

# PURA News

Purdue University Retirees Association

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## Join PURA Events in 2020!

By Tom Turpin, PURA President

Don't be a Humbug like some people we know! There's a New Year coming and it is going to be a good one. PURA members can look forward to exciting Monday lunchtime gatherings at MCL, where we will have good speakers and a little singing fun.

We'll visit some neat places on campus and in the community. We've got our ever-popular Purposeful Living in Retirement event in April, and Spring Fling in May. I mean, it is certain to be a good year – otherwise it wouldn't be 2020, would it? Happy New Year to one and all!



## Purdue Today To Use New Delivery System: Retirees Invited To Subscribe

*Purdue Today*, the University's official communication for faculty and staff, will transition to a new distribution system on January 13, 2020. The move will allow for easier management of recipient lists and provide access to more comprehensive analytics.

Before the transition occurs, Purdue retirees are being invited to sign up online for *Purdue Today* through the new Delivra system at: <https://www.purdue.edu/newsroom/purduetoday/subscribe-to-purdue-today.html>. The form asks for first and last name, University affiliation and email address.

Once the form is submitted, individuals will receive an email from *Purdue Today* ([purduetoday@purdue.edu](mailto:purduetoday@purdue.edu)) asking the individual to confirm the subscription.

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**Important:** Retirees who currently receive *Purdue Today* will need to subscribe through the new subscription page and the confirmation. **Those who do not take these steps will no longer receive *Purdue Today*, as of January 13.**

Questions about the transition or about *Purdue Today* should be directed to Valerie O'Brien at [purduetoday@purdue.edu](mailto:purduetoday@purdue.edu) or 765-494-9573.



## PURA Exceeds 2019 United Way Goal!

Thank you, PURA members, for your support of United Way of Greater Lafayette! Because of your generosity, many more of our neighbors will benefit from United Way services. PURA members exceeded our goal, donating a whopping \$152,315!

## Sign Up Now For February Tour of Tippecanoe County Courthouse and CASA Offices

The Campus and Community Activities Committee of the Purdue University Retirees Association invites you to a guided tour of the historic Tippecanoe County Courthouse and to visit the Courthouse offices of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for the Children of Tippecanoe County) on February 20, 2020, from 2:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M..

The afternoon begins in the hallway immediately past the security checkpoint. You must clear security before you can join the program. (Please do not bring backpacks and large purses or bags. Of course, there is no smoking and no weapons of any kind are allowed anywhere in the building.)

The courthouse tour leader, Ashley Gregory, from the Welcome Center, will emphasize the history of the building and its collections and treasures as well as outline the civil court processes available to all citizens of the county. The tour will end on the fourth floor where the group will join CASA Deputy Director Steven Flowers. Steven will

present and explain the goals, purpose, scope, challenges, needs and trends for this critical community service. Questions and discussion are welcomed. Options and opportunities for volunteering will be outlined.

Some walking will be required. Elevators are available for those who choose not to climb stairs. Parking is available in the Second and Columbia Street parking garage (just west of the Courthouse Annex). Present your parking ticket to a courthouse staff member for validation for free parking.

Participation is limited to 20 people. Mark your calendars. To reserve a spot, please contact Hannah Austerman ([jacksonh@purdue.edu](mailto:jacksonh@purdue.edu) or 765-494-7395). We hope to see you there.



## Nominations Open for PURA President-Elect

Nominations are being requested for President-Elect of PURA. This position is elected from the membership to serve for three years: one year as Vice-President, the following year as President, and one year as Past President. Nominees should be contacted and be willing to serve if elected.

As Vice-President, the person assists the President when the President is not available; he or she leads the organization during the year as President; then serves one year as Past President to help provide leadership continuity.

The PURA organization serves all retirees from Purdue University. It operates with a number of very effective committees and an Executive Board chaired by the President of PURA.

This is an important leadership role for PURA. **Please submit your nomination by January 31, 2020**, to Don Gentry (Past President, and Chair of the Officer Nominating Committee), at [dkgentry@purdue.edu](mailto:dkgentry@purdue.edu)

## New PURcare and Medicare Advantage PPO Enrollment Eligibility Policy, Fall 2019

By PURA Benefits Committee

This fall the PURA Benefits Committee enacted a new enrollment eligibility policy for PURcare and Medicare Advantage PPO, the two health plans for eligible Purdue University retirees. This new policy went into effect in September 2019.

