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Loogootee Christmas Parade this Sunday

The 4th Annual Loogootee Festival of Lights Christmas Parade will be held this Sunday, December 3 at 6 p.m. The theme for the parade is "The True Meaning of Christmas". Santa will again pay a visit during the parade and candy will be passed out to the young ones in attendance.

There will be lighted floats for you to enjoy along with marching bands and Christmas carolers.

The Christmas Stroll will be held downtown from 5-8 p.m. with several businesses open and vendors set up in various locations downtown. Carriage rides, sponsored by the Martin County Chamber of Commerce, will be offered at Emilee Summers Massage, on Wood Street. Santa will be at Hometown Flowers and Gifts for photos during the Stroll.

Jim, Jan, and Phil Todd have been selected as this year's Loogootee Christmas Parade Grand Marshals. The Todd's are three of four siblings that live in the Loogootee area and have given much of their time to supporting the community. Their 4th and youngest sibling, Mary Pat Linville, resides in Tennessee. All three of the elder Todd's are graduates of St. John's Catholic High School in Loogootee, having originally began their education at the Whitfield Elementary School.

Jim continued his education at Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Indiana and then joined the Peace Corps. After a short indoctrination and training period in California in order to

earn Spanish and other customs, he was sent to Bolivia. His first stop in Bolivia found him in a village of native people who spoke no Spanish. Here in Bolivia, he first witnessed the depths of poverty as he saw people chewing leaves from the plant that cocaine is derived from, yet not to get high, but to numb the feelings of hunger and starvation. He was in this village for about 6 weeks before the mistake in his field assignment was discovered and he was picked up by Peace Corps officials. While serving in another community, and after an encounter with local guerillas that were anti-American in a new region, Jim was brought back to the States and found himself on the East Coast. He did post-graduate studies at Glenmary Seminary in Ohio for theology and counseling, and returned home to Loogootee to teach at Loogootee High School for a while. He stayed connected to the East Coast and became an instrumental part of the Pine Street Inn in Boston, which now serves over 1,900 homeless men and women each day with shelter and food. Jim also taught at Washington Catholic High School and Vincennes University. During his time with VU, he specialized in working with foreign students and it was not uncommon, for many years at Whitfield, for the family gatherings and holidays to have many college kids present (one year there was 22 nations represented for Thanksgiving). With Jim's continued support and guidance, many of his students have gone on to have



rewarding lives and careers, to include professional entertainers, musicians, politicians, and one has even founded a private college in Florida. Jim is locally known for his unwavering support of the area communities and helping anyone out in need, whether it be driving Amish in the mornings, or driving someone to the hospital, airport, or elsewhere. Jim has always been there to help others and give guidance and countenance without judgement. Jim is often found at local events and banquets as a speaker or attendee, often making his iced tea, as he has done for many years as a member of the St. Martin's Men's Club for their Annual Hog Roast and for funeral dinners of many local residents.

Jan continued her education at Indiana State University and St. Anthony Nursing Program to become a registered nurse. Upon graduation, she worked as a nurse in various positions at St. Anthony Hospital in Terre Haute. During this time, she began dating an Industrial Arts major at Indiana State University. She married Ernie Martin in 1973. Currently she has been married to retired school teacher, Lieutenant Colonel Ernie Martin for 44 years. Jan has two children, Jay Martin and Denise (Franz) Dages, along with a grand-daughter Olivia. Ernie received and accepted a job at Loogootee Jr/Sr High School, and Jan eagerly return to Loogootee. A broken toe united her with Dr. Lett. She worked with Dr. Lett for years, until his death, in his Loogootee office. A couple of months following the death of Dr. Lett, she assumed her nursing position with the new doctor in town. She worked with Dr. Larry Sutton for 20 additional years, interacting with thousands of patients. During this time, she worked at Loogootee Health and Rehabilitation Center a couple of weekends a month. Through the years, Jan has held a variety of nursing jobs that she loves doing, including having provided nursing services to inmates at the Martin County Security Center and assisting with sports physicals at Loogootee High School. She currently works for Preferred Home Health Care, and travels daily within a quad-county area to provide services for patients in their homes. She is currently a committee member of the Loogootee Scholarship trust. She can still be found working with any organization or person in need of a nurse. Rarely has Jan had to miss one of her client's appointments, often slipping out of family engagements or other events to make sure that her clients were seen, or making Ernie drive her in bad weather to get to a client's home. Jan has also been a long-standing member of the

St. Martin's Altar Society and is often found supporting local events and fundraisers. Never has one gone away from Jan's home hungry as she always makes sure that no one leaves her home as a stranger or hungry.

Phil married his high school classmate, Cathy Strange, shortly after graduating high school and was drafted into the U.S. Army. During the Viet Nam War, he was deployed to Europe and was assigned to a post in Germany. During his departure overseas, Cathy gave birth to their first son, Philip, and a few years, she later gave birth to Patrick. They have six grandchildren now, Ethan, Sarah, Xavier, Declan, Liam, and Mary-Grace. He returned to the U.S. and served out his active duty time at Fort Knox, Kentucky. After his active duty service, he also enlisted in the Indiana Army National Guard, in which he served over 20 years. Phil began a civilian career at NSWC Crane, where he worked for nearly 40 years. Phil and Cathy helped run a youth club in the 1970's for a period of time in Loogootee. As his sons became older, he was very involved in Loogootee Little League and Youth Soccer, coaching for many years and taught religious education with Cathy at St. Martin's Catholic Church in Whitfield. They were awarded the Evansville Diocese's Bishop Simon Brute Award for exemplary service. He also helped coordinate many civic activities throughout the years, including helping with the Loogootee Christmas Parade for several years. He has been a volunteer firefighter and emergency medical technician, serving with many dedicated local volunteers on the Martin County Rescue Squad, a precursor to the Civil Defense. Phil has been a long-standing member of the St. Martin's Men's Club and the American Legion. Since his formal retirement from Crane, he now stays busier than ever working with the American Legion as a local Post Chaplain, working with other local veterans to provide funeral details to honor deceased veterans. He also serves on a local board for the Senior Citizen's Community, which recently obtained grant funding to improve housing for the Senior Citizen complexes as well as being on the board of the Martin County Historical Society. Phil enjoys being involved in the Loogootee Community and as well as the local Amish community.

