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Kristin Norris named 2018 Lilly Scholar

Kristin Norris, daughter of Angela Boyd and Christopher Norris, has been named the Martin County Community Foundation's 2018 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar. Kristin will receive a full-tuition scholarship to a four-year accredited public or private nonprofit college or university in Indiana, with an annual \$900 stipend for required books.

Kristin, a senior at Loogootee High School, has not yet determined her major or university. The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship will open up many possibilities for her.

Kristin speaks of her selection as the 2018 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar: "I am so grateful and excited to have been awarded the 2018 Lilly Scholarship. This scholarship will provide me with many opportunities that would not have been possible before. I look forward to using this scholarship to bring what I will learn in college back to Martin County. I am so thankful to have a wonderful community and family to support me in this next chapter of my life."

Fourteen students applied for the scholarship. The selection committee, made up of volunteer community residents, narrowed the field to the final seven. The seven finalists completed an impromptu essay and were interviewed by the selection committee. One nominee and two alternates were submitted to the Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI) for final selection of the recipient. ICI is a non-profit corporation that represents 30 regionally accredited degree granting, non-profit, private colleges and universities in the state.

The primary purposes of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program are 1) to help raise the level of education attainment in Indiana;

2) to increase awareness of the beneficial roles Indiana community foundations can play in their communities; and

3) to encourage and support the efforts of the current and past Lilly Endowment Community Scholars to engage with each other and with Indiana business, governmental, educational, nonprofit and civic leaders to improve
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Council spends \$132,000 on new vehicles, repairs

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Loogootee City Council spent some time discussing needs of the water/sewer department at their meeting Monday night, December 11.

Public Works Superintendent Bo Wilson explained that he needs a new service truck and a new dump truck with a snow plow. The service truck is estimated to cost \$42,000 and he requested permission to buy a used dump truck and not exceed \$40,000 – for a total of \$82,000. The council agreed. Wilson also explained that the wells at the wastewater treatment plant were inspected and well number six was found to have vibration in the pump. It was suggested that the well be cleaned and repaired at a cost of \$28,000 - \$16,000 for the cleaning and \$12,000 for the repairs needed to the pump and/or motor. The council agreed to pay the cost.

Wilson also expressed the need to upgrade the water department's billing system. He said it was not something that needed to be decided now but he

wanted the board of public works to know that he was looking into pricing. The cost could range from \$22,000 to \$26,000 for the software.

Police Chief Kelly Rayhill requested permission to purchase a new police car to replace the department's 2008 Crown Victoria with 88,000 miles. The cost of the new car is \$22,700. The council agreed. They will be trading in the 2008 with the purchase of the new car.

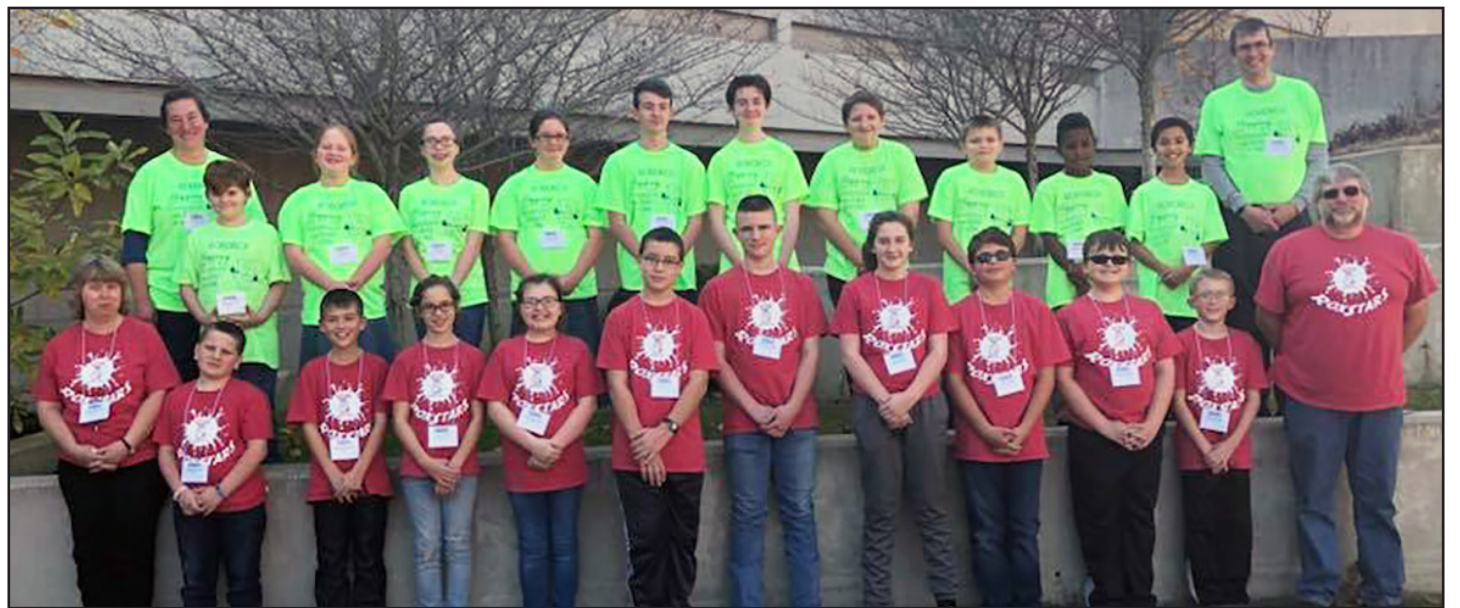
Fire Chief JD Flynn requested that three more of his firefighters be moved to paid positions and for the council to eliminate the reserve classification. This will move the Loogootee Fire Department up to 29 paid firefighters. Flynn also requested that the firefighters also start receiving a payment for responding to medical calls and not just fires. The board of public works approved the recommendation to move on to the council for financial approval. Clerk-Treasurer Nancy Jones said the salary ordinance would have to be changed and she would need to prepare that for the January meeting. The council tabled a decision on the matter until

next month.

