3-wheelers. He also liked cars and carpentry work. He cherished time with his family and friends.

He is survived by his children, Brooke, Jonathan, Jake, Christian, Ryan and Ryder Seitz; mother, Brenda (Michael) Sanders of Oaktown; father, Grant (fiancé, Tracy Gribben) Seitz of Jasper; siblings, Kristin (Benjamin) Potts of Jasper, Natasha Seitz of Fort Branch, Valerie (Addison) Blaylock of Ft. Collins, Colorado, Kimberly Sanders (companion, Yeison Valdes) of Evansville and Craig Sanders of Winslow; and paternal grandparents, Ruth (Gary) Myer of Jasper.

He was preceded in death by his son, Jase Seitz; paternal grandfather, Harvey Seitz; and maternal grandparents, James M. (Elloise) Osborne. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 5 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial followed in Alfordsville Community Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Blake Funeral Home to help with funeral expenses. Condolences may be made online at [blakefuneralhomes.com](http://blakefuneralhomes.com).

## DANIEL SWARTZENTRUBER

Daniel J. Swartzentruber, formerly of Montgomery, passed away at 1p.m. on Monday, June 27, at the Sarasota Memorial Hospital. A resident of Sarasota, Florida, he was 86.

He was born January 20, 1930, in Daviess County; son of the late John and Amanda (Wagler) Swartzentruber.

Daniel was a charter member of Providence Mennonite Church, Montgomery, and also attended Bahia Vista Mennonite Church in Sarasota. He was a devoted Christian and father, faithful husband and a friend to all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife of almost 67 years, Ida Mae (Wagler) Swartzentruber. They were married on July 2, 1949. They have six sons and three daughters, Elvin Dale (Debbie), Gary Wayne, Sharon Ruth (Terry) Lengacher, Regina Joy (Greg) Chaney, all of Montgomery; Kenneth Eugene (Clara Mae) of El-nora, Daniel Ray (Peg) of Goshen, Edward Lee (Coleen) of Washington, Shirley Ann (Dale) Gerkin of Loogootee, and Mark Alan (Janet) of Sarasota, Florida; 25 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren; and one sister, Mary Catherine (Henry) Stoll of Sarasota, Florida.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and siblings; David (Lydia) Swartzentruber, Lydia (Daniel)

Stoll, Maggie (John) Graber, Anna, Cleadus (Clara) Swartzentruber and John Jr. (Lydia) Swartzentruber.

A memorial service was held on June 29, at Bahia Vista Mennonite Church, Sarasota.

Funeral services were held Sun-

## ~LETTER TO THE EDITOR~

*'We need to hear from you.'*

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal* and Martin County Farmers,

It's that time of year again. The Farm Service Agency's (FSA) 2016 County Committee Elections are underway. Your FSA county committees are a vital and direct link between our farm community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

I encourage all eligible farmers, especially women, minorities and beginning farmers, to get involved by making a nomination and voting in this year's county committee elections. This is a great podium for your concerns and opinions to be heard. Don't miss this opportunity.

Your concerns can reach the decision makers if you don't happen to become a committee member yourself. FSA county committees operate within official federal regulations so that local input is provided on federal programs such as:

Income safety-net loans and payments, including setting county average yields for commodities

day, July 3 Providence Mennonite Church in Montgomery. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com).

Arrangements were provided by Blake and Wagler Funeral Home.

Conservation programs  
Incentive, indemnity and disaster payments for some commodities  
Emergency programs  
Payment eligibility

Your knowledge and experience can only assist your community by keeping it thriving and informed. We need to hear from you. You won't have to watch things happen while other decision-makers decide things that affect your business. You'll be a part of the process to ensure your concerns are addressed. Why sit on the side lines, when you can run the ball?

The nomination period began June 15, 2016 and runs through August 1, 2016. You can nominate yourself or anyone of legal voting age who participates or cooperates in an FSA program.

Nomination forms and other information can be found at [www.fsa.usda.gov/elections](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections).

Forms must be postmarked by close of business August 1, 2016.

Julia A. Wickard  
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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, JUNE 27

7:25 a.m. - Received a dog complaint south of Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

7:56 a.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

9:40 a.m. - Received a report of a deer being hit on SR 450. ICO Doane responded.

10:15 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to the doctor.

10:39 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill, Loogootee Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

11:06 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

11:15 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

12:50 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took four inmates to court.

4:45 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism north of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

6:43 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on SR 650. Sergeant Keller responded.

7:40 p.m. - Sergeant Keller performed a vehicle identification check south of Shoals.

10:39 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Shoals. Corporal Baker responded.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 28

12:10 a.m. - Received a noise complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd and Corporal Baker responded.

2:45 a.m. - Received a report of illegal activity in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

3:05 a.m. - Received a report of a tree blocking the road east of Loogootee. Corporal Baker, Loogootee Officer Floyd, and Martin County Civil Defense responded to remove the tree.

9:15 a.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to court.

9:35 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle blocking a driveway north of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

9:53 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:45 a.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

12:25 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

1:30 p.m. - Chief Deputy Dant took two inmates to court.

5:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:05 p.m. - Sergeant Keller on station with Joshua Phillips for court.

8:05 p.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.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

12:55 a.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Shoals. Corporal Baker and Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

9:37 a.m. - Received request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

11:45 a.m. - Received a report of

an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

1:45 p.m. - Received a report of debris on US 50, east of Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

4:05 p.m. - Major Burkhardt transported one inmate for court.

7:52 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded and checked the driver.

10:46 p.m. - Received a dog complaint east of Shoals. Deputy Salmon responded.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 30

9:25 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took two inmates to court.

