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Survey looking for Martin County residents' opinion on housing

While you're relaxing over the holidays, give back to Martin County by completing this online survey: <https://purdue.qualtrics.com/SouthernIndianaHousingDemandSurvey>. The information you provide will guide decision-makers as they explore ways to expand local housing options.

The web-based survey will ask you, as a resident of Martin County, what specific housing options appeal to you—now and in the future. Your responses and the responses of other residents in your region will be analyzed to determine the demand that might exist for specific types of housing in the county. "This is the type of data we must have to provide evidence to developers of the latent housing demand, if it truly exists," says Tim Kinder, Executive Director of Martin County Alliance.

The survey was funded by the De- (See 'SURVEY' continued on page 2)

Local food service establishments inspected

The following restaurant inspections were done by Julia Albright, of the Martin County Health Department. The information listed is verbatim from the inspection report and all were routine inspections, unless otherwise noted. Violations that were seen again from one inspection to the next are noted with "(Repeat violation)" after the entry.

DECEMBER 6

Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant, 15519 US Hwy. 231, Loogootee

One critical violation:

-Temperature of multiple items on salad bar more than 41 degrees – cottage cheese 48.4 degrees, tuna salad 47.6 degrees, potato salad 46.6 degrees, cole slaw 48.4 degrees, tapioca pudding 49.2 degrees, broccoli salad 46.8 degrees; half and half containers in beverage prep area 54 degrees; temperature of fried chicken at 92-113.8 degrees. (Repeat violation)

Four non-critical violations:

-Multiple containers sitting directly on floor of walk-in cooler and freezer.

-Multiple steam table pans stacked wet in storage area.

-Build-up of dried food on exterior surfaces of multiple storage containers.

-Build-up of dust on exhaust vents, return air vents and air/heating vents throughout facility.

VFW Post #9395, 300 West Vine Street, Loogootee

One critical violation:

-No date marking on items stored in coolers in kitchen.

-Cutting boards badly stained; fans in kitchen area have build-up of dust.

(The following is the response to the inspection report by VFW Manager Kim Bateman on December 7: "Items are dated in cooler. Those items had been left by Meals on Wheels volunteers that day. Cutting boards have been soaked, cleaned, and sanitized. (See 'INSPECTED' cont. on page 2)

Loogootee boy headed to LA

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

Doren Rhea, 14-year-old from Loogootee, is getting an opportunity not many Martin County people get, he is heading to Los Angeles next month for his chance to become a star.

Doren, the son of Steven and Precious Rhea, was selected to participate at the International Presentation of Performers (iPOP!) next month in LA. iPOP! is held twice a year in Los Angeles, Doren will be attending the January 16-20 iPOP! session. It is invitation only.

Doren recently auditioned for NYLA Talent, along with more than 300 other people in Indiana. He was one of 20 offered representation from NYLA and then got to perform at a Regional Showcase in front of an agent from Nashville, Tennessee and a director from Los Angeles. Five were chosen to go to iPOP!, Doren was one of them.

At iPOP!, around 350 agents and producers will be present looking for new talent; to fill acting, singing and modeling roles for their customers.

Doren has a wide array of talents including singing, playing acoustic and electric guitar, drums, piano and ukulele. He was born in Vincennes and moved to Loogootee with his parents six-and-a-half years ago.

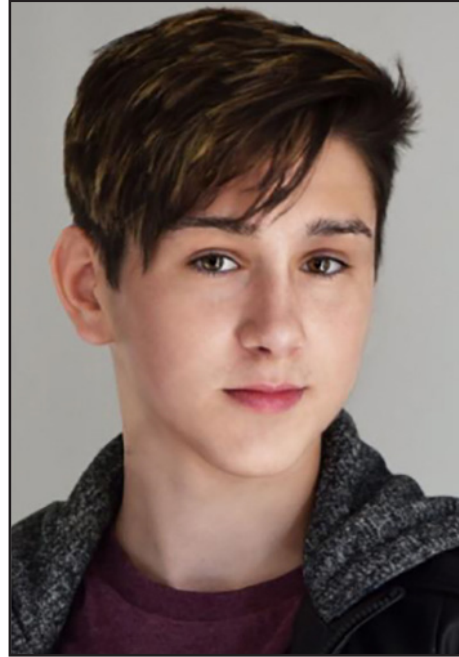
Doren first performed at the age of 5. He joined his family for a benefit concert and we sang an acapella song. He joined a summer musical program in

2nd Annual Martin County Safe Community Campaign event

Police officers serving Martin County from both local and state agencies are planning a community appreciation event for February 11. The event, which is called the Martin County Safe Community Campaign, will bring the community and its police officers together for a day of fun and information sharing. Opening ceremonies will begin at 10 a.m. and conclude at 2 p.m. with a drawing for larger door prizes.

This second annual community event will be held at the Martin County Community Building and will feature officers and informational displays from the Martin County Sheriff's Office, Indiana Conservation Officers, Indiana State Police, Indiana Excise Police, Community Corrections, Shoals Police Department, and the Loogootee Police Department. Several law enforcement vehicles including a Humvee, ATVs, and boats will be on display as well as other tactical and rescue gear. The event will be free to the public and will feature several law enforcement speakers and programs as well as free food and door prizes. Some of the programs include kid's self-defense and a police K9 demonstration.

Whether it is a family crisis, an accident, or other emergency, many times, police officers and the people in their communities don't always meet in the best situations. One of the goals of this event is to allow the community to meet with the officers in a relaxed and fun environment. According to one of the organizers, Conservation Officer Eric Doane, "As officers, we have learned



DOREN RHEA

Vincennes and had the lead role in several of the productions. He attended several summer theater workshops including Shawnee Theater in Bloomfield and one in Carmel.

His biggest opportunity came when he got the part of Gavorache in the Lincoln Trail College production of Les Miserables when he was 11. He got the role of Sebastian in the junior version of "The Little Mermaid" and Donkey in "Shrek". He also got the part of John in "Peter Pan", for the community theater in Robinson, Illinois.

Doren is a second-degree black belt in taekwondo through the American

Martial Arts Association. He is home-schooled and a member of the co-op, Families First Home Educators.

The Rhea family, known as "Rheas of Life", has been performing for various venues for the last four years, including the Loogootee Summerfest this past summer. They've even produced an album. Doren serves as their beat-boxer when he's not singing.