The Todd siblings, including Mary Pat, all grew up in an environment where community and family was held in high esteem and friendship is valued more highly than money. They are honored to be Grand Marshals and are very proud to call Loogootee home.



Shown from left to right are Kathy Collins, MCCC Director; Dr. Candace Roush, IACCAC Advisory Board Member of the Year; Amy Money, MCCC Program Director.

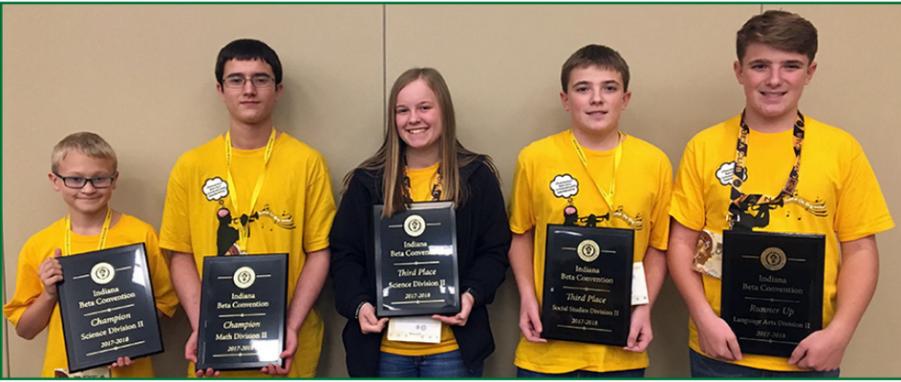
Dr. Candace Roush awarded IACCAC Advisory Board Member of the Year

Over 80 counties have Community Correction's Advisory Boards, with over 1,200 members throughout the state. At the recent Indiana Community Corrections Act Counties (IACCAC) Fall Institute, Dr. Candace Roush was awarded the Advisory Board Member of the Year. Dr. Roush has served on the Martin County Community Corrections (MCCC) Advisory Board since 2012. She regularly attends MCCC's Advisory Board meetings and has served on subcommittees, which rec-

ommend efficient solutions to pending Agency issues. Dr. Roush has and continues to be instrumental in the growing collaboration between MCCC and the Shoals School Corporation.

An example of her dedication to MCCC, Dr. Roush recently took time out of her busy schedule to join MCCC Director Collins and appeared before a committee from the Youth Services Division of the Indiana Department of Corrections, in support of MCCC's prevention programs for youth.

LMS Junior Beta travels to State Convention



Academic Competition Winners - Kage Lyon - 1st place Science 7, Nick Keller - 1st place Math 8, Rachel Lents - 3rd place Science 8, Rory Tippery - 3rd place Social Studies 8, Reece Tippery - 2nd place Language Arts 8, Kyleigh Courter - 2nd place Math 7 (not pictured) and Katie Callison - 2nd place Essay (not pictured).



On Friday, November 17, Loogootee Middle School Junior Beta Club traveled to Indiana State Beta Convention in French Lick. Students competed in various competitions and brought home numerous awards. LMS was also able to have their very first student to ever run for a state office become elected. Wayden Wagoner, shown on the left, was elected to the office of Indiana State Beta Chaplain. Wayden is the son of Marcia Wagoner and Mike Wagoner, both of Loogootee.

-Photos provided



Banner - 3rd place. Ava Summers, Shawna Mason, Mallorie Sutton, and Claire Kemp.



Advertising Design - 1st place. Grace Gingerich, Lauren Holt, Annalise Powell, and Haylie Schimke.



Book Battle - 1st place. Abbey Fischer, Zoey Brassine, and Jalynn Stoll.



Robotics - 1st place. Front, Kaylynn Sims. Back, Madison Esch, Ethan White, Euan Graves, Andrew Powell, and Mason Roark.



Campaign Skit - 3rd place. Front row, Chantel Greene, Parker Arvin, Rory Tippery, and Jayleigh Harger. Second row, Rachel Lents, Madison McAtee, Grace Gingerich, Andrew Powell, Wayden Wagoner, Caylin Wagoner, Reece Tippery, and Jacob Lengacher.



Songfest - 2nd place. Front row, Hailey Schimke, Chantel Greene, Zoey Brassine, Ava Summers, Grace Foddrill, Jocelyn Strange, and Lindsey Nolan. Second row, Shawna Mason, Caylin Wagoner, Grace Gingerich, Mallorie Sutton, Madison McAtee, Annalise Powell, Lauren Holt, Hannah Harshaw, and Claire Kemp. Back row, Nick Keller, Jayleigh Harger, Drew Williams, Haylie Mathies, Grace Lingenfelter, Katie Callison, Kylie VanHoy, Andrew Powell, Tessa Bradley, not pictured Kyleigh Courter and Madison Esch.



Group Talent - 3rd place. Front row, Madison Esch, Bridget Like, Zoey Brassine, Kaylynn Sims, Kage Lyon, Euan Graves, Ava Summers, Lauren Holt, Mikenna Jones, and Jalynn Stoll. Back row, Maddie Fischer, Morgen Wolfe, Abbey Fischer, Rachel Lents, Reece Tippery, Parker Arvin, Jacob Lengacher, Andrew Powell, Mason Roark, and Rory Tippery. Not pictured: Kyleigh Courter.

See remaining LMS Beta Winners continued on page 9.

Obituaries

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BARBARA TRUELOVE

Barbara B. Truelove passed away November 21, 2017 at 3:43 p.m. at her home. A resident of Loogootee, she was 74.

She was born March 31, 1943 in Daviess County; daughter of Clyde and Ethel (Ledgerwood) Morgan and married Harold Truelove.

She attended school in Daviess

County and was a homemaker.

