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## Library holds hearing on building plans

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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The Loogootee Public Library Board and supporters hosted a meeting last Wednesday night, November 29 to provide information to the public on the library's plans to build a new building. Around 50 people attended and no one spoke out against the library's plan to build.

After facing backlash on their original plan to take out a \$1.3 million bond and thus raise property taxes to pay it back, the library board came up with new options for getting their new building. Library Director Darla Wagler explained that they will be going with the original plan for the new building with slight variations due to less funding. The total cost of the project should be around \$1 million. The current library is around 3,000 square feet and the new library will total more than 8,000 square feet.

Wagler said they have totally outgrown their current space and are turning people away due to lack of space. She cited meeting room space, storage space, and classroom space as their main issues. She said that the current library is too cut up and was not designed to be a library so it's not ideal.

Wagler said that St. Vincent upped their land donation to one acre, from the original three-quarters of an acre, for possible expansion down the road and Mike Carney, owner of Bowling Manufacturing, donated close to a quarter of an acre of their parking lot to the project. Wagler said many have questioned why the library would want to build on Park Street, next to the food pantry, as many see it as a "depressed" neighborhood. Wagler said oftentimes cities will put a library in a depressed area to help build it up. She said the pool and the park are nearby and the library does a lot of programs with children, so they see it as a

central hub for the youth. She said that by building the library in that location, businesses and organizations will want to build around it because they want the traffic volume from the library. Wagler went through the other options the library board considered before deciding on the land next to St. Vincent de Paul.

Wagler said that they received some misinformation when they started going after the new building. She said they were told by their bond attorney in Indianapolis that a bond was the only option available to build a new library. After the public rejected the bond idea, she contacted a lawyer through the Department of Local Government Finance, who told her that the library could try for a public works loan or a USDA loan. When a representative with Rural Development presented the plan for a USDA loan and the library qualified, the board decided to try for that option. (See 'LIBRARY' continued on page 2)

## Commissioners discuss bridge, insurance

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday evening, December 5.

Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett spoke to the commissioners about Bridge 58 on Brickyard Road. The bridge was originally installed in 1848 and reconstructed in 1913. According to the county's bridge inspector, BF&S, the bridge is in need of concrete repairs; the concrete arch is starting to crumble in spots. Brent Roberts, with BF&S, said the commissioners need to consider completely replacing the bridge due to its age, its weight limit and the fact that it's a one-lane bridge coming right off the highway. For now, he said, the

repairs need to be done as soon as possible or it will have to be closed. The commissioners agreed to have the highway superintendent get bids on repairing the concrete arches.

Highway Superintendent Padgett also talked to the commissioners about trying to get a response from the insurance company after the Terrain King recently broke an axle and caused major damage, while being driven by an employee. He said he sent photos to the insurance company but is still working on getting results so they can get the equipment repaired and back into service. The employee involved is okay.

Commissioner Dan Gregory reported that Don Bowling and Jim Henry need to be replaced as the county's ap-

pointments on the WestGate Authority Board. He said both men are ready to retire from the board – Bowling having served since the inception of the WestGate Authority more than 10 years ago. The WestGate Authority is an unpaid (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 2)

## Council approves raises for next year

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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The Martin County Council officially passed the salary ordinance for next year at their meeting Monday night, December 4. All full-time employees will receive a 25-cent raise next year except for community corrections employees and the highway department mechanic who just received a pay increase. The county council and commissioners were also not included in the wage increase.

Some members of the sheriff's department received more than the \$520 annual pay increase. The jail commander and dispatch commander each received around \$5,000 extra starting next year. The sheriff had requested these raises back in September during budget hearings. He had said in comparison to other counties, both positions were grossly under paid. Both positions, plus the jail matron, will be paid \$29,000 starting next year.

In other business, Auditor January Roush updated the council on how much extra the county will be receiving in taxes for next year, after the recent income tax increase. The certified shares of the local income tax fund will increase by \$1,046, the public safety distribution will go up \$569, the property tax relief will increase \$808 and due to the recent increase in the economic development local income tax, that fund will increase by \$378,079.

The council approved an additional appropriation request from the prosecutor's office for \$12,000 for miscellaneous expenses.

## 2018 Primary Election information

Filing for candidacy for the May 8, 2018 Primary Election begins January 10, 2018 and ends February 9, 2018 at noon in the Martin County Clerk's Office.

The following will appear on the May 8, 2018 Primary Ballot:

United States Senator  
United States Representative District 8

State Senator District 39  
State Representative District 62  
State Representative District 63  
Prosecuting Attorney  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
County Sheriff  
County Assessor  
County Commissioner District 2  
County Council Member – Districts 1, 2, 3 & 4

All Township Trustees and Township Board Members

State Delegates  
Democrat Precinct Committeemen for all precincts

Also, appearing on the Primary ballot will be the Towns of Crane and Shoals

Town Council for Crane- 3 members  
Clerk/Treasurer for Crane

Town Council for Shoals – 3 members

Clerk Treasurer for Shoals

It is not too early to check your voter registration status. Please call the Clerk's Office at 812-247-3651 to check status or with any questions regarding the upcoming election.

## Local food service 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 that were seen again from one inspection to the next are noted with "(Repeat violation)" after the entry.

**November 27**  
**Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant, 15519 US Hwy 231, Loogootee**

One critical violation:  
-Temperature of multiple items on salad bar more than 41 degrees: tuna salad 49.6 degrees; ham salad 52 degrees; potato salad 49.4 degrees; broccoli salad 46.6 degrees; cottage cheese 47.2 degrees. Temperature of fried chicken on hot food bar 109-122 degrees. (Repeat violation)

Two non-critical violation:  
-Build-up of dried food on multiple storage containers and shelving units. (Repeat violation)

-Build-up of dust on exhaust fan in men's toilet room, walls of storage room in kitchen, fan unit and ceiling of walk-in cooler and range hood vents. (Repeat violation)

**Village Pizza/Lonely Nights Saloon, 102 Furlong Street, Crane**

No violations noted.  
**Hometown IGA #463, 500 W. Broadway Street, Loogootee**

One critical violation:  
(See 'INSPECTED' cont. on page 2)



## Continuing renovations

-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Work is continuing on the Martin County Museum bell tower. The former courthouse, now the museum, was built in 1876 and is on the National Register of Historic Places. The renovation of the bell tower is part of the work that's being done in preparation for Martin County's Bicentennial celebration in 2020. The total cost of repairing the bell tower was \$145,000.

# LIBRARY

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The current interest rate for the USDA loan is 3.375 percent but Wagler said she was told that will be increasing by potentially as much as one percent. The interest rate will be fixed. The loan repayment period is 40 years but Wagler said there is no penalty for early payoff and they are hoping to have it paid off early. She said they will put any money they receive from fundraising toward the loan balance.

The library originally planned to apply for \$800,000 with the USDA and raise the remaining \$200,000. They have now decided to go for a \$1 million-dollar loan and still attempt to raise \$200,000 to put toward that loan. Wagler said it can take a year to finalize a USDA loan so they have time to fundraise.

If the USDA loan is denied, the library will try for a public works loan of \$500,000 for five years and take out a bond for \$500,000 which requires an increase in property taxes. Wagler said that if they do not receive the USDA loan and have to go with the bond option, the public will be made aware prior to requesting a property tax increase. She said they will hold public hearings prior to asking the county council for a vote. If the library did go after a \$500,000 bond, it would increase property taxes for the average priced home, \$89,200, by \$13.38 a year for a five-year period or \$7.67 per year for a 10-year period. Property tax

increases would vary based on a property's value.

Wagler said one of the main things the library needs in order to be approved for the USDA loan is public support in the form of letters. She provided the crowd with a sample letter and address to the USDA office. She said the letters can also be dropped off at the library and they need them by January 1.

Wagler also requested that businesses and residents donate time and materials to the new library project. She said that US Gypsum has already agreed to donate the drywall for the new building.

