

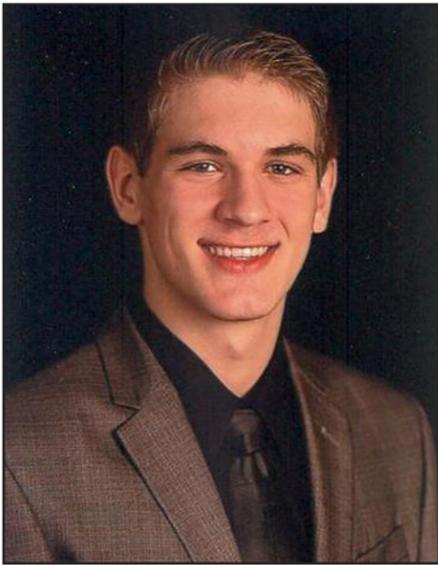
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Klayton Tichenor chosen as this year's Lilly Scholar

Klayton Tichenor, son of Terry and Vicki Tichenor, has been named the Martin County Community Foundation's 2019 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar. Klayton will receive a full tuition scholarship to a four-year accredited public or private nonprofit college or university in Indiana, with an annual \$900 stipend for required books.

Klayton, a senior at Shoals High School, plans to double major in finance and business analytics at Indiana University's Kelley School of Business.

Klayton speaks of his selection as the 2019 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar, "It is such an honor to be selected as Martin County's 2019 Lilly Endowment Scholar. Through the generosity of the Martin County Community Foundation and the Lilly Endowment, I will be able to achieve my goals for higher education. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Martin County Community Foundation for the tremendous opportunity of a lifetime they have given me. I would also like to thank my family, my peers, my teachers, my coaches, my community, and God for the support and guidance they have given me throughout my life. I am truly blessed to have this opportunity to represent Martin County."

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

The primary purposes of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program (See 'TICHENOR' on page 2)

Merry Christmas
from The Huggett Family
and the
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Commissioners approve contracts, multiple board appointments

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Martin County Commissioners covered multiple topics at their meeting Tuesday night, December 18.

The commissioners agreed to the contract between Hoosier Uplands and the county to provide space for the health department. Julia Albright, public health nurse, said the contract is the same as last year. The health department will be moving into the building behind the courthouse, which was most recently The River Church and at one time a video store. Albright said they will be renting that space for close to the same cost they are paying now however they will now have to pay their own utilities. The entire building will house the health department offices.

The commissioners also approved the contract between Purdue University and the county for the extension office at a cost of \$19,800 per year.

Greg Jones, with SIDC, said that the workforce development grant that was (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 2)

Shoals School Board makes staff changes

The Shoals School Board met last Thursday, December 12. Members in attendance were Dianna Ragsdale, Eva George, Jenell Hoffman, Bill Bauer and Drexel Turpin. Staff in attendance were Miranda Beaver, Corporation Secretary and Dr. Candace Roush, Superintendent. There were no patrons in attendance.

The Lunch Policy for 40-hour Employees, Professional Trip Reimbursement and Non-Certified Handbook Updates to Vacation and Holiday policies were presented for a second reading. The board approved the policy changes.

The board approved the following personnel changes:

- The resignation of Jessica Hembree, Teaching Assistant, effective 11/26/2018

- The resignation of John Kirtland, Athletic Director, effective 1/1/2019

- Jennifer Wadsworth and Kristine Maxwell to work as substitute teachers in the elementary

- Patti Schnarr to finish the 2018-2019 school year out as the Preschool Aide.

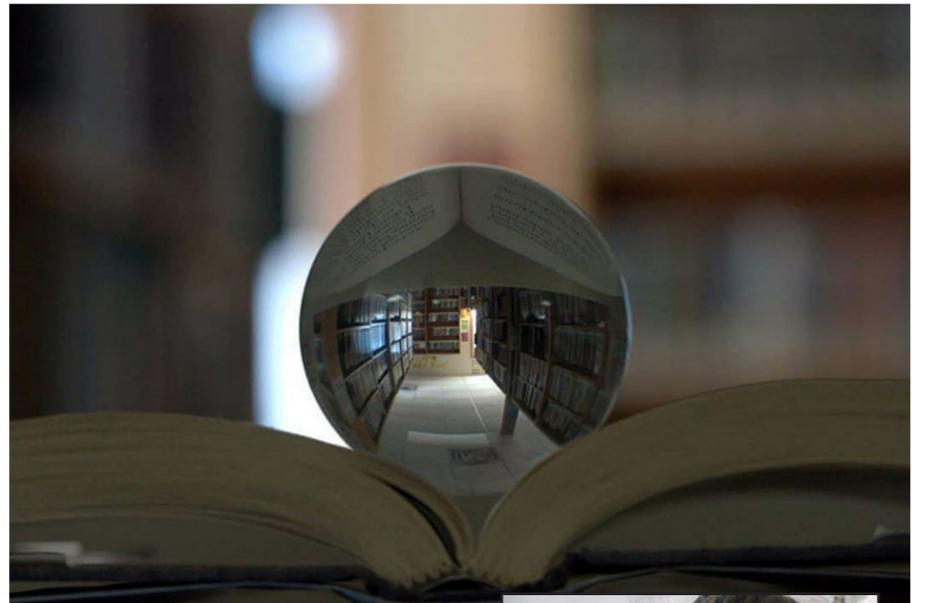
- Ashley Montgomery as the middle school math teacher through the end of this year.

- Tony Smith as a substitute for high school and middle school.

- Bryson Abel and Danielle Cornett split the duties and hours of the temporary athletic director position as outlined by the principal. Jenell Hoffman motioned to accept the recommendation as given and Bill Bauer seconded. The motion passed 4-0-1. Drexel Turpin abstained.

The temporary AD job description was presented for a first reading.

The high school principal requests that they post for the varsity and JV vol-



Contest winner

-Photos provided

Indiana Library Federation hosted a contest recently encouraging young people to submit a video or photo with the theme 'Libraries Look Toward the Future'. The winning photo, named "library through a crystal ball" by ILF, was done by Madyson Simmons, of Loogootee. A check for \$100 was awarded to Loogootee teen. There were 40 submissions, 36 photos and four videos. Madyson is the daughter of Megan Mitchner and Cody and Lisa Simmons of Loogootee.



leyball coaching positions for the 2019-2020 year. The board approved.

A \$100 donation was made to the FFA in memory of Keith Bauer by Robert Dearwester.

The high school principal recommended that the prom date be changed from April 27 to April 20, 2019. The board approved.

Bryson Abel gave information to the board that he will begin the Junior Basketball League program in January. This program lasts approximately two months.

A request was given by the superin-

tendent to renew the school's membership with the Indiana Chamber of Commerce. The board approved the renewal.

