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City council split on what should be discussed at their meeting

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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Mayor Noel Harty and a few city council members disputed over what was and was not on the agenda, and open for discussion, at the Loogootee City Council meeting Monday night, December 12. The topic of the planning and zoning ordinance sparked the pseudo-controversy and it came up a few more times as the meeting progressed.

On the subject of the planning and zoning ordinance, Council Member Roger Downey asked if a special meeting was going to be planned to discuss the new ordinance. Mayor Harty said that the planning and zoning ordinance was not on the agenda for that evening and they are only supposed to discuss items on the agenda. Downey replied that the planning and zoning issue was old business and had been discussed at previous meetings. Mayor Harty again said that it was not on that meeting's agenda and asked his secretary, Phyllis Panko, who was in the audience, if she had asked the council members if they wanted to add anything to this month's agenda before it was printed. Panko replied that she did and planning and zoning was not mentioned.

"I can't bring something up in a meeting?" asked Downey.

"When did you want to meet?" asked Mayor Harty.

"I think you are missing the point, we still had things we needed to talk about," said Downey referring to the planning and zoning ordinance. He said at the last meeting they discussed a few things on the ordinance and the council decided to discuss it further at a later date.

City Attorney Isha Wright-Ryan said she thinks the council needs to hold a closed-door meeting to discuss it, also known as an executive session, in January. Clerk-Treasurer Nancy Jones said she didn't think discussing the planning and zoning ordinance met the criteria of a closed meeting. Wright-Ryan replied that she believes it does and she would work with the mayor on his schedule to plan one for January.

Mayor Noel Harty announced that Morgan Huebner will be stepping down as the Loogootee Fire Chief. Huebner will stay on at the department as a firefighter and he served eight years as chief. Captain JD Flynn will take over as fire chief starting January 1. Flynn has been with the department since 1996.

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Temporary bridge closing

Per the Martin County Highway Department, Sherfick School Road will be closed at the bridge beginning Monday, December 12. The bridge will be closed for approximately 3-4 weeks for repairs.



ALEX TEDROW

Alex Tedrow chosen at 2017 Lilly Scholar

Alex Tedrow, son of Brian and Susan Tedrow, has been named the Martin County Community Foundation's 2017 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar. Alex will receive a full-tuition scholarship to a four-year Indiana public or private college or university, along with an annual \$900 stipend for required books.

Alex, a senior at Shoals Jr/Sr High School, plans to pursue post-secondary studies next fall in Music Theory and Composition/Education at an Indiana college or university not yet determined. This scholarship opens many possibilities for him.

Alex speaks of his selection as the 2017 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar:

"I feel so honored to represent Martin County as a recipient of the 2017 Lilly Scholarship. It is such a blessing to be given this opportunity after years of hard work and determination throughout my educational career. I find it so incredible that new students are chosen every year to receive this generous grant, and through this, higher education can be promoted and encouraged. Martin County is such a supportive, close-knit community, and growing up in it has strengthened my values to become the person I am today. I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to my family, teachers, peers, church, employers, and everyone else who has offered me guidance by encouraging me to stay unique, pursue my goals, and use my strengths to serve our community. I would also like to thank the Martin County Community Foundation and the Lilly Endowment for making this possible."

Fifteen students applied for the scholarship. The selection committee, made up of volunteer community residents, narrowed the field to the final six. 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 31 regionally accredited degree granting, non-profit, private col-

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100 years from now . . .

-Photos by Josh Hughett

As part of the Indiana Bicentennial this year, Martin County's Bicentennial Committee purchased and filled a time capsule with items depicting Martin County in 2016. The capsule was buried in front of the courthouse and will be opened in 100 years. A ceremony for the time capsule burial was held last Sunday. In the top photo, are Martin County Sheriff Travis Roush, NSA Crane Commanding Officer Timothy A. Craddock, Martin County's State Bicentennial Coordinator Marie Hawkins, and Martin County Commissioner Paul George, standing with the time capsule. A few Bicentennial Legacy Projects were endorsed by the Indiana Bicentennial Committee, including having a Bicentennial Torch permanently on display in the courthouse (the middle photo is Martin County Auditor January Roush and Commissioner Paul George being presented with certificates for that Legacy project). Another Legacy Project is and official Bicentennial Medallion that will be on display in the Martin County Museum (the bottom photo is Martin County Historical Society Vice President Jim Marshall receiving the certificate for that Legacy project from Commissioner Paul George). The area in front of the courthouse where the time capsule was buried will also have a headstone showing its location. The county's bison is also apart of the Legacy projects and is on display in the museum lawn.

Martin County Commissioners' 2017 Meeting Schedule

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

Tuesday, January 3	Tuesday, May 9	Tuesday, September 12
Tuesday, January 17	Tuesday, May 23	Tuesday, September 26
Tuesday, January 31	Tuesday, June 6	Tuesday, October 10
Tuesday, February 14	Tuesday, June 20	Tuesday, October 24
Tuesday, February 28	Wednesday, July 5	Wednesday, November 7
Tuesday, March 14	Tuesday, July 18	Tuesday, November 21
Tuesday, March 28	Tuesday, August 1	Tuesday, December 5
Tuesday, April 11	Tuesday, August 15	Tuesday, December 19
Tuesday, April 25	Tuesday, August 29	

Martin County Council 2017 Meeting Schedule

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

Monday, January 9	Monday, July 10
Monday, February 6	Monday, August 7
Monday, March 6	September (Budget Hearings)
Monday, April 3	Monday, October 2
Monday, May 1	Monday, November 13
Monday, June 5	Monday, December 4

Loogootee City Council 2017 Meeting Schedule

Each meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. in the council meeting room of the Loogootee Municipal Building. The Loogootee Board of Public Works and Safety meets first, followed by the city council.

Monday, January 9	Monday, July 10
Monday, February 13	Monday, August 14
Monday, March 13	Monday, September 11
Monday, April 10	Tuesday, October 10
Monday, May 8	Monday, November 13
Monday, June 12	Monday, December 11

Martin County Redevelopment Commission 2017 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 17
Tuesday, April 25
Tuesday, July 18
Tuesday, October 24

DNR shares timber-sale revenue with 12 counties

Twelve counties will receive shares of nearly \$400,000 to help support public safety efforts of rural and volunteer fire departments, thanks to DNR timber sale revenue.

The DNR Division of Forestry allocates 15 percent of timber-sale revenue from state forests to counties in which harvests occur. Each county shares the funds it receives with rural and volunteer fire departments that maintain a cooperative agreement with the DNR's Fire Control Headquarters.

The program is distributing \$397,399.09 this year.

Although timber-sale revenue helps fund several DNR Division of Forestry programs, DNR's forestry management focus is to improve and maintain forest health for long-term sustainability as required by state law.

DNR forestry management practices are based on the best science and nationally accepted standards, and conducted in a certified sustainable manner that earns continued approval from the Sustainable Forestry Initiative and the Forest Stewardship Council.

This year, 94 rural and volunteer fire departments will benefit. Fire departments are encouraged to use the funds to improve their wildland firefighting capability.

LILLY

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leges and universities in the state.

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarships are the result of a statewide Lilly Endowment initiative to help Hoosier students reach higher levels of education. There were 142 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-six Martin County Lilly scholars in the last 20 years.

