

Commissioners give timber money to fire departments

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

Jim Lauck, with the Division of Forestry, presented the Martin County Commissioners with a check for \$14,098.48 for timber sale revenue at their meeting Tuesday night, November 24. A minimum of \$1,000 must go to the fire departments in the county but the county has the option to give more if they wish. The commissioners approved giving all the money, \$3,524.62 each, to the four fire departments in the county – Shoals, Loogootee, Lost River and Martin County Civil Defense.

Sheriff Travis Roush requested permission for the jail to start accepting credit cards to bond out inmates. He explained that if someone wants to pay the bond with a credit card, they will incur a seven percent surcharge. The county collects 15 percent of the seven percent, the rest going to the credit card company.

County Attorney Dave Lett suggested Roush speak with Treasurer Vicki Boyd first to make sure the money is going to go where it needs to. Auditor January Roush said she believes the money will go through the clerk's office and then go into the appropriate account.

The commissioners approved the request. Roush said he will talk to the offices to make sure they money is going where it's supposed to.

Roush said his jail commander spoke to the state about the county housing department of corrections inmates. He said due to the way felonies are now classified, the state is not giving DOC inmates to counties, they don't want to pay for counties to

house them. He said that when larger counties start getting overcrowded, he plans to speak to them about taking on some of their inmates.

Community Corrections Director Kathy Collins said that some counties are running out of beds for female inmates and are releasing them early. She said it may be possible to work out a deal with those counties to take on some of their female inmates. Roush said they currently have four female inmates and have room for 16 in the female cell block.

Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett said they have another truck that has broken down. When they take it to Uebelhor's, it has to be put on their scanner to find the problem which costs around \$100 each time and sometimes it is something minor that the highway department mechanic can easily fix. He asked the commissioners if he could purchase a scanner to eliminate having to take equipment to Uebelhor's and paying the fee. The scanner he recommended was \$8,145 from TR Systems,

LLC, and can scan all the department's equipment. The commissioners approved the purchase.

Padgett also told the commissioners that INDOT and the

county's bridge inspector want Bridge 11 on Indian Springs Road, right before Bear Hill Road, moved from a 15-ton weight limit to six tons due to bad beams. The state cannot get to the bridge to fix it until August 10 of next year. Commissioner Paul George said the county is going to have to rebuild the bridge because they cannot wait for the state to do it.

The commissioners discussed finding a (See 'MONEY' continued on page 2)



-Photo by Josh Hughett

The Indiana Division of Forestry presented the Martin County Commissioners with a check for \$14,098 at their meeting Tuesday night, the county's portion of DNR timber sales. From left to right are Commissioner Kevin Boyd, Josh Kush, with the Division of Forestry; Commissioner Paul George, Jim Lauck, with the Division of Forestry; Commissioner Dan Gregory and Auditor January Roush.

County's unemployment rate stays at 3.6 for October

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

Martin County's unemployment rate stayed the same from September to October, at 3.6 percent. The county had the 17th lowest jobless rate in the state for October, tied with nine other counties.

In October, the county had 4,990 residents in the workforce with 182 of them unemployed. In September, there were 4,985 residents able to work and 179 of them without jobs. In October of last year, Martin County's jobless rate was 4.9 percent with 4,990 residents in the workforce and 246 of them unemployed.

Daviess County's jobless rate rose just slightly from September to October, from 3.2 percent to 3.4 percent. The county had the seventh lowest jobless rate in the state for October, tied with Hendricks and Gibson counties.

In October, the county had 15,524 residents in the workforce with 533 of them without jobs. In September, there were 15,447 residents able to work and 500 of them unemployed. In October of 2014, Daviess County's unemployment rate was 4.5 percent with 15,149 residents in the workforce and 679 of them without jobs.

Dubois County's unemployment rate for October also rose just a touch to 2.9 percent, up from 2.8 percent in September. The county still held on to the top spot in the state for lowest jobless rate.

In October, the county had 22,812 residents in the workforce and 672 of them were unemployed. In September, there were 22,628 residents able to work and 630 of them without jobs. In October of last year, Dubois County's unemployment rate was 4 percent with 21,944 residents in the workforce and 876 of them without jobs.

(See 'RATE' continued on page 2)

Food service establishments inspected

The following restaurant inspections were done by Julia Albright, of the Martin County Health Department. The information listed is verbatim from the inspection report and all were routine inspections, unless otherwise noted. Violations that were seen again from one inspection to the next are noted with "(Repeat violation)" after the entry.

SEPTEMBER 22

Tranquil Inn & Spa, 424 High Street, Shoals

No violations noted.

SEPTEMBER 29

Shoals School Cafeteria, 11741 Ironton Road, Shoals

No violations noted.

OCTOBER 9

CORRECTION

In last week's Loogootee School Board article, it was incorrectly reported that Middle School Principal Lacey Wade's pay would increase from \$60,000 to \$70,000. It will actually increase from \$67,150 to \$70,000.

Lark Ranch, 3145 Killion Mill Road, Loogootee

Two critical violations:

-Eggs stored above ready-to-use apple cider in Snack Shack refrigerator (Repeat violation).

-Wasp and hornet spray and glass cleaner stored above food storage bags and foil sheets in storage room in Corn Crib Café.

Three non-critical violations:

-Boxes of foam cups, cheese sauce pouches, and pretzel salt stored on floor of storage room in corn cob crib.

-No hot water at hand sinks in donut stand and Snack Shack or at public restrooms.

-Doors in Corn Crib Café have no self-closing devices on them.

OCTOBER 27

Jones Oil Company, 314 4th Street, Shoals

No violations noted.

Bo-Mac's, LLC, 408 4th Street, Shoals

One critical violation:

-Employee noted to have bare-hand contact (See 'INSPECTED' continued on page 2)

Bridge 11 UPDATED NOTICE

Per the Martin County Commissioners, bridge 11 in Mitcheltree Township will be closed on Monday, November 30, 2015. The closure is due the repair needed in order to increase the load limit back to 15 tons on bridge. The six-ton load limit is in affect now, until the bridge is repaired.

Two arrested after routine traffic stop

The Shoals Police Department conducted a traffic stop in Shoals that resulted in a drug arrest on Tuesday.

On Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at approximately 10:10 p.m., Shoals Town Marshal Todd Eckert conducted a traffic stop on

US 50 near Ironton Road. The driver of the vehicle was on Lester J. Brummett, 42, of Loogootee, and the passenger was Cameron E. Brown, 24, of Loogootee. Marshal Eckert requested the assistance of Corporal Damon Baker and his K9, Virka.

A short time later, Sheriff Travis Roush, Corporal Baker, and K9 Virka arrived. Corporal Baker had Virka conduct a free air sniff around the vehicle. Virka alerted to the presence of narcotics within the passenger compartment of the vehicle.

Marshal Eckert, Sheriff Roush, and Corporal Baker conducted a search of the vehicle. Inside of the vehicle, officers located marijuana, methamphetamine, and smoking devices used to ingest methamphetamine.

Brummett was charged with possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; and operating while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Brown was charged with possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony and possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Happy Thanksgiving
From Our Family To Yours
Josh, Courtney, Wyatt, and Alex Hughett
Martin County JOURNAL

GET OUTDOORS
Because Reality TV Is Still Just TV

DAVISS-MARTIN JOINT COUNTY
PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

WEST BOGGS PARK
GLENDALE SEWA CAMPGROUND

RATE

(Continued from page one)

Orange County's unemployment rate went up from 4.8 percent in September to 5.2 percent in October. The county had the 11th highest jobless rate in the state for October.

In October, the county had 8,654 residents in the workforce with 446 of them unemployed. In September, there were 8,703 residents able to work and 418 of them were without jobs. In October of 2014, Orange County's jobless rate was 7 percent with 8,551 residents in the workforce and 601 of them unemployed.

Lawrence County also saw an increase in their jobless rate from September to October, from 5.2 percent to 5.6 percent. The county had the fifth highest jobless rate in the state for October, tied with Blackford and Sullivan counties.

In October, the county had 20,830 residents in the workforce and 1,175 of them were unemployed. In September, there were 20,571 residents able to work and 1,078 of them without jobs. In October of last year, Lawrence County's jobless rate was 7.4 percent with 21,034 residents in the workforce and 1,557 of them unemployed.

The top ten spots in the state with the lowest unemployment rate for October were Dubois at 2.9 percent, Hamilton at 3 percent, Bartholomew at 3.1 percent, LaGrange, Boone and Adams at 3.3 percent; Hendricks, Gibson and Daviess at 3.4 percent; and Decatur, Elkhart, Huntington, Posey, Steuben, Tipton and Warrick at 3.5 percent.

The top ten spots in the state with the highest unemployment rate for October were Vermillion at 6.4 percent, Greene at 6.1 percent, Fayette and Lake at 5.8 percent, Blackford, Lawrence and Sullivan at 5.6 percent; and LaPorte, Owen and Vigo at 5.3 percent.

Indiana's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate now stands at 4.4 percent, the lowest rate experienced in the Hoosier State

MONEY

(Continued from page one)

way to reinforce the bridge for now, as a temporary measure until the state could fix it permanently. Commissioner George said there is no way fire trucks and school buses could find a way around the bridge for two years.

Commissioner George said he spoke to Marie Hawkins regarding the state's Bicentennial celebration. Hawkins requested help finding a location to put a time capsule in or around the courthouse. Discussion ensued on where the best location would be with talk leaning toward digging up a portion of the sidewalk in front of the courthouse to bury the capsule.

The courthouse will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27 for Thanksgiving.

since August of 2001. Indiana's labor force made further gains in October and continues to be a Midwest leader, adding 90,000 individuals since January 2013. Additionally, Indiana's labor force participation rate has remained above the national average, (63.6 percent vs. 62.4 percent in October) for eighteen consecutive months.

Despite sizeable increases in the Manufacturing (+5,400), and Private Educational & Health (+2,900) sectors in October, total Hoosier Private sector increases were modest at 100, due to offsets in the Trade, Transportation & Utilities (-3,800), and Professional & Business Services (-1,900) sectors. Private sector employment in Indiana is now 12,800 jobs above March 2000 peak employment levels.

"The Hoosier unemployment rate is now at the lowest level since August of 2001," said Steven J. Braun, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. "Additionally, Indiana's labor force growth since January of 2013 continues to outpace all other Midwest states."

Braun also noted weekly claims for unemployment insurance in Indiana continue to be at their lowest levels in more than a decade.

Employment by Sector

Sectors showing gains in October include: Manufacturing (+5,400), Private Educational & Health Services (+2,900), and Financial Activities (200). The Trade, Transportation & Utilities (-3,800), Professional & Business Services (-1,900), Leisure and Hospitality (-900), and Construction (-600) sectors declined in October. Total nonfarm employment decreased in October (-3,400).