The superintendent recommended to pay out the teacher's stipends. These stipends are provided by the state. The board approved.

The superintendent recommended that the school renew health and vision insurance through Anthem and dental insurance with HRI. The board approved the recommendations.

The board approved the superintendent's recommendation that the school (See 'SHOALS' on page 2)



Redemption Christian Church, located at 1 Loogootee Plaza, in Loogootee will hold Christmas GLOW services on Sunday, December 23, at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The Loogootee Revival Center Church, located on Wood Street, will have a Christmas/Communion Service on Sunday, December 23, at 9:30 a.m. There will be a prayer/ anointing service on Sunday, December 30 at 9:30 a.m.

The River Church, located at 401 Water Street, in Shoals will hold Christmas Eve candlelight service (December 24) at 5 p.m.

New Beginnings Community Church, located on the square in

Loogootee, will hold regular service on Sunday, December 23 with kid's program at 10:30 a.m. They will hold Christmas Eve candlelight service (December 24) at 11 p.m.

Shoals Christian Church, located at 600 Main Street in Shoals will hold "Busy in Bethlehem" service on Sunday, December 23 at 9 a.m. On Christmas Eve, December 24, they will host "Twas the Night Before Christmas" Communion and Candlelight Service at 6 p.m.

Loogootee Christian Church, located at 206 Sherman Street in Loogootee will hold Christmas Eve (December 24) Candlelight Service at 6 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS

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awarded to three counties, including Martin, did not do well. He is shutting it down three months prior to the end date because they can't find anyone interested in taking classes. He said they did have some residents take classes and improve their employment. Jones said the money remaining will go back to the state. The commissioners approved SIDC to end the grant now.

Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett brought the commissioners information on a DuraPatcher he wanted to purchase. They discussed whether it would be a better idea to buy the machine outright or lease it. They do not have the money to purchase it outright, so they would have to take out a loan. The commissioners, in the end, decided to go with a four-year lease at 10 percent interest. The cost will be \$19,482.75 per year. Once the lease is over, the county will own the DuraPatcher. The commissioners also agreed to trade in their current model for \$1,000.

The commissioners again discussed whether they should keep the bridge on

Deep Cut Lake Road, near the Gypsum plant, on the Community Crossings application being turned in next month. Padgett provided them with quotes from two companies to replace the culverts instead of installing a bridge. The cost of two culverts was almost the same as building a bridge. After discussion, Commissioner Paul George said doing the bridge made more sense because it would last much longer than the culverts. The cost of the bridge would be around \$143,000. It will be on the Community Crossings grant application that will be turned in next month.

The developer of Sawmill Ridge requested that the commissioners start the process of getting the road into the subdivision turned over to the county, so they can take over maintenance. One of the stipulations discussed at a previous meeting was that the road had to be up to certain specifications. Highway Superintendent Padgett said he inspected the road and ditches, and both are in good shape. The road is approximately 2,700 feet long and 20-feet wide. The commissioners agreed to start the process of taking over the road. First, all property owners had to sign a letter agreeing to the change.

The commissioners approved having the ceiling tiles in the upstairs hallway of the courthouse replaced at a cost of \$1,897. The work will be done by Wagler & Sons. They also approving paying Advantage Fire & Safety \$1,135 to replace the sprinkler heads in the same location. The work is being done with leftover funds from the previous work recently done in the courthouse.

Prosecutor Mike Steiner requested the commissioners' permission to keep his badge after he leaves office at the end of this year. He said his deputy prosecutor would also like to keep his badge. Steiner said it was for sentimental reasons after being prosecutor for 16 years. The commissioners had no issue with it.

The commissioners made the following appointments:

-Dan Gregory to serve on the SIDC Board and Local Economic Develop-

ment Commission

-Bill Shaw to serve on the Alcohol Beverage Board

-Kathy Collins to serve on the Regional Mental Health Center Advisory Board

-David Lett to serve as county attorney

-Leo Padgett to serve as highway superintendent

-Terri Alcorn to serve as highway secretary

-John Jones to serve as courthouse custodian

-Paul McFeaters to take over Dan Gregory's seat on the WestGate Authority for the next three years

-Paul George to serve on the District Oversight Planning Committee

SHOALS

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switch their Section 125 plan to renew in March 2019 instead of February 2019.

There was a first reading of the eCOACH job description. This will be for the Corporation Technology Integration eCOACH.

The superintendent recommended the ordering of a new 66 passenger bus to replace 2A. The school will be keeping 2A. The board approved.

The Resolution to Transfer Appropriation Balances to Close 2018 Books, Resolution to Pre-Write Claims to Close 2018 Books and the Resolution for Transfer of Funds were presented to the board. The board approved.

The superintendent requested to rerun the Notice to Bidders on Route 9 until the January board meeting. The board approved.

The superintendent's report began with congratulating the Robotics teams for their state championship trophies. She then thanked Bill Whorall for donating his time in the elementary and for the beautiful pieces that he has donated that will be displayed throughout the school. Next semester Administrator Assistance will be back to help staff with student data analysis. This is in re-

sponse to the curriculum audit.

The school calendar for the 2019-2020 school year will be brought to the January board meeting.

The ROI grant process that they are in with Mitchell and Orleans is going well. Many of the staff have traveled to different schools around the area and even Kentucky to look at some other schools.

The superintendent also reported that the Ag class is doing amazing things this semester. They have built dog houses and entertainment centers.

This summer they are looking at training the staff on curriculum mapping. This will help align the curriculum for K-12. They are looking at using a different formative assessment vendor that can help show student growth year to year from Pre-K to 12th grade.

The board will be reorganizing at the January board meeting.

The school had a visit from the DOE representative that did the safety plan audit and the school passed.

Dr. Roush took time to once again thank Dianna Ragsdale for her four years of service to the school, the students and the staff. In closing, Dr. Roush wishes everyone a Merry Christmas!

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

TICHENOR

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gram are

1) to help raise the level of education attainment in Indiana;

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

3) to encourage and support the efforts of the current and past Lilly Endowment Community Scholars to engage with each other and with Indiana business, governmental, educational, nonprofit and civic leaders to improve the quality of life in Indiana generally and in local communities throughout the state.

There were 143 scholarships awarded statewide. Martin County Community Foundation is pleased to have been given the opportunity to work with the Lilly Endowment and Independent Colleges of Indiana in selecting thirty-eight Martin County Lilly scholars.

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DAVID EATON

David Michael Eaton passed peacefully at his home Wednesday, December 12, 2018. He was 65.

He was born in Kokomo on August 23, 1953; son of Charles Franklin Eaton and Julia Ellen (Peck) Eaton and was the oldest of four children. David retired as a tool and die maker from GM Powertrain, Bedford. Early in life he expressed a passion for music, after graduating from Shoals High School he attended the IU School of Music before exploring other passions. His hobbies included hunting, skiing, raising Rottweilers, and playing music for

family and friends.

