

Loogootee High School hires principal

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The Loogootee School Board voted unanimously at their meeting last night, Tuesday, December 16, to hire Chip MehaFFEY as the new high school principal. MehaFFEY replaced John Mullen who resigned last month after taking a leave of absence. MehaFFEY will start on January 5, after the Christmas break and the start of the new semester.

MehaFFEY is currently serving as chief financial officer of the Muncie School Corporation and has served as a math teacher, athletic director and basketball coach.

MehaFFEY coached for 14 years at Win-

chester High School, leading the Golden Falcons to three Class 2A state runner-up finishes. The team made the state championship game in 1999-00, 2006-07 and 2007-08.

MehaFFEY told the board that he and his wife Stacy are thrilled to be in Loogootee and will be moving to the city soon.

There were 22 applications for the high school principal position.

By publication time on Wednesday, the school had not responded to the MCJ regarding the length of MehaFFEY's contract or his base salary.

In other personnel action, the board accepted the resignation of Chad Wade as the paid head coach of girls' high school bas-

ketball. Wade was elected to the school board and will take office in January, therefore is not allowed to be paid in another position within the school. Wade offered to do the job for no pay so the board voted for him to be volunteer effective January 1, 2015.

The board accepted the resignation of Jeff Richardson as math teacher and math bowl coach. Superintendent Joan Keller said the position has already been posted and asked permission to hire a replacement for Richardson prior to the next board meeting so a teacher can be in place starting second semester. The board approved.

The board accepted the resignation of Erin Craney as junior high track coach. Keller said Craney's job prevents her from continuing as coach.

The board approved Randy Winingar as a volunteer girls' softball coach.

Curriculum director Mike Tippery told the board that of the two calendar choices for



CHIP MEHAFFEY

Food establishments inspected

The following restaurant inspections were done by Julia Albright, of the Martin County Health Department. The information listed is verbatim from the inspection report and all were routine inspections unless otherwise noted. Violations found again from the previous inspection will be noted with (repeat violation).

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Faytastic Pizza, 220 Main Street, Shoals

One critical violation:

-Containers with pizza toppings and refillable sauce containers had no date markings.

Sugar Shack, 228 Main Street, Shoals

One critical violation:

-Multiple items in coolers have no date markings on container

One non-critical violation:

-Coke machine fountain nozzles had build-up of black substance
JayC Foods #52, 201 South High Street, Shoals

No violations noted.

Jones Oil Company (RJ's Food Mart), Shoals

No violations noted.

Shoals Senior Center, 409 Courthouse Drive, Shoals

No violations noted.

Church Christmas Services

LOOGOOTE REVIVAL CENTER CHURCH, 205 NW First Street, will be having a candlelight and communion service on Sunday, December 21, 9:30 a.m. Also, on December 28 at 9:30 a.m., the church will be having a prayer and anointing service. Everyone is invited!

NEW BEGINNINGS COMMUNITY CHURCH, at 200 West Main Street in Loogootee, will be having a candlelight service on Christmas Eve at 11 p.m.

ST. JOHN CATHOLIC CHURCH, at 408 Church Street in Loogootee, will hold all masses this year. The children's mass will be December 24 at 4 p.m. and then a mass will be held at midnight. On Christmas Day, December 25, two Christmas masses will be held at 7:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.

THE RIVER, at 415 Water Street in Shoals, will hold Christmas Eve Service on Wednesday, December 24 at 5:30 p.m.

Two Shoals School Board members finish up terms

The Shoals School Board met Thursday, December 11. Board member Tony Cundiff was not present. This was the last meeting for board member Christy Farhar who did not seek re-election. It was also the last scheduled meeting for Tony Cundiff who has missed every meeting this year, except one in January.

The board approved the following field trips:

-High school band to Shoals Christmas Parade on December 6

-Varsity girls' basketball team to IU Women's Basketball Game on December 28

-Pep band to Orleans Invitational on January 10, 2015

-2nd grade to Marengo Cave on April 3, 2015

The board approved the post prom parents to hold a fundraiser selling discount cards and ornaments at home ball games.

The board discussed renewal of membership with the Indiana Chamber of Commerce. Action was tabled in order for the superintendent to further investigate the benefits of membership.

Superintendent Candace Roush requested formal approval from the board to purchase

a new school bus and trade in two buses to help offset the cost. She explained that purchasing a bus this year is part of the school bus replacement plan that is approved by the board annually. The board approved.

Roush requested approval for Jeremy Albright to transfer his 2015-16 through 2018-19 school bus route contract to his wife, Miranda Albright, with Jeremy Albright listed as a driver on the contract. The board approved.

Roush recommended the board approve the start-up of a FFA Charter for Shoals Jr. Sr. High Students. Board Member Jim Bruner was involved in the set up process and he explained many details of the program. Roush thanked Bruner for all the time and effort he has put into making FFA available to students. The board discussed student fees associated with membership in the FFA club. The board approved the FFA start-up request as well as for the school to pay all student membership fees. Bruner abstained from the vote.

The board approved a facility usage request from William Dean Baker for the use of facilities to work on basketball fundamen-



Lion royalty

-Photo provided by Stephanie Powell

The Loogootee High School Boys' Basketball Team held their Homecoming game last Saturday night against Shoals. Ashleigh Powell was named Homecoming Queen and Chase Wilcoxon was named King. Powell is the daughter of Rob and Stephanie Powell and Chase is the son of Scott and Christie Wilcoxon.

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tals with students.

The board approved the donation or disposal of two broken refrigerators and several old computer chairs.

The board approved the following personnel actions:

-Christy Farhar to serve as a substitute teacher for the 2014-15 school year. Farhar abstained from the vote.

-Heidi Hoffman and Kyla Tichenor to serve as substitute teachers for the 2014-15 school year.

-Medical leave request from Kindra Hovis.

-Mike Cooper, Mark Armstrong, Mike Akles, Chris Bearden, Bobby Doane, Jim Potts, and Chad Shaw to serve as volunteers with the elementary JBL program.

Roush requested approval from the board to change dental insurance companies. She explained that if the corporation remains with Guardian Dental they would receive a 15 percent premium increase for the annual renewal. They received a quote from Health Resources Inc. (HRI) that would decrease premiums by 28 percent from the current cost and allow more in-network doctors to choose from in the area. The board unanimously approved the change.

The board held a second reading of changes to board policy #4160 – transfer of instructional personnel, a second reading of changes to the board policy concerning the use of seclusions and restraints and a second reading of changes to series 5000 of the board policy handbook. Mrs. Roush recommended the board approve all the policies as presented. The board approved.

The board approved the corporation treasurer to transfer funds from or within the general fund to any fund in need of cash until money is received from our county allocation if necessary. Any money transferred from the general fund will be returned to the general fund upon receipt of the county money. The board also approved a resolution to allow the corporation treasurer to pay any bills that come in after the December board meeting through December 31, 2014.

The board held a first reading of changes

Martin County Council

2015 Meeting Schedule

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

- Monday, January 5
- Monday, February 2
- Monday, March 2
- Monday, April 6
- Monday, May 4
- Monday, June 1
- Monday, July 6
- Monday, August 3
- September - Budget hearing
- Monday, October 5 (Budget adoption)
- Monday, November 2
- Monday, December 7

Martin County Commissioners

2015 Meeting Schedule

Each meeting will begin at 6 p.m. at the Martin County Courthouse, 129 Main Street, Shoals.

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| Tuesday, January 6 (organizational meeting) | Tuesday, April 28 | Tuesday, September 1 |
| Tuesday, January 20 | Tuesday, May 12 | Tuesday, September 15 |
| Tuesday, February 3 | Tuesday, May 26 | Tuesday, September 29 |
| Tuesday, February 17 | Tuesday, June 9 | Tuesday, October 13 |
| Tuesday, March 3 | Tuesday, June 23 | Tuesday, October 27 |
| Tuesday, March 17 | Tuesday, July 7 | Tuesday, November 10 |
| Tuesday, March 31 | Tuesday, July 21 | Tuesday, November 24 |
| Tuesday, April 14 | Tuesday, August 4 | Tuesday, December 8 |
| | Tuesday, August 18 | Tuesday, December 22 |

to board policy #4610 – attendance at conferences or visitation to other schools. A second reading will be held at the January 8 board meeting.

A first reading was held on changes to the non-certified handbook regarding the use of personal leave days immediately before or after a scheduled school break. A second reading will be held at the January 8, 2015 board meeting.

Mrs. Roush notified the board that the corporation received a Performance in Excellence Grant that will be divided and paid in the form of a stipend to each teacher in the corporation.

Austin Malone, elementary principal, and Lucas Calhoun, junior/senior high school principal reported on the following:

-ACUITY testing scheduled for grades 3, 4, and 6 in science and math

-Elementary music program scheduled for December 12, 2014

-LEGO Rox Stars traveling to Ft. Wayne to compete as state level

-Mrs. Mauntel awarded Autism Speaks grant and received an iPad4 and Trident AMS Kraken case + a free "Emotional IQ Game" app

-8,657 box tops were turned in for Box Tops for Education challenge

-Mobile IMAX presentation went well with 150-200 people attending the showing of Finding Nemo and 70 books given out to children

-Vinyl "Jugrock Genius" decal will be available for purchase soon!

-Mr. Malone thanked Christy Farhar for all she has done for the students and school during her years on the school board.

-1964 undefeated basketball team honored recently at varsity basketball game

-Junior/senior high now participating in Box Tops for Education program

-Community outreach programs active in junior/senior high including "Build a Basket" and collection for Martin County Humane Society

-Mr. Calhoun commended staff members for pursuing continuing education programs and for establishing and leading several new student clubs as a positive example to help increase student achievement.

Candace Roush, Superintendent, reported on the following:

-Technology survey results are now finished and will be compiled to help the school move forward with technology advancement for next year.

-High school attendance rate is 94 percent and the elementary is 96 percent.

-Congratulations to Mr. Malone who is now our new school safety specialist and went to training last month.