The 12 counties and their share of the funds are:

Brown - \$86,975.99
Clark - \$22,532.65
Crawford - \$50,255.35
Dubois - \$15,660.09
Harrison - \$46,337.56
Jackson - \$15,665.24
Martin - \$16,275.88
Monroe - \$68,372.32
Morgan - \$21,295.41
Owen - \$18,445.66
Perry - \$2,861.87
Washington - \$32,721.07

COUNCIL

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City Superintendent Bo Wilson asked the board of works to hire an employee for three weeks, 28 hours per week, to replace one of his employees who is off on medical leave. The board of works approved the recommendation which then had to go to the city council for approval. During the city council meeting, right after the board of works meeting, the subject came up again and it was discussed that hiring this employee was not on the council's agenda. Clerk-Treasurer Jones said it should have probably been on the city council's agenda as opposed to the board of works, in her opinion.

After discussion, Council Members Ruth Smith and Carroll Rayhill voted in favor of hiring the employee and Roger Downey, Tim Lawrence and Teresa Nolley voting against. So, the temporary part-time employee will not be hired. The council members who were opposed did not say why.

Mayor Harty read a letter from Park Board President Sammi Nelson apologizing for not being at the meeting to speak to the council about the pool's first full season being opened since the renovations. The council had questioned the pool's operations at the last few meetings and the fact that the pool lost around \$15,000 this season. Janie Frye, of the park board, was present at the meeting, along with other park board members. She wanted the council to know that the park board is not spending in arrears for the pool and that they stay within the confines of their budget. She said it's not the goal for the pool to earn a profit but to just break even. She said that raising prices is not a good idea right now. She said the pool is now taking in double the revenue they did in the past.

She showed the council a breakdown of the park board's bank account and the fact that the park board, as of October 31, had around \$31,000 in their account. There was also \$15,000 left in the bank account of donations for the pool renovation; those were kept separate.

Frye told the council that the park board receives \$36,000 annually from property tax money. She said the biggest expense is payroll and they will be looking at ways to cut costs there without jeopardizing pool safety. She said the cost of chemicals for the pool has stayed low and the water bill and utility bills have been cut in half.

Council Member Roger Downey said that the council is not trying to upset anyone on the park board by suggesting that the budget be watched more closely. He said the pool lost money this year and the goal is to work toward not losing money and improving upon the budget.

Frye said she went back and looked at past seasons of the pool and, in 25-plus year, it has never broken even. She reiterated that they do have a goal of making that happen.

Nicole Bays, director of Jill's House in

Bloomington, spoke to the council about the possibility of bringing assisted living into Loogootee. The parent company, of Jill's House, House Investments, based in Indianapolis, would like to do a feasibility study for the purpose of looking at Loogootee and the areas around it to see what kind of interest and what kind of development fits Loogootee. The price of the study would be \$7,500. House Investments would like to divide that \$7,500 between themselves, the city and the county. The study would be the property of Loogootee and Bays said if her company decided not to invest, the city could use that study with other potential organizations.

Janie Frye, who was in the audience, asked if House Investments is a non-profit company or a for-profit.

The representative present on behalf of House Investments said they are a for-profit corporation. Frye replied saying that she worked in development for many years and she doesn't understand why a for-profit company would need to ask for money to do a feasibility study. She asked that the council consider that when making their decision.

Council Member Teresa Nolley asked if the decision had to be made at that meeting. Mayor Harty asked the representative from House Investments if they would just move on to another city or area if the council did not make a decision on contributing. The representative said that if another project pops up, they will certainly move on to consider other options.

It was mentioned that the Martin County Alliance had offered to put up \$2,500. When asked if they had voted on it yet, Mayor Harty said no, the pledge was verbal from Economic Development Director Tim Kinder.

Nolley said she would like to wait to see what the Martin County Redevelopment Commission decides to do before pledging the \$2,500 from city funds. The rest of the board agreed.

The council discussed a tree that needs to be removed from South Oak Street. The mayor said they had an estimate from Melton's Tree Service to remove the tree for \$150.

City Superintendent Wilson said he would like to go look at the tree before the council made a decision. He said he believes there are trees in far worse condition that should be removed first. He also noted that in the past, the city asks the property owner to pay for half of the cost, whether it is in the city's right-of-way or not. Council Member Nolley said she has seen several trees that need to be removed and would like to create a line item in the budget to take care of these trees. After more discussion, the council voted to have Melton's remove the tree for \$150.

Council Member Downey noted at the end of the city council meeting that several items were discussed that were not on the agenda.

Also, during the board of public works and safety meeting, prior to the council meeting, board voted to approve a contract with Area One Protection to install security cameras around the police department for \$1,600. Police Chief Kelly Rayhill had requested the approval at last month's meeting but the board wanted him to get another estimate. The new estimate Rayhill brought Monday night was two dollars cheaper than Area One but also included a monthly fee of \$87. The Area One quote did not charge a monthly fee. Rayhill had said at last month's meeting that the security cameras are needed due to police cars being damaged in the parking lot, nails being thrown in the lot, etc.

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Obituaries

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JAMES "JIM" SORRELLS

James "Jim" Sorrells passed away on December 7, 2016. A resident of Shoals, he was 79.



He was born November 17, 1936, in Shoals; the son of Charles and Ruth (Arvin) Sorrells. He married June Holt on April 26, 1957, and she survives.

He was a retired conservation officer after 34 years. He also was a barber and worked as an investigator for the Orange County Prosecutor's Office. He enjoyed fishing, woodworking, farming, tractors, tinkering and collecting.

Survivors include, his wife, June, of Paoli; two sons, Shane Sorrells of Paoli and Tony Sorrells of Madison; five grandchildren, Evan Rainey of Mitchell, Mackenzie Patton, Abbie Franklin, both of Paoli; and Hilary Scroggins and Amanda Huffman, both of Madison; six great grandchildren, Briar Rainey of Mitchell, Ellie and Addie Patton of Paoli, Guy Banks, Kyndel Scroggins, and Fynley Huffman, all of Madison; two brothers, Ed Sorrells of Shoals and Fred Sorrells of Loogootee; and his beloved dog, Annie.

He is preceded in death by daughter, Denise Franklin.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 10 at McAdams Mortuary in Paoli. Rev. Phillip Andry officiated. Burial followed in Paoli Community Cemetery.

LINDA MILLS

Linda S. Mills passed away Saturday, December 10, 2016 at Loogootee Nursing Center. She had been seriously ill for one week. A resident of Washington, she was 67.

She was born December 29, 1948 in Louisville, Kentucky; daughter of Joe P. and Geneva K. (Seelye) Bybee. She was a 1965 graduate of Valley High School in Louisville. She was a long-time member of the First United Pentecostal Church and dedicated her life to assisting the mentally handicapped. She loved spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by one daughter, Rebecca L. (Michael) Cox of Cannelburg; one son, Beckham O. Mills, Jr. of Washington; five grandchildren, Rajen Spiker, Cattielee Spiker, Kaeleigh Fitzgerald, Rueben Ramons and Jaydon Mills.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother; and stepmother, Sharon Bybee; sister, Kathy Bybee and brother, Larry Bybee.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, December 16 at Ed Lee Mortuary with Rev. John Hilbert and Michael

Cox officiating. Burial will follow at St. John Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, December 15 at Ed Lee Mortuary.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.wedleemortuary.com.

ANN BURCH

Ann J. (Jones) Burch passed away Friday, December 9, 2016 at her home after a brave battle with melanoma. A resident of Loogootee, she was 56.

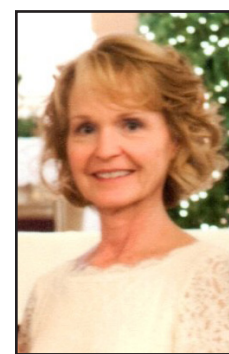
She was born June 30, 1960 in Washington; daughter of the late Joseph L. and Marcella R. (Strange) Jones.

She was a lifelong member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. She was an 11-year member of the Butcher Gee Golf Scramble Planning Committee, 10-year member of the Miss Martin County Queen Committee, and member of the City of Loogootee Library Board.

