

Shoals School Board makes staff changes, accepts donations

The Shoals School Board met last Wednesday evening, December 14.

The board approved the following personnel actions:

- Resignation of Ashley Kerr from position of teaching assistant
- Resignation of Jenny Wiscaver from position of custodian
- Resignation of Dennis Green from position of junior high soccer coach
- Resignation of Melissa Fields from position of junior high girls' track coach
- Approval of Tim Sorrells as freshman boys' basketball coach
- Resignation of Janice Henning from position of teaching assistant
- Approval of Tracy Jones as first shift custodian effective October 25, 2016
- Approval to post position of after school attendant at the hourly pay rate of \$10 per hour
- Resignation of Tim Howell from position of junior high boys' track coach

The board approved the following donations:

- \$500 from United States Gypsum to the high school robotics team
- \$200 from United States Gypsum to the outdoor mural project
- \$27.30 from Shoals Tourism Association to the outdoor mural project
- \$65.88 from the elementary Coin War proceeds to the outdoor mural project
- \$40 from junior/senior high faculty (Blue Jean Fund) to the outdoor mural project
- \$200 from the Psi Iota Xi Sorority to the outdoor mural project
- \$2,808 from the Brown County Community Foundation to the outdoor mural project
- \$5,000 from Knight's of Columbus in Washington to the welding class

The board approved the following field trips:

- Agriculture Technology Class and FFA Students to Vincennes University on December 9

County bridge updates

Per the Martin County Highway Department, bridge #11 in Mitcheltree Township is now open for traffic. Also, Crane Road is also reopened.

Swearing in ceremony

A swearing in ceremony will be held for all newly-elected county officials on Friday, December 30 at 10 a.m. at the Martin County Courthouse. The public is welcome to attend.

-Sophomores to North Lawrence Career Center on December 15

-Band to Silver Creek Pep Band Contest in Sellersburg, Indiana on January 7

-Band to Orleans Pep Band Invitational on January 21

The board approved the following fundraisers: FFA to sell boxes of fruit November 14 through December 2 and the post prom committee to sell discount cards at home ball games during 2016-17 season.

The board approved the renewal of the Indiana Chamber of Commerce membership. They held a first reading of the vacation policy change for non-certified employees and also a first reading of the after school attendant job position. Second readings and approval are slated for the January meeting.

The board held a second reading and approved the comfort dog policy, the internal controls policy and the junior/senior high student handbook changes.

Kindra Hovis, junior/senior high school principal, reported on the following:

- 8th grade won the attendance challenge for the last grading period and are in the lead to win again
- They have 11 student representatives that will be part of the Youth Leadership Council with Loogootee Mayor, Noel Harty
- Teacher Outreach Committee working on areas where improvement is needed
- Spain Trip Summer 2017 has two students signed up so far with more possible
- Christmas Classroom Door Decorating Contest
- Ugly Sweater Contest to be held between the elementary and junior/senior high teachers
- Finals scheduled December 19-21 with a fun afternoon set for final day before Christmas break
- Thanks to: Jones Oil and R.J's Food Mart for Daily Pride Pass Donations; Bo-Mac's Drive In and Faytastic Pizza for Top of the Rox Lunches each month; outgoing board members for all they have done to help make this school great!

Austin Malone, elementary principal, reported on the following:

- Upcoming events: ISTEP device pre-test on December 15th; Christmas (See 'SHOALS' continued on page 2)



Redemption Christian Church Loogootee

(Located in the former Shopko building in Loogootee Plaza)

Christmas Eve: 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Christmas Day: 9 a.m.

The Loogootee Revival Center Church

(Located on Wood Street in Loogootee)

Christmas/Communion Service on Friday, December 23 at 7 p.m. Refreshments and cookies following.

The church will also have a prayer/anointing service on Friday, December 30 at 7 p.m.

Refreshments and finger foods following.

They will not have services on Sundays, December 25 and January 1.

New Beginnings Community Church

(Located on East Main Street in Loogootee)

Christmas Day at 10:30 a.m.

Maranatha Tabernacle

(Located at 13111 Hwy 231 N., Loogootee)

Christmas Day at 10 a.m. They will be serving breakfast and the public is welcome.

The River Church

(Located at 401 Water Street in Shoals)

Christmas Eve: 5:30 p.m.

Christmas Day: Sunday School at 9 a.m.; Service at 9:30 a.m.

Shoals Christian Church

(Located at 600 Main Street in Shoals)

Christmas Eve: 6 p.m.

Christmas Day: 9 a.m.

Martin County's jobless rate stays at 3.7 percent for November

Martin County's jobless rate remained unchanged in November, standing at 3.7 percent, the same as the month before. The county had the 32nd lowest jobless rate of the 92 Indiana counties for November, tied with five other counties.

In November, the county had 5,122 residents in the workforce with 192 of them unemployed. In October, there were 5,129 residents able to work and 191 of them were without jobs. In November of last year, Martin County unemployment rate was 4.1 percent, with 5,046 residents in the workforce and 209 of them without work.

Dubois County's unemployment rate rose just slightly to 2.9 percent in November, up from 2.8 percent the

month before. The county held on to the top spot in the state for the lowest jobless rate, but are now tied with Bartholomew County.

In November, the county had 23,230 residents in the workforce and 668 of them were unemployed. In October, there were 23,208 residents able to work and 641 of them were without jobs. In November of 2015, Dubois County's jobless rate was 3.3 percent with 22,510 residents in the workforce and 753 of them unemployed.

Daviess County's jobless rate also rose just a bit in November to 3.3 percent, up from 3 percent in October. The county had the 13th lowest jobless rate in the state for November, tied with six (See 'RATE' continued on page 2)



Catholic War Veterans

-Photo provided

Shown above are Catholic War Veterans of the USA, Inc. participating in the City of Loogootee Christmas Parade last Wednesday, December 14. From left to right are Terry Lamar, Post First Vice-Commander; James Bateman, Post Member; George (Bud) Erler, Jr., Post Commander; and Chuck Buxton, Post Treasurer.



SHOALS

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Music Program on December 16 at 1:30 p.m. in the gymnasium; PRIDE Pass movie will be shown on December 20; Christmas Fun Day will be held on December 21; Shoals PRIDE Day on January 5 with everyone invited to wear Shoals gear or blue and white to kick off new semester with positivity and pride!

-Shoals Elementary Facebook page feedback shows that we have reached 13,000 people with Rox Reports being viewed over 13,950 times!

-SPA Holiday Store earned over \$500 this year!

-Thank You to: SPA volunteers for helping with Holiday Store; Theresa Holt for all she does every day; John Kirtland for impressing us daily; and outgoing board members

Superintendent Roush reported on the following:

-The school put on a great band and choir program.

-Congratulations to the elementary robotics program.

-Good luck to the high school robotics program this weekend.

-There will be no school December 22-January 4.

-The school will be partnering with Indiana University's research center and counseling department to help write a \$100,000 counseling grant.

-The board will meet in January to approve of the 2017-2018 school calendar.