In his later years, he enjoyed spending time with his two grandchildren and building HO scale model trains.

David was an avid and active member of Alcoholics Anonymous and had just celebrated receiving his nine-year sobriety chip. He was very proud to share his story of sobriety with others and was very passionate about helping and guiding others on their path to sobriety.

He is preceded in death by his father.

He is survived by his mother, brothers, Mark and his wife, Jessica Eaton, of Shoals; Scott and his wife, Callie Eaton, of Cedar Point, North Caroli-

Arts Commission now accepting grant applications from organizations

The Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) announced today the posting of program guidelines on the agency's website for Arts Organization Support and Arts Project Support grants for the upcoming fiscal year and the opening of applications for those grants. The Commission approved revisions to its program guidelines during its December 7, 2018 Quarterly Business Meeting in Carmel, Indiana.

Guidelines are available for Arts Organization Support III (AOS III), a two-year grant program administered directly by the IAC to organizations with budgets over \$1 million that are also cultural leaders in the state and provide multi-regional or statewide program services.

Guidelines are also available for Regional Initiative Grants including Arts Organization Support II (AOS II), Arts Organization Support I (AOS I), and Arts Project Support (APS) grants administered by the IAC's 11 Regional Arts Partners.

"A change the Commission approved is requiring all organizations planning to apply for grants from the AOS III category to submit a letter of

intent," said Paige Sharp, Director of Programs for the IAC. "As in years past, organizations new to the AOS II and AOS I programs also need to submit a letter of intent. Organizations that received funding in these programs (AOS II and AOS I) during the past fiscal year need not submit a letter of intent. Arts Project Support grant applicants are also not required to submit a letter of intent."

All letters of intent to apply for grants must be submitted through the IAC's online system by January 15, 2019.

Grant applications for all organization grant programs are currently open and accessible through the IAC's online system. The deadline for AOS II, AOS I, and APS grants is March 5, 2019. The deadline to apply for AOS III grants is March 14, 2019.

For more information about the IAC grant programs for organizations, contact Paige Sharp at 317-232-1279 or email psharp@iac.in.gov.

The Indiana Arts Commission is dedicated to the vision of the arts everywhere, every day, for everyone in Indiana.

Journey Indiana premieres this January on WTIU

WTIU Public Television will launch a new locally-produced Indiana travel show starting this January. Journey Indiana, co-hosted by Ashley Dillard and Brandon Wentz, debuts online at journeyindiana.org on January 1, 2019, followed by a broadcast premiere on WTIU at 8 p.m. on January 3, 2019.

Each week on Journey Indiana, Dillard and Wentz will travel to new destinations across the state to discover the distinctive culture, history, people, and artistry that shape Indiana. Whether it is savoring a delectable treat from the world's largest chocolate store, strolling through an outdoor sculpture trail, or exploring the history of the first electrically lighted city in the world, Dillard and Wentz will help Hoosiers experience their state like never before on Journey Indiana.

"As a lifelong Hoosier, I am incredibly excited to be able to travel throughout the state, to meet new and interesting people, and to bring their stories to as wide an audience as possible," says Jason Pear, Journey Indiana producer. "The whole team at WTIU is working hard to make this show a celebration of all things Indiana, and we hope you'll join us on the journey."

The first episode of Journey Indiana will explore the Hoosier Gym in Knightstown and a high-tech collaboration between Indiana University and the Uffizi Gallery in Florence, Italy. Viewers will also meet a muralist who goes to great heights to celebrate the

Hoosier state and a Newburgh couple growing edible flowers—and more—in their backyard.

Journey Indiana will air Thursdays at 8 p.m. on WTIU starting January 3. New episodes will also be available on the Journey Indiana website two days prior to the broadcast premiere. Other PBS affiliate stations across Indiana will air the series (check local listings for dates and times).

Production support for the series is provided by the Buskirk-Chumley Theater, Columbus Area Visitors Center, and Camp Brosius.

Watch a trailer and learn more about the series at journeyindiana.org.

About the hosts:

Ashley Dillard is a theater, television, commercial, and voiceover actor. She has appeared in numerous theatrical productions around the state of Indiana, including Indiana Repertory Theatre, Cardinal Stage Company, Bloomington Playwrights Project, Phoenix Theatre, and Indiana University, where she received her MFA in acting.

Brandon Wentz is the Associate Artistic Director of the Crossroads Repertory Theatre in Terre Haute and has also appeared in numerous productions with Cardinal Stage Company and the Jewish Theatre of Bloomington. Before joining Journey Indiana, Brandon previously appeared on WTIU as host of the documentary Indiana Motoring: Concours d'Elegance at French Lick.

na; and Patrick Eaton of Indianapolis; son, Solomon Elijah "Eli" and his wife, Sara Eaton, and their children of Tralfalgar, and several nieces and nephews.

His Celebration of Life pitch-in will be held January 12, 2019 beginning at 2 p.m. at The Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds. Out of respect, activities will remain alcohol free. Anyone interested in an impromptu jam session are encouraged to bringing their talent and instruments.

MERVIN KNEPP

Mervin Dale Knepp passed away at 3:43 p.m. Thursday, December 13, 2018 at Daviess Community Hospital due to injuries sustained in a hunting accident. A resident of Montgomery, he was 40.

He was born July 26, 1978 in Washington; son of Elmer and Alvena (Graber) Knepp. Mervin married Alta (Stoll) Knepp March 26, 2006 and she survives.

He was a member of Canaan Fellowship Church.

Mervin was preceded in death by his father-in-law, Wilmer Stoll.

He is survived by his wife, Alta (Stoll) Knepp of Montgomery; sons, Darvin Lee, Logan Drew, Kaden Dale, Justin Devon and Tristan Blake Knepp; parents, Elmer and Alvena (Graber) Knepp of Montgomery; brothers, Darin (Mary Sue) Knepp of Plainville, Delmar (Emma Jean) Knepp of Cannelburg, Ernest (Malinda) Knepp of Montgomery, Paul (Leanna) Knepp of Montgomery; sisters, Darla (Fred) Wittmer of Loogootee and Mary Lynn (John) Knepp of Montgomery; mother-in-law, Rosalie (Wagler) Stoll.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 17 at Canaan Fellowship Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

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



Parkview Christmas

-Photo provided

Parkview Village Christian Care had their annual Christmas Open House on Sunday, December 9, featuring the Judith Montgomery Family. Residents and staff enjoyed the afternoon.

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Martin County Sheriff's Office is seeking qualified candidates for Part-Time Dispatcher and Jail Officer positions.

Part-time dispatchers and jail officers earn up to \$12.00/hour. Paid training provided and advancement opportunities available.

