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Radius Indiana President Becky Skillman received a history of the AOC after her remarks at the Industry Night reception. From left to right are AOC Crane Roost President Jim Hearn, Radius Indiana President/CEO Becky Skillman, and Maj Gen Kenneth R. Israel, USAF (ret), AOC 2015 President.

## Electronic Warfare Showcase highlights NSWC Crane region capabilities

The Association of Old Crows Crane Roost presented NSWC Crane/AOC 6th Annual Capability Gaps and Enabling Technologies Operational & Technical Information Exchange last week, complete with a showcase at the WestGate Academy Conferencing and Training Center on Tuesday, November 19. The AOC Crossroads of America Electronic Warfare Showcase filled the 16,000-square-foot conference room with vendors, big and small, to provide booth exhibits and discuss the wide variety of work the defense industry does to support the military's electronic warfare requirements.

AOC Crane Roost President, Jim Hearn, welcomed guests and oversaw the proceedings. "We've had tremendous support from the national AOC organization and from our local EW community here at Crane," Hearn said. "I'd like to see this showcase grow and really connect our local students and workforce with the specific work we are doing on base. This is an important way for us to reach out and build up our capacity now and the next generation of EW professionals in the future."

Electronic Warfare (EW) is one of NSWC

Crane's specialties. These are the systems and equipment that provide service members with the information they need to deter threats and ensure mission success. The naval base's Electronic Warfare Center is the Department of Defense's largest multi-service facility for EW, EW Sensors and electronics. For more than 30 years, Crane has housed incredible resources and expertise in these areas, making it an important asset in the nation's defense network.

While it may appear complicated to the layman, there was no lack of easily accessible information about EW at the Showcase. The public was welcomed to the exhibition hall, where 20 booths, including NSWC Crane itself, displayed the significance of EW to the nation, and to the Crane communities. Not only do these systems protect service members in the field, they support numerous jobs and investments in the region.

This year's Information Exchange lasted three days and brought together military, government leaders, industry partners, and academia to learn and collaborate about the ongoing challenges in equipping the

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## Three food businesses 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 found again from the previous inspection will be noted with (repeat violation).

### OCTOBER 17

**Lark Ranch, 3145 Killion Mill Road, Loogootee**

Two critical violations:

-Raw eggs stored over ready-to-eat nacho cheese in Kenmore cooler located in Corn

Crib Café. (repeat violation)

-No hand sink provided in donut making stand. (repeat violation)

Three non-critical violations:

-No scoop with handle available for use in lil orbits donut mix or hot chocolate mix  
-Cooler being used to cool cans and bottles in snack shack has black substance around inner surface of cooler

-Flies in both donut making area and Corn Crib Café

### OCTOBER 31

**Dairy Queen, 212 Mill Street, Loogootee**  
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## Council discusses chickens, messy properties in the city

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher

A special meeting of the Loogootee City Council was held last Wednesday night, November 19. Mayor Noel Harty opened up the floor for public comment regarding the first item on the agenda, which was the ordinance regarding livestock within the city limits. An ordinance passed in 1964 bans any form of farm animals inside Loogootee and that ordinance was discussed at a recent meeting along with the need to start enforcing it. After receiving several objections to the ordinance, the mayor suggested the city council make revisions to the ordinance which was the purpose of the special meeting. Four residents who live in Loogootee and were present at the meeting spoke out against the ordinance stating they had no issue with farm animals as long as they are not a nuisance to neighbors – two

owned chickens, two did not.

After they finished speaking, Mayor Harty read an email from a resident who is in favor of the ordinance and against having farm animals in the city limits. The email the mayor read stated that having chickens, dogs, and cats running around lowers property values. It stated that employees getting a job in the tech park would be less likely to purchase a home in Loogootee with animals dragging down their home value.

Once the mayor finished reading a portion of the email he stated he just wanted to show that there are residents against having farm animals.

Council member Richard Taylor said that he doesn't have any issues with chickens as long as they are in a pen and not getting in neighbors' yards and they are not in direct view of the neighbor's windows or in an

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## Martin County 10th lowest jobless rate in the state for October

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher

Martin County's unemployment rate rose slightly from September to October, moving from 4.1 percent to 4.4 percent. The county had the 10th lowest jobless rate in the state for October, tied with Jackson and Whitley counties.

In October, Martin County had 5,290 residents in the workforce with 235 of them without jobs. In September there were 5,201 residents in the job market and 215 of them were unemployed. In October of

2013, the county's unemployment rate was 5.6 percent with 5,144 residents in the workforce and 289 of them without jobs.

Daviess County's unemployment rate also rose slightly in October to 4.2 percent, up from 3.9 percent in September. The county had the fifth lowest jobless rate in the state for October, tied with Boone, Kosciusko and Wells counties.

In October, Daviess County had 15,342 residents in the workforce with 651 of them without jobs. In September there were 15,182 residents able to work and 596 of

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-Photo by Misty McKibben

## Winter solace

The first day of winter is not officially until December 21 but cold temperatures and measurable snowfall already this month makes rumors swirl that we are in for a rough season. According to the Farmer's Almanac, winter will be much colder than normal, with the coldest periods in mid-December, from late December through early January, and in mid- and late January. Precipitation will be slightly below normal, but snowfall will be above normal, with the snowiest periods in early to mid-November, mid- and late December, late January, early February, and early to mid-March.

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# COUNCIL

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unsightly area. He said that if a neighbor has an issue with nuisance chickens, the ordinance is in place to make the owner of the chickens get rid of them. He said he doesn't see the need in amending the ordinance. He said he is also against anyone owning roosters.

Taylor made a motion stating that chickens are allowed within the city limits as long as they are caged, not unsightly and if a situation arises that they become a nuisance, the owner will have to get rid of them. The rest of the council voted in favor of that motion.

The other agenda item referred to blighted property in the city. Councilman Taylor said that there are two properties, on North Line Street and East Main Street, that have been complained about for months. Taylor said that the building commissioner, Jason Greene, and the mayor have been told by the property owner for more than four months that the property would be taken care of and it still hasn't. He said he believes the council needs to get tougher in these situations and begin fining the property owners \$100 a day until the issues are taken care of.

Clerk-Treasurer Nancy Jones said she is unsure if fines could just be initiated like that without advertising or putting it in writing by the council in some way. City Attorney Isha Ryan was not present for the meeting so Jones said she didn't have anyone to defer to.

Taylor replied that he wished the attorney would have been present but would like for her to be contacted as soon as possible to get letters out to the property owners that the fines would begin.

The only other agenda item was for the council to approve the purchase of a salt spreader for \$2,090 and 126 40-pound bags of salt for \$614.88 for a total of \$2,704.88. Discussion ensued regarding the fact that the city cannot afford to purchase large amounts of salt nor do they have a building to store it in. It was stated that this purchase was to do an experiment to see if having any amount of salt for the streets would be beneficial enough. The council approved the purchase.

In other business, Mayor Harty apologized to council member Fred Dupps saying he overreacted at the last meeting during discussion of changing the meetings' start time.

# CRANE

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warfighter with the very best technology. Subject matter experts provided engaging material during conference sessions, and the showcase brought out the best of the industry's solutions.

The first day culminated in a catered Industry Night reception in the showcase hall, where local leaders spoke and EW experts mingled with industry representatives. Radius Indiana President/CEO, Becky Skillman, spoke about the importance of EW to the region's economy, and Indiana Office of Defense Development Executive Director, Duane Embree, applauded the AOC's ongoing commitment to the high-tech needs of the United States military and the state's strategic defense assets.

About AOC:

The Association of Old Crows (AOC) is a not-for-profit international professional association with over 13,000 members and

200+ organizations engaged in the science and practice of Electronic Warfare (EW), Information Operations (IO), and related disciplines.

About WestGate@Crane Technology Park:

The WestGate@Crane Technology Park is Indiana's only tri-county tech park, encompassing parts of Daviess, Greene, and Martin counties. Partnering with NSWC-Crane Division, I-69 Innovation Corridor, Indiana Office of Defense Development, and WorkOne, the park is home to Fortune 500 Companies, small businesses, and the premier WestGate Academy Conferencing and Training Center. The WestGate@Crane Tech Park is the ideal location for business to grow and thrive. Learn more at [www.westgatecrane.com](http://www.westgatecrane.com).

## Entries being accepted for Christmas Parade

The 1st Annual Loogootee Festival of Lights Christmas Parade will be Sunday, December 7 along with the downtown stores being open for Christmas shoppers as the Christmas Stroll will start at 5 p.m. The parade will proceed through downtown at 6 p.m. Line-up begins at 5 p.m. in the high school parking lot.

The Theme for the parade is "A Storybook Christmas" and entries are still being accepted by calling the mayor's office at 295-4770 or stopping in for an entry form.



Happy Thanksgiving  
from our family  
to yours!  
-Josh, Courtney,  
Wyatt and  
Alex Hughett  
and the  
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# RATE

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them unemployed. In October of last year, Daviess County's unemployment rate was 5 percent with 14,970 residents in the workforce and 745 of them without jobs.

Dubois County too had a slight increase in unemployment from September to October, moving from 3.5 percent to 3.8 percent. The county held on to the top spot in the state however for the lowest jobless rate.

In October, Dubois County had 22,142 residents in the workforce and 834 of them were without jobs. In September there were 21,688 residents able to work and 749 of them were unemployed. In October of 2013, the county's unemployment rate was 5 percent with 21,416 residents in the workforce and 1,077 of them without jobs.

