Mark your calendars now for the annual PURA Kickoff Luncheon!
Monday, September 12, 2016
To be held at the Four Points by Sheraton in West Lafayette. Complete registration information will be mailed in August and will also be available on the PURA website at that time.

John Trott Elected PURA Vice President

John Trott was elected vice president of PURA for 2016-17. He is a former director of the Purdue Agricultural Centers and assistant to the director of the Office of Agricultural Research Programs. Before taking those positions he served as an extension educator. John was awarded a Certificate of Distinction from the Agricultural Alumni Association in 2011. He received BS and MS degrees in agriculture from Purdue.

John will serve as vice president from May 2016-May 2017 followed by a year as president and then a year as past president.

Tippecanoe County Prepares to Celebrate the BISONtennial

The Bison have arrived and are being worked on by our local artists. Lafayette will have a herd of 5 bison, each 7 feet tall, 8 feet long and 35” wide.

The official unveiling is slated for May 5 from 5:00-6:30 pm at the corner of 9th and Main Streets in Lafayette.

Part of Indiana’s 200th anniversary celebration, according to the Lafayette Journal & Courier, the creatures are coming to town thanks to the BISONtennial Art Project, which is occurring statewide and led by the Indiana Association of United Ways and the Indiana Bicentennial Commission.

College of Health and Human Sciences to Receive Arthur G. Hansen Recognition Award

The Arthur G. Hansen Recognition Award was created to recognize the efforts of any University unit that cultivates and maintains meaningful relationships with their retirees. The recipient in 2016 is the College of Health and Human Sciences (HHS) with special recognition to the Office of Student Services. The College of HHS now embodies the former schools of Consumer and Family Sciences (CFS) and Home Economics (HE). Presently official retirees from CFS make up the majority of HHS retirees.

The nomination for the award was from Mary Alice Nebold who worked the last 25 years of her career in student services being named Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Student Services in 1990. Retirees routinely receive notifications and invitations to faculty, staff, student, and alumni recognition receptions, luncheons and dinners as well as college and departmental sponsored programs and lectures. The continuing connections foster meaningful interactions with the current HHS staff and students as well as with former colleagues and students. (continued on page 4)
**Bicentennial Torch Relay**

The signature Torch Relay plans are well underway. Tippecanoe County had 115 nominations for Torchbearers. The local Bicentennial Commission selection committee did an outstanding job of reviewing all of the nominations. Although it was allotted 24 slots for bearers whose uniforms would be paid for by the State Commission, it is going to fund more uniforms so there will be closer to 60 people carrying the torch throughout the county. The announcement of those torchbearers is slated for June 1. The Bicentennial Commission hopes to recognize all those who have been nominated in some way.

The official route was announced and the local route was approved as submitted by route coordinator, Mike Piggott. One of the significant parts of the route will be sending the torch across the Wabash River on one of the Voyager canoes.

**Art in Bloom 2016**

**Plant Blue and Gold: We are 200 years old!**

The West Lafayette landscaping colors for 2016 will be blue and gold, to honor the State’s Bicentennial theme. Hopefully everyone will be able to use these colors in their landscapes and container plantings. To help you find flowers in these colors, the Master Gardeners of Tippecanoe County are partnering with Galema’s to provide a wide variety of plants. These plants will be delivered on Saturday, May 14th at the site of the WL Farmers Market on North Salisbury.

There are 12 varieties available this year. **The list of varieties and order form are located on the PURA web pages, www.purdue.edu/retirees.**

Cost per flat of plants depends on plant/pot size and number of plants, and ranges from $11 to $25.50 per flat. (See order form for specifics.) Checks must accompany the order blank and be made payable to MGATC. Sponsoring organization is the Master Gardener Association of Tippecanoe County. No sales tax is required.

**Orders must be received by Monday, May 9th.** Mail your order to Lynn Layden, 2826 Ashland Street, West Lafayette, IN 47906. Call her with questions at 463-2242 or email her at: layden.lm@frontier.com.