She is survived by a son, Marty (Dominia) Truelove of Loogootee; daughters, Rhonda (Kevin) Cox of West Baden, Lora Truelove of French Lick, and Sara Truelove of Texas; granddaughter, Kristen Truelove; brothers, Daniel Morgan of Kentucky, Gerald "Tooter" Morgan, and Steven Morgan; and sister, Pamela Foster, all of

Washington; and eight grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, and a sister, Patty Morgan.

A memorial service will be held at the Queen-Lee Chapel at a later time.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne George Family Funeral Homes is in charge of the arrangements.

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

A heartfelt thank you from Friends of Loogootee Library (FOLL) to the businesses and organizations that donated wonderful items for our silent auction. FOLL would like to thank the auction bidders and Mayor Noel Harty for his help with the auction. Thank you to everyone that stopped by to eat a bowl of chili and donate so generously. Thank you to the VFW for providing space for our auction. The Dream Lives On.

Sincerely,

Friends of Loogootee Library



The Martin County Highway Department is accepting 2017-2018 bids for supplies for the following highway improvement projects:

- Windom Rd – Tedrow Rd to US Hwy 50
1189 tons of #11 stone
28540 gallons of AE-90S
- Abel Hill Rd – Hill
592 tons cold mix
54 tons of #11 stone
1291 gallons of AE-90S
- Anderson Rd - Hill
665 tons cold mix
60 tons of #11 stone
1451 gallons of AE-90S
- Killion Mill Rd – Mobley Rd to Dover Hill Rd
1920 tons of cold mix
218 tons of #11 stone
5237 gallons of AE-90S
1870 gallons of AE-PL

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

12:49 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Crane. Deputy Reed responded.

6:37 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

6:38 a.m. - Deputy Reed and Loogootee Captain Hennette assisted a motorist north of Loogootee.

9:02 a.m. - Received a report of theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

10:50 a.m. - Received a report of fraudulent credit card activity. Sergeant Keller responded.

11:39 a.m. - Sergeant Keller and Reserve Deputy Kidwell assisted a motorist in Shoals.

1:03 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

1:06 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette and Sergeant Keller responded.

2:04 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:32 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded.

6:09 p.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

8:00 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

8:05 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:39 p.m. - Received a report of burglary alarm north of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller and Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

8:19 a.m. - Received a report of reckless driving south of Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

9:03 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

9:23 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took four inmates to court.

9:27 a.m. - Received a report of a truck losing items off the back, south of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller and Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

9:45 a.m. - Sergeant Keller completed a vehicle identification check in Loogootee.

9:50 a.m. - Received a report of illegal hunting and trespassing south of Shoals. Indiana Conservation Officer Hembree responded.

11:37 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

11:42 a.m. - Received a report of illegal dumping north of Shoals. Sergeant Keller and Martin County Highway responded.

12:04 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

12:56 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took three inmates to court.

2:10 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

2:16 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took three inmates to court.

2:42 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance south of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller, Loogootee Captain Hennette, Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:14 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

4:33 p.m. - Sergeant Keller completed a vehicle identification check south of Loogootee.

5:00 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded.

9:35 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle north of Loogootee. Deputy Wright, Loogootee Officer Floyd and ISP Trooper Johnson responded.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

1:08 a.m. - Received a report of excess water falling from Loogootee City Water Tower. Loogootee Officer Floyd and ISP Trooper Johnson responded.

2:34 a.m. - Received a report of stolen vehicle in Loogootee. Deputy Wright responded.

8:57 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

9:15 a.m. - Received a request for safety check in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

9:22 a.m. - Sergeant Keller completed vehicle identification check south of Loogootee.

10:00 a.m. - Received an animal complaint south of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

10:56 a.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn east of Shoals.

2:27 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

2:45 p.m. - Received a report of malfunctioning construction sign in Shoals. Martin County Highway responded.

3:07 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing in Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

4:55 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

7:48 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing in Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

8:50 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. Deputy Shinn, Deputy Wright, Reserve Deputy Greene and Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

10:39 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle disturbance west of Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

2:00 a.m. - Received a report of a gunshot in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

2:12 a.m. - Received a report of gunshot heard in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth, Deputy Shinn and Deputy Wright responded.

3:22 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

11:04 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver west of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

12:05 p.m. - Received a report of car-deer accident east of Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

12:06 p.m. - Received a report of loitering in Loogootee. Loogootee

Captain Hennette responded.

12:25 p.m. - Received a report of illegal trash dumping east of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

8:10 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn in Loogootee.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

6:57 a.m. - Received a report of car-deer accident south of Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

10:58 a.m. - Received an animal complaint south of Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

2:07 p.m. - Major Burkhardt and Loogootee Officer McBeth assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

2:55 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth and Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

4:04 p.m. - Major Burkhardt completed a vehicle identification check south of Shoals.

4:30 p.m. - Received a report of illegal hunting and trespassing south of Shoals. Major Burkhardt and Conservation Office Mann responded.

5:17 p.m. - Received a report of cows out north of Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

7:07 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

12:51 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

8:00 a.m. - Received a report of trashing burning in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

12:09 p.m. - Received a report of hunters shooting close to a residential property in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

12:48 p.m. - Major Burkhardt completed vehicle identification check south of Shoals.

1:30 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driver south of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

5:24 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driver in Loogootee. Deputy Shinn and Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

5:35 p.m. - Received a report of illegal trash dumping east of Loogootee. Deputy Shinn responded.

9:41 p.m. - Received a report of illegal hunting south of Loogootee. Deputy Reed and Deputy Shinn responded.

10:08 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driver east of Shoals. Deputy Reed and Deputy Shinn responded.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

6:27 a.m. - Deputy Reed assisted a motorist south of Shoals.

10:57 a.m. - Received a request for an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

11:55 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

12:46 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driver north of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

12:52 p.m. - Sergeant Keller completed a vehicle identification check north of Shoals.