Doren's mom, Precious Rhea, was trying to come up with a way to help cover the cost of the trip for Doren but wanted to give back to any supporters once Doren broke through in the business. She came up with the idea that anyone who donates to Doren for the trip, once he gets his first big gig, he will donate back to the community 50 percent of what he makes. Precious said that the two main organizations they would suggest are the Martin County Humane Society or the City of Loogootee Municipal Pool.

The total cost of Doren's trip, including the event fee, parent fees, plane tickets and lodging will be around \$7,500.

"I have a lot to do to prepare for my chance to shine in January, and I know that I have a lifetime ahead of me to continually improve my knowledge and skills. I want to make a positive difference in the world, and I want to use my acting and singing to help in that endeavor," he said.

Donations can be made at Doren's GoFundMe account at www.gofundme.com/dorens-mission-media-fundraiser?ssid=853716570&pos=1.

that to be more effective in our jobs, we must work together with the community and establish better relationships with the great people of Martin County. With everyone working together as a team, problems are solved much more efficiently."

As a way to further help and unite the community, officers are again teaming up with the Martin County area food banks and churches for a food drive during the event. Food bank volun-

teers will be accepting food items and monetary donations throughout the day. Although the event will be free to the public, each person will need to bring a non-perishable food item to be eligible for the many door prizes. During last year's event, over 9,000 food items and nearly \$2,000 were donated by the community. If you are interested in helping out or donating door prize items, please contact the Martin County Sheriff's office at (812) 247-3726.



Martin County Toy Store

-Photo provided

Shown above are employees of Hawkins Health Care with all the toys donated to support the Martin County Toy Store. In the front are Blake Callahan and Blair Baker. In the back are Molly Cornelius, Gabby Daniel-Cox, Abbi Strahley, Dr. Jordan Divine, and Michele Erler. More information on this year's Toy Store and donations received on page 7.

Commissioners hold final meeting for 2016

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, December 20.

Commissioner Gregory made a motion to distribute the DNR timber check of \$16,275.90 between the four local fire departments and the highway department. President George made the second. Commissioner Boyd abstained due to conflict of interest. Each local fire department will be receiving \$3,255.18.

The bridge inspection request for proposals are awaiting INDOT approval before the commissioners can approve. BF&S received the highest score.

Leo Padgett, highway superintendent, submitted his November financial report. Tim Hunt, HWC Engineering, informed the commissioners that the 50/50 Community Crossings upcoming grant has been moved back to a fall distribution time-period. Hunt also gave the highway department a quote for services regarding the grant application. He gave a brief description of the services available. The commissioners will receive bids for this project and approve at their January 17, 2017 meeting. With the current 50/50 Community Crossing grant, three of the five bridges needing repaired have been completed. They are currently working on the Sherfick School Road Bridge. The replacement of bridge #11 is also complete. The department's security cameras are now in sync with the sheriff's department.

Kathy Collins, community corrections director, thanked German Amer-

ican Bank for providing the Christmas Dinner held for courthouse. She requested the commissioners re-appoint her to the Good Samaritan Board again for 2017. Community corrections received an \$18,000 state drug free grant that will allow for a person to serve four days a week at the Shoals Community School to assist the PBIS program. Director Collins also informed the commissioners that her department will be taking part in the vehicle rotation program with the sheriff's department and will be receiving a new Dodge truck. A discussion followed on the need for a storage building at the new facility for road crew equipment. Community corrections purchased a three-bay garage years ago, and is housed at the sheriff's department. They share the use of the garage but due to the sheriff's department needing additional storage, she is willing to let them have the three-bay garage and she will purchase a building to house at her new facility.

Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the agreement for services between the Martin County Health Department and Hoosier Up-lands for \$70,789 for 2017. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. The agreement is funded through the health department budget and the local health maintenance grant.

President George gave the November veteran service officer report.

SURVEY

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fense Manufacturing Assistance Program (DMAP), which helps communities affected by defense down-sizing. The Purdue Center for Regional Development (PCRD) facilitates DMAP for the state of Indiana and has been working with Martin County Alliance since early 2015 to study the issue of how to create more housing options for those who commute in for defense-related jobs but do not reside in the county.

On May 17, 2016, PCRD and Martin County Alliance hosted a community input session with 25 local residents in attendance. The key findings from the session indicated: 1) a potential demand for high-quality rental housing, and 2) a demand for homes in the \$150,000-\$200,000 price range. If the study finds a statistically significant demand for housing in Martin County, new development could positively impact quality of place.

So far, a telephone survey, covering the same questions as those being asked via the Web link, has collected 770 responses from the region, which includes Martin, Daviess, Greene, Knox, and Lawrence counties. If you have already answered housing-related questions via this phone survey, please do not answer the same questions using this web-based link (in order to avoid duplication). All responses are voluntary and anonymous. The deadline for providing feedback is February 15, 2017.

"It's important to get the feedback of

our residents on their current and future housing needs," says Kinder. "We hope that the data we gather will help us to address those needs with sound data in order to ensure that a variety of diverse housing options are available for all residents of Martin County. Answering a few simple questions could make a big difference in the long run!"

INSPECTED

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Fans have been cleaned.")

DECEMBER 13

G&R Variety & Hardware, 325 Main Street, Shoals

Two critical violations:

-Raw sausage, bacon, and eggs stored over ready-to-use cheese and sauce containers in Frigidaire cooler.

-Items in Frigidaire cooler do not have date marking on container.

Fraternal Order of Eagles #2442, 207 S Main Street, Shoals

One critical violation:

-No date marking on containers of chili in cooler in kitchen

Three non-critical violations:

-Coke fountain nozzle has build-up of brown substance.

-Dust and cobwebs on fire suppression system above fryers.

-No hot water in restrooms in bingo hall. (Repeat violation)

Faytastic Pizza, 220 Main Street, Shoals

One non-critical violation:

-Three-compartment sink not being property utilized to wash/rinse/sanitize.

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VIVIAN FORBES

Vivian Leigh (Hendricks) Forbes passed away on December 19, 2016. A resident of Loogootee, she was 56.



She was born June 11, 1960 in Indianapolis; daughter of Herman and Bonnie Hendricks.

She was one of eight children, five of which were boys.

VIVIAN FORBES She was definitely the girly girl of the group, but could hold her own when she needed to. Vivian was a free spirit who loved to gamble on the slot machines and watch the Colts play football. She would faithfully watch Joel Olsteen every Sunday and loved Christmas time.

