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Tempers flare during and after city council meeting

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Loogootee City Council held their last regular meeting of the year Monday night, December 9. The meeting was full of contention, from start to after it was over. It was also the last meeting for outgoing council members Ruth Smith, Roger Downey and Collin Padgett. Downey did not seek re-election for council and Smith and Padgett were defeated in the Primary this year. Ron Gilbert, Tim Lawrence, and Rick Norris will take over those seats starting January 1. Teresa Nolley and Carroll Rayhill ran unopposed and will hold onto their seats.

Immediately after the vote to adjourn the meeting, Don Greene, in the audience, began to clap saying, "Yay, no more Roger Downey."

"That is totally disrespectful," said Council Member Teresa Nolley.

As Greene laughed, Downey said that is the way city council meetings go. He said a few members of the audience shout out and put down not only the council members, but also city employees and citizens. "You can smart off all you want but I can talk all I want too, buddy," said Downey.

"Bye, Roger, don't let the door hit you in the ass on the way out," said Greene.

A member of the audience said that the mayor should put a stop to this right now. "You are the leader of this town," she said. Downey then said that the mayor "didn't have the balls to do anything." The mayor did not say anything. Shouting continued as everyone filtered out of the room.

During the actual meeting, Council Member Teresa Nolley brought up a vote on the salary ordinance at the last meeting. The vote passed 3-2, according to the minutes, however Council Member Ruth Smith didn't cast a vote. The council voted to approve the minutes with the change making the vote 3-1-1.

At last month's meeting, even though the salary recommendations made by Council Member Downey passed, the mayor vetoed. The vote came up again Monday night with Downey making the same recommendation as last month. The vote was 3-2 with Carroll Rayhill and Ruth Smith voting against. The mayor said the motion failed due to not having a two-third vote, which he said is the rule after a veto. He said it would take four council members voting in favor for it to pass. The employees will now start a new year with no salary ordinance.

Council Member Rayhill asked why the council members who voted for the recommendation do not want to give the city employees a raise.

Council Member Downey replied that they did approve a raise, a two percent raise. The mayor replied that the raise

wasn't as much as he had wanted to give - 50 cents.

Council Member Nolley said she was in favor of doing a percentage because giving 50 cents across the board gives long-time employees the same increase as brand new employees.

The mayor asked employees in the audience to raise their hands if they were in favor of a percentage raise instead of a 50-cent raise.

Council Member Downey replied saying he could have as many employees in the audience as he wants but it's not going to change his mind. "You can pressure us all you want, you can veto all you want, he asked a question and I answered it."

Council Member Rayhill said the employees' insurance went up. To that, Downey and Nolley replied that the city covered the increase, to no cost to the employees. Nolley said she didn't feel like they were out of line for giving two percent. The mayor asked if he thought it was fair that Loogootee employees were not paid as much as employees in Petersburg to which he received no reply.

"This isn't the mayor's meeting, this is the city council meeting," said Council Member Downey. Before Downey could continue, the mayor called on someone in the audience to speak.

"You've got to let me talk, you can interrupt me all you want," said Downey who continued saying that the city council are the stewards of the city's money and they are responsible for the spending. He asked the mayor if this was true. The mayor replied that the city council's job was to pass a budget and create ordinances. Downey again asked if the city council is also in charge of the city's spending. The mayor would not agree.

In regard to a part-time position in the clerk-treasurer's office that three council members voted to eliminate, Council Member Nolley said they hired that position in January to help get the office caught up. They didn't intend for it to be a permanent position. The position was included in the 2020 budget, however. Nolley said the office was now caught up. Amber Gilbertson, deputy clerk-treasurer, laughed and said they are not caught up. Nolley replied that the last email she received from the clerk-treasurer's office said they would be caught up by November. Gilbertson replied that meant just one area of reconciliation. Council Member Downey replied that the work got done without the extra position in the past. The employee being discussed was in the audience and said that if they eliminate her position, the office will go back to how they were in January, being backed up. Downey asked if they could give a timeframe of when they would be caught up. Both ladies replied that they did not
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New Loogootee Library now open

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The new Loogootee Public Library opened for business last week at their new location on Park Street, next door to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.

The 9,000-square-foot building is three times the size of the former building in downtown Loogootee. Other than room for books, the new library has meeting room space, classroom space and plenty of room for storage. The former building was purchased in 2016 for \$150,000 and is now for sale.

The library was built with a \$1.1 million USDA Rural Development loan. The library will pay back the loan at around \$56,000 a year for 40 years at an interest rate of around 3.375 percent. The library originally attempted to get a tax increase to help pay for the new building however due to pub-

lic backlash, they chose to take out the loan instead. Taxes will not be affected by the new building.

Several fundraisers have been held over the past year to raise the \$200,000 goal to help pay off the USDA loan. Library Director Darla Wagler has noted that they hope to pay off the loan much sooner than the 40 years of the loan. There is no penalty for paying the loan off early.

The library sits on 1.3 acres donated by St. Vincent de Paul and Bowling Manufacturing.

The new hours for the library are Monday 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Tuesday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m. They are closed on Wednesday and Sunday.

The library staff are still working to unpack boxes and get settled into the new building.



Downtown tree

The City of Loogootee now has a Christmas tree downtown on the square. The tree was officially "lit" last Wednesday after the Christmas parade. Many local businesses and individuals donated toward the tree and the lights.