Orange County's unemployment rate moved up from 5.3 percent in September to 5.6 percent in October. The county had the 26th highest jobless rate in the state for October.

In October, Orange County had 10,164 residents in the workforce with 567 of them unemployed. In September there were 10,011 residents able to work and 532 of them without jobs. In October of last year the county had a jobless rate of 7.4 percent with 9,958 residents in the workforce and 732 of them without jobs.

Lawrence County's unemployment rate moved from 6.2 percent in September to 6.7 percent in October. The county had the fifth highest jobless rate in the state for October.

In October, Lawrence County had 21,721 residents in the workforce and 1,466 of them were unemployed. In September there were 21,311 residents able to work and 1,322 of them were without jobs. In October of last year, the county had a jobless rate of 8.7 percent with 20,997 residents in the workforce and 1,817 of them without jobs.

The top ten spots in the state with the lowest jobless rate for October were Dubois County at 3.8 percent, Hamilton and Bartholomew counties at 4 percent, Pulaski County at 4.1 percent, Wells, Kosciusko, Daviess and Boone counties at 4.2 percent; Warrick County at 4.3 percent, and Whitley, Martin, and Jackson counties at 4.3 percent.

The top ten spots in the state with the highest jobless rate for October were Sullivan County at 7.3 percent, Lake County at 7.2 percent, Fayette County at 7.1 percent, Vermillion County at 6.9 percent, LaPorte, Lawrence, and Vigo counties at 6.7 percent; Fountain and Miami counties at 6.5 percent, and Grant County at 6.3 percent.

The Hoosier State grew 5,500 private sector jobs in October, led mainly by the trade, transportation & utilities (+3,300), and manufacturing (+2,500) sectors. Indiana has added private sector jobs 16 of the

past 22 months, with monthly increases averaging 3,800. Over the past year, Indiana has consistently led the nation in manufacturing growth, with more than 24,000 jobs in this sector added since last October. Since July 2009, the low point of employment in the state, Indiana has grown 247,500 private sector jobs in total.

In October, Indiana's seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate held steady at 5.7 percent due to an increase of 14,000 individuals to the state's labor force. Over the past year, the Hoosier labor force has grown by more than 65,000, which ranks as one of the largest increases in the U.S. Indiana's unemployment rate has decreased by 1.4 percent over the past year. Initial and continued claims for unemployment benefits continue to remain at levels not seen since 2000.

Employment by Sector  
Sectors showing gains in October include: trade, transportation & utilities (3,300), manufacturing (2,500), private educational & health services (1,200), leisure and hospitality (1,200), and financial activities (200). Sectors showing declines in October include professional & business services (-2,200), and construction (-900). Total non-farm employment increased in October (7,300).

	Oct. 2013	Sept. 2014	Oct. 2014	Monthly Change
Indiana	7.1%	5.7%	5.7%	0.0%
U.S.	7.2%	5.9%	5.8%	-0.1%
Illinois	9.1%	6.6%	6.6%	0.0%
Kentucky	8.2%	6.7%	6.2%	-0.5%
Michigan	8.6%	7.2%	7.1%	-0.1%
Ohio	7.4%	5.6%	5.3%	-0.3%

# INSPECTED

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Complaint received about condition of dining room and area behind front counter. At time of inspection, dining room was noted to be clean-tables were wiped and no trash was noticed on or around tables. Area behind front counter was clean.

One critical violation:

-Temperature of walk-in cooler items noted to be at 43-45 degrees

Two non-critical violations:

-Wiping cloths in ice cream prep area and kitchen not stored in sanitizer between use

-Non-food contact areas of storage containers holding biscuits in kitchen and ice cream cone holders behind front counter had build-up of food debris.

**McDonald's, 106 E. Broadway Street, Loogootee**

Complaint of mold on outside of ice machine - inspector noted build-up of lime on sides of ice machine. No mold growth noted on surface of machine near cup fill area.

Two non-critical violations:

-Wiping cloths not stored in sanitizing solution between use throughout kitchen area. (repeat violation)

-Non-food contact surfaces noted to have build-up of dried food particles and/or sticky substances on or around several pieces of equipment throughout the kitchen area.



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# OBITUARIES

Wednesday, November 26, 2014 ~ Martin County Journal

## ERNEST HEMBREE, JR.

Ernest "Bubby" Hembree, Jr. passed away at 6:30 a.m. November 22, 2014 at his home. A resident of Halbert Township, he was 78.



He was born in Rutherford Township on August 14, 1936; one of 15 children born to Ernest B and Dorothy I. (Hembree) Hembree.

He proudly served his country in the United States Air Force, and was a lifelong truck driver, retiring from Wasbash Trucking in 1997. After retirement, he enjoyed spending each day in his man cave with his boxer Rome, and he greatly enjoyed his family, but the real light of his eye was his great-grandson, Eyan.

He is survived by his son, Larry, and daughter-in-law, Jenny, of Shoals; one granddaughter, Kindra Hovis, and her husband, Ephrum, of Loogootee; one grandson, Kyle Hembree, and significant other, Kylie Sluder, both of Dugger; one great-grandson, Eyan Hovis of Loogootee; brothers, Herbert Hembree of Shoals, Chester Hembree of Loogootee, Kenny Hembree of Montgomery, Mark Hembree of Shoals, and David Hembree of St. Joseph, Missouri; sisters, Mrs. Malcolm (Doris Jean) Baker of Alfordville, Mrs. Louise Dyal of Odon, Mrs. Ralph (Ruthie) Kidwell of Washington, Mrs. Karen Schnarr of Glendale, Mrs. Patrick (JoAnn) Kluesner of Jasper, Ms. Brenda (Hembree) Marks of Loogootee, and Mrs. Doug (Cheryl) Sult of Loogootee; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, one sister, Linda (Hembree) Fleck; and one

brother, Dennis Stephen Hembree.

A funeral service was held this morning, Wednesday, November 26 at Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. Burial followed in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.queenlee.com](http://www.queenlee.com).

## LESTER "PAULIE" JEFFERS

Lester "Paulie" Jeffers died Saturday, November 22, 2014 at Saint Mary's Medical Center. A resident of Loogootee, he was 72.

He was born January 7, 1942 in Martin County; the son of Lowell and Dorothy (Sutton) Jeffers.

He was a United States Army veteran and fought for our country in the Korean and Vietnam War. He was employed by Jefferson Trucking for 25-plus years. Also, he was a Martin County Sheriff Deputy for 20 years and served in a reserve deputy status for an additional 20 years. He loved to

ride his Harley, play poker and cards, fish and squirrel hunt.

He is survived by his companion, Debbie Parsons; daughters, Jaymie Jeffers of Indianapolis, Kim Henninger of Shoals, Tiffany Hubster (Morgan) of Holland, Whitney Taylor of Bedford, Lisa Myers of Otwell, Lori Daniel (John) of Loogootee, and Jenna Parsons of Loogootee; grandchildren, Colton Henninger, Danielle Goeller, Hunter Webster, Jayden Parsons, Mitchell Daniel, Shaylee Milligan (Josh), Kaleb Daniel, and Jeb Milligan.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Lowell and Dorothy (Sutton) Jeffers.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 25 at Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial followed in Goodwill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee was in charge of arrangements.

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## More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



I feel very fortunate that I received some training on computers before I retired from my teaching job at Loogootee High School. I don't consider myself an expert but, with Jay Henninger's help, I try to do the best I can. The following shows dilemmas faced by senior citizens that are just getting started with computer stuff:

### SENIOR COMPUTER SKILLS.....

Tech support: What kind of computer do you have?

Customer: A white one...

Tech support: Click on the 'my computer' icon on to the left of the screen.

Customer: Your left or my left?

Customer: Hi, good afternoon, this is Martha, I can't print. Every time I try, it says 'can't find printer'.

I've even lifted the printer and placed it in front of the monitor, but the computer still says he can't find it.

Tech support: What's on your monitor now, ma'am?

Customer: A teddy bear my boyfriend bought for me at the 7-11.

Customer: My keyboard is not working anymore.

Tech support: Are you sure it's plugged into the computer?

Customer: No. I can't get behind the computer.

Tech support: Pick up your keyboard and walk 10 paces back.

Customer: OK

Tech support: Did the keyboard come with you?

Customer: Yes

Tech support: That means the keyboard is not plugged in.

Customer: I can't get on the Internet.

Tech support: Are you sure you used the right password?

Customer: Yes, I'm sure. I saw my colleague do it.

Tech support: Can you tell me what the

password was?

Customer: Five dots.

Tech support: What anti-virus program do you use?

Customer: Netscape.

Tech support: That's not an anti-virus program.

Customer: Oh, sorry... Internet Explorer..

Customer: I have a huge problem. A friend has placed a screen saver on my computer, but every time I move the mouse, it disappears.

Tech support: How may I help you?

Customer: I'm writing my first email.

Tech support: OK, and what seems to be the problem?

Customer: Well, I have the letter 'a' in the address, but how do I get the little circle around it?

This one and the next are my personal favorites!

A woman customer called the Canon help desk with a problem with her printer.

Tech support: Are you running it under Windows?

Customer: No, my desk is next to the door, but that is a good point. The man sitting in the cubicle next to me is under a window, and his printer is working fine.

And last but not least!