When it was time for the council to approve claims, Clerk-Treasurer Jones said that there was a claim for the sheriff's department for \$3,000 for animal control. The county is providing \$10,000 for animal control and wanted the City of Loogootee to pay \$3,000 and the Town of Shoals to pay \$1,000. The current claim is for this year and animal control was started in April of 2017. Jones said that they received an invoice for the \$3,000 but did not receive an agreement from the county on what services they would be providing to the city. Council Member Teresa Nolley stated that without the agreement, they can't even prove services were rendered for the year.

City Attorney Isha Wright-Ryan said that she has requested an agreement from County Attorney Dave Lett multiple times and he will not comply.

After more discussion, the council agreed not to mail the check to the sheriff's department until the city receives paperwork from the county. Nolley also
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-Photo provided

Shoals Robotic team members and coaches are shown above. In the front row, from left to right, are RoxStars Coach Lorna Troutman, Daigen McCarty, Malachi McNabb, Lillie Bauer, Kemily Wininger, Eli Stoll, Lance Asbell, Gracie Shaw, Alex Guinn, Luke Troutman, Isaiah Roush, and Mentor Dean Troutman. In the back row, from left to right, are RoboRox Coach Angela Cook, Izayah Jackson, Hanna Cook, Leila Sango, Lydia Cook, Jared Wright, Alexis Rush, Justin Peterson, Austin Rasico, Aaron Perrotte, Noah Goller, and Mentor Edward Cook.

Shoals Robotics teams compete at state level

Both of the Shoals Community Schools FIRST Lego League(FLL) robotics teams ended the year well at the Southern Indiana State Championship in Evansville on December 2. Approximately 275 teams compete across the state for a chance to advance to the state championships where only two are chosen to advance to the national competition.

The Shoals RoboRox robotics team emerged as Grand Champions (for the third year running) at the regional Qualifying Tournament (QT) at Bedford on November 18, where they competed against 11 other teams. They went on to win 1st place for Project Research and 3rd place in the Robot performance

games at the Southern Indiana State Championship, where they competed against 23 other regional tournament winners. The RoboRox team performed well in all categories and came close to advancing to the national competition.

The RoxStars robotics team had a successful season with their Robot performance and design. Advancing from the QT at Bedford with a 1st place for Robot performance and Robot design to the state competition for a 4th year. At the Southern Indiana State Championship, the RoxStars took home 1st place in Robot performance games with a high score of 265 points. The Roxstars 1st place in Robot performance at the state championship is a milestone

for them as they had come in 2nd place twice before while at the state championship. They also received 1st place for Robot design strategy and innovation for programming their robot to perform at its highest level during the three 2.5-minute robot games.

RoboRox research for the problem and solution earned them the 1st place award for Project Research at the Evansville Championship.

This year's challenge was to research a problem within the human water cycle and develop an innovative solution, and then share that solution with others-preferably those who could benefit from the solution. Their chosen problem was
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Lost River Township saturation patrol results in arrest

In the early morning hours of Thursday, December 17, Martin County Sheriff Travis Roush and Martin County Deputies Tyler Reed and John Wright conducted a saturation patrol in Lost River Township.

At 12:55 a.m., Deputy Reed observed a vehicle commit a moving violation near the intersection of Emmons Ridge Road and Hillham Road. Deputy Reed conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and made contact with the driver, Robert "Bobby" G. Roach II, 31, of French Lick. Sheriff Roush and Deputy Wright arrived, shortly thereafter, to assist. Deputy Reed utilized his narcotics-certified K9 Virka for a free air sniff of the exterior of the vehicle. K9 Virka gave a positive indication at the front driver's side door for the presence of narcotics in the vehicle. Officers searched the vehicle resulting in the discovery of a pill bottle containing a white residue. The residue field tested positive for methamphetamine. A hand-rolled cigarette was also located which contained a green leafy plant-like substance. The green leafy plant-like substance field tested positive for marijuana.

Roach was placed under arrest and transported to the Martin County Jail. During the book-in process, a jailer discovered additional methamphetamine in a cellophane wrapper on Roach, which field tested positive for methamphetamine.

Charges

- Maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 6 Felony
- Possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony
- Trafficking with an inmate, a Level 6 Felony
- Possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor



Beta banner

-Photo provided

The LHS Beta Club was awarded the National Beta Club School of Distinction Award for the 2017-18 school year. The school was given a banner to hang in our hallway to display this honor. Shown above are LHS Beta members with the banner.



LHS Beta induction

-Photo provided

The LHS Beta Club inducted new members into its club on Monday, December 4. The new members this year include Shealyn Arthur, Delani Bateman, Austin Brittain, Cody Carrico, Hyunjun Chang, Cindy Chen, Maria Chestnut, Asia Crim, Zane Cropp, Lena Dippert, Emily Gingerich, Kalea Fleming, Landon Harder, Kevin Hartmann, Ashlyn Holt, Brooklyn Jones, Macy McAtee, Mattie Milligan, Adie Nolley, Matthew Poole, Beatriz Souza, Sara Street, Karoline Tedrow, Sebastian Toy, Makenzie VanHoy, John Wagoner, Isabelle Waggner, Brittany Walker, Jaelyn Walker, and Conner Wilcoxon.

COUNCIL

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noted that the city never agreed to continue paying for animal control after 2017.

The council also spent quite a bit of time discussing the city's tree removal policy. Over the past several months they have received bills from residents who have had trees removed or trimmed that are in the city's right of way. Due to the residents not following a protocol set by the council, they decided to come up with an official policy. Council Member Nolley said that the policy will involve Superintendent Wilson receiving a complaint about a tree that needs to be removed, assessing that tree and bringing a recommendation to the council. A certain amount of funding will be available each year to remove trees and once that is exhausted for the year, the council will not approve any more. Clerk-Treasurer Jones and Council Member Nolley had met to come up with the policy and Superintendent Wilson was supposed to attend but got called away due to a water main break. It was decided that they would meet again, with Wilson present this time, and finalize a policy. It will be presented at the next council meeting.

Clint Rose, with Midwestern Engineers, provided the council with a plan to do a stormwater inventory for the city to help with flooding issues. He explained that the city can use the information to apply for grants through OCRA and/or the Community Crossings grant.