-Photo by Tonya Sheetz



COUNCIL

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know.

Clerk-Treasurer Carol Harder said that she didn't know at the beginning of the year that she would get sick. She said that just because it's a new year, doesn't mean everything in the clerk-treasurer's office would be fine. She said she wouldn't ask for the position if she didn't need the extra help. She said if in six months they no longer need the extra help, they will eliminate the position.

Council Member Ruth Smith said that she knows Harder got sick very quickly after the last clerk-treasurer resigned and didn't get to train her deputy and part-time help. She said she thought it was devastating for the city to get rid of the two employees in the office.

Council Member Downey replied that no one said they were getting rid of two employees, only the position that was supposed to be temporary.

Downey said that city salaries in 2011 were \$867,750 and in 2018, they were \$1,137,190. He said that is a \$270,000 increase and would be even more this year and next year. Downey asked if they have raised the tax base to justify this extra spending. He said again that the city council are the stewards of the money and it is their job to make sure it is being spent wisely. "We can't just keep spending the money without getting more money brought into the city," he said.

Council Member Nolley asked about the report from the pool. When it was given to her, Nolley asked why there were \$5,900 in receipts for concessions with just \$400 made. Overall, the pool lost \$17,000 this season, \$13,000 last year and \$6,600 the prior year. "We are going worse instead of improving," said Council Member Downey.

Don Greene, park board member, said that most of the loss went toward repairs to the baby pool. He said the cost of that was \$9,000. Downey replied that Bo Wilson told the council that the repairs were less than \$5,000. Wilson said that \$5,000 was pretty close to the cost.

Downey said that the loss in concessions doesn't even count the employee paid to run the concession stand. He said something has to change. "Stop selling concessions, put a vending machine in there," he said.

Phyllis Panko, the mayor's secretary, from the audience commented, "There you go." Downey thanked her for agreeing with him. Panko replied that she wasn't agreeing with him, she was making fun of him.

Council Member Nolley said she is in favor of having a pool however they hear from a lot of citizens who do not like the pool. "We've got to try and quit losing money at the pool," she said. She said she doesn't know the answer, but they can't continue to keep going down.

In other business, Council Member Nolley asked about a claim showing that tree work was done however the bids were not approved by the board of works or the council. The mayor said they didn't have to have council approval since the money was already budgeted. They sought two bids and took the lowest one, one bid being \$7,000 and one being \$5,000. Nolley replied that she wasn't aware it didn't have to be brought to the council.

Utilities Superintendent Bo Wilson again requested extra help in the street department. His request to hire two additional employees were rejected by the board of works so it was withdrawn. Wilson asked for one additional employee. Wilson said he is spending too much time in the field helping when there is paperwork he is falling behind on. He

added that the utilities department used to have nine employees with a lot of experience but now have eight with not a lot of experience.

The board of public works approved the permanent part-time position.

Council Members Roger Downey and Teresa Nolley, who were in the audience during the board of public works meeting, questioned the mayor about an employee who was misusing internet during work hours. They received an email from a concerned citizen regarding this employee. The mayor replied that the employee has apologized. Council Member Nolley asked if it was in the employee handbook about employees misusing internet during work hours. The mayor replied, "When you are on the board of works, you can worry about it." He then quickly asked for any other public comments from the rest of the audience. "I was just asking," replied Nolley.

Prior to the start of the city council meeting, the mayor told Nolley that she has been asked repeatedly not to discuss personnel in an open meeting.

The city attorney said she wasn't aware of the issue being discussed but no personnel can be discussed in an open meeting.

Council Member Downey said that they were simply asking a question and were not specific on which employee they were referring to and asked why the city attorney did not know about a complaint regarding a city employee. He asked why they are not holding closed door meetings to discuss personnel issues.

The city attorney replied that she did not know about the issue at hand and Downey said they will make sure she knows in the future.

The mayor quickly asked for roll call to start the city council meeting.

A public meeting was held regarding the city applying for a housing rehabilitation grant. Jenny Dearwester, with SIDC, conducted the public meeting. 10 homes in the City of Loogootee will be rehabbed with the \$250,000 grant, if awarded, with SIDC providing \$59,784 through another grant received.

-- MAKE SOMEONE'S DAY --

The Martin County Community Foundation always likes to make someone's day. We had a couple opportunities recently to do just that with \$500 grants to the Shoals Community School Corporation and the Haysville Volunteer Fire Department (VFD).

-- SHOALS SCHOOLS --

Some families in our community have been thrown one of those "curves" you hear about and can't pay for their child's school lunches. A lot of these families are caught in an income gap where help is not available through other sources, but they don't make enough to pay all the bills. But no, their kids don't go hungry. The school ensures that they are fed. That's where the MCCF and caring people can help. The MCCF gave a \$500 grant to the Shoals Community School Corporation to help pay for those meals that students and their families cannot afford. Yes, times may be rough, but someone cares.

-- HAYSVILLE FIRE DEPT --

A community will always have

neighbors and Martin County is fortunate to have to our south some good neighbors. One particular neighbor is the Haysville VFD that resides in northern Dubois County. In addition to serving two half townships in Dubois County, they also serve all of Ruthersford township in Martin County, which is roughly everything south of Whitfield and east to the White River. It's comforting to know that we have good neighbors helping to watch over us. The \$500 grant was a nice way to say "thank you" for being a good neighbor.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

For information about how the MCCF can help you help our community, please contact the MCCF Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org.