She is survived by her son, Chad (Melissa) Forbes; mother, Bonnie Hendricks; siblings, Mike Hendricks of Florida, Trina Burnett of Fairland, Indiana; David Hendricks of Indianapolis, Robert Hendricks of Vermont, and Angie Hendricks of Loogootee; along with her best friends, Jan Hendricks and Cyn-dy Hill; and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her father, Herman Hendricks; and brothers, Ronnie Hendricks and Bruce Hendricks.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 27 at Legacy Cremation & Funeral Services – Lawrence.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Vivian's son, Chad, to help with the funeral expenses.

SUSIE KNEPP

Susan "Susie" Lovina (Wagler) Knepp entered into rest peacefully surrounded by loved ones at 9:50 p.m., December 25, 2016 at her home. A resident of Montgomery, she was 86.

She was born in Daviess County on November 26, 1930; daughter of the late John J. and Lovina (Graber) Wagler.

She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church. She was married on January 22, 1950 to Enos 'Peanut' Knepp, who preceded her in death on January 28, 1998.

She is survived by five sons, Ira (Sara) Knepp of Loogootee, John Elmer Knepp of Cannelburg, Joseph (Amanda) Knepp of Odon, Leroy (Rachel) Knepp and Jacob (Betty Jean) Knepp, both of Montgomery; three daughters Martha (David) King of New Holland, PA, Lovina (Crist) Miller of Cannelburg and Mary Sue (Samuel) Graber of Odon; 25 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren; sister, Mary (Homer-Deceased) Knepp of Montgomery and sister-in-law, Fannie (Alva-Deceased) Wagler of Milroy.

She was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Wilmer Ray (Lovina) Graber; eight brothers, John Henry, Joseph, Francis, Levi, Benjamin, Harry J, Arthur, and Alva Enos Wagler; and one sister, Martha Miller.

Funeral services were conducted at 9 a.m. this morning, Wednesday, December 28 at the Produce Building. Burial followed in Wagler Cemetery.

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

KIRK SANDERS

Kirk Darin Sanders passed away Saturday, December 17, 2016 at St. Mary's Medical Center in Evansville. A resident of Shoals, he was 44.

He was born January 30, 1972 in Wayne, Michigan; son of the late Kenneth Eugene and Ila Louise (Lundy) Sanders. He loved the outdoors, fishing,



hunting and wood-working.

He is survived by his wife of five years, Kayla Marie (Salmon) Sanders of Loogootee; sister, Penny Joiner (Ken) of Kentucky; brother, Greg Kent

KIRK SANDERS (Misty) Sanders of Shoals; half-brothers, Duane Sanders and Keith Sanders, both of Michigan; several nieces, nephews, and cousins; uncles, Spencer Lundy of Loogootee and Irvin Lundy of Indianapolis; foster parents, John and Beverly Howell of Shoals; and foster sister, Michelle (Brooks) Galloway of French Lick.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth and Ila Louise Sanders.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, January 12, 2017 at Spring Hill Cemetery.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

ESTHER JONES

Esther Mae Jones passed away at 6:43 a.m. Thursday December 22 at Good Samaritan Hospital in Vincennes. A resident of Loogootee, she was 72.

She was born February 13, 1944 in Martin County; daughter of George and Catherine "Catherin" (Tinkle) Brown. She married Larry J. Jones Sr. and he preceded her in death in April 1994. She was employed at the Loogootee Nursing Home and was a member of the Church of Powell Valley.

She is survived by two daughters, Clydia (Teddy) Emmons of Shoals and Melissa Pinnick of Loogootee; three sons, Edward (Nicole) Brown of Loogootee, Larry Jason Jones Jr. of Mitchell and James Paul Jones of Bloomington.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, four brothers, James William Brown Sr, George Daniel Brown, John Russell Brown, and Richard E. Brown Sr.; and two sisters, Joan Combs and Linda Faye Clifton.

No funeral services are planned at this time. Queen-Lee Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

DOROTHY TUZYNSKI

Dorothy S. Tuzynski died at 10:43 a.m. on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at her home after a lengthy illness. A resident of Plainville, she was 89.

She was born October 19, 1927 in Shoals; the daughter of Cecil and Oma (Denny) Hopkins. She married David Tuzynski on September 8, 1981.

Survivors include her husband, David Tuzynski of Plainville; one son, Richard Holt and wife, Nina, of Williams; two daughters, Ruth Conrad and husband, Mike, of French Lick and Brenda Murray and husband, Victor, of North Carolina; one sister, Jean Holtsclaw of Bloomington; Leo C. Szymanowski, a cousin who lived with her many years; nine grand-children, 23 great grand-children and seven great-great grand-children.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Alma Holtsclaw, and one brother, Harold Hopkins.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 26 at Queen Lee Chapel. Brother Kris Beasley officiated. Burial followed in Shoals Spring Hill Cemetery.

CHARLOTTE MEYER

Charlotte Meyer passed away at 11:10 a.m. Thursday, December 22, 2016 at Loogootee Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. A resident of Loogootee,



she was 84.

She was born October 1, 1932 in Montgomery; daughter of the late Orville "Pete" and Gletis (Patterson) Strawn.

She married William Dale Meyer on October 12, 1952 and he preceded her in death September 25, 2009.

CHARLOTTE MEYER Charlotte was previously a bookkeeper for WA Fisher and worked in the Martin County Auditor's Office. She was a broker/agent for Century 21 until she retired at the age of 80.

She was active in the Loogootee community and a was member of St. John Lutheran Church.

She is survived by her children, Jeff (Nancy) Meyer and Lisa (Jack) Divine, both of Loogootee; grandchildren, Casey (Amy) Meyer of Leland, North Carolina; Ashley (Adam) Witter of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania; Jordan (Ashlye) Divine and Josh Divine, both of Loogootee; great-grandchildren, Kailye Robbins, Jack and Wrenlye Divine and Allie and Tyler Witter; siblings, Betty (Joe) Gray and Susie Page of Loogootee; sister-in-law, Donna Strawn of Washington.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Dale Meyer; parents, Orville "Pete" and Gletis (Patterson) Strawn; siblings, Eileen (Harold) Green, Orvilla (James) Bowling, Lucille (Fred) Brown and James Strawn.

Funeral services were conducted this morning, Wednesday, December 28 at St. John Lutheran Church. Burial followed in Goodwill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Martin County Cancer Society or St. John Lutheran Church. Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee was in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be made online at

www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

BARBARA CHAMBERS

Barbara J. Chambers passed away at 11:01 a.m. Monday, December 26, 2016 at The Villages of Oak Ridge. A resident of Loogootee, she was 82.