-Thank you to Jim Bruner for the donation of power drills to the construction class.

-Would like to thank Christy Farhar and Tony Cundiff for their years of service on the school board and their dedication to the students at Shoals.

Regular January board meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 14, 2015

Board member Christy Farhar was presented with a plaque and flowers in gratitude for all she has done for the staff and students of the school during her years on the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m. The next meeting of the board will be held on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 5 p.m.

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next school year, a survey of teachers and parents resulted in picking the calendar with the five-day fall break built in. The other calendar had a three-day fall break, on a Friday, Monday and Tuesday. The five-day version has fall break Monday through Friday. Tippery said the calendar chosen is similar to the ones North Daviess and Washington have passed. The first day of school next year will be Thursday, August 6 with the last day being Wednesday, May 25. Tippery said six snow days are built into the calendar with an additional two days if needed at the end of the year prior to Memorial Day weekend which is when graduation is typically held. Tippery said this type of calendar will be tried and if it doesn't work, changes can be made for the following year.

Tippery also spoke to the board about his plan for the corporation's technology. He said that the biggest complaint from the teachers is the lack of accessibility of technology.

Tippery said five years ago, the corporation had 4.5 megabytes of internet service, three years ago they raised that to 10 megabytes, last year they bumped it to 25 megabytes and last week they increased it to 40 megabytes. He said they kept maxing out from the demand.

He said that he read somewhere that 60 percent of students will have a job that does not exist yet today which is why technology is crucial to their learning. The proposal that he is recommending to update the school's technology is \$375,000. He explained that there are five different ways the school can pay for this upgrade – apply for a loan, use some textbook fees, capital projects money, rainy day funds, or include the upgrade when taking out bonds for other improvements. The board did not act on the recommendation. Tippery said the full plan will be available on the school's website sometime this week.

The board recognizes a staff member each quarter and Tiffany Lingenfelter, school nurse, was the recipient of this honor during last night's meeting. Mike Tippery read a description of what a school nurse does and the fact that Lingenfelter goes above and beyond for Loogootee students. She was given a plaque and thanked by the board. Lingenfelter emotionally thanked everyone present and said she loves her job and her students.

Outgoing board members Larry Craney and Shawn Howell were also given plaques for their years of service on the board. They will be replaced by Chad Wade and Brent Courter on January 1. Craney served the past four years, 2010-11 as board secretary; 2011-12 and 2013-14 as board vice president. Tippery said most recently Craney has worked on the insurance committee and was also instrumental in getting agriculture programs started at the school. Howell has also served the past four years and was board secretary in 2011-12.

The board gave approval for the honor choir, consisting of eight students, to travel to Louisville on January 11 and 12.

The board's next meeting will be the re-organizational meeting on Monday, January 5. The next regular meeting is January 20.

Christmas Toy Store helps 428 children

The Martin County Christmas Toy Store was held this year on December 13 at the Loogootee United Methodist Church. Over 1,700 toys and gifts, along with "stocking stuffers" for each child, were given away to 179 families of around 428 children. Local organizations and many people in Martin County donated the toys along with eleven bikes, three tricycles, four scooters, and a Nintendo DS game system that were also given away.

The Christmas Toy Store was possible because of the generosity of area churches and the help of around 60 people that volunteered their Saturday to make the Toy Store happen. A big "thank you" to all the volunteers from the sponsoring churches: St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Loogootee United Methodist Church, Loogootee St.



-Photo by Courtney Hughett
Nurse of Loogootee Schools, Tiffany Lingenfelter, was honored by the school board as the staff member of the quarter.



-Photo by Courtney Hughett
Loogootee School Board Member Larry Craney was given a plaque at last night's meeting for his years of service.



-Photo by Courtney Hughett
Loogootee School Board Member Shawn Howell was given a plaque at last night's meeting for his years of service.

John Lutheran Church, Shoals United Methodist Church and New Beginnings.

The Toy Store also wants to recognize the contributions and support from the Crane Naval Support Activity "Toys for Tots" program, Daviess-Martin County REMC, Dollar General, Family Dollar, Crane Credit Union Loogootee Branch, German American Bank, Old National Bank, Hawkins Health Center, and local church youth groups. And, of course, they would not have had all the signups and registrations without the help and support from the St. Vincent de Paul Store, Shoals Library, the Loogootee Library, and Hoosier Uplands. The help of everyone in Martin County made this a very successful Christmas Toy Store. Many families and children will have a merrier Christmas thanks to all of you.

OBITUARIES

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BERTHA HEMBREE

Bertha June (Craft) Hembree passed away at 1:52 p.m. December 10, 2014 at Memorial Hospital and Healthcare Center. A resident of Shoals, she was 70.



BERTHA HEMBREE

One of fourteen children, she was born June 20, 1944 in Whitesburg, Kentucky; the daughter of Tandy and Susie (Lucas) Craft.

She worked at Perfect Fit in Loogootee and at Medco-Gentle Care for more than 20 years.

She is survived by her husband of 33 years, Herbert Hembree of Shoals; children, Linda A. Evans-Dillon of Shoals, Pamela L. Shultz of Indianapolis, Clovis D. Venters of Shoals, Roger Hembree of Loogootee, Aaron Hembree of Loogootee, and Barbara Erdman of Spring Hill, Tennessee; 11 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren; sister, Sara Faye Terry of Shoals; brothers, David and Denver Craft of Shoals; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, five brothers and five sisters.

A funeral service was held Saturday, December 13 at Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. Burial followed in Spring Hill Cemetery following cremation.

CHARLES LAVELY

Charles H. Lavelly, formerly of Loogootee, passed away Friday, December 12, 2014 at St. Francis Hospital. A resident of Mooresville, he was 78.

He was born February 14, 1936; son of the late Harry and Mary (Jones) Lavelly.

He was a principal and teacher for the Loogootee Jr. High School for nearly 35 years. After retiring he was a bus driver for Loogootee Schools and a truck driver for Ralph Burch Trucking. He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and St. Thomas Moore in Mooresville. He was a past director of St. John the Evangelist Church Choir. He loved to sing, whistle, Loogootee Basketball, history and model trains.

Anita Lavelly of Loogootee, Brenda Mumaw and husband, Jeff, of Lawrenceville, Illinois; Cindy Lavelly and fiancé, Edward Newman, of Loogootee; and Deeanna Leffert and husband, Scott, of Chesteron, Indiana; step-children, Carl Brown and wife, Julia, of Longmont, Colorado; Tim and Tracy Brown-Salsman of Loogootee, Debra Gillespie and husband, Larry, of Danville; Julie Christian and husband, David, of Mooresville; and Stephanie Jackson and husband, Eric, of Brownsburg; grandchildren, Marie Reed and husband, Adam; Michelle Mumaw, Daniel Tedrow, Abbey Leffert, Ryan Leffert, Justin Leffert, Nicholas Leffert, Roxanne Brown, Jacob Brown, Emily Brown, Gloria Brown, Sammy Brown, Jacqueline Gillespie, Daniel Gillespie, Justin Gillespie, Derek Gillespie, Joey Christian, Michael Christian, Jonny Christian, Alex Christian, Devan Mitscher, Kayla Mitscher and Lindsay Mitscher; great-grandchildren, Sophie Reed and Brynlee Holt; niece, Mary Ellen Bargherhuff; nephews, Eric Hagerty and Nathan Hagerty; and brother-in-law, Ralph Hagerty.

He is preceded in death by his parents; infant daughter, Alice Marie Lavelly; sister, Mary Wanda Norris; and his first wife,

Rosita Lavelly.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Very Reverend J. Kenneth Walker at 10 a.m. Thursday, December 18 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be Wednesday, December 17 from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Brocksmitth-Blake Funeral Home to help with funeral expenses. Condolences may be made online at brocksmitthblakefuneral-homes.com.

JERRY BOUGH

Jerome Lee "Jerry" Bough passed away Friday, December 12, 2014 at his home. A resident of Hebron, he was 69.

He was born September 26, 1945, in Shoals; the son of Daniel N. and Mary C. (Clement) Bough. He married Jane Douglass on August 26, 1967 in Shoals, and she survives.



JERRY BOUGH

He was a veteran having served in the US Navy. He was a member of the American Legion, the Woodstock Snow Mobile Club, the Midwest Antique Motorcycle Club, the Venture Riders Motorcycle Club, the Lake County Scuba Divers Club and the Ham Radio Club. He served as a trustee for the town of Hebron as well as a member of the village board. He was part of the Emergency Management Volunteer Team for the McHenry County Courthouse, the Hebron Search & Rescue Team, and the McHenry County Snow Mobile Patrol.

He enjoyed fishing, boating, riding motorcycles, and taking trips to Florida. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his loving family, especially his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Jane Bough; three children, Michelle L. Bough, Jason E. Bough, and Douglass N. Bough; two grandchildren, Carly L. Motta and Robert T. Motta; a brother, Jim Bough; a sister, Mary Kaustky; as well as several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Ruth Ann Bough, Elizabeth Robbins, and Monica Burchfield; and a brother, Joe Bough.

A funeral mass was celebrated Tuesday, December 16, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Woodstock. Schneider Leucht Merwin & Cooney Funeral Home in Woodstock was in charge of arrangements.

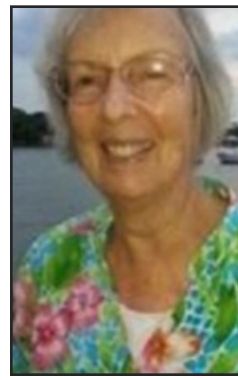
In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.

MARY HATFIELD

Mary A. Hatfield passed peacefully Saturday, December 13, 2014 at William Child's Hospice house in Palm Bay surrounded by loving family. A resident of Melbourne, Florida, she was 87.

She was born January 5, 1927 in Loogootee; the daughter of Louis and Della Strange.