You are also welcome to visit our webpage 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/mccommunityfoundation.



Pictured left to right is Dr. Candace Roush, Shoals Community Schools Superintendent, receiving a \$500 grant check from MCCF Board member Annette Taylor.



Pictured left to right are Shane Fawks (Haysville VFD Assistant Chief), Melissa Courter (MCCF Board member) presenting a \$500 grant check, and John Fuhrman (Haysville VFD Fire Chief).

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PATRICIA FRYE

Patricia R. "Patsy" Frye, formerly of Odon and Loogootee passed away at 1:20 p.m. Friday, December 6, 2019 at Franciscan Health Indianapolis. A resident of Franklin, she was 87.



She was born April 13, 1932 in Daviess County; daughter of the late William W. and Hazel M. (Todd) Craney.

Patsy married Harold K. Frye on September 24, 1951 and he preceded her in death January 15, 2006.

She was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Franklin and the Franklin Senior Center. She also was a charter member of the Jolly Mother's Club.

She enjoyed attending her grandchildren's activities and mushroom hunting. She loved the St. Louis Cardinals and Indiana Pacers. She was a past member of St. Martin Altar Society and a 4-H leader.

Patsy was preceded in death by her husband, Harold K. Frye; infant daughter; parents, William W. and Hazel M. Craney; siblings, Marie Arvin, Margie Fegan, Donald Craney, Tommy Craney, infant twins Joseph Craney and Rita Craney, Edmond Craney, Leo Craney and Dottie Benjamin; brothers-in-law, George Abel and Dean Trowbridge.

She is survived by her children, Keny (Susan) Frye, Ron (Sherri) Frye, Chuck Frye, all of Loogootee, Sherry (Jeff) Green of Indianapolis, Patty (Jon) Schuetz of Franklin and Jason (Dana) Frye of Bicknell; adopted daughter, Kathy Collins of Odon; 15 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren; sister, Bernadette Abel and Magdalene Trowbridge, both of Washington; many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be

celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, December 12 at St. Martin Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, December 11 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee and Thursday, December 12 from 12 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the American Heart Association or the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Arrangements were provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

Holcomb, Crouch announce second round of Next Level Connections Broadband grants

On Tuesday, Governor Eric J. Holcomb and Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch announced details of the second round of the Next Level Connections Broadband Grant program, which includes a new application and challenge process.

"While we still have far too many Hoosiers without access to affordable high-speed internet, Next Level Broadband is off to a great start," Gov. Holcomb said. "I'm excited to see more projects moving forward with the single largest investment in broadband in our state's history as this will positively impact quality of life, agriculture, economic development and our families."

This is the second round of the \$100 million broadband grant program. Broadband providers and utility cooperatives can apply for up to \$5 million to expand service to unserved areas if they provide a minimum 20 percent match of the total allowable project costs. Unserved areas are without at least one broadband provider offering internet of at least 10 mbps download and 1 mbps upload. Proposed projects must provide a minimum level of service at actual speeds of 25 mbps download and 3 mbps upload. In order to apply, applicants must first submit a letter of intent to provide the list of census blocks they intend

OLIVE PRUETT

Olive Bell Pruett passed away December 6, 2019 at the Loogootee Health and Rehab, in Loogootee. A resident of Shoals, she was 94.

She was born October 17, 1925 in Martin County; daughter of Claude and Mary (Kutch) Walton. She married William Russel Pruett on November 29, 1941 in Martin County and he survives.

Olive attended Robison Grade School. She worked at Crane Navel Base during WWII in supplies, was employed at Washington Rubber Company and retired from Reliance (later known as Perfect Fit) in Loogootee. She attended the Church of the Cross

in Shoals and was a member of the Washington Chapter #210 of the Eastern Star for 52 years.

Also surviving are two daughters, Mary Lynette Bauer and Katherina Jo Beard; one daughter-in-law, Linda Pruett of Denver, Colorado; grandchildren, Joshua Bauer and wife, Rachel, of Shoals; Jennifer Dearwester and husband, Casey, of Loogootee; Kaili, Kash and Kenna Beard of Sarasota, Florida; Chris Pruett of Evansville, William Trevor Pruett of Denver, Colorado; Andrea Lee Pruett and Lee Finley of Denver, Colorado; seven great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by two sons, Lonnie Russell Pruett and Kim Hobert Pruett.

Funeral services were held Thursday, December 5 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with Pastor Brian Terry officiating. Burial followed in the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Madison.

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

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

6:47 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check southeast of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

7:36 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

7:53 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

7:57 a.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

10:50 a.m. - Received a dog complaint near Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

1:00 p.m. - Deputy Wright assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock south of Loogootee.

4:38 p.m. - Deputy Barnett assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock south of Loogootee.

11:58 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on SR 450, north of Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

2:10 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

9:50 a.m. - Corporal Reed assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock near Loogootee.

11:00 a.m. - Deputy Lents took three inmates to court.

11:56 a.m. - Received a report of an altercation in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill, Major Keller, Corporal Reed, and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

1:25 p.m. - Major Keller assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle identification check.

