



## Shop & Taste

-Photos by Theresa Abney  
and Courtney Hughett

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce sponsored "Shop & Taste Martin County" this past Monday night in the community building. More than 100 participants shopped and tasted their way around the building with vendors varying from area restaurant, independent sellers and retail outlets. The Shop & Taste is a fundraiser for the Chamber. Shown above is the crowd toward the end of the event and the photo on the left is Sparky, the Loogootee Fire Department's mascot dog who was also present passing out info on fire safety.

## Loogootee School Board approves \$2 million bond

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Loogootee School Board discussed and approved several resolutions at their meeting Tuesday night, October 20, for the \$2 million in bonds they are issuing for improvements to school buildings.

Mike Therber, of Therber and Brock, LLP, in Indianapolis, explained the bond process to the board. The \$2 million bond will be paid back over a period of 10 years. Therber said the final interest rate is not known but he is estimating it to be 2.5-2.75 percent.

Board Member Brent Courter asked if the bond money could be spent on computers, for example. The school's attorney, Dave Lett, explained that the money was advertised to go toward building renovation and would need to be spent as advertised to the public. The plan for the renovations include new roofs on each school building and windows and ceiling and lighting upgrades if enough money is left over. The estimated bond payment each year will be \$254,000.

Board Member Tim Bradley asked Therber how Loogootee compares to other area corporations in regard to outstanding debt. Therber said that Loogootee's obligations are lower than surrounding school districts.

The bonds are scheduled to be sold on November 12. The school will have three years to spend the money from the bonds.

In other business, sophomore Carson Rayhill read a letter to the board in regard to the field trip to Ireland that was discussed several meetings prior. Rayhill said he expected the board to make a decision on whether the Honors English class could take the trip.

Board President Nancy Summers ex-

plained that the board votes on recommendations from the administration and the administration did not recommend the trip to Ireland. Summers said that it was her opinion that the trip was not a good idea because it removed teachers from the classroom for at least four days, potentially six, when those teachers are needed to prepare sophomores for state tests required for graduation. She said one teacher has 17 students in remediation, to get them to pass the required test. She added that more than 100 students would be affected by having their teachers out of the classroom to benefit 10 or 11 students that would be going on the Ireland trip.

Rayhill replied that there is a substitute teacher that is willing to help out with the Spanish students and the English teacher is looking for a certified former teacher to cover her position.

Summers again said it was bad timing to take teachers who know the students out of the classroom.

Board Member Tim Bradley told Rayhill that he has always been in support of the trip however due to state testing requirements, the teachers need to be in the classroom. He suggested that Rayhill write letters to elected officials regarding state standardized testing and its effect on students' education.

In personnel the board approved hiring Carol Strange to replace a recently vacant position in the cafeteria. The board also approved Josh Mullis to serve as student intern coordinator and Kent Chezem as job shadow supervisor.

The board gave permission for the city police to start citing drivers for reckless driving, speeding contests, etc. in the school parking lot. In the past the police did not issue citations on school property.

## Commissioners go over grant ap, 911 upgrades, road issues

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, October 13.

Greg Jones, SIDC, opened a public hearing for the Workforce Development Program grant from the Office of Community and Rural Affairs. Martin County is the lead applicant in the four-county project which includes the counties of Lawrence, Daviess and Greene. The total cost of the project will be \$375,000, of which \$250,000 is grant funding and \$125,000 is local match. The local match will consist of \$12,000 from each respective county, \$5,000 from Westgate@Crane Authority and \$72,000 the Gene Haas Foundation. The application is due October 23, 2015. The program will assist a minimum of 54 students with training for jobs in the defense industry.

Jones proceeded to explain all the documents that needed approval. The commissioners approved all submitted. Jones closed the public hearing at 6:20 p.m.

Sheriff Travis Roush presented to the commissioners a report regarding the 911 call center. Communications Commander Brett

Richardson prepared the report that included information gathered from three counties that compare to Martin County. Sheriff Roush received three bids and recommended approving the ERS bid. The council approved the ERS bid of \$31,101.49 pending the commissioners' approval. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to declare an emergency for the purchase of the new 911 call center equipment and accept the bid from ERS for \$31,101.49. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

There are currently 41 inmates in the security center. Sheriff Roush swore in a reserve deputy in Mitcheltree Township a few weeks ago and will have two more once they pass their physical test.

Recorder Rhonda Sanders informed the commissioners that she is starting the process of accepting credit cards and e-filing. The contract signed with CSI a few months ago outlined the details. The e-filing is due to the law changing the amount of time a mortgage (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 2)

## Tax sale nets more than \$133,000

Martin County officials held their annual delinquent property tax sale on October 16. The sale was conducted by County Auditor January Roush and County Treasurer Vicki D. Boyd. A property tax sale is required to be held in Indiana counties for those properties where and owner of real estate fails to pay the property taxes from the prior year's first property tax bill installment. A tax lien on the property may be sold to satisfy the tax obligation to the highest bidder. The owners of the properties sold at the tax sale have one year to pay the delinquent property taxes, costs and penalties to keep the property.

The sale conducted by Indianapolis-based SRI Incorporated on behalf of Martin County, offered 11 parcels to eight bidders. SRI conducts tax sales in 83 counties in Indiana, Michigan, and Colorado.

This year's tax sale resulted in the collec-

tion of \$133,265.37 from owners and buyers. 109 parcels had all taxes, penalties, and costs paid in full. Treasurer Vick D. Boyd said, "Tax sales are a necessary function of county government. It is only fair to the people who pay their property taxes every year to pursue those that do not pay."

For the two properties that did not sell, the county commissioners acquire a tax lien. The county commissioners may offer those properties to the public at a sale at a later date.

County Auditor January Roush commented, "It is our ultimate goal to return these properties to the tax rolls as quickly and efficiently as possible. Property owned by people that pay their property taxes ensure our local government services are fully funded."

For more information on property tax sales, visit [www.sri-taxsale.com](http://www.sri-taxsale.com).

## Loogootee Fall Festival this Friday

The Loogootee Park and Recreation Board, together with the Loogootee Elementary Staff, is hosting a Spooky Splash Dash 5K Run/Walk and Fall Festival Friday, October 23. The event starts at 5:30 p.m. at the former Elementary East gym.

Costumes are encouraged. Prizes will be given out to the best dressed in costumes, as well as awards for the first place male and female runner.

A Fall Festival will be held in the Lee Kavanaugh Gym immediately following the run/walk with inflatables, games, and food!

Some of the games that will be offered at the Fall Festival are a football toss, duck

pond, free throw shooting, a gold fish game and others.

The king/queen and prince/princess candidates will be crowned at 7 p.m. The Loogootee High School Band will hold a concert after the crowning. The cake auction will start at 8 p.m. with cakes made/decorated by men in the high school coaching and teaching staff.

The Martin County Humane Society will be in charge of concessions.

For information, contact Megan Jones at [mjones@loogootee.k12.in.us](mailto:mjones@loogootee.k12.in.us). If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact the mayor's office at 812-295-4770.



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Daviess-Martin Joint County Parks & Recreation Dept.

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# COMMISSIONERS

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has to be recorded once signed to within three days.

Leo Padgett, highway superintendent, submitted his two-week work schedule. He gave an update on the chip-n-seal projects. The department will start winter hours beginning Monday, October 19, 2015 with hours being 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Superintendent Padgett will advertise for supply bids to be turned in Friday, November 6 by 4 p.m. in the auditor's office. The bids will be opened at the regular scheduled commissioners' meeting on November 10, 2015.

Superintendent Padgett submitted a county road map with the roads that have been paved in the last three years highlighted. He would like the commissioners' recommendations on roads to pave next year so he can begin preparations. As requested, Superintendent Padgett submitted a proposal for a change in classification and wages for his CDL drivers. The proposal will be sub-

mitted to the council for approval at their November 9, 2015 meeting.

Due to an employee giving his two-week notice and another retiring at the end of the year, Superintendent Padgett recommended hiring the two single hands that were the 2015 seasonal employees and then advertise for the other job opening. The commissioners agreed to advertise for all three positions due to applicants needing a CDL license. Applications are due Monday, October 26, 2015 by 4 p.m. in the auditor's office.

Monty Wolf, civil defense/EMA, updated the commissioners on department happenings. Due to the Shoals Volunteer Fire Department having repair issues with their tanker, he is letting them borrow the military tanker.