She was born May 6, 1934 in Martin County; daughter of the late George R. and Iva (Abel) Frye. She married Eugene D. Chambers on November 25, 1959 and he preceded her in death November 18, 1976. She retired from NSWC Crane on June 1, 1996 after many years of employment. She was a member of Loogootee United Methodist Church. She enjoyed reading, birds, animals and nature.

She is survived by her children, Rebecca Albright of Washington and Steve Chambers (significant other, Becky Butcher) of Loogootee; grandchildren, Lee W. Albright (significant other, Renee Crew) of Colorado Springs, Colorado and Stephanie Chambers (significant other, Zak Greene) of Loogootee; great-grandchild, Alexis Hamilton of Colorado Springs, Colorado; siblings, Gary J. (Janie) Frye and Janet (Dwayne) Walton, both of Loogootee and Judy Frye of Tell City; sisters-in-law, Peggy Frye of Loogootee and Judy Frye of Washington, D.C.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene D. Chambers; parents, George R. and Iva (Abel) Frye; brothers, James R. Frye and Larry L. Frye.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, December 30 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial will follow in Goodwill Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Thursday, December 29 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee and Friday, December 30 from 1 p.m. until the time of service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Martin County Humane Society.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

12:33 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baker responded and all was okay.

1:12 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire responded and all was okay.

10:20 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:00 p.m. - Jail Commander Abel took one inmate to the doctor.

1:20 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

3:40 p.m. - Loogootee Chief Rayhill assisted the department of child services with a welfare check in Loogootee.

4:21 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:28 p.m. - Received a report of a break-in near Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

5:45 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

6:50 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on SR 550. Deputy Reed and Deputy Salmon responded.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

9:00 a.m. - Major Burkhardt took five inmates to court.

10:00 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic in Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

10:10 a.m. - Received a report of gravel in the roadway on SR 450. Shoals Fire responded for traffic control.

10:30 a.m. - Major Burkhardt took three inmates to court.

12:04 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

12:10 p.m. - Sheriff Roush assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

1:00 p.m. - Major Burkhardt took three inmates to court.

1:13 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:40 p.m. - Major Burkhardt took one inmate to court.

3:03 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill, Major Burkhardt, Loogootee Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:55 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious people south of Shoals. Deputy Reed and Town Marshal Eckert responded.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

6:48 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

9:35 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

11:42 a.m. - Received a report of a break-in south of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

1:03 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:55 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Shoals. ISP Trooper Lents responded.

7:38 p.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Loogootee. Martin County Deputies, Martin County Civil Defense, and Martin County Ambu-

lance responded.

11:30 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded vehicle near Shoals. Deputy Reed and Deputy Shinn responded.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

10:00 a.m. - Sheriff Roush took one inmate to court

12:35 p.m. - Received a report of a car vs. deer on Hwy 50, east of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

12:48 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

1:15 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

9:10 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

5:26 a.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Crane. Deputy Shinn, Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded, no transport needed.

11:36 a.m. - Received a request for a vin check in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baker responded.

5:03 p.m. - Received a report of a two-vehicle property damage accident in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

5:15 p.m. - Received a report of a property dispute in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

5:55 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

8:04 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on Hwy. 231 South. Major Burkhardt, ISP Trooper Nolan, Haysville Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No patient transport needed.

10:34 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident in Shoals. Deputy Keller, Deputy Shinn, Shoals Fire responded. G&M towed the vehicle

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

12:27 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across Hwy 150. Shoals Fire responded.

5:40 a.m. - Received a report of loud music in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Norris responded.

12:44 p.m. - Received a report of a business alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

3:50 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident in the state forest. Deputy Keller, Shoals Fire, Martin County Ambulance. No transport was needed. KRB Towing removed the vehicle.

5:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

5:43 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

9:20 a.m. - Received a request for a vin check in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

9:40 a.m. - Received a report of a child custody dispute. Sergeant Keller responded.

6:23 p.m. - Received a request for an officer south of Loogootee due to neighbor shooting in the direction of their home. Deputy Keller responded.

8:18 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle that ran off the road on Hwy

50/Hwy450 area due to the fog. Deputy Reed, Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire responded. No patient transport needed.

9:39 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle on Hwy 50 at Buffalo

Bottoms. Deputy Reed and Shoals Fire responded.

11:57 p.m. - Received a request for extra patrol in Loogootee due to female being stalked. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

Loogootee accident reports

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

12:05 p.m. - Carrie A. Russell, of Paoli, was operating a 2002 Volkswagen on Broadway Street. Russell was at the stoplight and thought traffic was moving ahead of her. At this time, Russell's vehicle struck the rear of a 2010 Toyota operated by Richard L. Dobson, of Shoals. This caused the Dobson vehicle to strike the rear of a 2010 Chevy operated by Lydia R. Raber, of Montgomery. No injuries were reported. Chief Rayhill investigated.

3:03 p.m. Stephen P. Gootee, of Loogootee, was operating a 2000 Chevy and attempting to turn onto Broadway Street from John C. Strange Street. At this time, Gootee pulled into the path of a 2007 Freightliner operated by Joseph E. See, of Brownsville, Minnesota. Gootee was treated and released from Jasper Memorial Hospital. Chief Rayhill was assisted by the Loogootee

Fire Department, ATM towing and the Martin County Ambulance Service.

Wednesday, December 21

4:35 p.m. - Keith A. Strange, of Jasper, was operating a 2013 Chrysler on Broadway Street. Strange went to change lanes and struck a 2014 Dodge operated by Jeffery Laughlin, of Odon. Sgt. Norris investigated.

8:58 p.m. - Mark W. Ellis, of Loogootee, was operating a 2008 Ford on Walker Street. Ellis stated he met another vehicle and had to swerve to the right. At this time, Ellis struck a 2004 Toyota owned by Justin Senne, of Loogootee. Sgt. Norris investigated.

9:42 p.m. - Nicholas T. Bowman, of Shoals, was operating a 2012 Chevy in the high school parking lot. Bowman pulled out of a parking spot and struck a 2009 Dodge owned by Jeffrey Brookshire, of Loogootee. Sgt. Norris investigated.