She was a wonderful and caring mother, sister, and friend. Though she didn't get much time with her grandchildren, she loved them dearly. When Ann wasn't taking care of her family, one could find her walking. That was her favorite pasttime.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph L. and Marcella R. (Strange) Jones.

She is survived by her husband of 31 years, Richard Burch of Loogootee;



ANN BURCH

children, Allyson (Aaron) Mudd of Loogootee, Emma (Dustin) Letterman of Montgomery, and Clinton Burch of Loogootee; grandchildren, Lathen Letterman, Annalise Mudd, and Baby Letterman due in March 2017; siblings, Mark (Kim) Jones of Loogootee, Max (Helen) Jones of Sullivan, Michael (Nancy) Jones, Mary Ellen (Stewart) Blake, both of Loogootee, Amy (Ron) Cardinal of Vincennes, and Carol (Eddie) Harder of Loogootee; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Jim and Marilyn Burch of Loogootee; many nieces, nephews, cousins, and special friends whom she holds close to her heart.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by the Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker and concelebrants Rev. Joseph Erbacher and Rev. Leo Kiesel on Monday, December 12 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Indiana University Simon Cancer Center or the Ann Jones Burch Tennis Scholarship.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

12:17p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

5:03p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital

6:28 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Deputy Keller and Deputy Reed responded.

9:53p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and no transport was needed.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

6:57a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

7:25a.m. - Received a report of a semi on its side on Hwy 50 in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill, Captain Dant, Sheriff Roush, Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No transport was needed. Stork Wrecker towed the semi.

7:56 a.m. - Received a report of an accident with injuries in Shoals. Sheriff Roush, Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:15 a.m. - Sheriff Roush transported two inmates to court.

11:12 a.m. - Captain Dant transported two inmates to court.

11:28 a.m. - Sheriff Roush transported one inmate to court.

1:33 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

3:39 p.m. - Received a report of a two-vehicle accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

6:01 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:35 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle all over the road on Hwy. 231 South. Sergeant Keller responded.

8:09 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:53 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:32 p.m. - Received a report of a prowler in Crane Village. Deputy Salmon responded.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

5:40 a.m. - Received a report of a gas odor in Loogootee. Deputy Salmon responded.

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

9:50 a.m. - Received a report of a break-in in Crane Village. Captain Dant responded.

11:00 a.m. - Major Burkhardt transported one inmate to court.

2:30 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

3:25 p.m. - Received a report of a Publishers Clearing House scam. Captain Dant responded.

4:55 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Major

Burkhardt responded.

6:45 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious vehicle near Reinhart Road. Deputy Salmon responded.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

10:15 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took two inmates to court.

11:20 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took two inmates to court.

1:15 p.m. - Major Burkhardt took one inmate to court.

2:59 p.m. - Sheriff Roush took two inmates to court.

4:31 p.m. - Received a report of kids on a go cart racing up the road in Crane Village. Major Burkhardt responded.

6:46 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one patient to IU Health Bedford.

7:14 p.m. - Received a report of possible dog poisoning in Loogootee. Deputy Shinn responded.

9:47 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:44 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and no transport needed.

11:50 p.m. - Received a report of a burglary alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baker and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

10:30 a.m. - Received a request for a VIN check south of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

10:55 a.m. - Received a request for an officer to call in reference to forgery and property fraud. Major Burkhardt responded.

11:29 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

11:35 a.m. - Received a report of a dog complaint in Bellgrade Addition. Major Burkhardt responded.

3:37 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Lost River. Lost River Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:53 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on Hwy 50, west of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

10:57 p.m. - Received a report of a speeding vehicle on Hwy 50, west-bound from Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

1:00 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:19 a.m. - Received a report of a business alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baker and Deputy Shinn responded.

10:28 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals Major Burkhardt responded.

11:25 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle check east of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

12:08 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check north of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

12:46 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle Hwy 50 in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

1:24 p.m. - Received a request for

an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

1:45 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

4:55 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

1:00 a.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baker responded.

2:36 a.m. - Received a report of a prowler in Shoals. Deputy Shinn re-

sponded.

5:39 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:25 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

2:00 p.m. - Sheriff Roush and Captain Dant performed a bicentennial flag ceremony at the court house.

10:52 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. No patient transport needed.



ISP receives donation of 95 Automatic External Defibrillators

On Monday, December 12, the Bolt For The Heart (BFTH) foundation continued to deliver on the promise to equip Indiana State Police patrol vehicles with lifesaving Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) with the gift of 95 additional AED's. This was in addition to the more than 50 AED's presented to ISP in March of this year.

At the presentation event, held at the State Fairgrounds' Indiana Farm Bureau Building, the Superintendent of the Indiana State Police, Doug Carter, thanked Pierre Twer, founder of the BFTH organization. Additional speakers present at Monday's donation event were members of the various organizations that made the donation event possible: Jon Goble, president of IU Health North Central Region; Greg Dedinsky MD, cardiac surgeon from Columbus Regional Health; and Lt. David Kirkham, president of the Indiana State Police Alliance.

What truly helped bring home the importance and significance of the donation of AED's was the personal story shared by Pastor Daniel Schumm, of Cornerstone Lutheran Church, Carmel. His recounting of how an AED being present at the right place, and at the right time, cemented in everyone's mind the lifesaving capability of an AED when it's readily available.

More About Bolt For The Heart
The donation of the AED's to the state police was borne the result of an experience Pierre Twer had while running in the 2010 Boston Marathon. During that race, Pierre witnessed another marathon runner suffer a cardiac arrest. That runner was saved by an AED.

This inspired Pierre to collaborate with Heart Reach Carmel and establish the Bolt for the Heart 5K Family Thanksgiving Run, of which 2016 was

the fifth year for the run and the second consecutive year the Indiana State Police was the primary recipient of the AED's. Since its inception, this 5K run has grown from 41 runners to more than 2,800 that participated this past Thanksgiving Day.

Each year since the run started 100 percent of the proceeds have been used to purchase AED's for donation to not for profit organizations.

In 2015, the Board of Directors of Bolt for the Heart identified the Indiana State Police as the recipient of AED's from funds raised in the 2015 Thanksgiving Day run, which ISP Supt. Carter was also a registered runner. In fact, Supt. Carter ran the entire 5K run in full state police uniform!

At the conclusion of the press conference, attending troopers were issued their AED's and placed window stickers on their patrol cars to easily identify the police vehicle was equipped with an AED.

History and source of AED's donated to ISP through BFTH:

2014 - Bolt Donation Day - 5 AED's
2015 - Bolt for the Heart Race, Presented in 2016 - 55 AED's

2016 - IU Health Donation Day - 15 AED's

2016 - IU Health Additional Surprise - 50 AED's

2016 - Indiana State Police Alliance - 10 AED's

2016 - IU Health Community Engagement Dept - 30 AED's

2016 - Bolt for the Heart Race - 50 AED's

For more information about Bolt for the Heart visit: <http://boltfortheheart.com/>

For more information about the Indiana State Police visit: <http://www.in.gov/isp/>

COURT NEWS

Persons listed on criminals charges are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

October 20

Courtney P. Hawkins, convicted of domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 281 days suspended and credit for 42 actual days previously served plus 42 Class A credit days. Defendant received nine months of probation.

November 10

Jesse Martinez, convicted of strangulation, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 910 days at the Martin County Security Center with 302 days suspended and credit for 304 actual days previously served plus 304 Class A credit days. Defendant received nine months of probation.