President George gave the quarterly report for the humane society. Commissioner Gregory read the September veteran service officer report. Auditor Roush submitted the tourism report prepared by Jim Stoughton.

Absentee voting will begin Monday, October 19 for the City of Loogootee election.

Auditor Roush and her deputies will be attending the state board of accounts called auditor's conference next week in Colum-

bus. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m. The next commissioners' meeting will be Tuesday, October 27 at 6 p.m.

## Loogootee Elementary Honor Roll

### THIRD GRADE

High Honors: Ryken Chandler, Brianna Eckerle, AJ Foster, Ashley Green, Luke Guy, Ella Parker, Koen Waggnar, Cacia Wilcoxon, and Donna Yang.

Honor Roll: Anistyn Aiman, Avery Brock, Amber Cagle, Landon Campbell, Abigail Chapman, Olivia Christmas, Breanna Courter, Tessa Crowder, Pierce Davis, Noah Esch, Gunner Fox, Ava Fuhman, Joshua Gardiner, Kendall Kemp, Pheonix Lantz, Emma Lingenfelter, Dylan Norris, Judith Park, Adelyn Sergeant, Isaac Tarr, Maren Walter, Wade Walton, Macey Wathen, and Ruger Wathen.

### FOURTH GRADE

High Honors: Austin Cagle, Mackenzie Craney, Ashlynn Gilbert, Luke Lengacher, Madison Machmer, Abbi Nonte, Conner Swartzentruber, Isaac Waggnar, Drew Walker, Reis Whitney, Alivia Willis, and Sydnee Wittmer.

Honor Roll: Alex Adams, Brandon Bledsoe, Hunter Brown, Chance Carrico, Lakya Epple, Elizabeth Gerkin, Sam Graber, Cale Greene, Carter Harbison, Alana Hedrick, Allie Henninger, Chrislynn Holland, Leighton Jeffers, Russell Mauder, Lily Mofatt, Taetum Patton, Justin Roberts, Luke Venters, Jaybe Wagoner, and Bryar Walton.

# Classified ADS


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 Candidates should have a history of outstanding customer service, want to work in a fun atmosphere, be hard working, dependable and self-motivated.

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**RECREATION DIRECTOR**

Daviess-Martin Counties Joint Parks & Recreation Department is seeking an individual with strong leadership, innovative thinking, management skills, and customer service skills to join their department. This individual will collaborate with department leadership to ensure adequate customer service representation is exhibited in all facets of the department. Through development and marketing of programs and adequate hiring and training of staff, this position will assist our department with the continued excellent service provided to our customers and community.

**Job Duties:**

- Collaborate with leadership team to develop and market programs, special events, promotional offers, and community outreach programs.
- Hiring, scheduling, and managing staff to facilitate programs and ensure customer service representation.
- Coordinating associated needs for the implementation of programs and customer service with maintenance and housekeeping personnel.
- Prepare evaluations to assist with further development of programs, events, activities, promotional incentives, and visitor activity.
- Develop and facilitate volunteer programs
- Procuring necessary inventory for implementation of quality management and service levels.
- Coordinate financial and personnel record keeping.
- Assist in maintaining landowner Special Use Permit Accounts; prepare correspondence, and process applications.
- Administer long term camping programs while maintaining customer contact lists, renewals, and monthly utility surcharge billing.

**Qualifications:**  
 Bachelor's degree in Parks & Recreation Management, Business or Public Administration, Marketing or related field with at least two years professional experience. A minimum of 5 years cumulative professional work experience that is relevant to the position may be substituted.

**Please submit cover letter, resume, and reference letter to:**  
[jameson@westboggs.com](mailto:jameson@westboggs.com)  
**For inquiries and additional information contact us at [jameson@westboggs.com](mailto:jameson@westboggs.com) or call 812-295-3537.**

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT POSITION**

The Martin County Highway Department is now accepting applications for a Full-Time Truck Driver/Equipment Operator. Requirements are: CDL license and able to pass a drug screening. Job description is as follows: operate chainsaw, physical labor (heavy lifting), road maintenance, operate snow removal equipment, haul dirt/rock/blacktop, must be able to load using backhoe, etc. Applications and a full job description may be picked up and submitted at the Martin County Highway Department, 10753 Sherfick School Rd, Shoals, Indiana. Inquires call 812-247-2666.

*Deadline to submit applications will be Monday, October 26, 2015 by 4 p.m.*

**Maintenance Technicians  
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Jasper Rubber Products, Inc. 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:

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## ANIMAL SHELTER Pets of the Week



**KITTENS!** The Martin County Humane Society Animal Shelter has several kittens looking for a home. The shelter hours are Wednesday 5-7 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m. or by appointment another day. The adoption fee for kittens/cats is \$40 and includes spay/neuter, vaccinations and a free bag of Hill's Science Diet food.

**"A Call to Devotion" Revival**

New Beginnings Church (Pastor Ernie Canell) & Maranatha Tabernacle Church (Pastor Duane Smith) have joined together for revival - "A Call to Devotion"

**THURSDAY - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 30, 31 AT 7 P.M.  
 AND SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 AT 10:30 A.M.**

The services will take place at Maranatha Tabernacle Church, 13111 Hwy. 231 N, Loogootee IN (1/2 mile North of Loogootee Municipal Building). David Frazier ([davidandkimfrazier.com](http://davidandkimfrazier.com)) will be the speaker for each service. David is the author of 180 Days behind the Curtain: A Deeper Life Daily Devotional, which has been endorsed by Kyle Idleman, author of Not a Fan.

**For additional information contact Pastor Ernie Canell at 812-709-0258 or Pastor Duane Smith at 615-319-1939.**

All services are open to the public. A love offering for David Frazier will be taken Thursday evening and Sunday morning.



# OBITUARIES

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## DANIEL LANNAN

Daniel P. Lannan passed away Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at Good Samaritan Hospital of Vincennes. A resident of Washington, he was 84.



He was born July 28, 1931 in Loogootee; son of the late Joseph and Mary (Melton) Lannan.

## DANIEL LANNAN

He was a well-known general contractor who built homes in Daviess, Martin, and surrounding counties, including homes for each of his children. He took a great deal of pride in his work and enjoyed spending time with his family. He was a member of Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church, and The American Legion Post #120. He served from 1951 until 1953 in the Korean Conflict as a member of the United States Army.

He was married to the late Alice B. (Devine) Lannan for 57 years, marrying June 25, 1955. Survivors include three children, Lisa Lee (Rory), Lori Chattin (Scott), and Daniel Lannan (Laura); grandchildren, Misty Goble (Tony), Abby Hale (Jay), Trent Chattin, Brogan Lee, Madison McAnelly (Justin), and Luke Lannan; great-grandchildren, Alice Ann Goble, Jaxon Daniel Hale, Jonah Joseph Hale, Jace Hale and Hudson Scott Goble; siblings, Rose Ann Butler-Arney, Wilma Sinnott, Paul Lannan, Clifford J. Lannan, William A. Lannan, John C. Lannan, Robert M. Lannan, and James F. Lannan.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; great-grandson, Gavin Goble; and five siblings, Donald R. Lannan, Thomas J. Lannan, H. Catherine Gilley, Mary A. Arney, Caroline S. Clements.

Visitation will be at Gill Funeral Home, 308 E. Walnut Street in Washington on Thursday, October 22 from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. There will be a mass of Christian Burial on Friday, October 23 at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church with Father

Gordon Mann and Miss Yvonne Evans officiating. Entombment to follow at Sugarland Memory Gardens.

You may make memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society at P.O. Box 22718 Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718. Online condolences may be made at [www.gillsince1872.com](http://www.gillsince1872.com).

## NELLIE MAE MULLINS

Nellie Mae Mullins passed away at 11:32 a.m. Friday, October 16, 2015, at Indiana University Health Paoli Hospital. A resident of Mitchell, she was 69.

She was born November 6, 1945, in Loogootee; the daughter of Russell and Rosa (Sheetz) Kelsey. She married Merle Wilson Mullins on October 14, 1984.

She was a graduate of Shoals High School, Class of 1963. She served 16 years as a hospice chaplain and was a member of East Oolitic Community Church.