2:00 p.m. - Deputy Lents took three inmates to court.

2:10 p.m. - Deputy Wright assisted a motorist with a vehicle identification check north of Shoals.

2:30 p.m. - Deputy Lents took two inmates to court.

2:35 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

2:49 p.m. - Received a dog complaint north of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

4:07 p.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Loogootee on US 231. Major Keller and ISP Trooper Johnson responded.

4:31 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on SR 150 near Shoals. Deputy Wright responded.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

5:38 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on US 50, east of Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

6:43 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle on US 231, north of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene and Deputy Wells responded.

11:30 a.m. - Deputy Lents took two inmates to court.

12:39 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:45 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:43 p.m. - Received a report of theft in Shoals. Deputy Wright responded.

3:30 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious people near Shoals. Corporal Reed responded.

3:40 p.m. - Received a dog complaint

near Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

4:36 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

2:34 a.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded.

4:16 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:33 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident north of Loogootee on US 231. Deputy Seymour responded.

6:04 a.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Loogootee on US 231. Deputy Seymour, Loogootee Sergeant Floyd, and Loogootee Fire responded.

9:29 a.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

9:36 a.m. - Received a report of a small fire just east of Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

10:00 a.m. - Deputy Lents took two inmates to court.

10:07 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

11:16 a.m. - Received a cat complaint near Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

3:10 p.m. - Corporal Reed assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock in Loogootee.

4:42 p.m. - Received a report of someone dumping trash near Shoals. Corporal Reed responded.

6:05 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 50 just east of Loogootee. Corporal Reed responded.

6:35 p.m. - Corporal Reed assisted a motorist with a disabled vehicle near Loogootee.

9:43 p.m. - Received a report of residential entry in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Floyd, Reserve Deputy Greene, and Reserve Deputy Harmon responded.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

6:03 a.m. - Loogootee Sergeant Floyd assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

6:46 a.m. - Received a report of a fire south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire, Major Keller, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

10:00 a.m. - Deputy Lents took three inmates to court.

11:08 a.m. - Received a report of cows out south of Loogootee. Major Keller responded.

3:20 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Loogootee. Corporal Reed responded.

4:58 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Shoals. Reserve Deputy Harmon responded, and all was secure.

7:40 p.m. - Received a medical alarm call in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

8:11 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on SR 450, north of Shoals. Reserve Deputy Harmon responded.

Saturday, December 7
6:36 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

8:47 a.m. - Received a report of van-

dalism east of Shoals. Deputy Barnett responded.

9:43 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Shoals. Deputy Barnett responded and all was secure.

4:51 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:36 p.m. - Received a report of a stove fire in Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

5:26 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:30 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Lost River

ARRESTS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

6:37 p.m. - Joshua Simmons, 31, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Sergeant Norris on a Spencer County warrant and is being held without bond.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

12:30 p.m. - Jennifer Bauernfiend, 39, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Chief Rayhill and charged with criminal trespass, battery, and interference with crime reporting. Assisting with the arrest were Major Keller, Corporal Reed, and ISP Trooper Beaver. She is being held on a \$20,000 10% bond.

2:15 p.m. - Devon Payne, 28, of Plaville, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:54 p.m. - Johnny Johnson, 19, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Sergeant Floyd charged with disorderly conduct, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia, and resisting arrest. He is being held without bond.

1:50 p.m. - Ashten Carnegie, 30, of Shoals, was arrested by Major Keller on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:49 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

11:03 a.m. - Received a report of a theft near Shoals. Deputy Wright responded.

5:34 p.m. - Received a report of an altercation in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Cummings, Deputy Wright, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

9:20 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Allen responded.

COURT NEWS

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed December 2

Megan Davis vs. Jacob Davis, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Bradley Survance vs. Duke Energy Indiana, LLC, civil plenary.

December 3

James A. Day vs. Jonie R. Day, petition for dissolution of marriage.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT New Suits Filed November 27

Ricky Arthur vs. Tony Allen, complaint.

Isha Wright-Ryan vs. Michaela Jones, complaint.

December 2

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Deanna R. Dedrick, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Allison W. Baker, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. James W. Brown, Jr., complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Gary B. Campbell, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Jonathan Jones, complaint.

MARRIAGE LICENSES December 6

Christopher C. Cushman of Shoals and Stephanie L. Crowder of Shoals.

Breakfast With Santa

Elsa, Anna, Olaf and many of Santa's elves will be there also!

When: Saturday, December 14, 2019, 8-10 a.m.

Where: The LHS cafeteria

Cost: \$12 age 11 and under (picture with Santa

Included in cost), \$5 age 12 and over

For families with 3 or more children, there will be a \$25 maximum fee for children's tickets.

(All children must have an adult present with them)

What's for breakfast?

Pancakes, eggs, sausages, & fruit salad

Juice, Milk, Tea, coffee, and hot chocolate

Meet Santa and get a picture taken with the jolly, old elf!

Make a Christmas craft to take home!

Decorate a Christmas cookie!

Come and Support Loogootee's 2020

musical production!

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

7:53 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted with a faulty fire alarm.

10:34 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

3:01 p.m. - Chief Rayhill and Captain Hennessee assisted child protective services.

6:30 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on some juveniles.