-Thank you to Jim Bruner, Lorna Troutman, and Mary Lou Billings for their years of service, dedication to the students, and support of school programs.

Board President Lorna Troutman took a moment to thank the school administration. She noted that the administrators work to improve our school in many different ways. She is proud of the respect and positive reputation seen reflected throughout the community.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



Lucky is a female lab/rott mix. She is a bit shy until she gets to know you. She is three years old. She is spayed and up to date on shots. The animal shelter is open Monday and Wednesday 5-7 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m. To see all the dogs and cats available, visit www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org. The shelter is located at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee.

RATE

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total labor force stands at over 3.3 million and the state's 64.7 percent labor force participation rate stands two percent above the national rate.

In November, the county had 15,969 residents in the workforce with 519 of them unemployed. In October, there were 15,973 residents able to work and 477 of them without jobs. In November of last year, Daviess County's jobless rate was 3.7 percent with 15,929 residents in the workforce and 589 of them unemployed.

The top 10 spots in the state for lowest jobless rate in the state for November were Dubois and Bartholomew counties at 2.9 percent, Adams and Hamilton counties at 3 percent, Wells, Decatur and Boone counties at 3.1 percent; and Tipton, LaGrange, Johnson, Hendricks, and Gibson counties at 3.2 percent.

The top 10 spots in the state for the highest jobless rate in the state for November were Greene and Lake counties at 5.4 percent, Fayette County at 5.3 percent, Vermillion County at 5.2 percent, LaPorte County at 5.1 percent, Lawrence, Newton and Sullivan counties at 5 percent; Crawford County at 4.9 percent, and Blackford and Fountain counties at 4.8 percent.

Indiana's unemployment rate decreased by two-tenths of a percent to 4.2 percent in November, which marks its lowest point since 2001. The unemployment rate is a U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) indicator that reflects the number of unemployed people as a percentage of the labor force. Indiana's

total labor force stands at over 3.3 million and the state's 64.7 percent labor force participation rate stands two percent above the national rate.

"Indiana's unemployment rate continues to drop while private sector employment continues to grow, which are positive signs for Hoosier workers and jobseekers," said Steven J. Braun, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD). "In order for Indiana to remain one of the most appealing states for business in the nation, it is critical that DWD engages and trains potential workers not actively participating in Indiana's workforce in order to meet employers' current and future demand for skilled workers."

Commissioner Braun also noted that private sector employment increased 13,300 over the month and 36,500 over the year. He added that initial unemployment insurance claims remain at the lowest point in over 30 years

Employment by Sector

Indiana experienced across the board growth in November, included in the Professional & Business Services (8,300), All Other (1,700), Financial Activities (1,500), Manufacturing (1,400), Leisure & Hospitality (1,000), Private Education & Health Services (800) and Trade, Transportation & Utilities (200) sectors. Construction (-1,600) was the only sector to experience losses in November.

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VERDA WAGLER

Verda Wagler passed away at 7 p.m. Monday, December 19, 2016 at Loogootee Nursing Center. A resident of Cannelburg, she was 88.



VERDA WAGLER

She was born February 26, 1928 in Daviess County; daughter of the late Henry and Tillie (Wagler) Gingerich.

She was a member of Berea Mennonite Church. She enjoyed working on the farm, cross stitching and driving Amish to various places. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Verda always had a welcoming disposition. Her heart of gold fought to care for everyone in need.

She is survived by her children, David (Connie) Wagler of Cannelburg, Mark (Denise) Wagler of Loogootee, Daniel (Rene) Wagler of Shoals, Dorothy (Dan) Cox, Jan (Don) Swartz and Rhoda (David) Swartz, all of Cannelburg; daughter-in-law, Joie Wagler of Washington; 20 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; siblings, Cletus (Fannie) Gingerich of Odon, Leah Lorine (Ben) Wagler of Sarasota, Florida, Henry Jr. (Martha) Gingerich of Woodburn, Indiana and Rosanne McDermed of Washington; and sister-in-law, Esther Gingerich of Odon.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Anson E. Wagler; son, Calvin Wagler; parents, Henry and Tillie (Wagler) Gingerich; siblings, Viola (George) Lengacher, Mary Marie (Isaac) Stoll, Edith Gingerich, Sylvia Mae (Paul) Miller and Amos Jerome Gingerich; and brother-in-law, Ben McDermed.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Friday, December 23 at Berea Mennonite Church. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, December 21 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Thursday, December 22 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Berea Mennonite Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to I6Eight Mission. Verda's grandson, Dustan, will be traveling to Mexico for the next year on a mission trip. Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Arrangements were provided by Blake & Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery.

PEGGY SPAULDING

Margaret L. (Peggy) Spaulding passed away Monday, December 19, 2016 at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center. A resident of Loogootee, she was 78.

She was born August 21, 1938 in Loogootee; daughter of the late Russell and Lucille (Gosnell) Hunt.

She was a nurse for 34 years. She was the past director of Gentlecare Nursing Home for 14 years. She was member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

She loved her grandchildren and great-grandchild. She loved retirement and enjoyed it to the fullest. She enjoyed attending her grandchildren's activities, Chicago Cubs baseball and Chicago Bears football.

She was preceded in death by her first husband in 1976, Chester Majewski and second husband in 1994, Don Spaulding; along with siblings, Jim Hunt, John Hunt and Diane (Ed) Harder.

She is survived by her children, Patti

Sander of Loogootee and Keith Majewski of Ft. Wright, Kentucky; grandchildren, Nicholas Sander and Elizabeth (Tyler) Burgess; great-grandchild, Teagan Burgess; siblings, Bill (Kay) Hunt of Loogootee, Larry (Angel) Hunt of Montgomery, Carolyn (Richard) Taylor of Loogootee and Darryl (Debbie) Hunt, both of Loogootee; sister-in-law, Sue Hunt; many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by the Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, December 23 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be held Friday, December 23 from 9 a.m. until the time of service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

PATSY "JOAN" EDWARDS

Patsy "Joan" Endris Edwards died at 1:08 a.m. Tuesday, December 13, 2016, at her home. A resident of Bedford, she was 78.



PATSY "JOAN" EDWARDS

She was born November 16, 1938, in Martin County; the daughter of Benjamin C. and Effie Pearl (Davis) Wade.

She married Donald "Dutch" Endris on June 30, 1962; he died December 7, 1980; she married Emery Earl Edwards on October 22, 1982 and he died August 19, 2009.

She worked for and retired, in 2002, from PRD. She was a member of River's Edge Fellowship Church.

Surviving are four children, Bev Saunders (fiancée' Ken Houchin), Donna (Darin) George, Brad (Shannon) Endris and Dana (Adam) Sasser; two step-children, Vernon (Cheryl) Edwards and Vickie Starr; grandchildren, Josh (Robin) Holt, Dustin George, Leslie (Andrew) Crawford, Derek (Abby) George, T.J. Saunders (Shelby Bargo), Cpl. Corey Endris, Zachary Sasser, Dylan Endris and Isaiah Sasser; step grandchildren, Amanda Edwards, Tiffany Edwards, and Brittany (Justin) Graham; several great grandchildren; two brothers, Bill (Becky) Wade and Paul Wade; two sisters, Betty Ferguson and Marie Seidel; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; both husbands; five brothers, George, Floyd, John, Gordon and Benny Wade; and one sister, Dorothy Wade.