2:29 p.m. - Received a report of car-deer accident south of Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

3:25 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported

subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:20 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious car north of Shoals. Deputy Wright responded.

7:54 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:35 p.m. - Received a report of abandoned vehicle north of Shoals. Deputy Wright responded.

9:20 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Shoals. Deputy Wright responded.

ARRESTS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

5:27 p.m. - Isabella Goodpaster, 50, of Shoals, was arrested by Sergeant Keller and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated with endangerment and leaving the scene of an accident. She is being held without bond.

7:52 p.m. - Darrel Salmon, 36, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Shinn and charged with residential entry and is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond. Sheriff Roush, Shoals Town Marshal Eckert and Reserve Deputy Greene assisted with the arrest.

11:11 p.m. - Grady Key, 20, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Wright and charged with minor consumption and leaving the scene of an accident. He was released on a \$20,000 10% bond.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

11:10 p.m. - Jason Jones, identified as homeless, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Floyd and charged with maintaining a common nuisance, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia, possession of a legend drug and false informing. He is being held without bond.

11:14 p.m. - Dylan Strange, 21, of Mitchell, was arrested by Deputy Reed and charged with visiting a common nuisance, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia, possession of a legend drug and contributing to delinquency of a minor. He is being held on a \$20,000 10% bond.

11:25 p.m. - Morgan Wells, 20, of Loogootee, was arrested by a Daviess County Deputy and charged with visiting a common nuisance, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia, possession of a legend drug, neglect of dependent and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. She is being held without bond.

11:25 p.m. - Jasmine Jones, 24, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Beaver and charged with maintaining a common nuisance, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia and possession of a legend drug. She is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

6:19 p.m. - Keven Ervin, 49, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Shinn and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated refusal with a prior conviction and is being held without bond.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

8:50 p.m. - Dakota Padgett, 26, of Williams, was arrested by Deputy Wright on a Martin County Warrant and is currently being held without bond.

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS

October 19

Zane A. Sanders, convicted of resisting law enforcement, a Class 6 Felony and operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 1.5 years with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 503 days suspended and credit for 21 actual days previously served plus 21 Class A credit days. Defendant received 16 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

October 19

Zane A. Sanders, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; operating while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

November 14

Anthony Richmond, armed robbery, a Class 3 Felony, dismissed; criminal confinement, a Class 3 Felony, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

November 8

Lillie Greenhalgh vs. Ronald Greenhalgh, petition for dissolution of marriage.

November 9

Savannah K. Harmon vs. Joshua C. Harmon, petition for dissolution of marriage.

November 13

Shelly R. Petty vs. Thomas L. Petty, petition for dissolution of marriage.

November 14

U.S. Bank vs. Pamela D. VanMeter, Arrow Financial Services, LLC; and State of Indiana Department of Revenue, mortgage foreclosure.

November 17

Convergence Acquisitions, LLC vs. Marcus Green, civil collection.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

October 20

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Galaxy Portfolios, LLC and against the defendant Jim A. Shawver in the amount of \$11,720.77.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

November 9

Medical of Dubois vs. Janet Davis, complaint.

Medical of Dubois vs. Carol Harlow, complaint.

November 13

Medical of Dubois vs. Rickie Spurgeon, complaint.

November 15

Renewing Management Inc. vs. Ethan Wittmer and Leah Wittmer, complaint.

November 17

Medical of Dubois vs. Nicholas Dosch, complaint.

Medical of Dubois vs. Desiree Stephens, complaint.

Medical of Dubois vs. Jennifer Sparks, complaint.

Medical of Dubois vs. Jessamyn Davis and Tyler Davis, complaint.

November 20

White River Cooperative, Inc. vs. N.T.'s Custom Services, Inc., complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

November 13

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Trinity R. Benton in the

amount of \$4,775.05.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Brian Boyd in the amount of \$4,218.51.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Clinton H. Burgess in the amount of \$759.45.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Wendy L. Chapman in the amount of \$945.47.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Personal Finance Company, LLC and against the defendant William Combs in the amount of \$2,539.95.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Gale W. May in the amount of \$817.65.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant James R. Newkirk in the amount of \$5,431.84.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendants David C. Gilbert and Brandi M. Gilbert in the amount of \$1,955.05.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Danny L. Krodel in the amount of \$3,276.68.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Ethan M. Lechner in the amount of \$5,305.62.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

November 22

Jarrod H. Lents of Loogootee and Susan E. Ford of Bicknell.

November 24

Jeffery D. Tyler of Shoals and Karen E. Gibson of Shoals.

Real estate transfers

Rickie D. Johnson and Cindy S. Johnson, of Martin County, Indiana to **Levon Wagler**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of Section 1, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2 acres, more or less.

Randall Baker and Shelley Faye Baker, of Martin County, Indiana to **Robert L. Miller and Carol A. Miller**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, and lying in Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2.072 acres, more or less.

Kyle Street and Bobi Street, of Martin County, Indiana to **Terry G. Street and Marsha J. Street**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Numbered 39, 40 and 41 in Walker's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Tracy J. Burch n/k/a Tracy J. Smith, of Martin County, Indiana to **Monty Gregory**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot 8 in the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Martin R. Winger and Nancy J. Baker, of Dubois County, Indiana to **Robert W. Montgomery and Ruth J. Montgomery**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 18 in the Town of West Shoals, now Shoals, Indiana, except for 10 feet off of the west side thereof.

William O. Wilson and Dianna R. Wilson, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jordan Guinn and Jessica Guinn**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the west half of the northeast quarter of Section 24, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, in Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 4.61 acres.

Loogootee Police log

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

10:15 a.m. - Female reported a theft from her vehicle.

10:20 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

11:54 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the county with a personal injury accident on US 231.

3:05 p.m. - Caller reported a broken-down vehicle on JFK Avenue.

3:15 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident near the Co-op.

10:53 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on US 231.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

7:30 a.m. - Several reports of a power outage.

8:20 a.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a vehicle accident.