INSPECTED

(Continued from page one)

tact with ready-to-eat lettuce.

One non-critical violation:

-Exhaust hood vents have accumulation of dust/grease.

(Operator response to inspection filed October 29 by Cecil Ragsdale, Bo-Mac's owner stated: "Employee will be wearing gloves from now on. Exhaust hood under contract to be cleaned twice a year - July and during our seasonal closure November-March. Flame Control of America 502-363-1210)

OCTOBER 29

R.J.'s Food Mart, 7320 U.S. Hwy. 150, Shoals

One non-critical violation:

-Wiping cloths not stored in sanitizing solution in deli area.

ADVERTISE IN THE JOURNAL FOR AS LOW AS \$13 A WEEK!
That's a 5.5-inch by 2-inch space!
And reaching 3,500 people!
Contact
courtney@martincountyjournal.com



Fall Fest proceeds

-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty presented a check to staff members of Loogootee Elementary on Tuesday. The check was \$3,300 and was from money made at the Fall Festival held last month. The school will add that money to their student activities fund. From left to right are Elementary Principal Danra Chezem, Teachers Krista Truelove and Megan Jones and Mayor Noel Harty.

Classified ADS

FOR SALE

TEARING DOWN 100 YEAR OLD CABIN, all items must go. Everything from large appliances, small appliances, furniture, linen, beds, bunk beds, 92 percent efficient furnace, hot water heater. I have a list of items and prices that can be sent by email. If you want any of these items that must be removed by you, from windows, furnace and all other items. Cash or cashier's check only. My email address is, amtrexp@rtccom.net, my cell phone is 812-639-0565, or home phone 812-247-3011. Will not start selling items until December 1st.

Commercial Property FOR SALE
228 Main St. Shoals
Formerly known as the "Sugar Shack"
Call or text: 812-631-0662

HELP WANTED

JOB OPENING

The Martin County Health Department is searching for a part-time environmental specialist to oversee all functions of septic system installations and repairs. Candidate must be able to work closely and communicate effectively with other community agencies and professionals, must be able to interpret and follow general instructions and perform effectively with minimal supervision, must have reliable transportation and a valid driver's license and insurance. This position is approximately 8-9 hours per week and will involve some after hour's meetings.

An application can be picked up at the Health Department office in the Shoals Post Office Building.
For questions about the position, call Julia Albright at 812-247-3303. EOE



302 W. Williams St. LOOGOOTEE 295-3636
www.thelodgeofloogootee.com
Find us on Facebook!

THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS:
WEDNESDAY: Creek Rocks with Cornbread
FRIDAY: Red Beans and Rice
FRIDAY NIGHT: Blackened Talipia with Candied Brussel Sprouts and Roasted Red Skinned Potatoes
SATURDAY: Coney Dogs
SATURDAY NIGHT: Prime Rib
SUNDAY: Oven Fried Chicken

Hours: Mon.-Closed, Tues., Wed., Thurs.-7 a.m.-9 p.m. • Fri. & Sat.-7 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sunday: 8 a.m.-11 a.m. for breakfast and serving lunch 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Maintenance Technicians
Manufacturing Positions
Metal Machinist**

Jasper Rubber Products is a leader in producing lathe cut, thermoplastic and molded rubber products for the automotive, appliance, and filtration industries. We currently have openings in our Maintenance department and manufacturing areas. Apply today to learn more about a 100% employee-owned company providing steady employment for the employee owners. We offer work schedules with stable hours on the following shifts:

1st shift - 6:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
2nd shift - 2:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
3rd shift - 10:00 p.m.-6:00 a.m.

Jasper Rubber Products
1010 First Avenue
Jasper, IN 47546
www.jasperrubber.com
Equal Opportunity Employer



OBITUARIES

Wednesday, November 25, 2015 ~ Martin County Journal

3

ANNA FIELDS

Anna Laura Fields passed away at 1:20 p.m. November 20, 2015 at her home. A resident of Loogootee, she was 76.



She was born September 21, 1939 in Odon; daughter of the late John T. and Jessie (Hamilton) Kaiser.

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

was a very active member in the St. Mary – Barr Township Altar Society. She was a member of the Washington Boat Club.

She loved camping and traveling to Florida for the winter. Gardening was her passion while her children were growing up. She collected bells and enjoyed hummingbirds.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Charles T. Fields; children, Charlotte (Wayne) Russell of Alfordsville, Jim (Debbie) Fields of Loogootee and Carol (Jason) Jones of Loogootee; grandchildren, Ryan Fields, Kyle Russell, Beau Russell, Amanda (Jerry) Oakman, Sarah Troutman and Travis Troutman; great-grandchildren, Darion and Dalton Oakman and Jade Fields; sisters, Naomi Summers of Greenwood and Connie (Charles) Ash of Loogootee; brother, Thomas (Mary) Kaiser of Glendale; many nieces, nephews and friends; family friend, Scott Woody.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John T. and Jessie (Hamilton) Kaiser; sisters, Alice (Joe) Mattingly, Mary Lundy and Norma (David) Fox; brother, Ron Kaiser and John M. Kaiser; and brother-in-law, Robert Summers.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker on

Tuesday, November 24 at St. Mary Catholic Church – Barr Township in Loogootee.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary Catholic Cemetery – Barr Township Cemetery Fund.

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee was in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be made online at blakefuneralhomes.com.

DANIEL WITTMER

Daniel Wittmer passed away at 10:35 a.m. November 23, 2015 at 10:35 at Memorial Hospital & Healthcare Center in Jasper. A resident of Montgomery, he was 70.

He was born June 21, 1945 in Daviess County; the son of the late Roy and Anna (Lengacher) Wittmer. He married Carole L. Christmas on January 7, 2000 at Bethany Christian Church.

He attended Barr-Reeve Schools. He ran a milk route for many years, and retired as a saw operator from Odon Box and Pallet Company. He enjoyed tinkering on vehicles and tractors, woodworking, and was an excellent handyman.

Survivors include his wife, Carole Wittmer of Montgomery; three daughters, Pam, and husband, Woody Baker of Elnora; Susan, and husband, Mark Carpenter of Elnora and Becky Wittmer of Odon; two sons, Kevin Wittmer of Elnora and David Wittmer of Odon; two step-sons, Gary Rose II and David Rose both of Vincennes; 16 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; brothers, Harvey, and wife, Rita Wittmer of Farlan; Virgil, and wife, Mary Catherine Wittmer of Elnora; Ervin, and wife, Nina Wittmer of Plainville, Ezra, and wife, Betty Wittmer of Odon; Roy, and wife, Vickie Wittmer of Odon; sister, Sarah Mathew of Washington; sister-in-law, Kathy Wittmer of Odon; and numerous nieces and

nephews.

He was preceded in death by parents and one brother, Paul Wittmer.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. on Friday, November 26 until the hour of service at 2:30 p.m. at the Lee Funeral Home in Loogootee. Pastor Adam Cissell will officiate. In honoring Daniel's wishes, cremation will follow the services.

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

DIANA PARKER

Diana Louise (Kreitzer) Parker died Tuesday, November 17, 2015 in Greenwood. A resident of Greenwood, she was 62.

She was born July 23, 1953 in Washington; daughter of Oscar and Esther (Hovis) Kreitzer. She graduated from Loogootee High School, class of 1971. She attended Indiana State University and Vincennes Business College.

She was employed with the Disability and Determination Bureau, Division of Youth and Family Services, as a clerical administrator for 25 years, retiring in 2009. She had just started working for QBM Janitorial Services in Indianapolis. Diana cherished her cats, Spice, Yeti and Dream Puff. She was an avid reader, enjoyed flea markets, traveling and walks with Doug. She attended Greenwood Bible Baptist Church.

Survivors include her companion, Douglas Musgrove of Greenwood; sister, Rebecca (Jay) Mattingly of Texas; brother, Mark Kreitzer of Bedford and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Gary Parker; and brother, Steven Kreitzer.

A funeral service was conducted Monday, November 23 at Jessen Funeral Home, Whiteland Chapel. Burial followed in

Goodwill Cemetery in Loogootee.

WILLIAM FEAGANS

William I. Feagans Jr. passed away at 12:40 a.m. November 19, 2015 at Loogootee Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. A resident of Loogootee, he was 68.

He was born December 5, 1946 in Montgomery; son of the late William I. and Margaret (Duncheon) Feagans.

He graduated from Montgomery High School in 1965. He retired from Crane in 1999. He was the past president of St. Vincent De Paul and a current member of the Board of Directors for the St. Vincent De Paul Store. He was a member of Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by his wife, Janice (Cutshall) Feagans; brother, Louis "Ed" (Connie) Feagans of Martinsville; sisters, Peggy Arvin and special friend Paul Leo Strange of Loogootee and Mary Teresa (Dale) Miller of Montgomery; sister-in-law, Phyllis (James) Lannan of Loogootee and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William I. and Margaret (Duncheon) Feagans; infant brother, Douglas Joseph Feagans and nephew, Derek Arvin.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker and concelebrants Rev. Leo Kiesel and assisting minister Rev. Ed Frost on Monday, November 23 at St. John the Evangelist in Loogootee. Burial followed in St. Peter Catholic Cemetery in Montgomery.

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee was in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be made online at blakefuneralhomes.com.



WILLIAM FEAGANS

Nurse Practitioner Tony Holt now at Country Health Center

Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center is pleased to announce the addition of Family Nurse Practitioner Tony Holt to the staff of Country Health Center in Montgomery. A Family Nurse Practitioner has advanced clinical training beyond their initial professional Registered Nurse preparation, and are able to diagnose sudden illnesses as well as help manage long-term care and illnesses. Nurse Practitioners work with a collaborating physician who oversees their work, and can order, perform, and interpret diagnostic tests such as lab work and x-rays, and prescribe medications and other treatments.

Holt has extensive experience in emergency medical services having previously served as an emergency medical technician (EMT), an Emergency Department nurse and house supervisor, an education coordinator and emergency preparedness coordinator, a public health coordinator, and paramedic. Holt received his master of science degree in nursing with a track in Family Nurse Practitioner from the University of Southern Indiana in Evansville, Indiana. He did graduate clinicals with Loogootee Family Medicine in Loogootee and Jasper Pediatrics, Jasper OB/GYN, and Memorial Hospital and

Dr. Hector Lugo appointed to Memorial Hospital staff

Hector Lugo M.D. is a pathologist recently appointed to the Active Medical Staff at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center. A pathologist is a doctor who specializes in the structural and chemical changes that occur with diseases. A pathologist functions in the laboratory, examining biopsy specimens, and regulating studies performed by hospital laboratories (blood tests, urine tests, etc.).