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1. Be a citizen of the United States
2. Be at least 18 years of age
3. Have a high school diploma or GED
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To be considered for an open position, interested candidates are encouraged to pick-up an application at the Martin County Sheriff's Office: 318 Capital Avenue, Shoals, IN 47581 (812) 247-3726.

Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled.

Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

1:03 a.m. - Received an alarm call near Shoals. Deputy Reed and Deputy Shinn responded. All was secure.

7:18 a.m. - Jail Commander Abel transported two inmates to the doctor.

9:15 a.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 231, south of Loogootee. Deputy Wright and Deputy Lents responded.

9:57 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:07 p.m. - Received a report of harassment near Shoals. Deputy Wright and Deputy Lents responded.

12:11 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

6:28 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

7:38 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:30 a.m. - Captain Dant took four inmates to court.

10:30 a.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to court.

1:30 p.m. - Captain Dant performed a vehicle identification check near Shoals.

2:05 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene responded to a report of theft in Shoals.

2:10 p.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

4:50 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50 near Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

6:48 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Lost River Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

2:13 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

2:57 a.m. - Received a report of a possible intruder in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded and all was okay.

5:51 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident east of Shoals Deputy Seymour responded.

6:45 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50, near Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded and checked the vehicle.

9:10 a.m. - Jail Commander Abel transported one inmate to the doctor.

10:58 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded.

11:00 a.m. - Received a report of a car running a bus stop arm in Shoals. Deputy Wright responded.

3:15 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:28 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:06 p.m. - Received a report of people causing a disturbance in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene and Town Mar-

shal Eckert responded.

10:35 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:38 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Deputy Seymour and Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

2:03 a.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Officer Floyd responded. No one was transported.

3:54 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

5:42 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50, east of Loogootee. Deputy Seymour responded.

9:05 a.m. - Received a dog complaint south of Shoals. Deputy Wright responded.

9:31 a.m. - Deputy Lents took one inmate to the doctor.

9:35 a.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill, ISP Trooper Beaver, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

12:24 p.m. - Received a report of theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

1:00 p.m. - Captain Dant and Deputy Lents took four inmates to court.

1:05 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Crane. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

2:10 p.m. - Deputy Wright took one inmate to the doctor.

2:30 p.m. - Sergeant Keller and Deputy Lents took five inmates to court.

4:58 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled semi on SR 150, east of Shoals. Sergeant Keller, Town Marshal Eckert, and ISP Trooper Nolan responded.

6:05 p.m. - Received a dog complaint east of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

4:46 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Deputy Seymour and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

5:58 a.m. - Received an alarm call near Loogootee. Deputy Seymour and Loogootee Captain Hennette responded. All was secure.

8:52 a.m. - Deputy Lents took one inmate to the doctor.

9:46 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded. All was secure.

11:14 a.m. - Received a medical alarm call near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Deputy Lents responded.

12:50 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle hitting mailboxes in Shoals and leaving the scene. Sergeant Keller and Deputy Lents responded.

1:10 p.m. - Received a report of harassment and intimidation north of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller and Deputy Lents responded.

1:43 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled semi on SR 150, east of Shoals. Sergeant Keller and Deputy Lents responded.

2:42 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

2:50 p.m. - Received a request for

welfare check in Shoals. Sergeant Keller and Deputy Lents responded. Everything checked out okay.

4:58 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving on U.S. Highway 231, south of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

6:23 p.m. - Received a report of domestic dispute in Shoals. Sergeant Keller and Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

6:28 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

6:53 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving in Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

8:08 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee First Responders responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

11:30 a.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist on U.S. Highway 50, east of Shoals.

11:50 a.m. - Received a request for first responders in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

2:28 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett and Sergeant Keller responded.

4:21 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee First Responders responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one

subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:38 p.m. - Received a report of domestic dispute north of Loogootee. Deputy Reed and Reserve Deputy Harmon responded.

5:06 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

5:24 p.m. - Deputy Reed assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

6:33 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

7:30 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

3:49 a.m. - Received a report of tree down on U.S. Highway 50, east of Shoals. Deputy Seymour removed tree.

5:51 a.m. - Received a report domestic dispute north of Loogootee. Deputy Seymour and Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

7:11 a.m. - Received a report of tree down on U.S. Highway 450. Shoals Fire Department responded and removed the tree.

8:55 a.m. - Received a report of reckless driving on U.S. Highway 50, west of Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

12:42 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

11:20 p.m. - Received a report of commercial burglary alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Norris responded. Everything checked out okay.

Martin County real estate transfers

Fred Morgan Roberts and Charlotte F. Roberts to Keith M. Witte and Lisa R. Witte, a part of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 27, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 30.696 acres, more or less.

Kevin G. Weisheit and Audrey M. Weisheit, of Martin County, Indiana to **John M. Baugh**, of Martin County, Indiana, the north half of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 7, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 20 acres, more or less.

Charles W. Henry, of Martin County, Indiana to **Charles W. Henry**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the West Fractional Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.785 acres, more or less.

James Crawford, of Martin County,

Indiana to **Samuel K. Frank**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 28 in the original Town of Crane, Indiana. Lot Number 30 and the west half of Lot Number 29 in the original plat of the Town of Crane. More commonly known as 160 Larrimer Street, Crane, IN.

Thomas M. Summers and Marilyn Kay Summers a/k/a Marilyn K. Summers, of Martin County, Indiana to **Kent F. Summers and Emilee D. Summers**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: A portion of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.37 acre. Tract II: A portion of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.30 acre. Tract III: A portion of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing 0.14 acre.

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CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCINGS

November 20

Devon M. Payne, convicted of theft, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 140 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 70 actual days previously served plus 70 Class A credit days.

November 26

Kelly J. Johnson, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class 5 Felony. Sentenced to serve 1,095 days with 648 days suspended and credit for 335 actual days previously served plus 112 Class B credit days. Defendant received 21 months of probation.

November 29

Loren D. Hall, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 351 days suspended and credit for 7 actual days previously served and 7 Class A credit days. Defendant received 351 days of informal probation.

Judy L. Harker, convicted of domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 355

days suspended and credit for 5 actual days previously served plus 5 Class A credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES

DISMISSED

November 20

Devon M. Payne, dealing in methamphetamine, a Level 4 Felony, dismissed.

November 26

Kelly L. Johnson, dealing in methamphetamine, a Level 3 Felony, dismissed.

November 29

Loren D. Hall, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

December 5

Crane Credit Union vs. Taryn P. Kendall, civil collection.

December 7

Arvest Central Mortgage Company vs. Jennifer A. Maze, Jace A. Mattingly and German American Bancorp, mortgage foreclosure.