She is survived by her husband, Merle Wilson Mullins of Mitchell; children, Jamie (Marty) Edwards of Mitchell, Sharon (Roosevelt) Smith of Elizabethtown, Kentucky; Gerald (Marlene) Hart of Berea, Kentucky; Lisa (Eddie) Kraemer of Spencer and Chris (Anne) Mullins of Orleans; eight grandchildren; three great grandchildren; and sisters, Ruth (Randy) Chaplain and Nancy Chaplain, both of West Baden Springs; Sandra Hobson of Millersburg and Reta (Herald) Brown of French Lick.

Her parents and brother, Jerry Lee Kelsey, preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 20, in the Memorial Chapel of Chastain Funeral Home & Cremation Center with Pastor Millard Jones officiating. Burial followed in Lawrenceport Cemetery.

## WANDA PARSONS

Wanda Jean (Ratliff) Parsons, passed away at 8:21 a.m. October 13, 2015 at Daviess Community Hospital. A resident of Shoals, she was 70.

She was born November 8, 1944 in



## WANDA PARSONS

Lawrence County; daughter of the late Harold and Nancy Alice (Wease) Ratliff of Bryantsville. She married James Vernon Parsons on January 19, 1963.

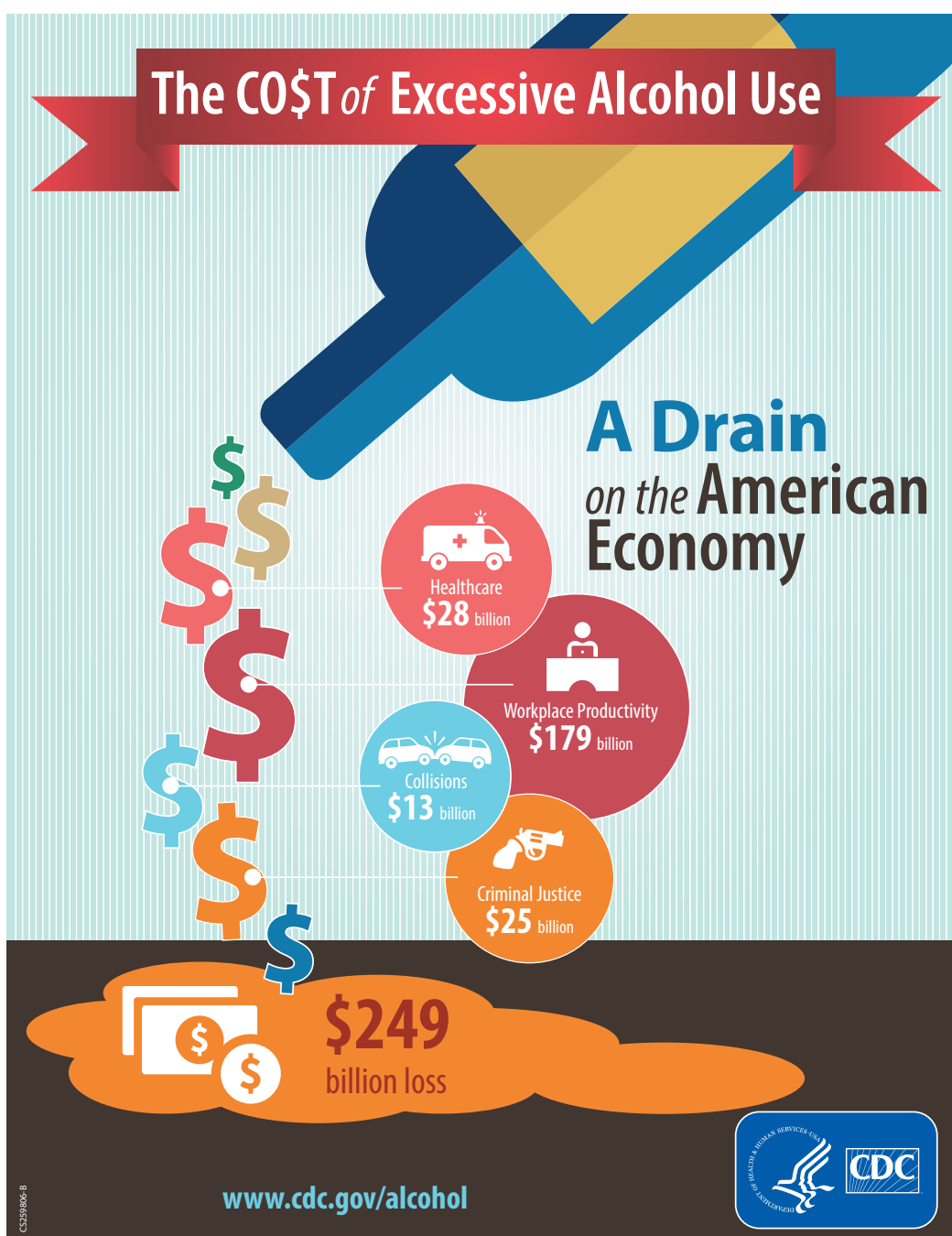
She graduated in 1962 from Huron High School. She was a very dedicated daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She loved her home and family very much. She was a seamstress at Edson Incorporated in Loogootee. She also was a loyal follower of Jesus Christ and a member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in French Lick.

Surviving are husband, James V. Parsons of Shoals; children, Sheryl L. (Parsons) Langdon and husband, David L. Langdon,

of Bedford; Tampa R. (Parsons) Holt of Loogootee, and James R. "Bob" Parsons and wife, Debra A Parsons, of Shoals; grandchildren, Michael L. Holt, Autumn M. Gibbs and husband, Cyrus Gibb; James D. Holt and partner, Kayleigh Lanier; Jared "L.P." Langdon, Dakota B. Langdon, Rachel N. Parsons, Garrett A. Parsons, and Evan J. Parsons; and great-grandchildren, C.J. and Ava Gibbs and Wynter Holt.

She was preceded in death by sisters, Annette K. McCart and Anita K. Rhodes; brother, Jack L. Ratliff and a brother in infancy.

Memorial services were held Friday October 16 at the Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. Her ashes will be scattered at a later date at a private ceremony. A separate memorial service will be at the Kingdom Hall of French Lick on October 31, 2015.



## Excessive alcohol use continues to be drain on American economy

Excessive alcohol use continues to be a drain on the American economy, according to a study released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Excessive drinking cost the U.S. \$249 billion in 2010, or \$2.05 per drink, a significant increase from \$223.5 billion, or \$1.90 per drink, in 2006. Most of these costs were due to reduced workplace productivity, crime, and the cost of treating people for health problems caused by excessive drinking.

Binge drinking, defined as drinking five or more drinks on one occasion for men or four or more drinks on one occasion for women, was responsible for most of these costs (77 percent). Two of every 5 dollars of costs -- over \$100 billion -- were paid by governments.

"The increase in the costs of excessive drinking from 2006 to 2010 is concerning, particularly given the severe economic recession that occurred during these years," said Robert Brewer, M.D., M.S.P.H., head of CDC's Alcohol Program and one of the study's authors. "Effective prevention strategies can reduce excessive drinking and related costs in states and communities, but they are under used."

Excessive alcohol consumption is responsible for an average of 88,000 deaths each year, including 1 in 10 deaths among working-age Americans ages 20-64.

Excessive alcohol use cost states and the District of Columbia a median of \$3.5 billion in 2010, ranging from \$488 million in North Dakota to \$35 billion in California. Washington D.C. had the highest cost per person (\$1,526, compared to the \$807 national average), and New Mexico had the highest cost per drink (\$2.77, compared to the \$2.05 national average).

The 2010 cost estimates were based on changes in the occurrence of alcohol-related problems and the cost of paying for them since 2006. Even so, the researchers believe that the study underestimates the cost of excessive drinking because information on alcohol is often underreported or unavailable, and the study did not include other costs, such as pain and suffering due to alcohol-attributable harms.

The study, "2010 National and State Costs of Excessive Alcohol Consumption," is available at [www.ajpmonline.org/content/infoformedia](http://www.ajpmonline.org/content/infoformedia). For more information: [www.cdc.gov/alcohol/](http://www.cdc.gov/alcohol/).

Join us for a fun-filled evening at the

**FALL FESTIVAL**



Sponsored by the Shoals Jug Rox Adult Booster Club

**Saturday, October 31st**  
**6 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

**at the Shoals High School Gymnasiums**

**Cake Auction begins at 6:30 p.m.**

**Costume Contest following the cake auction**

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**Grades 4 thru 6 . Grades 7 thru Adult**

**Coloring contest winners will be announced at 8:45.**

**\$1.00**

Admission  
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# COPS & COURT

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

4:45 a.m. - Received a report of a stolen vehicle northeast of Loogootee. Deputy McBeth worked the case. The vehicle was later located.