Funeral services were held Friday, December 16 at Ferguson-Lee Funeral Chapel, Bedford, with Pastor Phil Thorne officiating. Burial followed in Cresthaven Memory Gardens, Bedford.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.fergusonlee.com.

JONI YODER

Joni Lee Yoder, formerly of Thomas, Oklahoma, went to be with Jesus at 11:40 a.m. Thursday, December 15, 2016 due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident. A resident of Loogootee, he was 48.

He was born January 3, 1968 in Thomas, Oklahoma; son of the late Melvin and Fannie (Miller) Yoder.

He attended Living Waters Church where he was the Sunday morning greeter. He was loved by all and family time was very important. He loved

Sunday lunches, going on vacations and camping. He enjoyed driving his golf cart and mowing the yard. His chickens were his utmost delight. He had always had a helping hand and treasured helping others. He loved to attend his great nieces and nephews ball games and was their biggest fan.

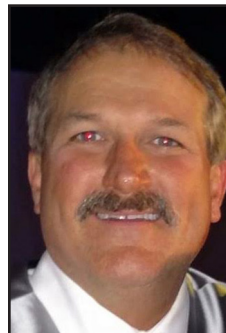
He is survived by his siblings, Clete (Joy) Yoder of Loogootee, Carolyn (Bobby) Ervin and Amos (Rhoda) Yoder, both of Thomas, Oklahoma; nieces and nephews, Angela (Merle) Wagler, Justin (Samantha) Yoder, Kim Yoder, Joni (Rob) Ryan, Bradley (Wendy) Yoder, Delton (Trina) Yoder, Dianne (Brian) Lohman, Felisha (Aaron) Brown, Chandra Yoder and Sierra Yoder; nine great-nieces and 11 great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Melvin and Fannie (Miller) Yoder.

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

GREG TAYLOR

Gregory Taylor passed away at 8:36 a.m. Monday, December 19, 2016 at his home. A resident of Loogootee, he was 49.



GREG TAYLOR

He was born March 2, 1967 in Washington; son of Glendale (Linda) Taylor and Barbara (Paul) Eichmiller.

He started Twin Oaks Farm in the early 1990's and enjoyed the hard work that each day would bring. He loved tractor pulls and was a member of the Southern Indiana Farm Stock Pullers Association.

He is survived by his wife, LaRita (Williams) Taylor of Loogootee; daughters, Brittney (Adam) Beier of Jasper and Haley Taylor of Loogootee; grandchild, Baby Beier due April 1, 2017; parents, Glendale (Linda) Taylor of Florida and Barbara (Paul) Eichmiller of Loogootee; siblings, Tom Taylor of Shoals, Mark (Dawn) Taylor of Loogootee and Tammy (Jim) Farley of Washington; many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Thursday, December 22 at Alfordsville Christian Church. Burial will follow in Alfordsville Community Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, December 21 from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m.

at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee and Thursday, December 22 from 9 a.m. until the time of service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donation may be made to Southern Indiana Farm Stock Pullers Association.

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FRED DUPPS

Fred A. Dupps passed away at 11:37 a.m. Saturday, December 17, 2016 at



FRED DUPPS

Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center. A resident of Loogootee, he was 68.

He was born November 17, 1948 in Jasper; son of the late Leo and Dora (Schroeder) Dupps.

He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and also attended Truelove United Methodist Church. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and The Moose Lodge. Fred was a former Loogootee City Council member and was active in the Martin County Democrats. He previously worked for Jofco and Kimball Office Furniture in Jasper and was currently employed by SAIC.

He loved his family, especially his wife, children and grandchildren. He was a lifelong Waylon Jennings fan. He attended 45 of his concerts and had an extensive collection of Waylon Jennings music. He enjoyed reading, listening to music and Saturday night dances.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leo and Dora (Schroeder) Dupps and sister, Shirley (Gary) Jahn.

He is survived by his wife, Bev Dupps of Loogootee; daughter, Heather (Todd) Arvin; step-children, Brigham Osborne of Jasper and Candida Osborne of Denver, Colorado; grandchildren, Brayton and Ally Arvin; siblings, Kenny (Ruth) Dupps, Alice (Doug) Lukemeyer, Larry Dupps and Janet (Gene) Hurm; several nieces and nephews; and special cat, Fiona.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at 10 a.m. this morning, Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial followed in Truelove United Methodist Church Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Truelove United Methodist Church. Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY DECEMBER 12

5:00 a.m. - Received a report of a car vs deer west of Shoals. Deputy Salmon responded.

8:45 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

9:35 a.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn on Hwy. 231 North, just outside Loogootee city limits.

10:42 a.m. - Received a report of a \$30 gas drive off at Chuckles.

12:15 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Crane. Captain Dant responded.

12:19 p.m. - Received a request for an officer to do an accident report in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

12:57 p.m. - Received a request for assistance getting personal belongings back in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

3:05 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Chief Rayhill, Sergeant Keller, Martin County Ambulance responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:40 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn in Lost River.

10:38 p.m. - Received a report of a truck left on property in Bramble. Deputy Salmon and Deputy Reed responded. Vehicle was stolen out of Greene County.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

1:00 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle in a ditch on Hwy. 231 North. ISP Trooper Beaver, Loogootee Captain Hennette, and Deputy Reed responded. ISP Trooper Beaver worked the accident.

8:50 a.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to court.

1:19 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Springville. Advised Lawrence County.

9:33 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert and Sergeant Keller responded.

11:00 p.m. - Received a report of a commercial alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

12:12 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic in in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth, and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

12:28 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded. No transport was needed.

2:46 a.m. - Received a report of a commercial alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth, Deputy Salmon and Deputy Reed responded.

8:06 a.m. - Received a report of a theft at Marathon. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

8:41 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:50 a.m. - Captain Dant transported one inmate to court.

10:27 a.m. - Received a report of a residential alarm south of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

4:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded. No transport was needed.

9:55 p.m. - Received a report of a car vs. deer on Hwy. 231 South. Deputy Salmon responded.

11:11 p.m. - Received a call requesting Loogootee Fire Department for smoke in her residence. Loogootee Fire, Martin County Ambulance, Deputy Salmon and Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:50 a.m. - Received a report of a one-vehicle accident Hwy 231, South of Loogootee at the water tower. Chief Deputy Greene, Loogootee Fire, Haysville Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No patient transport was needed. Vehicle was towed by ATM.

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

11:25 a.m. - Received a report of an accident with property damage south of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

1:20 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took three inmates to court.

2:45 p.m. - Major Burkhardt took four inmates to court.

4:30 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident in Loogootee. Sheriff Roush responded.

6:54 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle broke down on Hwy. 231 South. Major Burkhardt responded.

8:15 p.m. - Major Burkhardt transported one inmate back to Daviess County.