The council approved one building permit for Stephen O'Brien at 500 Walnut Street for a 40x42 shed.

SHOALS

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leaking toilets. Their research revealed that 20 percent of toilets in America leak, wasting an average of 200 gallons of clean water per day. This is mostly due to mineral buildup on flappers and other toilet tank hardware. Their solution was an invention they called "CitRox Toilet Tabs"-a disc-shaped tablet that can be added to toilet tanks to eliminate and prevent mineral buildup on toilet hardware, thus preventing leaks. The active ingredient in CitRox Toilet Tabs is citric acid. Their team slogan for this season was: "Flapping our way to water preservation one toilet at a time".

LILLY

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the quality of life in Indiana generally and in local communities throughout the state. There were 143 scholarships awarded statewide. The Martin County Community Foundation is pleased to have been given the opportunity to work with the Lilly Endowment and Independent Colleges of Indiana in selecting thirty-seven Martin County Lilly scholars thus far.

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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.

Obituaries

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WILMER STOLL

Wilmer Stoll passed away at 2 a.m. Friday, December 8, 2017 at his home. A resident of Montgomery, he was 84.

He was born August 26, 1933 in Daviess County; son of the late John and Lydia (Wittmer) Stoll.

He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church. He married Rosalie (Wagler) Stoll on August 29, 1976 and she survives.

He is also survived by his children, Lydia Rosina (Darrell) Lengacher, Regina A. (Vernon) Knepp, both of Montgomery; Randy D. Stoll and Johnny R. Stoll, both of Sarasota, Florida; Alta R. (Mervin) Knepp, Robert A. (Rhonda) Stoll and Ronnie A. (Jennifer) Stoll, all of Montgomery; 10 grandchildren, Deanna, Ryan, Darin, Katelyn and Ashley Knepp, Darvin, Logan, Kaden and Justin Knepp, and Ziaya Stoll; and siblings, Ada (Joe) Wagler and Ida (Melvin) Wagler, both of Loogootee.

He is preceded in death by his parents, John and Lydia (Wittmer) Stoll and siblings, Ora (Anna) Stoll and Anna (Ben) Yoder.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 10 at The Produce Building. Burial followed in Stoll Cemetery.

Arrangements were provided by Blake & Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery.

JUDITH RASICO

Judith Ann Rasico passed away December 11, 2017 in Jasper at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center. A resident of Loogootee, she was 73.

She was born on February 19, 1944 in Loogootee; daughter of Thomas and Pauline (Reinhart) Kidwell.

She graduated high school from St. John High School in 1962. She was lifetime member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. She married Charles "Greg" Rasico on



JUDITH RASICO

February 16, 1963 and he survives. Judith was a professional cantor at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church for over 50 years, she loved crafting and crocheting. She is preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Pauline Kidwell, her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Theodore Sr. and Carrie Rasico; a grandson, Jaxston Anderson Rasico who passed in infancy; a brother who passed in infancy, Eddie Kidwell; her sister and brother-in-law, Janette and Jim Farley, and her sister-in-law and brothers-in-law, Opal Cecilia and John McAtee and Theodore Jr. and Betty Rasico; and nieces; Theresa Rasico, and Cheryl Maki.

She is survived by her loving husband of 54 years, Charles "Greg" Rasico; four children, Inger (Rick) Johnson, Tom (Debbie) Rasico, Eric (Mary) Rasico, Adam (Danielle) Rasico; seventeen grandchildren, Jeremiah and Scott Johnson, Josh, Danielle, Caroline, Katie, Austin, Adyen, Tristen, Kashia and Lainey Rasico, Audrey and Alex King, Alexis and Jarrett Tripp, Ashton Knepp; one great-grandchild, Adalynn Rose Rasico; brother, Jimmy and Linda Kidwell; and one aunt and uncle, Mary Ruth and John Boyle.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at 11 a.m. Saturday, December 16 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Burial will be held at a later date.

Visitation will be held Saturday, December 16 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church from 9 a.m. until the time of service.

Arrangements provided by Blake Funeral Home. Condolences can be made

online www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

BEVERLY SIPES

Beverly Sue Sipes passed away Sunday, December 10, at Indiana University Health Bedford Hospital. A resident of Shoals, she was 74.

She was born March 6, 1943, in Trinity Springs; the daughter of Herschel and Anna Melvina (Cox) Runyon. She was married to Larry W. Sipes, and he preceded her in death May 2001.

Beverly was a homemaker and

a member of Dover Hill Christian Church. She enjoyed crocheting and shopping.

She is survived by sisters, Charlotte Marie Goffinet-Grimes of Mitchell, Kathy C. Jones of Paoli, and Nancy Schvonn Howell and Jo Karol Baker, both of Bedford.

Her parents, and sister, Better Lou Taylor, preceded her in death.

Cremation has been chosen with burial at a later date in Trinity Springs Cemetery.



Students, staff of the month

-Photo provided

Loogootee Elementary recently chose their students and staff member of the month for November. In the front row, from left to right, are Skylyr Raney, Eleanor Blaker, Izabell Wadsworth, and Rylee Gibson. In the second row, from left to right, are Karcyn Trambaugh, Libby Swartzentruber, Madison Nail, Praylee Haggard, Selah Stevens, and Lydia Hawkins. Not pictured were Knox Jeffers and Mrs. Marci Arthur. Students and staff of the month are sponsored by Jones Marathon, McDonalds, Dairy Master, Running with Scissors, Edward Jones, Blakes Hi-Y Carwash, Jolene McAtee, and Hawkins Healthcare.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

4:24 a.m. - Received report of car-deer accident south of Shoals. Deputy Reed responded.

5:22 a.m. - Received a report of car-deer accident south of Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

6:57 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

7:28 a.m. - Received a report of gravel spill on US 450. The state highway department responded.

10:23 a.m. - Received a report of trespassing in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

11:42 a.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist in Shoals.

12:13 p.m. - Jail Officer Emmick took one inmate to the doctor.

12:20 p.m. - Captain Dant completed a vehicle identification check in Crane.