2:15 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

10:23 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

11:10 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on Wood Street.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

9:26 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

11:32 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted a motorist on US 231.

11:44 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the department of child services.

5:02 p.m. - Caller reported a large item in the road in front of McDonald's.

6:03 p.m. - Caller reported a car versus deer accident.

8:01 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance on South Kentucky Avenue.

9:48 p.m. - Officer Floyd responded to a business alarm.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

9:20 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

1:35 p.m. - Caller reported a theft.

7:34 p.m. - Captain Hennette and K-9 Roxy assisted the county with a traffic stop.

8:41 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted the ambulance service.

10:25 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

11:01 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

11:20 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a business alarm.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

12:48 a.m. - Caller reported a barking dog complaint on 550.

10:35 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

2:15 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

4:23 p.m. - Officer McBeth responded to a business alarm.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

1:35 p.m. - Caller reported a theft.

2:57 p.m. - Caller reported a broken-down vehicle on US 231.

6:20 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

11:05 p.m. - Caller reported property damage.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

6:45 a.m. - Caller requested a security check at a residence.

1:06 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

4:41 p.m. - Caller reported an animal complaint. Animal Control was contacted.

5:48 p.m. - Caller reported credit card fraud.

8:15 p.m. - First responders were requested at Sunset Trailer Court for a medical call.

11:20 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

8:19 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless semi on Hwy 50.

9:03 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

9:27 a.m. - Caller reported a truck losing items from the back on the vehicle.

2:10 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident on Mill Street.

2:42 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted the ambulance service.

9:35 p.m. - Officer Floyd assisted the county with a suspicious vehicle.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

1:08 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on US 231.

9:12 a.m. - Caller requested a security check at his residence.

9:15 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

11:12 a.m. - Caller reported a vehicle with an expired license plate.

3:15 p.m. - Male came on station to report credit card fraud.

8:35 p.m. - Officer Floyd responded to a business alarm.

10:34 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on Hwy 50.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

2:12 a.m. - Caller reported possible shots fired near Cedar Street. Officers were unable to locate anything.

1:35 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious male near Marathon.

5:14 p.m. - Caller reported a verbal dispute on Sheridan Street.

8:05 p.m. - Officer Floyd assisted the county with a welfare check on a male.

11:35 p.m. - Caller reported credit card fraud.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

2:07 p.m. - Officer McBeth assisted a motorist.

2:55 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

7:00 p.m. - Officer Floyd contacted ATM Towing for an abandoned vehicle.

9:20 p.m. - Caller reported a dispute on Broadway Street.

9:45 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

8:01 a.m. - Caller reported subjects burning trash.

11:13 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

2:15 p.m. - Officer McBeth responded to a residential alarm.

5:24 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on Hwy 50.

8:25 p.m. - Officer Floyd assisted the county with a search warrant.

10:34 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on US 231.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

4:34 a.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted the county with a traffic stop.

10:57 a.m. - Caller requested to speak with an officer regarding a civil matter.

12:46 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle making bad passes on US 231.

4:23 p.m. - Caller reported a dispute on Broadway Street.

6:04 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of a credit card.

7:59 p.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a medical call.

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4-H NEWS

By Stacy Brown

Martin County Purdue Extension Educator



4-H Enrollment Has Begun!
Believe it or not, it's already time to enroll in 4-H for the 2017-2018 year. Did you know that 4-H is more than agriculture and home economics? We have a robotics club open to grades 3-12, a tractor club, a shooting sports club, and so much more. If you have an interest in writing, cake decorating, teaching, home design, or baking, you need to join 4-H! Are you looking to do more community service in Martin County, then Junior Leaders is the club for you? Are you hoping to earn scholarships for college or present confidence at your first job interview? 4-H can help with that as well. You just need to join!

Enrolling is easy, just go to www.4honline.com and follow the prompts to re-enroll if you are renewing your membership as a 4Her. If you have any questions, please call the office. If you will be a new 4-Her, please call the Extension Office at 812-295-2412 for assistance in enrolling. Currently enrolled volunteers must also re-enroll before the deadline on January 15. Enrolling early is important in receiving all the latest news and information from Purdue Extension.

Junior Leader Call Out

Interested in strengthening your leadership skills? Want to help out in the community? Do you like to have fun? If you answered yes to any of these questions, Junior Leaders is for you! Any 7th-12th grader may sign up to be a Martin County 4-H Junior Leader. The club meets at least once a month at the Martin County Learning Center.

As a Junior Leader you perform acts of community service such as bingo with nursing homes and helping with the Christmas Toy Store. You also serve as a youth leader for younger 4-Hers by doing demonstrations on projects, camp counseling, and running kid related events at the fair. All of this helps you build life and leadership skills. It also looks great on college and job resumes. Junior Leaders also have a lot of fun. Each year the club has some meetings while eating out, playing miniature golf, or bowling. To celebrate there is a completion trip at the end of year.

If you are ready to join or just want to learn more, come to our next meeting on Monday, December 11 at 6 p.m. and on Sunday, December 17 at 4 p.m. at the Learning Center. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office at (812) 295-2412.

Scholarship and Resume Workshop Offered to High School Students

There will be a two-day scholarship and resume workshop offered to youth in grades 7-12 on December 2 and 9 from 1-4 p.m. at the Martin County Learning Center. Day one of the workshop will be reviewing successful resumes, preparing for interviews, and scholarships offered through 4-H. The second day participants will submit resumes for proofing and participate in a mock interview. Please register by November 27 as space is limited. The workshop is free to youth who enroll in 4-H before November 27. There is a \$15 fee for all non-4-Hers. Please call the Extension Office at 812-295-2412 for more information and to register.

Extension Office Offers Programs for Classrooms and Other Youth Organizations

The Martin County Extension Office offers programs for classrooms and other youth organizations in STEM subjects, the arts, and leadership. This year's National Youth Science Challenge is Incredible Wearables. Students get the chance to build a wearable fitness device that tracks heartrate, steps, and other functions. Other programs offered are Captain Cash, a grade school program focused on money management; Makers, activities related to science, technology, engineering, and math; and Arts Management, a high school program focused on the business side of working in the arts. If you are interested in bringing any of these programs to your classroom or group, please contact Stacy at (812) 295-2412.