10:41 a.m. - Jailer Officer Emmick took one inmate to the doctor.

10:50 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took two inmates to court.

11:30 a.m. - Sheriff Roush took one inmate to court.

1:00 p.m. - Major Burkhardt took two inmates to court.

2:55 p.m. - Major Burkhardt took one inmate to the Daviess County Jail.

3:33 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

3:47 p.m. - Received a report of a person trespassing and making threats near Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

5:55 p.m. - Major Burkhardt assisted a motorist near Shoals.

9:34 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50, near Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded and checked the vehicle.

### FRIDAY, JULY 1

1:10 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Deputy Salmon, Town Marshal Eckert, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

5:10 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded and all was okay.

10:12 a.m. - Received a report of a runaway teen. Captain Akles responded.

12:17 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless vehicle on 231 South. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

12:52 p.m. - Received a call about dogs running loose east of Shoals. Chief Deputy responded.

1:45 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on 231 South, headed into Loogootee. Advised Captain Akles.

1:51 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Advised Captain Akles.

3:29 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on Hwy. 150. Major Burkhardt responded and Shoals Fire for traffic control.

4:00 p.m. - Received a report of a stolen lawn mower. Deputy Floyd responded

4:30 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident at Gypsum Express. Major Burkhardt responded.

5:16 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident in Loogootee. Deputy Salmon responded.

5:38 p.m. - Received a report of dogs running loose east of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

### SATURDAY, JULY 2

12:09 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism north of Shoals. Corporal Baker responded.

11:58 a.m. - Received a report of a property dispute. Major Burkhardt responded.

2:55 p.m. - Received several com-

plaints of dogs running loose in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

4:14 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded. No transport was needed.

### SUNDAY, JULY 3

3:22 a.m. - Received a report of an alarm at the Dollar General in Loogootee.

9:48 a.m. - Received a report of a break-in at Burns City. Captain Dant responded.

12:06 p.m. - Received a report of a stray dog on Hindostan Falls Road tearing up property. Martin County Humane Society was notified.

3:50 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver westbound Hwy 50 coming into Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

3:55 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver eastbound on Hwy 50 to

### Woman arrested in Shoals for possession

On July 1 at approximately 3:30 a.m., Martin County Sheriff's Deputy Danny Salmon was traveling east on US Highway 50 near the fairgrounds and came up on a grey Chevy Impala driving between 35mph and 45mph in a 55mph zone. Deputy Salmon continued to follow the car. The car went left of center near Rama Dye Road and again just past the Overlook Park. Deputy Salmon then initiated a traffic stop as the car pulled on to Lynwood Street in Shoals. The driver, 33-year-old Carrie Jo Childs-Bush, of Washington, told Deputy Salmon she was lost trying to get to Jasper to pick up a friend. Upon searching the car Deputy Salmon located a small baggie of methamphetamine floating in a bottle of Gatorade and a glass smoking pipe.

Carrie Jo Childs-Bush was arrested and transported to the Martin County Jail without further incident. She was charged with possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony and possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

## ARRESTS

### TUESDAY, JUNE 28

6:05 p.m. - Amanda Boyd, 28, of Shoals, was arrested by Town Marshal Eckert for public intoxication and resisting arrest. She is being held without bond.

### FRIDAY, JULY 1

4:32 a.m. - Carrie Childs, 33, of Washington, was arrested by Deputy Salmon for possession of meth and possession of paraphernalia. Her bond has been set at \$25,000 10%.

Shoals. Advised Captain Dant.

5:38 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident north of Shoals. Corporal Baker responded.

### MONDAY, JULY 4

12:07 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down on Tank Springs Road. Shoals Fire responded.

12:59 a.m. - Received a report of loud fireworks north of Shoals. Deputy Reed responded

1:03 a.m. - Received a report of loud fireworks north of Shoals. Deputy Reed responded.

### Real estate transfers

**Adam T. Slaubaugh**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Adam T. Slaubaugh and Rachael A. Slaubaugh**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the south half of Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 4 West in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 18.038 acres, more or less.

**Michael Alan Sutton and Trudy Rebecca Sutton**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Robert Tyler Dages and Cassidy Ann Dages**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of Section 20, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 10 acres, more or less.

**Peggy L. Spohn n/k/a Peggy L. Kalb**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Manor Properties, LLC**, of Daviess County, Indiana, that portion of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West of the Second Principal Meridian lying in the City of Loogootee, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.455 acres, more or less.

**Ronnie L. Royston and Cathy Royston**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Christopher T. Royston and Alan N. Royston**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.3371 acres, more or less.

**Larry R. Fellers**, of Martin County, Indiana to **JLNT Rentals, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot #13 in Risacher's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Vinod C. Gupta**, of Palm Beach County, Florida to **Marlin Devon Eicher and Wanda Marie Eicher**, of Martin County, Indiana, six acres, more or less, in Section 16, Township 3 North, Range 4 West.

**Sean P. McAtee and Jane Ann McAtee**, of Morgan County, Indiana to **Garry Allen Farmer**, of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, 35 acres, more or less, in Section 30, Township 4 North, Range 3 West.

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# COURT NEWS

## CRIMINAL COURT New Charges Filed May 27

Loretta R. Hobson, possession of marijuana.

Cole W. Walker, illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

James Lee Peek, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body.

Shanna M. Estrada a/k/a Shanna M. Hughett, dealing in methamphetamine; possession of methamphetamine; maintaining a common nuisance; possession of paraphernalia.

Donald G. Haulk, dealing in methamphetamine; possession of methamphetamine; maintaining a common nuisance; possession of paraphernalia.