6:56 p.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted with a broken-down vehicle on Hwy 50.

8:32 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

10:50 a.m. - Female reported a possible scam.

2:35 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle in Redwing Trailer Court.

5:34 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

7:56 p.m. - Male came on station with a civil complaint.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

7:35 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

11:09 a.m. - Female reported a phone scam.

4:35 p.m. - First responders were requested on Cedar Street for a medical call.

7:31 p.m. - Female reported a traffic complaint.

7:50 p.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

9:10 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on North Line Street.

11:29 p.m. - Female reported an animal complaint.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:29 a.m. - Male reported harassment.

10:07 a.m. - Male requested a welfare check on a female.

2:05 p.m. - Female reported a traffic complaint.

6:00 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

6:13 p.m. - Sgt. Floyd assisted the county with a traffic accident.

9:43 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious male on Sheridan Street.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

6:03 a.m. - Caller reported a broken-down vehicle on JFK Avenue.

9:33 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

2:53 p.m. - Caller reported an animal complaint.

5:17 p.m. - Male reported locating a piece of luggage on Broadway Street.

7:58 p.m. - First responders were requested on Cedar Street for a medical call.

7:38 p.m. - First responders were requested on Walnut Street for a medical call.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

9:34 a.m. - Caller requested a vehicle identification check.

1:33 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious male on Hwy 50.

4:56 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on US 231.

7:45 p.m. - Female reported a traffic complaint.

11:54 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on Hwy 50.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

5:26 a.m. - Officer Allen assisted the ambulance service.

9:12 a.m. - Officer Cummings assisted the county with a traffic stop.

1:20 p.m. - Caller reported someone burning trash.

2:10 p.m. - Officer Cummings responded to a business alarm.

5:34 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance on North Line Street.

7:19 p.m. - Caller reported locating tools in the road on US 231.

9:20 p.m. - Female reported property damage.

11:22 p.m. - Officer Allen assisted the ambulance service.

Real estate transfers

Aureola S. Wright, of Martin County, Indiana to **Walter L. Holt**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 64 in the Original Town of Shoals, Indiana. Also, Lot Number 63 in the original Town of Shoals, Indiana, except 34 feet and nine inches off the east end thereof.

National unemployment stands at 3.5 percent for November

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 266,000 in November, and the unemployment rate was little changed at 3.5 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week.

Notable job gains occurred in health care and in professional and technical services. Employment rose in manufacturing, reflecting the return of workers from a strike.

This news release presents statistics from two monthly surveys. The household survey measures labor force status, including unemployment, by demographic characteristics.

The establishment survey measures nonfarm employment, hours, and earnings by industry. For more information about the concepts and statistical methodology used in these two surveys, see the Technical Note.

Household Survey Data

Both the unemployment rate, at 3.5 percent, and the number of unemployed persons, at 5.8 million, changed little in November.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rates for adult men (3.2 percent), adult women (3.2 percent), teenagers (12.0 percent), Whites (3.2 percent), Blacks (5.5 percent), Asians (2.6 percent), and Hispanics (4.2 percent) showed little or no change in November.

The number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more), at 1.2 million, was essentially unchanged in November and accounted for 20.8 percent of the unemployed.

The labor force participation rate was little changed at 63.2 percent in November. The employment-population ratio was 61.0 percent for the third consecutive month.

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons, at 4.3 million, changed little in November. These individuals, who would have preferred full-time employment, were working part time because their hours had been reduced or they were unable to find full-time jobs.

In November, 1.2 million persons were marginally attached to the labor force, down by 432,000 from a year earlier. (Data are not seasonally adjusted.) These individuals were not in the labor force, wanted and were available for work, and had looked for a job sometime in the prior 12 months. They were not counted as unemployed because they had not searched for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey.

Among the marginally attached, there were 325,000 discouraged workers in November, down by 128,000 from a year earlier. (Data are not seasonally adjusted.) Discouraged workers are persons not currently looking for work because they believe no jobs are available for them. The remaining 921,000 persons marginally attached to the labor force in November had not searched for work for reasons such as school attendance or family responsibilities.

Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 266,000 in November. Job growth has averaged 180,000 per month thus far in 2019, compared with an average monthly gain of 223,000 in 2018. In November, notable job gains occurred in health care and in professional and technical services. Employment also increased in manufacturing, reflecting the return of workers from a strike. Employment continued to trend up in leisure and hospitality, transportation and warehousing, and financial

activities, while mining lost jobs.

In November, health care added 45,000 jobs, following little employment change in October (+12,000). The November job gains occurred in ambulatory health care services (+34,000) and in hospitals (+10,000). Health care has added 414,000 jobs over the last 12 months.

Employment in professional and technical services increased by 31,000 in November and by 278,000 over the last 12 months.

Manufacturing employment rose by 54,000 in November, following a decline of 43,000 in the prior month. Within manufacturing, employment in motor vehicles and parts was up by 41,000

in November, reflecting the return of workers who were on strike in October.

In November, employment in leisure and hospitality continued to trend up (+45,000). The industry has added 219,000 jobs over the last 4 months.

Employment in transportation and warehousing continued on an upward trend in November (+16,000). Within the industry, job gains occurred in warehousing and storage (+8,000) and in couriers and messengers (+5,000).