Tech support: Okay Bob, let's press the control and escape keys at the same time. That brings up a task list in the middle of the screen. Now type the letter 'P' to bring up the Program Manager.

Customer: I don't have a P.

Tech support: On your keyboard, Bob.

Customer: What do you mean?

Tech support: 'P'.....on your keyboard, Bob.

Customer: I'M NOT GOING TO DO THAT!

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## NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF EAST FORK WATER, INC.

Nominations for new directors for North Center, South Rutherford, Halbert and Lost River townships will be accepted before December 22nd at the East Fork office located at 213 S. Main Street in Shoals, Indiana. Fifteen or more members may make nominations for new directors in writing, by certified mail, or personal delivery. The annual meeting will be held January 26, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. and nominees will be voted upon at that meeting. All members are invited to attend.



## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

5:40 a.m. - Received a report of a commercial burglar alarm at the Martin County Community Building. Deputy Harmon responded.

6:05 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle slide-off on US 231 at Southridge Road. Chief Deputy Dant responded.

6:38 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle slide-off on US 231 at Truelove Church Road. Chief Deputy Dant responded.

8:24 a.m. - Received a report of a juvenile runaway in Shoals. Chief Deputy Dant responded.

8:26 a.m. - Received a report of an out-of-control juvenile southeast of Shoals. Chief Deputy Dant responded.

4:35 p.m. - Received an emergency detention order. Deputy Harmon picked the subject up and transported him to Good Samaritan Hospital, Vincennes.

9:46 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at McDonald's in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded.

10:05 p.m. - Received a report of a commercial burglar alarm at Graber Insealators in Loogootee. Deputy Harmon responded.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

1:25 a.m. - Received a report of a commercial burglar alarm at Graber Insealators in Loogootee. Deputy Harmon responded.

1:59 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash involving a deer on US 50, five miles east of Shoals. Deputy Harmon responded.

7:41 a.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist at St. Martin Church. Chief Deputy Dant responded.

10:35 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and the Shoals Fire Department responded.

11:15 a.m. - Major Burkhardt transported an inmate to Lawrence County Security Center.

4:25 p.m. - Received a request for an officer for traffic assistance for G&M Wrecker Service. Major Burkhardt responded.

6:14 p.m. - Received a report of vehicle crash involving a deer on US 50 at Red School Road East. Major Burkhardt responded.

6:34 p.m. - Received a report of civil dispute. Major Burkhardt spoke with the complainant.

6:44 p.m. - Received a request for a VIN check east of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt completed the detail.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

1:35 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance west of Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

6:46 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash involving a deer on State Road 645 east of US 231. Chief Deputy Dant responded.

8:39 a.m. - Received a report of a residential burglar alarm east of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Dant responded.

11:51 a.m. - Received a report of several abandoned vehicles in Burns City. Major Burkhardt responded.

1:50 p.m. - Received a report of a possible methamphetamine lab in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

2:15 p.m. - Chief Deputy Dant transported one inmate to court.

3:22 p.m. - Received a request for an officer to respond with the department of child services to a residence east of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

3:45 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism in progress at the boat ramp in Shoals. Major

### Real estate transfer

**Richard D. Landers, Patricia Landers, and Lois Payne**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Edward E. Schnarr, Nicholas E. Schnarr, and Dustin M. Schnarr**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, in Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 5.335 acres, more or less.

Burkhardt and the Indiana State Police Jasper Post were notified.

6:43 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50 near the state highway garage. Major Burkhardt was notified.

7:03 p.m. - Received a report of possible vandalism to a residence north of Shoals. Major Burkhardt was notified.

7:21 p.m. - Received a report of possible drug activity at the boat ramp in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

11:46 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation south of Whitfield. Corporal Green was notified.

11:49 p.m. - Received a report of a possible prowler at a residence in Whitfield. Corporal Greene responded.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

12:50 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check south of Whitfield. Corporal Greene responded.

4:54 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash involving a deer on US 231 near West Boggs Park. Corporal Greene responded.

9:15 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

10:50 a.m. - Received a report of a stolen piece of equipment east of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

7:40 p.m. - Received a report of property damage vehicle crash on US 150 at Singing Hill. Corporal Greene, the Shoals Fire Department, and G&M Wrecker Service responded.

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

1:46 a.m. - Received a report of domestic battery in Indian Springs. Corporal Greene responded.

2:48 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Burns City. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

6:36 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash involving a pedestrian in the Marathon parking lot in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Keller, Martin County EMS, and the Loogootee Fire Department responded.

10:30 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash involving a dog on US 231 just south of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

11:00 a.m. - Received a report of harassment in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

11:48 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

12:30 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50 westbound entering Martin County. Deputy Baker was notified.

12:40 p.m. - Received a report of animal neglect in Cale. Major Burkhardt was notified.

1:15 p.m. - Received a report of a scam in Shoals. Deputy Baker responded.

4:26 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Daviess Community Hospital, Washington.

5:03 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS, Loogootee Officer Keller, and the Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Daviess Community

### Jail bookings

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

10:05 a.m. - Joshua Hopkins, 32, of Shoals, was arrested on a Martin County Writ of Attachment. Hopkins is being held on \$486.22 bond and was arrested by Deputy Baker.

11:20 a.m. - Jeremiah E. Jackson, 36, of Shoals, was arrested for driving while suspended with a prior conviction. Jackson is being held on \$20,000 or 10% bond and was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents.

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

2:07 p.m. - Trevor Kneip, 22, of Loogootee, was arrested on a Martin County Warrant for petition to revoke probation. Kneip is being held without bond and was arrested by Deputy Baker.

Hospital, Washington.

6:20 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash involving a dog on US 231 near State Road 645. Corporal Greene responded.

6:48 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash hit-and-run on Stephens Street in Shoals. Corporal Greene responded.

7:35 p.m. - Received a report of vehicle without taillights southbound on US 231 near West Boggs Park. All on-duty officers were notified.

8:25 p.m. - Received a report of a child custody dispute. Corporal Greene was notified.

8:49 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash involving a deer on US 50 north of Church Street. Corporal Greene responded.

9:20 p.m. - Received a report of a possible broke down vehicle on US 231 near 200 S. Corporal Greene responded.

11:11 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and the Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Daviess Community Hospital, Washington.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

1:45 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Whitfield. Martin County EMS and the Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

6:30 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County EMS, the Shoals Fire Department, the Lost River Fire Department, Corporal Greene, and the Martin County Coroner's Office responded.

8:40 a.m. - Received a report of a large rock in the roadway on State Road 650. Deputy Baker and INDOT responded.

8:51 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with personal injury on US 50 near State Road 450. Deputy Baker, Martin County EMS, the Shoals Fire Department, Martin County Civil Defense, ATM Wrecker, and G&M Wrecker responded. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

10:40 a.m. - Received a request for a VIN check east of Loogootee. Deputy Baker completed the detail.

1:02 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at St. Martin Church in Whitfield. Martin County EMS and the Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

3:54 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver northbound on US 231 from Haysville. All on-duty officers were notified.

5:42 p.m. - Received a report of unsafe shooting in a woods north of Loogootee. Deputy Baker and ICO Tony Mann responded.

7:28 p.m. - Received a report of a stolen vehicle in Shoals. Deputy Harmon responded.

7:53 a.m. - Received a report of domestic disturbance in Padanaram. Deputy Harmon was notified.

9:08 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired drive northbound on US 231 from Haysville. All on-duty officers were notified.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

12:33 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash involving a deer on US 231 north of 200 S. Deputy Harmon responded.

4:05 a.m. - Received a report of a commercial burglar alarm at the Martin County Community Center. Deputy Harmon responded.

10:54 a.m. - Received a report of reckless driving on Gun Shop Road. Deputy Baker was notified.

11:28 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Daviess Community Hospital, Washington.

12:51 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with personal injury on US 231 at Williams Street. Loogootee Captain Akles, Deputy Baker, Martin County EMS, and the Loogootee Fire Department, and G&M

Wrecker responded. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

7:14 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County EMS and the Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

7:29 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and the Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

11:50 p.m. - Deputy Harmon transported a subject from the Daviess-Martin County line to a residence near Houghton Bridge.



CRAIG STARR

### Jasper ISP Trooper promoted to detective

On Sunday, November 16, Indiana State Police Superintendent Douglas Carter promoted Trooper Craig Starr as a Trooper Detective to serve the Jasper Post.

Starr is a native of Orange County and a 2003 graduate of Paoli High School. After high school, Starr attended Indiana University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in public affairs in 2006.

Starr graduated from the Indiana State Police Recruit Academy as a member of the 67th Academy in 2007. He was assigned to the Jasper District, where he patrolled Crawford and Orange counties. As a member of the Indiana State Police, Starr has served as a field training officer, and is certified to perform truck inspections under the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) and as a school safety specialist.

Detective Starr and his wife Jessica reside in Orange County.

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-Do not provide credit card or financial information to someone who calls and claims to be from tech support.

-If a caller pressures you to buy a computer security product or says there is a subscription fee associated with the call, hang up.

-Do not disclose computer passwords or other sensitive information over the phone.

Consumers who believe they have been targets or victims of a tech support scam should file a complaint with the Indiana Attorney General's Office online at [www.IndianaConsumer.com](http://www.IndianaConsumer.com) or by calling 1-888-834-9969.