She earned her Registered Nursing diploma from St Vincent's School of Nursing in Indianapolis and later obtained her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. She worked as a registered nurse for 47 years where alongside her husband, Dr. Jack Hatfield, they provided care to families in Indi-



MARY HATFIELD

anapolis and then locally in Central Brevard County. Together they dedicated countless hours of volunteer time to area students providing free physicals for those who might otherwise be excluded from sports. After retiring from their medical practice,

Mary continued her volunteer service to the community for the St Vincent De Paul Society of Merritt Island and later at Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Jasper.

She and Dr. Jack were involved in the Sports Car Club of America. Their interests included antiquing and together they built an impressive collection of McCoy pottery after receiving a piece as a treasured gift. She was a die-hard fan of Mustang and Seminole football. Mary had a late blooming passion for running, taking trophies in some of her age group races. She switched to walking in her 70s and that remained a passion of hers until the end.

Commissioners discuss community correction grants, public defenders

Meeting minutes provided by Martin County Auditor January Roush

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, December 9.

Pat King, community corrections administrative assistant, presented the community corrections grant application for 2015-2017. King reported on the total operating budget of \$233,929 that includes community correction grant of \$122,600, project income which is funded through electronic monitoring user fees, misdemeanor grant funding shared with the sheriff's department and family court project \$10,512 which pays half of salary of the CASE Manager. The community corrections advisory board approved the grant application at their last meeting. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the community corrections grant application for 2015-2017. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Judge Lynne E. Ellis updated the commissioners on the public defender contracts. Ippoliti Law Office has been contracted as legal counsel for misdemeanor offenders since November 20, 2012. Due to circumstances out of our control Ippoliti Law Office has notified the court that they are cancelling the contract. Judge Ellis is currently working on contracts for all public defender work. By doing so, she believes she can save the county \$20,000-\$40,000 a year. The county is currently spending \$200,000 plus on public defender fees. Judge Ellis will return at the next meeting with completed contracts for approval.

Ellis reported that the CASA program has been working jointly with Daviess County for the last few years. Last year Martin County had 15 CHINS (Children in Need of Services) cases. As of June 2014, there were 55. Due to the increase and lack of funds that Martin County contributes to the program, they are looking at other alternatives.

Ellis also reported that the murder trial scheduled for January/February will be postponed due to the public defender appointed to the case seeking other employment.

Brent Roberts, BF&S, supplied the commissioners with a LPA consulting contract for right-of-way services in regards to bridge #11 project. The commissioners approved the contract at a prior meeting, therefore only signatures were needed. Roberts also submitted supplemental agreement #1 to the county-wide bridge inspection contract. The supplemental agreement is due to the change in the LPA's National Bridge Inspection program. The county has fourteen bridges that will require a 12-month inspection instead of a 24-month inspection due to the grade it was given at time of inspections. Commissioner

To all who knew Mary Hatfield, she was dedicated to her family and friends, her church and community. Encouraging and helping youth in the community to reach their potential was a special gift she gave to many over the years. She believed in 2nd chances and rooting for underdogs. The core of her being was helping others.

She is survived by brothers, John and David Strange; sister, Julia Bomalaski; daughters, Pamela (Ralph) Gemmer, Kristen (Paul) Shealy, Heidi Chavers, Kitty (Stan) Lyons; daughter-in-law, Marie-France Clusel Hatfield, nine much loved grandchildren and 19 dear nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her late husband, Dr. Jack J. Hatfield, M.D.; son, Jack Joseph (Joe) Hatfield; brothers, James, Robert and William Strange; and brother-in-law Dr. Don Bomalaski.

A celebration of her life will be held Saturday, December 20, at 4 p.m., at Wylie-Baxley Funeral Home, 1360 North Courtney Parkway, Merritt Island, Florida. Contributions may be made to St. Vincent De Paul Society of Merritt Island or a charity of your choice.

Gregory made a motion to approve supplemental agreement #1. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Leo Padgett, highway superintendent, submitted his two-week work schedule. Superintendent Padgett submitted a picture of project completion. The new dump trucks were delivered on Friday and are getting high reviews from the employees. He updated the commissioners on other department happenings. Commissioner Gregory received two compliments on the highway department and passed them on to Superintendent Padgett.

Monty Wolf, civil defense/EMA, updated the commissioners on recent happenings

Commissioner Boyd made a motion to approve the agreement for services between the Martin County Health Board and Hoosier Uplands. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Commissioner Gregory made a motion to reappoint Judith Walker to the Martin County Board of Health beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2018. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Auditor Roush submitted resolution 2014-30 concerning grants for approval. The resolution states that all grants must be approved by the commissioners prior to submission. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to approve resolution 2014-30. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve early pay to employees on December 23, 2014 instead of December 26, 2014 due to the closing of the courthouse for the Christmas holiday. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Auditor Roush submitted a tourism update from Jim Stoughton.

M&M Electric submitted a maintenance agreement for the courthouse. Builders Best and Commercial Services will also be submitting proposals. Once all are received, the commissioners will discuss.

Gerald Wilcoxon is the current appointed member to the Samaritan Board. Due to medical issues he would like the commissioners to appoint someone else. He would be interested in sitting on a board that meets in Martin County.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m. with a motion by Commissioner Gregory and seconded by President George. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The next commissioners' meeting will be Tuesday, December 23 at 6 p.m.

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Jasonville (812) 665-3969	Bicknell (812) 735-3545		

Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

6:43 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50 between Shoals and Loogootee. All on-duty officers were advised.

6:51 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver westbound on US 50 entering Shoals. Chief Deputy Dant was advised.

9:47 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

10:33 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

11:45 a.m. - Received a report of a possible trespasser southeast of Shoals. Chief Deputy Dant responded.

1:53 p.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted the department of child services in Shoals.

2:15 p.m. - Sergeant Keller responded to a juvenile issue at Shoals High School.

8:05 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with injuries on Chicken Farm Road north of Spring Hill Road. Sergeant Keller, Shoals Town Marshall Eckert, ICO Mann, Martin County EMS, Shoals Fire Department, and G&M Wrecker all responded.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

2:12 a.m. - Received a report of a subject with unauthorized control of a vehicle north of Loogootee. Deputy Baker responded.

4:54 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash involving a deer on US 50 near the fairgrounds. Deputy Baker and ATM Towing responded.

10:17 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

10:22 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

2:30 p.m. - Major Burkhardt transported

two inmates to court.

3:15 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with injuries at the intersection of US 50 and US 231 S. Sergeant Keller, Captain Hennette, the Loogootee Fire Department, Martin County EMS, and G&M Wrecker responded. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

4:36 p.m. - Received a report of a broken down vehicle on US 50 west of Rama Dye Road. Major Burkhardt and the Shoals Fire Department responded.

11:20 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver southbound on US 231 near 650 S. All on-duty officers were notified.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

6:12 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver northbound on US 231 near Whitfield. All on-duty officers were notified.

10:30 a.m. - Sergeant Keller transported one inmate to court.

3:22 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Shoals. Sergeant Keller was advised.

4:49 p.m. - Received a report of a civil issue. Major Burkhardt was advised.

6:15 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver southbound on State Road 450 from the Lawrence County line. All on-duty officers were notified.

8:50 p.m. - Received a report of a dog complaint south of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

1:40 a.m. - Received a report of a possible prowler in Crane Village. Deputy Baker responded.

9:30 a.m. - Chief Deputy Dant transported two inmates to court.

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two inmates to court.

1:30 p.m. - Chief Deputy Dant transported two inmates to court.

4:23 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle stuck on the railroad tracks on Deep Cut Lake Road. Major Burkhardt and G&M Wrecker responded.

8:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded.

10:10 p.m. - Received a report of a commercial burglar alarm in the Crane Tech Park. Deputy Baker responded.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

10:06 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Daviess Community Hospital, Washington.

12:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Daviess Community Hospital, Washington.

1:56 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with no injury at the intersection of Windom Road and Ridge Road. Major Burkhardt and G&M Wrecker responded.

3:35 p.m. - Received a report of a civil issue north of Shoals. Major Burkhardt was advised.

4:52 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with no injury on State Road 450 near Tripp Road. Deputy Harmon and G&M Wrecker responded.

8:24 p.m. - Received a report of a loud noise coming from a residence on West River Road. Deputy Harmon and Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

7:01 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance west of Shoals. Martin County EMS and the Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

8:27 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

9:42 a.m. - Received a report of livestock in the roadway on Chicken Farm Road near Spring Hill Road. Sergeant Keller and the livestock owner were advised.

4:00 p.m. - Received a request from Daviess County for an officer to go to a residence south of Loogootee. Deputy Harmon responded.

5:06 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and the Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Daviess Community Hospital, Washington.

6:15 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver in Shoals. Deputy Harmon was advised.

7:23 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash involving a deer on US 231 north of Loogootee. Deputy Harmon and Uebelhor's wrecker responded.

8:21 p.m. - Received a report of juveniles blowing things up at the Shoals boat ramp. Deputy Harmon responded.

10:53 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded.

11:15 p.m. - Received a report of subjects spotlighting east of Loogootee. Deputy Harmon responded.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

11:58 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded.

12:41 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle illegally parked in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

4:37 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle fire south of Shoals. Deputy Harmon and the Lost River Fire Department responded.

5:30 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with no injury at the intersection of Capital Avenue and Chestnut Street. Deputy Harmon was notified.

8:42 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash involving a deer on US 50 west of Rama Dye Road. Deputy Harmon responded.

9:38 p.m. - Received a report of harassment. Deputy Harmon was advised.

9:57 p.m. - Received a report of a lawn-mower fire in Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert and the Shoals Fire Department responded.

Jail bookings

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

10:41 p.m. - Kevin J. Akles, 49, of Shoals, was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated. Akles is being held on \$20,000 or 10% bond and was arrested by Sergeant Keller.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

1:47 p.m. - Tyson Wilkie, 39, of Plainville, was arrested on a Martin County warrant. Wilkie is being held without bond and was arrested by Major Burkhardt.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

6:03 p.m. - Julie Essicks, 32, of Bedford, being held for a court commitment. Essicks is being held without bond and was arrested by Sheriff Street.