Financial activities employment also continued to trend up in November (+13,000), with a gain of 7,000 in credit intermediation and related activities. Financial activities has added 116,000 jobs over the last 12 months.

Mining lost jobs in November (-7,000), largely in support activities for mining (-6,000). Mining employment is down by 19,000 since a recent peak in May.

In November, employment in retail trade was about unchanged (+2,000). Within the industry, employment rose in general merchandise stores (+22,000) and in motor vehicle and parts dealers (+8,000), while clothing and clothing accessories stores lost jobs (-18,000).

Employment in other major industries--including construction, wholesale trade, information, and government--showed little change over the month.

In November, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls rose by 7 cents to \$28.29. Over the last 12 months, average hourly earnings have increased by 3.1 percent. In November, average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees rose by 7 cents to \$23.83.

The average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls was unchanged at 34.4 hours in November. In manufacturing, the average workweek increased by 0.1 hour to 40.5 hours, while overtime decreased by 0.1 hour to 3.1 hours. The average workweek of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees held at 33.5 hours.

The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for September was revised up by 13,000 from +180,000 to +193,000, and the change for October was revised up by 28,000 from +128,000 to +156,000. With these revisions, employment gains in September and October combined were 41,000 more than previously reported. (Monthly revisions result from additional reports received from businesses and government agencies since the last published estimates and from the recalculation of seasonal factors.) After revisions, job gains have averaged 205,000 over the last 3 months.

CLASSIFIED ADS

HELP WANTED

Part-time Education Program Assistant Needed

Purdue Cooperative Extension Service Martin County has an opening for a part-time program assistant. The successful candidate will assist with duties primarily relating to preparing and conducting programs, workshops, and events. Candidate must have high school diploma or equivalent, possession of valid Indiana driver's license and a demonstrated safe driving record. Experience in teaching youth is preferred. Public speaking, presenting, and leadership experience is desired. To apply, please email a cover letter and resume by Friday, December 13, 2019 with the subject line "Application for Program Assistant Purdue Extension Martin County" to heldd@purdue.edu. Pre-employment drug screening required. Interviews may be held concurrently with posting. Questions may be emailed (heldd@purdue.edu) or call 812-295-2412.

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Loogootee Library Clerk

POSITION: Library Clerk

WORK SCHEDULE: As Assigned

JOB CATEGORY: Part-Time Library Circulation Desk Clerk

To perform this position successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed in this document are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Loogootee Public Library provides reasonable accommodation to qualified employees and applicants with known disabilities who require accommodation to complete the application process or perform essential functions of the job, unless the accommodation would cause an undue hardship.

Incumbent serves as Part-time Clerk for the Loogootee Public Library, responsible for providing assistance with programs and assisting patrons with problems and/or questions, and performing clerical duties.

More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



DUE TO UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES, DECEMBER ARTICLES WILL BE FLASHBACKS FROM 10 YEARS AGO. ENJOY!

The following were answers given by grade school students on science tests.

Q: Name the four seasons.

A: Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.

Q: Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink.

A: Flirtation makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollutants like grit, sand, dead sheep and canoeists.

Q: How is dew formed?

A: The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.

Q: How can you delay milk turning sour?

A: Keep it in the cow.

Q: What causes the tides in the oceans?

A: The tides are a fight between the Earth and the Moon. All water tends to flow towards the moon, because there is no water on the moon, and nature hates a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins in this fight.

Q: What are steroids?

A: Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs.

Q: What happens to your body as you age?

A: When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental.

Q: What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty?

A: He says good-bye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery.

Q: Name a major disease associated with cigarettes.

A: Premature death.

Q: How are the main parts of the body categorized? (e.g., abdomen)

A: The body is consisted into three parts -- the brainium, the borax and the abdominal cavity.

The brainium contains the brain; the borax contains the heart and lungs, and the abdominal cavity contains the five bowels A, E, I, O, and U.

Q: What is the fibula?

A: A small lie.

Q: What does "varicose" mean?

A: Nearby.

Q: Give the meaning of the term "Caesarian Section."

A: The Caesarian Section is a district in Rome

Q: What does the word "benign" mean?

A: Benign is what you will be after Eight.

5 REASONS I OWE MY MOTHER

1. My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE.

'If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning.'

2. My mother taught me RELIGION. 'You better pray that that will come out of the carpet.'

3. My mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL.

'If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!'

4. My mother taught me LOGIC. 'Because I said so, that's why.'

5. My mother taught me MORE LOGIC.

'If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me.'

Make someone smile today!

Martin County Redevelopment Commission 2020 Meeting Schedule

Each meeting begins at 5 p.m. in the commissioners' meeting room of the Martin County Courthouse, 129 Main Street, Shoals.

- Tuesday, January 28
- Tuesday, April 21
- Tuesday, July 28
- Tuesday, October 20

Martin County Council 2020 Meeting Schedule

Each meeting begins at 6 p.m. in the commissioners' meeting room of the Martin County Courthouse, 129 Main Street, Shoals.

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| Monday, January 6 | Monday, July 6 |
| Monday, February 3 | August Budget Hearings |
| Monday, March 2 | Monday, September 14 |
| Monday, April 6 | Monday, October 5 |
| Monday, May 4 | Monday, November 2 |
| Monday, June 1 | Monday, December 7 |

Martin County Commissioners' 2020 Meeting Schedule

Each meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. in the commissioners' meeting room of the Martin County Courthouse, 129 Main Street, Shoals.