12:45 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill and Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

1:40 p.m. - Received an animal complaint south of Shoals. Indiana Conservation responded.

3:14 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded.

4:49 p.m. - Received a report of fire alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

5:37 p.m. - Received a report of disorderly conduct in Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Sergeant Keller responded.

6:25 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing north of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller and Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

6:47 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire Department, and ISP Trooper Nolan responded.

7:01 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

9:43 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving south of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

10:29 p.m. - Received a report of illegal burning east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

7:34 a.m. - Received a report of accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennessee responded.

8:48 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:17 a.m. - Received a report of accident south of Loogootee. ISP Trooper Weir responded.

9:40 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:56 a.m. - Received a report of debris in the roadway on US 231 South. ISP Trooper Weir responded.

11:10 a.m. - Received a report of contraband in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennessee responded.

11:17 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:32 a.m. - Received an animal complaint south of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

11:58 a.m. - Received a report of

damaged stop sign south of Shoals. The state highway department responded.

3:39 p.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

3:43 p.m. - Sheriff Roush responded to a panic alarm in Shoals. Everything checked out okay.

4:10 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Sergeant Keller, Loogootee Captain Hennessee, Loogootee Officer Floyd, Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee First Responders responded.

4:38 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving west of Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

5:43 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:57 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

11:27 p.m. - Received a report of lost animals in Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

4:04 a.m. - Received a report of trespassing west of Shoals. Deputy Reed responded.

5:09 a.m. - Received a report of car-deer accident south of Shoals. Deputy Reed responded.

6:27 a.m. - Received a report of car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

8:05 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted a motorist in Shoals.

8:10 a.m. - Received a report of vehicle vandalism in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

8:20 a.m. - Received a report of lost car keys. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

9:50 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took two inmates to court.

10:33 a.m. - Sergeant Keller took two inmates to court.

11:17 a.m. - Jail Commander Abel took one inmate to the doctor.

4:04 p.m. - Received a report of accident in Shoals. Sergeant Keller, Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. Martin County Ambulance transported subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:05 p.m. - Received a report of civil dispute in Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

6:15 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Shoals. Sergeant Keller, ISP Trooper McBeth and ISP Trooper Johnson responded.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

7:14 a.m. - Received a report of car-deer accident south of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

7:28 a.m. - Received a report of bus-deer accident west of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

8:37 a.m. - Jail Officer Emmick took one inmate to the doctor.

11:15 a.m. - Received a report of stolen property west of Shoals. Indiana Conservation Officer Mann, Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene and Major Burkhardt responded.

12:57 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took two inmates to court.

1:33 p.m. - Major Burkhardt took four inmates to court.

1:53 p.m. - Major Burkhardt completed vehicle identification check in Shoals.

2:08 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving north of Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

3:14 p.m. - Received a report of illegal burning north of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire responded.

3:43 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving west of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

4:41 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing south of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

6:35 p.m. - Received a report of controlled burn in Shoals.

8:16 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving south of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt, Deputy Shinn and Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

10:08 p.m. - Received a report of domestic dispute south of Shoals. Deputy Shinn, Shoals Town Marshal Eckert and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

2:35 a.m. - Received a report of burglary alarm in Loogootee. ISP Trooper Beaver responded. Everything checked out okay.

7:58 a.m. - Received a report of burglary alarm south of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded. Everything checked out okay.

8:22 a.m. - Received a report of car-deer accident south of Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

9:05 a.m. - Received a report of tree limbs on Abel Hill Road in Shoals. Martin County Highway responded.

1:43 p.m. - Major Burkhardt assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

2:28 p.m. - Received reports of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennessee responded.

2:42 p.m. - Major Burkhardt assisted a motorist in Shoals.

7:47 p.m. - Received a report of controlled burn in Shoals.

8:51 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving west of Shoals. Deputy Wright responded.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

4:02 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

8:56 a.m. - Received a report of accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Dant responded.

9:27 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals First Responders responded.

10:48 a.m. - Received a report of accident north of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

11:16 a.m. - Received a report of tree across Boyd Hollow Road in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

4:07 p.m. - Received a request for welfare check in Shoals. Major Burkhardt, Deputy Shinn and Deputy Harmon responded. Everything checked out okay.

4:48 p.m. - Received a report of theft in Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

6:13 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driver south of Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

6:22 p.m. - Received a report of impaired driver in Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

6:47 p.m. - Received a report of accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

10:46 p.m. - Received a report of impaired driver south of Shoals. Deputy Shinn and Deputy Wright responded.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

2:14 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee

Fire responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:49 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing in Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

5:46 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:35 p.m. - Received a report of car-deer accident east of Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

7:24 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded.

9:21 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing in Loogootee. Deputy Shinn, ISP Trooper Johnson and Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

11:01 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

ARRESTS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

2:09 a.m. - Robert Roach II, 31, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Reed and charged with maintaining a common nuisance, possession of methamphetamine, trafficking with an inmate and possession of marijuana. He is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond. Sheriff Roush and Deputy Wright assisted with the arrest.

9:45 a.m. - David Brinker, 52, of Mitchell, was arrested by Major Burkhardt and charged with probation violation and possession of methamphetamine. He is being held without bond.

12:17 p.m. - Andrew Stone, 33, of Shoals, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene and charged with driving while suspended with a prior and is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond. Assisting in the arrest were Sheriff Roush and Major Burkhardt.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

1:00 a.m. - Logan Padgett, 26, identified as homeless, was arrested by Deputy Wright and charged with probation violation and is being held without bond.

11:50 p.m. - Rodney Miller, 59, of Washington, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Floyd and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and is being held on a \$20,000 10% bond.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

3:27 a.m. - Lindsay Potts, 20, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Wright and charged with minor consumption and is being held on a \$20,000 10% bond.

7:42 p.m. - Samantha Gammon, 26, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Shinn and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated, operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment and battery on a public safety official. She is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond. Loogootee Officer Floyd assisted with the arrest.

7:42 p.m. - Kyle Tarr, 30, of Montgomery, was arrested by Deputy Shinn and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment. He is being held on a \$20,000 10% bond. Loogootee Officer Floyd assisted with the arrest.