10:15 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:03 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Loogootee, on US 231. Loogootee Chief Rayhill checked the driver and all was okay.

2:35 p.m. - Received a dog complaint south of Shoals. Captain Dant took the call.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

2:03 a.m. - Deputy McBeth assisted a motorist south of Loogootee.

7:00 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

10:30 a.m. - Received a report of trespassers south of Loogootee. Conservation Officer Mann responded.

11:05 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:20 p.m. - Received a medical alarm in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

2:14 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded.

The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

4:25 p.m. - Received a report of a tree blocking the road near Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded and removed the tree.

5:10 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism near Shoals. Sgt. Keller worked the case.

7:25 p.m. - Received a report of a motorcycle-deer accident north of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Nolan, Sgt. Keller, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

8:15 p.m. - Sgt. Keller assisted a motorist north of Loogootee.

9:16 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation near Loogootee. Sgt. Keller and Corporal Baker responded.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

4:40 a.m. - Corporal Baker responded to a slight accident east of Shoals.

7:30 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on US 231, north of Loogootee. Captain Dant and Deputy Salmon responded.

8:12 a.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Captain Dant and Deputy Salmon responded.

11:20 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene and Deputy Salmon assisted a motorist in Shoals.

12:52 p.m. - Received a report of an accident west of Shoals. Captain Dant, Deputy Salmon, Loogootee Chief Rayhill, Shoals Fire Department, and Martin County Ambulance responded. One subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:56 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:55 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism east of Shoals. Corporal Baker responded.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

4:35 a.m. - Received a noise complaint in Shoals. Corporal Baker responded and located the subjects.

7:21 a.m. - Sheriff Roush assisted a motorist in Crane.

11:31 a.m. - Received a report of a field fire west of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded.

3:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

3:48 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:15 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Nolan responded.

5:44 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Sgt. Norris located the vehicle.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

1:43 a.m. - Received a report of an alarm north of Loogootee. Corporal Baker checked the area.

7:47 a.m. - Major Burkhardt performed a personal appearance at Shoals Schools.

8:40 a.m. - Received a report of a break-in, in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

10:05 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Police Department Captain Akles, Martin County Coroner Franklin, Prosecutor Steiner, and Sheriff Roush responded. The subject was transported to Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals.

3:35 p.m. - Sheriff Roush assisted a motorist.

4:56 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to

Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:40 p.m. - Major Burkhardt assisted a motorist near Shoals.

7:47 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Nolan responded.

9:53 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

11:57 p.m. - Received a noise complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Nolan responded.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

2:02 a.m. - Received a report of an alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Nolan and Deputy Salmon responded.

6:18 a.m. - Received a report of an alarm in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

## JAIL BOOKINGS

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

1:00 p.m. - Michelle Collins, 42, of Shoals, was arrested by Sheriff Roush on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

3:12 p.m. - Tangela Gleason, 36, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Police Department Chief Rayhill for driving without ever being licensed. Her bond has been set at \$10,000 10%.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

9:04 a.m. - Robert Allbright, 51, of Washington, was arrested by Captain Dant on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond. The Daviess County Sheriff's Department assisted in the arrest.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

2:00 a.m. - James Abel, 54, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Nolan for driving while suspended and operating while intoxicated refusal. He is being held without bond.

12:05 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

1:12 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Major Burkhardt, Shoals Fire Department, Martin County Ambulance, and Air Evac were dispatched. Air Evac transported the subject.

2:07 p.m. - Received a report of a field fire in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded.

7:50 p.m. - Received a report of an alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Nolan responded.

8:15 p.m. - Sheriff Roush assisted a motorist near Loogootee.

11:24 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle near Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

1:03 a.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Nolan took the call.

3:12 a.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Sheriff Roush responded.

5:20 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

10:26 a.m. - Received a report of an alarm in Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

11:58 a.m. - Received a report of a fire south of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department responded.

2:33 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

3:16 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:50 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert took the call and located the subjects.

9:19 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department was notified.

## Court News

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

### CIVIL COURT

#### New Suits Filed

October 9

April Wisner vs. Todd Wisner, petition for dissolution of marriage.

### SMALL CLAIMS COURT

#### New Suits Filed

October 13

Marie Truelove vs. Jasmine Jones, complaint.

### SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

October 13

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff LVNV Funding, LLC and against the defendant Julie Padgett a/k/a Julie A. Doscher Ball in the amount of \$710.50.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Padanaram, Inc. and against the defendant Shawna Vincz in the amount of \$1,577.21.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

October 16

James L. Peek of Loogootee and Ashley M. Schutte of Loogootee.

## Martin County Safe Community Campaign event planned for January 16

Police officers serving Martin County from both local and state agencies are planning a community appreciation event for January 16, 2016. The event, which will be called the Martin County Safe Community Campaign, will bring the community and its police officers together for a day of fun and information sharing.

Although still in the early stages of planning, the event, which will be held at the Martin County Community Building, will feature officers and informational displays from the Martin County Sheriff's Office, Indiana Conservation Officers, Indiana State Police, Indiana Excise Police, Shoals Police Department, and the Loogootee Police Department.

The event, free to the public, will feature several law enforcement speakers and programs as well as food and door prizes.

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# Loogootee Police log

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

11:10 a.m. - Received a call of a reckless driver on US 231. Chief Rayhill conducted a traffic stop.

3:00 p.m. - A caller reported a medical health issue.

4:14 p.m. - A caller reported a loud music complaint in Shaded Estates.

5:35 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to a tree on fire near a utility line on Isaacs Road.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

11:10 a.m. - A caller reported a dog complaint.

5:16 p.m. - A caller reported property damage.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

12:52 p.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a vehicle accident on State Road 550.

6:16 p.m. - A caller reported a child custody issue.

8:13 p.m. - A caller requested a welfare

check on a female.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

12:07 a.m. - A caller reported a medical health issue.

2:14 a.m. - Officer Nolan removed large rocks from the roadway.

1:35 p.m. - A caller reported a suspicious person on North Line Street.

4:25 p.m. - A caller reported damage to his mailbox.

10:36 p.m. - A caller reported a suspicious vehicle in St. John's Cemetery. Officer was unable to locate.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

1:52 a.m. - A caller reported a suspicious persons on US 231.

8:40 a.m. - A caller reported her vehicle was ransacked.

10:05 a.m. - Captain Akles responded to a medical call on Park Street.

1:00 p.m. - Male came on station to request transient assistance.

1:03 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

4:55 p.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a medical call.

11:57 p.m. - Caller reported a noise complaint near Church Street.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

2:02 a.m. - Officer Nolan responded to a business alarm.

5:47 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

7:54 p.m. - Officer Nolan responded to a residential alarm.



-Photo provided

Recipients of Vincennes University's Peer Recognition Awards are, from left, Levi Clark, Dr. Nicole Shankle, Michelle Cummins, Jim Evans, Sandra Potter, Matthew Schwartz, and Jennifer Meadows. They were honored at a reception at the Beckes Student Union on October 12.

## VU employees receive Peer Recognition Awards

Vincennes University presented Peer Recognition Awards to employees at a reception on October 12 at the Beckes Student Union. Interim President Chuck Johnson made the presentations.

Recipients are nominated by their VU peers based on exemplary service and performance. Nominations are then reviewed and approved by the President's Advisory Committee.

Recipients include Levi Clark, assistant professor of conservation law enforcement; Michelle Cummins, instructor of math and director of the Student Success Center; Jim Evans, director of engineering for VU Broadcasting; Jennifer Meadows, case manager for Generations; Sandra Potter, coordinator for the office of Architectural Services and Facilities; Jason Ritchie, chief flight instructor at the Aviation Technology Center; Matthew Schwartz, director of the Military Education Program; and Dr. Nicole Shankle, assistant dean at Ben Davis University High School.

Clark was cited for leading one of the largest programs on the Vincennes Campus, Conservation Law Enforcement, the only such program in Indiana. He was instrumental in bringing back the chapter of the American Criminal Justice Association to campus, in developing an articulation agreement with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources to train conservation officers, and is a role model for students.