CLASSIFIED ADS

HELP WANTED

The Martin County Sheriff's Office is now accepting applications for an Animal Control Officer

Minimum Requirements

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| 1. Be a citizen of the United States | State of Indiana |
| 2. Be at least 21 years of age | 11. Submit to being fingerprinted |
| 3. Have a high school diploma or G.E.D. | 12. Submit to a character and background investigation |
| 4. Be a resident of Martin County, Indiana | 13. May be required to appear for an oral interview |
| 5. Have eyesight correctable to 20/20 | 14. Pass an Indiana State accredited Police Academy course held at the Martin County Sheriff's Office or other location as required over a period of several months |
| 6. Cannot have any Felony, Battery misdemeanor or Domestic Violence conviction | 15. Successfully complete post academy field training |
| 7. Pass a written entry-level examination | |
| 8. Pass physical examination / agility testing | |
| 9. Submit to drug screening, psychological testing and a Polygraph | |
| 10. Possess a valid driver's license from the | |

Job Description

According to the National Animal Control Association (NACA), animal control officers work to maintain public health standards by making communities safe for both people and animals. Animal control officers are usually hired by city and county agencies, although some work for states or other branches of the federal government. Officers often respond to calls from citizens about stray animals, suspected animal cruelty, or deceased animals. Sometimes, officers have to capture or rescue animals, but other times they administer warnings or citations to citizens suspected of animal cruelty and mistreatment.

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CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

October 18

William D. Combs, convicted of domestic battery, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days with 541 days suspended and credit for three actual days previously served plus three Class A credit days. Defendant received 15 months of probation.

Nicholas A. Dant, convicted of theft, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 257 days suspended and credit for 54 actual days previously served plus 54 Class A credit days. Defendant received 10 months of probation.

October 21

Nicole R. Beavers, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class 5 Felony. Sentenced to serve 545 days with 395 suspended and credit for 75 actual days previously served plus 75 Class A credit days. Defendant received 15 months of probation.

November 1

Karen Porter, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 341 days suspended and credit for 12 actual days previously served plus 12 Class A credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

Ryan S. Mangus, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony and operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced on the first count to serve 547 days with 433 days suspended and credit for 57 actual days

previously served plus 57 Class A credit days. Defendant received 14 months of probation. Sentenced on the second count to serve 60 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 30 actual days previously served plus 30 Class A credit days.

November 10

Destiny G. Mitchell, convicted of maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days with 478 days suspended and credit for 30 actual days previously served plus 30 Class A credit days. Defendant received 16 months of probation.

November 22

Shawn M. Brown, convicted of resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 359 days suspended and credit for three actual days previously served plus three Class A credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

Derek A. Gilbertson, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 361 days suspended and credit for two actual days previously served plus two Class A credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

November 29

Tyler S. Eckstein, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 361 suspended and credit for two actual days previously served plus two good time credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

December 12

Randy L. Stone, convicted of unlawful possession of a syringe, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days with 437 days suspended and credit for 55 actual days previously served plus 55 Class A credit days. Defendant received 15 months of probation.

December 15

Jessica L. Martin, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor and escape, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced on the first count to serve 78 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 20 actual days previously served plus 20 Class A credit days. On the second count, convicted to serve 547 days with 399 days suspended and credit for 74 actual days previously served plus 74 Class A credit days. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES

DISMISSED

October 18

Nicholas A. Dant, false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

October 21

Nicole R. Beavers, dealing in methamphetamine, a Class 3 Felony, dismissed; maintaining a common nuisance, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

November 1

Shawn M. Brown, disorderly conduct, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Ryan S. Mangus, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of a syringe, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

November 10

Destiny G. Mitchell, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia,

a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

November 22

Derek A. Gilbertson, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; leaving the scene of an accident, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

November 29

Tyler S. Eckstein, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

December 12

Glen S. Akles, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

December 15

Jessica L. Martin, public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

December 9

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Staci Whitehead, civil collection.

Cavalry SPV I, LLC vs. Katrina L. Jones, civil collection.

First National Bank of Omaha vs. Pamela Maish, civil collection.

Farmers Automobile Insurance Association vs. James Marshall, civil plenary.

December 12

Midland Funding, LLC vs. John Kettinger, civil collection.

Central Mortgage Company vs. Linda D. Winegar, mortgage foreclosure.

December 16

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Jason Wyman, civil collection.

December 19

Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC vs. Pamela Hamilton, civil collection.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

December 22

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC and against the defendant Carla Harner

in the amount of \$1,890.29.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC and against the defendant John Hill in the amount of \$1,167.79.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Freedom Mortgage Corp. and against the defendants Kieran Z. Spaulding, et al, for mortgage foreclosure in the amount of \$223,751.87.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

December 7

White River Cooperative, Inc. vs. Robin Chancey d/b/a Robin's Nest, complaint.

December 16

C&L Investment Company vs. Gretchen Harbison, complaint.

December 19

Personal Finance Company, LLC vs. Matt Hamblin and Heather Hamblin, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

December 12

Judgement in favor of the plaintiff Betsy Graves and against the defendant Kelly Stuckey in the amount of \$490.92.

December 15

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Lorene E. Hearth in the amount of \$655.36.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

December 16

William T. Senne of Shoals and Chealsie D. Stoll of Shoals.

December 22

Jon D. Swartzentruber of Loogootee and Jayme M. Sheffield of Loogootee.

December 23

Timothy P. Diamond of Shoals and Arin Klunchua of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

2:15 p.m. - Caller requested an officer at the school for an issue with a student.

3:45 p.m. - Chief Rayhill and Captain Hennette assisted child protective services.

4:22 p.m. - First responders were requested on Boston Street for a medical call.

4:45 p.m. - Male requested a deer tag permit.

5:45 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on US 231.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

9:00 a.m. - Male came on station and requested an officer assist him with getting some personal property.

5:48 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

6:48 p.m. - Caller reported an intoxicated person.

7:00 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle parked on the roadway.

7:53 p.m. - Caller requested extra patrol.

8:55 p.m. - Caller reported a neighbor is driving through his yard.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

11:10 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted with a funeral procession.

1:00 p.m. - Caller requested an officer speak with a student.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

11:33 a.m. - Male came on station to request a vehicle identification check.

2:30 p.m. - Male requested a welfare check on a female.

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

5:40 a.m. - Caller reported a loud noise complaint at Country Place

Apartments.

11:45 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

3:35 p.m. - Female reported a civil complaint.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

12:24 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a business alarm.

3:20 p.m. - Caller reported property damage.

5:43 p.m. - First responders were requested on Hwy. 50 for a medical call.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

9:35 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

8:25 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident on Hwy 50.

11:57 p.m. - Female caller requested extra patrol.

Real estate transfers

Rosabelle Queen, of Martin County, Indiana to **Ami Lynn Sewell**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of Lots Numbered 53, 54, and 55 in the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Scott Milner, of King County, Washington to **Toni Cox**, of Orange County, Indiana, a part of the south half of fractional Section 6, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Lot Number 3 of Lazy Acres Subdivision.