Dr. Lugo received his medical degree from Ponce School of Medicine and Health Sciences in Puerto Rico and completed an Anatomic and Clinical Pathology Residency at Harbor University of California



TONY HOLT

Health Care Center in Jasper. He is certified by the American Association of Nurse Practitioners and the Emergency Nurses Association.

Country Health Center is located at 5066 N. 900 East in Montgomery. To schedule an appointment, please call 812-486-3396.

Los Angeles Medical Center. He completed a Surgical Pathology Fellowship at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and a Cytopathology Fellowship at the University of Southern California-Los Angeles County Medical Center. Dr. Lugo is Board Certified in anatomic, clinical, and cytopathology by the American Board of Pathology. Dr. Lugo has done volunteer medical work in Central America and the Caribbean and is a member of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists, American Board of Pathology, Los Angeles Society of Pathologists, and the College of American Pathologists.



Memorial Hospital breaks ground on new Washington clinic

Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center broke ground Monday, November 23 on its newest health clinic – Memorial Health Washington. During the ceremony, Memorial Hospital administration performed a blessing then unveiled the architect's rendering for the new building, which will contain approximately 9,000-square-feet of space and 14 exam rooms. The building will be located at 600 South State Road 57.

Memorial Health Washington will be the home for Dr. Nick Dahl's current practice, Dahl Family Medicine, as well as a satellite office for additional services such as cardiology, pediatrics, urology, orthopaedics, ear, nose and throat, and obstetrics and gynecology. The clinic will also include lab and x-ray services. E. Kyle Bennett, President and CEO of Memorial Hospital, shared that while the ceremony was a groundbreaking for a building, Memorial Health Washington is more than just a building. It is a dedication to continuing the mission of quality health care, and the staff of Memorial Hospital is proud to share this mission with the Washington community.

Individuals breaking ground included Dr. Nick Dahl, Fam-

ily Medicine; Annette Kugler, Medical Practice Director; Dr. Adam Dawkins, Cardiologist; Dr. Josh Leonard, Cardiologist; Dr. Jason Stubbs, Ear, Nose, and Throat and Plastic Surgeon; Sister Rose Mary Rexing, Mission Integration Executive Director; Kyle Bennett; and Joe Wellman, Washington Mayor. Mayor Wellman concluded the ceremony.

Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center is based in Dubois County and serves Daviess, Crawford, Martin, Orange, Perry, Pike and Spencer counties through more than 25 regional health clinics. Sponsored by the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary since its establishment in 1951, Memorial Hospital provides medical care to approximately 7,000 inpatients, 228,000 outpatients, 30,000 emergency patients, and 1,000 newborns on an annual basis.



COPS & COURT

Wednesday, November 25, 2015 ~ Martin County Journal

4

Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

7:10 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Shoals. Sheriff Roush was advised.

8:15 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident north of Loogootee on US 231. Captain Dant responded.

9:00 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:18 a.m. - Received a report of an accident near Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

9:34 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.

3:45 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 150, east of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene and Orange County Sheriff's Department responded.

5:53 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted a motorist west of Shoals.

8:31 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

8:56 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted Loogootee Captain Hennette with a welfare check.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

2:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:10 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

3:25 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Loogootee on SR 550. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

6:04 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on US 50, east of Loogootee. Sheriff Roush worked the accident.

6:53 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals on US 50. Town Marshal Eckert worked the accident, assisted by Corporal Baker and Sheriff Roush.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

12:17 a.m. - Received a report of tree blocking US 50, east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department removed the tree and they were assisted by Sheriff Roush and Corporal Baker.

3:06 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Corporal Baker responded to the call.

6:25 a.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Loogootee. Corporal Baker, Martin County Ambulance, and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

9:16 a.m. - Received a report of a line down on North Line Street in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill checked the scene.

9:32 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:57 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

10:28 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across US 50, east of Shoals. The state highway department was notified.

11:56 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

12:00 p.m. - Received a report of a break-in in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

1:15 p.m. - Received a report of wires down north of Shoals. Sheriff Roush checked the area.

3:11 p.m. - Received a report of trees across the road east of Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

3:21 p.m. - Major Burkhardt assisted a motorist east of Shoals.

4:07 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Am-

bulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:23 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

11:26 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist north of Loogootee. Corporal Baker assisted the Daviess County Sheriff's Office with the detail.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

2:15 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:16 a.m. - Received an alarm call near Shoals. Corporal Baker responded.

6:43 a.m. - Received a report of a fight in progress near Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene responded to assist the Daviess County Sheriff's Office.

8:58 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

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

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

10:50 a.m. - Received a report of illegal dumping east of Loogootee. Sheriff Roush responded to the dump site. Major Burkhardt located the owner and they collected their trash.

11:30 a.m. - Received a report of the theft of a dog near Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

1:00 p.m. - Major Burkhardt assisted department of child services with a welfare check near Shoals.

4:57 p.m. - Received a report of property damage in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

5:07 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Martin County Ambulance, Major Burkhardt, and Indiana State Police Trooper Beaver responded. One subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

6:42 p.m. - Major Burkhardt assisted a motorist east of Shoals.

9:22 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and was assisted by Loogootee Officer Nolan.

9:23 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert and Corporal Baker responded.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

1:06 a.m. - Corporal Baker assisted a motorist east of Loogootee.

2:38 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:17 a.m. - Received a report of a cow out on US 231, south of Loogootee. Deputy Salmon responded. The owner retrieved the cow.

8:00 a.m. - Major Burkhardt performed a speaking engagement at Shoals Elementary School.

10:45 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene worked an accident that occurred on Hwy 450.

11:35 a.m. - Sheriff Roush assisted a motorist on US 50 near the fairgrounds.

11:45 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Crane. Major Burkhardt responded to the call.

12:35 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles checked the subject and all was okay.

1:05 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

1:10 p.m. - Received a report of a dog missing near Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded and also performed a welfare check.

2:00 p.m. - Major Burkhardt performed a speaking engagement at Loogootee School.

7:05 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle broken down. Major Burkhardt responded.

7:58 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

10:29 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Shoals. Deputy Salmon responded.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

2:06 a.m. - Received a report of a possible hit-and-run west of Loogootee. Corporal Baker responded.

4:56 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident. Corporal Baker responded. Vehicle towed by G&M.

6:03 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on 231 South. Major Burkhardt responded. Vehicle towed by ATM.

8:37 a.m. - Received a call reporting a driver with children unrestrained in car seats. Notified Loogootee Officer Todd.

12:25 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Notified Loogootee Officer Todd.

2:29 p.m. - Received a report of a dog in Shoals harassing cats again. Major Burkhardt responded.

3:10 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across Boyd Hollow Road. Major Burkhardt and the county highway department responded.

4:48 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver eastbound on Hwy 50. Notified Loogootee Officer Todd.

5:18 p.m. - Received a report of a stolen vehicle. Major Burkhardt responded.

8:09 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Patient transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital by Martin County Ambulance.

10:45 p.m. - Received a call reporting an accident with injuries. Deputy Salmon, Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. G&M towed the vehicle and Martin County Ambulance transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:58 p.m. - Received a report of someone knocking on doors requesting entrance and caller does not know them. Deputy Salmon responded.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

12:53 a.m. - Received a call regarding an alarm at Stoll's Restaurant. Deputy Salmon responded.

9:55 a.m. - Received a request for an officer at Chuckles in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baker responded.

11:25 a.m. - Received a call reporting horses in the roadway on Hwy 150 in Willow Valley. Captain Dant responded.

3:43 p.m. - Received a report of property damage east of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

5:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded. Patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

Real estate transfers

Richard Dale Graber, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Richard Dale Graber and Lillie Catherine Graber**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the south half of Section 16 and part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 21, all in Township 4 North, Range 3 West, situated in Mitcheltree Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 144.51 acres, more or less.

Eric T. Ringwald, of Martin County, Indiana to **Hoosier Uplands Holdings, LLC**, of Lawrence County, Indiana. Tract I: A parcel of land in the City of Loogootee, Indiana. Tract II: A portion of the southeast quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in the City of Loogootee, Indiana, containing 0.036 acre.

Kevin Holt and Sherri Holt and Tom Rego, of Martin County, Indiana to **Merrill Bateman and Rosalee Bateman**, of Martin County, Indiana, two-thirds of Lots Numbered 15 and 16 in the Town of Dover Hill, Indiana off the south side thereof.

Donald R. Johnson and Judith A. Johnson, of Martin County, Indiana to **Bret D. Chestnut and Rhonda S. Chestnut**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 2.30 acres, more or less.

Barbara (Walker) Rogers, of Martin County, Indiana to **Richard W. Harty and Judith A. Harty**, of Porter County, Indiana, part of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 26, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing 7.865 acres, more or less.

Thurman H. Brown II and Marshall E. Brown, of Martin County, Indiana to **Zachary W. Cornwell and Casey L. Corn-**

well, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of Section 19, Township 5 North, Range 4 West situated in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.210 acres, more or less.

Rita A. Sims, of Pima County, Arizona to **Gary L. Sims**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 29, Township 4 North, Range 3 West.

Sanford L. Slaubaugh, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Robert Drew Dorsett and Carmen Marie Dorsett**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the south half of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 12, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 3.494 acres, more or less.

Galen J. Graber and Marilyn J. Graber to **G&M Graber, LLC**, the west half of the southeast quarter and the east half of the southwest quarter in Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 123 acres, more or less, except a section containing 10 acres, more or less.

Jewels inside every product! Valued from \$10 to \$7,500!

Shop Now at www.jewelscent.com/tyrabrooke or click this ad.

Also find "JewelScent by Tyra" on Facebook! www.facebook.com/jewelscentbytyra

JEWELSCENT
A JEWEL IN EVERY SCENT

TOY'S AUTO PARTS, INC.

Loogootee (812) 295-2312	Shoals (812) 247-3321	Jasper (812) 634-2222	Washington (812) 254-2540
Sullivan (812) 268-5252	Martinsville (765) 342-6623		
Jasonville (812) 665-3969	Bicknell (812) 735-3545		

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

1:55 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50. Officers were unable to locate.

6:12 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded a car versus deer accident on US 231.

8:45 p.m. - Captain Hennette transported a male to Good Samaritan for a medical evaluation.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

5:23 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

5:38 p.m. - Officer Nolan responded to a business alarm.

7:43 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on High Street.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

9:30 a.m. - Caller reported a line was down on North Line Street.

9:35 a.m. - First responders were requested at Southwind Manor for a medical call.