The library has also set up a special account at German American Bank for donations toward the building fund. Anyone wishing to donate can visit the bank and ask that their donation go toward the library's READ account. Wagler said she's also a few people approach her saying they plan to make generous donations. She said that she hopes the public steps up and helps with this project. She said their recent silent auction did very well, so they plan to do another one in the future along with bake sales, a golf scramble and musical concerts.

Wagler also introduced the library board members Pat Hale, President; Shirley Jeffers, Vice President; Brenda Edwards, Treasurer; Susan Holloway, Carolyn Parsons-Downey, Jennifer Lannan, and Betty Huelsman.

# COMMISSIONERS

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nine-member board with three representatives each from Martin, Daviess and Greene counties. Dan Gregory serves as the third commissioners' appointee. Gregory said that Jerry Braun has agreed to take Jim Henry's seat but he is still looking for another Martin County resident interested in serving. Anyone interested should contact Gregory at 812-631-2635.

Auditor January Roush and Bobbie Abel, payroll clerk, talked to the commissioners about health, dental and vision insurance for the employees for next year. Roush and Abel had gone through proposed plans a few weeks ago and had recommended a plan very similar to what employees already have. The commissioners agreed on Tuesday night to go with that plan. Total insurance costs will be around \$700,000 for next year for all employees, including elected officials. The county pays 90 percent of employees' premiums with the employee paying the other 10 percent. The commissioners also agreed to dental and vision plans which are voluntary for employees and self-paid.

Roush and Abel also spoke to commissioners about the need to have employees report their compensation time, vacation time and holiday time on their payroll vouchers they turn in to the auditor's office. Roush said that it's not being done and it causes confusion on how many compensation hours employees are owed. Abel said she wanted to start enforcing the proper way to fill out the vouchers and wanted the commissioners' approval to do so. The commissioners agreed and also suggested having a training session with employees so that everyone knows what is supposed to be done.

The auditor also requested that the commissioners approve increasing the real estate transfer fee at her office from \$3 to \$5. She said the county hasn't increased the rate since 1993 and most other counties are charging \$5. The commissioners agreed to the change.



STEM students, parents and NSWC Crane volunteer coaches participated and volunteered at a FIRST Lego League (FLL) competition on November 18 at the Lawrence County Boys and Girls Club as 130 students competed for a chance to move on to the State Tournament scheduled for last Friday, December 2 at the University of Southern Indiana. (Photo by NSWC Crane Corporate Communications)

## Shoals STEM teams advance to State Tournament in first Lego League Competition

STEM students, parents and NSWC Crane volunteer coaches participated and volunteered at a FIRST Lego League (FLL) competition on November 18 at the Lawrence County Boys and Girls Club as 130 students competed for a chance to move on to the State Tournament scheduled for last Friday, December 2 at the University of Southern Indiana.

The Lakeview ROARBotics and Spockbots of Bloomington, along with RoxStars and RoboRox of Shoals punched their ticket to the state tournament.

ThunderBots and RoboTillers of Limestone Robotics (Lawrence County) also competed at the state tournament after qualifying at a previous tournament.

"Students in this age group are very eager learners; they are discovering their life-long interests and they need opportunities to succeed," said Greg Fedrick, NSWC Crane employee and tournament director.

FLL is a program specifically for grades 4-8 in the FIRST series, and participants must research a real-world problem such as food safety, recycling, energy, etc., and are challenged to develop a solution. They also must design, build, program a robot using LEGO

MINDSTORMS, then compete on a table-top playing field.

"These tournaments and the preparation beforehand teach students to experiment with solutions, experience the engineering process of design/test/fail/repeat that will serve them in any area they pursue," added Fedrick.

Lakeview ROARBotics, Bloomington, won the Project award for their quality research, innovative solutions, community sharing and presentation that reflected an in-depth understanding of the scientific disciplines involved with the Project. The team also won the Global Innovation Award (GIA). Past winners of the GIA have met the President and been provided the opportunity to patent and market their solution to the annual them problem.

The Spockbots, Bloomington, won the Core Values award. This award goes to the team that best demonstrates extraordinary enthusiasm and spirit, inspiration, exceptional partnership, and the utmost respect to its own teammates and in its support and encouragement of fellow teams.

The RoxStars, Shoals, won the Robot Design and Robot Game awards for exceptional mechanical design, innovation, programming effectiveness and team strategies for solving missions to assess overall design quality. The Robot Game award goes to the team that scored the most points during the three, 2.5-minute matches.

The RoboRox of Shoals won the Champions award. The Champion's Award recognizes a team that embodies the FLL experience, by fully embracing our Core Values while achieving excellence and innovation in both the Robot Game and the Project.

The goal of NSWC Crane's K-12 STEM Outreach Program is to facilitate the use of NSWC Crane resources to motivate, cultivate and attract the next generation of STEM talent. The program accomplishes this by providing students and teachers with NSWC Crane scientist and engineer mentors for a variety of programs.

## INSPECTED

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-Temperature of items in dairy cooler-cheese section had temperatures of 43-57 degrees. Walk-in cooler cheese/egg section 44-45 degrees.

One non-critical violation:

-Dust accumulation on ceiling and fan units of meat prep area.

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# Obituaries

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## LINDA TROUTMAN

Linda L. Troutman passed away peacefully to be with the Lord, surrounded by her family, on Thursday, November 30, 2017 at 11:47 p.m. at her home. A resident of Montgomery, she was 74.

She was born May 30, 1943 in Washington; daughter of Fred and Helen (Craney) Colvin. She graduated from Montgomery High School in 1961 and St Mary School of Nursing in Evansville, in 1964. She had worked for a short time as the school nurse for Montgomery High School, and as a RN for 42 years at Daviess Community Hospital, retiring in 2007. She had also worked part time as a PRN for three years following retirement and was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church.

She was a member of the AORN, Association of pre-Operative Registered Nurses. She loved crocheting, cooking, hummingbirds, gardening, playing cards and spending time with family.

She is survived by one son, Stephen (Stephanie) Troutman of Washington; one daughter, Michelle (Mike) Pannell of Montgomery; three granddaughters, Shelby McConnell of Loogootee,

## Railroad crossing to be closed for repairs next week

CSX Railroad is planning to replace the railroad crossing on JFK Avenue in Loogootee next Wednesday, December 13 and Thursday, December 14. Weather conditions may delay the project. This area will be closed during repairs so drivers will need to take an alternate route through downtown.

tee, Chelsea Smith of Indianapolis and Ashley Troutman of Indianapolis; four step grandchildren, Meagan Pannell of Terra Haute, Greg Pannell of Mitchell, Tyler Curry of Pennsylvania and Rachel Curry of Vincennes; one great-great grandchild, Stanley McConnell; four step great grandchildren, Kaitlyn Curry, Arreanna Friede and Zoey Friede, Kalie Curry-Gomez; one brother, Don (Wanda) Colvin of Montgomery; and special nephew, Dick (Kathy) Grisom of Washington.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Donald Troutman on September 6, 2008, whom he married November 28, 1964; and granddaughter, Megan Nichole Smith

A mass of Christian burial was held Tuesday, December 5 at St. Peter Catholic Church with

Fr James Koressel officiating. Burial followed at St Peter Cemetery.



## Firefighter award

-Photo provided

Casey Burgess recently received fire fighter of the year award from the Winslow Volunteer Fire Department. He's a 2013 graduate of Loogootee High School. He's a member of the Indiana National Guards. He is the son of Clint and Ludemia Burgess, of Loogootee.

Memorial donations may be made to Susan G Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, 5005 LBJ FWY STE 250, Dallas, Texas 75244-6125 or The Brain Aneurysm Foundation, 269 Hanover Street, Building 3, Hanover, MA 02339 or Riley Children's Hospital, 702 Barnhill Dr, Indianapolis, IN. Condolences may be sent to the family online at [www.edleemortuary.com](http://www.edleemortuary.com).

