Union Co. sees first snowfall

By Bev Woodruff

A light dusting of snow overnight Tuesday and early Wednesday caused a possible Union County snow. State roads were well prepared due to early efforts of Indiana Department of Transportation employees. After a forecast of 3 to 4 inches of snow switching to snow on Tuesday afternoon and evening, a dusting of snow fell in temperatures below freezing. Indiana's County went into a "snow mode." More than two dozen snowplow trucks reported drivers toLiberty, Riddle, Castile, Honey Grove and New Castle by 9 a.m. on Tuesday evening. Crews cleared bridges, ramps and roads as temperatures fell.

A second full shift refilled the trucks for overnight. Workers continued the work of keeping roads in good condition Wednesday morning when conditions began to improve.

Union County is in the Cambridge Sub-district of INCD. When weather conditions hamper progress, county drivers allow ample time to reach the roads safely. Drivers are also reminded to allow snowplow trucks to make it easier, don’t tailgate or never attempt to pass them. (See "Snow" Page 6)

Warmin UC announces second coat distribution

By Bev Woodruff

Owners of the Warmin UC coat campaign have announced a second distribution of coats will be held Thursday in Our Hometown and Country on Saturday.

Cats will be available from those in need on Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Liberty Hardware Dooney—2014 to 4 p.m. The distribution will be held next to the Liberty Street across from the courthouse in the parking lot. The fire department will be distributing the coats.

"We have been overwhelmed by the response," said Liberty County Councilman Councilman Executive Director Melissa Spindler. "We have been able to restock coats that have already been discarded. We have been able to help even more people who are in need. There are still some coats on record and ready to be taken home." The campaign was organized by the UCDC and the Union County Health Department. More than 100 coats were donated to the campaign by local people.

UC Parks Board to hear update from MU students

By Bev Woodruff

Union County Parks Board members will hear an update from MU students about a project from a group of Miami University- ing next Wednesday. The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7 in the ccounty Commission's Council meeting room in the Union County Courthouse.

A group of graduate students from the Miami University’s Insti- tute for Environment and Sustainability will provide a re- port on its work on the design and development of a long-term plan for a park in Union County. The park board is working with MIU. University graduate students to develop a free design plan for the develop- ment of a park on an area of northern Union County.

Last year, the parks board pur- chased a 10-acre tract of land from Chris and Linda Rosenberg. The property adjoins property owned by the county. (See "Parks Board," Page 4)

Ornament making and book signing at UCPL

By Bev Woodruff

Every year, ornament making at the Union County Public Li- brary is one of the most popular activities during Christmas in Our Hometown and Country.

UCPL Program Assistance Librarian Mary Rigby, affectionately known as “Miss Mary,” will provide library patrons hands-on instruction on ornament making projects yearly. Miss Mary and helpers will be set up in a room downstears off of the children’s section of the li- brary. All materials are furnished and children are allowed to sign- up and create a homemade ornament to take home.

There is no charge for the popu- lar activity. Ornament making will begin at 11 a.m. and continue until 1 p.m. Bring your bedazzling artists to make a keepsake ornament. This is the perfect opportunity for anyone who may not be familiar with the UCPL to visit and get to know some of the li- brary’s resources.


“Living in Union County I never thought I would have a novel pub- lished,” said Fields. “This is a great opportunity for me and the library. It is a nice way to represent the town as a whole. It is a great way to show the library is a part of the community.”

Another rare chance for the public to attend a book signing. The book has been a huge success.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the book signing. Cost of the hard- cover book is $18. Be sure to bring money to purchase a copy.

Greetings from the Hills- ebett Fields about The Territory.

By Bev Woodruff

Christmas in Our Hometown and Country

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Christmas carols, Xmas Claus, presents and deals, deals, deals will be plentiful in Liberty and Riddi, as the season rolls around with the last big week- ends. Dec. 3, during Christmas in Our Hometown and Country 2011.

The event, sponsored by the Union County Foundation is a tradition of holiday cheer for the home town to Union County. The event will run from 5 a.m. 6 a.m. and continue in Union County until late into the week. Liberty and other communities outside of Liberty such as the Festival of Lights in Carmack Aires will begin at 9 a.m. and con- tinue through the night.

Carmack Aires is located a short distance out of Liberty on U.S. 41 W. Hayrides, courtesy of George Carmack and family, will be offered free of charge.

In Liberty the day will kick off from 9 a.m. 11 a.m. with breakfast and pic- tures with Santa at the 4-H Build- ing. Serving will continue until 11 a.m. The cost of the pancake, sausage and scrambled eggs is $5.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., next best in line and around Liberty will offer specials all day long. As of 7 p.m. the Liberty had not en- countered any problems with the fill-up. Lions would offer a pepper- coat all weekends sale; custom- ers are A.J. Beach and Ben may also be able to win a prize in a give-away. The County Store offers door prizes, as well as a gift certificate from Econo- mica. Other businesses also offer- ed specials, such as the Liberty Bell and the Union County Co-op Country Corner.

There’s much to do and see that morning in Liberty and Riddle. (See “Christmas,” Page 6)