1:40 p.m. - Female caller reported having problems with her juvenile son.

4:27 p.m. - First responders were requested on Park Street for a medical call.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

12:10 a.m. - Caller at a local business reported problems with an ex-employee.

2:15 a.m. - First responders were requested on 150 North for a medical call.

11:55 a.m. - Caller requested an officer check a residence for a stolen dog. Officers were unable to locate.

5:04 p.m. - Caller reported property damage.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

12:35 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person on North Line Street. Captain Akles located the male and he checked out okay.

8:00 p.m. - Caller reported harassing text messages.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

2:06 a.m. - Officer Nolan assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a hit-and-run accident.

8:37 a.m. - Caller reported a child not in a safety belt.

12:25 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Broadway Street.

12:27 p.m. - Caller reported an animal complaint.

8:28 p.m. - First responders were requested on Boston Street for a medical call.

10:03 p.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted the Daviess County Sheriff's Department with a domestic dispute.

11:58 p.m. - Caller reported a hit-and-run accident in Bradley's parking lot.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

12:53 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person on North Line Street.

9:41 a.m. - Officer Baker responded to a 911 hang-up in Redwing Trailer Court.

9:55 a.m. - Caller reported a civil issue at Chucks.

2:40 a.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute.

Notice: The Loogootee Police Department will be testing the severe weather siren on December 1 at 6 p.m.

Martin County Court News

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

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCING

November 5

Ashton V. Pottorff, convicted of battery, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 180 days in the Martin County Security Center with 60 days suspended and credit for 60 actual days previously served plus 60 Class 1 credit days. Defendant received 90 days of probation.

November 10

Joseph A. Jones, convicted of theft, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 363 days suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served plus 1 good time credit day. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

Robert F. Neal, convicted of public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 180 days in the Martin County Security Center with 162 days suspended and credit for 9 actual days previously served plus 9 good time credit days. Defendant received 5 months of probation.

Brian L. Tharp, convicted of non-support of a dependent child, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 730 days at the Indiana Department of Corrections with 688 days suspended and credit for 21 actual days previously served plus 21 Class 1 credit days. Defendant received 23 months of probation.

November 12

Chester H. Clark, Jr., convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days in the Martin County Security Center with 56 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class 1 credit days. Defendant received 6 months of probation.

Molly R. Raney, convicted of theft, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 351 days suspended and credit for 7 actual days previously served plus 7 good time credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

Brian L. Wade, convicted of domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 335 days suspended and credit for 15 actual days previously served plus 15

Class 1 credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

November 10

Joseph A. Jones, neglect of a dependent, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; unlawful use of nitrous oxide, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Robert F. Neal, battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

November 12

Chester H. Clark, Jr., operating while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Brian L. Wade, criminal recklessness, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed.

November 16

Stephen R. Huff, intimidation, a Class C Felony, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

November 17

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Michelle Jones, civil collection.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

November 17

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Wells Fargo Bank and against the defendants Myron Hopkins and Kaala LaBarge Spurgeon for mortgage foreclosure in the amount of \$38,927.09.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Asset Acceptance, LLC and against the defendants Josh L. and Erica N. Roach in the amount of \$15,336.85.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

November 18

Jennifer Imilda Bleemel of Shoals and Shane Allen Moreno of Shoals.

November 23

Allan J. Albrecht of Washington and Diana J. Holt of Shoals.

James E. Graber of Shoals and Katrina R. Bell of Shoals.

Traffic stop ends with arrest in Martin County

The Martin County Sheriff's Department conducted a traffic stop south of Shoals that resulted in a drug arrest on Monday.

On Monday, November 16, 2015 at approximately 10:35 p.m., Chief Deputy Josh Greene conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of State Road 550 and Lacy Road. Chief Deputy Greene requested the assistance of Corporal Damon Baker and his K9, Virka.

A short time later Corporal Baker and K9 Virka arrived. Corporal Baker had Virka conduct a free air sniff around the vehicle. Virka alerted to the presence of narcotics within the passenger compartment of the vehicle. Corporal Baker notified the driver, Caleb H. Truelove, 18, Shoals, of the positive indication of narcotics in the vehicle.

Chief Deputy Greene and Corporal Baker conducted a search of the vehicle. Inside of the vehicle, they located a tan backpack containing a plastic zip lock bag that contained a green plant like substance. The green plant like substance field tested positive for marijuana. He was charged with possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

AmeriCorps positions open in south central Indiana

Part time positions are now available to serve as an AmeriCorps member in school districts to promote coordinated school health work. Members will use the CDC's coordinated school health approach to assist districts with improving the school health environment for students and staff. The member will assist in the areas of health services, nutrition services, health and physical education, community involvement, safety, employee wellness, physical activity, and social/emotional health. Counties include Brown, Greene, Martin, Morgan, and Orange. These positions include a 900 hour commitment and must be completed by August 31st. The benefits include a living stipend and an educational award that can be used for previous education loans. If interested, please send resume to Lpeterscher@IUhealth.org

Accident reports

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

9:30 a.m. - Nathan Osborne, of Loogootee, was operating a 2015 spreader truck and attempting to turn into Arvin Crush Stone when Ernest Graber, of Loogootee, went around on the left and struck the Osborne vehicle. Chief Rayhill investigated.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

7:18 a.m. - Heather C. Rogge, of Loogootee, was operating a 2002 Chrysler and attempting to cross US 231 from Wood Street when she pulled into the path of a 2001 Jeep operated by Jeremy L. Allen, of Washington. Allen stated his headlights weren't on. Chief Rayhill investigated.

9:50a.m. - Dakota Simmerman, of Shoals, was operating a 1981 International in the Marathon parking lot. At this time, the trailer of the Simmerman vehicle struck a trailer owned by Ron Martin, of Corydon. Chief Rayhill investigated.

12:06 p.m. - Brian K. Waller, of Montgomery, was operating a 2007 Toyota on Charles Street when he pulled into the intersection, then backed up and struck a 2013 Chevy operated by Mark O'Brian, of Cannelburg. Captain Hennette investigated.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

6:35 p.m. - Robert J. Spaulding, of Loogootee, was operating a 2001 Toyota on US 231 when a deer ran into his path. Officer Nolan was the investigating officer.

6:39 p.m. - Elizabeth G. Kemp, of Odon, was operating a 2015 Honda on US 231. At this time, a deer ran into the path of the Kemp vehicle. Officer Nolan investigated.



Sheriff's department receives a donation

The Martin County Sheriff's Department received a much needed donation from local businessman, Adam Greene, owner of Greene's Body Shop in Loogootee.

On Tuesday, November 17, 2015, Adam Green presented three portable breath test instruments (PBT's) to the Martin County Sheriff's Department. Captain Tony Dant is seen below receiving the PBT's. The Martin County Sheriff's Department is very grateful for this generous donation. Each PBT cost approximately \$375, therefore Greene's donation saved the department over \$1,000.

Greene made the following statements, "We appreciate our community patronizing our business and trusting us to repair their vehicles to keep their families safe. We wanted to give back to the community in a way that helps keep our families and streets safer in our travels. As much as we like fixing cars, we don't like it when our customers are victims of an alcohol or drug related accident."

"We asked the sheriff's office if there was anything we could do to help them help us. One of the items they needed most was portable breath test instruments. We worked with the sheriff's office to find the best pricing. We are donating three of the instruments so that every vehicle has the ability to test alcohol levels."

JAIL BOOKINGS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

8:59 p.m. - Jennifer Cusick, 44, of Washington, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents for operating while intoxicated and is being held on a \$20,000 10% bond. Chief Deputy Greene, Corporal Baker, K9 Officer Virka, and Trooper Beaver assisted.

11:07 p.m. - Caleb Truelove, 18, of Shoals, was arrested by Corporal Baker for possession of marijuana. He is being held on a \$10,000 10% bond. Baker was assisted in the arrest by K9 Officer Virka and Chief Deputy Greene.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

11:20 p.m. - Cameron Brown, 24, of Loogootee, was arrested by Town Marshal Eckert, assisted by Deputy Baker and K9 Virka, and charged with possession of meth, marijuana, and . His bond is \$25,000 10%.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

1:15 a.m. - Lester Brummett, 42, of Plainville, was arrested by Town Marshal Eckert for possession of meth, marijuana, and operating a vehicle while intoxicated. His bond has been set at \$25,000 10%. Marshal Eckert was assisted by Sheriff Roush and Deputy Baker and K9 Virka.

7:31 p.m. - Corbin Wildman, 23, of Loogootee, was arrested by Major Burkhardt on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

10:15 a.m. - Frederick Smeltzer, 48, of Vincennes, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

11:15 a.m. - Joe Campbell, 40, of Loogootee, was arrested by Sheriff Roush on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER

1:22 a.m. - Jeremy Graber, 19, of Loogootee was arrested by State Trooper Lents and charged with minor consuming. Bond set at \$10,000 10%

BLOCKBUSTER AUTO SALES

701 E National Hwy.
Washington, IN

812-617-5382





The Purdue publication *What Gardeners Should Know About Pesticides* notes that it is important to consider surroundings, including those with animals, when using pesticides. For example, it advises to keep pesticides from drifting onto bird feeders. (Purdue Botany and Plant Pathology photo/Fred Whitford)

Purdue publication offers gardeners tips on proper use of pesticides

BY CHELSEA CLODFELDER
Purdue University News Service

A new Purdue Extension publication gives gardeners advice on use of pesticides and how to manage a successful garden and landscape.

The authors of *What Gardeners Should Know About Pesticides* explain several topics on pesticide use in gardens. They offer tips on ensuring plant success, managing unwanted critters and choosing the right control options.

The 64-page publication guides gardeners through the processes of personalized pest management, reducing a pest's impact on gardens and why a pesticide might not have worked. It gives advice on problem prevention, pesticide classifications and the safe, effective, legal use of pesticides.

"Pesticide use in the lawn, landscape and garden provides many benefits, but there are also risks," said lead author Fred Whitford, coordinator of Purdue Pesticide Programs. "You must handle pesticides with caution and understanding."

The publication is available in print for \$5.50 or free for download at Purdue Extension's The Education Store at <https://www.edustore.purdue.edu>. Search for product code PPP-109.

Eagle Watch at Patoka

Feel the wind of an eagle's wings while experiencing the world of eagles in Indiana with indoor and outdoor programs at Patoka Lake Nature Center on Saturday, January 9 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. E.S.T. during the 28th annual Eagle Watch. Featured will be a resident bald eagle & other live raptors. Dana Reckelhoff, DNR Patoka Lake Interpretive Naturalist, will share the life and story of these amazing birds of prey. Join Todd Eubank, Patoka Lake Wildlife Specialist and his team on a driving tour to hot spots for eagle viewing. Guest presenter Rex Watters, DNR Wildlife Specialist of Monroe Lake, will share his experiences during the 1980's Eagle Reintroduction Program and interesting information about eagles found in your part of the state. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. Participants can also bring a sack lunch. Kid's activities and crafts will be available from 11-2:30p.m.