December 10

Jeffrey Laine vs. Brampton Brick, Inc., civil tort.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

December 7

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Cach, LLC and against the defendant Lori L. Moore in the amount of \$826.10.

December 17

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Ford Motor Credit Company, LLC and against the defendant William L. Derrick in the amount of \$3,566.49.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendants Jacob L. and Mona K. Loper in the amount of \$9,728.68.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff

Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Chelsea J. Teater in the amount of \$11,552.51.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

December 5

Crane Credit Union vs. Emily M. Rand, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

December 11

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant William M. Barker, II in the amount of \$6,599.94.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

December 14

Danyon Nicole Jarvis of Crane and Justin William Talbott of Crane.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:48 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

1:01 p.m. - Female came on station requesting assistance with a civil issue.

4:02 p.m. - Male reported a civil issue involving a car title.

5:55 p.m. - Male came on station to request transient assistance.

9:46 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on US 231.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

6:57 a.m. - Caller reported a broken-down vehicle on US 231.

1:45 p.m. - Male came on station for transient assistance.

5:53 p.m. - Female reported a violation of a protective order.

7:45 p.m. - Male reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

10:45 p.m. - Male reported a speeding vehicle on Hwy 50.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

2:13 a.m. - First responders were requested on NE 3rd Street for a medical call.

2:57 a.m. - Female requested a security check on Cedar Street.

6:45 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50. Chief Rayhill located the vehicle.

5:30 p.m. - Male requested a road kill permit.

7:47 p.m. - Officer McBeth assisted the county with an arrest.

9:45 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver.

9:58 p.m. - Female reported possible drug activity.

11:38 p.m. - Officer Floyd assisted the county with a property damage accident.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

2:03 a.m. - Officer Floyd assisted the ambulance service.

9:35 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the ambulance service.

4:55 p.m. - Caller reported a harassment complaint.

9:50 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231. Officer Floyd located the vehicle.

11:09 p.m. - Female reported a suspicious vehicle on Hwy 50.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

11:00 a.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident on Broadway Street.

2:42 p.m. - Male reported a trespasser on his property.

4:45 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on North Line Street.

5:25 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on US 231.

6:26 p.m. - First responders were requested in front of Larkin Apartments for a medical issue.

8:01 p.m. - Caller reported a civil complaint.

8:10 p.m. - Officer Floyd assisted the ambulance service.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

9:10 a.m. - Officer McBeth responded to a residential alarm.

9:12 a.m. - Male reported a civil issue.

4:26 p.m. - First responders were requested for a male with a medical issue.

9:13 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

5:51 a.m. - Officer McBeth assisted the county with a domestic dispute.

2:10 p.m. - Male reported a child custody issue.

7:56 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on Hwy 50.

11:20 p.m. - Officer Norris responded to a business alarm.

ARRESTS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

7:47 p.m. - Kiana Fleshman, 28, of Bloomfield, was arrested by Deputy Shinn and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of a controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia, and maintaining a common nuisance. She is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond. Assisting with the arrest were Loogootee Officer McBeth, ICO Mann, Deputy Reed and K9 officer Yirka.

7:47 p.m. - Jesse Adams, 22, of Bowling Green, Indiana, was arrested by Deputy Shinn and charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of a controlled substance. He is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond. Assisting with the arrest were ICO Mann, Loogootee Officer McBeth, Deputy Reed, and K9 Officer Yirka.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

1:35 p.m. - Chiffonne Puckett, 35, of Bruceville, was arrested by Captain Dant on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

10:16 p.m. - Loren Hall, 77, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Nolan and charged with operating while intoxicated prior and is being held without bond.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:27 a.m. - Rory Browder, 53, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

12:38 a.m. - Guy Catt, 24, of Washington, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Floyd and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated, operating a vehicle while intoxicated with a prior within 5 years and operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment. He is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond.

6:42 a.m. - Julie Hawkins, 51, of Kentucky, was arrested by Deputy Seymour on a Martin County warrant and is being held on a \$500.00 cash only bond.



-Photo provided

Shown above are new Indiana State Troopers at the Jasper Post. From left to right are Troopers Rainey, Ford, Gallagher, Bowling.

Jasper Post welcomes four new state troopers

Last Thursday, December 13, 54 troopers graduated from the Indiana State Police Recruit Academy after completing 22 weeks of intense training that exceeded 1,000 hours. Some subject areas of training included criminal and traffic law, crash investigation, emergency vehicle operations, defensive tactics, firearms and a host of other subjects related to modern policing.

Troopers will now spend the next three months riding with and being evaluated by veteran state troopers. Upon successful completion of the field training phase, each new trooper will be required to pass an oral interview with their perspective Command Staff prior to being issued their commissions to begin solo patrol.

Jasper District Commander, Lieutenant Jason Allen says he is very proud of each trooper thus far and their willingness to serve is very honorable. Lt. Allen also pointed out the Jasper Post is steeped with a community policing tradition and in the near future, much will be expected from our new troopers.

Trooper Teresa Bowling, 25, of Holland, Indiana. Bowling graduated from Southridge High School in 2012. Bowling attended the University of Southern Indiana where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal

justice and sociology in 2016. Bowling previously served as a police officer with the Huntingburg Police Department. Bowling enjoys reading, singing and spending time in the outdoors with friends and family.

Trooper Clay Ford, 23, of Mount Vernon. Ford graduated from Mount Vernon High School in 2013. Ford attended Oakland City University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice in 2017. Ford was previously employed by the German Township Water Department. Ford enjoys hunting, fishing and sports.

Trooper Patrick Gallagher, 27, of Depauw. Gallagher graduated from Gallagher Academy of Indiana High School in 2009. Gallagher then enlisted and served in the United States Navy as an active duty Fire Control Technician. Gallagher was previously employed by Jasper Engines & Transmissions. Gallagher enjoys riding motorcycles, hunting and fishing.

Trooper Christopher Rainey, 25, of Salem. Rainey graduated from Salem High School in 2011. Rainey attended Franklin College where he earned a Bachelor of the Arts degree in athletic training in 2015. Rainey was previously employed as an Athletic Trainer for Salem High School. Rainey enjoys hunting, reading and lifting weights.

More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



Once again, the Washington Post has published the winning submissions to its yearly neologism contest, in which readers are asked to supply alternate meanings for common words...and the winners are:

1. Coffee (n), the person upon whom one coughs.
2. Flabbergasted (adj), appalled over how much weight you have gained.
3. Abdicate (v), to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.
4. Esplanade (v), to attempt an explanation while drunk.
5. Negligent (adj), describes a condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightgown.
6. Lymph (v), to walk with a limp.
7. Gargoyle (n), gross olive-flavored mouthwash.
8. Flatulence (n), emergency vehicle that picks you up after you are run over by a steamroller.
9. Balderdash (n), a rapidly receding hairline.
10. Rectitude (n), the formal, dignified bearing adopted by proctologists.