## RAMONA "SUE" UPTON

Ramona "Sue" Upton passed away Saturday, December 2, 2017 at Ketchem Memorial Center in Odon. A resident of Plainville, she was 74.

She was born May 25, 1943 in Lancaster, California; daughter of George and Alberta (Mayberry) Harrell. She graduated from Plainville High School in 1961 and had worked at RCA where she had retired. She was a member of Plainville United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband,



SUE UPTON

James H. Upton, whom she married, July 1, 1972; one son, David (Angie) Upton of Elnora; brother, Richard Harrell of Plainville; two sisters, Nancy Harrell of Odon and Beverly Kay Lutes of Shoals; and two grandchildren, Chad (Lindsey) Upton of Plainville and Whitlee (Katie) Thyne of Hampton, Virginia.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and sister, Debbie Carrico.

There will be no services.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimers Association, 50 East 91<sup>st</sup> Street 100, Indianapolis, Indiana 46209-4830

Condolences may be sent to the family online at [www.edleemortuary.com](http://www.edleemortuary.com).

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

7:45 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle off the road east of Shoals, on US Hwy 50. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

10:55 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:50 p.m. - Received an animal complaint south of Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

2:45 p.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist south of Shoals.

3:43 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving east of Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

5:56 p.m. - Received a report of physical altercation south of Shoals. Sheriff Roush, Sergeant Keller and ISP Troopers Beaver, and McBeth responded.

6:43 p.m. - Received a report of car-deer accident south of Loogootee. Deputy Wright responded.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

2:15 a.m. - Received a report of residential burglary alarm south of Shoals. Deputy Wright, ISP Trooper Beaver and Loogootee Officer Norris responded.

7:40 a.m. - Jail Officer Wehinger took one inmate to the doctor.

8:59 a.m. - Sheriff Roush took two inmates to court.

9:45 a.m. - Received a report of illegal trash dumping south of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

10:25 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded.

10:27 a.m. - Sheriff Roush took two inmates to court.

10:55 a.m. - Received an animal complaint north of Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

12:03 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driver north of Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

12:24 p.m. - Loogootee Chief Rayhill completed vehicle identification check in Loogootee.

12:44 p.m. - Received a report of large, out-of-control burn west of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Martin County Civil Defense, Martin County Ambulance, Sheriff Roush, and Hoosier National Forest Fire Engine 22 responded.

12:50 p.m. - Major Burkhardt took three inmates to court.

2:28 p.m. - Major Burkhardt took four inmates to court.

3:12 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported subject to St. Vincent Dunn in Bedford.

3:14 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill and Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

3:29 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driver on US Hwy 50, west of Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

4:38 p.m. - Major Burkhardt assisted a motorist north of Shoals.

6:19 p.m. - Received a report of backyard fire south of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded.

10:52 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

2:28 a.m. - Received report of a brush fire west of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

2:47 a.m. - Received a report of a brush fire south of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

4:34 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Highway Department responded.

7:32 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:47 a.m. - Received a report of illegal dumping north of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department responded.

7:56 a.m. - Received a report of low hanging trees on US Hwy 50, east of Shoals. State highway department responded.

8:53 a.m. - Jail Commander Abel took one inmate to the doctor.

9:00 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

9:10 a.m. - Received a report of harassment in Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Chief Deputy Greene responded.

9:27 a.m. - Received a report of lost license plate north of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

9:56 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

10:21 a.m. - Received a report of lost/stolen cell phone in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

10:38 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

12:10 p.m. - Received a report of an abandoned vehicle in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

12:50 p.m. - Received an animal complaint south of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

2:25 p.m. - Major Burkhardt completed a vehicle identification check south of Loogootee.

2:49 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. ISP Trooper Lents responded.

3:18 p.m. - Received a report of theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

7:15 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

7:51 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism south of Loogootee. Deputy Shinn responded.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

5:59 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported subject to IU Health Bloomington.

6:26 a.m. - Received a report of reckless driver on US Hwy 50, west of Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

7:11 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded.

8:59 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:22 a.m. - Received a request for welfare check south of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

11:56 a.m. - Received a report of animal neglect south of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

12:00 p.m. - Received a report of

abandoned vehicle west of Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

12:12 p.m. - Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, and Loogootee Chief Rayhill assisted a motorist east of Loogootee.

1:52 p.m. - Received a report of waste in the roadway on County Farm Road, north of Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

5:12 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

5:19 p.m. - Received a report of theft in Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

6:25 p.m. - Received a report of vehicle vandalism in Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

9:58 a.m. - Sheriff Roush took three inmates to court.

10:20 a.m. - Received a report of controlled burn north of Loogootee.

11:24 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

12:05 p.m. - Received a report of abandoned vehicle west of Loogootee. Deputy Shinn responded.

12:13 p.m. - Jail Commander Abel took one inmate to the doctor.

1:25 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driver south of Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

2:55 p.m. - Received a report of lost license plate in Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

3:50 p.m. - Received a report of theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

11:34 p.m. - Received a noise complaint north of Loogootee. Deputy Reed, ISP Trooper Beaver and Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

6:20 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:01 a.m. - Received a report of car-deer accident west of Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

7:45 a.m. - Received a report of abandoned vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

9:40 a.m. - Received a report of shots heard in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded. Everything checked okay.

10:25 a.m. - Received a report of trespassing in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

10:54 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Fire Department, and ISP Trooper Lents responded. Martin County Ambulance transported subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

11:27 a.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist in Shoals.

2:34 p.m. - Received a report of car-deer accident north of Loogootee. ISP Trooper Lents responded.

7:12 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing north of Loogootee. Deputy Shinn and Reserve Deputy Harmon responded.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

10:43 a.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

12:31 p.m. - Received a report of accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

4:00 p.m. - Sheriff Roush responded to a domestic disturbance in Shoals.

4:18 p.m. - Received a report of illegal trash burning south of Loogootee. Deputy Shinn responded.

5:59 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:45 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. Martin County Ambulance transported subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:09 p.m. - Received a report of car-deer accident south of Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

8:49 p.m. - Received a report of accident north of Loogootee. Deputy Shinn, ISP Trooper Beaver, Martin County Ambulance, and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

9:22 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:31 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious persons in Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

9:42 p.m. - Deputy Shinn assisted a motorist north of Loogootee.

## ARRESTS

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

7:55 p.m. - Rick Crowder, 37, of Bloomington, was arrested by ISP Troopers Beaver and McBeth and charged with battery and interference of police reporting. He is being held on a \$30,000 10% bond. Sheriff Roush and Sergeant Keller assisted with the arrest.

7:55 p.m. - Brandon Crowder, 35, of Shoals, was arrested by Sergeant Keller and charged with battery and criminal confinement. He is being held on a \$30,000 10% bond. Sheriff Roush and ISP Troopers Beaver and McBeth assisted with the arrest.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

2:10 a.m. - Hunter Davis, 19, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Wright and charged with maintaining a common nuisance, possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. He is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

10:22 a.m. - Christopher Wilson, 18, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Captain Hennette and charged with dealing a legend drug and is being held without bond.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

9:20 a.m. - Frederick Reichert, 63, of Ohio, was arrested by Conservation Officer Fuhrman and charged with invasion of privacy and is being held on a \$20,000 10% bond.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

3:29 p.m. - Shaun Pierce, 38, of Lyons, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene and charged with nonsupport of a child and is being held without bond.

## ACCIDENTS

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

12:31 p.m. - Sherri L. Wagler, of Loogootee, was operating a 2012 Chevy and attempting to turn into the Dollar General. At this time, Wagler turned into a 2002 Ford operated by Frank Walters, of Washington. Officer McBeth investigated.