Please be present for pickup at Farmers Market at 9:00 AM on May 14, or arrange for a substitute to pick up your flowers.
Read To Succeed volunteer and PURA member Dick Nelson, working with a second grade child at Miller Elementary School in Lafayette.

Volunteer Opportunity

Read to Succeed is a program that invites community members to spend one hour per week in local classrooms helping children develop and improve their reading skills. This effort is led by United Way of Greater Lafayette, Greater Lafayette Commerce, and all three local public school corporations. More than 70 businesses and organizations in Tippecanoe County have pledged their support to Read to Succeed. To volunteer or to obtain further information, check out: http://www.readtosucceedgreaterlafayette.org. You could be among the 650 individuals, which includes a number of PURA members, who are helping children through the Read to Succeed program, as one among many volunteer opportunities in the Greater Lafayette area.
**PURA News—email version EXCLUSIVE**

**Purdue 'All-American' Marching Band Celebrates 97 Years at Track**

From the April 26, 2016 *Purdue Today* —

The Purdue "All-American" Marching Band will mark the 97th anniversary of its Parade of Bands at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. More than 250 members of the band will take center stage May 29 for opening ceremonies at the 100th running of the Indy 500 presented by PennGrade Motor Oil.

"We look forward to celebrating this year's historic running of the Indy 500. The race has provided tremendous opportunities over the years. Band members have always cherished the memories. It is an extraordinary honor to share in the history," said Jay Gephart, director of bands. On race day, the band will be the headliner in the traditional Parade of Bands that begins at 8 a.m. at the track.

May 15, 2016 Deadline for PURA 2020/2025 Task Force Suggestions!

Reminder: We need your thoughts, suggestions, ideas to one or both of the following:

"I'd like to see PURA_________"

"I wish PURA would__________"

Send to Olivia Wood, at o.wood123@comcast.net or mail to 136 Indian Rock Dr., West Lafayette, IN 47906. THANK YOU!

**Arthur G. Hansen Award (cont. from page 1)**

The award is presented by the Purdue University Retirees Association (PURA) and the Office of the President of the University. It is funded by TIAA and consists of a cash award of $2500, a trophy, and the name of the recipient is listed on a permanent plaque in the Purdue Memorial Union.

The award will be presented to HHS with special recognition to the Student Services Office at the Purdue Retirees Luncheon on June 30, 2016. The recipients are also recognized at the annual fall PURA Kickoff Luncheon in September.

Each year, Purdue invites bands across the Midwest to participate. This year 16 high school bands from the states of Indiana, Washington and Florida will be joining Purdue. As it has done for many years, the Purdue band will play "On the Banks of the Wabash" and perform for the race day crowd prior to the start time.

The marching band's first director, Paul Spotts Emrick, forged the initial relationship with race organizers in 1919, the race's ninth year of existence. Always interested in promoting his band and Purdue, Emrick leapt at the chance to be associated with the young race that was quickly establishing an international reputation. At that time the band was a military unit of men enrolled in Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC).

Purdue's band will again be featured in the IPL 500 Festival Parade at noon May 28, which begins at North and Pennsylvania and winds its way through downtown Indianapolis. The 500 Festival Parade was added to the race month activities in 1957 and the Purdue "All-American" Marching Band has appeared in every parade since then.

**Mark Your Calendars!**

May 2 PURA Monthly Meeting, MCL Cafeteria, 11 AM

Topic: Hearing Technology — New Facts You Should Know

Speaker: Joshua Alexander, Ph.D., CCC-A, Dept. of Speech, Language & Hearing Sciences, Assistant Professor, Purdue University

May 7 Heritage Day “200 Years of Work & Play in Indiana” Tippecanoe Battlefield Park, Battle Ground, 10AM-5PM. FREE. Family event for fun day of activities and demonstrations highlighting our unique local history and place in the Hoosier story. Tippecanoehistory.org

May 25 Spring Fling (note this is a Wednesday), PURA booth open 11:30 AM—4:00 PM. For full schedule of events visit the Spring Fling web page: http://www.purdue.edu/springfling/Events/index.html

June 6 PURA Monthly Meeting, MCL Cafeteria, 11 AM

Topic: Fall Prevention