Brian L. Riker, Jr., convicted of domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days at the Martin County Security Center with 283 days suspended and credit for 41 actual days previously served plus

41 Class A credit days. Defendant received 10 months of probation.

November 29

Jessica I. Bechtel, convicted of causing death when operating motor vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance in the blood, a Class 4 Felony. Sentenced to serve 6 years at the Indiana Department of Corrections with 2 years suspended and credit for 148 actual days previously served plus 50 Class B credit days. Defendant received 2 years of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES

DISMISSED

November 10

Jesse Martinez, battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Brian L. Riker, Jr., strangulation, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed.

November 29

Jessica I. Bechtel, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person with a passenger less than 18 years of age, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

November 30

White River Cooperative, Inc. vs. Jeffrey Fulford and Michael L. Fulford d/b/a Fulford Farms GP, civil collection.

Kyla N. Shoultz vs. Daniel J. Shoultz, petition for dissolution of marriage.

December 1

White River Cooperative, Inc. vs. Rock Equipment, Inc. civil collection.

Lindsey B. Brown vs. Levi C. Brown, petition for dissolution of marriage.

December 5

Grace J. Gaither vs. John E. Gaither, et al, civil plenary.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

December 6

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Nationstar Mortgage, LLC and against the defendant Mitze O. Pickett, et al, for mortgage foreclosure in the amount of \$78,446.65.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

December 5

Mark H. Miller vs. Johnathan Zehr, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

December 7

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Tracey Bogue and against the defendant Carla Holt in the amount of \$463.31.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

December 13

Andrew A. Couchman of Shoals and Kristen M. Jensen of Shoals.

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Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:00 a.m. - Caller reported a loose dog around the school.

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

12:25 p.m. - Caller reported an issue with a student at the high school.

4:05 p.m. - Caller reported a harassment complaint.

4:22 p.m. - Caller reported an issue with some juveniles on East Main Street.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

7:25 a.m. - First responders were requested on Hwy 50 for an overturned vehicle.

5:06 p.m. - Caller reported two loose dogs. The owner was located.

7:37 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated person.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

10:15 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

4:15 p.m. - Received a report of a child custody issue.

6:31 p.m. - Caller reported a theft.

6:47 p.m. - Received a report of a theft.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

2:10 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on two dogs.

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

5:46 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on East Broadway Street.

Martin County real estate transfers

Adam E. Greene, of Martin County, Indiana to **Adnan D. Dhahir**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter and the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.600 acres, more or less.

Joby L. Jeffers, of Martin County, Indiana to **Joshua E. Milligan**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 100 and 101 in Campbell and Breen's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Shirley Bridges, of Martin County, Indiana to **Larry D. Seals**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.044 acres, more or less.

Carl Gibson, of Martin County, Indiana to **Craig D. Jellison and Whitney N. Jellison**, of Dubois County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of Section 31, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 7.65 acres, more or less.

Tim Moffatt, of Orange County, Indiana and **Bill Moffatt**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Marvin Yoder and Shirley Yoder**, of Daviess County, Indiana. Tract I: The south half of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter and the north half of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter, all in Section 17, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 40 acres, more or less, in Martin County, Indiana. Tract II: A part of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 17, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 10 acres, more or less.

Joseph L. Zins, of Martin County, Indiana to **John L. Zins, Martin A. Zins, and Stephen P. Zins**, of Martin County, Indiana, the west half of

9:03 p.m. - Female reported harassment.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

11:25 a.m. - Caller reported a child custody issue.

5:35 p.m. - Received a report of property damage on JFK Avenue.

6:23 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to Bowling Trailer Court in reference to a gas odor.

10:35 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

11:48 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:10 a.m. - First responders were requested in Bowling Trailer Court for a medical call.

1:15 p.m. - Officer Baker responded to a business alarm.

3:25 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

5:40 p.m. - Caller reported a dispute on SE 1st Street.

8:56 p.m. - Caller reported a possible violation of a protective order.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

1:00 a.m. - Caller reported harassing text messages.

9:25 a.m. - Caller reported a female having some mental health issues.

3:53 p.m. - Officer Baker conducted an emergency detention of a female.

10:20 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on US 231. Officer was unable to locate.

the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 12, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing 20 acres, more or less, except a section containing 14 acres, more or less.

James C. Burch and Sandra L. Burch, of Martin County, Indiana to **James R. Floyd**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in the City of Loogootee, Indiana, being Lot No. 21, Country Court II.

Belcourt Properties, LLC, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jessica R. Wilson**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 4 in Brook's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Gary D. Neukam, of Martin County, Indiana to **Mark Fields and Mary Fields**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: A part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West. Tract II: A part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West. Tract III: A part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West. Tract IV: A part of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.03 acre, more or less.

Michael W. Sherfick and Rebecca L. Sherfick, of Martin County, Indiana to **The Michael W. Sherfick and Rebecca L. Sherfick Revocable Living Trust and Michael A. Sherfick**, part of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 25, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, containing 11.80 acres, more or less.

Bob and Marjorie Lee, LLC, of Lawrence County, Indiana to **T&G of Bedford, LLC**, of Lawrence County, Indiana, Lot 35 in the Town of Shoals, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.164 acres, more or less.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

12:21 a.m. - Alex Flynn, 21, of Bedford, was arrested by Deputy Salmon and charged with operating while intoxicated refusal-prior, leaving the scene of a property damage accident, resisting law enforcement, escape, and false informing. No bond until initial hearing.

3:13 p.m. - Joseph Smith, 36, of Washington, was arrested by Sheriff Roush and charged with escape. He is being held without bond. Assisting in the arrest was Captain Dant.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

7:37 p.m. - Rey D. Perez Benavides, 34, of Jasper, was arrested by Sergeant Keller and charged with operating while intoxicated. Bond set at \$10,000 10%.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

4:58 p.m. - Andrew Franklin Schmitt, 29, of Jasper, was arrested by Shoals Town Marshal Eckert and charged with dealing methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine, possession of a syringe, possession of marijuana, carrying a handgun without a license violent felon. He is being held without bond. Marshal Eckert was assisted by Chief Deputy Greene.

6:50 p.m. - Gage Sanders, 22, of Shoals, was arrested by Major Burkhardt on a failure to appear warrant. He is being held without bond.

Accident reports

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

3:55 p.m. - James N. Bickley, of Odon, was on Broadway Street and attempting to turn in Williams Bros when he turned into the path of a 2010 Freightliner operated by Jeffery J. Crew, of Shoals. Captain Hennette investigated.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:32 p.m. - Miranda Mitchell, of Loogootee, was operating a 2001 vehicle in the high school parking lot when she struck a 2002 Chevy operated by Tanner Fuhs, of Loogootee. Captain Hennette investigated.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

3:42 p.m. - Ronnie A. Bath, of Bicknell, was operating a 2000 Dodge and attempting to pull onto East Broadway Street when she pulled into the path of a 2000 Chevy operated by Dustin R. Letterman, of Montgomery. Chief Rayhill investigated.

More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



LOBSTER FISHING

After a day fishing in the ocean, a fisherman is walking from the pier carrying two lobsters in a bucket. He's approached by the game warden, who asks him for his fishing license.

Not having one, the fisherman says to the warden, "I didn't catch these lobsters. They're my pets. Every day, I take them down to the water for a swim. Then, when it's time to go home, I whistle, and the lobsters jump back into the bucket."

The warden doesn't believe him and reminds the fisherman that it's illegal to fish without a license. The fisherman turns to the warden and says, "If you don't believe me, watch." He throws the lobsters back into the water.

The warden says, "OK, now whistle to your lobsters and show me that they can jump out of the water."

The fisherman turns to the warden and asks, "What lobsters?"