5 DEADLY TERMS USED BY A WOMAN

1. FINE – This is the word a woman uses to end an argument when she knows she is right, and you need to shut up.
2. NOTHING – Means “something” and you need to be worried.
3. GO AHEAD – This is a dare, not permission. Don’t do it!

4. WHATEVER – A woman’s way of saying screw you.

5. IT’S OK – She is thinking long and hard on how and when you will pay for your mistake.

You have 78 Christmas presents. Now subtract your age. Now add 40. That’s the year you were born. Try it.

One night a Viking named Rudolph the Red was looking out the window when he said, “It’s going to rain.”

His wife asked, “How do you know?” He said, “Because Rudolph the Red knows rain dear.”

RANDOM THOUGHTS:

*Old age comes at a bad time. You finally know everything just in time to forget it.

*I’ve put myself in timeout until I can play nice with others...This may take a while.

*Two blondes fell down a hole. One said, “It’s dark in here isn’t it?”

The other replied, “I don’t know, I can’t see.”

*Monday has been canceled. Everyone go back to bed.

*I don’t feel like I’m getting older...it’s more like my warranty has expired and my parts are wearing out.

*I’ve started to do Cross Fit...I cross my fingers and hope my pants fit.

*Anyone else reached that age where you gain weight if you breathe?

*I wonder if there’s a Margarita somewhere out there thinking about me too.

Make someone smile today and remember “the reason for the season.” Merry Christmas everyone.

Loogootee Girls' Basketball SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



MADELINE CROPP
Madeline "Maddie" Cropp is a senior basketball player for the Loogootee Lady Lions. Maddie's best memory of her basketball career at LHS is playing with her friends all four years and beating teams that seemed impossible to beat. Other than Jack Butcher Arena, her favorite gym to play in is Elementary East because she still feels like it is a home court. Her favorite all-time player is Jayden Wagoner. Between a last second shot of a dunk or a half court toss, Maddie said she would choose a dunk because she's the shortest player ever and it would be amazing for her to do that. Maddie wants to attend USI and study health and science.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, December 20 at 5 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. The meeting is open to the public.

Student Winter Art Show

The Loogootee Junior High and High School art students will hold their first annual Winter Art Show this Friday, December 21 from 5-7 p.m. Artworks include photography, drawing, painting, printmaking, pottery, sculpture, graphic design, and more. The exhibit will be held in the gallery space inside the Loogootee High School lobby prior to the boys' basketball game. Light refreshments will be provided.

Food pantry hours

The Loogootee United Methodist Food Pantry will be open the first, second, third and fifth Thursdays of the month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and also the first Monday of the month from 5-6:30 p.m.

Free lunch for kids

New Beginnings Community Church will be offering a free lunch to all school-age children every Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. at the fellowship hall of the church, located at 200 West Main Street next to the post office. For more info, call 812-709-2525.

SOAR Tutoring

Need Skills? SOAR tutors can help! Free and confidential. Call or text Karen at 812-709-1618 to learn more. Located in the Martin County Community Learning Center Improve Your Skills, Improve Your Life!

Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee

meets on the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Loughmiller Machine, 12851 E 150 N, Loogootee. The public is invited to attend.

Humane society meetings

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

Solid waste board

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

Soil and Water meetings

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

Attention Senior Citizens

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

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Loogootee VFW Post 9395

New Year's Eve CELEBRATION

Monday, December 31
Serving dinner 5-8 p.m.

Prime Rib, Baked Potato, Vegetable, Salad Bar & Dinner Roll (Full menu also available)
\$25 per meal.

Karaoke starts at 8 p.m.

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser

Purdue University Master Gardener

Last week, we discussed some holiday plants that are often given as gifts and the care required for them. Another common plant gift is bulbs, allowing the recipient to force blooms from the bulbs to brighten the winter days. The most common bulbs for Christmas gifts include amaryllis, hyacinth and paperwhite narcissus.

The bulbs sold as amaryllis at Christmas time are actually hybrids of flowers that are native to South and Central America in the genus *Hippeastrum*. The genus *Amaryllis* refers to a small genus native to southern Africa. The confusion comes from the fact that some botanists originally thought the two genera were related plants of a single genus. The mistake is so imbedded in the collective mindset that it is unlikely that we will ever refer to those winter flowers as *Hippeastrum*.

Regardless, the rather large bulbs are often sold as kits at Christmas time. Sometimes, the bulbs are already planted, but usually they come with a pot and soil. If you purchase bulbs by mail or without a kit, choose a pot that has good drainage and is just slightly larger than the diameter of the bulb. Use a soil mixture that provides for good drainage and do not use potting mixes that have fertilizer in the mix. Water the pot only when it is dry to the touch and make sure the pot does not sit with water in the saucer beneath it. The two major reasons for unsuccessful amaryllis plantings are over-watering, resulting in bulb rot, and exposure to temperatures below 40 degrees F. It takes about 6 weeks for the bulbs to put out bloom stalks. Keeping the plants in cooler rooms will allow the blooms to last for a couple of weeks and a bulb may put out more than one bloom stalk. As cut flowers, the blooms may actually last longer in a vase than they would on the plant.

It is fairly easy to keep an amaryllis over for future years. They do well outside for the summer; just make certain to bring them in before freezing temperatures arrive. During the summer, the plant will produce large, strappy leaves and you may use a liquid fertilizer or compost tea. When you bring them in, do not water them and put them in a cool, dark place to make them go into a dormant period. Bring them out and begin watering them, and you will have blooms in 6 to 8 weeks. In time, bulbs will produce bulblets, which may be potted and allowed to mature into bulbs. You may also har-

vest seeds after flowering but be aware it takes several years for seed-grown plants to reach flowering size.

Another common gift-kit bulb is the hyacinth. Forcing hyacinths requires that the bulbs have a cold treatment at about 40 degrees F for 12 to 14 weeks. The kits have bulbs that have been pre-chilled, but even they need to be kept in a cool, dark location for a couple of weeks after planting, then moved into a brighter, warmer location. There are three ways to force hyacinths. Some kits come with special forcing vases, which are hour-glass shaped. Fill the bottom with water and set the bulb in the top, pointed side up. The water in the bottom should barely touch the bottom of the bulb. In a short time, roots will form, and growth will start at the top. It takes 3 to 4 weeks for the bulb to produce the sweet-smelling bloom stalks. The other two ways are growing them in pots of soil or on pebbles. When using pebbles, do not use a pot with a drainage hole. I suggest using a clear glass container, so you can see that the water level is just at the bottom of the bulb. When using soil, choose a potting mixture that will drain well and a pot with good drainage. Do not let the soil become soggy. The blooms will last longer in rooms that have indirect light and temperatures around 65 degrees F.