William C. Patterson, of Martin County, Indiana to **John N. Ryan and Rosa M. Ryan**, of Daviess County, Indiana, Lot Number 130 in the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Stanley D. Young and Mary J. Young, of Martin County, Indiana to **John L. Bauer**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 5, Section 1 of Sawmill Ridge.

ARRESTS

Wednesday, December 21

11:25 a.m. - Jeffrey Raisor, 28, of Corydon, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with false informing and a Floyd County warrant. He is being held on a \$10,000 bond.

Thursday, December 22

1:44 p.m. - Christopher Senne, 38, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Captain Hennette and charged with invasion of privacy. No bond till initial hearing.

Friday, December 23

11:45 a.m. - Kimberly Fisher, 39, of Shoals, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene on a warrant for invasion of privacy and false informing. She is being held without bond. Sheriff Roush assisted in the arrest.

Saturday, December 24

12:01 a.m. - Stephani Disney, 30, of Fenton, Missouri, was arrested by ISP Trooper Nolan and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated. Bond set at \$10,000 10%.

6:14 p.m. - Jacqueline Foster, 66, of Bedford, was arrested by Sergeant Keller and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated-prior conviction. Bond set at \$25,000 10%.

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More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



I received the following from my friend, Renna, and thought it was worth sharing.

BE CAREFUL DURING THE HOLIDAY PARTIES.

I would like to share a personal experience with all of you about drinking and driving. As you well know, some (including me) have been known to have had brushes with the authorities on the way home from an occasional social session over the years.

A couple of nights ago, I was out for an evening with friends and had a couple of cocktails and some rather nice red wine. Knowing full well I may have been slightly over the limit, I did something I've never done before – I took a cab home.

Sure enough, I passed a police road block but, since it was a cab, they waved it past. I arrived home safely without incident, which was a real surprise; as I have never driven a cab before and am not sure where I got it or what to do with it now that it's in my garage.

ONE-LINE JOKES

1. I asked my North Korean friend how it was there. He said he couldn't complain.

2. I, for one, like Roman numerals.

3. I haven't talked to my wife in 3 weeks. I didn't want to interrupt her.

4. My wife told me to stop impersonating a flamingo. I had to put my foot down.

5. Throwing acid is wrong, in some people's eyes.

6. My wife and I were happy for twenty years. Then we met.

7. I haven't slept for 3 days, because that would be too long.

8. The first time I got a universal remote control, I thought to myself, "This changes everything."

9. I saw a sign that said, "Watch for children." I thought, "That sounds like a fair trade."

10. I recently decided to sell my vacuum cleaner. All it was doing was gathering dust.

11. People say I'm condescending. That means I talk down to people.

12. White boards are remarkable.

13. If you are praying for a blizzard,

please go to Dairy Queen.

14. Old age used to be all in my head. Now it's in my joints, too.

15. Your eyes water when you yawn because you miss your bed and it makes you sad.

THOUGHTS TO PONDER:

1. And God promised men that good and obedient wives would be found in all corners of the world. Then he made the earth round . . . and laughed and laughed and laughed.

2. I have removed all the unhealthy food from my house. It was delicious. -Brian Whitney

3. Unconditional love can be found in your nearest animal shelter.

4. Thanks to the teachers who instilled in me such a love of English that I'm perpetually mortified when reading the internet.

5. If you have the power to make someone happy, do it. The world needs more of that.

6. Maturity is when you have the power to destroy someone who did you wrong, but you just breathe, walk away, and let life take care of them.

7. When your children desire to talk to you and share their problems with you, stop everything and listen to them. There is nothing more important than that.

8. Kindness makes you the beautiful person no matter how you look.

9. Some people enter your life and change your whole direction.

10. Always leave people better than you found them. Hug the hurt. Kiss the broken. Befriend the lost. Love the lonely.

HOW TO RAISE A TRAIL-BLAZING DAUGHTER:

1. Foster a love of reading.

2. Teach them to be independent.

3. Encourage them to seek out great teachers.

4. Encourage them to turn a deaf ear when needed.

5. Encourage them to set aside their worries . . . and simply achieve.

6. Teach them that they can make their own luck.

7. Pray that they marry the right person. -Ruth Bader Ginsburg



Township donation

-Photo by Courtney Hughett

At the December meeting of the Martin County Humane Society Board of Directors, Perry Township Trustee Jason Hennette and his wife (and Perry Township Advisory Board Member) presented the humane society with a one-time donation check of \$600. From left to right are Katie Sanders, former humane society board member; Josh Hughett, humane society president; Jason and Brandi Hennette, Perry Township Trustee's Office; Theresa Abney and Mary Motyka, humane society board members; and Susan Wittmer, humane society vice president.



Coloring contest winners

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Hawkins Health Center is proud to announce the Christmas Coloring Contest winners from Loogootee Elementary School. Two students were chosen from each grade. Kindergarten winners – Abbi Bradley and Haylo Harmon. First grade winners – Peyton Harger and Alivia Fox. Second grade winners – Natalie Arthur and Corriyn Robinson. Third grade winners – Macy Knepp and Chloe Lawson. Fourth grade winners – Kayden Honeycutt and Ryken Chandler. All of the students' coloring pages were given to the residents at our local nursing homes!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday nights of revival

New Beginnings Community Church and Maranatha Tabernacle Church are holding 14 continuous Sunday nights of revival starting January 8 through April 9, 2017. The "Code Blue" (start your heart with God) revival meetings begin at 6 p.m. (EST) each Sunday night and meet at Maranatha Tabernacle Church, 13111 Hwy 231 N., Loogootee. Special revival speakers and worship bands will participate each month. For additional information, contact Pastor Ernie at 812-709-0258 or Pastor Duane at 812-295-4349.

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.

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-- SMALL COUNTY --

Did you know that Indiana has 92 counties? Did you also know that there are only four counties with a smaller population than Martin County? And how about that the five counties surrounding ours are anywhere from twice to more than four times our population? And did you know that when we have a need, our county can step up and meet it head-on?

-- CHRISTMAS HELP --

A recent need was for the less fortunate children in our county to have a happier Christmas. The MCCF was one of many in Martin County that helped the Christmas Toy Store meet that need this year. Another helping hand was the NSA Crane "Toys for Tots" program. Through that program, Crane employees donated over 3,700 toys to its surrounding counties of Martin, Daviess, Greene and Lawrence, helping 2,000 children.