11:35 p.m. - Received a call about a commercial alarm going off in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baker responded.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

2:11 a.m. - Received a report of a commercial alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baker and Deputy Shinn responded.

9:35 a.m. - Received a report of a residential alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

9:57 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Sheriff Roush responded.

11:45 a.m. - Received a call reporting a car accident, property damage only, north of Loogootee on Hwy 231. Major Burkhardt responded.

12:11 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Major Burkhardt, Sheriff Roush, ICO Mann, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:25 p.m. - Received a theft report in Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

9:10 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle accident Hwy 50, west of Shoals. Major Burkhardt, Deputy Shinn, Loogootee Officer Baker, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The state highway department responded and salted the bridge. Martin County Ambulance did not need to transport.

9:59 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on Hwy. 50, by the overlook. Major Burkhardt, Deputy Shinn, and Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded. KRB towed the vehicle.

10:00 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident Hwy 50 at Buffalo Bottoms. Deputy Shinn, Loogootee Officer Baker, and Shoals Fire responded.

10:16 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded.

11:43 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident near Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

12:25 a.m. - Received a request for an

ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:34 a.m. - Received a report of a commercial alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baker and Deputy Shinn responded.

9:55 a.m. - Received a report of a possible drunk driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth, Sergeant Keller, and ISP Trooper Lents responded.

10:32 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Fire and Loogootee Officer McBeth responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:52a.m. - Received a report of a hit-and-run accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

11:20 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:33 a.m. - Received a report of a house fire on Rutherford Road. Hays-

ville Fire, Civil Defense, Sergeant Keller, ISP Trooper Lents and Dubois County Ambulance responded.

2:57 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

3:11 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:24 p.m. - Received a report of property damage in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:03 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

9:27 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Sergeant Keller, Loogootee Chief Rayhill, Martin County Ambulance and the department of child services responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

11:34 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

8:56 p.m. - Received a call of a break-in in Crane. Deputy Salmon and Deputy Reed responded.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

12:51 a.m. - Sean Kiser, 18, of Odon, was arrested by Deputy Reed and charged with operating while intoxicated, OWI endangerment, possession of marijuana, and possession of paraphernalia. Bond set at \$20,000 10%.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

11:45 a.m. - Bobbie Turner, 47, of West Baden, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents on a probation violation warrant. No bond was set.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

7:00 p.m. - Adam Arvin, 36, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Nolan and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated over .15 and driving while suspended. Bond set at \$20,000 10% and no driving. ISP Trooper Beaver assisted.

10:52 p.m. - Joshua Rush, 34, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Shinn and charged with possession

Martin County real estate transfers

Larry D. Seals, of Martin County, Indiana to **Adam E. Greene**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the west half of Section 4, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 16.915 acres, more or less.

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

Ryan Lengacher and **Tara Fuhs n/k/a Tara Lengacher**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Thomas E. Carrico** and **Patricia L. Carrico**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.77 acre.

John L. Zehr and **Ruth A. Zehr**, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Ryan E. Lengacher** and **Tara J. Lengacher**,

of methamphetamine, possession of a syringe, possession of paraphernalia, maintaining a common nuisance, dealing in a synthetic drug, possession of a legend drug x4 and a petition to revoke warrant. ISP Troopers Beaver and Trooper Nolan, ISP Trooper McBeth Deputy Salmon, Reserve Deputy Graves and Loogootee Officer McBeth assisted. No bond until initial hearing.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

12:04 a.m. - Abby Stinchfield, 30, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Shinn and charged with dealing in a synthetic drug, visiting a common nuisance, and possession of paraphernalia. Bond set at \$25,000 10%.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

7:57 p.m. - Matthey Farley, 29, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Baker and charged with battery. Bond set at \$20,000 10%.

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Loogootee Police Department log

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

10:30 a.m. - Caller stated he repossessed a vehicle and the male subject was irate.

11:30 a.m. - Received a report of a broken-down vehicle on East Broadway.

3:08 p.m. Caller advised of a female with a mental health issue.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

1:00 a.m. - Received a call of a property damage accident on US 231.

11:10 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted child protective service.

3:00 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

3:05 p.m. - Caller requested a vehicle identification check.

11:00 p.m. - Officer Baker responded to a business alarm.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

12:12 a.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on East Washington Street.

2:46 a.m. - Officer McBeth responded to a business alarm.

3:46 a.m. - Officer McBeth assisted Daviess County with a pursuit of a stolen vehicle.

7:45 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to the high school regarding an issue with a student.

8:15 a.m. - Caller requested an officer at Jones Oil in regard to a theft in Daviess County.

9:00 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male. Male was later transported to Jasper Memorial.

10:54 p.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

11:11 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to a smoke alarm at Sunset Trailer Court.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:15 a.m. - Caller reported a semi with a leaky load. Chief Rayhill located the vehicle.

8:30 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

1:40 p.m. - Caller reported a bro-

ken-down semi on Broadway Street.

11:35 p.m. - Officer Baker responded to a business alarm.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

2:11 a.m. - Officer Baker responded to a business alarm.

9:35 a.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a residential alarm.

4:06 p.m. - Caller reported harassment.

5:52 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on Wood Street.

8:10 p.m. - Caller reported an injured deer on Hwy 550.

9:14 p.m. - First responders were requested on Brickyard Road for a vehicle accident.

10:01 p.m. - Officer Baker assisted the county with a traffic accident.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

12:25 a.m. - First responders were requested on Redbud Street for a medical call.

1:47 a.m. - County reported a 911 hang-up on Doyle Avenue.

2:50 a.m. - Lawrence County advised to be on the look-out for a stolen vehicle.

5:34 a.m. - Officer Baker responded to a business alarm.

9:55 a.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on US 231.

10:32 a.m. - First responders were requested in Country Court for a medical call.

11:20 a.m. - First responders were re-

quested on Mulberry Street for a medical call.

1:56 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

3:56 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of a credit card.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

9:27 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted Sgt. Keller with a domestic dispute in Shoals.

12:10 p.m. - Caller reported harassment.

5:44 p.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

6:18 p.m. - Received a report of a possible intoxicated driver. Officer Baker located the vehicle and the driver checked out okay.

6:00 p.m. - Male came on station to report a physical altercation.

9:00 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver.

9:40 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to a fire alarm in Sunset Trailer Court.

10:09 p.m. - Caller reported possible intoxicated persons.

2:38 p.m. - Caller reported a theft.

Accident reports

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

1:55 p.m. - Barbara J. Boyd, of Loogootee, was operating a 2011 Toyota in Toy's Auto parking lot when she backed into a concrete protection pole. Chief Rayhill investigated.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

6:35 p.m. - Adam Arvin, of Loogootee, was operating a 1991 Club golf cart. Arvin crossed the road and struck a 2001 Jeep operated by Cynthia Phillips and a 2011 GMC operated by Stephanie Dyal. Arvin was later jailed by Trooper Beaver and Trooper Nolan for operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

6:01 p.m. - Charles Rasico, of Loogootee, was backing his 2005 Dodge in the Ruler parking lot when he backed into a 2013 Chevy owned by John and Amber Walters, of Loogootee. Officer Baker investigated.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

10:34 p.m. - Kaitlyn B. Wagoner, of Loogootee, was operating a 2005 Ford on 1200 East. Due to icy roads Wagoner lost control and the vehicle left the road and struck a tree and mailbox. No injuries were reported. Officer Baker investigated.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

11:34 a.m. - Ashley Taylor, of Loogootee, was operating a 2012 Ford south on US 231 when a deer ran into her path. Chief Rayhill investigated.