Real estate transfers

Jay M. Smith, of Martin County, Indiana to **Polly A. Walker**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 12, Township 2 North, Range 5 West.

Lyndon W. Beachy and Julie J. Beachy, of Martin County, Indiana to **Andrew J. Ray and Theresa M. Ray**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the northeast quarter of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 3.54 acres.

Larry Morin and Melody Morin, of Lawrence County, Indiana to **Terry Edward Kerns and Alyssa M. Kerns**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the west half of Section 11 and a part of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 2, both in Township 1 North, Range 3 West, in Martin County, Indiana containing 2 acres in Section 2 and 65.98 acres in Section 11 being 67.98 acres in total, more or less.

Vicki Boyd, of Martin County, Indiana; **Mark Winger**, of Martin County, Indiana; **Pamela Belmore**, of Hamilton County, Indiana; **Kevin Winger**, of Martin County, Indiana; and **Stacy Gillick**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Marvin Graber and Verda Graber**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of Share No. 3 of the Thomas Gootee Partition of the southeast quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West containing 0.80 acre, more or less.

Accident reports

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

8:00 a.m. - Charles Young, of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, was operating a 2007 Mack on Industrial Avenue when he struck a guide wire and damaged an utility pole. Chief Rayhill investigated.

3:20 p.m. - Douglas W. Schmitt, of Jasper, was operating a 2000 Chevy and attempting to turn south on US 231 when he turned into the path of a 1996 Ford operated by James C. Johnson, of Loogootee. Johnson and two other passengers in his vehicle were transported to a local hospital complaining of pain. Captain Hennette was assisted by the Loogootee Fire Department and the Martin County Sheriff's Department.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

10:25 a.m. - Karla K. Vest, of Pittsboro, was operating a 2001 Cadillac in The Lodge parking lot when she backed into a 2009 GMC owned by Daniel and Rene Wagler, of Shoals. Chief Rayhill investigated.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

11:00 a.m. - Jeffery Simpson, of Louisville, was operating a 2010 Freightliner in the McDonalds parking lot when his vehicle struck the roof of the building. Captain Akles investigated.

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Loogootee Police Department log

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

9:30 a.m. - Caller reported loud noises on East Broadway Street.

9:40 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

5:02 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 231.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

6:12 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 231.

8:00 a.m. - Caller reported illegal dumping of trash.

8:35 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a residential alarm.

11:45 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted with a funeral procession.

4:08 p.m. - Male caller reported a civil complaint.

8:37 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to a flue fire on Garrett Avenue.

9:10 p.m. - An employee at Chuckles reported a counterfeit bill.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

7:45 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

12:02 p.m. - Female caller reported a possible emergency detention.

4:39 p.m. - Female reported a theft.

8:04 p.m. - Loogootee first responders were requested behind the K of C for a medical problem.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

6:32 a.m. - Caller reported property damage on Eastgate Street.

8:05 a.m. - Caller reported a parking complaint.

6:41 p.m. - Caller requested extra patrol.

9:33 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on SE 1st Street.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

9:00 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

11:04 a.m. - Caller reported a battery.

11:18 a.m. - Caller reported harassment.

5:28 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

5:31 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

11:15 p.m. - Loogootee Fire assisted NSWC Crane with a fire

Three Shoals residents arrested on drug and weapons charges

Three people are behind bars after an investigation in Shoals by the Indiana State Police and Indiana Parole Officers.

Around 10:50 Tuesday morning, December 16, Trooper Jarrod Lents assisted two Indiana Parole Officers in conducting a parole search at 15885 Ivy Lane, Shoals, the home of 47-year-old Darren Bruce Stone. Officers were met at the front door by Julie E. Lents, 32, Shoals. Lents stated that she and Katie D. Stone-Payne, 20, Shoals, were the only two present. Trooper Lents, in order to ensure the safety of the officers present in the residence, performed a protective sweep of the residence. Stone was found by Trooper Lents, hiding behind a shower curtain in the shower.

While in the residence, officers observed a loaded .22 caliber handgun, marijuana roaches, and drug paraphernalia, all in plain view of where they were standing in the living room. As a convicted serious violent felon, Stone was prohibited from being in possession of a firearm. A search warrant for the residence and outbuildings was obtained through the Martin County Prosecutor's Office, which led officers to find two baggies of marijuana, a straw containing methamphetamine, and additional paraphernalia items.

Stone, Lents, and Payne were all arrested and lodged in the Martin County Jail. State Police and State Parole Officers were assisted by the Martin County Sheriff's Department.

Arrested and Charges:

Darren Bruce Stone, 47, 15885 Ivy Lane, Shoals

- Possession of a Firearm by a Serious Violent Felon, Level 4 Felony

- Possession of Methamphetamine with a Firearm, Level 5 Felony

- Illegal Possession of a Syringe, Level 6 Felony

- Maintaining a Common Nuisance, Level 6 Felony

- Possession of Paraphernalia, Class A Misdemeanor

- Possession of Marijuana, Class B Misdemeanor

Julie E. Lents, 32, 621 2nd Street, Shoals

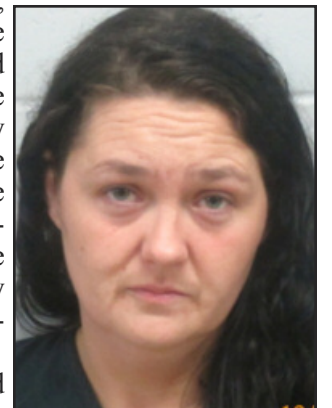
- Possession of Methamphetamine with a Firearm, Level 5 Felony

- Illegal Possession of a Syringe, Level 6 Felony

- Visiting a Common Nuisance, Class B Misdemeanor

- Possession of Paraphernalia, Class A Misdemeanor

- Possession of Marijuana, Class B Misdemeanor



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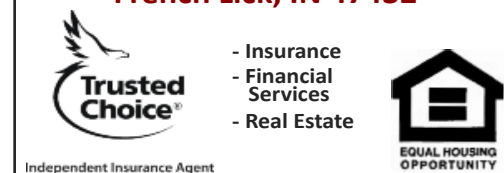
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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

During recently weeks, I have been participating in one of my favorite fall and winter garden activities—watching the birds. From the picture window in my living room, I watch many species of my feathered friends as they visit the feeders I maintain and the other offerings of food and shelter found here at Sandhill Gardens. Some visiting great nephews have also spent some quality time with nature from the comfort of my living room. It is a wonderful activity and can be a great educational opportunity.

It does not take anything fancy to begin feeding and watching birds. You may purchase a feeder or find directions on the internet for many different feeders. There are many items that may be up-cycled into feeders that work as well as the fancy store-bought one. The birds are just not that picky, though I have noticed that they seem to really prefer the wire mesh feeders to all of the other types I have tried.

What they eat does make a difference. You may feed bread crumbs, but to attract the best variety of birds, it takes some bird seed. My advice would be start with black oil sunflower seed, which attracts a wide variety of birds, including cardinals, finches, chickadees, nuthatches, titmice and many other feathered friends. Sunflowers had a good growing season, so the seeds are actually less expensive this year that they have been in recent years. I actually bought forty pounds of black oil sunflower seeds on sale for less than eight dollars. Add a couple of suet feeders with some suet blocks and the number of species will increase dramatically.

For the best bird-watching station, you need to supply more than food. Birds also need water, even in winter, and shelter from the weather and predators. Deep bird baths may actually freeze and burst in winter, but a shallow dish of water will suffice, and you may change it out a couple of times a day

during freezing weather. Heated birdbaths are available, but may be a bit pricey.

The natural shelter provided by the variety of trees and shrubs at Sandhill Gardens is the main reason I have a great variety of visitors to my feeders. Birds need evergreens and dense shrubs for shelter, but also need deciduous trees and shrubs to allow them to safely approach the feeding area without being exposed to their enemies. The berries on several shrubs also provide food for some birds.

Another important item is a good bird guide. Several different ones are available. You may borrow one from your local library, but once you are hooked, you will want one of your own so that you may identify all of your visitors. Some of the guides even include CD's of the bird songs. Of course, in today's world, you may want to get an app for your favorite electronic device.

If you have cats in the neighborhood, be careful where you place the feeders. They need to be close enough to shrubs or trees to offer shelter for the birds, but not close enough to allow cats to climb the shrub to get to the birds.

Do not feel obligated to feed the birds unless you enjoy watching them. Nature provides plenty of food for the birds. It just may not be in places that would allow you to enjoy watching them.

If you do not have a place to set up feeders, I urge you to get involved by buying birdseed to donate to senior citizens housing complexes or nursing homes. They also need people willing to come and fill the feeders regularly. For the small price of some bird seed and a little time, some senior citizens will receive hours of quality entertainment. Add the donation of a field guide and you will have contributed a valuable therapy tool.

Young and old alike may participate in this wonderful hobby. It is a great way to pass those long winter hours.

First detection of emerald ash borer in six southern counties

Emerald ash borer (EAB), an invasive insect that kills ash trees has been detected for the first time in Jennings, Pike, Scott, Spencer, Sullivan and Warrick counties.

Purple panel traps used to detect the pest captured EAB adults in Pike, Spencer, Sullivan and Warrick counties.

A visual survey of woodpecker-attacked ash trees found EAB in Jennings and Scott counties. Both counties were already quarantined for EAB.

Of Indiana's 92 counties, 79 have now detected EAB.

Moving firewood spreads forest pests. The Indiana EAB quarantine regulates the movement of certain materials such as whole ash trees, ash limbs, untreated ash lumber with

the bark attached, and cut firewood of any hardwood species with the bark attached.

With EAB detections in these new counties, the effectiveness of the quarantine is being evaluated. A decision will be announced in the new year as to whether the county-level quarantine will continue.

Visitors to DNR properties may only bring in firewood if it is certified by the USDA or DNR Division of Entomology & Plant Pathology, or is free of bark.

For more information on EAB, or to report an infestation, visit eabindiana.info or call Indiana DNR's toll-free hotline at 1-866-NO EXOTIC (663-9684). To view the EAB Rule and EAB quarantine declaration visit dnr.IN.gov/entomolo/3443.htm.