Nicole R. Beavers, dealing in methamphetamine; possession of methamphetamine; maintaining a common nuisance; possession of paraphernalia.

Kodie M. Goldman, dealing in methamphetamine; possession of methamphetamine; maintaining a common nuisance; possession of paraphernalia.

Bobbie J. Turner, dealing in methamphetamine; possession of methamphetamine; maintaining a common nuisance; possession of paraphernalia.

Dylan T. Beyers, dealing in methamphetamine; possession of methamphetamine; maintaining a common nuisance; possession of paraphernalia.

Cheri R. McDonald, possession of a narcotic drug; maintaining a common nuisance.

John D. Brickert, Jr., possession of a narcotic drug; maintaining a common nuisance.

Angel L. Pagan, Jr., possession of a narcotic drug; maintaining a common nuisance; possession of marijuana; possession of paraphernalia; habitual offender, sentence enhancement.

Melissa Conklin, residential entry; auto theft.

### May 31

Steven J. Davidson, public intoxication.

Lacey L. Hawkins, possession of a narcotic drug; maintaining a common nuisance; neglect of a dependent; possession of marijuana.

Candace L. Hawkins, possession of a narcotic drug; possession of marijuana; possession of paraphernalia.

### June 3

Danny R. Bruner, public intoxication.

### June 6

Matthew K. Lark, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more.

### June 9

Andrew J. Stone, driving while suspended.

Nicolas A. Twigg, invasion of privacy.

### June 13

Bryant S. Trambaugh, criminal confinement; domestic battery.

### June 14

Dakota S. Clifton, two counts of leaving the scene of an accident with bodily injury.

Russell W. Erwin, intimidation.

### June 15

Logan C. Kelsey, possession of methamphetamine; maintaining a common nuisance; possession of a controlled substance; illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

### June 20

Deanna G. Wilson, public intoxication; public nudity.

Shearl D. Bowman II, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person; resisting law enforcement.

### June 21

Angela R. Mcauley, possession of a controlled substance; driving while suspended.

Kaala A. Spurgeon, theft.

Damien L. Payne, intimidation.

Vicki J. Wetter, battery by means of a deadly weapon; battery in the presence of a child.

Mark A. Payne, battery in the presence of a child.

Devon M. Payne, battery in the presence of a child.

### June 22

Nathan R. Jones, cruelty to an animal.

Brittany J. Blaker, cruelty to an animal.

### June 23

Joshua C. Rasico, maintaining a common nuisance; possession of marijuana; possession of paraphernalia; reckless driving.

### June 27

William D. Combs, domestic battery.

### CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

### June 24

White River Co-Op, Inc. vs. Dexter K. Eastridge, civil collection.

### June 27

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Nikki Wagner, civil collection.

Discover Bank vs. Michael Baker, civil collection.

### June 28

Discover Bank vs. Kyla Greene, civil collection.

### CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

### June 28

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff White River Cooperative and against the defendant James M. Green in the amount of \$10,472.92.

### SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

### June 24

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Melissa Ashby in the amount of \$2,730.62.

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## Health department provides required immunizations for students

Summer break is here but school will be back in session before we know it. Now is the perfect time to think about the shots your student may need before they go back to school in the fall. Kindergarten or first-time first grade students, 6<sup>th</sup> grade students, high school seniors and college students may need immunizations before they can begin classes this fall.

The Martin County Health Department conducts immunization clinics every Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. On the first Wednesday of each month the clinic remains open until 6 p.m. Please note that Wednesday is the only day a nurse is available for immunizations. The health department office is located in the Shoals Federal Building (Post Office). The Martin County Health Department is contracted with VaxCare to bill most insurance companies that pay for vaccines. The patient must bring their insurance card at every visit or no vaccines can be given on that day. The health department can vaccinate children on Medicaid, the uninsured and those who have insurance that does not pay for vaccines through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. They also provide Tetanus vaccine; Hepatitis A and B vaccine and TB testing to those age 19 and older without insurance for a fee. Adults with insurance that will pay for vaccines may be able to receive certain vaccines and have VaxCare bill their insurance.

Kindergarten or first time first grade this fall (less than 7 years of age) the immunization requirements are as follows:

5 doses of DTaP, DTP, or pediatric diphtheria-tetanus vaccine (DT)  
4 doses Polio  
2 doses of MMR  
3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine, and  
2 doses of Varicella (Chicken Pox) or record of disease. (Physician documentation of disease history, including month and year, is needed for proof of immunity)

Sixth grade students are required to receive a Tdap (Tetanus & Pertussis) vaccine and a Meningococcal vaccine.

12<sup>th</sup> Grade students are required to have a Meningitis booster after their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday and before the start of their senior year of high school.

College students should receive information from their school concerning the required vaccines for incoming students. Most require a TB test within 6 months of the start of classes, a Tetanus booster (if the child has not received within the last 10 years). Also, proof of childhood vaccines for MMR and polio are often needed. The Hepatitis B series is recommended for students in health care fields or similar studies. The meningitis vaccine is recommended for students who will be living in dorms.

If you have questions about immunizations, you can contact your child's doctor or call the health department at 812-247-3303.

## Radius Indiana shares region's economic advantages with site selectors

Jeff Quyle, of Radius Indiana, along with Shance Sizemore, of the Lawrence County Economic Growth Council, traveled to Cincinnati last week to educate site selectors on the benefits of doing business in the region.

This visit is the first in a series of trips Radius has planned for 2016. Site selectors seek locations for business location and expansion, and play an important role in the cycle of economic development. Ensuring that site selectors know about an area's offerings is a primary focus for Radius Indiana, the regional partnership representing Crawford, Daviess, Dubois, Greene, Lawrence, Martin, Orange, and Washington counties.