Purdue retirees 65 years old or older when retiring now have a one-time option to join a PURA retiree group plan during the first or second Medicare Open Enrollment period after their date of retirement when starting Medicare at age 65. For example, a university employee who retires in October 2019 has the 2019 and 2020 Medicare Open Enrollment annual periods (October 15 to December 7) to

enroll in one of the PURA health plans. An employee with a retirement date from December 2019 through November 2020 will be eligible to enroll during the 2020 or 2021 Medicare Open Enrollment periods.

There are no additional requirements to this new enrollment policy. However once a retiree waives coverage after his/her two post-retirement Medicare enrollment periods, that individual will not be eligible for Purdue-sponsored retiree health care coverage in the future.

The PURA Benefits Committee continues to be committed to offering comprehensive and affordable medical plans for university retirees. The additional time and flexibility this new enrollment policy provides will assist university employees as they transition to retirement.

## Too Cold? Think Spring and PLIR!

You may be thinking of candy canes and snowmen...but if you want to feel a little warmth, think spring and the PLIR.

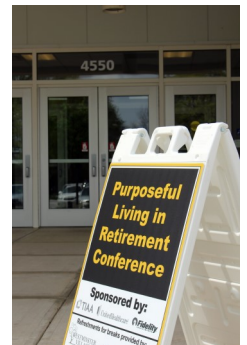
The Purposeful Living in Retirement committee is pleased to announce the program sessions for April 22, 2020, the date of the annual PURA conference, to be held again at the Beck Agricultural Center in West Lafayette.

The Keynote address will be Dr. Philip Low, from Purdue's department of Chemistry, to present "Drugs in the Pipeline for Treating Human Disease". Additional morning sessions include a panel to address "Mental Health Issues and Local Resources", and a travel program highlighting "Indiana's Best Day Trips".

The afternoon sessions will report on PURA's benefits, discuss "Roving Mars, NASA's Search for Life on the Red Planet", and feature Purdue Athletic Director Mike Bobinski on the "Master Plan for Purdue Athletics".

A full breakfast, box lunch, and beverages throughout the day will be provided, along with increased exhibit time, a humor program during lunch, and a fitness walk at the end of the meeting. All this for the bargain registration fee of \$15! Registration mailing will arrive in early March.

Mark your calendars!



## Student Thanks PURA for Scholarship.



Matthew Watson, a sophomore from Warsaw, Indiana, is pursuing a degree in Aviation Management in the Polytechnic Institute. He is a third generation Boilermaker and a die-hard fan; his grandfather drives from LaPorte, Indiana, to attend weekend football and basketball games with Matt. Matt's family influenced him to consider Purdue. In a note to the PURA members, Matt shared: "My main reason for choosing Purdue is because I absolutely fell in love with campus and the academic aspect of this prestigious university."

Matt's career aspirations are to do Revenue Management at a major airline, such as Delta or Southwest. He also is minoring in Unmanned Aerial Systems. And he says, "In terms of the workload, it can be pretty daunting, but I use

that workload to show how determined and hardworking I am."

Matt continued by thanking the members of PURA for their kindness and generosity. He said: "Being awarded this scholarship means so much to me and allows me to continue to pursue my career aspirations and dreams."

Please help grow this endowment to provide future Purdue students this same opportunity. Consider a year-end-gift. Your tax-deductible donation may be made online at [giving.purdue.edu/PURAgift](http://giving.purdue.edu/PURAgift). If you prefer to send a check, make it payable to the Purdue Foundation, with the PURA Student Scholarship Endowment (Appeal 14994) noted in the memo line, and mail to Purdue Foundation, 403 W. Wood Street, West Lafayette, IN 47907-2007. And, for those of you over 70 ½ years of age, gifts from your IRA are not taxable income and also qualify for your required minimum distribution (RMD). To learn more about IRA Rollover opportunities, or to make an IRA Rollover charitable contribution, please contact the Office of Planned Giving, 765-494-8657.

## Health Focus: Holidays and Change

By Chris Rearick

As the holidays approach, we may find that our traditional holiday plans change. We have perhaps lost a spouse, family member or dear friend since our last holiday. The grief we are experiencing could be holding us back from partaking in a traditional celebration. It could be that family has moved away, making travel too difficult for all sides. Our own health could be impacting the overall way we physically feel thus giving us less stamina. It is at these emotional times in our life that we may find it necessary to make changes to holiday traditions or start new ones.

The first step is to recognize these changes and focus on how to make your holiday special to you. Holidays do not have to be celebrated on their designated day, but may better be celebrated on a random day that is easier for family and friends to get together. If we are unable to be with our usual family or friends, then we may choose to celebrate with new friends or create new avenues of celebration.