22 THINGS YOU PROBABLY DIDN'T KNOW BUT PROBABLY OUGHT TO:

1. Many years ago, in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled 'Gentlemen Only... Ladies Forbidden'... and thus the word GOLF entered into the English language.

2. The first couple to be shown in bed together on primetime TV were Fred and Wilma Flintstone.

3. Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the U.S. Treasury.

4. Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better.

5. Coca-Cola was originally green.

6. It is impossible to lick your elbow.

7. The state with the highest percentage of people who walk to work: Alaska

8. The percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28% (now get this...)

9. The percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%

10. The cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of eleven: \$16,400

11. The average number of people airborne over the U.S. in any given hour: 61,000

12. Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

13. The first novel ever written on a typewriter: Tom Sawyer

14. The San Francisco Cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments.

15. Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history:

Spades - King David

Hearts - Charlemagne

Clubs - Alexander the Great

Diamonds - Julius Caesar

16. $111,111,111 \times 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987,654,321$

17. Q. Half of all Americans live within 50 miles of what? A. Their birthplace

18. Q. Most boat owners name their boats. What is the most popular boat name requested? A. Obsession

19. Q. If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you would find the letter 'A'? A. One thousand

20. Q. What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers all have in common? A. All were invented by women.

21. Q. What is the only food that doesn't spoil? A. Honey

22. Q. Which day are there more collect calls than any other day of the year? A. Father's Day

AND FINALLY - At least 75% of people who read this will try to lick their elbow!

HUMORISMS:

1. The children have left the room but you carry on watching Paw Patrol to see if they saved the baby turtles. (Right, J&J?)

2. Give a kid an episode of Paw Patrol, and you'll sleep for 24 minutes. Teach a kid to use Netflix, and you'll sleep all morning long.

3. If stress burned calories, I'd be a supermodel.

4. No matter how old you are, an empty Christmas wrapping paper tube is still a fun thing to bonk someone on the head with.

5. Brain at 3 a.m. - I can see you are trying to sleep so I would like to offer you a selection of every memory, unresolved issue, or things you should have said or done today, or in the past 40 years.

Make someone smile today, especially my friend, Susan Frye.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, December 15 at 5 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. The meeting is open to the public.

LHS Girls' Bball Soup Supper

The Loogootee Girls' Basketball Teams will be hosting a goodwill soup supper on Saturday December 17 prior to the boys' game against Springs Valley at Jack Butcher Arena. The soup supper will be in the high school cafeteria starting at 5 p.m. and concluding at approximately 8 p.m. The girls' basketball teams will be serving and your choices will be chili or chicken noodle soup with cheese, crackers, a drink and your choice of dessert. Donations will be accepted and appreciated.

Solid waste board meeting

The Martin County Solid Waste Management District Board of Directors will hold their December meeting on Monday, December 19 at noon at Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant.

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.

Free lunch for kids

New Beginnings Community Church will be offering a free lunch to all school-age children every Saturday

ANIMAL SHELTER Pets of the Week



The top photo is Indi, a male corgi/beagle mix. He is best suited in a quiet home, without children. He is neutered and up to date on shots. Adoption fee is \$80. The bottom photo is Leo, a male gray tiger stripe young cat, around 5 months. He is very sweet, gets along with other cats and is litter box trained. Adoption fee is \$40. The animal shelter is open Monday and Wednesday 5-7 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m. To see all the dogs and cats available, visit www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org. The shelter is located at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee.

from noon to 1 p.m. at the fellowship hall of the church, located at 200 West Main Street next to the post office. For more info, call 812-709-2525.

SOAR Tutoring

Need Skills? SOAR tutors can help! Free and confidential. Call or text Beverly 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. Members of the humane society are invited to attend.

Solid waste board

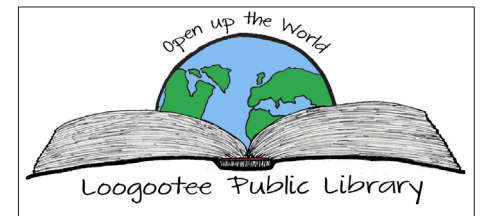
The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

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.

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.



BY DARLA WAGLER
Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The library will be closed December 24 and December 26 plus December 31 and January 2 so employees can spend time with family.

Many of you will be getting new eReaders for Christmas and this is a reminder that we have FREE eBooks that you can download anywhere you can access the Internet. After making your selections you will be asked for your library card number. The staff is available to answer any questions you may have concerning eBooks.

New Books:

Mystery Fiction: "Egg Drop Dead" by Laura Childs and "Chasing Shadows" by Karen Harper.

Inspirational Fiction: "The Cherished Quilt" by Amy Clipston and "Amish Turns of Time" by Olivia Newport.

Fiction: "Prince Lestat and the Realms of Atlantis" by Anne Rice, "When ALL the Girls Have Gone" by Jayne Ann Krentz, and "Whole Town's Talking" by Fannie Flagg.

DVDs: "Suicide Squad" and "Secret Life of Pets".

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.

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Making A Difference

MARTIN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

By Curt Johnson
MCCF Executive Director



-- TYPES OF FUNDS --

Last week I talked about making a positive impact with your year-end charitable giving. So, how can you do that with the MCCF and help your community at the same time? We have several types of funds that can be tailored to meet your goals and the cares and concerns that mean the most to you. Choose the one that's right for you.

-- UNRESTRICTED FUNDS --

The unrestricted funds are perhaps the most impactful of the types of funds. You can use your gift to meet ever-changing community needs, including future needs that often cannot be anticipated at the time your gift is made. We evaluate all aspects of community well-being, such as education, health and human services, civic and historical affairs, the arts and culture, recreational activities, and more. The flexibility of your unrestricted gift enables our local board and staff to respond to the community's most pressing needs, today and tomorrow. The MCCF Open Grant cycle is when community organizations can present their current needs to the MCCF.

-- FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS --

You can also target your gift to address needs in an important area of community life, such the arts, economic development, or at-risk youth. You identify your personal interest area when making your gift; our board awards grants to community agencies and programs that are making a difference in the area you select.

-- DESIGNATED FUNDS --

With designated funds, you can direct your gift to a specific agency or purpose. You can provide ongoing funding for a youth organization, a church, a social service agency, or an arts group. Virtually any nonprofit charitable organization may be supported by such a fund. You identify the recipient you wish to benefit through your gift; our staff manages the annual distribution of the funds.

-- DONOR ADVISED FUNDS --

If you want ongoing involvement in the use of your gift, a donor advised fund is for you. You work with our pro-

fessional grantmaking staff, identifying ways to use dollars from your fund to address the issues and needs you care about most. Your recommendations are submitted to the board of directors for approval; we then distribute the grant dollars.

-- SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS --

And lastly, but certainly not the least, you can designate your gift to benefit students seeking opportunities to better themselves through education. You may define guidelines for candidacy, the advisory committee, the school, and/or the award itself. We ensure that scholarships are awarded accordingly.

-- ESTABLISH A FUND --

Any of these funds can be established in your name, or in the name of your family, your organization, or anyone you wish to honor. There are minimum amounts for funds, whether for a specific "named fund" of a person(s) or for a more generic fund title. All grants distributed from your fund, today and in the future, are then awarded to charities in the name of your fund. It's a great way to always be involved with, and remembered, for your community investment, no matter how big or how small.

-- GIVE TO A FUND --

You can also give to any of the already established funds managed by the MCCF. There are a wide variety of organizations, fields of interest, scholarships, and, of course, the very flexible unrestricted funds. Any amount can be donated to funds that already exist. Your gift can be what is just right for you. And these gifts can also be made in memory or honor of a loved one.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

For more information about giving to available funds or how to establish a fund, please contact the MCCF Executive Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org.