Cummins was cited for her dual role as an instructor of math and director of the new Student Success Center. She works with students with disabilities and is often the person recommended to students as someone who will go out of her way to help every student succeed. She has helped develop, hire, and train four new positions, and trained advisors how to use the Degree Works program. Cummins is also involved in creating the new course redesign for the co-requisite model for developmental education. She is a leader, a problem solver, and an inspiration to all who work with her.

Evans was cited for going well beyond the call of duty in helping the new Student Success Center get established in Davis Hall. He became a key person in the transition, taking care of the work orders needed to move items to the new location including arranging one of the computer labs for diagnostic tests. All of his assistance was beyond his duties as director of engineering for VU Broadcasting, but was cited as critically important to opening the new office successfully.

Meadows was cited for going above and beyond her duties as a case manager for Generations. She made sure two of her clients had a Thanksgiving meal this past year by preparing and delivering a dinner herself. At Christmas she purchased gifts at her own ex-

pense to ensure that her clients with little support would have them. After one of her clients passed away, she helped the spouse, who was both physically and cognitively unable to do so, plan for the funeral. She did this while also managing a caseload of over 60 clients.

Potter was cited for her high level of service, loyalty, and dedication to VU over her more than 35-year career. She plays a key role in administrating and organizing documentation for all of the campus construction projects, a monumental task that requires a high level of organization and attention to detail. She has also taken a leadership role among the front office staff at the Physical Plant and with implementation of many of the systems used, demonstrating a commitment to take on new challenges. Beyond that, she regularly volunteers to work PreVU and Start VU weekends.

Ritchie was cited for being the heart and soul of the VU Flight Program. A VU graduate and a Navy veteran, Ritchie has redesigned the program's curriculum while supervising 141 flight certificates, teaching multiple ground classes, providing academic advising, and performing daily operations of the flight program. As the liaison to the FAA, which requires many hours of work, Ritchie also speaks to elementary and high school groups to promote aviation. He is known for encouraging others to achieve their goals.

Schwartz was cited for consistently growing VU's Military Education program, including expanding on-site operations into more states, providing course deliveries to those serving at sea, and ensuring our nation's wounded warriors have the ability to continue their education while recovering at military hospitals across the country. As a result of his efforts, VU is currently the largest provider of face-to-face education to the U.S. Coast Guard, both on shore and at sea. Beyond his professional responsibilities, he is the co-founder of the Indiana Military Family Assistance Network, an organization with a mission of hosting informational meetings and providing on-line resources to educate post-9/11 veterans of available benefits and services, and to assist with securing community resources where services are not available.

Shankle was cited for outstanding work in recruiting and supervising the staff of VU employees at Ben Davis University High School (BDUHS) in Indianapolis. She goes out of her way to be available to students, schedules meetings with parents, and attends many school functions. Shankle is also the director of X-Mester, which requires students going into their senior year in high school to attend a two-week program on the VU campus. She has ensured that VU is well represented at BDUHS.

## Accident report

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

2:50 p.m. - Tangelia M. Gleason, of Loogootee, was operating a 1999 Dodge on SE 1st Street. Gleason was stopped and backed into a 2004 Ford operated by Everett R. Southern, of Bedford. Gleason was charged with operating never licensed and transported to the Martin County Security Center. Chief Rayhill was the investigating officer.

## Grant applications being accepted

The Martin County Local Coordinating Council (LCC) will be accepting mini-grant applications until December 1, 2015. Applicants must have projects within the categories of: prevention/education, justice/law enforcement, and treatment/intervention. To receive information on the application process please contact Terry Cohen, Coordinator, by emailing [tpcohen@bluemarble.net](mailto:tpcohen@bluemarble.net) and/or calling 812-320-8631.

## Real estate transfers

**Richard A. Alcorn and Judith A. Alcorn**, of Martin County, Indiana to the **Board of Commissioners**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 17, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.230 acres, more or less.

**Michael K. Braun**, of Dubois County, Indiana to the **Board of Commissioners**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 17, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.094 acres, more or less.

**Charlotte Ann Meyer**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Joshua D. Divine**, of Martin County, Indiana, 21 rods of even width off of the south end of the east half of the southwest quarter of Section 7, Township 3 North, Rang 4 West, containing 5 acres, more or less.

**Wells Fargo Bank to The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development**, Lot Numbered 1 in Risacher's Second Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana, commonly known as 505 North Line Street, Loogootee IN 47553.



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## FALL CLEAN-UP

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**Great Blue Heron** -Photo by Bill Whorrall, [www.billwhorrall.com](http://www.billwhorrall.com)

Despite their impressive size, Great Blue Herons weigh only 5 to 6 pounds thanks in part to their hollow bones—a feature all birds share.

## Fall colors varying across state; central Indiana in full swing

Central Indiana is likely to outperform the rest of the state in fall color display this year, according to DNR community and urban forester Carrie Tauscher.

“Central Indiana lucked out,” she said. “The colors are getting pretty hot. That cold snap at the end of September and beginning of October really got things moving. Especially the sugar maples.”

The best fall color formation happens when there are bright, warm days, cool nights and moist soils.

While all of Indiana has experienced the necessary bright, warm days and cool nights, soil moisture varies dramatically throughout the state. Most of southern Indiana is currently classified through the United States Drought Monitor as “abnormally dry” or in “moderate drought.”

Much of northern and southern Indiana is currently a dull green to yellow, Tauscher said.

“Those trees don’t have the moisture required for the chemical reactions that produce vibrant color,” Tauscher said.

Nonetheless, the tourist towns of southern Indiana such as Nashville, Madison and Medora shouldn’t fret, Tauscher said. Sassafras and sweetgum trees in forest understories and along roadsides are giving a great show of red, orange and yellow, and red oaks and black tupelo seem to be making good color, despite the lack of moisture.

## Webinar addresses water quality issues for livestock

BY EMMA HOPKINS  
Purdue University News Service

Swine producers, veterinarians and students wanting to learn more about water quality issues for livestock can watch an October 27 webinar hosted by Purdue University’s Department of Animal Sciences.

The free webinar will be presented live at 5 p.m., originating from Room 3-113 of Lilly Hall on Purdue’s West Lafayette campus. It will be available online at [www.ansc.purdue.edu/SP/WQW/](http://www.ansc.purdue.edu/SP/WQW/) or [www.ansc.tv](http://www.ansc.tv).

“Poor water quality can lead to increased incidence of disease and reduced animal performance,” said Allan Schinckel, professor of animal sciences and webinar organizer. “In the past few years, livestock producers have become increasingly concerned about water quality issues.”

Presenters and their topics:

\* Brian Richert, associate professor of animal sciences. “What Are the Water Quality Issues for Swine?”

\* Ernest Blatchley III, associate professor of civil engineering and environmental and

ecological engineering. “Water Treatment for Hog Production Operations.”

And fall colors aside, this fall has given Hoosiers all over the state excellent weather for traveling and outdoor recreation. Extended forecasts show the trend continuing, with plenty of sunshine and daytime high temperatures in the 60s and 70s.

“We’ve had some of the most beautiful fall days that I’ve ever experienced in Indiana,” Tauscher said. “With all the events going on in parks and orchards and other fall destinations, you’re going to enjoy the ambiance no matter what. Just get outside and enjoy the fall.”

Leaves produce pigments that give them color. During spring and summer, the green pigment, chlorophyll, is dominant. When days become shorter, other pigments in the leaf become visible as the amount of chlorophyll dwindles.

The forest fireworks show in central Indiana should continue for several weeks as oaks begin to turn, Tauscher said.

Once the leaves fall, Tauscher said Hoosiers should consider mulching their yard leaves instead of bagging them and sending them to a landfill. One option is to mow the leaves and let them be absorbed back into your lawn, providing nutrients for the next growing season. Another is to layer them onto planting beds, which provides nutrients and protects against wind erosion.

“It kills me when people throw all those good leaves on the curb,” she said.

\* Tom Gillespie, swine veterinarian at Rensselaer Veterinary Services. “Veterinary Case Reports.”

## Indiana receives Chinook salmon eggs from Wisconsin to meet production goals

Wisconsin and Indiana fisheries biologists worked together earlier this month to save Indiana’s plan for stocking Chinook salmon in Lake Michigan in 2016.

Indiana normally receives Chinook eggs each year from Michigan, but record-low numbers of fish returning to streams from Lake Michigan to spawn left Michigan unable to spare eggs for Indiana.