Volunteering at holiday time can surround us with people, provide us with feel-good activities and keep us in the holiday spirit. Lafayette Urban Ministry has a volunteer website where you may sign up to participate in Christmas

Jubilee. Lafayette's YWCA also posts volunteer opportunities. The Greater Lafayette Volunteer Bureau, which is sponsored by the United Way of Greater Lafayette, will match people up with a volunteer activity of their choice. Purdue University has many international students that are looking to experience holidays while here in the United States.

We do not need holidays to volunteer. Volunteering can keep us involved whether it is in your church, living facility, library, animal shelter, food pantry, helping a neighbor or just calling someone on the telephone to check on them. Volunteering gives us social contact and keeps us involved in life.

Below are some websites of organizations that are looking for volunteers for the holiday season and year round. If you need a holiday shake up or change, you may find it emotionally easier to share your spirit with those searching for spirit.

[www.lumserve.org](http://www.lumserve.org)  
[www.ywcalafayette.org/get-involved/volunteer/](http://www.ywcalafayette.org/get-involved/volunteer/)  
[www.westlafayette.in.gov/category/subcategory.php?categoryid](http://www.westlafayette.in.gov/category/subcategory.php?categoryid)  
[www.greatnonprofits.org](http://www.greatnonprofits.org)

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## "John Purdue" Regales Common Read Attendees

On the day before his 217th birthday, John Purdue told the PURA Common Read attendees that he was going to tell stories about some of his people (faculty, administrators, students) who have made a difference at the University, in the community, state, nation, and the world.

Did you know Professor Harvey Wiley, who became the father of the FDA, played ball with the students and wore knickers when riding his enormous wheeled bicycle with the tiny aft wheel? These activities were deemed inappropriate for a faculty member by the trustees.

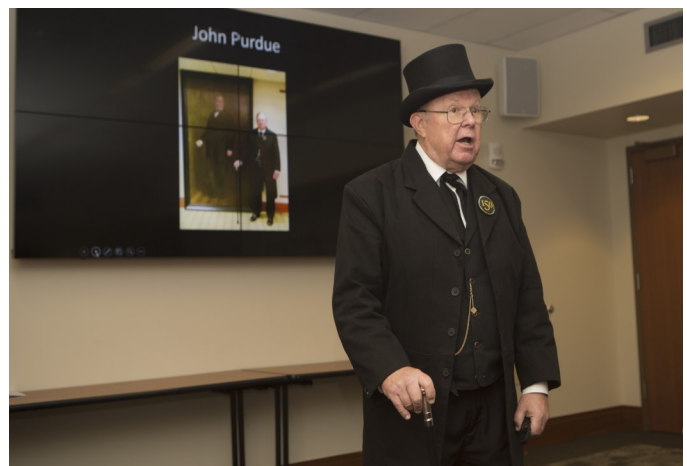
Did you know that Frieda and Winifred Parker and their parents—black Americans—persisted until President Hovde convinced other university personnel to provide housing for all students, black and white, on campus?

Did you know President Edward C. Elliott, for whom the Hall of Music is named, once pronounced he would not allow one penny of university money to go for anything related to music?

Did you know Annie Peck, a renowned mountain climber, taught Latin, elocution, and German at Purdue?

Did you know that Ei-ichi Negishi, Nobel laureate, left a press conference at which his award was being announced to teach his sophomore chemistry class?

These are but a few of the fascinating stories about real Boilermakers as told by John Purdue/John Norberg. Well done, John! We could have listened to your stories all day!



## PURA Tech Bytes

By Scott Ksander



### Digital Assets

“Digital Assets” is not a topic that jumps to mind in discussions of Estate Planning. It certainly didn’t for me, and I spent my entire career dealing with technology. It is, however, something that we all should consider.

Before I go any further, I need to state clearly that I am NOT a Lawyer. I am NOT a Certified Financial Planner. I am not even sure that my IT certifications are current. If you find the following information interesting, please consult your own experts before taking any action.

Anything where you enter a UserID/Passcode should be thought of as a Digital Asset. They can be an asset without monetary value—such storage of photographs; email; social media accounts, such as Facebook; or shopping accounts, such as Amazon. They can be assets with monetary value, for example, e-commerce accounts, such as eBay; payment systems accounts, such as PayPal; points accumulating accounts, such as airline or hotels; online stock market accounts; or online banking accounts. Who should have access to these assets if you are incapacitated or to administer your Estate?