Study: Invasive species can dramatically alter landscapes

BY NATALIE VAN HOOSE
Purdue University News Service

Invasive plant and animal species can cause dramatic and enduring changes to the geography and ecology of landscapes, a study from Purdue University and the University of Kentucky shows.

A review of studies on how life forms interact with and influence their surroundings concluded that invasive species can alter landscapes in myriad ways and with varying degrees of severity. These changes can be quick, large-scale and "extremely difficult" to reverse, said study author Songlin Fei, a Purdue associate professor of quantitative ecology.

"Invaders can change a landscape in long-lasting ways," Fei said. "If we do not keep an eye on them, they could cause serious problems that can have impacts for decades or centuries."

The impact of invasive species - defined by

Fei as non-native species that cause economic and ecological damage - on other organisms and the overall species composition of an area has long been recognized. But little work has focused on how invasive species can transform the land they colonize.

Invasive plants, for example, can alter sedimentation rates and change stream channels; insects can modify a landscape by building mounds and burrowing; and animals can accelerate erosion by digging and trampling vegetation.

"This is a subject area that merits more attention," Fei said, noting that the review examines the "geomorphic" effects of invasive species in a neutral way. "We're not saying these changes are positive or negative, but rather, this is what invasive species are doing to the system."

The review showed that areas where land and water systems overlap - such as wetlands, salt marshes, coastal beaches and dunes - are particularly vulnerable to invasive species. The dynamic nature of these areas contribute to the speed and scale with which non-native species can transform the landscape and ecology. Fei pointed to the example of *Spartina* grass, also known as cordgrass, which was intentionally introduced into coastal mudflats to prevent erosion. In China, the grass quickly transformed about 432 square miles of coastline into salt marshes.

"You basically lose your beach in about a decade," Fei said.

In contrast, forests are often slower to show signs of the impacts of invasive species because of the longer life spans of forest organisms and the slow ecosystem turnover.

The review also established trends in the types of changes that invasive species can cause. Invasive plants primarily construct new structures in a landscape, such as peat bogs or layers of leaf litter, or protect an area from wind or erosion. Invasive animal species also create new structures - examples being beaver dams and termite mounds. In addition, animals move materials and contribute to erosion and sedimentation. Reworking of soil and sediment by earthworms, for example, changes the soil structure up to nearly 7 feet below the surface.

Fei recommended that natural resource managers identify high-risk areas, which could be determined by the type of landscape or the invasive species to which the area is most prone. Whether to restore an area that has already been altered by invasive species can be a difficult decision, he said.

One of the challenges of studying the changes invasive species have on a landscape is the lack of a standard unit for measuring these effects, he said. More research is also needed to better understand the impacts of invasive microbial organisms.

"This is a new frontier in science," he said. "Biogeographers and experts on invasive species need to work together to help quantify these changes."

SCOUTING MATTERS

By Mike Leighty -
Odon Troop 481
Scoutmaster

The Christmas Scout - A true story

In spite of the fun and laughter this Christmas, 13-year-old First Class Scout Frank Wilson was not content. It was true he had received all the presents he wanted and he enjoyed a traditional Christmas Eve reunion with relatives. Nevertheless, Frank was not happy because this was his first Christmas without his big brother, Steve, who during the year, was killed in the war. Frank deeply missed his brother and their close companionship.

Feeling restless, Frank said good-bye to his relatives and explained to his parents that he was leaving to go see a friend; and from there he could walk home. Since it was cold outside, Frank put on his new plaid jacket. It was his FAVORITE gift from Grandma. He placed all the other presents he received on his new sled. Then Frank headed out into the night, hoping to find his Senior Patrol Leader of his Boy Scout Troop. Though rich in wisdom, his leader lived in "The Flats," the section of town where most of the poor lived, and he did odd jobs to help support his family.

Failing to find his friend at home, Frank hiked down the street toward his home. As he walked he caught glimpses of trees and decorations in many of the small houses. Then, through one front window, he glimpsed a shabby room with limp stockings hanging over an empty fireplace... a woman was seated nearby... weeping. The stockings reminded him of the way he and his brother had always hung theirs side by side.

A sudden thought struck Frank: he had not done his 'good deed' for the day. Before the impulse passed, he knocked on the door. Yes, the despondent voice of the woman an-

swered. May I come in, asked Frank? You are very welcome, she said. Seeing his sled full of gifts and assuming he was making a collection, she said, but I have no food or gifts to donate. Her voice crackling... I have nothing for my own children.

No ma'me, that's not why I am here, Frank replied. Please choose whatever presents you would like for your children from the sled. With a look of joy in her eyes she selected some candies, a game, the toy airplane, and a puzzle. When she took the new Scout flashlight, Frank almost cried out but he held back. Finally, the stockings were full.

Won't you tell me your name, she asked, as Frank was turning to leave? Just call me the Christmas Scout. Amazed at the generosity, she replied, may God bless you Christmas Scout!

The visit left Frank touched, and with an unexpected flicker of joy in his heart. He understood that his sorrow from missing his brother was not the only sorrow in the world. Before he left the Flats, he had given away the remainder of his gifts. Even his favorite plaid jacket was gone to a shivering young boy. Now Frank trudged homeward, cold, and uneasy. How could he possibly explain to his parents that he had given ALL his presents away? What would they say? Would they even understand?

Frank arrived home, entered the house. Seeing his empty arms and no jacket on his back he was immediately asked by his father, where is your jacket son... where are all your presents? I gave them all away, Frank answered. What... the airplane from Aunt Susan... your coat from Grandma... your Scout flashlight? What do you mean, we thought you were happy with your gifts!

How could you be so impulsive... how will we explain to the relatives who gave so much love shopping for you? His father was firm... you made your choice, son. We cannot afford any more presents. I think you should go to bed now.

With his brother gone, and his family frustrated and disappointed in him, Frank suddenly felt dreadfully alone. He had not expected a reward for his generosity; Scouting taught him that simply performing a good deed always should be its own reward. He did not want his gifts back; however, he wondered if he would ever again truly recapture joy in his life. Frank thought of his brother, and sobbed himself to sleep.

The next morning, he came downstairs to find his parents listening to Christmas music on the radio. Then the announcer spoke: we have a wonderful Christmas story from The Flats. A crippled boy down there has a new sled, another youngster has a fine plaid jacket, and several families report their children were made happy last night by gifts from a teenage boy who simply called himself the Christmas Scout. No one could identify him, but the children of the Flats claim that the Christmas Scout was a personal representative of old Santa Claus himself.

Frank felt his father's arms go around his shoulders, and he saw his mother smiling through her tears. Why didn't you tell us son? We didn't understand. We are so proud of you. Christmas carols came over the airwaves again filling the room with music... Praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on Earth.

Merry Christmas everyone... and remember Scouting Matters!

Yours in Scouting, Scoutmaster Mike

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lakes. -Helping O'Bannon Woods State Park restore and re-open the Wyandotte Group Camp after a bat infestation forced its closure.

Information on these and other Indiana State Parks projects that need funding, including maintenance of the Col. William Jones home at Lincoln State Park, restoration of the Col. Richard Lieber Memorial at Turkey Run State Park, and furnishings and maintenance for the Moery Cabin at Patoka Lake, is at

Purdue ag experts to discuss economic survival strategies

BY DARRIN PACK
Purdue University News Service

The Purdue Center for Commercial Agriculture will present a free, interactive webinar called "Managing Your Farm in an Economic Downturn" on December 18. The webinar is set for 9-10 a.m. EST.

Discussion will focus on strategies for coping with declining crop farm revenues, said Jim Mintert, director of the center and a webinar panelist.

"Global supplies of corn, wheat and soybeans have all increased substantially the last several years. The rebound in supplies means crop prices over the next several

StateParks.IN.gov/2923.htm.

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Annual passes, lake permits and state park inn gift certificates are available at any state park or reservoir or online at Inns-Gifts.com.

Written acknowledgments for donations can be provided. For up-to-date information about happenings in the DNR, visit dnr.IN.gov.

years are expected to average well below levels that we observed from 2007 through 2013," Mintert said. "It is very important for individual crop farmers to have a management plan to help them successfully navigate these challenging times in crop agriculture." Topics to be covered during the program include an updated outlook for 2015 and key management strategies to consider for the upcoming year.

"During the online discussion viewers will also have a chance to pose questions to the panelists via email," Mintert said

Joining Mintert on the panel will be Purdue Extension agricultural economists Chris Hurt and Michael Boehlje.

To register for the webinar or for more information, visit the Center for Commercial Agriculture website at www.agecon.purdue.edu/commercialag/.

Those who register for the webinar will receive an email with a link to view the webinar and will also receive notice when the recorded version of the webinar is posted on Purdue Extension's YouTube channel.

This is the third in a series of informative webinars produced by the center this fall.

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College Go Week

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In September, students at Loogootee Middle School participated in College Go Week, a week set aside to educate students on how to plan for their future. Throughout the school year, students in Mrs. Nicole Wade's 6th grade class have had the opportunity to visit with Loogootee High School graduates, to learn firsthand how they planned for their future. Recently, Loogootee High School graduate, Caleb Dant (shown above with the students) visited to share his experiences at Army Basic Training with Mrs. Wade's students. Private Dant was in Loogootee for a short visit with his family before being sent to his first station in Korea. He talked about his decision to enlist in the Army, his experience in basic training and his aspirations for the next five years of his military career. Mrs. Wade's students were very curious about military service. Their questions covered topics like day-to-day routines in basic training, the opportunity for advancement in rank and what Caleb expects his experience in Korea to be. "Many 6th grade students are very interested in military service, so Caleb's visit offers my students a firsthand account about how to enlist and what to expect from a military career. We appreciate Caleb taking time during his visit to talk with our class," said Mrs. Wade.