To help prevent your phone number from being targeted by telemarketers, sign up for Indiana's Do Not Call list by visiting [www.IndianaConsumer.com](http://www.IndianaConsumer.com) by calling 1-888-834-9969.

## Loogootee Police Department log

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

10:20 a.m. - Male came on station requesting a vehicle identification check.

10:55 a.m. - Female caller reported a suspicious vehicle in her driveway. Captain Hennette responded.

1:30 p.m. - Chief Rayhill tagged an abandoned vehicle near the city square.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

1:14 a.m. - Female caller reported a possible prowler. Sgt. Norris was unable to locate anyone.

11:05 a.m. - Female came on station to report harassment.

1:30 p.m. - Caller reported a loose dog. Owner was cited for leash law violation.

4:41 p.m. - First responders were requested on SE 1st Street for lifting assistance.

8:34 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to John C. Strange Street for the odor of something burning.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

12:20 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

9:08 p.m. - Caller reported loud music on Park Street.

10:08 p.m. - Officer Nolan assisted a motorist on Hwy 50.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

11:10 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a 911 hang-up on North Kentucky Avenue.

11:15 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted child protective services.

8:53 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from Chuckles.

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

10:10 a.m. - Caller reported residential entry.

5:04 p.m. - First responders were requested in Bowling Trailer Court for a medical call.

5:28 p.m. - Officer Keller responded to a business alarm.

5:37 p.m. - Male caller reported a battery.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

1:45 a.m. - First responders were requested on Arvin Lane for a medical problem.

11:57 a.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

1:15 p.m. - First responders were requested in Whitfield for a medical problem.

6:11 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check.

6:18 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from Chuckles. No vehicle information was given.

8:12 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person in Country Place Apartments.

8:48 p.m. - Caller reported a battery. Statement forms were given.

9:29 p.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a 911 hang-up at Larkin Apartments. Everything checked out okay.

9:56 p.m. - Caller reported loud music on Park Street.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

10:00 a.m. - Caller reported a child custody issue.

7:29 p.m. - First responders were requested at Country Place Apartments for a medical call.

7:50 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious activity on SE 1st Street.

8:56 p.m. - Caller reported loud music on Park Street.

10:08 p.m. - Caller reported a security check at a local business.

## Court News

### CIVIL COURT

#### New Suits Filed

#### November 13

Sabrina L. Bickford vs. Gavin M. Bickford, petition for dissolution of marriage.

#### November 17

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Jennifer Fraley, civil collection.

Gavin M. Bickford vs. Sabrina L. Bickford, petition for dissolution of marriage.

## Martin County accident reports

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

11:15a.m. Murray L. Stuckey, of Loogootee, was operating a 2014 Chevy and attempting to pull onto JFK Avenue. At this time, John R. Jones, of Loogootee, who was operating a 1992 Dodge struck the rear of the Stuckey vehicle. Jones stated he couldn't get stopped because of ice. Jones was cited for no insurance. Chief Rayhill investigated.

5:38 p.m. - Willie D. Wilson, of Loogootee, was operating a 1993 Toyota on Park Street. Due to the ice, Wilson lost control and the vehicle came to rest in a ditch. Wilson was cited for operating without a driver's license. Captain Hennette investigated.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

12:46 p.m. - Retaj Brown, of French Lick, was operating a 2010 Toyota in the Lutheran Church parking lot when he Brown backed into a utility pole. Captain Hennette investigated.

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

6:36 a.m. - Michael J. Breeden, of Loogootee, was operating a 2011 Toyota and entering the Marathon parking lot. At this time, Breeden's vehicle struck Amer Zozan of Morton Grove, Illinois, as he was walking near his vehicle. Zozan declined medical attention at the scene. Officer Keller investigated.

7:05 a.m. - Brian A. Bullock, of Bloomington, was operating a 2013 Ford and stopped at the stoplight. At this time, Deborah Bratton, operating a 2004 Pontiac was behind the Bullock vehicle and struck the

rear of the Bullock vehicle. Officer Keller investigated.

7:30 p.m. - Jondavide W. Hopkins, of Shoals, was operating a 2007 Dodge and exiting the Los Bravos parking lot when he pulled into the path of a 2003 Ford operated by Glenn E. Houchins. Officer Nolan investigated.

9:00 p.m. - Robert E. Taylor, of Loogootee, was operating a 2012 Ford on Hwy 50 when a deer ran into his path. Officer Nolan investigated.

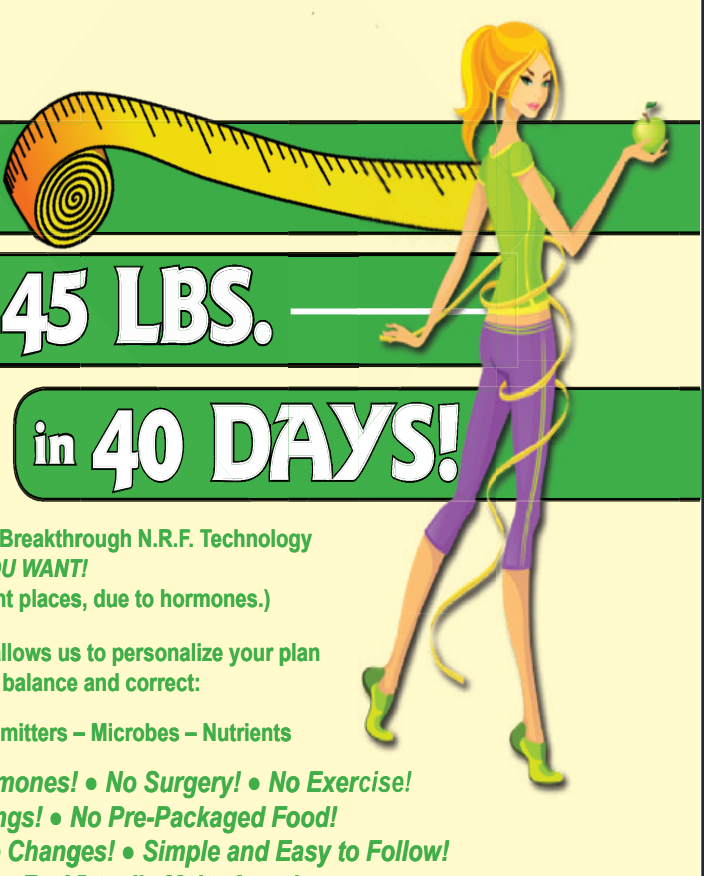
### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

1:10 p.m. - Sally A. Markel, of Loogootee, was operating a 2004 Cadillac and attempting to pull onto Hwy 50 when she pulled into the path of a 1994 Dodge operated by Joseph D. Donnersberger, of Loogootee. Captain Akles investigated.

Sunday, November 23

12:50 p.m. - Karen Norris, of Loogootee, was operating a 2002 Pontiac and attempting to pull onto Hwy 231 from Williams Street when she pulled into the path of a 2003 Pontiac operated by Nancy Allen, of Loogootee. Both drivers complained of pain and were transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital. Captain Akles investigated.

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## In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser  
Purdue University Master Gardener

Last week, I took a vacation to Branson, Missouri. When most people think of Branson, they think of the many shows and attractions there. I did see some great shows, but as always, I worked gardening and nature into my vacation.

The Dogwood Canyon Nature Park is located just a few miles southwest of Branson and was my major destination on my trip. This 10,000-acre park has been acquired over the past 20 years or so by John Morris, the founder of Bass Pro. The property is located in both Missouri and Arkansas, and the tram tour I took wound through parts of both states. It was a cold day, with temperatures in the 20's and the tram was open, but with some blankets, four other travelers and I managed to keep warm under blankets while viewing some of the most beautiful vistas in the Ozarks.

Thirty-five streams wind through the park, with many natural waterfalls, including some of more than 100 feet in height. As one might expect with a property owned by a famous sportsman, many of the streams have smaller dams made to create shallow pools for trout. The tram passed by many of the pools, and we could see the trout clearly as they devoured food thrown out by our tram driver.

The tram ride climbs to an area at the top of a hill where deer, bison, elk and Texas longhorns follow alongside, anticipating the food that will be left along the road. While not exactly a complete natural setting for such animals, it is a great way to see them up close.

Along the trail, we saw interesting rock formations, bridges built of stone and a lovely chapel, where one of the high waterfalls is visible through a large window in the front of the building. While there was little plant life to see at this time of year, one could see that the habitat would support a variety of fauna. Our guide informed us that the canyon is aptly named, with many dogwood

trees and redbuds that provide beautiful vistas in the spring. I hope to make a return visit and perhaps take a day for the 6-mile hiking trail to see the wildflowers and ferns in the canyon.

Back home at Sandhill Gardens, I managed to get my spring-flowering bulbs in the ground this week. This year, I added four new varieties of daffodils, including the white large-cup Mount Hood cultivar. While I am not a big fan of tulips, I did plant a few bulbs that a friend had given me. Since they are planted among the daffodils, I am hoping that the mice and other rodents will leave the bulbs alone.

I also got some perennials and shrubs in the ground. I will have to apply a good layer of mulch after the ground freezes to keep these additions from suffering from frost heave during the freeze-thaw cycles that will surely come in an Indiana winter.