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| Tuesday, January 14 | Tuesday, May 19 | Tuesday, September 8 |
| Tuesday, January 28 | Tuesday, June 2 | Tuesday, September 22 |
| Tuesday, February 11 | Tuesday, June 16 | Tuesday, October 6 |
| Tuesday, February 25 | Tuesday, June 30 | Tuesday, October 20 |
| Tuesday, March 10 | Wednesday, July 15 | Wednesday, November 4 |
| Tuesday, March 24 | Tuesday, July 28 | Tuesday, November 17 |
| Tuesday, April 7 | Tuesday, August 11 | Tuesday, December 1 |
| Tuesday, April 21 | Tuesday, August 25 | Tuesday, December 15 |
| Wednesday, May 6 | | Tuesday, December 29 |

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Shoals School Board meeting

The Shoals School Board will meet in executive session on Thursday, December 12 at 5:30 p.m. in the central administration office. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss job performance evaluation of individual employees. The meeting is closed to the public.

Chamber meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce will meet Wednesday, December 18 at noon at Los Bravos in Loogootee. Anyone interested in Chamber activities is invited 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.

Celebrate Recovery meetings

Celebrate Recovery meetings will be held every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Redemption Church in Loogootee. This is a Christ-centered recovery program and anyone is welcome to attend.

Local recovery meetings

Wednesdays-Alcoholic Anonymous, Martin County Community Corrections Building at 8 p.m.; Thursdays-Narcotics Anonymous, Redemption Church Loogootee at 8 p.m.; Fridays-Alcoholic Anonymous, Loogootee Municipal Building Loogootee at 8 p.m.

2020 Primary Election information

The 2020 Primary Election will be held May 5, 2020. Candidate filing will begin January 8, 2020 and ends February 7, 2020 at noon. You can file at the Martin County Clerk's Office.

Voter registration will close April 6, 2020. Please make sure you are properly registered by April 6, 2020. You can call the Martin County Clerk's office or go to www.Indianvoters.com to check status of your registration. You must have a photo ID to match your registration address in order to vote.

In office absentee voting will begin April 7, 2020 and end May 4, 2020 at noon. You can request an application to vote by mail at any time by calling the clerk's office.

The following are the local offices up for election in the Martin County 2020 Primary Election:

- Martin County Auditor
- Martin County Coroner
- Martin County Recorder
- Martin County Surveyor
- Martin County Treasurer
- Martin County Commissioner District 1
- Martin County Commissioner District 3
- Martin County Council At Large - 3 Positions

Any questions regarding candidate filing or voter registration please call the clerk's office at 812-247-3651. Please don't wait until the last minute to check your voter registration.

The following is a list of polling sites for the election:

- Perry 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6: St. John's Center 408 Church Street, Loogootee, IN 47553
- Perry 5 and Rutherford: St. Martin's Church Hall 524 Whitfield Rd, Loogootee, IN 47553
- Perry 7 and Crane: Bramble Con-

Free lunch for kids

New Beginnings Community Church will be offering a free lunch to all school age children every Saturday. Lunches can be picked up at the fellowship hall of the church, located at 105 Wood St, Loogootee no later than 10:30 a.m. Deliveries will begin between 10:30 and 11 a.m. Saturdays.

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!

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.

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.

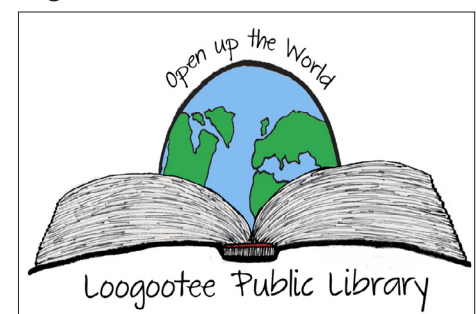
Soil and Water meetings

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.

ervation Club 1024 Bramble Rd., Loogootee, IN 47553

North Center and Mitcheltree: Dover Hill Church of Christ 15581 N. State Rd 450, Shoals, IN 47581

North Halbert, South Halbert, Southeast Halbert, Lost River, East Memphis, West Memphis, and South Center: St. Mary's Church Hall 128 High Street, Shoals, In 47581



BY DARLA WAGLER
Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The library is open in the new location on 504 Park Street. The first two days we issued eight new library cards. We are still trying to get everything put away and will be ordering some new furniture soon.

We have a part-time library clerk position to fill. Please stop by the library and pick up an application.

Please note our new library hours will be Monday and Thursday 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Wednesday Closed, Tuesday and Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

New Books:
The library hours are Monday and Tuesday 10-7, Wednesday closed, Thursday and Friday 10-5 and Saturday 9-1. The phone number is 812-295-3713 or check out the website www.loogootee.lib.in.us or like us on Facebook.

The library has free Wi-Fi service available for patrons.

In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

While holiday preparations may be consuming most of everyone's time, there are some garden activities that could give you a break from the shopping, wrapping and baking. If you have ever wanted a start of grandma's snowball viburnum, now is the perfect time to take and root a hardwood cutting. We have had enough cold weather to force deciduous shrubs and trees into dormancy and most of the leaves have dropped, yet it is not so cold that the inner sap has frozen. As with all methods of asexual reproduction, use this method only on non-patented plants.