"We want to create as many connections as possible with those on the front lines looking for sites," said Quyle, president and COO of Radius Indiana. "Building strong relationships can lead to business growth in the Radius region."

During their visit, Quyle and Sizemore shared details of available sites in the region as well as incentives available to businesses in a variety of industry sectors. Site selectors also learned about how the I-69 corridor is transforming the region, the upcoming opportunities of the \$42 million Southwest Central Indiana Initiative, the assets and skill sets available at Naval Support Activity Crane, and how the region is a cluster for food processing. Radius will partner with

additional Local Economic Development Organizations from the region's respective counties for future visits in Indiana and other states across the country.

"Part of community development is reaching outside our geographic area to share opportunities. Meeting with site selectors helps us expand our network, but also gives us firsthand knowledge of what businesses are looking for in a location," said Sizemore, CEO of Lawrence County Economic Growth Council.

### Purdue confers degrees, honors students following spring semester

Purdue University awarded about 9,400 degrees to students following the 2016 spring semester.

Violet D Wright, of Shoals, received a Bachelor of Science degree from the College of Agriculture, at the West Lafayette campus.

About 15,500 Purdue University students earned academic honors for the spring 2016 semester.

To earn honors, students must have had at least a 3.5 semester or cumulative GPA on a four-point scale.

The following students from Martin County received academic honors at the West Lafayette campus:

Curtis R. Slaubaugh, of Loogootee.  
Ashleigh Z. Powell, of Loogootee.  
Christina M. Powell, of Loogootee.  
Cole J. Hovis, of Shoals.

# 4-H NEWS



By Stacy Brown  
Martin County Purdue  
Extension Educator

### Upcoming Events

Project Check-in will be Tuesday, July 12 from 5-8 p.m. for non-perishable items and Wednesday, July 13 from 5-8 p.m. for perishable items. Livestock check-in (except for swine) is on Thursday, July 14 from 5-10 p.m. and swine check-in will be on Sunday, July 17 from 8-10 p.m.

Martin County 4-H Fair Baby Show, Sunday, July 17. Registration deadline is July 13, 2016. There is a \$5 entry fee per contestant.

### 2016 Fair Activities

Friday, July 15

10 a.m. Sheep show in livestock arena

5 p.m. Building open to public

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

5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Laser Tag

6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Ader's Inflatables

6:30 p.m. Queen Contest at fairgrounds free stage; Public Dress Revue during queen contest; Music by Judith Montgomery

7 p.m. Farm Tractor Pulls, general admission \$8; children under 5 free; pit pass \$10; hillside seating, bring blankets or lawn chairs; contact Dan Wagler at 812-617-5286; parking for the night is \$1 per vehicle after 4 p.m.

Saturday, July 16

9 a.m. Building open to public

9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Tea with the Queen - \$5 per child; contact Jenny Hembree at 812-631-0231

9 a.m. Beef Show in livestock arena

11 a.m. Tug of War at the free stage

Noon Horse & Pony show in horse arena

1 p.m. Rabbit Show in livestock arena

4 p.m. Lawn Tractor Driving Contest

4 p.m. Old Time Showmanship in livestock arena

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

5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Laser Tag

6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Ader's Inflatables

7 p.m. Antique Tractor Pulls/Truck Pulls at grandstands; general admission \$8, children under 5 free; pit passes \$10; hillside seating, bring blankets or lawn chairs; contact Dan Wagler at 812-617-5286; parking for the night is \$1 per vehicle after 2 p.m.

Sunday, July 17

Noon Building open to public

1 p.m. Farm Bureau Games in livestock arena sponsored by Martin County Farm Bureau, Inc.

1:30 p.m. Cutest Baby Contest (registration deadline July 13; \$5 entry fee)

2 p.m. Kiddie Rodeo

4 p.m. Goat show in livestock arena

3 p.m. Kiddie Tractor Pull registration

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

5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Laser Tag

4 p.m. Kiddie Tractor Pull sponsored by Martin County Jr. Leaders

6 p.m. Horse & Pony show in horse arena

6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Ader's Inflatables

Free admission today

Monday, July 18

10 a.m. Poultry show

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

5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tethered hot air balloon rides

5 p.m. Building open to public

5 p.m. Defenders of the Faith demonstration at the fire station

5 p.m. Cookie Stacking Contest sponsored by Martin County Jr. Leaders

5 p.m. Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest sponsored by Martin County Jr. Leaders

6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Ader's Inflatables

6 p.m. Caricature Drawing sponsored by Kountry Kids Daycare

6 p.m. Swine Show in livestock arena

Free admission today

Tuesday, July 19

5 p.m. Building open to public

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

5:30 p.m. Supreme Showmanship in livestock arena

7 p.m. Auction in livestock arena

8-10 p.m. Release of projects

Free admission today

New Open Class Young Children Division at Fair

This year we will have a new open class young children division at the fair. This is open to children ages 3-12. Any preschools, youth camps, or youth organizations can participate. Projects are arts and crafts based and should be turned in as a group by the organization leader. Please call Stacy at 812-295-2412 for more details and project options.

### 4-H News

The fair is fast approaching. If you have any questions about projects, fair schedule, or event details please call the Purdue Extension Office at 812-295-2412. Remember, we have poster boards, poster sleeves, and electrical kits available for sale at the office.

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We need volunteers! If you are interested in becoming a volunteer with 4-H, please call or stop by the office.

Jolly Jug Rox 4-H Club Meetings are on the following date: July 7

The meetings are at Hindostan Methodist Church from 6 to 7 p.m.

Jolly Juniors Club Meetings are on the following date: July 7

The meetings are held at Truelove Church at 6:30 p.m.