In 2015, Congress passed the Revised Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act. Indiana passed the state

version of this Act in 2016 as Indiana Code 32-39. Forty-six other States have also enacted this Uniform law.

While there is good law in this area, it is important that you make your wishes clearly known in your Will and Power of Attorney documents. Without these declarations, there could be a delay accessing these assets or they could be lost all together.

Your Will, for example, should have a clear declaration that says, “My executor shall have power to access, handle, distribute, and dispose of my digital assets.”

A Power of Attorney should likewise say “My attorney-in-fact shall have (i) power to access, use, and control my digital devices, and (ii) power to access modify, delete, control, or transfer my digital assets”.

If your Executor or Power of Attorney is not tech savvy, you can even authorize an assistant. “I authorize my Executor to engage [*insert name*] to assist, handle, distribute, and dispose of my digital assets.”

As with all legal documents, a more complete definition of digital assets should be included (“including but not limited to ...”). Suggested language for your documents can be found at:

<http://www.thedigitalbeyond.com/sample-language/>

Our Digital Assets are part of our lives and we should plan for how they should be accessed, transferred or disposed of in the event of our incapacity or death. If your estate planner doesn’t discuss this topic with you, be sure to bring it up so that you can make sure your wishes are properly executed.

## Purdue Historic Character:

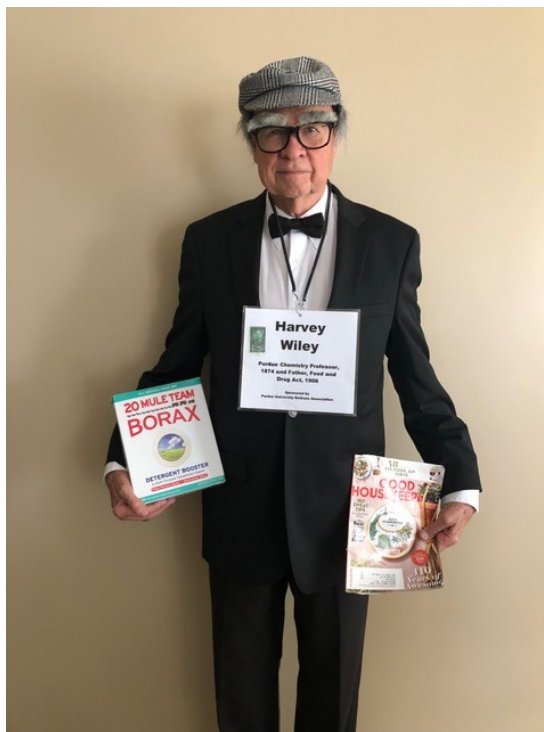
### Dr. Harvey Washington Wiley (1844-1930)

Continuing our series on historical Purdue figures, this month’s article features Dr. Harvey Washington Wiley, portrayed by PURA’s Scott Rumble.

Harvey Washington Wiley was born on October 18, 1844, near Kent, in Jefferson County, Indiana. His father was a farmer and his mother helped with the home and the farm. He studied for about a year at Hanover College, which was close to his home, and near Madison, Indiana. In 1863 he enlisted with Company 1 of the 137 Regiment Indiana Volunteers during the Civil War.

He later returned to Hanover, majored in the humanities, and excelled as a graduate receiving his A.M. there in 1870. He also studied at the Indiana Medical College and received his M.D. in 1871. He served as a professor of Greek and Latin at Butler College in Indianapolis, from 1866 to 1870.

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After graduation, Wiley taught Chemistry at the IU Medical College, teaching Indiana's first laboratory course in chemistry in 1873. He was briefly at Harvard where he received a B.S. degree and then accepted a faculty position in chemistry at Purdue University in 1874, which was a newly established University. He also was appointed the first state chemist of Indiana.

Wiley, traveling to Germany, attended the lectures of August Wilhelm Von Hofmann who discovered several organic tar derivatives. He spent time with the Imperial Food Laboratory in Bismarck working with Eugene Sell, learning how to use the polariscope, and studying sugar chemistry.

When he arrived back to Purdue, the Indiana State Board of Health asked him to study sugars and syrups on retail sale to see if they had any adulteration. The last part of his time at Purdue involved studying culture and sugar chemistry, hoping to develop a strong domestic sugar industry along with teaching. He published a paper in 1881 discussing the adulteration of sugar with glucose.