The third type of bulb often found in holiday kits is narcissus or daffodil bulbs, especially the paperwhite variety. These bulbs are generally smaller and are usually planted in clusters with little space between the bulbs. Otherwise, they may be grown in the same ways described above for hyacinths. The pointed tips of the bulbs should be about even with the rim of the pot. If using soil, after potting, place the pot in a pan of water for about an hour and allow it to absorb water. Let the pot drain and put it in a cool, dark location for a couple of weeks, then bring it into a warmer, brighter location.

Most experts say to treat the hyacinths and narcissus as annuals and discard the bulbs after flowering. However, I have had success in saving the bulbs and planting them outside in the spring. Remember that when planted outside, the bulbs need to be planted three times as deep as the diameter of the bulb. It may take a couple of years for the bulbs to produce flowers in the spring, but once they reach that stage, they will bloom for years. It is worth a try.

State park properties offer First Day Hikes on New Year's Day

Usher in 2019 with other outdoor lovers at one of the many First Day Hikes offered Jan. 1 at Indiana's state parks.

First Day Hikes are a healthy way to start 2019 and a chance to get outside, exercise, enjoy nature and connect with friends.

Information on First Day events in Indiana is at StateParks.IN.gov/2420.htm.

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

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

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

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

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

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

-Chain O'Lakes State Park, 2 to 4 p.m.: Meet the park's naturalists at the boat rental parking lot for hike around the winter landscape. Two lengths of hikes are available. Hot cocoa and snacks will be served afterward.

-Charlestown State Park, 10 a.m. to Noon: Meet at the Ohio River overlook for a rugged hike on Trail 6. Enjoy great views of the Ohio River on this 2.3-mile hike.

-Clifty Falls State Park, 7 to 7:30 p.m.: Meet at the Clifty Falls State Park Nature Center to enjoy a winter night under the stars hike. It will be a half-mile, 30-minute hike to the observation tower on Trail 1 that will be lit with luminaries. This will be a moderate hike. Discover the night sky and learn about the animals that roam Clifty Falls in the dark. After the hike cookies and hot cocoa will be served at the inn.

-Fort Harrison State Park, 1 to 2 p.m.: Meet at the Delaware Lake parking area for a hike on Harrison Trace. The paved loop is 2.25 miles long. Hot cocoa will be provided by Friends of the Fort group.

-Hardy Lake, 10 a.m.: Meet at the main trailhead for a winter basic birding intro hike. Bring binoculars if you have them.

-Indiana Dunes State Park, 10 to 11 a.m.: Meet at the nature center for a special 3-Dune Challenge covering 1.5-miles. At the end, park volunteers will welcome hikers with snacks and a fire provided by the Friends of the Indiana Dunes group. —Lieber State Recreation Area, 10 a.m.: Meet at the Hilltop Shelter for a 2-mile hike expected to last about 90 minutes.

-Lincoln State Park, 1 p.m.: Meet at the nature center for a hike to the Lincoln State Park fire tower. The trail has

been improved greatly, and hikers can climb to the top of the tower if they want. Be prepared for a bit of a wait. Not everyone will be able to climb the tower at once.

-McCormick's Creek State Park, 2 p.m.: Meet at Canyon Inn for a Canyon Hike and photo contest. The hike will be on Trail 3 to the falls. Hikers can bring cameras or smartphones to snap photos for an optional contest. Refreshments will be available at the end of the hike.

-Mississinewa Lake, 5 p.m.: Meet at Miami State Recreation Area's Bostwick Pond for a 1-mile hike that will last about 30 minutes. S'mores and a fire will be available after the hike. Advance registration is requested by calling 260-468-2127.

-Monroe Lake, Fairfax State Recreation Area: Monroe Lake will host the sixth annual First Day Trail Run/Walk. Registration/check-in runs from 2:15 to 3:15 p.m. at Bay View Shelter. The run/walk starts at 3:30 p.m. The event is untimed. Participants can choose from a 1.3- or 3.7-mile course. Registering in advance costs \$15 and includes a post-hike buffet. The advance registration deadline is December 30.

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

-O'Bannon Woods State Park, 10 a.m. to noon: Meet at the nature center to walk with the park's oxen, Forest and Gump, and its donkeys, Garth and Gracie. The walk will be on a roadway for about 1 mile. Enjoy refreshments upon return to the nature center. The event is contingent on weather and road conditions.

-Ouabache State Park, 3 p.m. The hike will start and end at the bison enclosure parking lot. Hike will be on Trail 1, around the bison enclosure, with a stop at the feeding station where guests will be able to observe American bison up-close. It's an easy trail with a gravel surface, but there are a few wet areas—boots or tennis shoes are recommended. Pets must be leashed.

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

-Pokagon State Park, 2 to 2:30 p.m.: Meet at the nature center for an easy stroll to look at the winter landscape. The event will end with a bonfire and hot cocoa.

-Potato Creek State Park, 1 to 3 p.m.: Meet at nature center for a group photo before a one-hour moderate hike. Warm up in the Peppermint Hill Shelter afterward with hot drinks and s'mores.

-Prophetstown State Park, 2 to 3:30 p.m.: Meet at the visitor's center for a prairie hike that ends at the Native American Village with a fire in the council house and hot beverages.

-Raccoon Lake. Noon to 1 p.m.: Meet at the park main gate for a mid-winter hike through the ruins of the village of Portland Mills. This will be a 1-mile moderate hike on and off trail. Learn about this village, founded in the 1830s, that was removed in 1959 to make way for the lake.

-Salamonie Lake, 10:30 a.m. to noon: Meet at Salamonie River State Forest's interpretive center for a leisurely stroll on Salamonie's tree trail. Advance registration is requested. (See 'HIKE' continued on page 8)

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AG advises Hoosiers to beware fraudulent emails purporting to come from Apple representatives

Attorney General Curtis Hill is advising Hoosiers to beware of fraudulent emails that appear, at first glance, to come from Apple representatives. Scammers are sending the fake emails in attempts to lure unsuspecting victims into providing personal information, such as credit card numbers. The scammers also may be trying to install malware on victims' computers or devices.

An employee of the Office of the Attorney General received such an email this week. In this latest scam, the sender uses an identity of "Apple ID," and the email includes the company logo. Upon examining the address from which the email is sent, however, one sees that it is not from Apple.

Recipients of any suspicious email should make sure the sender's address includes the domain name of the company supposedly sending it. Watch for fake emails that include domain names that vary only slightly from those being imitated.

The subject line of the fake email reads, "We Have Disabled Your AppleID." The body of the e-mail contains a photo of a lock with the words "Account Disabled." The Apple logo is in the top left corner.