Dream Team Club Meetings are on the following dates: July 10 at 4 p.m. and July 11 one-half hour before fairgrounds cleanup

The meetings are held at Loogootee City Park. If raining, call club leader Jacqueline Esch.

Tractor Club Meetings

The meetings are held at the Martin County Community Building.

July 6 at 6:30 p.m.

July 7 at 6:30 p.m.

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## In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser  
Purdue University Master Gardener

Mid-summer is a time to increase the shrubs in your landscape. Many of the shrubs in the landscape may be propagated by taking tip cuttings and rooting them. This will work for many spring-flowering shrubs, including azaleas, rhododendrons, lilacs, flowering quinces and hydrangeas. However, I caution that it is illegal to propagate plants that are patented or have a patent pending, even for personal use, unless you have a license granted by the patent holder.

When preparing to take cuttings, fill a bucket with wet sand. You will place the cuttings in this medium to keep them fresh until you actually plant them. Use sharp by-pass pruners, which will make clean cuts without crushing the cambium layer. The cambium layer is the thin green layer just under the bark, which contains the vascular system of the plant.

In general, soft wood cuttings are the most likely to root. This is new growth that has begun to get woody. Take cuttings of four to six inches at leaf nodes, which is the point from which the shrub will produce new growth. This is also the place where adventitious roots will form on the cuttings. Place the cuttings in the wet sand immediately.

Prepare a tray of sterile planting medium. One may use seed-starting medium or make a medium using a combination of peat moss and compost that has been sterilized. One may sterilize the compost by baking it in an oven or in a microwave. Moisten the planting medium, but do not make it soggy.

You will also need to prepare some rooting hormone. These hormones will promote the formation of adventitious roots. The hormone comes in powder, liquid or gel, and is available at most garden centers. Place some hormone in a shallow dish to use for dipping the cuttings. Do not dip cuttings into the bottle of hormone, as the cuttings may contaminate the hormone and render it useless for future cuttings. If using the

powdered hormone, you may need to dip the cuttings in water to get the hormone to stick to the cutting.

Strip the bottom leaves from the cutting. If it has a lot of leaves, you may cut the leaves in half. The cutting does not need a lot of foliage for photosynthesis at this time, and reducing the foliage will allow the cutting to form roots more quickly. Using a dowel rod or a stick, make a hole in the planting medium about the same diameter as the cutting. Dip the cutting in the rooting hormone and drop in into the hole, being careful not to rake the rooting hormone off when doing so. Firm the medium around the cutting. Repeat this until the tray is full.

The tray will not need a lot of sunlight at first, but will need a high humidity. That may be accomplished by placing the tray in a large, clear plastic bag, using sticks to hold the plastic up away from the cuttings. This will also help to keep the planting medium moist with less frequent watering. Place the tray in a bright area, but not in direct sunlight.

Within a couple of weeks, the successful cuttings should show some new growth of leaves. In about a month, the cuttings will have formed new roots and the successful cuttings may be potted into a regular potting mix and fertilized. By autumn, the new shrubs will be ready to be planted in the landscape.

It is time to make the last cuttings of mums, sedums and tall asters. Pinching them back will ensure the plants will be stronger and less likely to split and droop when the flowers get heavy. The cuttings of these plants may also be used to make more plants, but they usually do not require rooting hormone. The hormones occur naturally in these plants and a large percentage of the cuttings will form roots.

The Hoosier Hillside Master Gardeners will be manning booths at the Orange and Crawford County Fairs next week. Stop by and talk with us. You might learn something.



## Hawks hanging out

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

Birds are amazingly adapted for life in the air. The Red-tailed Hawk is one of the largest birds you'll see in North America, yet even the biggest females weigh in at only about 3 pounds. A similar-sized small dog might weigh 10 times that.

## Daviess-Martin County FSA acreage reporting dates for 2016

Daviess-Martin County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Acting Executive Director Kathy Fears announced that producers who file accurate and timely reports for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage can prevent the potential loss of FSA program benefits. Please pay close attention to the acreage reporting dates below for 2016.

"In order to comply with FSA program eligibility requirements, all producers are encouraged to visit the Daviess-Martin County FSA office to file an accurate crop certification report by the applicable deadline," said Fears.

The following acreage reporting dates are applicable for Daviess-Martin County:

July 15, 2016: Cucumbers (Planted 5/10-6/15 in all counties), all other crops

September 30, 2016: Value Loss and Controlled Environment Crop (for the coming program year)

November 15: Perennial Forage (includes mixed grasses, alfalfa, legumes for haying or grazing)

December 15: Fall Mint, Fall-Seeded Small Grains

The following exceptions apply to

the above acreage reporting dates:

If the crop has not been planted by the above acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after planting is completed.

If a producer acquires additional acreage after the above acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendar days after purchase or acquiring the lease. Appropriate documentation must be provided to the county office.

If a perennial forage crop is reported with the intended use of "cover only," "green manure," "left standing," or "seed" then the acreage must be reported by July 15th.

According to Fears, Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) policy holders should note that the acreage reporting date for NAP covered crops is the earlier of the dates listed above or 15 calendar days before grazing or harvesting of the crop begins.

For questions regarding crop certification and crop loss reports, please contact the Daviess-Martin County FSA office at 812-254-4780.

## Dairy producers can enroll today to protect milk production margins

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Executive Director, Julia A. Wickard, announced that starting July 1, dairy producers can enroll for 2017 coverage in the Margin Protection Program for Dairy (MPP-Dairy). The voluntary program, established by the 2014 Farm Bill, provides financial assistance to participating dairy producers when the margin – the difference between the price of milk and feed costs – falls below the coverage level selected by the producer.