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCING

October 10

Travis L. Troutman, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class 6 Felony; and habitual vehicular sentence offender. Sentenced to serve 4 years on electronic home monitoring through Martin County Community Corrections.

October 17

Paul M. Davis, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor and habitual vehicular substance offender. Sentenced on first count to serve 3 years at the Martin County Security Center with one year to be served as a direct commitment to the Martin County Community Corrections program. Sentenced on count II to serve 2 years with 2 years as a direct commitment to the Martin County Community Corrections program. Defendant received 0 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days.

Derek J. Worland, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating while intoxicated with previous conviction within 5 years, a Class 6 Felony; habitual vehicular offender sentence enhancement. Sentenced to serve 5 years with the Indiana Department of Corrections; one year on first and second counts to be served concurrently at Indiana Department of Corrections as a direct commitment to Martin County Community Corrections program, 4 years on third count to be served consecutively with first two counts at Indiana Department of Corrections with 2 years as a direct commitment to the Martin County Community Corrections program and 2 years suspended to Martin County Probation Department.

October 19

Connie E. Carlson, convicted of domestic battery, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 200 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 100 actual days previously served plus 100 Class A credit days.

CRIMINAL CHARGES

DISMISSED

October 10

Travis L. Troutman, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed.

October 17

Derek J. Worland, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; operating while intoxicated with previous conviction within 5 years, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

December 4

Selective Insurance Company of America vs. National Gypsum, civil tort.

December 5

Cavalry SPV I, LLC vs. Dennis Hughes, civil collection.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. George Altmeyer, civil collection.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Christina Henninger, civil collection.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Melissa Godfrey, civil collection.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Deanna Dedrick, civil collection.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Ricky

Arthur, civil collection.

Barclays Bank Delaware vs. Wilson Wining, civil collection.

Autovest, LLC vs. Lauren Baugh, civil collection.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Shelly Humbert, civil collection.

Credit Acceptance Corp. vs. Derrick Pendley, civil collection.

Crane Credit Union vs. Stephanie R. Bose, civil collection.

Crane Credit Union vs. Isiah J. Phares, civil collection.

Crane Credit Union vs. Alexis McClure, civil collection.

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Cheryl Lake, civil collection.

Diana White vs. Justin Truelove, civil tort.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

December 5

Isha E. Wright-Ryan, Attorney at Law vs. Thomas Harbison, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Phillip G. Williams, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Robert R. Feutz, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Gregory V. Messick, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Tyler N. Rell, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Nicole B. Hovis, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Cynthia D. Reedy, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Kristy T. Gee, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Levi Brown, complaint.

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

Crane Credit Union vs. Teresa Holt, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Jennifer Watson, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Thomas Lake, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Shawn Harker, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Donald Holt, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Carol Harlow, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Kelvin Canady, complaint.

P&S Transportation, LLC vs. Chris Goller, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

November 29

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Ronald W. Goad in the amount of \$3,769.86.

December 6

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Anita K. South in the amount of \$1,063.07.

December 11

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Medical of Dubois and against the defendant Tatiana Neideffer in the amount of \$500.60.

December 12

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Isha E. Wright-Ryan Attorney at Law and against the defendant Aaron Gregory in the amount of \$2,636.34.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

6:57 a.m. - First responders were requested on Goodwill Cemetery for a medical call.

9:20 a.m. - Male came on station for transient assistance.

10:05 a.m. - Chief Rayhill located an abandoned vehicle near the water tower on N. Line Street.

10:23 a.m. - Caller reported a trespasser on Queen Street.

12:45 p.m. - Caller reported an animal complaint.

4:49 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was dispatched to a fire alarm on Broadway Street.

6:25 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person on US 231.

7:01 p.m. - Caller requested an officer assist in removing a male from her residence.

9:43 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:40 a.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a medical call.

11:10 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious item on Park Street.

5:15 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

7:17 p.m. - Caller reported a possible violation of a protective order.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:20 a.m. - Male reported lost keys.

10:55 a.m. - Male reported a traffic complaint.

1:50 p.m. - Male came on station to report a child custody issue.

6:45 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

9:55 p.m. - Caller reported a civil complaint.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

8:15 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

2:05 p.m. - Caller requested a vehicle identification check.

2:30 p.m. - Caller reported a civil complaint.

3:08 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

5:30 p.m. - Caller reported trespassers on Queen Street.

ACCIDENTS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

7:40 a.m. - Douglas A. Rice, of Cincinnati, Ohio, was backing up his 2017 International at the post office when he backed into a 2008 Dodge, owned by Michael and Martha Guinn, of Loogootee. Captain Hennette investigated.

4:13 p.m. - Sheila M. Neal, of English, was operating a 2004 Ford on Broadway Street. Neal turned left and into the path of a 2013 International, operated by Sheila Potts, of Corydon. Officer Floyd was the investigating officer.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

2:26 p.m. - Marcus Lukens, of Loogootee, was operating a 1997 Ford on US 231. Lukens failed to get stopped and struck the rear of a 2008 Honda, operated by Susan Roberts, of Rockport. Captain Hennette investigated.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:55 a.m. - Larry Stroud, address unknown, was attempting to left onto Butcher Boulevard. Stroud changed his mind and proceeded to turn right. At this time Karri Tinkle, of Loogootee, operating a 1996 Dodge, went to pass Stoud on the right and Stoud turned into the Tinkle vehicle. Officer Dant investigated.

6:50 p.m. - Blake J. Wright, of Loogootee, was backing a 1998 Ford on Railroad Street. Wright backed into a 2007 Pontiac owned by Sherrie L. Harder, of Loogootee. Officer Floyd investigated.

8:15 p.m. - Female came on station to report threats.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

9:05 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

11:23 a.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a business alarm.

6:25 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on US 231.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

12:30 p.m. - Male came on station for a transient voucher.

4:10 p.m. - Female reported a theft of jewelry.

4:14 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody issue.

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

2:14 p.m. - First responders were requested on Goodwill Cemetery Road for a medical call.

4:35 p.m. - Officer McBeth responded to a business alarm.