In 1883, Dr. Harvey Washington Wiley was named chief chemist of the United State Department of Agriculture. He investigated food and drink fraud, even conducting some surprising tests on groups of young men who became known as the Poison Squad. He found good friends and support in Upton Sinclair, Fannie Farmer, and Henry J. Heinz. Heinz actively advocated for pure food.

Dr. Wiley impacted the world and changed history. Dr. Wiley's Law, the 1906 Pure Food and Drug Act, was a legacy for him. He had many accomplishments in Washington that improved food safety. He also had many battles to get Washington to see what he was advocating.

Wiley resigned from government work in 1912 and took over Good Housekeeping and their laboratories. He is known for the Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval. He continued his work on behalf of consumers. He was concerned about the amount of caffeine and other drugs in popular drinks, including Coke. He remained at Good Housekeeping for 18 years.

## Thank You!

I would like to extend a HUGE THANK YOU to the retirees that brought in treats for the nursing students on October 11, at the Retiree Flu shot and Wellness Screening day.

The nursing students gave 786 flu shots that day and we were physically beat. We were brought a surprise basket full of fruit, cookies and candy which was quickly devoured for energy. We then received a surprise bowl of

Harvey Wiley died at home in Washington D.C. on June 30, 1930, the 24th anniversary of the signing of the Pure Food and Drug Law. He and his wife, Anna Kelton Wiley (1877-1964) whom he married in 1911, are buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Harvey Wiley leaves quite a legacy. The Liberty ship S.S. Harvey W. Wiley was launched in 1943. The U.S. Post Office issued a 3-cent stamp in his honor on June 27, 1956. The Harvey W. Wiley Award is AOAC international's most prestigious scientific award, established in 1956 and presented annually. Wiley Hall at Purdue University is named in his behalf. He was honored by Hanover College, and he has a historic marker at his birthplace in Kent, Indiana. The FDA's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition is located in the Harvey W. Wiley Federal Building in College Park, MD, constructed in 2001 and named after Wiley in 2002.

The French government named him a Chevalier of the Order of the L'egion d'honneur in 1909. An honor established through the Chemistry Department at Purdue University is the Harvey Washington Wiley Distinguished Professor award. Dr. Dale W. Margerum was awarded this recognition in 1997.

Dr. Wiley's home at Somerset, Maryland, built in 1893, was listed on the National Historic Register in 2000.

An excellent book written about Dr. Wiley by Deborah Blum would be worthwhile reading. It is entitled The Poison Squad. There are many stories about Dr. Wiley. He was quite a character. He definitely helped provide food safety for all.



**Wiley Residence Hall, opened in 1958, is named after Dr. Wiley**

Photo courtesy of Purdue University News Service, photographer Rebecca Wilcox

cherry tomatoes that were the sweetest we could ask for. This was so thoughtful and I wish that we would have been slow enough for me to get your names.

Nursing wants to extend our thanks for the lift and for thinking of us. You are a legacy for our students. THANK YOU!

*Chris Rearick, MSN, RN, Nursing Center for Family Health, 496-0308*

## Smile Corner

By Sara Jane (Sally) Coffman



### Annual Family Christmas Holiday

I love the holidays, but holidays can be stressful. Whether your family comes to your house to celebrate, or you go to theirs, you have to change your routine and be more flexible.

I'm not good at either of those things.

On top of that, the weather can be a challenge. Oftentimes when I travel at Thanksgiving or Christmas, I break my neck to get to the airport only to find that my plane hasn't left its previous destination yet.

The waiting areas are packed with assorted couples, families, and kids who aren't any happier about the plane being delayed than I am.

On the plane, I'm invariably seated between a kid who's sneezing, trying to infest us all with the bubonic plague, and a person (I can't tell if it's a man or a woman) wrapped in a scarf and a stocking hat with a thermometer sticking out of his (or her) mouth.

The germs continue. When I arrive at my destination, I enter a house full of people with various forms of a cold or the flu. They're not carrying the strain of germs we have here in Lafayette that my body has some immunity to. These are brand- new strains of bacteria and viruses. Once, after returning home after visiting my family in Philadelphia, the doctor at Urgent Care said: "Where in the world have you been? You have a very unusual strain of the flu."

Then there are the sleeping arrangements. I'm either assigned to sleep in the unheated guest bedroom over the garage, a futon in the basement, or a couch that makes into a bed in the TV room.

The bed in the guest bedroom has the mattress that the hosts bought when they first got married. The futon has about the same comfort level and support of that mattress. The couch that opens up into a bed is a bit more comfortable, but the problem with it is that I have to stay up until two a.m. watching zombie movies with the teenagers.