The Margin Protection Program gives participating dairy producers the flexibility to select coverage levels best suited for their operation. Enrollment begins July 1 and ends on September 30, 2016, for coverage in calendar year 2017. Participating farmers will remain in the program through 2018 and pay a minimum \$100 administrative fee each year. Producers have the option of selecting a different coverage level during open enrollment each year.

USDA has a web tool to help producers determine the level of coverage under the Margin Protection Program that will provide them with the strongest safety net under a variety of conditions. The online resource, available at [www.fsa.usda.gov/mpptool](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/mpptool), allows dairy farmers to quickly and easily combine unique operation data and other key variables to calculate their coverage needs based on price projections. Producers can also review historical data or estimate future coverage needs, based on data projections. The secure site can be accessed via computer, Smartphone or tablet 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

To complete enrollment, producers must make coverage elections during the enrollment period and pay the annual \$100 administrative fee that provides basic catastrophic protection that covers 90 percent of milk production at a \$4 margin coverage level. For additional premiums, operations can protect 25 to 90 percent of production history with margin coverage levels from

\$4.50 to \$8, in 50 cent increments. Once enrolled, dairy operations are required to participate through 2018 by making coverage elections each year. Producers can mail the appropriate form to the producer's administrative county FSA office, along with applicable fees without necessitating a trip to the local FSA office. If electing higher coverage for 2017, dairy producers can either pay the premium in full at the time of enrollment or pay 100 percent of the premium by September 1, 2017. Premium fees may be paid directly to FSA or producers can work with their milk handlers to remit premiums on their behalf.

Also beginning July 1, 2016, FSA began accepting applications for intergenerational transfers, allowing program participants who added an adult child, grandchild or spouse to the operation during calendar year 2014 or 2015, or between January 1 and June 30, 2016, to increase production history by the new cows bought into the operation by the new family members. For intergen-

erational transfers occurring on or after July 1, 2016, notification to FSA must be made within 60 days of purchasing the additional cows.

Dairy operations enrolling in the new program must meet conservation compliance provisions and cannot participate in the Livestock Gross Margin Dairy Insurance Program.

For more information, visit FSA online at [www.fsa.usda.gov/dairy](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dairy) or stop by a local FSA office to learn more about the Margin Protection Program. To find a local FSA office in your area, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

Since 2009, USDA has worked to strengthen and support American agriculture, an industry that supports one in 11 American jobs, provides American consumers with more than 80 percent of the food we consume, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials. For more information, visit [www.usda.gov/results](http://www.usda.gov/results).



## More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



I ran across the following when Jim Nolan was installing some carpet and I thought I would dedicate the story to him. There's a slight disclaimer – there is no lump in the middle of the carpet and he doesn't smoke, so this is not a story about him. Also, congratulations to his wife, Linda, on her 5<sup>th</sup> re-birthday.

A carpet installer was laying new living room carpeting in a large mansion. After laboriously pulling, stretching, and tacking the carpet, he finally finished, and gratefully sat back to enjoy a cigarette.

Reaching into his shirt pocket, however, he found that his cigarettes were gone, and looking toward the center of the room, he saw a bulge the size of a cigarette pack under the new carpeting. He, of course, had no intention of pulling up the carpet, so instead he took a large mallet, and pounded the lump flat, so it could not be seen.

He then hopped in his truck and headed back to the office. On the way, he found his cigarettes in the glove compartment.

Just then his cell phone rang. When he answered it, he discovered it was the dispatcher from his office. The dispatcher said that the homeowner had just called them in a panic.

It seems their son's favorite pet hamster was missing. Had the carpet layer seen the hamster while he was in the house?

### A FEW RIDDLES:

1. Why did the boy eat his homework? Because his teacher said it was a piece of cake.
2. What object is king of the classroom? The ruler
3. What is a math teacher's favorite sum? Summer
4. Why do seagulls fly over the sea? Because if they flew over the bay they would be called bagels

### A FEW DEFINITIONS:

1. Procaffeinating (n) the tendency to not start anything until you've had a coffee.
2. flawsome (adj.) an individual who embraces their flaws and knows they're awesome regardless.
3. feline paralysis: (noun) the condition in which a person is unable to move due to the presence of a cat on her or his lap.

### THINK ABOUT THESE:

- \*I'm taking a trip. I need about 4 outfits. I've packed 35 . . . just in case.
- \*The answer may not be at the beach but shouldn't we at least check?
- \*My morning coffee makes me feel like I have my act together. I don't, but it makes me feel like I do.
- \*Talking to some people is like folding a fitted sheet.
- \*You're only as old as you remember you are.
- \*Women of a certain age: before you rush out and get a facelift, ask yourself if anyone you care about can even see that well any more. -Bette Midler

\*I am not an early bird or a night owl. I am some form of permanently exhausted pigeon.

\*Money may not buy happiness but it improves the quality of your misery.

\*I have a condition that prevents me from going on a diet . . . I get hungry.

\*When I try on an outfit and it doesn't make me look good, I just throw it on the floor. Like, no, you don't deserve to be hung up. Sit there and think about what you've done.

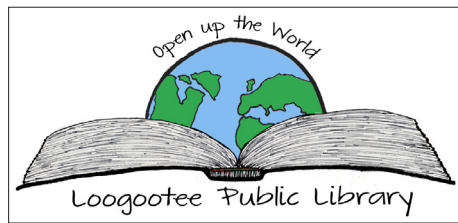
\*I dream of a better world where chickens can cross the road without having their motives questioned.

\*Some things are better left unsaid, which I usually realize after I've said them.

\*In life, it's important to know when to stop arguing with people and simply let them be wrong.