Upcoming Events

Junior Leaders meeting - December 11 at 6 p.m. at the MC Learning Center

Junior Leaders meeting - December 17 at 4 p.m. at the MC Learning Center

4-H Volunteer meeting - January 11 at 6 p.m. at the MC Learning Center



Martin County Extension Educator Stacy Brown came to Mrs. Hawkins' Fourth Grade Class and taught them various lessons about borrowing, saving, and much more with the Captain Cash Program. Sarah Richer, Orange County Extension Educator, came to help too. The students received a piggy bank from German American Bank to start saving now for the future. Students pictured in the front are Lucas Baylis, Emma-Gale Winger, Katie Brett, and Thairon Ratliff. In the middle row are Wyatt Stalker and Iyanice Montanez. In the back row are Sarah Richer and Stacy Brown.



Making A Difference

MARTIN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

By Curt Johnson
MCCF Executive Director



--YOUTH AND THE FUTURE --

"We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future." -Franklin D. Roosevelt

Youth. Future. Those two words belong together for so many reasons. Youth have so much to look forward to. Youth have choices to make to get to their future. The youth are our future, whether we try to build it for them or we prepare them for it.

-- SECURING THAT FUTURE --

We all have a vested interest in securing that future, helping our youth to learn, grow and become capable adults. They will be making decisions that affect our community, our county, and beyond. And they will be impacting our own lives when we adults will be relying on them for our care and well-being. It's important that we be a part of their growth.

-- HOW CAN WE HELP? --

So, how can we help? As parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, mentors, and any other adult close to our youth, you guide and shape them. You should know that everything you do teaches them about adult life and guides them toward their own future. We need to be sure that we are positive role models and encourage the positive behaviors that help them to learn and grow.

-- AT RISK YOUTH --

Both of our county school systems have recognized the importance of positive behavior and identifying and helping our at-risk students. There are criteria and exhibited behaviors that help to focus on the students needing support. The Shoals Community School Corporation has implanted a

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (IPBIS) program to put in place mechanisms focused on helping those at-risk students with the most need.

-- POSITIVE BEHAVIORS --

The Shoals School Corporation has a PBIS coach that is implementing a reward framework for positive behavior. The program began during the 2016-2017 school year and this reward framework has led to a 32 percent decrease in discipline referrals in the first year. This year they are expanding the PBIS programming to include at-risk student interventions such as one-on-one and group counseling to help students overcome their at-risk behaviors and to help them create personalized improvement plans.

-- MCCF HELPS --

The MCCF is pleased to be able to help the Shoals Community School Corporation fund and implement a program that helps our youth develop good and positive behaviors. This type of behavior will lead to a more meaningful and improved quality of life for the students and their future. Our youth need us and we need them. Let's continue helping our youth build their future.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

For more information about the MCCF, please contact the Executive Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org.

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



Shown above, from left to right, are Liz Chatten (MCCF President), Dr. Candace Roush (Shoals Community School Corporation Superintendent), and Curt Johnson (MCCF Executive Director). Liz is presenting a \$2,700 grant to help fund a Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) coach.

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More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



The couple were 85 years old, and had been married for sixty years. Though not young, they were both in very good health, largely due to the wife's insistence on healthy foods and exercise for the last decade.

One day, their good health didn't help when they went on a rare vacation and their plane crashed, sending them off to Heaven.

They reached the pearly gates, and St. Peter escorted them inside. He took them to a beautiful mansion, furnished in gold and fine silks, with a fully stocked kitchen and a waterfall in the master bath. They gasped in astonishment when he said, "Welcome to Heaven. This will be your home now."

The old man asked Peter how much all this was going to cost. "Why, nothing," Peter replied, "remember, this is your reward in Heaven."

The old man looked out the window and right there he saw a championship golf course, finer and more beautiful than any ever built on Earth. "What are the greens fees?" grumbled the old man.

"This is heaven," St. Peter replied. "You can play for free, every day."

Next, they went to the clubhouse and saw the lavish buffet lunch, with every imaginable cuisine laid out before them, from seafood to steaks to exotic deserts, free flowing beverages.

"Don't even ask," said St. Peter to the man, "this is Heaven, it is all free for you to enjoy."

The old man looked around and glanced nervously at his wife. "Well, where are the low fat and low cholesterol foods, and the decaffeinated tea?" he asked.

"That's the best part," St. Peter replied, "you can eat and drink as much as you like of whatever you like, and you will never get fat or sick. This is Heaven!"

The old man pushed, "No gym to work out at?"

"Not unless you want to," was the answer.

"No testing my sugar or blood pressure or..."

"Never again. All you do here is enjoy yourself."

The old man glared at his wife and said, "You and your darned bran muffins. We could have been here ten years ago!"

CIA Assassin test

The CIA had an opening for an assassin. After all the background checks, interviews, and testing were done, there were three finalists. two men and a woman.

For the final test, the CIA agents took one of the men to a large metal door and handed him a gun. "We must know that you will follow our instructions, no matter what the circumstances. Inside this room, you will find your wife sitting in a chair. Kill Her!!!"

The man said, "You can't be serious. I could never shoot my wife." The agent said, "Then you're not the right man for this job. Take your wife and go home."

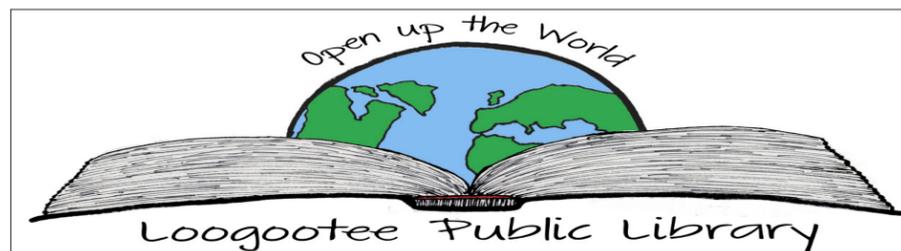
The second man was given the same instructions. He took the gun and went into the room. All was quiet for about five minutes. Then the man came out with tears in his eyes. "I tried, but I can't kill my wife." The agent said, "You don't have what it takes. Take your wife and go home."