When the teenagers finally retire to their beds, I open up the couch and make up my bed. Bruiser, the family's 120-pound dog, immediately jumps up, thinking I've made the bed up for him. Since he weighs more than I do, I'm in no position to move him off the bed, so we share.

At 5:00 a.m. the hosts get up to start the turkey. Since the TV room is right off the kitchen, I'm awakened to the sound of the hosts arguing about how to fix (and how long to cook) the turkey. My brother-in-law is in charge of the turkey, but my sister has a need to supervise him and make sure he's doing it right, even though he's successfully made the turkey their entire married life.

Then the day gets worse, especially if it's a holiday when gifts are exchanged.

I always end up getting a boatload of candles, which would be fine if I wasn't allergic to smoke and never use candles. Perhaps I'll appreciate them someday if the power ever goes off, but in the meantime, they're sitting on three shelves in my hall closet.

The worst part is having to act excited about receiving a candle.

Oh, look. A candle.

Last Christmas, when my cousin gave me a candle, she came over and sat next to me while I opened it. The candle had little decorations you could pin to the sides for various occasions and she went to great lengths to show me how it worked.

Oh, look. Little decorations I can pin to the sides.

As bad as candles are, they aren't as bad as the Christmas when my family gave me a vacuum cleaner and my sister a car.

After the painful opening of the presents, we eat. When there aren't enough seats in the dining room, I get to sit with the kids at the card table. Conversation? I try. But mostly they can't wait to get on their cell phones and talk with their friends.

In short, from Thanksgiving through New Year's I spend a lot of time in airports, sleeping on fold-out couches with St. Bernards, and trying to act excited about getting candles.

But they're my family.

I love them.

And starting around August, I'll be making my plane reservations for next year.

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## The Twelve Insects of Christmas

By Tom Turpin

Without traditional songs, the Christmas season wouldn't seem quite right. One such song is "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

The joyous song is filled with people – drummers and pipers, lords, ladies and maids. It also includes a whole flock of birds. There are swans, geese, hens, doves and, of course, a partridge in an unusual place – perched in a pear tree.

Instead of people and feathered creatures, the writer, lo those many years ago, could have chosen to include insects in the song.

For instance, cicadas. These insects make sounds by vibrating a taut membrane. That is precisely the method used by drummers.

No piper is more adept at creating sounds than the merriest musician of the insect world, the cricket.

Grasshoppers, known in many parts of the world as locusts, can out leap any old lord I know.

While some ladies can really cut the rug, the dance of the mayfly - for sheer intensity - is hard to beat. Maybe it's because mayflies literally dance their lives away. They only live for a day and dance all the while.

We all know that the job of milking cows fell to maidens in some societies. Amongst insects, some ants are also known for the habit of milking their cows – aphids.



Flies are as adept at flying as swans are at swimming.

Geese a-laying are not nearly as common as grubs in lawns, where these pests dig away.

With pesky insects, such as grubs, flies and aphids, a spray can might just be more appreciated than a golden ring.

Calling birds are one thing, but many moths also call as part of their search for a mate.

French hens are nice, but body lice can really give a person something to talk about!

Instead of turtle doves, we could substitute tortoise beetles. After all neither of these creatures are reptiles!

I've never seen a partridge in a pear tree, or any other tree for that matter, but there is an insect called a psyllid. One psyllid is so common in pear trees that it is known as a pear psyllid.

Let's see, with these changes the last verse of "The Twelve Days of Christmas" would go like this:

On the 12th day of Christmas my true love gave to me.  
12 cicadas drumming, 11 crickets chirping, 10 locusts leaping,  
9 mayflies dancing, 8 ants a-milking, 7 flies a-flying,  
6 grubs a-digging, 5 sprayer cans, 4 calling moths,  
3 body lice, 2 tortoise beetles and a psyllid in a pear tree!

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## "Tech Toys For The Holidays" Topic Of November PURA Meeting

For the fourth year, Scott Ksander reviewed new technology "toys" for possible holiday giving.

He began the presentation with the theme "friends don't let friends compute without backup," a reminder to back-up our devices. Possibilities include external drives; cloud back-up services such as Carbonite; The PhotoStick; turning on iCloud for your iPhone; using Amazon Photo, which is free if you're an Amazon Prime member; Google Drive; Microsoft OneDrive; or Dropbox. His first suggestion for the holidays? Give the gift of backup; an external drive or photo stick would be a great holiday present.