\*Anyone else think the perfect temperature is when you turn on the air and cover yourself with a blanket?

Make someone smile today!



BY DARLA WAGLER  
Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Neil Jackson will be at the library on Tuesday evening, July 12 at 6, to present a slideshow about the Appalachian Trail. Pre-registration required.

### New Books:

Fiction: "The Daredevil Snared" by Stephanie Laurens, "Make Me Love You" by Johanna Lindsey, and "Magic" by Danielle Steel, and "Here's to Us" by Elin Hilderbrand.

Inspirational Fiction: "The Courtship Basket" by Amy Clipston, "The Second Half" by Lauraine Snelling, and "Stepping to a New Day" by Beverly Jenkins.

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.



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Chamber of commerce meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce will meet Wednesday, July 20 at noon at Wendy's in Loogootee. Those planning to attend are asked to come early if you can to order your food, and do some networking before we get started.

### Mustering Elm Park Group meeting

The Trinity Springs Mustering Elm Park Group will meet at the Park on Monday, July 11 at 7 p.m. This will be the last meeting before the car show on July 30. The normal meeting date changed due to the first Monday being July 4th.

### Talk to a lawyer clinic

The next scheduled session to talk to a lawyer for free is scheduled for Thursday, July 7 between the hours of 4:30 p.m. CST and 7 p.m. CST. For those in EST, the hours are 5:30-8 p.m. Volunteer attorneys will be available to answer general legal questions, regarding Indiana law, during that time. To access the telephone clinic, the numbers are: (812) 618-4845 and 888-594-3449. The goal of the program is to help people better understand the legal issue or procedure and to give general guidance. Legal representation does not occur as an outcome of this clinic. Talk to a lawyer is co-sponsored by Indiana Bar Foundation, Volunteer Lawyer Program of SW Indiana, and Evansville Bar Foundation.

### Golf Scramble

Parkview Village Christian Care Annual Charity Golf Scramble has been scheduled for July 8 at noon at the Old Country Club of Vincennes. Call 812-636-3000 to request more information and register your team.

## Loogootee student selected to represent Indiana

Camilette Rhea, of Loogootee, will participate in the Youth Leadership Council (YLC) of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). She was selected to represent the state from the 81 Indiana student delegates who participated in the June Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

Rhea will attend the YLC Conference in Washington, D.C., July 13-19, where she will participate in leadership and team building exercises, meet with Capitol Hill staff members who are alumni of NRECA's Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, and gain a broader understanding of electric cooperatives. She will also compete for the Council's National Youth Spokesperson.

"Cami has been given a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to gain invaluable experience alongside her peers from electric cooperatives across the country," said David Sutter, CEO of Daviess-Martin County REMC. "She will develop a greater understanding of the political system and electric cooperatives, as well as essential leadership skills."

Rhea will also speak at the Indiana Electric Cooperatives annual meeting in Indianapolis in December. Finally, she will join the other YLC members at the 2016 NRECA annual meeting in San Diego in February where the student leaders will assist NRECA staff and participate in a variety of educational activities.

Rhea is the daughter of Steve and Precious Rhea, of Loogootee.

Indiana Electric Cooperatives, located

### Free lunch for kids

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

### SOAR Tutoring

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

### Humane society meetings

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

### Solid waste board

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

### Tourism meetings

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

### Soil and Water meetings

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

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## Successful IHT becomes new President Harrison Trust

The Indiana Heritage Trust that has successfully funded conservation protections on nearly 62,000 acres over the past two decades is getting a name change.

Effective July 1, IHT will be renamed the President Benjamin Harrison Conservation Trust Fund under a law passed earlier this year by the General Assembly.

"It's a fitting tribute to someone whose conservation legacy is often overlooked," DNR Director Cameron F. Clark said. "Although he served only one term as president, Benjamin Harrison not only took action but also set in motion what followed under the more recognized leadership of Theodore Roosevelt and others.

"This newly named initiative is designed to build on IHT's achievements and more recently through the Bicentennial Nature Trust that has added another more than 10,000 acres to public places for Hoosiers get outside and enjoy nature."

The Indiana Heritage Trust was established in 1992 to acquire and protect lands that represent outstanding natural resources and habitats, or have recreational, historical or archaeological significance.

IHT's leadership in land conservation has helped the state and its partners invest \$49.5 million to acquire 440 sites totaling 61,793 acres, an average of \$802 per acre.

Harrison's own contributions to land conservation spanned his time as a U.S. Senator from Indiana and as U.S. President from 1889-1893.

In 1882, then-Sen. Harrison introduced a bill to preserve land along the Colorado River. Although the bill did not pass, the idea led to establishment of Grand Canyon National Park in 1919.

After being elected President, Harrison pushed Congress to pass legislation that changed management of western forestlands. He then used the law 17 times to set aside 22 million acres in California, Colorado, New Mexico, Oregon, Washington, and the Alaska and Arizona territories that eventually became national forests. It also was the basis for creation of the Indiana Division of Forestry in 1903.

Harrison opened three national parks (Sequoia, Yosemite, and General

### Campfire cooking at Paynetown SRA

Learn to prepare a variety of recipes over an open fire during a campfire cooking workshop at Paynetown State Recreation Area on Sunday, July 24.

The workshop runs from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Participants will prepare food using different techniques, including a cast-iron Dutch oven for baking, and then eat lunch together.

Each person will take home campfire cooking information, copies of the recipes, and, usually, a plate of leftovers.

The workshop is limited to 10 people and is recommended for ages 10 and older. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult.

The workshop costs \$20 per person. Participants must register by July 17 at [bit.ly/campfirecookingjuly2016](http://bit.ly/campfirecookingjuly2016).