On short notice, the Wisconsin DNR offered to let Indiana use the Root River Steelhead Facility in Racine, Wisconsin, as a backup source for Chinook salmon eggs.

On Oct. 10, Indiana DNR biologists and hatchery staff worked alongside Wisconsin DNR staff to spawn more than 100 pairs of Chinooks. Approximately 539,000 viable eggs are now resting in incubation trays at

## Indiana grain yields to be better than expected

BY DARRIN PACK  
Purdue University News Service

Indiana’s soybean crop has apparently recovered enough to produce near-normal statewide yields following this year’s record rains and flooding, and the corn crop appears to be healthier than expected in some parts of the state, Purdue Extension economist Chris Hurt says.

“In the summer I estimated that the flooding losses of Indiana corn and soybeans could reach \$500 million,” Hurt said. “The actual losses now appear to be much smaller - around \$200 million and concentrated in certain areas.”

According to the latest U.S. Department of Agricultural estimates, statewide soybean yields will be 51 bushels per acre, higher than the 50 bushels per acre expected in “normal” weather conditions, Hurt said. Over the previous three years, the state’s soybean yield has averaged 50.5 bushels per acre, including last year’s record 56 bushels per acre and 44 bushels per acre in the drought year of 2012.

The soybean crop is expected to be especially strong in the southern part of the state, which was spared the worst of the severe weather in June and July, with the USDA projecting yields of 5-10 percent above normal there.

“In many areas soybean yields were able to recover in August and September,” Hurt said. “However, several areas will still see yields 5-10 percent below normal. These include the northeast, northwest and east-central regions of the state.”

Hurt said the condition of the corn crop varied by region, with USDA estimates for the entire state at 156 bushels per acre, about 10 bushels below a normal yield. Over the past three years, the statewide corn yield has averaged 154 bushels per acre, including last year’s record 188 bushels per acre and 99 bushels per acre during the drought year of 2012.

## Firewood cutting permits available to help with hazard tree clean-up at Patoka Lake

Local residents are invited to assist Patoka Lake in cutting up hazard trees dropped by staff in high use areas throughout the property through the purchase of firewood permits beginning November 4. Firewood permit will be available depending on weather and staff time.

Property employees are removing trees that threaten to fall or lose limbs, primarily in high traffic areas such as the modern campground, fisherman’s campground, and beach area. Most trees have suffered damage from the emerald ash borer. Others are simply finishing their natural life cycle and must be removed because of their locations adjacent to buildings or areas that people frequent.

Mixsawbah State Fish Hatchery near Walkerton. That is likely more than enough to meet the 2016 production goal of 200,000 fingerlings.

Had the Indiana DNR not taken advantage of Wisconsin DNR’s offer, no Chinooks would be stocked in Indiana waters in 2016.

The Chinooks will be given a coded wire tag in March 2016, and stocked in late April 2016. These tagged fish will be identified by having a missing adipose fin, and be the fifth-year class of Chinook salmon marked under the lake-wide federal Great Lakes Mass Marking Program.

The rapidly changing Lake Michigan ecosystem further underscores the need for agencies around the lake to work together to manage the fishery.



This farm field in Indiana last spring turned into what looks like a lake from frequent rain. Although many plants were destroyed, the state’s corn and soybean crops overall recovered to the point where losses are much less than what had been feared at the time, and normal yields are now expected. (Purdue Agricultural Communication photo/Steve Cain)

“Flooding damage on corn was more permanent in the northern two-thirds of the state where USDA yield estimates by crop reporting district are down 5-20 percent from normal,” Hurt said. “The worst-hit areas are the northwest and west-central parts of the state.”

Like soybeans, the corn crop is healthier in the southern part of the state.

“Southern Indiana has corn yields that are 5-10 percent greater than a normal weather year,” Hurt said.

Hurt stressed that while the overall picture looks brighter than first thought, many individual farm families throughout the state have sustained major losses.

“These farms may have elected crop insurance, which may help their financial situation somewhat, and low yield areas are more likely to receive higher government payments.”

In addition, he said, disaster loans might be available for farmers in some counties.

“However, Indiana farm income will still be depressed for all areas and even weaker in low-yield areas,” he said.

Local residents may cut up and haul away as firewood for \$10 per pick-up truck load.

A permit will be required and can be obtained at the property office between 8 a.m.-3 p.m. on weekdays beginning Wednesday, November 4. Days, hours and access to specific areas for cutting will be determined by weather conditions and availability of downed hazard trees. Call the park office at 812-685-2464 for updates.

Purchasers of this firewood must agree to comply with any quarantine requirements for ash they may cut and remove. Under the current EAB quarantine, ash firewood movement is allowed in Orange, Dubois, and Crawford counties to all adjoining counties, as all those counties are quarantined and EAB infested.

Any wood of any species that is brought back to the park or used at any state property must have the bark removed as required by DNR’s firewood rule.

Purchasers are encouraged to use all of the firewood they cut this winter, and if some remains, it is suggested that the wood be completely covered for storage through the spring and summer, when harmful insects, if present at all, may emerge from under the bark.

All funds received from the firewood permits will be designated for resource management efforts in the property.

“The Division of State Parks’ mission requires that we manage our natural and cultural resources wisely and, at the same time, provide safe and enjoyable access for our visitors,” says Ginger Murphy, Deputy Director for Stewardship. “We leave many downed (See 'PATOKA' continued on next page)



# On the Home Front

By Linda Evans-Dillon  
Martin County Veteran Service Officer

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

During the month of September, the veteran service officer assisted 11 veterans, had six meetings, took no veteran runs, participated in no funerals, visited the Legion's and VFW's in Crane, Loogootee and Shoals two times. The veterans' van took three trips transporting four veterans to VA medical centers and clinics.

DRIVERS NEEDED for the veterans' 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

## PATOKA

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trees to decay and build new soil, but with the influence of disease, drought and the need to keep our roadsides and recreation facilities clear, we must remove the trees from public areas when leaving them can interfere with picnicking and other activities. Firewood permits help our limited staff manage that effort, and funds are generated for resource management and restoration in the park at the same time. It is a win-win situation."

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.

I want to thank everyone that participated in the four-wheeler ride hosted by The Sons of American Legion. All the hard work and donations for the Thank the Driver Fund is greatly appreciated.

ATTENTION all veterans: a lunch in your honor will be served at the Maranatha Tabernacle Church in Loogootee on November 7, 2015 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This is a free meal of appreciation for all veterans and their families. They would like to honor at least 100 veterans from the Martin County area. If you are able to attend, please RSVP by Friday, October 30 at ds89605@gmail.com, cell phone 615-319-1939 or church phone 812-295-4349 (leave a message when prompted).

The Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs continues their veterans outreach program this year and are scheduled to visit Evansville, October 14, 2015 and Vincennes October 15, 2015. Details of times and locations can be found on their event registration

page at: [www.eventbrite.com/d/in/veterans-affairs-outreach/](http://www.eventbrite.com/d/in/veterans-affairs-outreach/).

The Veterans Crisis Line provides confidential help for veterans and their families.

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## Christmas Toy Store sponsored by area Christian churches

The Christmas Toy Store will be held on Saturday December 12, 2015 in the Fellowship Hall of the Loogootee United Methodist Church, 208 West Main Street, in Loogootee. Again this year the event will be a truly community Christian event because it is being co-sponsored by the St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, the Loogootee United Methodist Church, the Hindostan United Methodist Church, the St. John Lutheran Church, New Beginnings, and the Shoals United Methodist Church. If any other Martin County churches are interested in participating, please contact Curt Johnson at 812-296-0134.

The Christmas Toy Store is full of all kinds of toys donated by parishioners and church members, local businesses and the Crane Navy "Toys for Tots" program. Last year toys and "stocking stuffers" were given away to around 430 children. There were also some bicycles given away to a few lucky children.

Eligible shoppers and children –Parents and legal guardians ONLY, who reside in Martin County, are eligible to shop for eligible children. Children are eligible for toys if they are 18 years old or younger on December 25, 2015 and a resident of Martin County.

Sign-up locations and dates – Sign-ups are from November 2-27, 2015 at the following four locations. Do not sign-up more than once.