9:25 p.m. - Officer Floyd assisted the county with a dispute on Brooks Bridge Road.

Real estate transfers

Ruth E. Bateman, Martin County, Indiana to Donald J. Bateman, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 13, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.05 acres, more or less.

Kent R. Shaw, of Montgomery County, Tennessee to Benjamin C. Shaw and Kellie M. Shaw, of Martin County, Indiana, 27 acres in Section 16, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, except a section containing 0.985 acres, more or less.

Equity Trust Company Custodian FBO Frederick A. Reichert IRA, of Cuyahoga County, Ohio to Frederick A. Reichert and Diane Reichert, of Mercer County, Ohio, the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter Section 33 and 10 acres off of the east side of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 33, all in Township 5 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing in all 50 acres, more or less.

George W. Hart, Steven L. Hart, Nathan W. Hart and Matthew B. Hart, of Martin County, Indiana to Jeremy Miller and Richard Yoder, of Martin County, Indiana, the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter and portions of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 10, Township 2 North, Range 3 West of the second principal meridian lying in Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 99.703 acres, more or less, except sections containing 1.216 acres and 1.41 acres, more or less.

Ricky A. Buschkoetter and Michael J. Buschkoetter to NSL Farms, Inc., an Indiana corporation, a part of the north half of the southwest quarter of Section 7, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 52.5 acres, more or less, except a section containing 2 acres.

J. Marlene Baugh, of Martin County, Indiana to Susan L. Reedy, of Johnson County, Indiana, a part of one acre in the form of a square in the northeast corner of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 0.37 acre, more or less.

Ashley A. Salmon, of Martin County, Indiana to Mary Kay Colvin, of Martin County, Indiana and Lawrence M. Colvin, of Marion County, Indiana, Lot Number 25 in the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

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4-H NEWS

By Stacy Brown
Martin County Purdue Extension Educator



4-H Enrollment ends January 15!

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 ww.w.4honline.com and follow the prompts to re-enroll if you are renewing your membership as a 4Her. If you have any questions, please call the office. If you will be a new 4-Her, please call the Extension Office at 812-295-2412 for assistance in enrolling. Currently enrolled volunteers must also re-enroll before the deadline on January 15.

Enrolling early is important in receiving all the latest news and information from Purdue Extension.

Junior Leader Call Out

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

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

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

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 heart rate, 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 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

Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry is funded in part by a grant from Whitetails Unlimited

Whitetails Unlimited has awarded the Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry's "Meat" the Need program a grant in the amount of \$1,500. These funds will be used to assist Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry in paying processing fees for donations of large game and livestock. Founded in 2011, Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry encourages the donation of large game and livestock to our "Meat" the Need program, raises financial support to pay processing fees on these donations, and gives this nutritious meat to hunger relief agencies within Indiana. Hunters and farmers may donate, at no cost to them (and farmers may write-off fair market value on taxes!), by taking large game or livestock to a participating meat processor in their area. The donation will be processed, packaged in 1- to 2-pound packages, and frozen, or canned. Local hunger-relief agencies will be contacted for pick up and distribution of this nutritious protein back into the community in which it was donated. The individuals and families that Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry serves are reached through food banks and other hunger-relief agencies whose services are strictly for low income and poor populations.

"The grant provided by Whitetails Unlimited will pay for approximately 1,150 pounds of donated large game and livestock in Indiana, which will then be distributed to area hunger-relief agencies – providing over 4,600 meals to resident in need within this community," said Deb Treesh, Executive Director of Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry. Even as the economy is improving, many hardworking Hoosiers are still living paycheck to paycheck. Indiana residents who must regularly choose between paying bills and buying groceries, continue to struggle to stay afloat but become even more in debt. In Indiana, approximately 1 out of every 4 households with children - report an inability to afford enough food to feed their family. Those affected by food insecurity are often at high-risk for obesity and diet-related diseases due to the lack of quality in the foods that they can afford. Protein, one of the most important nutrients for brain and body development in children and young adults, is also the hardest commodity for food banks to obtain. Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry assists in meeting basic needs within each county it serves. By assisting individuals and families that are struggling with this situation, the organization gives families the ability to avoid hunger and not have to choose between bills and groceries – allowing those aging and vulnerable populations to get back on track to hunger-free, independent living. In the last six years, Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry has helped to distribute over 942,000 pounds of meat to Indiana food banks, providing almost 3.8 million meals to Hoosiers in need.

"To date, we have 85 participating meat processors working within 85 counties in Indiana to ensure residents in need are served," shared Amber Zecca, Fund Development Director of Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry.

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Allyson Mudd, NP

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More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



Well, it's over two weeks since Thanksgiving, so I guess it's OK to begin thinking about Christmas. I love Christmas season, but I believe some think it starts in October. Hope you can tolerate some of the jokes that seem to pop up. Actually, I think they're funny (most of the time.)

A guy bought his wife a beautiful diamond ring for Christmas. After hearing about this extravagant gift, a friend of his said, "I thought she wanted one of those sporty four-wheel-drive vehicles."

"She did," he replied. "But where was I going to find a fake Jeep?"

As a little girl climbed onto Santa's lap, Santa asked the usual, "And what would you like for Christmas?"

The child stared at him open mouthed and horrified for a minute, then gasped, "Didn't you get my email?"

TOP 10 USES FOR HOLIDAY FRUITCAKES

10. Use slices to balance that wobbly kitchen table.
9. Use instead of sand bags during El Nino.
8. Send to U.S. Air Force, let troops drop them.
7. Use as railroad ties.
6. Use as speed bumps to foil the neighborhood drag racers.
5. Collect ten and use them as bowling pins.
4. Use instead of cement shoes.
3. Save for next summer's garage sale.
2. Use slices in next skeet-shooting competition.
1. Two words - pin cushion.

LUMC Vacation Bible School offered on December 28

The Loogootee United Methodist Church is offering kids in kindergarten through sixth grade a MEGA Sports Camp Vacation Bible School on December 28 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

"We want to give kids the chance to learn more about sports, discover character-building concepts, and have a whole lot of fun," says Pastor Gary of the LUMC.