Pre-registration is required with a \$5/ person program fee. Participants 5 years of age and younger attend at no charge. Dress for the weather and don't forget to bring binoculars, spotting scopes, and cameras! Have vehicles fueled for the driving tour. To pre-register or for more information, call the Patoka Lake Office at 812-685-2464.



Gorgeous sky

Martin County Photographer Bill Whorrall captured this panoramic view of the sky last week. The cloud cover made a magnificent sheet over the landscape.

-Photo by Bill Whorrall, www.billwhorrall.com

Don't be left in the cold, prepare now for winter weather

The holiday season is near, which means winter weather is not far behind. With parts of the state seeing flurries last weekend, it's time for Hoosiers to consider preparing for the upcoming winter.

"Year after year, Indiana deals with winter storms that can bring dangerous snow, ice and cold," said John Erickson, director of public information for the Indiana Department of Homeland Security. "Now is the time to make sure homes and vehicles are ready for winter. Taking action now can lessen and even prevent costly damage."

Erickson recommends cleaning gutters now before snow and ice build-up. If gutters are clogged while ice and snow are thawing, water can back up under the roof and eaves, causing water damage inside the house. Consider buying screens to keep gutters debris-free.

Hoosiers should also consider removing dead branches from nearby trees. The added weight of ice and snow, along with winds,

may cause limbs to snap and damage property.

Homeowner's insurance policy should be reviewed to ensure coverage is adequate for the type of weather that regularly occurs in the area. Identify what is excluded from the policy.

With November 15-21 observed as Winter Weather Preparedness Week, all residents should consider using this week to create or maintain a preparedness kit that can help during winter storms.

- Food and water for three days, including one gallon of water per person, per day
- Battery or hand crank all hazards (weather) radio
- Flashlight
- Extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Extra clothing, sturdy shoes, blankets and personal hygiene items
- List of emergency phone numbers
- Copies of important documents (photo

ID, social security card, etc.)

- Cash in small bills (Power outages can limit use of ATMs and credit cards.)
- Special items based on specific needs (baby formula, extra medication, etc.)

Winter weather preparedness week is also a good time to make a car readiness kit. These kits should include:

- At least two blankets or a sleeping bag
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Jumper cables
- Emergency flares
- Extra clothing, including boots, hats and gloves
- Shovel
- Bottled water and non-perishable food
- First aid kit and necessary medication
- Sand or non-clumping cat litter for tire traction
- Cell phone and charger for vehicle use
- Ice scraper and snow brush

For more information on being ready for winter weather, visit GetPrepared.IN.gov.

Department of transportation readies for the winter season

Governor Mike Pence has declared this week, November 15 through 21, as Winter Weather Preparedness Week in Indiana. The Indiana Department of Transportation has been preparing for the upcoming winter season since the snow and ice melted last spring. INDOT's top wintertime priority is removing snow and preventing ice on more than 11,000 miles of interstates, U.S. highways and state routes.

Salt in stock

Last winter, nearly 278,000 tons of granular salt and 5.2 million gallons of salt brine were deployed on state and federal highways. INDOT continues to receive deliveries of salt and already has more than 193,000 tons on hand.

New plow equipment

Last winter, INDOT plow trucks logged nearly 5.7 million miles – the equivalent of 228 trips around the earth or 12 round trips to moon.

INDOT continues to add new equipment to its fleet of more than 1,000 plow trucks. A total of 10 "tow plows" will be used this year to clear multi-lane highways. The tow plow and material spreader are pulled behind and to the side of a yellow INDOT plow truck, allowing one driver to clear two lanes at once.

Each yellow plow truck undergoes a full bumper-to-bumper inspection, and mechanics will repair mechanical problems before the first winter storm.

Each yellow plow truck takes 2-3 hours to complete its route with salt assisting in melting between passes. In addition, INDOT has outfitted 50 marked white pickups with plows and material spreaders to clear ramps, intersections and trouble spots.

Hiring, training drivers

Last winter, INDOT staff logged 311,000 man hours performing winter operations. Mechanics, salt loaders and radio operators support plow drivers to keep the trucks running around the clock when needed.

INDOT has been holding job fairs and aggressively hiring seasonal and full-time plow drivers over the past few months. Applications are still being accepted for some locations at <http://careers.in.gov>. Both plow drivers and supervisors attend classroom training to learn new technology and techniques.

Preventing potholes

Spring Mill SP hosts Holiday in the Village

Celebrate the season like Hoosiers did in the late 1800s at Spring Mill State Park's annual Holiday in the Village, December 4 and 5. The event will run from 5 to 9 p.m. on Friday, December 4, and from 1 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, December 5.

Visitors can stroll through the Pioneer Village as heritage interpreters craft decorations, bake cookies and prepare to celebrate the holidays. Follow the luminaries to the village tavern where children can share their wish list with Father Christmas.

INDOT spent the warmer months resurfacing and sealing state highways to prevent water from seeping into the pavement and forming potholes.

During the current fiscal year, INDOT is awarding contracts to resurface 727 miles of state highways. In addition, INDOT maintenance crews sealed more than 1,200 lane miles this year. INDOT has increased its preservation and maintenance program since Governor Pence took office in 2013 to keep pavement and bridges in good condition for as long as possible.

Stay Informed

Subscribe to receive text and email alerts at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/INDOT/subscriber/new>.

Find links to INDOT's regional Facebook and Twitter pages at <http://in.gov/indot/3074.htm>.

At 6:30 p.m. each evening, the village innkeeper will serve wassail and cookies to the public. On Friday and Saturday, the Bedford Dulcimer Society will play music in the summer kitchen of the Sheek's cabin. Also on Saturday at 6 p.m., listen to holiday music by Wildflowers and Weeds in the grist mill. Park admission is \$7 per in-state vehicle and \$9 per out-of-state vehicle.

For more information, contact Coletta Prewitt at (812) 849-3534 or springmill-statepark@dnr.IN.gov.

CDC responds to broad challenges facing US cancer survivors

The number of cancer survivors — people who live after a cancer diagnosis — is expected to grow substantially over the next few decades as the U.S. population ages and as early detection methods and treatments continue to improve. Updates on how the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is helping Americans meet the challenges of cancer survivorship were published online today at www.ajpmonline.org and appear in the December issue of the American Journal of Preventive Medicine.

The supplement, “Addressing Cancer Survivorship through Public Health Research, Surveillance, and Programs,” concludes that concrete plans are needed to ensure that the U.S. health care system can meet survivors’ future needs.

“By 2025, there will be more than 24 million people living after a cancer diagnosis,” said CDC Principal Deputy Director Anne Schuchat, M.D. “In addition to better prevention and treatment of cancer, we must plan for the wide variety of issues that people may face after cancer, including physical, financial, and psychological hardships.”

Selected findings from CDC-authored articles in the supplement:

Sixty percent of breast cancer survivors surveyed reported having problems with thinking, memory, and concentration after receiving chemotherapy and/or hormone treatment for breast cancer. Of those women, 37 percent said they discussed the

problems with their health care provider and 15 percent reported receiving medication, psychotherapy, or other interventions to treat their symptoms.

Some people treated for colorectal (colon) cancer face barriers to eating healthy and getting enough physical activity to reduce their risk of having the cancer recur. These barriers include a lack of knowledge about how to maintain a healthy diet and limit alcohol use.

Higher out-of-pocket medical costs can keep survivors from getting access to the follow-up care they need.

“When we think about cancer treatments, we tend to think of the physical toll they take on patients who are in active treatment. But these articles highlight challenges that can affect survivors for the rest of their lives,” said Lisa Richardson M.D., M.P.H., director, CDC’s Division of Cancer Prevention and Control.

The journal supplement includes 12 articles on research, surveillance, education campaigns, and partnerships that improve the experiences of survivors, their families, friends, and caregivers.

An introduction to the supplement’s opening article reviews CDC’s ongoing work in cancer survivorship, which includes surveillance to determine burden, research to determine the health and economic impact of cancer on survivors, and working with state and territorial partners to support

CANCER SURVIVORSHIP

Nearly **14 million** people in the U.S. are living after a cancer diagnosis.

Information | Support | Resources

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

www.cdc.gov/cancer/survivorship

incorporating survivorship activities into their comprehensive cancer control efforts.

For more information about this supplement and CDC’s cancer-related work, visit

www.cdc.gov/cancer, www.cdc.gov/cancer/survivorship and

www.cdc.gov/cancer/dcpc/research/articles/survivorship-supplement.htm.

At Your Service Directory

Local professionals here to serve you!

AUTO REPAIR

MUFFLER MENDERS
Full-Service Auto Repair

204 E. Broadway, Loogootee

Shop: 812-295-3209
Toll Free: 888-302-3209
Fax: 812-295-3209

AUTO REPAIR

Loogootee COLLISION CENTER 295-4041
loogcollision@verizon.net

FULL SERVICE COLLISION REPAIR
NEXT DAY GLASS SERVICE

12851 E 150 N, Loogootee, IN 47553
(Next to Loughmiller Machine)

AUTO REPAIR

Greene's BODY SHOP

- Complete Collision Repair
- Glass Replacement
- Window Tinting

106 Wood St., Loogootee
Adam Greene 812-295-9840

AVAILABLE SPACE

ADVERTISE HERE FOR JUST \$25 PER MONTH!

Email
courtney@martincountyjournal.com

BUILDING SUPPLIES

BUILDER'S BEST LUMBER & HARDWARE
COMPLETE BUILDING SUPPLIES

Electrical, Lumber, Hardware, Plumbing, Roofing, Insulation, Tools, Paint, Heating Supplies and Service

710 Industrial Ave.
Loogootee • 295-2400

CHIROPRACTIC CARE

HawkinsHealth CENTER
Providing Family Chiropractic Care

Dr. Jordan Hawkins~Dr. Brooke Hawkins
ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS!

211 SE 1st Street, Loogootee
812-295-3346

AVAILABLE SPACE

ADVERTISE HERE FOR JUST \$25 PER MONTH!

Email
courtney@martincountyjournal.com

EQUIPMENT RENTAL

CONSTRUCTION • INDUSTRIAL
HOMEOWNER • EQUIPMENT RENTAL

GENERAL Rental Center, Inc.