Finally, it was the woman's turn. She was given the same instructions, to kill her husband. She took the gun and went into the room. Shots were heard, one shot after another. They heard screaming, crashing, banging on the walls. After a few minutes, all was quiet. The door opened slowly and there stood the woman. She wiped the sweat from her brow. "This gun is loaded with blanks," she said. "I had to beat him to death with the chair."

Dearest Neighbors,

Please do NOT call the police. It's not domestic violence or a wild party. It's basketball season, and that's just me screaming at my TV.

Make someone smile today!



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

I print a usage report for the library board meeting each month to keep them aware of any increases or decreases in circulation. In October, the total items checked out for the month was 2,974. There were 425 eBooks downloaded by our local patrons bringing the total to 3,399 items checked out for the month of October.

Total items checked out from October 1-31

2010 - 225

2011 - 240

2012 - 306

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Courthouse closing

The Martin County Courthouse will be closed on Friday, December 8 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. for the courthouse employees' annual Christmas party.

Food pantry hours

The Loogootee United Methodist Food Pantry will be open the first, second, third and fifth Thursdays of the month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and also the first Monday of the month from 5-6:30 p.m.

AL-ANON meetings

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

Free lunch for kids

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

SOAR Tutoring

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

Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each

month at 7 p.m. at Loughmiller Machine, 12851 E 150 N, Loogootee. The public is invited to attend.

Humane society meetings

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

Solid waste board

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

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.

Attention Senior Citizens

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

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser

Purdue University Master Gardener

Dear Santa,

Once again, rocks are at the top of my Christmas list. I need some more boulders to complete the retaining wall behind the woodshed. The portion of the wall that is complete provided a nice place for some new plantings last summer, but the wall needs to be extended for both safety and esthetics. I also need some more flagstones to complete the patio by the fire pit and a few more fieldstones to make the ring around the fire pit a little higher. I will also need a couple of loads of crushed stone to complete some pathways and level the area behind the retaining wall. Of course, I wouldn't mind finding some gold nuggets among the stones.

In the garden tool area, I need a rechargeable electric pole saw. This would make pruning a lot easier. I am always losing pruners, so I could use a new pair of ratcheting hand pruners also. It would not hurt to have another pair of by-pass pruners. A sharpener kit would also allow me to use the lost pruners when I find them.

I have a nice chipper-shredder, but sometimes I have small jobs that do not require my big machine. I would like to have a small electric shredder for those little jobs, such as shredding leaves for composting. Speaking of composting, I could use a new barrel composter. My unit has served me well for many years, but time has taken a toll and I could use a new one.

I have a variety of seating options at Sandhill Gardens, but I really love having seats throughout the gardens. I am wishing for a set of concrete hand seats. The seats are shaped like giant hands. I have already picked out a place for them, overlooking the cliff. Sitting in a giant hand would be a reminder that I am always safe in the hands of God. Another seating option

I would like is a hammock stand. It needs to be a sturdy one that will last for many years

I like some whimsy in the garden and one way to do that is with windmills and spinners. I have had my eye on a large double spinner that would make a great addition to my collection. I would place it in the entry garden and move the smaller model now there to another location.

Sandhill Gardens is a certified wildlife habitat, but often I do not see the wildlife that visit the gardens. I have a few wildlife yard ornaments, but I would like to place others in and around the gardens. I would like a large deer to place in a thicket at the edge of the woods. Some smaller animals could be placed in various locations, coming out from under shrubs or in the branches of trees.

Speaking of bushes, I have plans to create an azalea walk down to the cave at the bottom of the cliff. There are some azaleas already in the area, but I would like to plant several more. A gift certificate to a local nursery or garden center would help me to buy the plants I will need for this project.

Large pots can make a statement in many ways in the garden. They may be grouped for a focal point or used to fill areas after ephemeral plants have run their course. I would love some nice pots. I am especially fond of the cobalt blue pots. I also need a pot to replace one that I broke recently. Thankfully, my prize pony-tail palm survived, but it needs a new home instead of the old dishpan in which it is now living.

I know I have not been nearly good enough to deserve all of this, but I will be happy if you can bring only a part of the list. Perhaps these wishes will give others ideas of ways to make this a special Christmas for the gardeners on their lists.

Participants sought for DNR Community Hunting Access Program

The DNR is seeking individual partners and communities to participate in the Community Hunting Access Program (CHAP) in 2018.

In its second year, CHAP is an initiative through the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife to increase hunting opportunities for deer in urban and suburban areas. Doing so can help alleviate human-deer conflicts. CHAP provides community partners with financial and technical assistance to administer hunting programs in their communities.

As part of the program, managed hunts are administered by a certified CHAP coordinator trained in hunting safety, deer biology and public relations.

The community partner determines when and where managed hunts occur, what hunters can participate, and which certified CHAP coordinator they use or contract.

Communities interested in participating in CHAP must submit a grant application by March 31, 2018.

Training for people interested in becoming a certified CHAP coordinator

will take place on February 1. Before attending training, people interested in becoming a CHAP coordinator must complete the following prerequisites:

Any state-sponsored Hunter Education certification.

Any DFW-Approved Firearms Instructor Training. Examples include: National Rifle Association (NRA) Firearm Instructor Training, Indiana Hunter Education Instructor Academy, 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification, etc.

Any DFW-Approved Formal Deer Hunting Training. Examples include: NRA Hunter Clinic Instructor Program Certification, QDMA Deer Steward I Certification, etc.

Provide name and birthdate for routine DNR background check.