# COURT NEWS

## CRIMINAL COURT New Charges Filed October 30

Ashley E. Miller, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; possession of a narcotic drug, a Class 6 Felony; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Class 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; two counts of possession of a controlled substance, Class A Misdemeanors; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

### November 1

Lordmeister S. Powers, burglary, a Class 4 Felony; theft of a firearm, a Class 6 Felony.

Brayton E. Sanders, two counts of domestic battery resulting in moderate bodily injury, Class 6 Felonies.

### November 7

Lowell G. Sanders, Jr., false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Trista A. Strange, leaving the scene of an accident, a Class B Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor; false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class 6 Felony.

### November 13

Brook N. Hawkins, false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor; jacklighting for deer, a Class C Misdemeanor; illegal taking of a wild animal, a Class C Infraction; hunting with the aid of a motor driven conveyance, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Isaiah T. Frye, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor; illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Joshua A. Dillery, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

### November 16

Chelsea D. New, battery resulting in serious bodily injury to a person less than 14 years old, a Class 3 Felony; criminal confinement, a Class 3 Felony; neglect of a dependent resulting in serious bodily injury, a Class 3 Felony.

Devan K. Nelson, resisting law enforcement, a Class 6 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; theft, a Class A Misdemeanor; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor; leaving the scene of an accident, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Andrew J. Hsu, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

### November 20

Brian L. Potts, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Ryan J. Mattingly, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 5 Felony; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Class 6 Felony; two counts of maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, Class 6 Felonies; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor; habitual offend-

er sentence enhancement.

Kevin D. Holt, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

### November 21

Dakota R. Padgett, neglect of a dependent resulting in bodily injury, a Class 5 Felony; false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Lee H. Sorrells, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class 6 Felony; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class 6 Felony.

### November 22

Brandon E. Clifton, illegal taking of a wild animal, a Class C Misdemeanor.

### November 27

Grady E. Key, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor; leaving the scene of an accident, a Class B Misdemeanor; illegal possession of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Morgan T. Wells, maintaining a common nuisance – legend drugs, a Class 6 Felony; neglect of a dependent, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Darrell E. Salmon, residential entry, a Class 6 Felony.

Jason T. Jones, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; unlawful possession or use of a legend drug, a Class 6 Felony; contributing to the delinquency of a minor, a Class A Misdemeanor; false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Jasmine N. Jones, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; unlawful possession or use of a legend drug, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

### November 28

Isabella E. Goodpaster, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; failure to remain at the scene of an accident, a Class B Misdemeanor; operating while intoxicated with previous conviction within 5 years, a Class 6 Felony; habitual vehicular substance offender sentence enhancement.

Dylan S. Strange, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; unlawful possession or use of a legend drug, a Class 6 Felony; contributing to the delinquency of a minor, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Kevin G. Ervin, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class 6 Felony; habitual vehicular substance offender sentence enhancement.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

### October 20

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff FIA Card Services and against the defendant Kerry Adkins in the amount of \$14,962.96.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT

## New Suits Filed November 22

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Bran-

don Epple, complaint.

David Pennington vs. Jason Jones Trucking, complaint.

# Loogootee Police log

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

12:06 p.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted child protective services.

1:05 p.m. - Male reported harassment.

3:43 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle making bad passes on Hwy 50.

8:45 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on US 231.

10:14 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on US 231.

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

2:15 a.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a residential alarm.

12:30 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

12:45 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

3:09 p.m. - Caller reported a semi all over the road on US 231.

5:20 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted child protective services.

5:55 p.m. - Caller reported a traffic complaint.

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

10:21 a.m. - Female reported a lost cell phone.

12:12 p.m. - Caller reported a possible violation of a protective order.

3:43 p.m. - An employee at Gasoline Alley reported a theft of fuel.

9:46 p.m. - Caller reported a loud music complaint in Redwing Trailer Court.

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

6:26 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

12:12 p.m. - Caller reported a broken-down vehicle on Hwy 50.

4:47 p.m. - Caller reported a loose dog on West Main. Animal Control was contacted.

10:17 p.m. - Caller reported an underage alcohol complaint.

11:55 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on Hwy 50.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

9:57 a.m. - Female requested a vehicle identification check.

4:25 p.m. - First responders were requested on Vine Street for a medical call.

4:40 p.m. - Caller reported a shoplifter at Dollar General. Charges will be filed on a female.

5:02 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on Hwy 50.

5:17 p.m. - Caller reported a male causing problems on Hwy 50.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

12:02 a.m. - Caller requested a safety check at a residence.

7:45 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on Brooks Avenue. Officers were unable to locate.

9:15 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

11:23 p.m. - Caller requested a male be removed from his property.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

3:15 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

6:15 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

8:54 p.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a vehicle accident.

## Real estate transfers

**John D. Wininger and Martha E. Wininger**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Steven Roger Rangai and Cynthia Dawn Rangai and Lawrence R. Carpenter**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the northeast part of the south half of the northwest quarter of Section 32, Township 3 North, Range 3 West.

**Michael D. Elliott and Vonda M. Elliott**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Merle E. Wagler and Angela M. Wagler**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 12, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 4.815 acres, more or less.

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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](http://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 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 scholarship and resume workshop offered to youth in grades 7-12 on December 9 from 1-4:30 p.m. at the Martin County Learning Center. The workshop will be reviewing successful resumes, preparing for interviews, and scholarships offered through 4-H. The workshop is free to youth who enroll in 4-H before December 5. 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



**On The Home Front**  
By Linda Evans-Dillon  
Martin County Veteran Service Officer

The Martin County Veteran Service Officer has an office in the Martin County Courthouse. An appointment is necessary. For assistance, call 812-247-2210; transportation needs, call 812-247-2450 and leave a message or e-mail [martincountyvso2013@yahoo.com](mailto:martincountyvso2013@yahoo.com). Calls are returned on Tuesday and Thursday.

During the month of November, the county veteran service officer assisted three veterans and had two meetings. The veterans' van took five trips transporting five veterans to VA medical centers and clinics.

**DRIVERS NEEDED** for the veterans' van. I am aware that we all have very busy lives and very little free time which is why I am looking for reliable drivers to add to my call list. I am looking for **VOLUNTEERS** that are willing to transport a veteran possibly one trip a week to medical appointments at VA hospital and clinics in the surrounding area. This is not a paid position. You must have an Indiana license and a clean driving record. If interested, please contact me.

The veterans' van only transports to appointments at VA hospitals and clinics. You must contact me for transportation needs. Do NOT contact the driver's directly, they do not have the van schedule. The veterans' van is not a part of the DAV program. It is funded by Martin County taxpayers so we only transport Martin County residents.

The veterans' van will only transport to Indianapolis and Northern clinics on Tuesday and Thursday, Louisville and New Albany on Wednesday and Friday and Southern clinics on Monday's. The veterans' van will NOT leave the recycling center earlier than 7 a.m. Please schedule your appointments accordingly.

The new Veterans Identification Card is available for qualifying veterans. To request a Veteran ID card, veterans must visit [vet.gov](http://vet.gov), click on "Apply for Printed Veteran ID Card" on the bottom left of the page and sign in or create an account.

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



## Making A Difference

**MARTIN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

By Curt Johnson  
MCCF Executive Director



## 'TIS THE SEASON FOR GIVING!

It seems like the Christmas season is a time when people become more aware of the needs of others. If you want to help but aren't sure where or how to donate, the Martin County Community Foundation is a good place to start. By donating to the MCCF, you are creating a positive impact that makes Martin County better, and your gift will keep giving forever. Now is a great time for giving for another reason too - when you make a donation by December 31st to the MCCF, you are also creating a tax break for yourself. Here are five ways to make the most of your year-end giving.

### GIVE EARLY

A gift by check is complete when mailed (postmarked) by December 31st. If you plan to hand-deliver a check or cash to the MCCF, do it plenty early to be sure we're available to accept the donation by the end of the year. The MCCF also has the option of donating online at [www.cfpartner.org](http://www.cfpartner.org). Unless a specific fund is requested in a note (Paypal has this option), online credit card gifts go toward our general unrestricted fund. Online gifts can be donated up until 11:59 p.m. on December 31st.