His other suggestions included:

- A drone. Drone X Pro 2019 has "follow me" mode and 10 minute fly-time.

- Giving a phone, to use as a primary camera as well. The photo quality is spectacular on the new phones, and is a lot less heavy/bulky than a standard 35 mm camera. Pricy, yes (\$999-\$1099), but could replace your \$5K Nikon.
- Alexa. The Echo family of products (Echo Show, Dot, Dot Kids Edition, etc.) The kids version filters what they can ask Alexa to do. Yes, Alexa is always listening, but depends on your preference settings. Amazon's working hard to earn your trust—their reputation is on the line.
- Wonder Coding Robot—kids learn to code sequence of movements. Not inexpensive, but good STEM learning.
- Snap Circuit Jr. Less ambitious. Kids learn basic electronic concepts.
- Beddi Glow SE – sunrise simulation. An alarm that increases light in your bedroom to awaken you.

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- Portable charger for smartphones – good idea if you are using the camera function a lot.
- Moxie 1 Showerhead speaker—keep singing in the shower, with a Bluetooth speaker that’s waterproof.
- Smart Mug – the mug sits in a charging coaster and holds temp for up to an hour.
- Hero Medication Dispenser – dispense and track up to 10 different meds. Approved by FDA. Mobile device reminders.
- Wi-Fi 6 is coming– for the latest in wi-fi routers. Provides faster connections, and more of them. iPhone 11 is the first popular thing that will support it. Netgear is the leader in this area.
- Kohler Sensafe faucet – faucet responds to voice commands and can do measured amounts.
- Voice-activated trashcan – tell it to open, or wave your hand to activate.
- Furbo dog camera and treat dispenser – stay connected

with your pet when you are away. Includes barking alert and 2-way audio.

- Wtfgadgets.com – X-rated gadgets...

For next year:

- Kohler Numi 2.0 Intelligent Toilet – coming 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, 2020. Lighting, heating, Alexa-connected. For a “personalized” experience, according to Kohler.

You may “Google” any of the above for further information.

**If you have ideas for topics Scott could cover in future newsletter articles, send your suggestions to Scott at [ksander@purdue.edu](mailto:ksander@purdue.edu).**



## Dec. 2019—Jan. 2020 Campus Calendar

### Academic/Holiday:

**Dec. 23 through Jan 1**—Winter recess, Christmas and New Year’s holidays. Campus offices are closed.

**Jan. 13, 2020**—Spring semester begins.

**Jan. 20, 2020**—Martin Luther King holiday. Campus offices are closed.

### Music: Free and open to the public, unless noted.

**Jan. 16-18—Purdue Jazz Festival.** 30th Anniversary. Concerts daily. The, and the Saturday evening finale concert—featuring the Purdue Jazz Band and guest artists Tia Fuller and Aubrey Logan—will be held in Elliott Hall of Music, allowing more people to attend. For concert schedule and ticket information visit: [purdue.edu/bands/events](http://purdue.edu/bands/events)

### Art: Free and open to the public.

Robert L. Ringel Gallery. STEW. Hours: 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Monday-Saturday (except holidays).

**Jan. 13—Feb. 15—Ministry of Truth: Art of the Propaganda Poster.** Artworks of varied approaches to influence the viewer; from Purdue Archives and Special Collections, the Tippecanoe County Historical Association and private collections.

Patti and Rusty Rueff Galleries, Pao Hall. Hours: 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday (except holidays, and closing at 5 p.m. on final day of an exhibition).

**Jan. 13-31. “Into a Study [Among the Gods]”** - Paul X. Rutz and Amanda Hampton Wray. Reception Jan. 30, 5:30 p.m.

### Athletics:

All sports schedules available at: <https://purduesports.com>. Click through to the Home page, then click on **Sports** at the top to see specific sports menu.

**Women’s Basketball:** Mackey Arena. *Tickets required.*

**Dec. 18**—vs. Western Kentucky, 12:00 noon.

**Dec. 21**—vs. Bowling Green, 10:00 noon.

**Dec. 31**—vs. Wisconsin, 4:00 p.m.

**Jan. 5**—vs. Rutgers, 12:00 noon.

**Jan. 16**—vs. Illinois, 7:00 p.m.

**Jan. 19**—vs. Minnesota, 2:00 p.m.

**Jan. 26**—vs. Penn State, 2:00 p.m.

**Feb. 3**—vs. Indiana, 6:00 p.m.

**Men’s Basketball:** Mackey Arena. *Tickets required.*

**Dec. 28**—vs. Central Michigan, 12:00 noon.

**Jan. 2**—vs. Minnesota, 7:00 p.m.

**Jan. 12**—vs. Michigan State, 12:00 noon or 3:30 p.m.

**Jan. 21**—vs. Illinois, 7:00 p.m.

**Jan. 24**—vs. Wisconsin, 7:00 p.m.

**Feb. 5**—vs. Iowa, 7:00 p.m.

**Women’s Tennis:** . Schwarz Tennis Center, Free and open to the public.

**Jan. 18**—vs. Xavier, 11:00 a.m.

—vs. Bowling Green, 3:00 p.m.