A walk through the gardens this week reminds me that I have much for which to be thankful. While we usually think of fall as a time when the garden is going to sleep, I found many signs of life. The contorted filbert that provides interest in the winter is now sporting its catkins. These are not the most beautiful of blooms, but they are still a reminder that the garden is alive. The twigs of the osier dogwoods have taken on their red and yellow hues for the winter. Coral bells, arums, wild ginger, primroses and hellebores add color to the garden despite the freezing temperatures. Some perennial weeds also have put on their new fall growth. I actually had some fresh dandelion greens this week. The berries of the hollies, both evergreen and deciduous, add bright color to the garden and invite birds to come for a feast. The waxy leaves of the mahonia (aka Oregon grape holly) have taken on a beautiful bronze color. There is still a lot of beauty at Sandhill Gardens. It is a great place to return to after a vacation.

## Extension to present a sheep and goat webinar

BY EMMA HOPKINS  
Purdue University News Service

Purdue and Kentucky Extension services will present the 2014 Sheep and Goat Webinar on December 10 to give producers tips on managing their lambing and kidding seasons.

The webinar, which will run 7-9 p.m. EST, will be available for viewing at several county Extension offices across Indiana. A list of the counties serving as host sites can be found on the Fulton County Extension website at <https://extension.purdue.edu/fulton/>.

The webinar is free and open to the public. Three speakers will provide veterinary and small-ruminant expert perspectives on management practices that can be included

in a sheep or goat operation to support successful lambing or kidding seasons.

Topics and speakers:

\* "Selection and Management to Increase Kidding Season Success," Kenneth Andries, goat Extension specialist, Kentucky State University.

\* "Nutrition and Management in Late Gestation in Ewes and Does," Mike Neary, Purdue Extension small-ruminant specialist.

\* "Dealing with Difficult Births in the Ewe and Doe," Michael Hill, Purdue College of Veterinary Medicine.

The webinar can be seen live only at the listed host sites; however, it will be archived online after the event on the Purdue Department of Animal Sciences website at <https://ag.purdue.edu/ansc>.

## Department of Agriculture announces Clean Water Indiana grant recipients

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) and the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB) recently awarded \$1,020,900 in Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Grants to 35 Indiana Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) across the state. The goals of the projects are to seek ways to protect drinking water, improve water quality and assist Hoosiers in gaining knowledge and awareness about the impacts of land use on precious water resources.

CWI grants were awarded to the following counties (lead county listed first):

Crawford, Harrison and Perry \$75,000  
Daviess, Martin and Pike \$75,000  
DeKalb and Steuben \$75,000  
Dubois, Gibson, Pike and Posey \$75,000  
Hendricks, Putnam, Morgan and Owen \$75,000  
Jay and Blackford \$75,000  
Jefferson, Clark, Jackson and Scott \$75,000  
Lawrence, Jackson, and Martin \$60,900  
Marion and Hendricks \$60,000  
Miami, Wabash and Kosciusko \$75,000  
Newton, Jasper, Porter, Benton and Lake \$75,000  
Pike, Gibson, Posey, Vanderburgh, and Warrick \$75,000  
Ripley and Switzerland \$75,000  
Wabash and Miami \$75,000

"Our land and water are our state's most precious natural resources and conserving what we have is critical to our Hoosier environment and economy," said ISDA Director Ted McKinney. "We are committed to working with our partners to develop more conservation practices and get the necessary funding into the hands of Indiana landowners

as quickly as we can."

The CWI Grants Program provides financial assistance to SWCDs to implement conservation practices to reduce non-point sources of water pollution through education, technical assistance, training and cost-sharing programs.

Statewide, this round of CWI Grant recipient projects bring together local organizations, governments and communities, as well as state and federal agencies, to showcase what Hoosier conservationists can do when given the resources to make a difference. Proposals were concentrated on unique partnerships; regional technical assistance; centralized office coordination of state, federal and local agencies; and marketing conservation programs to landowners.

SWCDs were encouraged to work together across county lines and to leverage local, state and federal resources to put more conservation on the land and bring more funds home to Hoosier landowners. Funded projects demonstrated cooperative conservation by connecting their local business plans to the statewide Indiana Conservation Partnership (ICP) Strategic Plan.

Technical help to implement the grants will come from district staff, the Indiana State Department of Agriculture's Division of Soil Conservation (ISDA-DSC), the United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) and many local businesses and conservation groups. Additionally, the grants will help several SWCDs and local land users accelerate the implementation of federal and state conservation programs in their areas.

## Deadline nearing to renegotiate farmland leases

BY DARRIN PACK  
Purdue University News Service

Tenant farmers who want to renegotiate a farmland lease for 2015 may need to deliver written notification to their landlord before December 1, a Purdue University agricultural law professor advises.

The Indiana notification deadline is three months before the end of the current crop year unless the two sides have agreed on a different date, said Gerald Harrison.

By custom in the Indiana farming community, crop years end on the last day of February. Accordingly, the current crop year ends on February 28, 2015 for the purpose of setting the notification deadline, provided an existing lease has no other rule.

Even if a notification is delivered on time, the landlord is under no legal obligation to change the terms of the lease, Harrison said.

But with many farmers feeling the financial pinch of slumping grain prices, he believes landowners and property managers might be more likely to consider reducing cash rents for next year.

"It depends on what the rent had been for 2014," Harrison said. "Since land values and

rents have been relatively high in recent years, landowners might be more understanding if tenants ask for a reduction in the 2015 cash rent or a modification of other lease terms."

If no changes are made to the current lease, the terms remain the same for 2015, he said.

The Indiana Court of Appeals ruled in a recent case that a notification to terminate - or change - a farmland lease must be made in writing and properly identify the property. Although tenants are not required to file a copy of the notification with anyone other than the landlord, Harrison suggested providing a duplicate to the local office of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency.

He said effective delivery of a legal notice is as important as the content of the document and the timing of the delivery.

"The help of an attorney may be wise to draft the notification and properly deliver the notice to be sure it is effective," he said.

## 2015 annual passes and camping gift cards available

Annual entrance, boating and horseback riding permits for Indiana State Parks for 2015 are available online at [Innsgifts.com](http://Innsgifts.com) and at state parks property offices.

State Parks annual entrance permits cost \$40 for Indiana residents and \$60 for out-of-state residents. Golden Hoosier Permits, which are annual entrance permits for Hoosiers age 65 or older, cost \$20.

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# Another good year for Indiana Christmas trees

BY CARLEE GLASSBURN  
Purdue University News Service

An abundance of rain and cool temperatures this year that helped Christmas trees in Indiana develop well bid good tidings for shoppers wanting a fresh tree for their home, a Purdue University wood products specialist says.

Dan Cassens said the drought of 2012 was a challenge for the industry because of the stress it caused trees, with many dying. "We thought we could lose all the trees," said Cassens, who owns a tree farm in West Lafayette. "But the stronger trees prevailed, and last year the trees looked good by the time Christmas season came around."

Trees continued to get strong this year because the weather favored healthy growth.

"This year, with the rain and cooler weather, the trees just grew beautifully," Cassens said. "They were just really doing the best that they absolutely could."

Cassens said fir trees and Scotch pine, the most common Christmas tree species in Indiana, are the longest lasting trees when used indoors. Many people will put up their Christmas tree the day after Thanksgiving and keep it until after New Year.

Fir trees, such as the Frasier and Canaan (ka-NAYN'), cost about twice as much as a Scotch or white pine, Cassens said.

Cassens, a member of the National Christmas Tree Association, listed steps for consumers to keep in mind when buying and caring for a real tree:

- \* Size of the room, size of the tree: Cassens said that buying a tree that is too tall for a room can be wasteful because you will end up trimming the tree to make it fit, thereby spending more on the tree than what was necessary.

- \* Selecting a species: Once the right size of the tree has been determined, decide which species you want.

- \* Straightness of tree trunk: Fir trees are typically a straight-growing tree. Scotch



**Dan Cassens, Purdue University professor of wood products, examines a Canaan (ka-NAYN') fir tree on his tree farm in West Lafayette, Indiana. (Purdue Agricultural Communication photo/Keith Robinson)**

pinus tend to have some crooks in them.

- \* Freshness of tree: Insects or mechanical problems can cause yellowness. If a tree has any yellow spots, it is best to avoid them unless they are in a place that could be cut out.

- \* Base of tree: It is best to have a clean 6-8 inches to put into the handle of the tree stand. This will prevent having to cut any limbs that would leave bare spots in the base of the tree.

Cassens said it is most important to remember that the tree always needs water. With no water in the stand, the tree will start to dry out and not last as long.

In the end, Cassens said the best thing to consider when shopping for a Christmas tree is to pick the one that is most appealing to you.

"What species it is or how it looks doesn't make that much difference," he said. "Find the one you like and be happy with it."

For more information, Purdue Extension has a free publication, *Tips for First-time Buyers of Real Christmas Trees*, available at The Education Store at <https://www.educationstore.purdue.edu/>.

## Fire officials warn caution with space heaters, other alternative heating this winter

In light of recent fire fatalities in Central Indiana, Indiana State Fire Marshal Jim Greeson and Indianapolis Fire Department Chief Ernest Malone expressed the importance of working smoke alarms and proper use of space heaters and other forms of alternative heating.

Working smoke alarms are important to have year round, but especially in the winter months when alternative heating sources, such as space heaters and fire places, are used. Space heaters account for one-third of home heating fires, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

Proper use of heating sources and working smoke alarms can be the difference between life and death, according to Greeson.