### REVIEW YOUR STOCKS

Consider a year-end gift of appreciated stock. If you donate stock, you will receive a charitable deduction for the current market value of the stock, which can provide significant savings in capital gains tax. Contact the MCCF for more information about how you can maximize your tax savings with gifts of stock.

### YOUR RETIREMENT PLAN

If you're receiving taxable income from an IRA, the Charitable IRA Rollover Act allows donors age 70 ½ or older to donate up to \$100,000 from their IRA without counting the distribution as income. Learn more about using your Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) to support the causes you care about most. The MCCF can provide some information about IRA charitable rollovers. If you are interested in an IRA rollover gift for the current tax year, you should contact your financial advisor soon to take advantage of this benefit by December 31st.

### GIVE NOW, DECIDE LATER

If you need a charitable tax deduction this year but are undecided about which nonprofits to support, consider opening a donor-advised fund at the MCCF. You can claim a deduction for contributions to your fund now even though distributions from the fund would be made in future years. Contact the MCCF for details.

### LET US DO THE LEGWORK

Working with us gives you access to our knowledge of the local nonprofit community and the needs of our county. We're here to help you achieve your charitable goals. Contact the MCCF Executive Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or [mccf@cfpartner.org](mailto:mccf@cfpartner.org) to get started.

Make your giving count before 2017 ends!

### -- MORE INFORMATION --

You are also welcome to visit our website at [www.cfpartner.org/mccf](http://www.cfpartner.org/mccf).

htm, follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/MartinCountyCF](http://www.twitter.com/MartinCountyCF), and "like" the MCCF Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/mcccommunityfoundation](http://www.facebook.com/mcccommunityfoundation).

## Medical scholarship opportunities available

With the assistance of the Dubois County Community Foundation, Memorial Hospital Foundation is offering various medical scholarship opportunities. A scholarship application must be completed by applicants and returned to the Memorial Hospital Foundation office by March 1, 2018. Applications will be available at the Memorial Hospital Foundation office, located at 709 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street in Jasper, and online at: [www.mhhcc.org](http://www.mhhcc.org)

Selection of scholarship recipients will be made by a committee composed of staff members of Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center as designated by Memorial Hospital. The committee will include, but is not limited to, the Executive Director of Memorial Hospital Foundation, the Vice President of Patient Services, and a minimum of one Patient Services Director from the Hospital.

For more information regarding these scholarship opportunities, please contact Mike Jones, Executive Director, Memorial Hospital Foundation, at [mjones@mhhcc.org](mailto:mjones@mhhcc.org) or by phone at 812-996-8426.

## The Kathleen M. Tempel Nursing Scholarship

Scholarships will be awarded to residents of the Memorial Hospital service area or southern Indiana area who are enrolled, or plan to enroll, in post-high school programs leading to an ASN or BSN registered nurse designation. The desired outcome is that the recipient returns to the southern Indiana area to practice subsequent to graduation. Past recipients may apply annually if they wish. (2018 Amount: Up to \$1,500.00)

## Memorial Hospital Foundation Scholarships

Five scholarships will be awarded to residents of the Memorial Hospital service area, one each specifically in Daviess, Dubois, Martin, Pike, and Spencer counties. These are for students who attended high school in these respective counties and are enrolled, or plan to enroll, in post-high school programs leading to a degree in any health career field (M.D., pharmacist, radiology technologist, rehabilitation therapist, etc.). The desired outcome is that the recipients return to the Dubois County area to practice subsequent to graduation. (2018 Amount: \$1,000.00 each scholarship)

## The Doris A. Ackerman and Family Nursing Scholarship

Graduates of public high schools located in Dubois County, Indiana, who are enrolled in post-high school programs leading to a registered nurse designation. Financial need is a primary consideration. Students with plans to return to Dubois County will receive priority consideration. Previous Ackerman Scholarship recipients may be considered and will receive equal consideration as graduating seniors. (2018 Amount: \$850.00)

## More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



### EXERCISE FOR PEOPLE OVER 60

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side.

With a five-pound potato bag in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, and then relax.

Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer.

After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-pound potato bags. Then try 50-lb potato bags and eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-pound potato bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. (I'm at this level).

After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each bag.

### MILITARY TRUISMS

• "Aim towards the Enemy." [Instruction printed on US rocket launcher]

• When the pin is pulled, Mr. Grenade is no longer our friend. [From a US Field Manual]

• Cluster bombing from B-52s is very, very accurate. The bombs always hit the ground.

• Whoever said the pen is mightier than the sword obviously never encountered automatic weapons.

• Don't ever be the first, don't ever be the last, and don't ever volunteer to do anything.

• If your attack is going too well, you are walking into an ambush.

• If you find yourself in a fair fight, you didn't plan your mission properly.

• Don't draw fire; it irritates the people around you.

• No combat-ready unit has ever passed inspection.

• Any ship can be a minesweeper . . . once.

• If the enemy is in range, so are you.

• Tracers work both ways.

• Friendly fire isn't.

• Five second fuses only last three seconds.

• Never share a foxhole with anyone braver than you are.

• The problem with taking the easy way out is that the enemy has already mined it.

• Incoming fire has the right of way.

• The quartermaster has only two sizes: too large and too small.

• If you can see the enemy, he can see you.

• And never tell your Platoon Sergeant you have nothing to do.

### PUNS

1. Why did the scientist install a knocker on his door? He wanted to win the No-bell prize!

2. A book just fell on my head. I've

only got my shelf to blame.

3. What do you call Watson when Sherlock isn't around? Holmeless.

4. Why did the farmer feed his pigs sugar and vinegar? He wanted sweet and sour pork.

### PONDERISMS

\*Some call it multi-tasking. I call it doing something else while I try to remember what I was doing in the first place.

\*You know what sounds amazing for dinner? Anything I don't have to cook.

\*Everything is possible. The impossible just takes a little longer.

\*Why can't you hear a pterodactyl going to the bathroom? Because the "p" is silent.

\*Oh, I can walk the walk. Just please don't ask me to jog the jog or run the run.

\*You really gotta hand it to short people . . . because we usually can't reach it anyways.

Make someone smile today!

## 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.

### Chamber of Commerce meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce will meet Wednesday, December 13 at noon at Bradley's Bar & Grill in Loogootee. Anyone interested in being a part of the Chamber is welcome to attend.

### 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.

### 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](http://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

No other flower says, "Merry Christmas" quite like the poinsettia. Each year, millions of poinsettias are sold in the United States, most of them sold in November and December. They have become a major part of Christmas decorations in homes and public places.

The poinsettia was first introduced to the United States by Joel Roberts Poinsett, from whom the plant received its common name. Poinsett was a physician and a botanist and was the first ambassador to Mexico. He died on December 12, 1851 and Poinsettia Day is observed on December 12 every year.

Poinsett may have introduced the plant, but Paul Ecke, Jr. is truly the reason the flower has become popular as a Christmas decoration. Ecke developed a technique that caused the poinsettia plants to branch, resulting in the upright plants we know today. The Paul Ecke Ranch in California also conducted research that has resulted in longer-lasting color, larger bracts, and new colors. Poinsettias are now available in various shades of red, white, yellow and burgundy. You may also see blue poinsettias in stores, but that is the result of dyeing or painting the bracts. Although Ecke's technique is no longer a secret, and other growers produce some poinsettias, the Ecke ranch is still responsible for 80 percent of the poinsettias sold in the United States each year.

The bright color of the poinsettia is not actually on the flowers. The true flowers are the tiny yellow centers. The color comes from specialized leaves, called bracts. The bracts change colors due to photoperiodism. The plant must experience total darkness for at least 12 hours a day for at least 5 days before the bracts will begin to show color. In nature, the bracts fall off soon after the flowers have released their pollen, so a part of the research on poinsettias deals with developing varieties that have little or no pollen. There are now more than 100 varieties of poinsettias on the market.