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

4-H NEWS

By Stacy Brown
Martin County Purdue
Extension Educator



4-H Scholarships Available

The following scholarships are available through 4-H. Scholarship applications must be submitted through 4Honline.com by January 25, 2017. To for more information about the scholarships, please visit <http://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/scholarships.aspx>

4-H Accomplishment Scholarship—Sophomores, juniors, seniors, and college freshmen are eligible to apply.

4-H Foundation Scholarship—All seniors are eligible for this state and county scholarship.

4-H Club Scholarship—Seniors in high school or those who are currently enrolled in a post-secondary institution and will be transferring to Purdue University in the fall semester.

4-H Camp Counselors Needed

The weather may be getting colder, but we are already thinking about 4-H Camp 2017. Any currently enrolled 4-H member grades 9-12 may apply to be a camp counselor. This is an amazing opportunity to grow as a leader, make new friends, learn new things, and have a ton of fun. There are two required trainings for camp counselors. The first is March 5. This is an all-day training in Spencer County. The second is on May 30 with times to be determined. If you are interested in applying to be a counselor, please contact Stacy at the Purdue Extension office (812) 295-2412. Before you apply, make sure you re-enroll in 4-H for 2017 at 4Honline.com.

Become a Volunteer

Volunteers for 4-H have the unique opportunity to grow true leaders in our community. Volunteering can be as active as leading a 4-H club or just helping out at fair time. Volunteers learn educational programs to take out to community youth. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please call the Purdue Extension Martin County office at (812) 295-2412.

Enrollment for 4-H 2016-2017 Is Here

The end of summer marks the beginning of next 4-H season. Open enrollment began on October 1. If you are interested in 4-H or know someone who is now is the time to start planning to join us for another great year in Martin County. Any child grades 3 through 12 may join 4-H. We also have a future 4-H program for kids in grades K-2. While most

4-Hers concentrate on projects for the fair, the program is about much more than exhibits. 4-H teaches leadership, community service, independence, confidence, and many other life skills. There are clubs and projects that focus on livestock judging, shooting sports, robotics, and junior leadership. Each year there are dozens of opportunities for youth to attend workshops, conference, and camps focusing on career choices, diversity, and co-operation. 4-H is a great way to meet new friends and learn to make the best better.

If you have any questions or would like information sent to you about enrolling for 4-H, please contact the Martin County Purdue Extension office at 812-295-2412.

Opportunities to Help 4-H Grow in Martin County

Almost everyone in Martin County has either been involved in 4-H or knows someone who has been a part of this great youth organization. Over the years, 4-H has helped to develop life skills, teach responsibility, offer opportunities, award scholarships, and much more to Martin County youth. The program has been growing true leaders since its inception and many 4-Hers have gone on to become actual leaders of the community. As 4-H continues to grow in the 21st Century, the cost of maintaining the space needed for programming also grows. Now is your chance to give back to an organization that has given so much to the young people in the area. The Martin County 4-H Council has launched a fundraising campaign for the upcoming year. Businesses that donate will have their names listed on a plaque in the Community Building. Donations of \$5,000+ will receive a platinum status, \$1,000-\$4,999 will receive a gold status, \$500-\$999 will receive a silver status, and donations of \$100-\$499 will receive a bronze status. Individuals may donate as well and any donation is appreciated. We also have a 4-H recipe book containing all the recipes submitted to the 2016 fair. They are \$5 and available at the Purdue Extension-Martin County office. All donations will go toward maintaining the fairgrounds and buildings so future 4-Hers and the community can continue to benefit from programming. To donate please contact the Purdue Extension Office at 812-295-2412.

2017 Midwest vegetable production guide now available

BY CHERI FREDERICK
Purdue University News Service

The 2017 Midwest Vegetable Production Guide for Commercial Growers is now available for purchase or free download from Purdue Extension's The Education Store.

The guide is an annual summary of state-specific information on vegetable varieties, fertility, seeding rates, fertilizer rates, weed control, insect control and disease management.

Lead author Dan Egel, Extension plant pathologist, said the new edition covers a large portion of the Midwest - Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and this year, Michigan.

"This year, I'm excited to announce the addition of Michigan State Univer-

sity to the multistate, multi-institution team that produces the guide," he said. "The addition of MSU means additional expertise in vegetable production and pest management. With the help of MSU specialists, the guide now has a section on celery."

The publication includes a "What's New" section and producers can also subscribe to the Vegetable Crops Hotline at <https://vegcropshotline.org/> for regular updates.

Print copies of the guide cost \$15. Downloads are free. For more information visit The Education Store at https://edustore.purdue.edu/item.aspx?Item_Number=ID-56 or go to <https://ag.purdue.edu/btny/midwest-vegetable-guide/Pages/default.aspx>.

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser

Purdue University Master Gardener

Greenery has been a part of Christmas celebrations for centuries. It has also been a source of great danger in homes during said celebrations.

As noted last week, the practice of bringing evergreen boughs into homes in the winter began in pagan cultures. It was often seen as an attempt to bring back the growing season. Early Christians continued the practice, seeing the evergreens as a symbol of eternal life in Jesus Christ.

In early times, the evergreens were used to decorate above doors and windows and around fire places. About the time of the Protestant Reformation, the practice of decorating evergreen trees with candles became popular in Germany. Some credit Martin Luther with the first Christmas tree.

While we usually refer to cut evergreen trees as “live” trees, as opposed to artificial trees, the truth is that cut trees are no longer alive at all. As soon as the tree or other greenery has been separated from the roots of the plant, it begins to dry. The candles used to decorate cut evergreens in earlier times were a recipe for disaster. Many homes were destroyed by fires ignited by candles burning the dried needles of the tree. The advent of electric lights seemed to make things safer, but, in truth, the first electric lights produced so much heat that fires at Christmas were still a major problem. Modern lights do not heat things up as much, but it seems that every year we hear about a home fire that started from a burning Christmas tree.

The key to safety with cut greenery and trees is keeping moisture in the

greenery. Wreaths and swaths are best used outside, where cooler temperatures reduce moisture loss. Inside, it is better to opt for greenery bouquets in vases. Change the water every couple of days to keep the boughs as fresh as possible for the longest time.

Modern technology has added another tool to keep greens hydrated. Sprays, such as Wilt-Pruf, seal the pores of the greenery, keeping the moisture inside longer. However, one must remember that these sprays are not really making the greens wilt proof. They just slow the process.

If you are using a cut tree, be certain to take precautions to prevent fires. Choose a tree that has not been cut too long. The best option is to go to a local tree farm and choose one to cut. Even if you cut it just before taking it inside, an additional inch should be cut off of the bottom immediately before putting the tree in water. This ensures that the tree will begin taking up water. Choose a tree stand that holds a lot of water to ensure that the tree does not dry out. Check the water often and add water daily.

You may also find a lot of concoctions that say they will prolong the life of cut trees. Purdue University research has found that the best thing is to keep the tree in fresh water, without the additives. If anything, they say one may wish to add just a couple of drops of bleach, which will prevent fungal growth.

Keeping greenery green is the key to a safe Christmas. Remember to check the water levels every time to hear a bell ring. An angel gets its wings and your family stays safe.

11,000 acres protected in honor of State's Bicentennial

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Bicentennial Commission announced today that more than 11,000 acres have been protected through the efforts of the Bicentennial Nature Trust.

The BNT was launched in 2012 as a project of the Bicentennial Commission, co-chaired by former Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman and former U.S. Representative Lee Hamilton. The program works to acquire land for conservation and recreation to serve as a perpetual gift to all Hoosiers in celebration of Indiana's 200 years of statehood. The statewide effort honors the establishment of the state park system, which was created in 1916 to commemorate Indiana's centennial.