At MEGA Sports Camp, kids will play basketball and volleyball. It doesn't matter if they've played all their life or just started yesterday, MEGA Sports Camp helps kids improve their skills. All sorts of drills and practice games will get kids focused on the fundamentals that make athletes great. Plus, MEGA Sports Camp creates a positive and encouraging environment that pumps up their confidence and self-esteem.

Lunch will be served. You must be pre-registered by December 20 to attend. The camp is also limited to 50 kids. For complete information, call the LUMC office 812-295-3049.

Nativity Scene that showed great skill and talent had gone into creating it. One small feature bothered me. The three wise men were wearing firemen's helmets. Totally unable to come up with a reason or explanation, I left.

At a Quick Stop on the edge of town, I asked the lady behind the counter about the helmets. She exploded into a rage, yelling at me, "You Yankees never do read the Bible!"

I assured her that I did, but simply couldn't recall anything about firemen in the Bible.

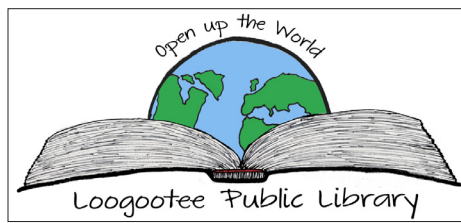
She jerked her Bible from behind the counter and ruffled through some pages, and finally jabbed her finger at a passage.

Sticking it in my face she said, "See, it says right here, 'The three wise man came from afar'."

SILLYISMS (I made up that word)

- *Why were the baby strawberries crying? Their ma and pa were in a jam
- *What type of horses only go out at night? Nightmares!
- *What did the farmer say when he lost one of his cows? What a miss-steak.
- *What do you get when you cross an Elephant with a garden? Squash!

Make someone smile today!



BY DARLA WAGLER
Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The public notice meeting that I held on Wednesday evening, November 29 in the high school cafeteria went well. There were over 50 people that attended the informational meeting to hear about the plan to move forward. The purpose of the meeting was to notify the public about our plans to build a new library with funding from Rural Development (USDA loan). I discussed the proposed building as well as the land that has been graciously donated by St. Vincent DePaul and Mike Carney, Bowling Manufacturing. The meeting went well, and we had several supportive comments from those that attended. I plan to have more meetings in the future to update the community of the progress of the proposed building.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at the library on Tuesday evening, December 19 at 6 p.m. Mrs. Claus will read a story to the kids and refreshments will be served.

New Books:

Fiction: "Year One" by Nora Roberts.
DVD: "The Flash".

The library summer 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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Shoals School Board meeting

The Shoals School Board will meet Wednesday, December 13 at 6 p.m. in the central administration office. The meeting is open to the public.

Community Corrections Board meeting

The Board of Directors of Martin County Community Corrections will meet Thursday, December 14 at 8:30 a.m., at the Community Corrections office, located at 211 SE 1st Street in Loogootee. The meeting is open to the public.

Christmas at the Cricket County Café

Berea Mennonite Church will present "Christmas at the Cricket County Café" on Sunday, December 17 at the church in Cannelburg. There will be two performances, one at 2:30 p.m. and the other at 6 p.m. The play, written by Eddie McPherson, is a hillbilly comedy which presents a Christmas message. It is set in a country café ran by Grandma Taylor and her family. The hour-long play includes a cast of 18 residents from Loogootee and the surrounding area. There is no admission fee and everyone is welcome to come and see what Grandma has cooking in her kitchen.

Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Tuesday, December 19 at 5 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. The meeting is open to the public.

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

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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.

Children's Christmas Program on December 20

If you enjoyed the Loogootee Christmas Parade with the theme of "The True Meaning of Christmas", you are invited to the Loogootee United Methodist Church on Wednesday, December 20 at 6:30 p.m. to continue your celebration of Christmas.

The Pioneer Club children at the LUMC will present through songs and skits the true meaning of Christmas. All the children from age 3 to sixth grade will be involved in the program.

The Nativity Story will be told along with the meaning and reason for Christmas.

Refreshments will be served after the program.

Humane society meetings

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

Solid waste board

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

Soil and Water meetings

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

Attention Senior Citizens

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

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Colder weather has come to the Hoosier Hills and that means it is time for some of the most important jobs in the garden. It is time to take action to protect plants from winter damage and to prepare for the next gardening season.

For me, one of the biggest winter jobs is spreading mulch. There are some challenges to this task at this time of the year. First, it is cold and that means one needs to take precautions when working outside. The second is that the mulch may be frozen in clumps and is not easy to spread. It is best to do this job on a cold day and not wait for one of the warm days. The major reason for applying mulch at this time is to keep the ground cold. The freeze-thaw cycles that are common in this area in winter cause the ground to heave. This action may force the roots of some plants out of the ground, exposing them to the cold temperatures and keeping them from being able to absorb water. This is especially a problem for plants that were put in the ground recently. Mulching the frozen ground will supply insulation to keep the ground frozen and prevent heaving. I like to put a layer of newspaper or cardboard down on the ground before mulching. This helps to keep perennial weeds from growing through the mulch next spring. If using newspapers, use thick layers—at least eight layers thick. Overlap them to eliminate seams. Weeds are great at finding any spot that is not completely covered.

Once this is done, spread your mulch. A four-inch layer is usually sufficient. Do not mound the mulch up at the base of plants, including trees and shrubs. This practice may often be seen in public places, but it is not advised by the experts. These mulch volcanoes may cause problems that could lead to the death of the plants. Those mounds of mulch provide cover for mice, voles and other rodents. They will tunnel up to the trunk of the tree and nibble on the bark. If the rodents cause enough damage, it may kill the tree. The mulch piles also invite decay that may hurt the cause the tree to become diseased. One should leave at least two inches away from the base of a tree uncovered.

One may also do some weeding at this time of the year. This is a job for days when temperatures are above the freezing point. Some weeds, often called “winter annuals” actually germinate in the fall and will grow through the winter. If one pulls them now or applies a total kill herbicide, it will greatly lessen the amount of weeding to be done in the spring.