The text of the email, which lacks correct punctuation in places, reads: "Hi Seems like your account has invalid billing information. To make sure that you can get back into your account quickly, easily and securely in the future, update your account information Follow the link below to update your account. (Then the email contains the suspicious link.) If we do not hear from you within 48 hours,

any saved accounts and information will be lost! Thanks Apple team"

The link included in the email begins with "http" instead of "https," which is used for secure websites. Anyone doing business on websites should always make sure a website's URL begins with "https."

This latest email scam appears to be a classic example of phishing, also known as brand-spoofing, which is a type of deception designed to steal a consumer's identity. In a phishing scam, a thief tries to get information such as credit card numbers, passwords, account information or other personal information by convincing consumers to provide it under false pretenses.

Phishing schemes usually come via spam e-mails or pop-up windows. Scammers pose as legitimate companies with which consumers already may do business.

Con artists will continue to develop new and more creative ways to take advantage of consumers online. Attorney General Hill reminds Hoosiers never to respond to requests for personal information via e-mail. If you think an email is legitimate, contact the company by phone or through its website to confirm. Further, never click on links you receive in unsolicited e-mails.

Anyone receiving suspicious emails purporting to come from Apple may forward them to the company at reportphishing@apple.com.

If you believe you have been the victim of any type of scam or attempted scam, the Office of the Attorney General can help. Go to indianaconsumer.com or call 1-800-382-5516 to file a complaint.

Whooping cough makes an appearance in Indiana

BY MATTHEW OATES

Purdue University News Service

It starts with a simple cough but can explode into a vicious string of coughing spells and "whooping" sounds.

Whooping cough, or pertussis, is caused by bacteria that infects the respiratory system and was recently reported in Tippecanoe and Benton counties. Libby Richards is an assistant professor of nursing at Purdue University's School of Nursing in West Lafayette, where she specializes in health and wellness, vaccinations and public health issues.

"The best thing to do is be immunized against pertussis," Richards said. "Children are recommended to get five doses of the Tdap immunization during these age intervals: 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, 15 to 18 months, and 4 to 6 years. However, we know that the immunity wanes over time, and boosters are needed. Tdap is a booster immunization given around age 11 and again at least once in adulthood. This booster should also be given to pregnant women between 27-36 weeks gestation. Caregivers of babies should also receive a booster."

Whooping cough can be easily spread because it is airborne. When someone with pertussis breathes, coughs or sneezes, the bacteria enters into the air and can infect non-vaccinated people.

Symptoms often start mild and can appear to be a common cold, so peo-

ple are contagious without knowing they have pertussis. It can take up to seven to 10 days for initial symptoms to appear after exposure. These initial symptoms include runny or stuffy nose, watery eyes, fever and cough. The disease worsens after one to two weeks, when thick mucus starts to develop in the lungs, which causes the violent, uncontrollable coughing. These coughing spells often result in vomiting and tend to make a "whoop" sound with the next breath of air.

Young children and babies are typically most severely impacted by whooping cough. Babies under 1 year of age often need to be hospitalized for pertussis. On average, up to 20 babies die each year in the U.S. because they are too young to be vaccinated against pertussis.

"What is especially troublesome is typically healthy individuals may not develop this classic cough and, therefore, not realize they have the disease, which can further contribute to the spread of the disease" Richards said. "Infants are also unlikely to develop a cough; rather, they display difficulty breathing and sometimes develop periods of apnea, which is where they stop breathing."

If a person believes they have the symptoms of whooping cough, they should seek medical attention from a primary health care provider. Antibiotics can help speed recovery, but cough medicines are not effective on the cough.

NSWC Crane leader trains service dogs for blind clients across the country

If you step inside Jeff Schafer's office, you'll see an assortment of things you might expect, like a coffee mug and a computer. You may not have anticipated, or even noticed, a service dog-in-training to be lying patiently by Schafer's feet.

Schafer, a Branch Manager at Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane), ensures the development of the design engineering workforce. Schafer has served nearly 39 years for the U.S. Navy, both as a sailor and as an NSWC Crane federal civilian. For the past six years, he has volunteered to be a puppy raiser for Leader Dogs for the Blind (LDFB). LDFB is one of the largest service dog organizations for the blind and the only one for blind-deaf clients.

"I train puppies obedience and social skills from the time they are eight weeks to about 12 months old," says Schafer. "Then these dogs go to LDFB for specified training, focusing on activities and behaviors desirable for service dogs for the blind or blind-deaf. There is a 55 percent success rate for puppies to be selected for a blind client and less than ten percent rate in being selected for blind-deaf clients."

Schafer has trained five puppies since joining the program, and is currently on his sixth. Two puppies he trained were selected to be Leader Dog Moms to breed service dogs, one is working in Georgia with a blind client, one is now a therapy dog that has made 175 visits to various locations like nursing homes, schools, and universities.

"When the dog is wearing its uniform, it knows it has a job to do; its job is to protect its client. The dogs are calm, quite, and can easily go unnoticed by the public," says Schafer. "When the service-dog uniform is off, the dog acts like a regular dog."

The cost of service dogs can be more than forty thousand dollars, but through LDFB, clients receive service dogs completely free of charge. He says trainers have the opportunity to say goodbye to each dog when they meet the client for the first time.

"These dogs change clients' lives," says Schafer, "It is hard to say goodbye, but I know I helped train these dogs and to serve a higher purpose for someone else."

Schafer's fourth puppy he trained, named Thor, was one of the few dogs matched with a client who is both blind and deaf. Due to these circumstances, this client was dependent on other people. Schafer says seeing Thor paired with someone who needed it is rewarding.

"Thor gave his client independence," says Schafer. "Thor allows the client to go to and from work. He protects him and doesn't let him go the wrong way. This truly is a game-changer for all of the clients; it totally changes their lives and perspective."

At NSWC Crane, Schafer ensures microchips can endure the diverse and rigorous conditions the fleet faces. He makes sure his team has the tasking and tools they need to succeed in design engineering to solve current and future warfighter technical problems.

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HIKE

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istration is requested by calling 260-468-2127.

-Shades State Park, 1 to 2 p.m.: Meet at Hickory Shelter for a one-hour hike on Trail 1. Reflect on the past year and look forward to 2019 at Prospect and Inspiration points.

-Shakamak, State Park, 1 to 2:30 p.m.: Meet at the log cabin by the aquatic facility for a walk down the pedestrian path, around the west shelter, and back to the log cabin. The log cabin will have snacks, warm drinks and a fire. The entire route is ADA accessible.

-Spring Mill State Park, 1 to 2:30 p.m.: Meet at Spring Mill Inn's front patio for a lake hike highlighting the history of the CCC and the lake. Cookies and hot cocoa will be served at the inn after the hike.

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

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

If you don't see the property nearest you listed, check the DNR calendar for updates.