Being native to Mexico, poinsettias are naturally found in arid conditions. Over-watering is probably the biggest mistake made in caring for the holiday plants. They also do better if kept in a place where temperatures are moderate and where they get plenty of light. Provide such a place and water only when the soil is dry an inch into the soil surface and your Christmas plant will do well and will last for a long time. With a little luck, you may keep the plant and get it to change colors again next year. In Mexico and other areas of Central and South America, the plant is a perennial and may grow to 15 feet tall. In some areas, it is considered a weed.

I recently heard someone tell another that the poinsettia is poisonous. This is not true. An Ohio State University study found that a 50-pound child would have

to ingest 500 poinsettia leaves to have any toxic effect. They also say the leaves have a terrible taste (I have never tried them.) and that it is not likely that a child or pet would take a second bite.

However, the plant may cause some problems. The pollen may cause reactions in people who have a specific allergy to plants in the spurge family. One of my brothers has a poinsettia allergy. The poinsettia is a member of the spurge family, and like other spurges, it has a sticky latex sap which may cause dermatitis in some people.

Whether you choose traditional red or one of the new designer colors, a poinsettia will brighten your home or office for the holidays.

### Illiana Vegetable Growers Symposium set for January 4

BY CHERI FREDERICK  
Purdue University News Service

Commercial vegetable farmers and market gardeners will be able to network and gain invaluable tips on how to improve their business during the Illiana Vegetable Growers Symposium.

The event will be 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (CST) on Jan. 4 at Teibel's Family Restaurant, 1775 U.S. 41, Schererville, Indiana.

The program is a collaboration of Purdue and the University of Illinois Extension services. Presenters will include several Extension specialists from both universities.

Presentation highlights include management of tomato bacterial canker, sprayers for controlling insects in sweet corn, new dicamba regulations and updates on federal food safety regulations.

The symposium also includes breakout sessions which will allow participants to focus on either marketing or production issues, including cover crops and high tunnels.

Indiana private applicator recertification credits are available for a \$10 fee at the door. Indiana commercial pesticide applicator continuing certification hours and certified crop adviser continuing education units also are available.

Early registration costs \$30 and should be postmarked by December 14 or completed online by Dec. 20. Participants also can register at the door for \$35, but they will not be guaranteed lunch.

Registration is available online through the Education Store at [www.edustore.purdue.edu](http://www.edustore.purdue.edu). For more information, contact Nikky Witkowski at [nikky@purdue.edu](mailto:nikky@purdue.edu) or 219-755-3240, or Kym Schwinkendorf at [kschwink@purdue.edu](mailto:kschwink@purdue.edu) or 219-386-5232.

Sponsors include Austgen Farms, and Lake County and La Porte County Farm Bureaus.

## Producer sentiment slips following harvest

BY JENNIFER STEWART-BURTON  
Purdue University News Service

Producers expressed lower sentiment toward the agricultural economy in November on the heels of fall harvest, according to the Purdue University/CME Group Ag Economy Barometer.

The November barometer read 128, a 7-point decline from October's 135 and the second-lowest reading of 2017. The barometer is based on a monthly survey of 400 agricultural producers from across the country.

"The November slide in sentiment was primarily driven by reduced optimism about the future," said James Mintert, the barometer's principal investigator and director of Purdue University's Center for Commercial Agriculture. "We saw the Index of Future Expectations fall by 10 points, while the barometer's other sub-index, the Index of Current Conditions, held steady at 129."

In one of the survey questions, producers were asked whether they thought the next 12 months would be good times or bad times financially for the agricultural economy as a whole. Sixty-two percent said they thought the next 12 months will be bad times financially in U.S. agriculture. The percentage of producers expecting bad times in agriculture has been increasing since July when 50 percent of survey respondents said they were expecting bad times.

Throughout 2017, survey respondents have been asked about agricultural trade in an effort to understand how proposed policy changes might be impacting producer sentiment. When asked about the importance of agricultural exports to the overall U.S. agricultural economy, 96 percent rated them as important.

The survey also asked producers about the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

"When we asked producers about NAFTA specifically, they were less confident about its importance to the U.S. agricultural economy," Mintert said. "While 70 percent did rate it as important, a substantial 20 percent rated NAFTA as neutral, meaning neither important or unimportant."

On a regular basis, the survey asks respondents about their expectations for farmland prices. For the first time in survey history, more producers said they

expect higher farmland values than lower farmland values. Twenty-one percent said they expect farmland values to turn higher in the next 12 months, whereas 62 percent thought values would remain unchanged and 17 percent expect lower farmland values.

Read the full November report at <http://purdue.edu/agbarometer>. This month's report includes additional information both sub-indices, farmland values and trade.

The Ag Economy Barometer, Index of Current Conditions and Index of Future Expectations are available on the Bloomberg Terminal under the following ticker symbols: AGECCBARO, AGECCURC and AGECCFTEX.

### December hunting season dates, deer harvest count

Hunting seasons beginning in December

Deer muzzleloader: December 9–24

Turkey archery: December 9 to January 7, 2018

Mourning Doves: December 9 to January 10, 2018

Geese: December 16 to February 11, 2018 (North Zone); December 2 to February 11, 2018 (South Zone)

Crow: December 13 – March 1, 2018

Ducks, coots, mergansers: December 23–31 (North Zone); December 2 to January 21, 2018 (South Zone)

Special antlerless deer: December 26 to January 7, 2018

A full list of season dates, bag limits, and legal equipment can be found on the deer-hunting question and answers page at [www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/7389.htm](http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/7389.htm).

A valid Indiana deer hunting license (see page 27 of hunting guide for license types), resident youth hunt/trap, or comprehensive lifetime hunting license is required to hunt for deer unless you meet one of the license exemptions. All deer harvested in Indiana must be reported within 48 hours of the time of harvest at an on-site check station, online, through your Indiana Fish & Wildlife Account or by phone at 1-800-419-1326. There is a \$3 charge for the phone service, payable only by Visa or Mastercard.

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It seems that we try and crowd way too much into some months, especially December, when we probably should be slowing down and enjoying family and friends and the reason for the season. I have a hard time accomplishing that.

I just spent a week on the Tennessee-Kentucky line with a national work team revising the NRCS pasture condition scoresheet. Pasture regions across the nation were represented, including Alaska. Our charge was basically to build a better mousetrap; well, rather a better pasture condition scoresheet, which would work anywhere tame pasture exists, cover all grazing systems, use simple visual indicators, and include some soil regenerative features.

After revising, rewriting, testing, and repeating that process several times we were all mentally and physically exhausted. Remarkably, we came to a consensus and I look forward for the release of this revised tool in the near future. I mention this because all of the people in this group are somewhat like-minded when it comes to pasture management, but we all do not “see” things the same way.

The amount of clover present in a field can be somewhat difficult to estimate. Clover, or any leguminous plant are important sources of nitrogen for pastures and also certainly improve the forage quality for the grazing livestock. This time of year, most legumes have really slowed down or have already gone dormant. I hope that you have observed the amount of clover you have in each field, so you know if it is sufficient or not as we start preparing for the 2018 forage season. Pastures that have little or no legumes present often lack sufficient nitrogen unless an alternative means is used.

Ideally, about 30 to 40 percent of the pasture sward should be legumes by dry weight to maintain forage quality and to provide sufficient nitrogen. Without getting too far off subject, legumes vary on the amount of nitrogen they provide, their forage quality, and also positive and negative attributes.

Legumes fix nitrogen in root nodules. Rhizobia bacteria in the soil enter the root. The correct rhizobium bacteria must be present for the species present, thus the reason for making sure that you inoculate seed prior to planting legumes. Those nodules if you cut them open will turn from a white or gray to a nice pink over time, which indicates nitrogen fixation is occurring. That reddish color comes from leghemoglobin that is the controlling factor for oxygen flow for the bacteria. Note the “globin” on the end, very similar to hemoglobin in your blood.