As long as the ground is solid enough to prevent compaction, one may also use this time to remove any debris left from the last season’s garden. Insects and diseases often over-winter in such debris. However, the over-wintering insects also include the beneficial insects, so one may choose to leave some of the debris, especially if you did not have an infestation of insects last season.

I often commemorate the lives of family and friends with the planning of a tree or shrub. I recently lost a good friend and fellow Optimist Club member, John Deel. John was a big man with a loving heart. For many years, as I played Santa on the Santa Express train ride, John played the Grinch, robbing the train. At the end, when the Grinch’s

heart grew, he would give the money he had collected to the Optimist Club Clothe-a-Child Project. Next spring, I will plant a bald cypress tree in memory of John. It is a tree of great stature and grace. John will be sorely missed by all. I send my heartfelt sympathy to his wife, Billie and sons, Brandon and Patrick and the rest of the family.

Give the gift of the outdoors this holiday season

Indiana State Parks has stocking stuffers galore for the outdoors lovers on your shopping list this year.

From campers to kayakers and more, your loved ones are covered with passes, permits, gift cards and gift packages to help them make 2018 memorable. All of these gift ideas are available online at innsgifts.com.

A \$99 holiday gift pack includes a 2018 resident Annual Entrance Permit, a one-year subscription to Outdoor Indiana magazine, and your choice of a \$65 inn or camping gift card. The buyer saves \$31 over the regular price of the items purchased separately. The offer is available only online or by calling 1-877-LODGES1 through December 31. Senior and Non-resident options are also available.

Also available are annual state parks passes, \$50 for in-state residents under age 65 or \$25 for in-state residents age 65 and older; DNR lake permits (\$25 for a motorized boat, \$5 for a non-motorized boat); annual horse tags, \$20; and off-road cycling permits, \$20.

Gift cards for inns, golfing at The Fort Golf Resort in Fort Harrison State Park, and camping can be purchased in values ranging from \$25 to \$200.

All passes and permits are valid January 1 through December 31, 2018. Indiana has a combined 32 state parks and reservoirs, as well as seven inns throughout the state. Passes and permits are also good at State Forest Recreation Areas.

Permits and passes also can be purchased at park offices and the Customer Service Center in the Indiana Government Center in Indianapolis. The seven state park inns are also selling annual passes at their front desks.

Another warm winter? State climatologists say it depends on La Niña

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According to the latest seasonal outlook from the Indiana State Climate Office based at Purdue University, Hoosiers could be in for a repeat of last winter, when a weak La Niña system fizzled early in the season and unusually mild conditions prevailed during the last half of January and February.

But Dev Niyogi, state climatologist, suggests keeping the scarves and mittens handy - just in case.

“El Niño or La Niña cause notable shifts in weather patterns and Indiana will see those effects again,” he said.

Like last year, a weak La Niña system is expected to influence weather throughout the Midwest in the coming months. According to the National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center (CPC), a typical La Niña winter in Indiana brings above normal precipitation. Temperature patterns, however, are more difficult to predict.

“The big question is how long this La Niña will last and how strong it will be,” said Ken Scheeringa, associate state climatologist. “Last year it was a weak system and it was finished in early January.”

Scheeringa said factoring in La Niña makes forecasting this winter’s weather more difficult.

“We rely on records from previous La Niña winters for future projections,” he explained. “Based on those observations, there was a pretty strong signal that precipitation would be higher, but there was no strong pattern indicating what kinds of temperatures we could expect.”

Recent La Niña winters in Indiana include 2007-2008, 2010-2011 and 2011-2012, as well as last year.

Central Indiana experienced an unseasonably mild stretch starting in the last two weeks of January 2017, followed by the warmest February on record with temperatures 10 to 13 degrees above average in the region. Precipitation during the period was below normal, indicating the influence of the La Niña system had waned.

A similar pattern could be in store for 2018, but if this year’s La Niña turns out to be stronger or more persistent than initially thought, Hoosiers could be in

store for snowier conditions.

That could be good news for producers of winter wheat, which requires a blanket of snow cover to protect it from cold temperatures.

A video of Niyogi and Scheeringa discussing Indiana’s winter weather outlook is available at <https://youtu.be/jxwGUc-V1o>.

The CPC forecast for December calls for equal chances of above, normal or below normal temperatures and precipitation. Average maximum daily temperatures in Indiana range from 35 degrees F in northern counties to 42 degrees in the south. Daily minimums typically range between 21 and 25 degrees statewide. Average precipitation varies from 2.4 inches in the northwest up to 3.4 inches in south central Indiana.

For January and February, the CPC forecast calls for above-normal precipitation with equal chances of above-normal, near-normal or below-normal temperatures.

The Indiana average maximum temperature for January ranges from 32 degrees F in northern counties to 39 degrees in the southern third of the state. Minimums average from about 17 to 22 degrees across the state. In February, typical maximum temperatures range from 36 to 44 degrees across the state, while minimums range from 20 degrees in northern Indiana to 25 along the Ohio River.

Normal winter precipitation in Indiana is about 2.9 inches in December, 2.2 inches in January and 2 inches in February. This includes normal melted snowfall equivalent amounts. Normal snowfall for the season can vary widely, from just 10 inches in extreme southwest Indiana to more than 70 inches in the South Bend area, where the lake effect is the greatest.

The Indiana State Climate Office is a partner in the Useful to Usable initiative, which offers an online tool enabling farmers and agricultural advisers to better assess how climate patterns in other parts of the world can influence local conditions and corn yields across the Corn Belt.

The Climate Patterns Viewer, co-developed by the climate office, can help growers make more informed farm management decisions during different phases of the El Niño and La Niña Southern Oscillation and Arctic Oscillation. It relates historical events of those phases to the effects of associated precipitation and temperatures over the course of a year.

“A shift in peak winter late into February or even March is not unlikely,” Niyogi said.

Specials at The Lodge

Wednesday: Beef Brisket

Thursday: Roast Beef or Beef Manhattans

Friday: Orange Chicken and Rice

Friday night: Blackened Tilapia

Saturday: Chicken Pot Pie

Saturday night: Smoked Chicken/Chops/Ribs

Sunday: Bacon Wrapped Meatloaf



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