The BNT has completed 129 land acquisition projects to date for a total of 11,096 acres statewide. The projects enhance public access to recreational trails, public hunting and fishing opportunities, wildlife observation, and conservation of fragile natural habitats. Partners include local park systems, land trusts, trails groups, and land-holding divisions of the DNR. More than 70 percent of BNT funds have been awarded to non-state partners.

“We are grateful to the many partners who have helped to make this effort a success,” Hamilton and Skillman said in a shared statement. “Our state park system stands as an enduring legacy of Indiana's centennial celebration 100 years ago, and it is our hope that these projects serve as an inspiration to future generations of Hoosiers as they reflect on the commitment to conservation made to commemorate our state's 200th year.”

The state obligated \$20 million for BNT projects, and the Lilly Endowment donated another \$10 million. The program requires that money from the fund is matched no less than \$1:1 by project sponsors. To date, projects sponsors have matched \$1.41 for every BNT dollar.

A list of approved projects and an interactive map can be found at www.in.gov/dnr/7577.htm.

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More about Red-tailed Hawks

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Red-tailed Hawks are large, sharp-taloned birds that can be aggressive when defending nests or territories. They frequently chase off other hawks, eagles, and Great Horned Owls. Courting birds fly with legs hanging beneath them, or chase and swoop after each other, sometimes locking talons. Mated pairs typically stay together until one of the pair dies.

USDA announces new conservation opportunities to improve water quality and restore wildlife habitat

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack last Wednesday announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will offer farmers and ranchers more opportunities to participate in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). The announcement includes new CRP practices to protect water quality and adds an additional 1.1 million acres targeted to benefit wildlife, pollinators and wetlands.

“The Conservation Reserve Program is an extremely popular voluntary program that offers producers and landowners a wide variety of opportunities to prevent erosion, protect wildlife habitat and reduce nutrient runoff,” said Vilsack. “With the program close to the legal enrollment limit of 24 million acres, USDA has been working to use all of the tools at our disposal to maximize benefits by combining multiple soil, water and wildlife objectives in the areas where it is needed most.”

Vilsack unveiled a new conservation initiative known as Clean Lakes, Estuaries and Rivers (CLEAR), which will add new tools to CRP that can help to improve water quality. CLEAR will assist landowners with the cost of building bioreactors and saturated buffers that filter nitrates and other nutrients from tile-drained cropland. Early estimates indicate that CLEAR could help to reduce nitrate runoff by as much as 40 percent over traditional conservation methods. CLEAR may cover up to 90 percent of the cost to install these new practices through incentives and cost-share. These new methods are especially important in areas where traditional buffers have not been enough to prevent nutrients from reaching bodies of water.

USDA will also add an additional 1.1 million acres to a number of key CRP practices that are critically important to wildlife and conservation. These include 700,000 acres for State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) efforts, which restore high-priority wildlife habitat tailored to a specific state's needs. In addition to SAFE, 300,000 acres will be added to target wetlands restoration that are nature's water filters

and 100,000 acres for pollinator habitat that support 30 percent of agricultural production.

The continued strong demand for CRP combined with the limited acreage available for enrollment and lower land rental rates, allows USDA to modify certain program components without affecting the integrity of the program. Signing incentives are being reduced by \$25 per acre on certain practices for fiscal year 2018 enrollments (incentives are currently between \$100 and \$150 per acre) and a cap on the maximum soil rental rate is being instituted for Continuous CRP at \$300 per acre. The savings from these changes are being reinvested back in CRP, including the additional acres for SAFE, pollinator habitat and wetlands restoration.

To learn more about FSA's conservation programs, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/conservation or contact your local FSA office. To find your local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

Throughout the Obama Administration, USDA has generated thousands of critical partnerships to conserve and protect our natural resources on working landscapes, while enrolling a record number of acres in conservation programs. Seventy-percent of the nation's land is owned and tended to privately, and America's farmers, ranchers and landowners have willingly stepped up to address the growing impacts of a changing climate. With USDA's support, they are working to implement voluntary practices that improve air and water quality, prevent soil erosion and create and protect wildlife habitat. Since 2009, USDA has invested more than \$29 billion to help producers make conservation improvements, working with as many as 500,000 farmers, ranchers and landowners to protect land and water on over 400 million acres nationwide. Read more about USDA's record conservation outcomes under this Administration at <https://medium.com/usda-results/caring-for-our-land-air-and-water-preserving-precious-natural-resources-for-tomorrow-319ce7f275b2#.26o4xjm0d>.

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

Usher in 2017 with other outdoor lovers at one of the many First Day Hikes, and one First Day Horse Ride, offered Jan. 1 at Indiana's state parks.

First Day Hikes are a healthy way to start 2017 and a chance to get outside, exercise, enjoy nature and connect with friends.

DNR's Division of State Parks is hosting 32 First Day events throughout the state. Information on First Day events in Indiana is at dnr.IN.gov/dnr/parklake/2420.htm. First Day events at Indiana State Park properties are (all times are local):

-Brookville Lake, 4 p.m.: Meet at the Mounds State Recreation Area campground shelter house for an easy 0.7-mile hike on the Wildlife Wander Loop Trail. The hike should last about 45 minutes. Hot cocoa and a fire will be available afterward.

-Brown County State Park, 11 a.m.: Meet in front of Abe Martin Lodge for a "Hills 'n' Hollers" hike. The 1.5- to 2-mile hike will last about an hour. After the hike, a hot chocolate bar will be available at the lodge.

-Chain O'Lakes State Park, 2 p.m.: Meet at the Dock Lake public access parking lot for a 1- to 2-mile hike that will last about 90 minutes. Hot Cocoa and snacks will be available.

-Charlestown State Park, 10 a.m.: Meet at the Trail 3 parking lot for a Rose Island History Hike. At 2.4-miles long, the leisurely hike should last about two-and-a-half hours. Hikers will see the remains of an amusement park and new exhibits interpreting them. Hot cocoa will be provided.

-Clifty Falls State Park, 2 p.m.: Meet at Lookout Point for a First Day Waterfall Walk. The moderately rugged hike is 1 mile long and should last about an hour. Bring sturdy hiking shoes and a camera.

-Falls of the Ohio State Park, 1 p.m.: Meet at the interpretive center for a Falls River Greenway Hike. The 3-mile, easy hike will last about two hours as visitors hike to the George Rogers Clark home site on the Ohio River Greenway.

-Fort Harrison State Park, noon: Meet at the Delaware Lake Parking Lot for a 2-mile hike on the paved Harrison Trace Trail. The hike should last about two hours. Leashed pets and strollers are welcome.

-Hardy Lake, 1 p.m.: Meet at the main office for a 1.5-mile-long Wildlife in the Winter Hike. The hike is moderately rugged and will last about an hour.

-Harmonie State Park, 10 a.m.: Meet at the pool parking lot for a 2-mile walk on a paved trail with slight hills. The hike should last about 90 minutes, and strollers, pets and hikers with wheelchairs are welcome. Cookies and hot cocoa will be available afterward.

-Indiana Dunes State Park, 10 a.m.: Meet at the nature center for a First Day Hike 3 Dune Challenge. The 1.5-mile hike will explore some of the tallest dunes in the park and possible ice shelf formations on Lake Michigan. The hike will last about an hour and ends with a fire and healthy snacks.

-Lieber State Recreation Area, 10 a.m.: Meet at the Hilltop Shelter for a 1.5-mile hike that will last two to three hours. Hikers can meet Smokey Bear as they enjoy hot cocoa and snacks afterward.