"There have been more than 70 fire-related deaths in Indiana so far this year," Greeson said. "Last year we had more than 100 fire-related deaths, and in a lot of these cases there was not a working smoke alarm in the home. Smoke alarms are proven to save lives."

Investigators from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security have responded to more than 300 fires this year. In more than half of those investigations, the location did not have smoke alarms, or had non-working smoke alarms.

Space heaters should always be kept away from loose or flammable objects such as clothing, curtains, bedding, and furniture.

There should be at least a three-foot perimeter around space heaters at all times. Avoid using candles or appliances, such as a stove or oven, to heat the home.

"Carbon monoxide can build up to dangerous levels in a matter of minutes," said Chief Malone. "If you are relying on using an appliance like a stove for heating, use

blankets instead or stay with a friend for a while."

Fireplaces should be regularly cleaned and inspected by a certified professional, such as a chimney sweep. Gas fireplaces should have properly working ventilation with a functioning carbon monoxide detector nearby.

"Creosote deposits build up quickly in chimneys and can easily catch fire," said Greeson. "Keep anything flammable away from fireplaces, and use only paper or kindling to start a fire. Always have a fire extinguisher on hand in case the fire grows too large or out of control."

Fires should always be extinguished and space heaters unplugged before going to bed or leaving the home for any period of time. Do not leave space heaters on in unoccupied rooms.

In addition to safe heating, do not overload electrical outlets. Power cords, especially those on Christmas trees and decorative lighting, should be plugged into outlets with sufficient capacity, and never into extension cords.

For more information on safe alternative heating and holiday safety, visit [getprepared.in.gov](http://getprepared.in.gov).

## Hoosiers can have fun while staying active during winter

BY ALEXANDER MONTOYE  
Assistant Professor at Ball State

As the days get shorter and the temperatures drop, Hoosiers are getting in the holiday mood, but many are worried that the extra good cheer can cause the dreaded end-of-the-year weight gain.

To keep weight in check and improve overall health — and keep holiday-related stress manageable — maintain or increase physical activity. While this can be challenging during our cold winters and regular holiday parties, there are daily activities that can make a big difference in the way you look and feel this holiday and winter season, including:

Tip 1: Do some of your holiday shopping at stores and malls.

Instead of chasing deals online, take an opportunity to walk a few miles while shopping at the mall or big box stores. Many malls also have walking clubs during the winter, which can be a fun way to meet new people and stay active during those cold months. Also, park farther away from the store to increase your physical activity for the day.

Tip 2: Pedometers and fitness tracking devices make good gifts.

Pedometers and other smart trackers are great tools to help people record their activities. Research shows that devices increase activity while fitness apps spur competition among family and friends.

Tip 3: Join a gym.

Besides offering the standard weight machines and treadmills, many gyms have pools, walking tracks and even classes such as Zumba that can make it fun to be active. Many gyms offer 24/7 access, so being active can fit anyone's schedule.

Tip 4: Go outdoors.

Even though being out in the cold isn't everyone's favorite thing, layering proper clothing can make walks, runs and outdoor activities bearable. Winter walks can be great ways to see holiday decorations and get in the holiday spirit while ice skating or skiing can be fun



ALEXANDER H.K. MONTOYE

ways to spend time with others. Snow shoveling can be a good way to stay active and burn calories, but it can also lead to muscle injuries or even cardiovascular issues, so warm up and start small.

Tip 5: Incorporate fitness at the office.

The 9-5 schedule can make it difficult to squeeze in a workout especially when the day is more like 8-6. However, there are things you can do to increase your physical activity, including taking breaks to walk once or twice an hour and standing while talking to others or on the phone.

Conclusion: Small changes work.

It doesn't take a dramatic lifestyle change to get or stay active and healthy. Small changes to daily routines can make the shift to being more active a painless adjustment. Over time, several small changes can make a big difference in how you look and feel and can allow you to enjoy the holidays as well as make the best of the upcoming winter.

Montoye is an assistant professor of clinical exercise physiology and researcher with the Human Performance Laboratory at Ball State University.

## ~LETTER TO THE EDITOR~

**'The fact is, if you are caring for someone, you are not alone.'**

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

I wanted to take a moment to draw attention to a very important event – National Home Care & Hospice Month.

Today over 57 percent of Americans are providing unpaid care to a friend or loved one, or have in the past. This work is one of the most stressful and difficult things most of us will ever undertake in life. And yet there is almost no preparation and too little information to help when you find yourself in the role of caregiver.

It's with this in mind that Home Care & Hospice Month was started. The fact is, if you are caring for someone, you are not alone. There are resources that can help your loved one and you as a caregiver. For example, Home Healthcare is a Medicare benefit that is almost unknown. Yet it can make a difference in recovering well from a hospital stay and staying in your home.

Hospice care is better known but commonly underutilized and misunderstood.

Yet it's a benefit that can provide enormous physical, financial, emotional, and spiritual help when it matters most.

National Home Care & Hospice Month is a great reminder about the importance of caregiving, and I hope everyone takes the time to learn more about the benefits and resources that are out there. Or if there any questions, I know my company or any other provider can help you. It's important information. After all, we're all just one phone call away from becoming a caregiver.

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## Volleyball awards

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Awards were presented recently to members of the Loogootee Junior Varsity and Varsity Volleyball Teams. Shown above are the varsity award winners. From left to right are Breigh LaMar, Emily Brookshire, Julianne Bell, Lauren Bowling, Mya Hedrick, Kailye Robbins, and Kylie Hall. Not pictured is Waylee Wagoner. Shown below are the junior varsity award winners. From left to right are Jody Seals, Savannah McAtee, and Shelby Graber.



## Call Me Jim

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Do you remember one, really outstanding presentation that made an impact on you? Students at Loogootee Middle School recently had such an experience. Jim Williams, parent and now speaker to thousands of students, recently shared his family's touching story. Mr. Williams spoke to Loogootee students about the impact bullying and "playground meanness" can have on a student and their family. Jim's son had a hard time in school. He didn't fit in and was often bullied. His family struggles every day with the impact this experience had on their lives. As Mr. Williams shared his story, students had tears in their eyes and began to reflect on their own actions. The presentation ended with a heartfelt discussion, guided by the students themselves, about what they can do to promote kindness and help all students feel they are an important part of our student body. Mr. Williams left a lasting impression on the students at Loogootee Middle School. As one student said "I have learned that everyone is important. I'm going to be nicer to my brother too."



## Chili supper fundraiser

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The Loogootee Elementary School hosted their first annual chili supper on November 18 in the elementary school cafeteria. Students and staff sold tickets prior to the event for a bowl of chili, crackers and cheese, drink, and dessert. Cafeteria staff prepared and served the main dish, while teachers and staff provided the desserts. People in attendance were also able to purchase tickets for gift baskets donated by area businesses. Guests were also able to attend the Scholastic Book Fair and enter in a raffle for a gift basket full of educational and engaging children's books. All proceeds went towards classroom resources, field trips, and other various student activities. Organizers want to thank the sponsors who helped make this night a success. Businesses and people who donated money, time, supplies, and/or gift baskets were Toy's Auto Parts, Jolene's Decorating, Michele Erler- Pampered Chef, Michelle Kain, Mark Jeffers, Tom McAtee, Heather Arvin, Barb Rogge, Williams Brothers Pharmacy, Edward Jones, German American Bank, Hannah Kidwell- Thirty-One, Tiffany Lingenfelter- Thirty-One, Lingenfelter Farms, Hawkins Health Care, Old National Bank, Angie Boyd- Freedom Training, Blake Hi-Y Car Wash, Brocksmith and Blake Funeral Home, Martin County Solid Waste, Mykle Bateman, The Lodge, The Campbell Family, Crane Federal Credit Union, Martin County Catholic Churches, Kim Bowling, Sandra Hovis, The Weidenbenner Family, and The Parker Family



## Spell bowl second place

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The Loogootee Middle School Spell Bowl team recently took second place in the area Spell Bowl Competition at North Daviess High School. Spell Bowl participants shown above are Reese Tippery, Karoline Tedrow, Shea Arthur, Makenna Jones, Emily Welker, Austin Britton, Kyndal Braun and Rory Tippery. The team is coached by Tyler Walton.





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# Teacher reflects on Swedish sports

Recently, teachers from Loogootee Schools participated in the Global Teacher Exchange Program. They traveled to Stockholm, Sweden, where they interacted with students and collaborated with teachers from Vallentuna Gymnasium. Participating teachers were Ronetta Bough, Rhiann Graves, Nicole Wade, Rick Graves, and David Smith.

Loogootee High School Art Teacher Rick Graves had the opportunity to attend several sporting events while in Stockholm. The following are his reflections on sports in Sweden.

Our passion for basketball and more recently football is a given in Indiana. Many nights are spent in high school gyms throughout the state watching our favorite teams compete. Intense rivalries have been built from generations of games played. But what is it like when one travels to another country and has the opportunity to witness their passion for their favorite sports and teams? Recently I had the very good fortune to have that experience.

As a member of this year's GTEP (Global Teacher Exchange Program) team I stayed with Joakim (Jocke) Lund, a P.E. teacher at Vallentuna Gymnasium. Jocke, being so heavily involved in athletics is naturally a sports fan, primarily soccer (futbol) and hockey. He shared his passion for these sports by taking me to a soccer game, a hockey game and also a professional basket-

ball game.