6 Sullivan Drive • Washington, IN 47501
www.generalrentalinc.com
812-254-2707 • Fax: 812-254-2873

GYM/FITNESS

The Bodyshop GYM LOW-COST MEMBERSHIPS

Gym available 24/7 to members
Exercise or tan at noon or midnight, or whenever your schedule permits!

202 NE 1ST STREET, LOOGOOTEE
295-4762 or 295-8379

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m. to noon
After hours call one of the numbers above for an appointment.

HAIR STYLING

Broadway Salen

Michelle Bruner
Owner/operator

1103 W Broadway Street
Loogootee IN 47553
812-295-3320

Walk-ins welcome

HEATING/COOLING

American Standard M&M ELECTRIC

HEATING • COOLING • PLUMBING
•Geo-Thermal•

LOCALLY OWNED AND OPERATED
MARK & MARY FIELDS

107 West Main St. Office (812) 295-4699
Loogootee, IN 47553 Fax (812) 295-2487

INTERNET/SATELLITE

MIDWEST SATELLITE
"Your Local Authorized Satellite Retailer"

Collin Padgett | Sales
Cell: (812) 582.8803
121 Cooper Plaza
Loogootee, IN 47553
(812) 295.5588
www.midwestsat.com

dish
dish.NET
DIRECTV

Offering Satellite TV and High Speed Internet!

LAWYER

Isha E. Wright-Ryan
Attorney at Law

A Professional Corporation Telephone: 812-295-1096
200 John F. Kennedy Avenue Fax: 260-408-1760
P.O. Box 398 ishawrightryan@gmail.com
Loogootee, IN 47553 www.ishalaw.com

LAWYER

Victor J. Ippoliti
Ippoliti Law Office, LLC

530 Main Street,
Ferdinand, IN 47532
Phone 812-367-0607
Fax 812-367-2795 • lawoffice@psci.net
www.sinlaw.com

Attorney at Law

MASSAGE

BOWLING MASSAGE
Kimberly Bowling,
Board Certified, NCBTMB

www.bowlingmassage.com
GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE
Call 812-709-9050

ADVANCED TRAINING IN ORTHOPEDIC AND GERIATRIC MASSAGE

MEDICAL

URGENT CARE NO Appointment Necessary!

of Martin County We accept most insurances.

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday - 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
104 Wood St., Loogootee • 295-2955

PET SUPPLIES/BOARDING

HOLLIES EATS & TREATS

Dog Boarding (\$10/day)
Dog Grooming Available
Dog & Cat Supplies

812-295-8305 THERESA ABNEY, OWNER/OPERATOR

One mile off Hwy. 231 on Hwy. 645 in Burns City
HOURS: MON.-FRI. 9 A.M.-5 P.M. • Weekends by appt.

PHYSICIAN

Daviess-Martin Medical Clinic

Cheryl Buss, ANP-BC, CME
Cathy Sager, FNP

Call us today for an appointment!
812.295.5095

Daviess Community Hospital

REFLEXOLOGY

Reflexology at your Fingertips
(Bowling Massage Office)
ANDREA NORDHOFF (CR)

200 N. JFK Ave.
Loogootee, IN 47553
(812) 630-4309
anordhoff@hotmail.com

"Give Me an Inch, I'll Take A Foot"

TRASH DISPOSAL

KRB Disposal

Pickup household trash weekly
NOW serving Martin & Daviess counties

812-247-3115 or
812-247-3604

More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



When Forest Gump died, he stood in front of St. Peter at the Pearly Gates. St. Peter said, "Welcome, Forest. We've heard a lot about you." He continued, "Unfortunately, it's getting pretty crowded up here and we find that we now have to give people an entrance examination before we let them in."

"Okay," said Forest. "I hope it's not too hard. I've already been through a test. My momma used to say, 'Life is like a final exam. It's hard.'"

"Yes, Forest, I know. But this test is only three questions. Here they are."

1) Which two days of the week begin with the letter 'T'?

2) How many seconds are in a year?

3) What is God's first name?"

"Well, sir," said Forest, "The first one is easy. Which two days of the week begin with the letter 'T'? Today and Tomorrow."

St. Peter looked surprised and said, "Well, that wasn't the answer I was looking for, but you have a point. I give you credit for that answer."

"The next question," said Forest, "How many seconds are in a year? Twelve." "Twelve?" said St. Peter, surprised and confused.

"Yes, sir. January 2nd, February 2nd, March 2nd ..."

St. Peter interrupted him, "I see what you mean. I'll have to give you credit for that one, too."

"And the last question," said Forest, "What is God's first name? It's Andy."

"Andy?" said St. Peter, in shock. "How did you come up with 'Andy'?"

"I learned it in church. We used to sing about it." Forest broke into song, "Andy walks with me, Andy talks with me, Andy tells me I am His own."

St. Peter opened the gate to heaven and said, "Run, Forest, Run!"

SERIOUS THOUGHTS TO PONDER

1. It's kinda funny how being old doesn't seem so old now that I'm old.

2. If you cannot be positive, then at least be quiet.

3. Why do we close our eyes when we pray, kiss, or dream? Because the most beautiful things in life are not seen but felt by the heart.

4. You never forget the neighborhood kids you grew up with.

5. Let go of the things that hurt you, but never forget what they taught you.

6. It costs \$0.00 to be a decent person.

7. Some people need to open their small minds instead of their big mouths.

8. I'm far from perfect. I could have a flatter stomach, clearer skin, whiter teeth, better hair, etc., but at least I don't have an ugly heart.

9. I will always appreciate a person who can make me laugh when I'm feeling down.

10. Sometimes you have to let things go, so there's room for better things to come into your life.

SOME NOT SO SERIOUS THOUGHTS

1. Today will be one of those days that even my coffee needs a coffee.

2. That moment when you can't finish a sentence because you're laughing so hard about the ending.

3. Dear Lord, All I ask is for a chance to prove that winning the lottery won't make me a bad person.

4. My prince is not coming on a white horse; he's obviously riding a turtle somewhere really confused.

5. If I had \$1 for every time I got called beautiful, I'd have \$1. Thanks Dad.

6. They say money doesn't bring you happiness . . . I say neither does being broke.

7. I've reached the age where my mind says, "I can do that!" but then my body says, "Try it and die, fat girl!"

8. Wanna see who loves you more . . . your spouse or your dog? Lock them both in your trunk and see who's happy to see you when you let them out.

9. I don't mean to brag but I finished the food in my 14-day diet in 3 hours and 12 minutes.

10. When someone says, "I forgot to eat," I think, "you must be a special kind of stupid." I plan my entire day around eating.

11. He said the spark between us was gone, so I tasered him. I'll ask him again when he wakes up.

12. I put my scale in the bathroom corner, and that's where she'll stay until she apologizes.

13. Before you marry a person you should first make them use a computer with slow internet to see who they really are.

14. You've really got to hand it to short people . . . because we usually can't reach it anyways.

Make someone smile today!

Martin County Safe Community Campaign event

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. Opening ceremonies will begin at 10 a.m. and conclude at 2 p.m. with a drawing for larger door prizes.

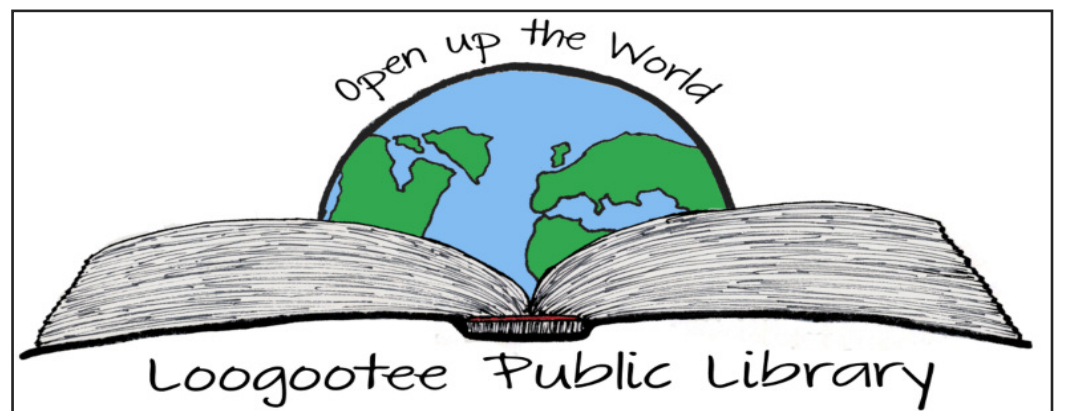
This first-time community event will be held at the Martin County Community Building and will feature officers and informational displays from the Martin County Sheriff's Office, Indiana Conservation Officers, Indiana State Police, Indiana Excise Police, Community Corrections, Shoals Police Department, and the Loogootee Police Department. Several law enforcement vehicles including a Humvee, ATVs, and an air boat will be on display as well as other tactical and rescue gear. The event will be free to the public and will feature several law enforcement speakers and programs as well as free food and door prizes. Some of the programs include kid's self-defense, meth awareness, ATV safety and a police K9 demonstration.

Whether it is a family crisis, an accident,

or other emergency, many times, police officers and the people in their communities don't always meet in the best situations. One of the goals of this event is to allow the community to meet with the officers in a relaxed and fun environment. Officers said they have learned that to be more effective in their jobs, they must work together with the community and establish better relationships with the great people of Martin County. With everyone working together as a team, problems are solved much more efficiently.

As a way to further help and unite the community, officers are teaming up with the Martin County area food banks for a food drive during the event. Food bank volunteers will be accepting food items and monetary donations throughout the day. Although the event will be free to the public, each person will need to bring a non-perishable food item to be eligible for the many door prizes. What better way to help the community, than providing for those who are going through rough times and need a good meal.

If you are interested in helping out or donating door prize items, please contact ICO Eric Doane at (317) 694-3064 or Sheriff Travis Roush at (812) 247-3726.



BY DARLA WAGLER
Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The library will be closed on Thursday, November 26 for Thanksgiving. On Friday, the 27th, Children's Librarian Terria Fellers will have crafts, games, and other fun activities for kids preschool age to 12 years old.

Enroll now for 2016 4-H Program

The final deadline to sign up is January 15, 2016.

4-H is a source of enjoyable, educational programs that help today's young people reach their full potential. It is open to any youth in grades 3-12, plus, there is also a program for those that plan to be in 4-H in the future that are in kindergarten through the second grade. It is easy to enroll with the new 4-H online enrollment system at <https://in.4honline.com>. 4-H is Indiana's largest youth development program for students and reaches more than 200,000 youth annually.

All events are coordinated by the Martin County Youth Development Educator, Martin County Extension Office and approved adult volunteers. The adult volunteers teach young people specific skills through hands-on, experiential learning. Youth also develop leadership and citizenship skills by participating in an organized 4-H club. Subjects include Science Technology, Engineering, Math, Agriculture, Citizenship, Healthy Living, Art, Consumer and Family Science and much, much more.