St. Vincent De Paul Store, 516 Park Street in Loogootee

Hoosier Uplands, Main and 2nd Street in Shoals

Loogootee Library  
Shoals Library

Shopping times – Shopping times for the parents or legal guardians are from 8:30 to 2:30. Shopping times will be assigned as 8:30, 9, 9:30, 10, etc. until the last shopping time at 2:30. People will select an available shopping time when they sign up.

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## More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



**THE WAVE OF THE FUTURE?**  
Put your device away, for this is what it is coming to!!!!

**PASTOR:** "The Lord be with you!"  
**CONGREGATION:** "And with your spirit."

**PASTOR:** "Will everyone please turn on their tablet, PC, iPad, smart phone, and Kindle Bibles to 1 Corinthians, 13:13?"

"And please switch on your Bluetooth to download the sermon."

**P-a-u-s-e.....**  
"Now, let us pray committing this week into God's hands."

"Open your apps, BBM, Twitter and Facebook, and chat with God."

**S-i-l-e-n-c-e**  
"As we take our Sunday tithes and offerings, please have your credit and debit cards ready."

"You can log on to the church Wi-Fi using the password Lord909887."

"The ushers will circulate mobile card swipe machines among the worshippers:

a. Those who prefer to make electronic fund transfers are directed to computers and laptops at the rear of the church.

b. Those who prefer to use iPads can open them.

c. Those who prefer telephone banking, take out your cell phones to transfer your contributions to the church account."

The holy atmosphere of St. Matthew's becomes truly electrified as ALL the smart phones, iPads, PCs and laptops beep and flicker!

Final Blessing and Closing Announcements.

a. This week's ministry cell meetings will be held on the various Facebook group

pages where the usual group chatting takes place. Please log in and don't miss out.

b. Thursday's Catechism Study will be held live on Skype at 1900hrs GMT. Please don't miss out.

c. You can follow your Pastor on Twitter this weekend for counseling and prayers. God bless and have a nice day. And Jesus wept....

### CONVERSATION STARTERS!

1. If you must burn the flag, please wrap yourself in it first.

2. I finally realized that people are prisoners of their cell phones. That's why they're called cell phones.

3. It's never too late to be what you want to be . . . unless you want to be younger, then you're screwed.

4. Autocorrect makes me say things I didn't Nintendo.

5.  $6 + 3 = 9$  but so does  $5 + 4$ . The way you do things is not always the only way to do them. Respect other people's way of thinking.

6. A word of encouragement during a failure is worth more than an hour of praise after success.

7. I don't dress up for school because:

a. I have no one to impress.

b. It starts too early.

c. I'm lazy.

8. In a relationship, one person is always right and the other person is male.

9. My kids call it "yelling" when I raise my voice . . . But I call it "motivational speaking" for the selective hearing.

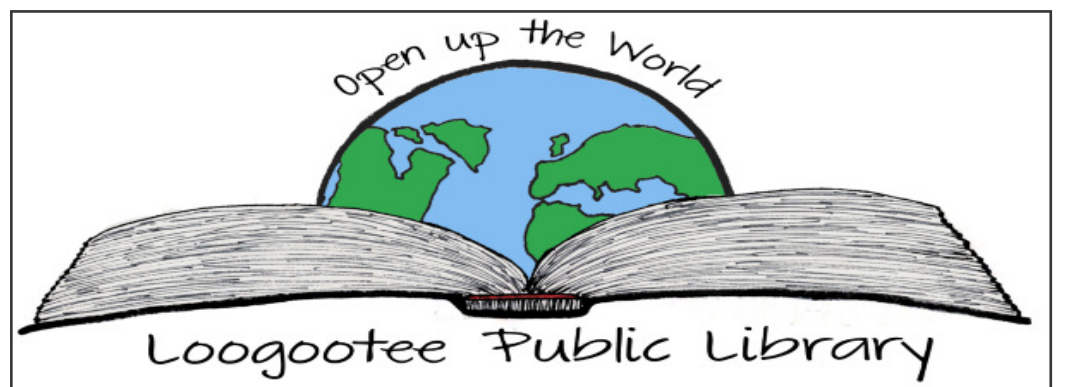
10. What you allow is what will continue.

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Make someone smile today!



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**Terria Fellers, Loogootee Library's Children's Librarian, has been encouraging kids to live a healthy life in support of the Red Ribbon Week campaign.**



### BY DARLA WAGLER Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Recently, I found myself in a situation, that others that live in a small rural community often face which is a medical problem on the weekend and no local clinic open. A couple Saturdays ago, in the wee hours of the morning I started having pain and making frequent trips to the bathroom. The frequency increased to having the urge to go every two minutes with increasing pain. I knew I had a UTI and needed to get to Medical of Dubois or the E.R.; but how? My dilemma was since I had to go so often I didn't think I could travel 24 miles to receive care plus we had our four-year-old granddaughter overnight. I remembered Dr. Phil and The Doctors promoting the Doctor on Demand app. I looked it up on my iPad then downloaded the app, filled out a short medical questionnaire, created an account, and received a message that I was next in line. Within a few short minutes, I was face timing with Dr. Prentiss that diagnosed a UTI. He electronically sent a prescription to Williams Bros. in Loogootee and it was ready shortly after they opened. I took the first dose of antibiotics and was feeling some relief before the walk-in clinic even opened. I want to add that on Monday morning, I visited Janet in Urgent Care for a follow up and to make sure there wasn't a kidney infection, etc. but for non-life threatening issues I wanted to share that there is another option for the rural population out there. We do not have the luxury of a walk-in clinic in town on weekends, evenings, and some days of the week. Our local medical

clinics are great but they are limited on how many patients they can see in a day preventing many from getting an appointment the same day. This new digital age we live in brings us a new option. The site is [www.doctorondemand.com](http://www.doctorondemand.com) or go to the AppStore and download the free App. Also, the first visit is free with a code that you receive and the regular cost is \$40. I thought I would share my experience just in case you find yourself in this situation. Also, I will add that they offer psychologists, pediatricians, as well as medical doctor services.

#### New Books

Mystery Fiction: "Foreign Affairs" by Stuart Woods, "Host" by Robin Cook, and "Front Runner" by Felix Francis.

Fiction: "See Me" by Nicolas Sparks, "Rogue Lawyer" by John Grisham, and "All the Starts in the Heavens" by Adriana Trigiani.

Inspirational Fiction: "A Christmas Bride" by Shelley Shepard Gray, "Anna's Healing" by Vannetta Chapman, "Murder at the Courthouse" by A.H. Gabhart, "Miriam and the Stranger" by Jerry S. Eicher, "Mary's Christmas Goodbye" by Linda Byler, "My Brother's Crown" by Mindy Starns Clark.

DVDs: "Tomorrowland" and "Avengers: Age of Ultron".

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

### Commissioners' executive meeting

The Martin County Commissioners will hold an executive session on Tuesday, October 27 at 5 p.m. in the commissioners' room of the Martin County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss personnel records classified as confidential by state and federal statutes as authorized by I.C. 5-14-1.5-5.1 (b)(7). The meeting is closed to the public.

### County council meeting change

The Martin County Council meeting scheduled for Monday, November 2 at 6 p.m. has been rescheduled for Monday, November 9 at 6 p.m. The change is due to the Community Foundation Annual Dinner.

### 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.

### Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts

Boys interested in Boy Scouts or Cub Scouts, call 295-6652 or 854-7837 for information on joining.

### SOAR Tutoring

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### Solid waste board

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

to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

### Humane society meetings

The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 7 p.m. Members of the humane society are invited to attend. To find out how to become a member, email [mchs@frontier.com](mailto:mchs@frontier.com).

### Tourism meetings

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

### Soil and Water meetings

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

### Loogootee Halloween Parade

Bring the little ones out for a fun time on Friday night, October 30 starting at 5 p.m. Organizers will line up the little ghost and goblins at city square and walk to Kavanaugh Gym (parade route: Main Street, to First Street, turn on Church Street to Kavanaugh Gym) where judging will be held in the Gym for Scariest, Most Original, Prettiest, and Best Family Group. (In case of bad weather participants will meet at the gym.) The city has designated that evening as trick-or-treat night in Loogootee from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. so after the judging, fun in the neighborhoods can begin and ghost and goblins can make their rounds. Parents are welcome to walk with the children or meet them at the gym. The parade is being sponsored by Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty



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**The Indiana Arts Commission awarded a grant to the Friends of T.C. Steele to offer free art classes at the Loogootee Public Library. Teaching Artist Caroline Gilchrist was at the library on Friday, October 16, teaching kids the art of working with clay.**



## State issues annual medical errors report

The Indiana State Department of Health yesterday released the 2014 Indiana Medical Error Reporting System annual report, which showed that pressure ulcers, also known as bed sores, were the most reported adverse event.