Having never witnessed a soccer game, at least a higher level soccer game, I was greatly impressed with the skill level and speed of the game. As Americans our primary introduction to the game is either youth soccer or on television. Being able to stand along the sideline revealed just how intense and skilled these players are. This particular game had special significance because the local team, IK Frej defeated AFC United allowing them to move up to Division 2 for the first time. Attendance was estimated at 1,500 for this Division 3 game.

As all Hoosiers know, basketball is considered a religion in Indiana. It's not uncommon for Jack Butcher Sports Arena to be packed to the rafters when we play Barr-Reeve in an intense regular season or tournament game. Swedes don't share our passion for basketball evidenced by the sparse crowd we witnessed at a game between the Solna Vikings and the Boras Basket. This was a game in Swedens top-level professional league. However, it was estimated that 500 or fewer fans were there to watch the game. While the talent level wasn't anywhere near the NBA, the basketball was very good, comparable to a good college team. Each team was allowed two American players with the rest of the team being made up of players from Sweden or surrounding countries. The game was in-

tense and if not for a late technical on the Vikings coach the home team may have come away with a victory.

On par with Sweden's passion for soccer is their passion for hockey. Jocke and I ventured into Stockholm to see the Djurgården IF Ice Hockey Club play Linköping. I was amazed at the intensity and all out speed of the players and the game. The agility of the players to move and turn in an instant is something to behold. The hand-eye coordination of the goalies as each shot screams

toward the goal. The constant motion and fluidity of the game is impressive. The fans are nearly as intense, standing, singing and chanting throughout the game, only taking breaks between periods. As one who has no knowledge of the game I was enthralled.

I can't say I've become a big soccer or hockey fan since returning from Sweden but I have found new respect for each sport and have gained a better understanding of how other countries can be equally passionate about their chosen sports.



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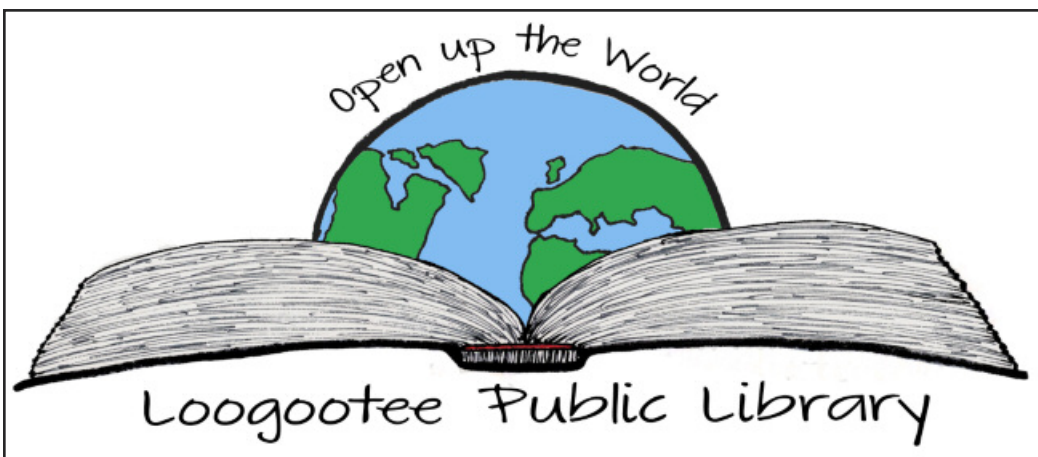




## Storybook hour

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The Loogootee Public Library recently held storybook hour for area young people. The library regularly holds events for the public and information on those can be found on the library's facebook page.



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

The Loogootee Public Library is celebrating 75 years of service to the public. Please join us for cake and refreshments on Tuesday, December 2 from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. in celebration. There will be library photographs on display. Register for prizes to be given away.

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. Check out the website [www.loogootee.lib.in.us](http://www.loogootee.lib.in.us) or like us on Facebook.

New Books:

Mystery Fiction: "The Job" by Janet Evanovich, "Hope to Die" by James Patterson, "Betrayed" by Lisa Scottoline, and "The Cinderella Murder" by Mary Higgins Clark. Fiction "The Escape" by David Baldacci, "The Mistletoe Promise" by Richard Paul Evans,

Inspirational Fiction: "Love Without End" by Robin Lee Hatcher.

Non Fiction: "Living the Quaker Way: Discover the Hidden Happiness in The Simple Life" by Philip Gulley.

Children's Books: "Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot" series by Dav Pilkey, "The Search for the Titanic" series by Terri Dougherty, "Billie B Brown" by Sally Rip-pin, "Lego Friends"



## Pool donation

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St. John the Evangelist Church recently donated the money they raised at a spaghetti dinner to go toward the rebuilding of the city pool. Jill Winger with St. John is shown above presenting the check to park board member Karen Slaven and Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty.

# Tri-Kappa looking for scholarship applicants

The state organization of Tri Kappa will award a variety of scholarships to college students throughout Indiana in the spring. Each state scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$1,000. Tri Kappa has provided scholarship awards since 1914 acknowledging students on the local, province, and state levels. Chapters, provinces, and the state organization combined currently give nearly \$500,000 annually honoring academic achievement.

Scholarship Chair Barb McFeaters of Loogootee is seeking applicants for the following:

Twelve \$1,000 academic scholarships will be awarded and additional at-large scholarships could be awarded dependent upon the funds available. To apply, students must be currently enrolled in a baccalaureate or graduate program, having completed at least one academic year. Criteria used by the Tri Kappa selection committee are academic achievement, strong goals, extracurricular activities, work experience, and volunteer service.

Two \$1,000 key scholarships are available to students throughout the state. These are directed to those students who have no previous degree beyond high school and have had a lapse in their education for at least five years. Any student enrolled in an accredited school offering an associate or baccalaureate degree who has completed at least one semester may apply. Criteria used

by the Tri Kappa selection committee are strong goals, work experience, and volunteer service since high school.

Two \$1,000 fine arts scholarships will be awarded statewide to students majoring in art, dance, drama, or music. To apply, students must be currently enrolled in an accredited baccalaureate or graduate degree program and completed at least one academic year.

The \$1,000 Twanette Nutter Fleming Music Award stipulates that the applicant must be enrolled in a fully accredited course of study leading to a degree to teach music in a private, public, or parochial school and completed at least one academic year.

Scholarship Chair Barb McFeaters stated, "Our area boasts numerous college students who are talented and would qualify for these scholarships. We are hopeful that those students will be brought to our attention so we may begin the process of submitting an application for state Tri Kappa scholarships."

Students wishing to apply for any of these scholarships are encouraged to contact Barb McFeaters at 295-4307 well in advance of the deadline which is February 1, 2015.

The Tri Kappa State Scholarship Committee will meet in early spring to select the recipients. In addition to the state scholarships, the Delta Tau Chapter of Tri Kappa also provides local scholarships to high school seniors in the spring.

## Calendar of Events

### Talk to a lawyer clinic

Thursday, December 4 is the next date for talk to a lawyer telephone clinic. The telephone clinic starts at 4:30 p.m. CST to 7 p.m. CST (5:30 EST to 8 EST) During that time, volunteer lawyers will be available and ready to answer general legal questions regarding Indiana law. This service is free and is available to anyone with a question regarding Indiana law. To talk to a lawyer, the phone numbers are (812) 618-4845 and (888) 594-3449. Talk to a lawyer takes place the first Thursday of each month and is a free service provided by Volunteer Lawyer Program of Southwestern Indiana, Evansville Bar Foundation and Indiana Bar Foundation.

### Boy Scouts

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

### Cub Scout meetings

Cub scout meetings are held at Loogootee United Methodist Church on the first, third, and fourth Monday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Bryan Adams at 812-854-7837.

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### Humane society meetings

The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 7 p.m. Members of the humane society are invited to attend. To find out how to become a member, call the shelter at 812-295-5900 or email [mchs@frontier.com](mailto:mchs@frontier.com).

### Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on

the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Martin County Community Learning Center on the fairgrounds.

### Soil and Water meetings

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

## Light a candle in memory of a loved one

So many loved ones are not with us to celebrate this wonderful holiday season. The Relay for Life Committee will be taking time during the Christmas Stroll to remember all loved ones, no matter how long or why they are not with us. For a donation they will light a candle in memory of your loved one. A luminaria bag will have the name of your loved one and the candle will shine through it.

One name per bag and the suggested donation is \$5 each. If you have five names, there is a discount cost of \$20. Please send your donation and name(s) to Leslie Doyle, PO Box 179, Loogootee IN 47553. Luminaries will be lit at 6 p.m. on December 7, the night of the Stroll. Any question please contact Leslie Doyle 296-7152 or Terri Resler 295-6524. All proceeds will go to the 2015 Martin County Relay for Life. Checks should be made to Relay for Life.

## Christmas Gala

### Concert is December 3

The Vincennes University Music Department will present its annual Christmas Gala Concert on December 3 at 7:30 p.m. (EST), at the Red Skelton Performing Arts Center.

Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

The concert will showcase various Christmas songs in a variety of musical styles. Featured performers include the Concert Band, VU Connection, Concert Choir, Percussion Ensemble, String Ensemble, Woodwind Ensemble, Brass Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, and Blues Ensemble, as well as faculty.