A 2014 Tufts University study showed that 4-H members are four times more likely to contribute to their communities, two times more likely to make healthier food choices, two times more likely to be civically active and two times more likely to participate in STEM programs.

Please, go online and enroll today or if you have trouble, call the Martin County Extension Office at 812-295-2412.

ities for kids preschool age to 12 years old. The MMR (Music, Movement, and Rhythm) class for 2 year olds will be held at 11 a.m.

On Monday evenings, the adult (18 years and older) coloring program starts at 6. We will supply the adult coloring sheets, crayons, art quality colored pencils, and markers.

Mystery Fiction: "All Dressed Up In White" by Mary Higgins Clark, "Cross Justice" by James Patterson, and "Tricky Twenty-Two" by Janet Evanovich.

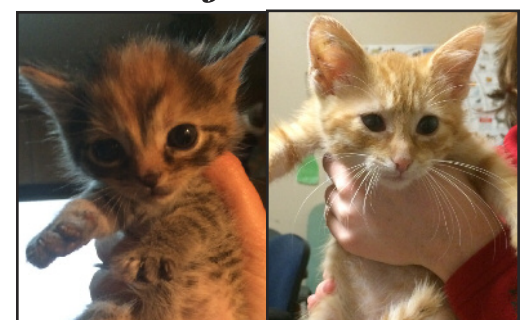
Fiction: "The Guilty" by David Baldacci and "The Pharaoh's Secret" by Clive Cussler

Inspirational Fiction: "Whispers in the Reading Room" by Shelley Gray.

DVDs: "Captive Heart", "Heartland: Season 8", "Hoovey" "Paper Angels" and "The Last Straw".

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

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.

Calendar of Events

Crays Celebration of Life

There will be a Celebration of Life and benefit in memory of Sheila Crays on Saturday, December 5 at the Loogootee VFW from 3-8:30 p.m. Food served will be ham green beans, corn, mashed potatoes, roll, and beverage for \$8 a plate. Chili will be available by bowl for \$3 or gallon for \$12. Donations can be made to Crane Credit Union (Sheila Crays benefit fund)

Loogootee Council special meeting

There will be a special Loogootee City Council meeting on Wednesday, December 2 at 5 p.m. in the council meeting room of the Loogootee Municipal Building. The West Boggs Sewer District will be the topic of discussion. The meeting is open to the public.

SOAR Tutoring

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

Solid waste board

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

Humane society meetings

The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 7 p.m. Members of the humane society are invited to attend.

Tourism meetings

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

Soil and Water meetings

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

Indiana Medicaid program to recover \$1.06 million in recent fraud settlements

Two recent settlements of whistleblower lawsuits with drug companies over allegations of fraud will net a combined \$1.06 million for the Indiana Medicaid program, Attorney General Greg Zoeller said. Those settlement amounts are in addition to the more than \$25.1 million the Indiana Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit has recovered for government programs so far in 2015.

In a settlement announced last week, the Attorney General's office has recovered more than \$614,000 from the drug manufacturer Novartis to resolve a whistleblower lawsuit over illegal kickbacks paid to specialty pharmacies.

In a separate settlement of a different whistleblower lawsuit, Indiana also receives more than \$338,000 from AstraZeneca and more than \$107,000 from Cephalon to resolve allegations that those two drug manufacturers overcharged Indiana by underpaying rebates to the state's Medicaid program.

Taken together, the settlements of two separate whistleblower lawsuits brought under the False Claims Act will recover a net \$1.06 million this month for the Indiana Medicaid program. The Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) worked on both cases; here are summaries:

Novartis settlement

Indiana, 10 other states and the federal government intervened in the whistleblower lawsuit that alleged Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation had engaged in an illegal kickbacks scheme to promote sale of its drug Exjade. The settlement payment was part of a larger \$390 million state-and-federal settlement with Novartis announced last week.

For patients who must receive blood transfusions due to sickle-cell disease and other conditions, Exjade is prescribed to treat side effects of transfusions such as iron overload. The whistleblower lawsuit alleged that between 2007 and 2012, Novartis paid illegal kickbacks to three specialty pharmacies that filled prescriptions for Exjade by mail order – BioScrip, Accredo and US Bioservices – in order to maintain and boost sales of Exjade through prescription refills.

The lawsuit alleged the purpose of paying kickbacks was to induce the pharmacies to pressure patients into ordering refills of their Exjade prescriptions, by the pharmacies exaggerating the dangers of not taking Exjade and downplaying the severity of Exjade's own serious side effects, such as kidney or liver impairment. The high cost of Exjade made each patient's Medicaid coverage a lucrative revenue stream for pharmacies that Novartis used as a simultaneous reward and penalty. The lawsuit alleged Novartis set up a contest in which the pharmacy that kept patients on Exjade the longest would receive most of the new patient referrals. Moreover, for any pharmacy that did not meet Novartis' internal sales goals, Novartis threatened to reduce new patient referrals to the pharmacy or exclude the pharmacy from new patient referrals. The contest and rebates were not disclosed to patients or their caregivers by the pharmacies, the lawsuit alleged. Paying such incentives involving drugs covered by the Medicaid program is illegal under the federal Anti-Kickback Statute. The scheme was discontinued in 2012.

"When a pharmaceutical manufacturer pays kickbacks to pharmacies, it subverts the proper role pharmacists should serve with patients in determining what is best for them rather than what is best for the pharmacy's bottom line. The settlement of the whistleblower lawsuit filed under the False Claims Act allows the Indiana Medicaid program to recover the ineligible reimbursements Novartis received," Zoeller said.

After the lawsuit was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York by a Novartis employee, a total of 11 states including Indiana as well as the U.S. Department of Justice intervened in the lawsuit. The suit, which was scheduled for trial this month, has ended in an overall \$390 mil-

lion settlement where Novartis has admitted to various aspects of the scheme, including threatening to terminate its distribution agreements with the pharmacies, reduce patient referrals or "push" the specialty pharmacies to contact patients and encourage them to stay on Exjade.

As a result of the settlement, the Indiana Medicaid program will receive a net payment of \$614,339, after the whistleblowers' share is deducted. The settlement is repayment to the State for the reimbursements that Indiana Medicaid paid for ineligible claims submitted for the Exjade prescriptions. Indiana and other states previously settled with two of the pharmacies, BioScrip Inc. and Accredo Health Group, for their role in the kickbacks scheme.

Zoeller noted the legal issue in the lawsuit was not the actions of physicians or their patients or the patients' caregivers, but rather the drug manufacturer's illegal marketing and distribution tactics that violated federal and state law. Exjade still is a legal drug, FDA-approved for doctors to prescribe and for patients to use. Zoeller encouraged patients currently prescribed the drug to consult with their physicians.

The settlement announced today also resolved allegations that Novartis paid kickbacks to other specialty pharmacies to promote the drug Myfortic to doctors. Myfortic is an immunosuppressant that is approved for use in kidney transplants.

Zoeller thanked Deputy Attorney General Lawrence Carcare of Indiana's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) who represented the State in the litigation and participated in the settlement negotiation team along with the state AG's Offices from California, New York, Oklahoma Washington and Wisconsin.

Under the state and federal versions of the False Claims Act, the whistleblower or "relator" who originally filed the lawsuit against Novartis will receive a percentage of the overall recovery and attorneys' fees.

AstraZeneca and Cephalon settlement

In an unrelated case, the Indiana Attorney General's Office joined with other states and the federal government in settlements with AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals, LP and Cephalon, Inc., to resolve allegations that both companies for several years had overcharged state Medicaid programs for certain prescription drugs. The settlements result from a whistleblower lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

AstraZeneca, a London and Delaware-based drug manufacturer, has paid the states and federal government \$46.5 million; of that, the Indiana Medicaid program receives a net \$338,508 from Astra-Zeneca. Cephalon, a Pennsylvania-based subsidiary of Teva Pharmaceuticals Industries, Ltd., has paid the states and federal government \$7.5 million to settle similar allegations. Of that, Indiana Medicaid receives a net \$107,953 from Cephalon.

The settlements resolve allegations that AstraZeneca and Cephalon underpaid drug rebates owed to state governments. Under a federal law, drug manufacturers must periodically return a portion of the amounts paid by state Medicaid programs for those manufacturers' drugs. These rebates by the drug companies to states are to ensure that the states pay a competitive price for drugs covered through the Medicaid program. The whistleblower lawsuit alleged AstraZeneca and Cephalon falsely under-reported their drug prices to the federal Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, thereby improperly decreasing the amounts of rebates that state governments received. After the whistleblower in this case receives their share under the False Claims Act, Indiana Medicaid will recover \$446,460.

"Whistleblower lawsuits help bring to light ineligible billings and overcharges, and are an effective legal tool Indiana uses to recover public funds that belong to the Indiana Medicaid program in its important work of pro-

viding prescription drug coverage for low-income Hoosiers. We applaud the courage of private whistleblowers who bring such lawsuits that states join," Attorney General Zoeller said.

Prior to this month's settlements by Novartis, AstraZeneca and Cephalon, the amount recovered in civil cases in 2015 by Indiana's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit was \$25,149,059. In addition to settlements from drug companies, the civil recovery includes payments (such as restitution) from physi-

State board of education awards charter school advances

The Indiana State Board of Education has approved requests from 33 charter schools for advances totaling \$39.5 million from the Common School Fund, through a program included in the biennial state budget. The advance program provides access to funding for capital, technology, transportation and other improvements for charter schools that do not receive local property tax revenue for those purposes. Traditional public schools receive, on average, approximately \$3,000 per student per year in property tax/local revenue for capital, transportation and debt payment.

The state is steadfast in the belief that students attending public charter schools deserve equal access to quality facilities and technology. Since public charter schools receive zero property tax revenue for facilities, transportation and technology, this program helps to offset those funding disparities," said Sarah O'Brien, Vice-Chair of the Indiana State Board of Education. "The board's decision to place a per-pupil cap on the advance amount also helps to protect taxpayers by limiting a school's ability to borrow more than it can afford to repay."

The budget allocates up to \$50 million in advances from the Common School Fund over the biennium. The state board of education authorized up to \$40 million be awarded this year, leaving ten million available for schools next year. In order to qualify charter schools must: receive A-C school accountability grade, be in their first or second year

INDOT to host I-69 Section 6 public meetings

The Indiana Department of Transportation will present new details about the five preliminary routes for I-69 Section 6 from Martinsville to Indianapolis during public meetings the week of November 30. The meetings will collect additional public comment to help INDOT refine the five preliminary alternatives down to a smaller number of routes.