Bee winners

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Mikenna Jones (shown above on the right), daughter of Kristy and Michael Jones, won the Loogootee Middle School Spelling Bee on December 8. She will compete in the Tri-State Spelling Bee on February 7, 2015. Mikenna is a 5th grader in Mrs. Hart's class. Jace Walton (shown above on the left), son of Julie and Adam Walton, and a 6th grader in Mr. Sanders's class, was runner-up and will serve as the alternate.

SCOREBOARD

Loogootee Varsity Boys' Basketball (Record 2-5)

December 12 vs. Forest Park, at home, Loogootee 51, Forest Park 55
 December 13 vs. Shoals, at home, Loogootee 71, Shoals 38
 December 16 vs. South Knox, away, Loogootee 46, South Knox 87
 Next up: December 23 vs. Washington, at home, 7:30 p.m.

Shoals Varsity Boys' Basketball (Record 0-3)

December 13 vs. Loogootee, away, Shoals 38, Loogootee 71
 Next up: December 20 vs. Medora, away, 7:30 p.m.

Loogootee Varsity Girls' Basketball (Record 2-8)

December 11 vs. Washington Catholic, away, Loogootee 52, WC 36
 December 13 vs. Clay City, at home, Loogootee 34, Clay City 57
 Next up: December 20 Blue Chip/SWIAC Classic at Shakamak
 Barr-Reeve vs. Shakamak at 10 a.m.; Loogootee vs. White River Valley at 11:30 a.m.;
 Loogootee vs. Shakamak at 3:30 p.m.; Barr-Reeve vs. White River Valley at 5 p.m.

Shoals Varsity Girls' Basketball (Record 0-9)

December 12 vs. Bloomington Lighthouse, at home, Shoals 27, Lighthouse 43
 Next up: December 18 vs. Barr-Reeve, at home, 7 p.m.
 December 20 vs. Vincennes Rivet, away, 1:30 p.m.

Submit scores to courtney@martincountyjournal.com.

Loogootee and Shoals SCHOOL MENUS

LOOGOOTE ELEMNTARY

Breakfast

Thursday, December 18

Breakfast pizza, peaches

Friday, December 19

Whole grain biscuit and gravy, fruit

Lunch

Thursday, December 18

Hamburger, French fries, corn, mixed fruit, milk

Friday, December 19

Hot dog, macaroni and cheese, peas, pineapple, milk

LOOGOOTE INTERMEDIATE

AND JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL

Lunch

Thursday, December 18

Hamburger, pizza or chef salad; French fries, corn, mixed fruit, milk

Friday, December 19

Hot dog, pizza or chef salad; macaroni and cheese, peas, pineapple, milk

SHOALS SCHOOLS

Breakfast

Thursday, December 18

Breakfast burrito, salsa, juice, milk

Friday, December 19

Cereal, donut, juice, milk

Lunch

Thursday, December 18

Quesadilla, whole grain nacho tray, chef salad or deli sandwich; brown rice, refried beans, pineapple, milk

Friday, December 19

Bosco sticks with marinara, whole grain nacho tray, chef salad or deli sandwich; broccoli salad, fruit salad, milk

Shoals and Loogootee Schools are on Christmas Break from Monday, December 22 through Friday, January 2, 2015.

Cartridge Depot of Loogootee to end operations

Since the fire that damaged our shop along with most of downtown Loogootee, the Cartridge Depot has been reviewing options concerning our business.

Several factors went into the decision but with mixed emotions, The Cartridge Depot of Loogootee will end all business operations as of December 31, 2014.

We would like to thank all of the customers who have supported us since we opened our business in April 2009. We would also like to thank everyone who gave us support in many ways during and following the fire that destroyed our business.

Our franchise headquarters has agreed to service all of our customers so there will be no disruption in service to you after our store closes. There will not be a walk in retail business available. It will be an on line option only.

We will accept orders until December 19, 2014 to insure delivery before the end of the year. After this date many of our vendors will be operating on a limited schedule due to the Christmas and New Year holidays.

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More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



A DEA agent stopped at a ranch in Texas and talked to an old rancher. He told the rancher, "I need to inspect your ranch for illegally grown drugs."

The rancher said, "Okay, but don't go into that field over there..." as he pointed out the location.

Reaching into his rear back pocket, the arrogant officer removed his badge and proudly displayed it to the rancher. "See this badge?! This badge means I can go wherever I want... On any land! No questions asked, no answers given! Do you understand old man?!"

The rancher kindly nodded, apologized, and went about his chores.

Moments later the rancher heard loud screams, he looked up and saw the DEA agent running for his life, being chased by the rancher's big Santa Gertrudis Bull..... With every step the bull was gaining ground on the officer, and it was likely that he'd sure enough get gored before he reached safety.

The officer was clearly terrified. The old rancher threw down his tools, ran as fast as he could to the fence, and yelled at the top of his lungs.....

"YOUR BADGE! SHOW HIM YOUR BADGE!"

STUDENT CREATIVITY

Students at all grade levels don't get much credit when they don't answer standardized tests the way the test makers feel is correct. I, however, appreciate the uniqueness of some of their answers:

1. What ended in 1896?
"1895" was the student's answer to this question.
2. Where was the Declaration of Independence signed?
When most people would answer Philadelphia, this student answered, "at the bottom".
3. How do you change centimeters to meters?
"You take the 'centi' out."
4. The first cells were probably.....?
Well, you have to give the student credit for being creative. They answered, "lonely".
5. Write an example of a risk.
There are many possible answers to this

question. This brilliant student simply answered, "This".

6. What is a fibula?
This wise cracking student answered, "A little lie".
7. Briefly explain what hard water is.
The student's answer? "Ice."
8. What would you say to Abraham Lincoln, if you lived during his time?
"I would tell him not to ever go to a play."
9. Why are there rings on Saturn?
This student answered, "God liked it, so he put a ring on it."
10. Sue works in an office. Her computer is a stand-alone, what is a stand-alone computer system?
"It doesn't come with a chair."

WOMEN

1. Men say women should come with instructions. What's the point of that? Have you ever seen a man actually read instructions?
2. Always love women for their personalities. They have like 10, so you can choose.
3. If my body were a car I would trade it on a newer model . . . every time I cough, sneeze, or sputter, my radiator leaks and my exhaust backfires.
4. Don't be afraid of a few extra pounds. Fat people are harder to kidnap (unless you have a box of donuts).
5. Research shows that if you're afraid of spiders, you're more likely to find one in your bedroom. Did I mention that I am afraid of Tom Selleck?
6. To heck with beauty sleep. I want skinny sleep.
7. Arguing with a woman is like getting arrested. Everything you say can and will be used against you.
8. If you can't fly with the big girls, stay off the broom!

Dear Santa, I would like a new birthday suit this year. My current one is old, wrinkled, and sagging. Thanks.

Dear Santa, If I send directions, will you have the reindeer poop on a certain house when you fly over it.

Make someone smile today!

Notes from the WIC Nutritionist

BY ELIZABETH WHITE
Martin County WIC Nutritionist

Baby behavior is a very important subject to talk about when you are expecting. Sure, you should get information about breastfeeding, changing diapers, giving baths, and in general how to care for your baby. However if you learn more about how your baby behaves and how to interpret "baby language" caring for your baby can be a whole lot easier. For the next couple months I will be discussing different baby behavior topics.

Crying: Let's just put it out there a normal baby behavior is for babies to cry when a need has not been met. But why do babies cry? Babies cry to let you know that they need you. Crying is designed to get your attention in such a way that you cannot ignore it. Not all crying means your baby is hungry even though that may be your first thought. Other reasons babies cry could be: dirty diaper, tummy ache, too hot or too cold, uncomfortable such as clothes or blanket too tight, tired, sick, scared or startled, too much light, too much noise, bored or lonely, wants to be

near you, too many people, needs something to be different, just to name a few. If you think about it babies are not able to change these things on their own so they use crying to get your attention so that you can help them make the change. Research has shown that it is impossible to spoil your baby the first year of its life. It is important to always respond to your crying baby.

California WIC and University of California Live Well Digest: Learning the Secrets of Baby Behavior

Upcoming Baby Behavior Topics: How to Read Your Baby and How to Calm a Crying Baby

The WIC program provides supplemental nutritional foods, referrals, breastfeeding support, and nutrition education for pregnant women, nursing women, infants, and children 1-5 years. The Martin Co WIC clinic is open Monday and Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Please call 247-3303 to make an appointment.

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Calendar of Events

SAT prep class

SAT prep class will be held January 7, 14, 21, and 28 at the Martin County Learning Center from 7-9 p.m. Cost is \$25. Please see your high school counselor to register before Christmas vacation. Or call Karen Whorrall 812-388-6639. Class is sponsored by the high school guidance departments and Martin County SOAR, the adult education group.

Boy Scouts

Boys interested in Boy Scouts, call 295-6652 or 854-7837 for information on joining.

Cub Scout meetings

Cub scout meetings are held at Loogootee United Methodist Church on the first, third, and fourth Monday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Bryan Adams at 812-854-7837.

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!

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.

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 7 p.m. Members of the humane society are invited to attend. To find out how to become a member, call the shelter at 812-295-5900 or email mchs@frontier.com.

Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Martin County Community Learning Center on the fairgrounds.

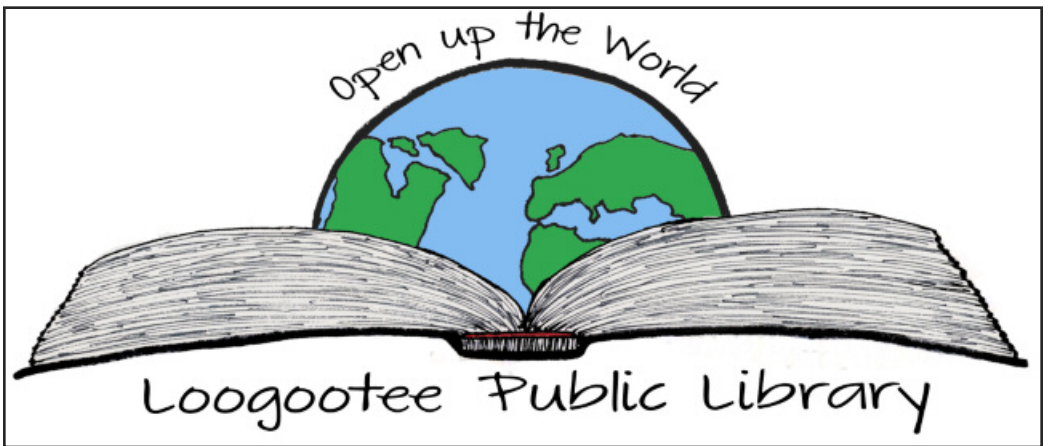
Soil and Water meetings

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.