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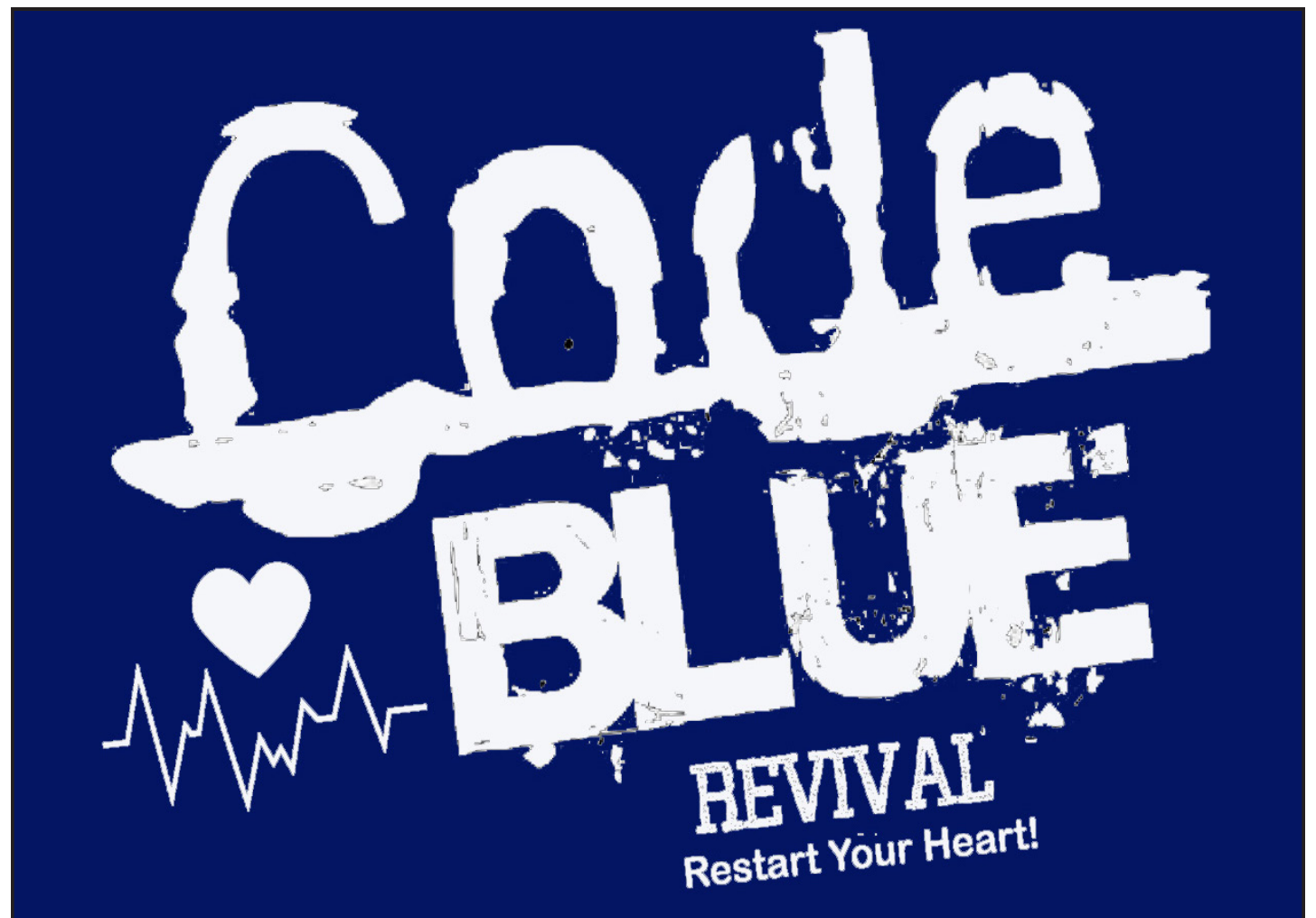


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Special revival speakers and worship bands will participate each month.

Pastors Ernie Canell and Duane Smith see and believe the moving of God upon their community. "We know the timing of this revival is God ordained." Please join us to hear stories of what God is accomplishing in others and will accomplish in you.

For additional information contact Pastor Ernie at 812-709-0258 or Pastor Duane at 812-295-4349.

SUNDAY NIGHTS IN REVIVAL FOR 2017 IS THE PLACE TO BE.

More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



HELPFUL WIFE

A man is pulled over for speeding. The cop asks him, "Did you know you were going 70 in a 55 mil-per-hour zone?"

"No sir," replies the driver, "My speedometer said I was going 60."

The man's wife, in the passenger seat, chimes in, "Oh Frank, you were actually going 80." The man gives her a dirty look.

The cop adds, "I'm also going to give you a ticket for your broken tail light."

"Broken tail light?" exclaims the man. "I didn't know about a broken tail light!"

His wife again butts in, "Oh, Frank, you've know about that tail light for weeks!"

Frank gives her a dirty look.

"And I'm also going to give you a citation for not wearing your seat belt," says the cop.

"I just took it off when you were walking up to the car!" Frank protests.

His wife adds, "Oh Frank, you never wear your seat belt!"

Infuriated, Frank turns and yells at his wife, "Shut your mouth, woman!"

The cop asks the woman, "Ma'am, does your husband always talk to you this way?"

"No," she explains, "Only when he's drunk."

NICE THOUGHTS FOR THE SEASON:

1. Gratitude turns what you have into enough.
2. Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory. -Dr. Suess
3. There are some people in life that make you laugh a little louder, smile a little bigger, and live just a little bit longer.
4. You can't change how people feel about you. So, don't try. Just live your

life and be happy.

5. Call me crazy but I love to see people happy and succeeding. Life is a journey, not a competition.
6. Just because some people are fueled by drama doesn't mean you have to attend the performance.
7. Stand up for what is right, even if you're standing alone.
8. Does anyone else immediately change back to their pjs as soon as they get home, regardless of what time it is?
9. Be who you are, not who the world thinks you should be.
10. If you want 2017 to be your year:
 - a. Don't sit on the couch and wait for it.
 - b. Go out and make a change.
 - c. Smile more.
 - d. Be excited.
 - e. Do new things.
 - f. Throw away what you've been cluttering.
 - g. Unfollow negative people on social media.
 - h. Go to bed early.
 - i. Wake up early.
 - j. Be fierce.
 - k. Don't gossip.
 - l. Show more gratitude.
 - m. Do things that challenge you.
 - n. Be brave.
11. No one really knows how much anyone else is really hurting. We could be standing next to someone who is completely broken and never know. So, be kind always. With yourself and others.
12. The following is from Brian Whitney, teacher at LHS: I've decided that throughout the time period, starting with Thanksgiving, continuing on to Christmas and ending on New Year's Day, the term "calories" regarding all food shall be referred to as "Deliciousness Points."