The first meeting will take place on Monday, November 30 at Perry Meridian High School, 401 W. Meridian School Rd. in Indianapolis. The second meeting will occur on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at Mooresville High School, 11 N. Carlisle St. in Mooresville. The third meeting will be held on Thursday, December 3 at Martinsville High School, 1360 E. Gray St. in Martinsville.

Doors will open for all of the meetings at 6 p.m. with an open house session, followed by a formal presentation and public comment session in the high-school auditorium at 7 p.m.

The public meetings respond to public requests for new details and additional public input following announcement of the five preliminary routes in late June. The new details will include the potential footprint of the five preliminary routes, including proposed interchanges and local access road locations.

The I-69 Section 6 project team is requesting comments for this phase of the project by Dec. 17. Those comments can be submitted using a web form at www.in.gov/indot/projects/i69/2463.htm and by contacting I-69 Section 6 directly at section6pm@indot.in.gov or 317-881-6408.

cians, physicians' offices and long-term care facilities to government programs including Medicaid. This year's total recovery of funds by MFCU now stands at approximately \$26.2 million.

More information about whistleblower lawsuits is at this link: www.in.gov/attorney-general/2807.htm. The public can report fraud against the Indiana Medicaid program by contacting the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) at 1-800-382-1039.

of operation, primarily serve special needs students, be located in an innovation network, or not qualify to receive a grade. D or F schools qualify if their school accountability grade is equal to or better than their closest comparable traditional public school in each of the previous two years.

According to state law, no school may take an advance exceeding \$5 million. Similar to advances made to traditional public schools from the Common School Fund, public charter schools will have repayments automatically withheld from its state tuition support. The advances must be fully repaid within ten years. Traditional public schools can repay their loans using local property tax revenue over 25 years for facilities and five years for technology.

Due to the maximum total amount requested (\$77.1 million) exceeding totals authorized by budget and the board, schools will receive the lesser of their median request or \$6,197.07 per pupil. The per-pupil figure was determined by dividing the median total amount requested (\$65,961,598) by the 10,644 students attending the schools that requested to participate in the program.

The schools making requests, their enrollment and minimum, maximum and approved requests are included here: www.in.gov/activecalendar/EventList.aspx?fromdate=11/18/2015&todate=11/24/2015&display=Year,Month&type=public&eventidn=239273&view=EventDetails&information_id=233971

WAYNE Ferguson
agency

www.fergusonagency.com

If you have Real Estate to sell in the general areas of French Lick or West Baden in the Counties of Martin, Dubois, Orange, or Crawford

PLEASE CONSIDER LISTING WITH US!
Homes...Farms...Deer Hunting Land

Rich Everman, Real Estate Broker
812-630-9606
OFFICE: 812-936-2900
<http://realestate.richeverman.com>

And, for the VERY BEST in Insurance Services, check with us...
AUTO...HOMEOWNERS... FARMOWNERS...COMMERCIAL ...& MORE!
CALL 812-936-2900
OFFICE HOURS:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
9:00-5:00
Ask for KATHY BLEDSOE

9711 W State Road 56
French Lick, IN 47432



Trusted Choice
Independent Insurance Agent

- Insurance
- Financial Services
- Real Estate



EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY



Two girls build a clubhouse together with a toy listed in this year's INSPIRE Gift Guide. (Purdue University photo/John Underwood)

INSPIRE gift guide offers STEM, engineering toy ideas

BY BRIAN L. HUCHEL
Purdue University News Service

For the second straight year, the INSPIRE Research Institute for Pre-College Engineering issued its Engineering Gift Guide just in time for the holiday shopping season.

This year's guide is filled with more than 50 fun toy and application suggestions intended to engage girls and boys in engineering thinking and design. Thirty books offering stories and facts about engineering for ages 3-18 also are in the guide.

Elizabeth Gajdzik, assistant director of the INSPIRE, said the guide project offers assistance to adults looking for engineering or STEM-oriented (science, technology, engineering, math) gifts.

"The gifts that appear in the guide are not only fun and engaging, they also allow children to learn things like programming, trade-offs, systems thinking and spatial reasoning," she said. "That really excites parents."

The toys featured in the guide range from the more traditional and well-known Lincoln Logs and Tinker Toys to more high-tech toys that allow 5- and 6-year-olds to begin thinking about programming.

Gajdzik said Purdue professors are excited that toys such as Dash and Dot and OzoBot Bit 2.0 include Blockly, which is the programming that instructors want first-year engineers to understand. Last year's guide was met with overwhelming interest not only from parents but teachers as well.

INSPIRE is a research and learning institute established to help educators and parents investigate how children learn engineering in formal and informal spaces and how to increase the ability and interest of a diverse group of students to become engineers.

A seal was issued this year to let consumers know that a gift promotes engineering thinking and design and was selected to be in the guide. Companies can include it on the gift itself or on their website.

Monica Cardella, director of INSPIRE, said "We were overwhelmed by the feedback we received last year - that parents as well as grandparents, aunts, uncles and other family members - used the guide to identify gifts for the children in their lives.

"This project is especially exciting as we work to translate our research into resources that are useful to the community. The gift guide builds on multiple research projects where we learned about engineering parents' strategies for helping their own children learn about engineering, as well as research showing that STEM toys are typically purchased twice as frequently for boys as for girls. This is a way we can help get more STEM toys, games and books into the hands of all kids."

The process for this year's toy guide began in the summer with an Internet search for STEM- or engineering-oriented gifts. Coordinators requested the toys from the manufacturers for testing and evaluation.

Following a September deadline, INSPIRE began evaluating the gifts both internally and through the people directly connected to



A young boy shows off his building skills to his father with one of several toys listed in the INSPIRE Gift Guide. (Purdue University photo/John Underwood)

them. Gajdzik says parents took a look at the various gifts and considered whether they had educational value, were age appropriate, and worth the price. Purdue engineers examined how the toys promoted engineering thinking and were asked if they would stand behind the toy.

And then there was the most important group of subjects: the children. Gajdzik says children ages 3-12 were observed playing with the toys outside of the influence of their parents during an event at Imagination Station, a volunteer-run science center in Lafayette.

"We wanted to see, out of the box, how much assistance they needed," she said. "Is it something they can play with on their own? If it says 6 years and up, can a 6-year-old actually take it, open it and play with it, or did they need a little instruction? Is it something where parents are going to constantly need to support them?"

Parents also supplied observations from playing with their children and the toys during events at New Community School, a local Girl Scout meeting, and the Patty Jischke Early Care and Education Center.

Gajdzik said the guide provides parents with tips from INSPIRE research that helps to strengthen the STEM and engineering benefits of the gifts.

Many of the gifts evaluated for the guide this year will be donated to Imagination Station.

Purdue also supports STEM education in Indiana through various workshops for teachers interested in offering more science and engineering curriculum in their classrooms, such as INSPIRE's summer workshop for traditional and home school educators, educational grants, technology camps and programs such as Science Express, which delivers science equipment to classes around the state. Purdue's M-STEM3 500 program in May hosted hundreds of Indiana teens at the Indianapolis Motor Speed-

Keep safety in mind when shopping online or in stores

The holidays can be very hectic time for Hoosiers, and in the rush taking simple safety precautions can be overlooked. The Indiana Department of Homeland Security and the Indiana State Police are reminding Hoosiers to keep safety in mind when shopping in stores or online this holiday season.

Online Shopping

Online shopping should only be done on a computer or device that belongs to the shopper, and on a secure and trusted network. Important reminders when making purchases online:

- Only shop on well-known sites, and check to be sure they have security enabled. Look for web addresses with "https://" or "shttp://", which means the site takes extra measures to help secure information.

- Be cautious of offers online. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

- Keep operating systems, browsers, and anti-virus software updated. Patches and updates for software are released when vulnerabilities have been discovered.

- Change passwords often, about every 30, 60 or 90 days.

- Set strong passwords using a combina-

tion of uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers, and punctuation. Don't use the same password for multiple accounts.

In the store

- Retail outlets are often crowded during the holiday season. It's easy to get distracted, but stay aware of the surroundings.

- Take time to identify exits, and the quickest, safest route to get out in case of an emergency. Remember, no bargain is worth ignoring a fire or other alarm.

- Have a plan in case children become separated. Select a central meeting place, and make sure they know who to call or where to go.

- Report suspicious behavior to on-site security, the Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center at iifc@iifc.in.gov or 877-226-1026, or if violence is imminent call 9-1-1.

Regardless of where or how a purchase is made, save all receipts. Print receipts from online purchases and keep them with receipts from store purchases. These can be used later to check credit card or bank statements for fraudulent purchases.

For more information on holiday shopping safety, visit GetPrepared.IN.gov.

Shoals Business Association holds monthly meeting

The Shoals Business Association met November 19. Present for the meeting were Marie Hawkins, Deanna Bauernfiend, Donna Stoughton and Jim Stoughton. The meeting was called to order by Jim Stoughton.

The treasurer's report for November was reviewed. Marie Hawkins made a motion to accept with a second by Donna Stoughton. The motion was approved and passed.

Minutes from October meeting were not available.

Old Business

2016 Bicentennial Torch- Marie Hawkins is working very closely with the state. For information, you can go to www.indiana2016.org. 20 nomination have been received for torch bearers in the Torch Relay Festival

National Register- They have approved a bid of \$4,800 from an engineering company to complete an submit an application to be included in the National Register for Shoals, Indiana.

Economic development- With the Defense Manufacturing Assistance Program there is a potential of getting \$25,000 for the county to use for tourism, work development and housing study. The project is still pending. No additional information at this time.

Patient First building windows- Leslie Bauer, with The S.H.O.P., has been given permission to use the Patient First building as long as they fix the leaks and pay the utilities. It appears that the S.H.O.P. may not be able to utilize the building and if this is confirmed the business association will inquire if the Shoals School System can provide art-work to be placed in the windows.

Fall Festival- The Association was happy to learn that the Historical Society's Bean Supper had one of their best years, the radio broadcasts may have helped. They decided that they need to start much earlier next year, right after Catfish Festival. It was suggested that they move it back to Main Street, but Butch Bailey offered to let them use his property again next year. They also decided to rent two portable restrooms.

New Business

Secretary Linda Dillon resigned and will need to be replaced. The Association thanked Linda for her excellent service as secretary of The Shoals Business Association and wish her luck in the future!

A motion was made by Marie Hawkins and second by Deanna Bauernfiend for the meeting to adjourn. All were in favor and the motion passed

The next meeting is December 17 at noon in the Shoals Library Basement.



The Martin County Chamber of Commerce wants to remind you to SHOP LOCAL this Saturday!

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

★ ★ ★

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28