Take cuttings on a day when the air temperature is above freezing. Use bypass pruners to take the cutting just below a leaf node. Anvil pruners may crush the cambium layer. The cambium is that thin layer of green that separates the bark from the wood. It is also where the actual growth of a woody plant occurs. Your cutting should be at least six inches long and must contain at least four-leaf nodes above the bottom two inches of the cutting. It is also important to keep track of which end of the cutting is the bottom.

Using a sharp knife, remove the bottom leaf nodes, from which the new roots will form. Remove the outer bark layer on the two inches of the cutting above those bottom nodes. Coat this two-inch section with rooting hormone. If using a powdered hormone, you may need to dip this portion of the cutting in water first. I prefer to use a gel hormone for hardwood cuttings.

The cuttings need to be placed in a

sterile, soilless planting medium. The bags labeled for seed starting are usually a good choice. Moisten the medium, but do not make it soggy. Fill a small pot with the medium and use a stick to make a hole just larger than the end of the cutting. Insert the cutting, being careful not to knock off the rooting hormone, then firm the medium around the cutting.

Place the entire pot and cutting in a plastic bag. You may wish to use chopsticks or small dowels to keep the plastic from touching the cutting. Place the cutting in a warm area which receives filtered light. Do not put the cuttings in direct sunlight.

Check your cutting every couple of weeks to see if root growth has started. I recommend taking several cuttings of each plant. Not every cutting will be successful, but if you take several, odds are that some of them will produce roots and grow into a cloned copy of the original plant. Once the cutting develops roots and leaf buds appear, remove the pot from the plastic bag and let it grow, being careful that it does not dry out. In the spring, when the soil warms, your new shrub or tree may be planted in the ground.

Of course, depending on the plant, it may take a few years for the cuttings to mature to the size you want, but this is a budget-friendly way to increase the number of deciduous, woody plants for your garden. It is also a good way to produce plants that you may trade with other gardeners to get the plants you want to grow.

Purdue crop seminar to focus on hemp production

Purdue Extension's Southwest Indiana Crop Seminar on December 19 will focus on Indiana hemp production, including regulations, growth, harvest, and marketing.

The free seminar runs 1-4 p.m. (EST) at the Dubois County 4-H Fairgrounds Clover Pavilion, 6 miles south of Jasper on state Route 162. It is geared toward farmers, crop advisers, and the general public.

Speakers and topics:

* Marguerite Bolt, hemp specialist with the Purdue Agronomy Department, will explore basic management concerns for hemp production and marketing.

* Don Robison, seed program administrator with the Office of the Indiana State Chemist, will talk about hemp regulations and requirements for Indiana and will provide private applicator (PARP) certification.

* Chuck Mansfield, extension agronomist with the Purdue Agronomy Department, will discuss recent hemp research in southwestern Indiana.

* Members of the Midwest Hemp Council will also be on hand to discuss their experiences with producing and marketing hemp in Indiana.

The seminar counts as one of three meetings required for private pesticide and fertilizer applicator (PARP) recertifications. The fee for PARP credit is \$10, and attendees who want credit must bring their private applicator number and attend the entire program. 2.5 continuing education units (CEUs) for certified crop advisers (CCAs) in the area of crop management, and 2.0 continuing credit hours (CCHs) for commercial applicators will also be available.

Additional questions should be directed to the Purdue Extension - Dubois County office at 812-482-1782 or duboisces@purdue.edu. Reservations are not required to attend.

Monroe Lake hosts bald eagle driving tour

Monroe Lake is hosting a bald eagle driving tour on Sunday, January 26 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Paynetown State Recreation Area.

The self-guided tour will have six outdoor shoreline stops, each staffed by experienced birders who will assist attendees in viewing eagles and other birds through spotting scopes.

Tour attendees can get an up-close look at a bald eagle and several other raptors at a bonus indoor tour stop featuring live educational birds from Hardy Lake's raptor center.

Advance registration is \$5 for adults (\$3 for children) and is available through January 23 by phone at 812-837-9546, or in person at the Monroe Lake office. Walk-up registration is \$7 for adults (\$4 for children) and will be available from 1 to 3 p.m. in front of the Paynetown Activity Center, cash or check only.

Registrants will need to check in at the Paynetown Activity Center on Jan. 26 between 1 and 3 p.m. to pick up

their event buttons and tour maps.

A warming center will be available for tour attendees from 1 to 4 p.m. with complimentary hot cocoa and tea, cookies, and crafts for kids. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own reusable travel mug to help reduce waste.

Please note that access to indoor restrooms will be extremely limited during the tour, as most of these facilities are currently winterized; however, outdoor vault toilets are located at almost all of the stops.

The driving tour is presented by Monroe Lake, with assistance from Hardy Lake and Brown County State Park. It is co-sponsored by the Sassafras Audubon Society. For more information, contact Jill Vance, Monroe Lake interpretive naturalist, at 812-837-9967 or jvance@dnr.IN.gov.

Paynetown SRA (on.IN.gov/monroelake) is at 4850 S.R. 446, Bloomington. Monroe Lake does not charge an entrance fee for Paynetown SRA during the winter months.



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