**Jan. 20**—vs. Miami (Ohio), 10:00 a.m.

—vs. Butler, 4:00 p.m.

**Feb. 7**—vs. Tennessee, 3:00 p.m.

**Feb. 9**—vs. Kentucky, 10:00 a.m.

**Feb. 14**—vs. DePaul, 3:00 p.m.

**Feb. 16**—vs. Tulsa, 2:00 p.m.

**Feb. 27**—vs. Ohio State, 5:00 p.m.

**Feb. 29**—vs. Oklahoma, 12:00 noon

**Men’s Tennis:** . Schwarz Tennis Center, Free and open to the public.

**Feb. 1**—vs. DePaul, 10:00 a.m.

—vs. Toledo, 6:00 p.m.

**Feb. 8**—vs. Chicago State, 10:00 a.m.

—vs. IUPUI, 6:00 p.m.

**Feb. 9**—vs. Florida, 1:00 p.m.

**Feb. 15**—vs. Marquette, 10:00 a.m.

—vs. Butler, 6:00 p.m.

**Feb. 22**—vs. Indiana, 10:00 a.m.

—vs. Valparaiso, 6:00 p.m.

**Women’s and Men’s Swimming & Diving:** Burke Aquatic Center.

**Jan. 10**—vs. Michigan State, 4:00 p.m.

**Big Ten Triple Duals**

Jan. 31—vs. Minnesota & Northwestern, 6:00 p.m.

Feb. 1—vs. Minnesota & Northwestern, 12:00 noon.

**Women’s and Men’s Indoor Track & Field:** Lambert Fieldhouse, spectators use West entrance.

**Jan. 10-11**—Gene Edmonds Open, time TBA. Free and open to the public.

**Wrestling:** . Brees Center, Holloway Gymnasium.

**Jan. 12**—vs. Iowa, 4:00 or 7:30 p.m. *Tickets required.*

**Jan. 31**—vs. Minnesota, 7:00 p.m.

**Feb. 2**—vs. Wisconsin, 4:00 p.m.

Athletic ticket information at:

[purduesports.com/tickets/pur-tickets.html](https://purduesports.com/tickets/pur-tickets.html)

## Mark Your Calendars! PURA Events

- 6 January, 2020 PURA monthly meeting**, MCL Cafeteria, 11:00 am.  
**Topic:** Lafayette's Underground Teays River  
**Speaker:** Kery Smith, Superintendent, Lafayette Water Works
- 3 February, 2020 PURA monthly meeting**, MCL Cafeteria, 11:00 am.  
**Topic:** Current Developments and Future Plans for Lafayette  
**Speaker:** Tony Roswarski, Mayor, City of Lafayette
- 2 March, 2020 PURA monthly meeting**, MCL Cafeteria, 11:00 a.m.  
**Topic:** Challenges of Delivering Effective Therapies to Mitigate Neurodegenerative Disorders (Dementia, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's)  
**Speaker:** Greg Knipp, Professor, Purdue College of Pharmacy
- 6 April, 2020 PURA monthly meeting**, MCL Cafeteria, 11:00 am.  
**Topic:** The Real State of the Economy  
**Speaker:** Charlene Sullivan, Professor, Krannert School of Management
- 22 April, 2020 PURA Purposeful Living In Retirement Conference.**  
 Beck Agricultural Center, U.S. 52, West Lafayette. Registration information coming in early March, 2020.
- 4 May, 2020 PURA monthly meeting**, MCL Cafeteria, 11:00 am.  
**Topic:** Long Range Weather Forecasting  
**Speaker:** Chad Evans, Chief Meteorologist, Channel 18



### 2019 Christmas at the Union: Tree and Gingerbread Competition

Residence Halls' gingerbread house competition entries, from left: Purdue house; house from the movie "Up"; Diagon Alley, from the Harry Potter movies; and below, 2-story house with treehouse.



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