Make someone smile today!



Painting the bison

-Photos provided

Martin County Bicentennial Committee Members Linda Jones and Marie Hawkins presented each county school with a check for \$430.59 to help pay for the paint for each school to paint their bisons, also donated by the Bicentennial Committee. Shown above, Linda Jones presents Loogootee's check to Superintendent Chip Mehaffey. In the photo below, Jones presents the check to Shoals Superintendent Candace Roush (left) and Shoals Art Teacher Linda Sherfick (right).



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Attention Senior Citizens

The Loogootee Senior Citizen Center, located in the Annex building attached to JFK Gym on JFK Avenue in Loogootee provides activities for seniors every Monday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon. For \$5 a year, seniors can participate in Euchre tournaments, games, puzzles, etc., with other local seniors. Anyone interested is welcome to stop by, there are no age or residency requirements to participate.

Free lunch for kids

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

SOAR Tutoring

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

Humane society meetings

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

Solid waste board

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

Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Loughmiller Machine, 12851 E 150 N, Loogootee. The public is invited to attend.

Soil and Water meetings

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



Ag donation

-Photo provided

The Knights of Columbus Council 630 recently donated \$5,000 to the Shoals High School agriculture class to help purchase three new welders, welding equipment, and welding tables. Shown is Dan Bennett, with the Knights of Columbus, presenting the check to Shoals Superintendent Candace Roush.



Making A Difference

MARTIN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

By Curt Johnson
MCCF Executive Director



4-H NEWS

By Stacy Brown
Martin County Purdue
Extension Educator



-- YOUR CONCERNS --

This month I've talked about your year-end giving for those concerns important to you and the types of MCCF funds that can meet your needs. We have several types of funds that can be tailored to meet your goals and the cares and concerns that mean the most to you. Usually endowment funds are started when someone like you feels compelled enough to begin a fund for something that is important to them.

-- CARING FOR THEM --

The MCCF serves as the caretaker of these funds. Part of what we do is guard the principal in these funds so that it remains stable, and to provide the ability to administer these funds, forever. The funds are invested and professionally managed and over time will grow to provide stable income for the beneficiaries or causes to which they are dedicated.

-- CARING FOR COMMUNITY --

Some donors have a genuine concern for the future of our community, and even some specific concerns, but at the same time understand that the needs of Martin County will change over time. The "unrestricted" funds allow for that flexibility to address those emerging community needs, including future needs that often cannot be anticipated at the time your gift is made.

-- AN EMERGING NEED --

Recently the St. Vincent de Paul Society worked with the Martin County Commissioners and the Southern Indiana Development Commission (SIDC) for a grant from the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority. This grant was for rehabilitating approximately 14 homes in Martin County.

The MCCF was an early donor to the cause and helped show the validity of the project to others. Securing public funds and donations from multiple sources was a big part of a successful

grant award. The MCCF grant came from unrestricted funds; it is a prime example of meeting unknown, emerging needs.

-- A LARGE IMPACT --

Since the MCCF was established in 1999, these unrestricted funds have provided \$132,369 in community grants. There have also been \$112,349 in MCCF scholarships; \$2,379,563 in the Lilly Endowment scholarships; and \$138,204 from our designated, field of interest, and donor advised funds.

-- BRINGING IT IN --

The MCCF has also taken advantage of initiatives from other sources to secure funds directly into Martin County. During 2000-2009, there was \$4,050,000 from Community Alliance to Promote Education (CAPE) grants. And \$1,964,000 was received from the Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) from 2007 to 2011. The Lilly Endowment's Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT) programs have brought \$2,063,723 for direct community, challenge, and capacity building grants.

-- HERE FOR OUR COUNTY --

The MCCF has many times been a leader, a catalyst, and a contributor for improving the quality of life in Martin County. Since 1999, the MCCF has secured more than \$10.8 million dollars in benefit to Martin County. We are pleased and grateful to be able to continue those efforts far into the future.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

For more information about the MCCF, please contact the Executive Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org.

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

State Fair Queen Pageant

Martin County's own 4-Her Kendall Riley is preparing for the 2017 State Fair Queen Pageant. She will compete January 7-8 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. The public is welcome, so go up and cheer Kendall on as she represents Martin County. Tickets are \$10 and are available at www.ticketmaster.com. Just type in IN State Fair Queen Pageant in the search bar.

Camps, Conferences, & Trips

Recently application of interest forms for state camps, conferences, and trips were sent to all 4-H families. If you are thinking of attending any of these events, please fill out the form and send it back to the Extension Office. More information will be sent to you as it becomes available.

4-H Scholarships Available

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

4-H Accomplishment Scholarship—Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors, and College Freshmen are eligible to apply.

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

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

4-H Camp Counselors Needed

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

Become a Volunteer

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

Enrollment for 4-H 2016-2017 Is Here

The end of summer marks the beginning of next 4-H season. Open enrollment began on October 1. If you are interested in 4-H or know someone who is now is the time to start planning to join us for another great year in Martin County. Any child grades 3 through 12 may join 4-H. We also have a future 4-H program for kids in grades K-2. While most 4-Hers concentrate on projects for the fair, the program is about much more than exhibits. 4-H teaches leadership, community service, independence, confidence, and many other life skills. There are clubs and projects that focus on livestock judging, shooting sports, robotics, and junior leadership. Each year there are dozens of opportunities for youth to attend workshops, conference, and camps focusing on career choices, diversity, and co-operation. 4-H is a great way to meet new friends and learn to make the best better.

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

Opportunities to Help 4-H Grow in Martin County

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



-Photo provided

Pictured left to right are Curt Johnson (MCCF Executive Director) presenting a \$1,000 grant to St. Vincent De Paul Society Treasurer Sarah Spalding and President Joe Williams for the housing rehabilitation project.

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For a week of freezing temperatures, it seems I have spent a lot of time in the garden. I have spread mulch on the frozen ground, hoping to insulate the ground from the inevitable freeze-thaw cycles that will cause plants to be heaved out of the ground. This is especially hazardous for plants that were planted in the fall. The mulch also helps protect plants from desiccating winter winds. I remind gardeners that plants still need moisture in their dormant stages, and if we do not have sufficient moisture in the form of rain or snow, some plants may need to be watered even in the winter.

I have also spent time gathering materials for making wreaths. I have woven grape vines into a wreath form and have cut dried hydrangea blooms, sedum heads and ornamental grasses to cover the grapevines. I have sprayed these dried materials with some metallic spray paint. I have also added branches of red and yellow twigged dogwoods, twisted branches from the contorted filberts and assorted greenery from conifers and broadleaf evergreens. Of course, every wreath needs berries and the winterberries are plentiful this year. I have also added clusters of sumac berries. A few frosted pine cones will complete the wreaths. Other than the spray paint and a little floral wire, ev-

erything on the wreaths came from the garden. As noted in a previous column, these materials are flammable, so the wreaths are best enjoyed on the outside of the house.