The Martin County Christmas Toy Store helped 195 families get toys for 500 children. We are the smallest county of our neighbors, who also average 500 needy children. So, while we had great help from Crane, our smaller Martin County still had a much larger need to be satisfied when compared to our own population.

-- BIG RESULTS --

Our community came through to make those 500 children's Christmas much brighter. With the help of donations from area businesses, churches, and individuals, we doubled the number of toys provided by "Toys for Tots". What that meant is that instead of just 1-2 toys for each child, they received 2-4 toys, stocking stuffers and free gift wrapping. Easier to do for our larger neighboring counties, but viewed by our community as only a challenge eagerly met to help our own neighbors in

need.

-- BIG HEARTS --

Our small county came together in a big way with big hearts. The Toy Store had over 90 people from around the county volunteer their time Friday evening and all day Saturday, December 17. Individuals, churches, and businesses collected toys for the event. Some businesses were Hawkins Health Care, Old National Bank, Crane Credit Union, German American Bank, Dragonfly Yoga, and Family Dollar. And volunteering their time were 4-H Junior Leaders, LHS Beta students, and churches and their members. The churches represented were St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Loogootee United Methodist Church, St. John Lutheran Church, New Beginnings, Shoals United Methodist Church, and the Redemption Christian Church.

-- COMMUNITY --

In an earlier column, I gave a simple definition of community: it is a group of people who live in the same area, or a group of people who have the same interests or characteristics. In Martin County, we have once again shown that we are more than just a group of people. We are family, friends, neighbors and concerned citizens that can come together and help each other in a time of need. So, keep helping. Continue making a difference.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

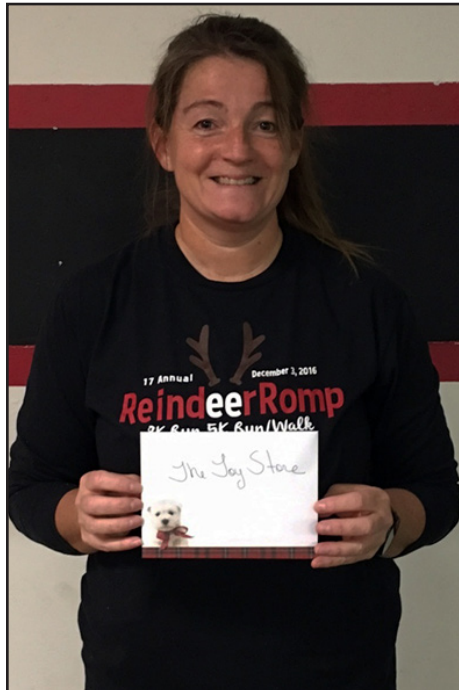
For more information about the MCCF, please contact the Executive Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org.

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



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Shown above are employees from Crane Credit Union with Christmas Toy Store donations. From left to right are Derek Wolfe, Gina Hale, Julie Arvin, Keisha Reathaford, Trina Hand and Kelly White.



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Shown above is Becky Lingenfelter from Dragonfly Yoga with a Martin County Toy Store donation.



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Shown above is Pat Ridge from Family Dollar with the store's toy donation box.



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Shown above are employees of Old National Bank with toy store donations. From left to right are Jonell Sutton, Mindy Hendrichsen, Katherine Swartzentruber and Susan Arthur.



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Shown above are employees from German American Bank with donations for the Martin County Toy Store. From left to right are Carolyn Parson-Downey, Tammy Ritchey, and Lynn Baker.

In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

As the new year approaches, we often take time to look back at the year that was and look forward to the new. In the garden, 2016 was a year when a long, cool spring delayed vegetable gardens. That same cool weather allowed blooms on spring flowers to remain for longer than usual. We had adequate moisture through most of the growing season, with a period of drought in the fall. Although we have had some cold temperatures in December, the winter has not been too harsh so far.

In the past, I have made some garden resolutions. They usually include such things as promising to not buy more plants than I have time to plant. We all know that will never happen. I will be at some nursery that is having a great sale and I will buy more plants than I could ever get planted in the time I have. The left-overs become gifts or are held over until the fall, when I try to stick them in beds to keep them alive until the next spring. Some of those plants have been waiting for a permanent home for years.

2016 was a year of working on the hardscape at Sandhill Gardens, including new patio areas and new paver pathways. That work will need to continue in the new year. A retaining wall to make a utility area more level will be completed and that roadway will need more gravel.

Purdue ag economists forecast weak crop prices, farm incomes in 2017

BY DARRIN PACK
Purdue University News Service

Farm incomes will likely continue to slump next year with grain prices remaining at or near their lowest levels in about a decade, according to an analysis by agricultural economists at Purdue University.

U.S. agricultural exports are expected to recover slightly after two years of decline, but not nearly enough to offset increasing global grain stocks, says Chris Hurt, editor of the Purdue Agricultural Economics Report.

"In the last three years, U.S. production has outpaced usage for corn, soybeans and wheat," Hurt says. "Abundant inventories of grains and soybeans mean low prices."

Corn prices for Indiana producers are expected to average \$3.45 per bushel in 2017, down from \$3.85 per bushel in 2015. Soybean prices are expected to fare better, hovering around \$9.50 to \$10 per bushel primarily because of lower production last season in South America and relatively stable global demand. But Hurt cautions that soybean prices could fall to around \$9 per bushel if South American production picks up and more U.S. acres are planted in beans.

"Market prices in the next few years will be in the process of adjusting acreage to cause increases in corn and wheat prices but at the expense of more soybean acres and lower bean prices," Hurt says.

Livestock producers typically benefit when the grain they use to feed their animals is cheaper. But three years of steadily increasing production has kept

In 2016, I did not do much in the vegetable garden. I hope to do more in 2017. I have materials on hand to build some new raised beds and hope to start on that process on nice days in January and February.

I have done a better job of mulching the ornamental gardens in the past year, but there is still room for improvement. I hope to get mulch applied while the ground is frozen—that is if it ever freezes again. I also have some areas where I have added new shrubs that need a good layer of mulch this winter. I have a good supply of hardwood mulch and I hope to put it to good use.

I also hope to use the winter months to wage battle with invasive plants in the woods. My greatest foes are multi-flora rose and Japanese honeysuckle. It is far easier to cut these invaders during the winter months, so as time and the weather allows, I hope to get as much cleared as possible.

I hope to try some new vegetable varieties and some new ornamental plants this year. I will be watching the seed catalogues to see what is available.