## Strategic vision for Southwest Central Indiana released

After more than a year of research, planning and community engagement, stakeholders in southwest central Indiana announced yesterday the completion of a regional economic development strategy aimed at fostering new growth and capitalizing on existing assets in the region, including but not limited to, Indiana University and Naval Support Activity (NSA) Crane. The strategy, funded by a planning grant from the Lilly Endowment Inc., was presented today to regional leaders representing business, education and government at an event in French Lick.

Since the \$650,000 grant was awarded in July 2013, hundreds of meetings, interviews and focus groups have taken place at the direction of the planning initiative's steering committee, consisting of eight invested stakeholders and leaders from the region. The committee focused on an 11-county area, which includes Brown, Crawford, Daviess, Dubois, Greene, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Orange, Owen and Washington counties.

The steering committee worked with the project coordinator Energy Systems Network (ESN) and research consultants with Battelle Technology Partnership Practice. Together they conducted a regional assessment of current and emerging sectors and organized a number of community and stakeholder meetings. In addition, committee members traveled to three "benchmark" regions – Huntsville, Ala.; Knoxville, Tenn.; and Charleston, S.C. – meeting with local business and government leaders to gather additional information. Like the southwest central Indiana region, these benchmark locations benefit from being home to a major research university in close proximity to a federal laboratory.

"The benchmarking visits were a critical part of our strategic planning process," said Dan Peterson, vice president of industry and governmental affairs at Cook Group and chairman of the steering committee.

"Each was selected as a result of its demonstrated success in coordinated economic, workforce and technology transfer activities. Their processes served as a launch pad for recognizing best practices and an overall sense of the type of strong community commitment required for regional advancement."

Listening sessions were also coordinated in all 11 counties by the Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County and Radius Indiana – a regional economic development partnership representing eight counties in south central Indiana – with support from other local community foundations.

"This region is ripe with opportunity, and we sought to hear from as many community members as possible," said Becky Skillman, president and CEO of Radius Indiana and a member of the steering committee. "Radius Indiana is keen on enlisting collaborative, regional support to bring success and growth to southern Indiana, and this strategic plan gives us a significant step forward in optimizing that effort."

The plan consists of six interconnected strategies focused on regionalism, workforce development and education, economic development, infrastructure, entrepreneurship, and R&D technology transfer. The assessment of current and emerging sectors within the region helped identify those areas in which high growth could be achieved.

Lilly Endowment's grant was awarded to the Central Indiana Corporate Partnership Foundation, which supports the charitable and educational activities of the Central Indiana Corporate Partnership (CICP), and is managed by ESN.

"This plan provides a strategy and roadmap for transformational development that can position the region to compete on a global scale," said Paul Mitchell, president and CEO of ESN. "Now regional leaders

will begin the hard work of realizing this vision and delivering results."

A full copy of the strategic plan can be found on the following websites:

Energy Systems Network: [www.energysystemsnetwork.com](http://www.energysystemsnetwork.com)

Radius Indiana: [www.radiusindiana.com](http://www.radiusindiana.com)

Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County: <http://www.cfbmc.org>  
ABOUT ENERGY SYSTEMS NETWORK

Energy Systems Network (ESN) is a not for profit, industry-driven economic initiative focused on bringing alternative energy technology solutions to market, using innovation to confront global energy challenges with systems-level solutions. ESN provides services to its members and industry through collaborative commercialization projects, consulting services, and strategic planning, research and workshops. In 2012, this initiative of Central Indiana Corporate Partnership (CICP) broke ground on the Battery Innovation Center (BIC) in the Southwest Central Indiana region. The BIC is a customer-driven single point of access for battery research, development, testing and commercialization. The \$20 million facility is located at Westgate Technology Park in Crane, Ind. and opened operations in August 2013, providing significant economic growth to the area. For more information, visit [www.energysystemsnetwork.com](http://www.energysystemsnetwork.com).

ABOUT THE STEERING COMMITTEE

The steering committee for this strategic planning effort consists of regional leaders and stakeholders invested in the Southwest Central Indiana region:

Brian Blackwell, director, office of engagement, Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) Crane;

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## Free access to Tax Court information in Odyssey

On December 1 the Indiana Tax Court will begin using the Odyssey case management system to maintain records. The Court of Appeals of Indiana and the Indiana Supreme Court will soon begin using the system also. Currently, about 200 courts in 51 counties across the state use Odyssey.

In May 2014, the Supreme Court announced that the three appellate courts would move to Odyssey. Records are currently maintained on a 28 year-old AS/400 system. The Tax Court is the first of the three appellate courts to begin using Odyssey.

About 3,000 Tax Court cases will be moved into Odyssey on November 26. Tax Court case information is expected to be available in Odyssey at [mycase.in.gov](http://mycase.in.gov) on November 28. Information in more than 15 million cases is available in Odyssey at no charge.

As a result of the conversion to a new system, the appellate courts' docket will

be affected. Tax Court cases will not be updated on November 26 in the public docket.

The Clerk of Courts will still receive and process filings that day, but case events that occur on November 26 will not be posted to the public docket until the week of December 1 for the Tax Court. Docket entries for the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court will not be affected. Opinions, orders and tax summaries will still be posted to [courts.in.gov/opinions](http://courts.in.gov/opinions).

The Court of Appeals and Supreme Court will still maintain dockets using the current system at [courts.in.gov/cofc/docket.html](http://courts.in.gov/cofc/docket.html). Their transition to Odyssey is expected in the first quarter of 2015. The update to Odyssey is just one technology upgrade underway to ensure efficiency and transparency. Recently, the Supreme Court also announced that Indiana will move to statewide electronic filing for all courts.

## Hoosiers urged to protect themselves from influenza

Influenza season is well underway, and state health officials urge Hoosiers to take preventative steps now to prevent the flu. Influenza can be serious, but is preventable in most cases by getting vaccinated.

"Influenza is unpredictable," said State Health Commissioner Jerome Adams, M.D., MPH. "While we don't know how severe this flu season will be, we do know that influenza claims several thousand lives in the U.S. every year. The best way to protect you and your family from flu is to get vaccinated."

Influenza or the "flu" is a viral infection of the respiratory tract. Influenza is spread by respiratory droplets from close contact with infected persons or contact with contaminated surfaces or objects. Infection can occur when influenza viruses contact the eyes, mouth, or nose, and possibly through inhaling droplets from a sneeze or cough. Sometimes people may become infected by touching surfaces or objects contaminated with influenza viruses and then touching their eyes, mouth, or nose.

Symptoms of the flu include: fever of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or greater, headache, fatigue, cough, muscle aches, and sore throat

Although anyone can get the flu, some people are at higher risk of complications related to the flu, sometimes leading to hospitalization and even death. High risk individuals include pregnant women, young children (especially those younger than six months who cannot be vaccinated), people with chronic illnesses and/or compromised immune systems and the elderly.

"It's still early in the flu season," said Dr. Adams. "Now is the time to get vaccinated if you haven't done so already."

The Indiana State Department of Health suggests following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendation that everyone over the age of six months get the vaccine this year.

There are some additional steps people can take to prevent the spread of influenza and other respiratory diseases like pertussis (whooping cough):

- Clean - properly wash your hands frequently.
- Cover - cover your cough and sneeze.
- Contain - contain your germs by staying home (or keep children home from school) if sick.

It's important to note that "stomach flu," or viral gastroenteritis, is a different illness from influenza. It is a viral infection of the intestinal tract, spread through eating or drinking contaminated food or drink or through close

contact with an infected person. Flu vaccine will not prevent viral gastroenteritis, but frequent hand washing, disinfecting contaminated surfaces and prompt washing of soiled clothing and blankets will reduce the risk of spreading it. Individuals who are experiencing diarrhea or vomiting should not prepare food.

To find a flu vaccine location near you or to learn more about the influenza, visit the Indiana State Department of Health at [www.StateHealth.in.gov](http://www.StateHealth.in.gov). Follow the Indiana State Department of Health on Twitter at @StateHealthIN and on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/isdh1](http://www.facebook.com/isdh1).

### Secretary Lawson warns of potential dangers of high-yield investment programs

Last Friday, Secretary of State Connie Lawson issued an advisory urging investors to approach high-yield investment programs with caution. The advisory is on the Secretary of State's website at [www.in.gov/sos/indiana-moneywise/files/Informed\\_Investor\\_High\\_Yield\\_Investments.pdf](http://www.in.gov/sos/indiana-moneywise/files/Informed_Investor_High_Yield_Investments.pdf).

High-yield investment programs, or HYIPs, are Ponzi schemes sold by unlicensed individuals. "In the past, con artists relied on word of mouth to lure investors into these investments. Now they rely on the Internet and social media buzz to quickly popularize their schemes before the fraud is discovered," Secretary Lawson said.

According to the advisory, the most notable characteristics of HYIPs are the promise of very high returns at little or no risk to the investor and the payment of referral fees to current investors for bringing in new investors.

"In this way, HYIPs blend elements of both Ponzi and traditional pyramid schemes into one scheme that can spread faster than ever before," Indiana Securities Commissioner Carol Mihalik said.

In one recent HYIP, for example, the company offered memberships that purported to provide investors with up to a 60 percent profit in 100 days. In less than a year, the company took in more than \$10 million from investors. All investors' proceeds were lost.

The advisory includes tips to help investors recognize a high-yield investment program and offers steps investors should take to protect themselves from these scams.

Investors with questions about high-yield investment programs should contact the Secretary of State's office before investing at [sos@sos.in.gov](mailto:sos@sos.in.gov) or 317-232-6682.