Generally, improved white clovers provide the most nitrogen. Red clover also can provide a good amount, plus it has added benefits when used in tall fescue fields, but I’ll revisit that subject another time. When estimating the amount of clover, visual estimates are precarious at best, especially if done by windshield. If you stand in the field during the normal growing season and look down, you can get a somewhat decent estimate by observing what amount of occupied canopy is the legume. Sticking to clovers for now, that visual estimate is generally about half what the actual dry matter weight is going to be. In other words, if it appears that the clover is about fifty percent of the canopy cover, then the dry matter percentage is gener-

ally about 25 percent.

If you want to see this illustrated, take a clipping from a represented site, separate out the legumes, weeds and forbs from the grass, and then dry them down and weigh each when dry. For most of cool season legumes, you’ll find that that visual estimate will hold true at about 50 percent at dry weight. If the pastures contain less than 20 percent by dry weight, then it would be advantageous to add more legumes to the pasture. I actually prefer an amount greater than that, 30 to 40 percent by dry weight.

Certainly, you can get too much clover in some cases, especially with legumes that can cause bloat. Higher percentages need to be managed carefully. Now is the time to be ordering clover seed for frostseeding if you have not done so already. Typically, you will want about six to eight pounds per acre of red clover at pure live seeding rates or one to two pounds of improved white clovers. White clover seed is much smaller seed with a lot more seeds per pound than reds and will cause more bloat issues if there is too much. Coated, inoculated seed is probably ideal for the white clovers. Bulk pounds per acre will be more if using coated seed due to the inert coating which is generally about 33 to 34 percent of the bulk rate. Look closely at germination and purity percentages when buying seed as generally you get what you pay for.

We’ve had some unusually warm spells the last few weeks. Forages that really should’ve been dormant by now have continued to grow some. Could you, should you, graze it? If you need to supplement the pasture with more legumes by frost seeding later this winter, then grazing it will help suppress spring growth some and reduce competition for the clover. If not, then it is best to wait at least until the grass has decided that winter really is here and goes dormant.

Those root reserves will help jumpstart spring growth if not compromised, and it certainly doesn’t hurt to leave a little growth behind. That combined live plant residual and dead plant residue will be valuable over winter for slowing runoff, protecting the soil from erosion, and improving infiltration. The combination of more above-ground residual material and more live roots below ground will also make for quicker growth of a new solar panel of leaves in the spring. Leaving at least one or two pastures with a fair amount of residual to mix with that lush, high moisture spring grass is also beneficial and makes a great place for spring calving.

Keep on grazing!

Reminders & Opportunities

Northern Indiana Grazing Conference (NIGC) – February 2-3, 2018, Michigan Event Center (new location) 4405 E Farver St., Shipshewana, IN. For more information about the NIGC or to get a registration form, please call the LaGrange County Soil & Water Conservation District office at 260-463-3471 extension 3.

Southern Indiana Grazing Conference (SIGC) – March 7, 2018, Crane, IN – Speakers include Dr. Allen Williams, Dr. Pat Keyser, and Dr. Ray Smith. For more information contact the Daviess County Soil and Water Conservation office at 812-254-4780, Ext 3, email Toni Allison dc.swcd@daviess.org, or visit <http://www.daviesscoswcd.org/index.php/sigc> or <https://www.facebook.com/SouthernIndianaGrazingConference>

## Celebrate the New Year with a First Day Hike on January 1

Usher in 2018 with other outdoor lovers at one of the many First Day Hikes offered January 1 at Indiana’s state parks.

First Day Hikes are a healthy way to start 2018 and a chance to get outside, exercise, enjoy nature and connect with friends.

DNR’s Division of State Parks is hosting 32 First Day events throughout the state.

Information on First Day events in Indiana is at [StateParks.IN.gov/2420.htm](http://StateParks.IN.gov/2420.htm).

The guided hikes are organized by Indiana State Parks in cooperation with America’s State Parks. Hikes will take place in all 50 states.

First Day Hikes originated more than 20 years ago at the Blue Hills Reservation, a state park in Milton, Mass. The program was launched to foster healthy lifestyles and promote year-round recreation at state parks.

For more information, visit America’s State Parks website ([stateparks.org](http://stateparks.org)) or Facebook page ([facebook.com/Americas-State-Parks-205324976548604](https://www.facebook.com/Americas-State-Parks-205324976548604)).

First Day events at Indiana State Park properties are (all times are local):

-Brookville Lake, Mounds State Recreation Area, 4 to 4:45 p.m.: Meet at the Campground Shelter across from Wildlife Wander Trail for a 0.7-mile hike. Along the way, a naturalist will explain what life is like for animals during winter. The trail is rated easy. Hot cocoa will be served around a campfire afterward.

-Brown County State Park, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Meet at the Abe Martin Lodge for a hike around the original state park property, including a walk across the covered bridge. Learn about those early years, then stick around for refreshments and a slideshow with historic pictures of the park.

-Chain O’Lakes State Park, 2 to 4 p.m.: Meet the park’s naturalists at the Sand Lake beach/nature center for an easy 90-minute, 1.3-mile hike around the lake. Hot cocoa and snacks will be available afterward.

-Charlestown State Park, 8 to 10 p.m.: A full-moon hike will begin at the Trail 1 parking lot. The hike will last two hours and is rated as rugged. Wear good shoes and bring a hiking stick and a red flashlight.

-Clifty Falls State Park, 11 a.m. to noon: Join the naturalist at Clifty Shelter to view scenic vistas, stunning waterfalls and unique rock features on this moderately rugged hike. Refreshments will be provided.

-Falls of the Ohio State Park, 1 to 2:30 p.m.: Hike along the upper fossil beds and learn about Devonian-age sea life as well as the plants and animals that now live along the river’s edge. Bring binoculars to look for winter birds. The interpretive center will open a few minutes before and after the hike for access to restrooms and water fountains, otherwise it is closed on January 1. The hike will be canceled in case of inclement weather. A \$2 pay-to-park fee applies, but the hike is free.

-Fort Harrison State Park, 1 p.m.: Meet at the Delaware Lake parking area for a hike on Harrison Trace. The paved loop is approximately 1 to 1.25 miles long. The hike should take about 45 minutes. Light refreshments will be provided by Friends of the Fort group.

-Hardy Lake, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.: Meet at the property office for an “Owl Hoot Hike” to discover “whoooo’s in the woods.”

-Harmonie State Park, 10 a.m.: Meet at the pool parking lot for a 2-mile,

45-minute hike on a paved trail. Strollers are welcome. Join others afterward for hot cocoa, cookies and conversations.

-Indiana Dunes State Park, 10 to 11 a.m.: Meet at the nature center for a special 3-Dune Challenge covering 1.5-miles. At the end, park volunteers will welcome hikers with snacks and a fire provided by the Friends of the Indiana Dunes group.

-Lieber State Recreation Area, 10 a.m.: Meet at the Hilltop Shelter for a 2-mile hike expected to last about 90 minutes.

-Lincoln State Park, 1 p.m.: Meet at the nature center for a 2-mile hike through Sarah Lincoln Woods Nature Preserve. The hike should last about an hour and visitors should expect hills and somewhat rough terrain.

-McCormick’s Creek State Park, 2 p.m.: Meet at Canyon Inn for a Canyon Hike and Photo Contest. The roughly 3/4-mile hike is easy to moderate. Hikers can bring cameras or smart phones to snap photos for an optional contest. Refreshments will be available at the end of the hike.

-Mississinewa Lake, 5 p.m.: Meet at Miami State Recreation Area’s Bostwick Pond for a 1-mile hike that will last about 30 minutes. S’mores and a fire will be available after the hike.