-Lincoln State Park, noon: Meet at the Troy Road Picnic Area for a 2-mile hike to Weber Lake. The hike is moderate and should last about two hours.

-McCormick's Creek State Park, 2 p.m.: Meet at Canyon Inn for a Canyon

Hike and Photo Contest. The roughly 3/4-mile hike is easy to moderate. Hikers can bring cameras or smart phones to snap photos for an optional contest. Refreshments will be available at the end of the hike.

-Mississinewa Lake, 5:30 p.m.: Meet at Miami State Recreation Area's Bostwick Pond for a 1-mile hike that will last about 45 minutes.

-Monroe Lake: Monroe Lake will host the fourth annual First Day Trail Run/Walk at Fairfax State Recreation Area. Registration/check-in runs from 2:15 to 3:15 p.m. at Bayview Shelter. The run/walk starts at 3:30 p.m. The event is untimed. Participants can choose from a 3.5- to 4.5-mile course or a 1.5- to 2-mile course. Registering in advance costs \$15. The advance registration deadline is December 30. Those who register in advance will have access to a post-event hors d'oeuvres buffet at Fourwinds Lakeside Inn. The first 300 people to register in advance will receive a commemorative patch and a \$15 gift certificate for the restaurants at the Fourwinds Lakeside Inn. Same-day registration is also \$15. More information and online registration is at mag7raceseries.com

-Mounds State Park, 5 p.m.: Meet at the nature center for an hour-long, 3/4-mile "Firelight Hike" on an easy, illuminated trail to the Great Mound. The nature center will be open an hour before and after the hike, and hot drinks will be provided.

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

-Ouabache State Park, 1 p.m.: Meet at the Bison Pen Shelter for an easy, 40-minute stroll around the bison pen on a 1-mile trail.

-Patoka Lake, 1 p.m.: Meet at the nature center for a 3/4-mile hike on the scenic Garden Rock Loop trail while sipping hot chocolate. The hike will last an hour.

-Pokagon State Park, 10:30 a.m.: Meet at the Potawatomi Inn sun deck for a Birding First Day Hike. Binoculars and check lists will be provided while supplies last. The hike will be 1.5 miles long, passing through several habitats on the way to the Toboggan Run fire ring. Visitors can roast marshmallows and enjoy the fire from noon to 1 p.m. All ages, birders and non-birders are welcome.

-Potato Creek State Park, 10:30 a.m.: Meet at the nature center for a 1- to 2-mile Winter Adventure Hike. The 90-minute walk will include looking for tracks and burrows, checking out the lake and searching for wildlife. Bring snowshoes if there is snow. Hot cocoa will be available after the hike.

-Prophetstown State Park, 1 p.m.: Meet at the far east parking lot for a 2-mile hike on the new bicycle trail and boardwalk. The hike will last about 90 minutes. Hikers should bring binoculars if they have them. Warm drinks will be provided.

-Raccoon Lake, 1 p.m.: Meet at the basketball courts across the main road from the beach for a 1.5-mile hike. The hike will last about an hour and will include some off-trail wandering. It will highlight remains of structures from before the development of the park.

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

Conservation Corps projects.

-Shades State Park, 7 p.m.: Meet at the Dell Shelter for a 1-mile, one-hour luminary hike in the early evening darkness. Hot chocolate, water and snacks will be provided.

-Shakamak, State Park, 2 p.m.: Meet at the Group Camp mess hall for a 3/4-mile, 45-minute hike. In conjunction with the Friends of Shakamak group, the park will offer hot cocoa, coffee, and snacks. There will also be entertainment for all ages after the hike inside the Group Camp Mess Hall.

-Spring Mill State Park, 10 a.m.: Meet at the Lakeview Activity Center for a two-hour, 2.5-mile hike. Hot chocolate and coffee in the Lakeview Activity Center will be available after the hike, courtesy of Spring Mill Inn.

-Summit Lake State Park: An indoor activity for kids starts at 11:30 a.m. At noon, hikers should meet at the park office for a "Hike in the Hidden Prairie." The hike will be 3/4-mile long along a mowed path and will last about an hour. Coffee, hot chocolate and donuts

Indiana State Parks celebrates centennial year with programs, social media, and giveaways

On December 16-18, Indiana State Parks will wind down its year-long centennial celebration by honoring the actual birthdate of the parks system 100 years ago.

McCormick's Creek and Turkey Run state parks were presented to the state on December 16, 1916. Celebrations recognizing 100 years of Indiana State Parks started on December 16, 2015.

The weekend celebration kicks off with the dedication of the parks system's 11th and final Centennial Legacy Project, the new Centennial Shelter at McCormick's Creek State Park, at 11 a.m. on December 16.

The McCormick's Creek centennial shelter was designed by engineering students from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology and Gonzaga University in partnership with the DNR Division of Engineering. It is similar to shelters built by the Civilian Conservation Corps but distinctive in its shape and size.

The event includes comments from DNR director Cam Clark, a chili lunch and birthday cake provided by Canyon Inn at McCormick's Creek State Park in front of a warm fire in the new shelter.

Anyone attending should RSVP to spaddock@dnr.IN.gov by December 12. Visitors should dress warmly and arrive early; parking is at the pool and shuttles are provided.

Between Friday, December 16, and Sunday, December 18, each of the 22 state park properties with a full-time interpretive naturalist will host at least one history-oriented program. Programs range from hikes to talks. The schedule includes both outside and inside events. The first 25 participants at each history program will receive a commemorative centennial lapel pin.

Events are listed at stateparks.IN.gov/2420.htm and on the DNR Calendar at calendar.dnr.IN.gov. Search for

will be available.

-Tippecanoe River State Park, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Meet at the fire tower for a horse ride or hike. The length of the ride or hike is up to the participant, from 0.2 to 7 miles. For this special occasion the fire tower will be open. Horse riders must have their own horse.

-Turkey Run State Park, 11 a.m.: Meet in front of Turkey Run Inn for a moderately rugged, 1.2-mile, hour-long hike. Hot chocolate and snacks will be provided after the hike.

-Versailles State Park, 2 p.m.: Meet at the pool parking lot in front of the mountain bike trailhead for a 4-mile hike. The hike will last about two hours. Sturdy hiking boots, water and hiking sticks are recommended. Well-behaved dogs on leash are welcome.

-Whitewater Memorial State Park, 11 a.m.: Meet at the Poplar Grove Shelter for a moderate, 2.5-mile hike on the Memorial Loop Trail. The hike will take approximately 90 minutes. Participants can drink hot cocoa around a fire afterward.

"Centennial Feature" in the title.

Those who prefer time outdoors on their own can visit any state parks property for a hike or other activity and earn a chance to win an Indiana State Parks Annual Pass for 2017 through social media.

Take a photo of yourself, your friends or your family with one of the centennial banner signs at a park entrance, inn, office or nature center (they are in different locations at each property), post it on the Indiana State Parks Facebook page at facebook.com/IND-NRstateparksandreservoirs, and tag it with #Happy100INStateParks.

If you include a short happy birthday message (Facebook Live, sign, etc.) you'll also earn a chance to win a souvenir centennial coin.

More info about centennial activities is at INStateParks100.com. Discover more about Indiana State Parks history at stateparks.IN.gov/2410.htm.

Mother Nature's Mercantile at inngifts.com is also offering a "Birthday Sale." Purchase three 100-Year merchandise items for the price of two (the one of lesser value is free; discount applied at the time of purchase.) Items include mugs, steins, coasters, salt and pepper shakers, plush animal toys, mini-backpacks, T-shirts and more with the Indiana State Parks centennial logo on them. The birthday sale is good now through December 31, while supplies last.

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