Hastings welcome second son

Joseph and Christina Hastings, of Elnora, announce the birth of their son, Carson James Hastings. He was born at 8:25 a.m. October 27 at Daviess Community Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and was 21 inches long. He is welcomed by Lucas Hastings, age 3.

Grandparents are Tim and Carol Hastings of Elnora, and James (Bob) and Sharon Ellis of Montgomery. Great-grandparents are William V. Ellis of Loogootee and the late Helen Ellis, the late Donald and Betty Craney, the late Roy Vincent and Virginia Hastings, Clara Grafton of Loogootee and the late Dale Leo Grafton.



BY DARLA WAGLER
Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Stop by the library to check out some books for the upcoming Christmas break. Kids ages 5-12 can take part in board games and other fun activities on December 22 and 23. Check the library Facebook page or pick up a flyer.

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. Check out the website www.loogootee.lib.in.us or like us

on Facebook.
New Books:
Mystery Fiction: "Forbidden Ground" by Karen Harper.
Fiction: "Walking on Air" by Catherine Anderson and "Dogwood Hill" by Sherry Woods.
Inspirational Fiction: "Esther: Royal Beauty" by Angela Hunt, "Steadfast Heart" by Tracie Peterson.
Young Adult: "The Young Elites" by Marie Lu.
New DVDs: "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles".



Cops & Kids donation

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Daviess-Martin County REMC employees and company contributed \$200 to the Cops and Kids Program sponsored by the Daviess-Martin Fraternal Order of Police. Janet Chestnut, manager of communications/member relations, is shown above presenting a check to Keith Keller of the Martin County Sheriff's Department.



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John Kemple (Metal Technologies) led the Twin Rivers CTE tour group through the Bloomfield facility.

Radius Indiana addresses workforce needs through industry site visits

At the top of every employer's wish list is a skilled and ready workforce, and every educator wants to see students graduating and preparing for gainful employment close to home. While these goals often align, collaboration between educators and employers remains uncommon.

That is why Radius Indiana arranged a series of site visits at companies throughout its eight-county region, inviting leaders in education to experience industry first-hand and bring a fresh perspective back to the next generation of workers who are still in the classroom.

"Our goal is to start the conversation. I can't think of a better place for that to happen than on location with our local employers. Educators and industry leaders are coming together, to see and even touch the workforce needs we have here in the Radius Region," said Becky Skillman, President/CEO of Radius Indiana. "These site visits have been eye-opening for everyone, and it's our goal to keep that discovery and collaboration going."

Regional Career and Technical Education districts provided a starting point for these collaborative meetings, starting with a trip to GKN Sinter Metals in Salem through the Lost River CTE. The Patoka CTE district visited Jasper Engines and Transmissions, while Twin River CTE's group toured Metal Technologies in Bloomfield. The final site visit was scheduled for December 12, when the North Lawrence CTE district saw behind the scenes at Bedford Machine and Tool.

"We are experiencing exponential growth," said Kirbie Moore, Human Resources Director for Bedford Machine and Tool, Bedford Recycling, and Metal Technologies. "At Metal Technologies, we've hired 80 people in the last year, but positions are sometimes difficult to fill because of the lack of qualified candidates."

Jai Perumal, Plant Manager at GKN was eager to show his facility to the Lost River CTE tour group. "We would love to have opportunities to collaborate," he said. "It is important to get students in here to get that hands-on experience. That is very important."

Ensuring that more students have that hands-on experience will mean a long-term working relationship with local educators,



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Shown above is the workload at GKN Sinter Metals, in Salem.

many of whom are gaining a fresh perspective on how to work with students to prepare them for the workforce.

"I was greatly impressed with the physical size and overall scope of Metal Technologies," said Nathan Moore, Principal of Linton-Stockton High School, in Greene County. "I was also pleased to hear about the many job opportunities for students coming right out of high school. This opportunity gives non-college students a real chance to get a good job and build a career."

Bringing educators and employers together to have frank conversations about the future of the region's labor requirements is a critical step toward filling the pipeline with qualified, ready workers. This was one of the main points identified in the South-West Central Indiana Strategic Plan for the region's growth and sustainment, which is available on the Radius website www.radiusindiana.com. As Radius continues to focus on workforce development, Skillman says there will be continual efforts to support educator-employer collaboration.

About Radius Indiana
Radius Indiana is a regional partnership representing eight counties in South Central Indiana: Crawford, Daviess, Dubois, Greene, Lawrence, Martin, Orange, and Washington counties. Formed in 2009, Radius Indiana also serves as a primary point of contact in Indiana for Crane and leads regional collaboration by leveraging the diverse assets of Southern Indiana to drive attraction, retention and expansion of business, thereby increasing employment and investment opportunities and quality of life within the region.

AG Zoeller: Public asked to comment on efforts to block unwanted calls, scams

New action at the federal level could mean fewer unwanted telemarketing calls to Hoosiers, said Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) recently announced it would consider recommendations from the attorneys general to allow phone companies to implement call-blocking technologies, which could filter robocalls and other unwanted sales calls.

In September, Zoeller and Attorney General Chris Koster of Missouri led 38 attorneys general in urging the FCC to clarify rules that some say prohibit phone companies from taking advantage of existing technologies like NoMoRobo and Call Control that can identify and block unwelcome sales calls at a customer's request.

The FCC is now seeking public comment on potential rule changes in this area, which Zoeller said would be a key step forward in the battle to protect telephone privacy rights and reduce unwanted calls. He encourages Indiana residents to give their opinion on blocking unwanted calls by visiting <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/upload/display> and entering the proceeding number, 02-278.

"People all across the country, and in Indiana, have made it clear that stopping incessant telemarketing calls and scam pitches is a priority," Zoeller said. "Fighting illegal telemarketers and scammers is extremely difficult because most of these bad actors are national if not global. We need to use every tool in the toolbox, at the state and federal levels, to address this frustrating problem."

To view the public notice, visit www.fcc.gov/document/cgb-seeks-comment-call-blocking-letter-attorneys-general. Public comments should be filed by December 24, 2014.

Also to strengthen telephone privacy laws, Zoeller recently joined a group of 38 attorneys general calling on the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to update its Telemarketing Sales Rule to specifically ad-

dress the continued prevalence of telemarketing fraud and abuse.

The attorneys general suggested improvements to the available tools to prevent telemarketers and scammers from taking advantage of consumers, such as:

- Stopping telemarketers from using a consumer's account information prior to the consumer agreeing to a transaction.

- Prohibiting telemarketers from treating a consumer's inaction as consent.

- Requiring sellers and telemarketers to create and maintain call records; doing so would help attorneys general with enforcement actions.

- Banning or restricting certain novel payment methods, including fraud-induced money transfers.

For a copy of the attorneys general FTC letter, visit www.naag.org/assets/files/pdf/signons/Finale%20FTC%20Telemarketing%20Sales%20Rule%20Comment.pdf.

Zoeller said state attorneys general are in the best position to innovate in the area of telephone privacy law because they are on the forefront in fielding consumer complaints, investigating and taking legal actions against bad actors.

In 2014, the Indiana Attorney General's Office received more than 12,000 complaints from consumers who received an unwanted telemarketing call, scam call or robocall. Additionally this year, the Office took legal action against 11 Do Not Call or robocall violators, and obtained judgments and settlements totaling more than \$6 million.

Zoeller reminded Hoosiers to sign up for Indiana's Do Not Call list, which helps to deter unwanted and sales calls and text messages, by visiting www.IndianaConsumer.com or calling 1-888-834-9969.

Consumers who are registered on the Do Not Call list and receive an unwanted call can file a complaint by visiting www.IndianaConsumer.com.

Radius Indiana region sees growing numbers of women in leadership

Hoosier women are creating a legacy of leadership in Southern Indiana. In government, academia, and business, the ranks of female leaders are growing, and on December 10, 2014, the Radius Indiana region welcomed several women to new leadership roles.

Washington County Economic Growth Partnership Executive Director Sabrina Burdine was selected to chair the Local Economic Development Organization (LEDO) Advisory Council for Radius, consisting of economic development executives from Crawford, Daviess, Dubois, Greene, Lawrence, Martin, Orange, and Washington counties. These leaders work together to provide counsel and input to the board and staff at Radius Indiana. The LEDO Advisory Council Chair also sits on Radius' Executive Committee.

Economic development leaders, like Burdine, focus on the attraction and retention of businesses in their counties, promoting economic growth through capital investment and job creation. In the 21st century, however, development is not limited to county

gion.

"Sabrina has been an outstanding partner in Washington County," said Radius Indiana President/CEO, Becky Skillman. "We are thrilled to have her at the helm of the LEDO Advisory Council and know that her leadership there will help shape another successful year for the entire region. It is certainly inspiring to see women like Sabrina taking more of these roles at the local level."

"I appreciate the LEDO Advisory Council's confidence in me and look forward to working with each County LEDO to develop projects that will help to move our region forward and stay competitive," Burdine said.

In addition to announcing Burdine's leadership, the Board of Directors also recognized newly minted Greene County EDC Executive Director, Brianne Jerrels, and



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Sabrina Burdine is the Executive Director of the Washington County Economic Growth Partnership and newly appointed Chair of the LEDO Advisory Council for Radius Indiana.