-Monroe Lake, Fairfax State Recreation Area: Monroe Lake will host the fifth annual First Day Trail Run/Walk. Registration/check-in runs from 2:15 to 3:15 p.m. at Bay View Shelter. The run/walk starts at 3:30 p.m. The event is untimed. Participants can choose from a 1.3- or 3.7-mile course. Registering in advance costs \$15. The advance registration deadline is December 30. Those who register online in advance will have access to a post-event appetizer buffet at the Fourwinds Lakeside Inn. The first 300 people to register in advance will receive a commemorative patch and a \$15 gift certificate for the restaurants at the Fourwinds Lakeside Inn. Same-day registration is also \$15. More information and online registration is at [bit.ly/firstdaytrail2018](http://bit.ly/firstdaytrail2018).

-Mounds State Park, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.: Join the naturalist on an illuminated hike to the mounds. The hike will begin at the nature center and may involve rugged terrain and stairs.

-O’Bannon Woods State Park, 1 to 2 p.m.: Meet at the nature center to walk with the park’s oxen, Forest and Gump, and its donkeys, Garth and Gracie. The walk will be on a roadway for about 1 mile. Enjoy refreshments upon return to the nature center. The event is contingent on weather and road conditions.

-Ouabache State Park, 10 to 11 a.m.: Meet at the bison enclosure for a stroll around the bison enclosure. The hike will include a stop at the feeding station to feed and observe the bison and learn bison history.

-Patoka Lake, 1 to 2 p.m.: Meet at the nature center for a 3/4-mile hike on the scenic Garden Rock Loop trail.

-Pokagon State Park, 1 to 2 p.m.: Meet at the nature center for an easy stroll to look for winter wildlife. The event will end with a bonfire.

-Potato Creek State Park, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Meet at the Trail 3 trailhead at the Quaking Aspen picnic area for a 1- to 1 1/2-hour moderate walk. The park might have a few pairs of snowshoes to borrow, depending on weather. Warm up in the nature center afterward with hot drinks and cookies.

-Prophetstown State Park, 1 to 3 p.m.: (See 'FIRST HIKE' cont. on page 11)

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# Indiana farmers urged to complete Census of Agriculture

BY DARRIN PACK

Purdue University News Service

Indiana farmers should be watching their mail boxes for more than just holiday cards this December.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistical Service (NASS) will soon mail out its 2017 Census of Agriculture to more than 3 million farms nationwide. Census data will help shape American agricultural policy over the next five years, said Greg Matli, director of the NASS Indiana field office.

Federal law requires all U.S. farmers to respond to the census. A farm is defined as any place that produced and sold, or had the potential to sell, at least \$1,000 in agricultural products during the census year – in this case, 2017.

"Many people who don't think of themselves as farmers actually meet the definition according to the USDA," Matli said. "If you own horses, backyard chickens or large urban gardens you might qualify as a farmer and should fill out the census."

He added that anyone who receives a census form in the mail is required to respond, whether or not they farmed this year.

"We know that the industry is always changing," Matli said. "The census tells us which farms are going in and out of production, the sizes of farms, income and expenditures, production practices, what is being produced and who owns and operates the farms – corporations, families or individuals."

Matli said the census also leads to significant benefits for Indiana farmers.

"This is your opportunity to be counted and to tell your story," he said. "Our goal is to provide community leaders, lawmakers, agricultural organizations, ag educators and individual farm operators with the most comprehensive and accurate data to make informed decisions and protect the future of American agriculture."

Completing the census takes about 50 minutes, Matli said. It can be done online using any electronic device or by filling out the printed copy sent in the mail. The online form has been improved this year, making it even easier

to use, he noted.

"It calculates totals automatically and skips questions that do not pertain to your operation," Matli said. "It really saves time and effort."

The USDA uses that information to make decisions about the farm safety net and other government programs. In addition, the data is used by community leaders, agribusinesses, lawmakers, researchers, local governments and educational institutions.

"The data is vitally important to the entire agricultural community," Matli said.

New questions on this year's census form include military veteran or active duty status and expanded questions about food marketing practices including the gross value of edible agricultural products sold directly to both consumers and retail markets.

The deadline for completing the survey is February 5, 2018. Results are expected to be released in February 2019.

For more information about the census, go to [www.agcensus.usda.gov](http://www.agcensus.usda.gov) or call 888-424-7828.

## ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



**KANE** is a male terrier mix, 1-2 years old, very sweet, loves attention, he's a little bit of a bully to other dogs and is best suited in a home without chickens. He is neutered, up to date on shots and tested negative for heartworms. Adopton fee is \$80. The shelter is located at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. To see all available animals, visit [www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org](http://www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org).

## FIRST HIKE

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Meet at the visitors' center for a prairie hike that ends at the Native American Village with a fire in the council house and hot beverages.

-Raccoon Lake. Noon to 1:30 p.m.: Meet at the entrance to the main boat ramp parking lot for a hike to look for wildlife.

-Salamonie Lake, 2 p.m.: Meet at Salamonie River State Forest's Hominy Ridge Lake Dam for a 1-mile stroll that will highlight historic Civilian Conservation Corps projects.

-Shades State Park, 1 to 2 p.m.: Meet at Hickory Shelter for a hike on Trail 1. Reflect on the past year and look forward to 2018 at Prospect and Inspiration points.

-Shakamak, State Park, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.: Meet at the log cabin by the aquatic facility for a walk down the pedestrian path, around the west shelter, and back to the log cabin. The log cabin will have snacks, warm drinks and a fire. The entire route is ADA accessible.

-Spring Mill State Park, 9 to 11 a.m.: Meet at Spring Mill Inn for a hike through Donaldson Woods Nature Preserve and past several caves. The hike

will last more than 2 miles with some hills.

-Summit Lake State Park: An indoor activity for kids starts at 10 a.m. at the park office. At 11 a.m., hikers should meet at the nature center for a 1-mile, 30-minute hike. Coffee, hot chocolate and cookies will be available at the park office beforehand.

-Tippecanoe River State Park, noon: Meet at the fire tower parking lot for a half-mile hike that will last about 30 minutes. Hikers can climb the tower for excellent views.

-Turkey Run State Park, 11 a.m. to noon: Celebrate the new year by hiking Trails 6 and 11 while learning about the natural and cultural history of Turkey Run. The hike is moderately rugged hike. Refreshments will be available afterward in the inn.

-Versailles State Park, 2 p.m.: Join assistant property manager Brad Walker on a 4-mile fitness hike to kick off the new year.

-Whitewater Memorial State Park, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Meet at the Poplar Grove Shelter for a moderate, 2.5-mile hike on the Memorial Loop Trail with a trivia game. Participants can drink hot cocoa around a fire afterward.



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## CITY LABORER POSITION

The City of Loogootee is accepting applications for one FULL-TIME LABORER position with the Public Works Department. Requirements are, but not limited to: must possess a valid Indiana diver's license, candidate must be a team player, willing to train in all aspects of the Public Works Department, Water Treatment and Distribution, Wastewater Treatment and Collection, Street Department, and Parks and Recreation Department. Candidate must be willing to work outside in all climates of weather year-round, lift and move heavy objects without difficulty, compute simple math problems, must know how to work with and around power tools, heavy equipment and machinery in a safe manner, and have excellent communication skills. Candidates must have a high school diploma or equivalent, be able to pass pre-employment physical, drug and alcohol screening and random testing thereafter, on the job training provided, no experience necessary. Preference may be given to candidates with a CDL and/or heavy equipment skills. Advancement possible with proper training and state certification exams.

Applications available at the Loogootee Municipal Building or Utility Office, 401 JFK Avenue or by calling 812-295-2497.

Deadline for job application is December 15, 2017 at 4 p.m.

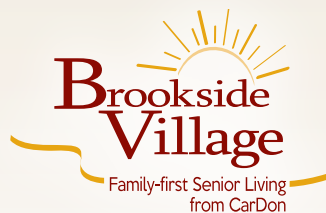
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