To sign up for the Feb. 1 CHAP Coordinator training, or for questions regarding certification pre-requisites, contact south region urban biologist Megan Dillon mdillon@dnr.IN.gov.

For more information on CHAP, the grant application, and the current certified CHAP Coordinators list, visit wildlife.IN.gov/9420.htm.

DNR seeks to preserve, promote state's forests

BY CAMERON CLARK
Director of DNR

A forest is more than trees for timber.

If you followed media coverage of the sale at Yellowwood State Forest, you might be surprised to read that statement. The veteran foresters of the Department of Natural Resources planned and carried out the recent sale to harvest select trees from 299 acres of that forest's back country.

The truth is both the well-meaning people who opposed the sale and the DNR love our state forests, but we differ on how to care for them. Their approach for the back country is hands off, letting nature take its course. Ours is to scientifically manage an ecosystem that—when land was acquired by the state in the 1950s—barely existed until the foresters planted it.

Indiana law dictates that the DNR “protect and conserve timber, water resources, wildlife and topsoil in forests owned and operated by the division of forestry” and use “good husbandry” to remove timber that has substantial commercial value “in a manner that benefits the growth of saplings.” The recent timber sale followed that course. Our goal is the health of the forests – not profit.

The DNR has and continues to support studying the entire forest ecosystem, not limited to the trees. Our foresters' research shows that periodically removing dead and dying trees opens the forest floor to sunlight, allowing new trees of the same species to develop. Allowing too many unhealthy trees to stand lets smaller trees develop in the understory. This crowds out young hardwoods from developing.

Part of managing for these conditions involves logging by single-tree selection, targeting mostly dead, diseased and declining trees. In the Yellowwood back country, approximately five to seven trees per acre may be re-

moved, which translates to about two trees per 100. The DNR's forestry division weighs each tree on its own merits as well as on its health and impacts to the overall forest area. This method is proven and was used in the previous 13 harvests of the Morgan-Monroe State Forest back country area.

Studies by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, DNR and independent researchers show that rare and endangered species, such as the timber rattlesnake, hooded warbler, worm-eating warbler and Indiana bat benefit from conditions created by periodic thinning of the areas like the back country's current closed canopy. In Indiana, timber harvests are allowed only from October 1 through March 31 to protect bat species.

Our state forests, including their back country areas, are being carefully managed by those who spend a lifetime studying them. More information may be found at dnr.IN.gov/forestry.

Indoor archery lesson, fun shoot at Patoka Lake

Meet the naturalist and other certified archery instructors at the Patoka Lake Nature Center for a beginner to intermediate archery lesson on Saturday, December 9 from 9 a.m.-noon. This event is open to adults and youth ages 8 and up. All archery equipment will be provided.

Participation is limited to the first 15 registrants. Pre-register by calling the Patoka Lake Nature Center at 812-685-2447. Cost is \$5/person. Join in a friendly archery competition at 11:30 a.m. using the skills learned at the lesson.

For more information regarding this program or other interpretive events, please call the Nature Center at 812.685.2447.

Patoka Lake (stateparks.IN.gov/2953.htm) is at 3084 N. Dillard Road, Birdseye, IN 47513.

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Arts Commission fine tunes artist grant program

The Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) announced it is expanding the reach of its grant program for individual artists.

“In keeping with the goals and objectives of our current strategic plan, all of our grant programs now have an increased focus on community engagement and public benefit,” said IAC Executive Director Lewis C. Ricci. “The focus of our grant program for individual artists has been, and will continue to be, career development. But now, in addition, successful applicants will demonstrate direct benefits to their communities.”

Formerly known as the Individual Artist Program, the name has been revised to the “Individual Advancement Program.”

The program will now also offer an early career category serving artists who have been pursuing their arts career for less than five years, excluding formal or apprenticeship training in their discipline. These applicants will be reviewed by a separate panel from the ones that review applications from more experienced artists.

“The Commission is committed to helping emerging artists build a successful career by offering a way for their work to be reviewed among peers with similar levels of experience,” Ricci explained.

Another change in the program will impact artists who have previously received grants from the Individual Artist Program. Artists who are currently receiving grants must now wait two grant cycles before they can again apply in the same category.

“The IAP grant program has always been a highly competitive process, and grantees should be proud to have their work recognized with a grant,” Ricci said. “We look forward to future applications as they again become eligible, and see where their careers have taken them just as we are eager to assist the careers of emerging artists.”

The IAC is currently developing training materials for the revised program and should soon have these completed and posted to the IAC website.

The deadline for application to the Individual Advancement Program is 4:30 p.m. (EST) February 15, 2018.

For more information about the Individual Advancement Program, contact Anna Tragesser, Artist and Community Services Manager, atragesser@iac.in.gov, or call 317-232-1281.

The Indiana Arts Commission is dedicated to the vision of the arts everywhere, every day, for everyone in Indiana.

BETA CONTINUED



Visual Arts Winners. Kylie VanHoy - 1st place Painting, Maddie Fischer - 2nd place Black/White Photography, Lindsey Nolan - 3rd place Wreath, Chantel Greene - 2nd place Pastel, 3rd place Recyclable Art, Grace Foddrill - 1st place Color Photography, Jacob Lengacher - 1st place Handmade Jewelry, and Reece Tippery - 1st place Sculpture. Not pictured Caylin Wagoner - 1st place Digitally Enhanced Photography and Bridget Like - 1st place Pencil Drawing.



Spotlight Your Club - 2nd place. Hannah Harshaw, Grace Lingenfelter, Haylie Mathies, Jocelyn Strange, and Tessa Bradley.



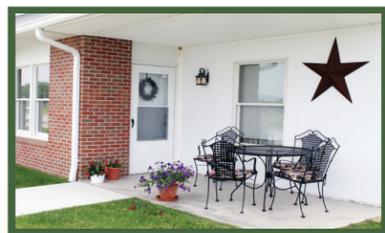
Quiz Bowl - 2nd place. Mikenna Jones, Jacob Lengacher, Chantel Greene, and Drew Williams.

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