For more information, contact interpretive naturalist Jill Vance at [jvance@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:jvance@dnr.IN.gov) or (812) 837-9967.

Paynetown Activity Center at Monroe Lake ([stateparks.IN.gov/2954.htm](http://stateparks.IN.gov/2954.htm)) is at 4850 S. State Road 446, Bloomington, 47401

Grant) and approved federal protection for prehistoric Indian ruins at Casa Grande, Arizona, that are now a national monument managed by the National Park Service.

Fort Harrison State Park on the northeast side of Indianapolis is named in his honor.

The bill that establishes the Harrison Conservation Trust was passed unanimously by the General Assembly and signed by Gov. Mike Pence on March 23.

In addition to the name change, the Harrison Conservation Trust streamlines the review and recommendation process used for the selection of projects to be funded. It also changes the makeup of the project committee and adjusts criteria for the 10 governor appointees to represent five geographic regions and come from one or more of the following communities – environmental, land trust, organized hunting and fishing, forest products, and parks and recreation.

Directors from the DNR divisions of Fish & Wildlife, Forestry, Nature Preserves, Outdoor Recreation, and State Parks, and the chief executive officer of the Indiana State Museum & Historic Sites will be part of the project committee. Four members of the General Assembly will be non-voting participants.

Local parks, archaeological and historic sites, state and local nature preserves, and local conservation areas to the mix of properties that can be acquired or expanded.

Funding for the Harrison Conservation Trust remains the same as with IHT – revenue from Environmental License Plate sales, General Assembly appropriations, and additional donations from patrons.



The veteran service officer has an office in the Martin County Courthouse. An appointment is necessary as I am out of the office transporting veterans to medical appointments, meeting with or visiting veterans in the community.

During the month of June, the veteran service officer assisted 14 veterans, had four meetings, and visited the Legion's and VFW's in Crane, Loogootee and Shoals. The veteran's van took five trips transporting five veterans to VA medical centers and clinics.

**DRIVERS NEEDED** for the veteran's van. I am aware that we all have very busy lives and very little free time which is why I am looking for reliable drivers to add to my call list. I am looking for **VOLUNTEERS** that are willing to transport a veteran possibly one trip a week to medical appointments in the surrounding area. This is not a paid position but I am able to provide \$10 a trip as long as there is money in the "Thank the Driver Fund". You must have an Indiana license and a clean driving record. If interested, please contact me.

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

For assistance call 812-247-2210, transportation needs call 812-247-2450 and leave a message or e-mail [martin-countyvso2013@yahoo.com](mailto:martin-countyvso2013@yahoo.com).

### -- A PLAN TO GIVE --

Do you spend time thinking about how you'll pay for something? What you'll do on your vacation? The actions needed in your job to achieve some goal? Have you thought about your plan for charitable giving? As with any important endeavor in your life, thoughtful planning is important.

### -- GIVING QUESTIONS --

Before creating your charitable giving plan, you need to think through some questions that can help you structure your plan. Here are a few:

- Why are you interested in giving?
- What would you like to accomplish?
- What are your values and goals?
- How would you like to be involved in, or manage, your giving?
- How much money do you have to commit during your lifetime? After your death?
- Are there tax considerations?
- Do you need income from your financial assets now? What are those needs?
- Would you like your plan to be part of your retirement planning? How?
- How have you given in the past?

### -- WHERE TO GIVE --

For some people, one of the most difficult aspects of charitable giving is figuring out where to give their money. There are so many opportunities to give that it can be overwhelming.



DR. ERIC HARTMAN

## Dr. Eric Hartman joins medical staff

Hospitalist Eric Hartman, M.D. was recently appointed to the Active Medical Staff at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center. A hospitalist is a doctor who works exclusively in a hospital focusing on the general medical care of hospitalized patients.

Dr. Hartman received his medical degree from University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Medicine in Little Rock, and completed his residency at St. Francis Family Medicine Residency in Indianapolis. Most recently, he served as a hospitalist and medical director at St. Francis Hospital. He is a diplomat of the American Board of Family Medicine and is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians and the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians.

Many organizations and causes are out there competing for funding to do their good works.

### -- HOW DO YOU BEGIN --

A giving plan is really a process of distilling what you love and are concerned with and then threading those issues with your own values, money and time. It's also choosing initiatives, leaders and non-profits whose missions and strategies are working to make the changes you want to see.

### -- YOUR PASSION --

Knowing what you feel passionate about is the first step in determining how your personal contributions of money, time and energy will be most effective. It is how you are going to give a part of yourself.

One way to help with this is to identify your top three values (i.e., opportunity, creativity, dignity, spirituality) and your top three interest areas and concerns (i.e., education, youth, the arts, substance abuse, the elderly). Then determine if there is a relationship or common thread between the two. Try to match your values with your interests and concerns to help create a plan that is right for you.

### -- HOW MUCH --

Determining how much to give to charity is a personal choice. The appropriate charitable giving amount will be different for every person. It can be influenced by many factors including your family situation, retirement goals, financial picture, personal values, and passions. And do you want to set a target amount or a percentage of income each year?

### -- WHAT TO GIVE --

Your contribution can consist of almost any asset. To help you get an idea of what types of assets you might consider using as you develop your charitable giving plan, the below list provides some of the most common types you can donate.

- Cash and cash equivalents
- Publicly traded securities
- Closely held securities
- Life insurance
- Real estate
- Personal property
- Retirement assets

### -- MORE INFORMATION --

For more information about the MCCF endowment funds and how we can help you develop your charitable giving plan, please contact the MCCF Executive Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or [mccf@cfpartner.org](mailto:mccf@cfpartner.org).

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