In addition, the board welcomed Jennifer Vaughan, Chancellor at Ivy Tech Community College in Bloomington. Jennifer will contribute more than 30 years of experience in higher education to her service on the Radius Indiana Board of Directors.



BY SCOTT HUTCHESON
Asst. Program Leader for Community Development, Purdue Extension

“Storyworthy”

Last week life took me somewhere I had never been before. This particular someplace happened to be located on the other side of the globe. When the possibility of a visit first came up, impressions arose in my mind, creating a sort of loose narrative about what sort of place this might be.

The first image was of Simon, the charming and handsome one-time significant other of a dear friend. I also thought of a couple of their exports that are particular favorites of mine - Syrah wine and merino wool. Images of this place's rugged mountains and vast plains came to mind, as well. I had seen them in 70mm beauty in the Lord of the Rings and Hobbit movies. I also remembered the devastating earthquakes from a few years ago and the remarkable tales of the people of Christchurch, New Zealand's resilience and resolve.

I have now come and gone on my trip, and New Zealand's story for me is even deeper and more nuanced. I met some of those resilient folks of Christchurch and left with several new friends. I shared a glass or two of that Syrah with a few of them. I saw those landscapes with my own eyes, even more vivid and breathtaking than on film.

More meaningful still were some of the things that people in Christchurch are doing: operating a “container mall,” an area in the central part of the city where shops have been set up in large shipping containers while the retail district is being rebuilt; the public art created from earthquake rubble, empty lots now transformed into urban gardens; the Student Volunteer Army, an organization made up of thousands of college students who began volunteering in the earthquake clean-up and continue to serve their community.

While there, I told my New Zealand story to family and friends as I posted photos and made status updates on my Facebook page. Now, I'm telling you, perhaps adding to any impressions you have of New Zealand.

Every place has a story and in my work - economic and community development - I've seen a lot of communities and regions spend a great deal of energy and money on telling their story or building a brand. This is an idea borrowed from industry, of course. The job of marketing and advertising professionals is to construct stories, stories about soft drinks, trucks, smartphones and the like.

Some in industry, however, are sensing that times are changing.

In a new book, True Story: How to Combine Story and Action to Transform Your Business, author Ty Montage, says that “storytelling” is out, “storydoing” is what's making good businesses into great businesses. The difference between storytelling and storydoing is a subtle one. Storytelling companies do all the stuff companies have done for



Container Mall in Christchurch, New Zealand (photos by Scott Hutcheson/ Purdue University)



Public art made from earthquake rubble.

a long time, spend lots of money on establishing a brand. Storydoing companies, on the other hand, do things that are “storyworthy” and then let the stories emerge from their customers via social media and word-of-mouth.

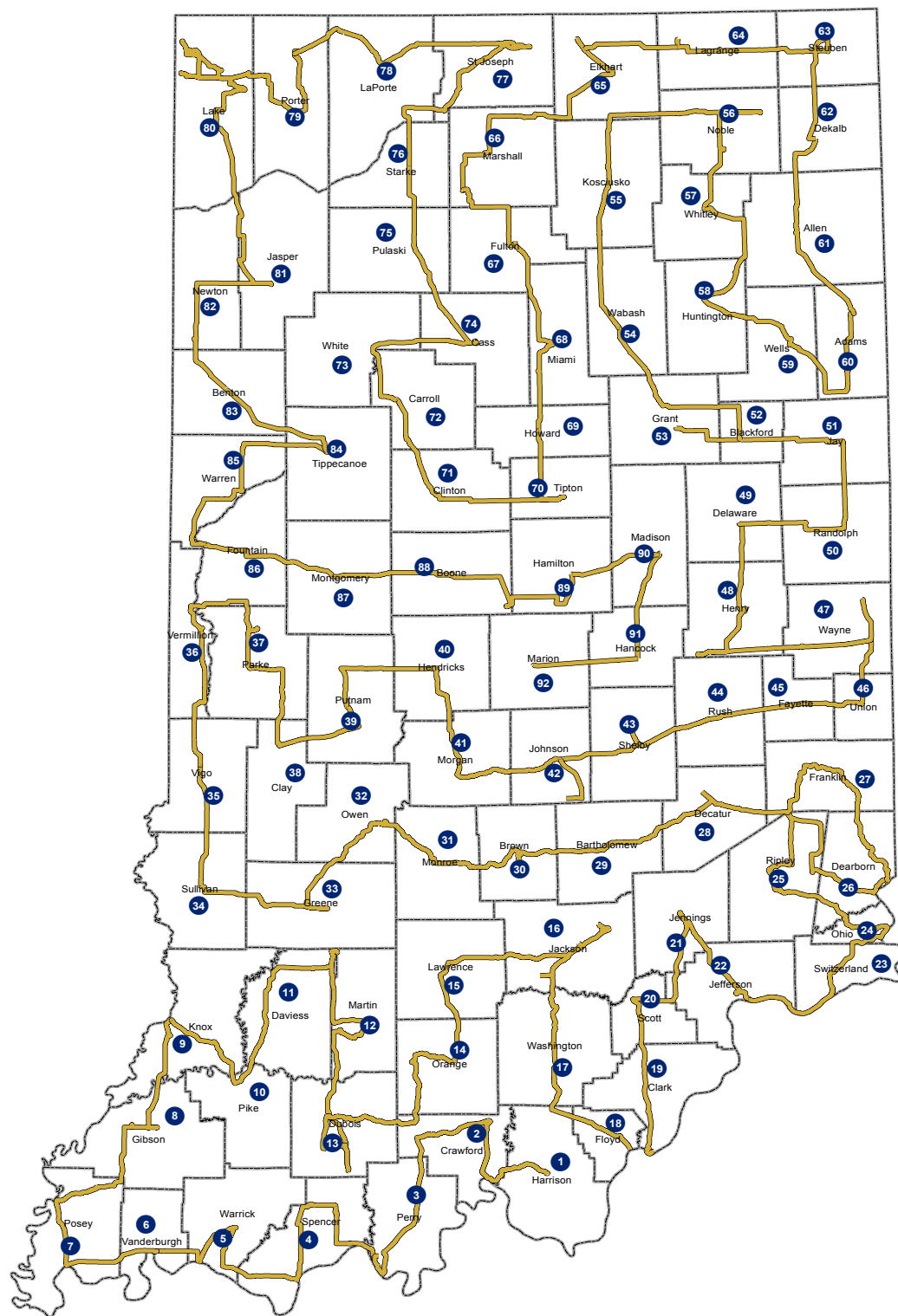
This is a notion to which our communities should perhaps pay attention. Every community, be it a neighborhood, city or larger region, has a story or a narrative. In some cases, organizations like convention and visitors bureaus and economic development organizations have attempted to manufacture these stories; in other cases the stories have emerged more organically.

Some communities are happy with their story. Others, not so much. Communities that want to change their narrative may want to embrace this notion of storydoing or doing things that are storyworthy and then let the story emerge. It's really the way it happens anyway. I'm sure New Zealand has spent billions on advertising and branding. In the end, however, its current narrative is being spun from the storyworthy things they are doing in places like Christchurch.

What's your community's story? Do you know? If not, ask around. Better yet, do a little searching on social media like Twitter, YouTube, Yelp or Foursquare. What's going on that's storyworthy? If it's not much, or if you don't like what you see, here's your chance to change the narrative. Go out and do something storyworthy.

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Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay



Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay will highlight state celebrations in 2016

Governor Mike Pence announced a new signature event of the Indiana Bicentennial Commission last Thursday during Statehood Day remarks in the south atrium of the Indiana Statehouse. The Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay will touch each of Indiana's 92 counties during the 2,300-mile journey across the state. The torch relay will be an inspirational event during a monumental year for Indiana and will connect people, communities and regions during the six-week trek in the fall of 2016.

“The Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay will give generations of Hoosiers the opportunity to honor our past while also looking with optimism towards Indiana's future,” said Governor Pence. “With the continued ingenuity, entrepreneurial spirit and collective good will of Hoosiers, I know the light of Indiana will shine brightly for centuries to come.”

Developed by the Indiana Office of Tourism Development (IOTD), the relay is patterned after the Olympic Torch Relay and is designed to connect Hoosiers across the state and nation with their home state during the bicentennial year. The torch relay route, which can be found attached, was charted by a committee of representatives from multiple state agencies and the private sector; including the state departments of transportation, natural resources, state police, tourism, community and rural affairs and state archives. The route showcases locations of natural beauty, local interest and/or historic significance to the state.

The Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay will start in September 2016 in Corydon, Indiana's first state capitol, and culminate with a celebration in October on the grounds of the statehouse in Indianapolis. Accompanying the torch will be a mobile visitor center serving as an interactive museum that highlights important milestones during Indiana's first 200 years

“A torch is the centerpiece of our state flag; representing liberty, enlightenment and Indiana's far-reaching influence. The Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay is a terrific opportunity to celebrate Indiana achievements, influence and heritage while also symbolically ‘passing the torch’ to future generations of Hoosiers,” said Mark Newman, IOTD executive director.

The torch itself is being designed by engineering faculty and students at Purdue University. The torch will be primarily transported by people, passing the flame from torch bearer to torch bearer. The relay will also employ other modes of conveyance that are symbolic of the history and heritage of Indiana, including watercraft, farm equipment, a racecar, horse and wagon, antique automobile and others. Torch bearers will be Hoosiers who have been nominated by their peers through the Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay website: www.Indiana2016.org/torchrelay. Nominations will be accepted beginning in March 2015.

“We are thrilled to announce this interactive element within our state's bicentennial celebration,” said First Lady Karen Pence, Ambassador for the Bicentennial Commission. “Hoosiers from every county in Indiana will have the opportunity to showcase their state pride by choosing how the torch will travel through their county. I look forward to seeing their creativity.”

Volunteer county coordinators will organize torch relay activities in their respective counties. With the assistance of the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) and the Indiana Bicentennial Commission (IBC), county coordinators have been identified in nearly every county. Additional volunteers will be needed to assist with the preparation and execution of relay-related activities. Hoosiers interested in volunteering can sign up at the Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay website.

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