Mostly, I hope to enjoy the gardens more this year. I hope there will be time to show them to visitors often and to share the beauty with others by taking cut flowers to nursing homes and shut-ins. Plan to visit some time. Have a wonderful, healthy New Year.

beef cattle prices low with little recovery in sight, says Jim Mintert, director of the Center for Commercial Agriculture.

"After averaging near \$153 per hundredweight in 2016, prices for 500-600 pound steers in Kentucky could average in the \$120s in 2017," Mintert says. "Calf prices at this level are below the break-even price on many cow-calf operations, which could bring herd expansion to a halt in 2017."

Craig Dobbins, farm management specialist, says the weak overall prospects for the Indiana agricultural economy have hurt farmland values.

According to the annual Purdue Farmland Value Survey, an acre of average Indiana farmland was worth \$7,041 last year, down from a peak of \$8,129 in 2013 - a 13.4 percent decline.

"The primary force behind the farmland value decline has been the decline in crop production profitability," Dobbins says. "While there are several positive forces in the farmland market, these positive factors are overridden by low farm commodity prices and low contribution margins."

The Purdue Agricultural Economics Report 2017 outlook was published by the Purdue University Department of Agricultural Economics. It includes 12 sections by 11 different authors and short video summaries with analysis on topics ranging from the effect of the presidential election on the U.S. economy to cash rents, farm financial management and crop insurance.

For a free download of the report, go to <https://ag.purdue.edu/agecon/Pages/Purdue-Agricultural-Economics-Report.aspx>.

4-H NEWS

By Stacy Brown
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Extension Office Closed During Holidays

The Purdue Extension Martin County Office will be closed December 23-January 2 in observance of the holiday season. It will reopen on Tuesday, January 3. If you need assistance with anything, please email Stacy Brown, County Extension Director at brow1374@purdue.edu.

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 5. This is an all-day training in Spencer County. The second is on May 30 with times to be determined. If you are interested in applying to be a counselor, please contact Stacy at the Purdue Extension office (812) 295-2412. Before you apply make sure you re-enroll in 4-H for 2017 at 4Honline.com.

Become a Volunteer

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

Enrollment Deadline for 4-H 2016-2017 Is Fast Approaching

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 cooperation. 4-H is a great way to meet new friends and learn to make the best better.

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

Opportunities to Help 4-H Grow in Martin County

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

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State health officials announce first influenza death of 2016-2017 season

State health officials are reporting the first influenza-associated death in Indiana for the 2016-2017 flu season. No additional information about the patient will be released due to privacy laws.

State health officials report influenza, or flu, activity is currently minimal in both the state and country. Hoosiers are encouraged to take this time to get a flu

vaccine.

"It's heartbreaking every year to learn that a Hoosier has died from the flu," said Indiana State Health Commissioner Jerome Adams, M.D., M.P.H. "Unfortunately, the flu can have serious and even deadly consequences, which is why it's so important for people to get vaccinated."

State health officials say everyone

age 6 months and older should get a flu vaccine each year. People can help prevent the spread of flu by washing their hands frequently and thoroughly, avoiding touching their eyes, nose and mouth with their hands and staying home when sick.

Influenza is a viral infection of the respiratory tract. It is spread by respiratory droplets released when infected people cough or sneeze nearby or when people touch surfaces or objects contaminated with those infectious respiratory droplets. People can also become infected by touching surfaces or objects contaminated with influenza viruses and then touching their eyes, mouth or nose.

Flu symptoms include:
fever of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or greater
headache
fatigue
cough
muscle aches
sore throat

Although anyone can get the flu, some people are at higher risk of flu-related complications, such as pneumonia, hospitalization and death. High-risk individuals include pregnant women, young children (especially those too young to get vaccinated), people with chronic illnesses, people who are im-

mune-compromised and the elderly.

"It's especially important for anyone with a baby in the house to be vaccinated," Dr. Adams said. "Babies under 6 months of age can't be vaccinated, and that means they are especially susceptible to catching influenza from other unvaccinated family members."

Healthcare workers also are urged to get a flu vaccine to reduce their risk of transmitting illness to their patients.

Health officials say Hoosiers should practice the "Three Cs" to help prevent the spread of flu and other infectious diseases:

Clean: Properly wash your hands frequently with warm, soapy water.

Cover: Cover your cough and sneeze into your arm or a disposable tissue.

Contain: Stay home from school or work when you are sick to keep your germs from spreading.

Visit the Indiana State Department of Health at www.StateHealth.in.gov for important health and safety information, or follow us on Twitter at @StateHealthIN and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/isdh1.

Hoosiers who do not have health care coverage or access to a doctor are encouraged to check availability for the new Healthy Indiana Plan—HIP 2.0—by visiting www.HIP.IN.gov or calling 1-877-GET-HIP-9.

Memorial Hospital and Health Care announces 2016 LCM Award Recipient

David Zehr, NP-C has been named the 2016 recipient of the Little Company of Mary Award at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center. The LCM Award is given annually to an employee nominated by his or her co-workers and chosen from a group of finalists by the hospital's Mission Committee. Nominees for this award demonstrate Memorial Hospital's mission and core values through their daily work.

Upon receiving the award, Zehr shared the honor with his co-workers. "This is a prestigious award. It takes a great team in order to receive such recognition. Everyone I have worked with at Memorial Hospital has contributed to my professional development. Additionally, I am so grateful and thankful to work with a great team here at French Lick Family Medicine. Misty Smith, Breanna Brosmer, and Shantel Corbett make me look good."

Zehr is a certified Family Nurse Practitioner at Memorial Hospital and has worked at the locations of Santa Claus Family Medicine, Lange-Fuhs Cancer Center, and his current location of French Lick Family Medicine. He grew up in the Paoli community, where he currently resides. He and his

wife, Shari, have two adult children, Bryan Zehr and Erin Spaulding, and one grandchild, Wyatt.

Other nominees for this year's award included Paula Carlisle, Lange-Fuhs Cancer Center; Mary Jo Eaton Calhoun, Telemedicine Services; Michelle (Mickey) Hawes, Vascular Access Services; Jay Kidwell, Pharmacy; Amy Mehringer, Jasper Pediatrics; Heather Nicholson, Memorial Counseling Center; Jennifer Obermeier, Rehabilitation Services; Elvia Sandoval, Huntingburg Urgent Care; Gerilyn Schmitt, Radiology Services; Krista Schroering, Medical Practice Management; Melissa Taylor, Health and Wellness; Jennifer Thomas, Pharmacy; and Marcy Weyer, Women & Infant Services.

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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.