The annual report is based on the National Quality Forum's reporting standards for 28 Serious Adverse Events. A total of 287 hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, abortion clinics and birthing centers were surveyed.

"All Hoosiers deserve to receive quality care, and reducing medical errors is a key step toward achieving that goal," said State Health Commissioner Jerome Adams, M.D., M.P.H. "The Medical Errors Report helps us assess how we're doing and identify opportunities to improve patient safety."

This is the ninth report of the Indiana Medical Error Reporting System. A total of 114 incidents were reported in 2014. In 2013, 111 incidents were reported. All of the 2014 incidents occurred in hospitals or ambulatory surgery centers.

The most reported incidents in 2014 were:

44 stage three or four pressure ulcers ac-

### Expanded guidelines help Hoosiers pay out-of-pocket costs for breast and cervical cancer tests

New guidelines released in July by the Indiana Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (BCCP) mean more Indiana women are eligible for financial assistance with the costs of diagnosing breast and cervical cancer, state health officials announced this week.

The BCCP guidelines allow women who meet age and income requirements to receive breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnostic services. To qualify, women must have a gross income at or below 200 percent of federal poverty level and be between the ages of 30 and 64. Women with or without insurance may qualify for BCCP. To see the federal poverty guidelines, go to [www.in.gov/isdh/19859.htm](http://www.in.gov/isdh/19859.htm).

Breast cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer death in Indiana, with 4,703 cases diagnosed during 2013 alone. Regular medical care can lead to early detection. When breast cancer is detected early, before a lump can be felt, the five-year survival rate is 99 percent.

Although many women now have access to cancer screening services through health insurance, there still may be financial barriers associated with obtaining diagnostic services following an abnormal cancer screening. These barriers often are associated with high-deductible health plans. Out-of-pocket costs vary among insurance plans, so women should talk with their healthcare and insurance providers about the costs associated with diagnostic tests.

"Even with increased access to health in-

quired after admission to the hospital 27 incidents of a foreign object retained in a patient after surgery

21 surgeries performed on the wrong body part

10 falls resulting in a death or serious disability

In 2006, Indiana became the second state to adopt the National Quality Forum's reporting standards. The reporting standards are not intended as a comprehensive study of medical errors, but rather as a broad overview of health care issues. Prevention of medical errors generally requires a system-based approach. By focusing on a few fundamental prevention activities and an organized prevention system, errors can be prevented.

The 2014 Medical Error Reporting System report is available on the Indiana State Department of Health website at <http://www.in.gov/isdh/23433.htm>.

Visit the Indiana State Department of Health at [www.StateHealth.in.gov](http://www.StateHealth.in.gov) for important health and safety information, or follow us on Twitter at @StateHealthIN and on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/isdh1](http://www.facebook.com/isdh1).

urance, many Hoosier families can't afford the out-of-pocket costs associated with the tests that diagnose cancer," said State Health Commissioner Jerome Adams, M.D., M.P.H. "By expanding the guidelines for the BCCP, we are able to help relieve some of the financial pressure that families face during an already stressful time."

The United States Preventive Services Task Force recommends that women get screening mammograms every two years beginning at age 50. Women with a family history of breast cancer, or who are at increased risk, should talk to their healthcare provider about whether screening at an earlier age is appropriate.

Indiana women ages 18 to 64 who have already been diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer outside the BCCP may be eligible for financial assistance through the Indiana MA-12 program. Those who are enrolled in the Medicaid program receive coverage throughout the duration of their cancer treatment.

The BCCP is part of the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program and has been providing screening and diagnostic services to uninsured women for more than 20 years. For more information on the BCCP, to verify eligibility for free screenings or to obtain assistance with diagnostic testing, contact the program at 317-233-7448 or visit [www.in.gov/isdh/24967.htm](http://www.in.gov/isdh/24967.htm).

To learn more about breast cancer, including information on signs and symptoms, benefits of early detection and behaviors that can help decrease risk, please refer to the Indiana Cancer Facts and Figures 2015 report, a comprehensive report on the burden of cancer in Indiana, at [www.indianacancer.org](http://www.indianacancer.org). This website also provides information about the Indiana Cancer Consortium, a statewide network of partnerships whose mission is to reduce the cancer burden in Indiana.

For more information about the Indiana State Department of Health, visit [www.statehealthin.gov](http://www.statehealthin.gov) or follow us on Twitter at @StateHealthIN and on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/isdh1](http://www.facebook.com/isdh1).

Hoosiers who do not have health care coverage or access to a doctor are encouraged to check availability for the new Healthy Indiana Plan—HIP 2.0—by visiting [www.HIP.IN.gov](http://www.HIP.IN.gov) or calling 1-877-GET-HIP-9.

## State Board of Education holds October business meeting

The Indiana State Board of Education held its October business meeting last Wednesday in Indianapolis. Due to a report sent to the State Board of Education by the Department of Education the night prior to the meeting that raises questions about the level of difficulty between the online and paper/pencil 2014-15 ISTEP+ tests, the board decided to delay setting cut scores until outside experts can review the material.

"There are many questions from teachers about whether the online test was easier or more difficult," said Sarah O'Brien, Vice-Chair of the State Board of Education. "Before we can set a single score that determines whether a student passed that test, we need to know if the tests were similar in difficulty to each other."

Outside testing experts will review data provided to make that determination. Once that review is complete, the board will move forward with setting cut scores

for the test.

In other action, the board voted to approve parameters for the public charter school grant and advance program authorized by the Indiana General Assembly. The board also voted to approve the promotion of John Snethen to Executive Director of the board. Snethen previously served as General Counsel to the Board and has served as Interim Executive Director since June, 2015.

The Indiana State Board of Education is tentatively scheduled to hold a special meeting to hear testimony and consider proposals for new high school diploma requirements on Wednesday, October 28, 2015. The meeting will take place in Room 233 at the Indiana Statehouse at 9 a.m. The next regular business meeting of the board will take place on Wednesday, November 4, 2015 in the Indiana Government Center South Auditorium at 9 a.m.

## Indiana AmeriCorps members sworn in for year of service

The Indiana AmeriCorps Opening Ceremony last Friday at the Indiana Government Center marked the beginning of a year of service for 225 AmeriCorps members from across the state. The new members were welcomed by Congressman Luke Messer (IN-06) and Wendy Spencer, CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

"I am proud to welcome these new AmeriCorps members into the national service family today – they are the heart of everything we do," said Wendy Spencer. "National service is an indispensable resource for nonprofits, communities, and the individuals they serve, uniting Americans of all backgrounds with a shared goal: to make a lasting impact on the toughest challenges facing our nation. I salute all the AmeriCorps members, and thank our outstanding partners who make their service possible."

The Opening Ceremony showcased the impact of service in Indiana and AmeriCorps' role in creating better communities in Indiana. Attendees spent the rest of the day networking and participating in breakout sessions focused on topics such as disaster preparedness training, professional development, and civic and volunteer engagement, among others.

"We are proud to be part of AmeriCorps and grateful for the AmeriCorps members who are getting things done for Indiana," said Debbie Pidgeon, executive director of the Serve Indiana Commission. "AmeriCorps members have made a significant impact on Indiana's ability to meet so many local needs."

Currently, there are more than 900 AmeriCorps members and more than 6,000 Senior Corps members serving in Indiana. AmeriCorps members help students learn to read, mentor at-risk youth, provide health serv-

ices, build homes for low-income families and help nonprofits recruit more volunteers and better achieve their mission. They provide intensive, results-driven service to meet education, environmental, health, economic, and other pressing needs in communities across Indiana. Most important, AmeriCorps members gain the satisfaction of making a difference in their community.

About AmeriCorps

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About Serve Indiana

Serve Indiana promotes volunteerism and service to improve the lives of Hoosiers by connecting organizations and communities to grants, services, and each other. Through programs such as AmeriCorps, Indiana Kids, and Day of Service, Serve Indiana seeks to support volunteerism and service opportunities across the state. Visit [ServeIndiana.gov](http://ServeIndiana.gov) for more information about Serve Indiana.

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