Besides Christmas, this week also brings the winter solstice, when the daylight hours are the fewest. That being the case, each day now will get progressively longer and will move us closer to spring. I have already received the first seed catalogues for 2017 and have begun dreaming of the perfect gardens that I will grow this year.

In prior years, I have written columns about the treatment of the plants you may receive as Christmas gifts, most notably poinsettias and Christmas cacti. The best advice I can offer is to tell you that these plants do not need to be watered every day. Over-watering is the cause of more plant deaths than under-watering. Also, be sure to remove the pretty foil from the pot, as it will not allow the soil to drain. The plants like filtered or indirect sunlight and do best when nighttime temperatures are in the mid-sixties, so placing them in a little-used room where the registers are closed will help keep the plants at peak for the longest time.

I wish each of you a blessed Christmas. Spring is coming.

Indiana's oldest known bald eagle spotted again at Monroe Lake

A 28-year-old bald eagle, one of the original eagles brought to Indiana in the 1980s as part of a restoration program, has been spotted again at Monroe Lake.

Bald eagle C43 is the oldest known bald eagle in Indiana. She arrived in 1988 as a nestling from Whitestone Harbor, Alaska. Biologists brought C43 and 72 other eaglets to Indiana to start the bald eagle restoration program, which "hacked" or released young eagles at Monroe Lake with the hope that they would return to Indiana to nest.

C43 may still be nesting at Monroe Lake, according to Amy Kearns, assistant nongame bird biologist with the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife. C43 is the number on a leg band that helps scientists and wildlife watchers identify the bird.

"This bird may be one of the top 10 oldest wild bald eagles in the United States, with only seven other banded eagles reported living to 28 years or more," Kearns said.

The latest sighting was on Nov. 4 at Monroe Lake by Clare Bozell. This is the second year in a row that Bozell has spotted C43 in the same area at the same time.

C43 was released from the hack tower on September 6, 1988, at Monroe Lake. In January 1989, C43 was sighted in Tennessee at Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge. From November 1989 to January 1990, C43 was sighted in Kentucky, at Ballard Coun-

ty Wildlife Management Area.

In March 1994, she was sighted in Indiana at her nest on Monroe Lake.

In July 2015, C43 was spotted at Monroe Lake with a brood patch, indicating she may have raised young that summer.

Bald eagles were on the state and federal endangered species list when Indiana began its reintroduction program in 1985. In 1991, the first successful nesting occurred. In 2016, there were an estimated 250-300 eagle nesting territories in Indiana, with 179 bald eagle nests confirmed active.

The bald eagle reintroduction program was the first endangered species restoration project initiated by DNR nongame wildlife staff. This project and ongoing research would not be possible without donations to the Indiana Nongame Fund, the main funding source of all nongame and endangered species research and management.

In 2016, the Nongame Fund took a drastic hit with a 60 percent decline in donations compared to the long-term average. Hoosiers can help by donating a portion of their tax returns to the fund or by donating online. For every \$5 donated to the Nongame Fund, another \$9 is awarded through federal grants.

Donate online at endangeredwildlife.IN.gov.

More information is at wildlife.IN.gov/3316.htm.



Bald Eagle

-Photo by Bill Whorrall, www.billwhorrall.com

According to Photographer Bill Whorrall, this is not an immature or mature Bald Eagle, it is in between. A mature one would have the classic chocolate brown feathers and pure white tail and head feathers. An immature would be very dark, almost black all over with some whitish areas on the chest, that varies. Whorrall captured this photo in Martin County last week.

State Forest inventory analysis

The state forest inventory analysis for 2015 has been released by the DNR Division of Forestry. The report contains data on overall tree diversity, growth and mortality.

"The data indicate that a significant portion of the mature trees in the state forest are aging, succumbing to natural events and a combination of those factors," said John Seifert, director of the DNR Division of Forestry.

The report notes that the tree species that dominate today's forest are not being replaced with adequate numbers of young seedlings of the same species. A part of natural succession, this condition is occurring in both public and private forests across the state.

"Maintaining the current tree species mix will probably take a more intensive management approach than has been done in the past," Seifert said. "These are generational trends that will take many years to resolve."

Another noteworthy item from the report is the amount of tree mortality that has been occurring in the state forest system. The data indicate that about 10.8 million board feet are lost annually, and that there are 1.7 million standing dead trees measuring more than 5 inches in diameter. Some of this tree mortality is linked to recent drought events that started to take a toll within one to five years of the actual drought.

Periodic insect outbreaks are also

analyzed in the report, particularly the 2012-2013 occurrence of tulip poplar scale. Also noteworthy is the declining state of many of the pine stands that were planted in years past in order to heal abused, eroded old pasture and crop fields.

"What was not expected was the revelation that 49 percent of those dead trees are oaks, species that usually withstand drought and insect events," Seifert said.

The entire report can be viewed at dnr.IN.gov/forestry/3605.htm.

Other noteworthy findings:

- 156,185 total acres; 150,932 forested acres with the balance in non-forest (i.e., campgrounds) and water

- 96% of the forested acres are hardwoods

- 85% of the forested acres are sawlog-sized stands

- Forests contain 58.6 million live trees

- Sugar maple trees and seedlings are more abundant than any other species

- 337.1 million cubic feet of total live tree volume

- 1.159 billion board feet (Doyle) of sawlog volume

- White oaks followed by red oaks are the species groups with the most sawlog volume

- More than half of the sawlog volume is considered grade 1 or 2

- Japanese honeysuckle, multiflora rose, and stiltgrass are the most common invasive species

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Radius Indiana announces slate of officers, new board members and plans for 2017

The Radius Indiana Board of Directors met for its final meeting of 2016 at the French Lick Resort December 14, and enacted a number of changes to the organization heading into 2017.

The board approved the election of former Radius Indiana CEO Becky Skillman as Board Chair, elected six new board members, and ratified a 2017 budget that includes several new priorities and projects to benefit the Radius region.

Additional officers include Vice Chair Don Schulte, Schulte Consulting; Secretary Tim Kinder, Martin County Alliance; and Treasurer Tom Krodel, Old National Bank.

New board members elected to three-year terms are Billy Chastain, Paoli Town Council; Misty Weisensteiner, Visit French Lick West Baden; Bryan Brackemyre, Indiana Municipal Power Agency; Gene McCracken, Lawrence County Commissioner; Justin Green, Salem City Council; and Shanni Simons, Vincennes University.

“The board members bring additional perspectives to our leadership for regional economic development,” said

Radius Indiana President and CEO Jeff Quyle. “Our new members include local government officials, secondary educators and utility providers in the Radius region who have a vested interest in growing our economy and developing our workforce. I look forward to seeing what the group will accomplish in the region in 2017.”

The board also approved a 2017 budget that includes support for a new southern Indiana economic development class. Local elected officials and community leaders from the Radius region will have the opportunity to attend the economic development leadership class that will be held in French Lick in late March, to provide information and updates on economic development practices such as site development, business retention, economic development marketing and incentive programs. Other initiatives include multiple site selector trips to share the benefits of doing business in the area, regional marketing efforts, as well as a continued commitment to skilled workforce development, community development and defense industry strategy.

Tourism industry has growing impact on Indiana economy

A new economic impact report released by Governor-elect Lt. Governor Eric Holcomb and the Indiana Office of Tourism Development (IOTD) documents the growing impact tourism has on the Indiana economy. The report shows travel, tourism and hospitality supports over 202,000 jobs and contributes \$11.5 billion in spending by visitors to Indiana’s economy. This is the fourth consecutive year tourism’s economic impact was measured. This study used data from 2015; the most recent year complete data was available.

“This latest economic impact report shows the continued upward trajectory of Indiana’s travel, tourism and hospitality industry,” said Governor-elect Lt. Governor Eric Holcomb. “Tourism has a tremendous impact on the Hoosier economy and this latest data shows the positive return the state receives from investment in the industry.”

Tourism was the fastest growing sector in the Indiana economy in 2015. The allied travel, tourism and hospitality industry was responsible for contributing \$8.7 billion to Indiana’s Gross Domestic Product (GDP), over four percent of total jobs in the state and over nine percent of state and local tax receipts.

Here are some of the highlights of the report:

Visitors to Indiana’s destinations increased by 4.3 percent to a record 77 million.

Total tourism spending reached a record \$11.5 billion, an increase of more than \$900 million.

Visitor spending added \$8.7 billion to the state’s gross domestic product.

Tourism supported 202,000 jobs in the state.

Indiana tourism directly employed 155,200 Hoosiers.

State and local tourism-initiated tax-

es reached \$1.3 billion.

“Tourism continues to prosper and that’s valuable for the state,” said Mark Newman, IOTD’s executive director. “Every Hoosier household saved an average of \$550 in 2015 because of the presence of tourism in Indiana.”

The study was commissioned by IOTD and conducted by Rockport Analytics, an independent market research and consulting company that specializes in economic impact and feasibility studies for the travel, tourism and hospitality industry. The methodology employed by this study is in accordance with industry best practices and aligns economic impact data at the state and local level with rigorous methodological standards that are recognized as the highest in the industry.

The study used data on Indiana visitor spending derived from multiple sources including Longwoods International, Reach Market Planning and the U.S. Commerce Department’s National Travel & Tourism Office. It was then reconciled with Bureau of Labor Statistics reported employment data, Indiana Department of Revenue reported tax receipts and secondary sources such as Smith Travel Research.

Tourism is defined as an overnight stay or a trip greater than 50 miles each way that is not part of an individual’s normal routine.

Economist doesn’t see big impact from interest rate hike

BY HOWARD HEWITT
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A Purdue University economist doesn’t expect consumers to see much impact with a .25 percent interest rate increase.

The Federal Reserve bumped the federal funds rate last Wednesday. The rate is how much financial institutions charge each other to borrow money overnight. Often when an increase is enacted, consumers can feel the results in mortgages, credit cards, and car loans.

Jerry Lynch, professor of economics in Purdue’s Krannert School of Management, said consumers shouldn’t notice a significant impact. A YouTube video of Lynch discussing the rate increase and potential for impact is available at www.youtube.com/watch?v=gBNaxBvpVaY&feature=youtu.be

“Rising interest rates always mean a higher cost for a mortgage or a higher cost for borrowing of any sort,” Lynch said. “But a quarter of a point isn’t going to make it raise very much. Everything has to go into context, but when people are talking about mortgage rates rising from 3.5 to 4 percent, for someone like me who lived through mortgage rates of 11 and 12 percent, it still doesn’t seem like very much. So, interest rates, even with this bump, are still at a historic low. So, will there be some increase in mortgage and borrowing rates, yes there will.”

During its Wednesday meeting, the Federal Reserve also indicated it could raise rates up to three times in 2017 while cautioning it would watch employment and any stimulus programs Congress might enact.

“I think there probably will be some bumps over time,” Lynch said. “The interest rates we’ve experienced over the past 6-7 years have just been historically low and most economists believe even below a normal rate - whatever normal is - we don’t have a good definition for that.”

“There are people who would like to have the economy do some growth with interest rates at a level we can work with. If we were to go into a recession with low interest rates then you can’t lower them to get things going again. I think the Fed is cautiously trying to get interest rates back to a workable, acceptable, normal level without squelching off the final little bit of strength and growth we have in the economy.”

While cautioning against consumer over-reaction, Lynch said the business impact could be different, but businesses have been conservative even with low rates. “Investments as percentage of gross domestic product has really not been very high,” Lynch explained. “Firms have been holding back on investing, given that interest rates have been so low. I can’t think it’s been waiting for lower interest rates that have made them postpone investment. They’re looking for more strength in the economy, maybe a better return after this corporate tax cut if it comes about. That may spur more investment. So, it’s just like the effect on consumers; a quarter percent will raise the cost of borrowing and raise the cost of any capital projects. But even if we have three bumps during the course of the year, we’re still going to be in the very low historical range of where interest rates have been.”

Radius Indiana announces Joe Timbrook as Chief Operating Officer

Radius Indiana announced yesterday that Joe Timbrook has been promoted to Chief Operating Officer. Timbrook has served as the Radius Indiana manager for nearly six years heading up workforce development, the tourism advisory council and fiscal management for the organization. “Joe has been an instrumental part of Radius for most of the organization’s existence and has been a major catalyst for many of its initiatives,” said Radius Indiana President and CEO Jeff Quyle. “I look forward to working with Joe in the COO role, and I am confident that his enthusiasm, commitment to growing our economy, and invaluable understanding of the region will bring continued success to Radius.”

Beginning immediately, Timbrook will take a lead role on major initiatives, as directed by the CEO and Board of Directors, and provide strategic oversight and direction for business development including defense industry, manufacturing, workforce, education and tourism activities of the organization. In promoting Radius Indiana’s economic development, he also will work to enhance relationships with key business, community and government leaders at the regional, state, national and international

level. “I am excited to move into this expanded role with Radius Indiana and to work with our team who is dedicated to the growth of this region,” said Timbrook. “I look forward to working with our stakeholders, and especially groups like the Southern Indiana Business Alliance and the Regional Impact Fund Board, on initiatives that improve the quality of life for the residents in our eight counties.”

Joe Timbrook became manager of Radius Indiana in March 2011. He is responsible for multiple workforce development projects, tourism advancement for the Radius Region, and the organization’s office management. Timbrook participates on the Indiana Works Councils for regions 8, 10 and 11 to help develop career, technical and vocational curriculum for high school students to establish career pathways as well as internship and apprenticeship opportunities. He collaborates with multiple groups and organizations such as the Indiana Economic Development Association, the Indiana Department of Workforce Development’s Taskforce and the University of Indianapolis Center of Excellence in Leadership of Learning to advance initiatives for the region.

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