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Indiana linebacker Reakwon Jones (7) celebrates with the Old Oaken Bucket Saturday following the Old Oaken Bucket football game against Purdue in West Lafayette. Indiana defeated Purdue 44-41 in double overtime. (Michael Conroy / Associated Press)

Find full coverage of IU's victory at Purdue in today's Sports section, page B1.

What's next for city's embattled farmers' market?

Decision on whether it remains public expected this month

By Emily Ernsberger
The Herald-Times

As the year comes to a close, so does a contentious Bloomington Community Farmers' Market season. Plans for the future following a season full of white supremacy concerns, protests, arrests and national media attention are expected to come out in upcoming weeks.

At a Nov. 18 meeting of the Farmers' Market Advisory Council, market coordinator Marcia Veldman said that while they understand the urgency of the situation, the parks department and the advisory council are unsure of the next steps for the market — which the city could either keep public or turn over to a private group.

Vendors will sign up for the upcoming season in February or March. The next advisory council meeting is set for 5:30 p.m. Dec. 9 in City Hall, two weeks earlier than it would normally be, in order to discuss plans for the 2020 market season.

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Land trust: 10,109 acres and counting

Sycamore's protected areas keep growing

By Carol Kugler
The Herald-Times

Success can be measured in many ways. For Sycamore Land Trust, a key milestone reached in November is surpassing having 10,000 acres under its stewardship across Indiana.

The Bloomington-based land trust now protects 10,109 acres, according to Abby Henkel, communications director.

"10,000 is only a number, but it represents an incredible amount of volunteer work over the past 29 years, moving stories of land donations from families, habitat recovery successes like Columbia Mine and Beanblossom Bottoms, and tens of thousands of people impacted by environmental education over the years," Henkel wrote.

The last acres that helped Sycamore Land Trust achieve the milestone included an anonymous donation from a couple of 188 acres in Owen County close to the land trust's Hoot Woods property that has an old-growth forest. While the new property doesn't have trees that old, it is forested. Like with the Hoot Woods land, Sycamore Land Trust doesn't plan to open the new property to the public, in part because the family that donated it retains the right to visit the land during their lifetimes.

"It was generous to commit the donation now," said John Lawrence, executive director of Sycamore Land Trust. "It was a really neat way to make sure than land was protected and allow these folks to enjoy the land the way they wanted."

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Arlington Heights honored

School gets a Title I Distinguished Schools Award

By Emily Cox
The Herald-Times

Arlington Heights Elementary School has received national recognition for helping its students overcome obstacles and improve their academic achievement.

The Indiana Department of Education announced last week that Arlington, a Monroe County Community School Corp. school, is a National Title I Distinguished School for Closing the Achievement Gap between Student Groups in a Title I school for the 2018-19 school year.

Title I schools are schools with high percentages of children from low-income families, according to the United

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Dancers leap into 'Nutcracker' roles

Cameron Pelton practices his role as the Nutcracker during a Nov. 14 rehearsal for Indiana University's annual production of "The Nutcracker," which opens Thursday at the Musical Arts Center. **On page A3 today, read about the male IU ballet majors and how they approach being role models for the young male dancers in the cast. In today's Attractions section starting on D1, read about this year's production and a few of its dancers.** (Rich Janzaruk / Herald-Times)

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States Department of Education. These schools receive federal funds "to help ensure that all children meet challenging state academic standards."

Schools eligible for the Closing the Achievement Gap category were chosen based on review of the following criteria, according to the IDOE: Student Achievement Data and School Letter Grade of A or B (2017-2018, 2018-2019), subgroup performance and/or growth (e.g. students with disabilities), Title I served school and poverty data of 35% or higher.

In the 2018-19 school year, Arlington Heights Elementary School had 315 students, with a school poverty level of 58%, according to an IDOE database. Students at the school are about 70% white, 3% Asian, 7% Hispanic, 9% multiracial and 11% black.

"I applaud the dedicated work of the students, educators, families, staff, and communities of William Henry Burkhart Elementary (a Perry Township school in Indianapolis) and Arlington Heights Elementary," said Dr. Jennifer McCormick, Indiana superintendent of public instruction, in a news release announcing the two Indiana schools that were so honored. "These schools represent the vision of working together on the behalf of students by creating environments whereby all children have the opportunity to succeed."

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Woods and creeks are part of the 92-acre Hays property in Harrison County that was recently acquired by Sycamore Land Trust, which previously had an easement on the land. (John Lawrence / Courtesy photo)

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Since Sycamore Land Trust owns the land, it allows staff and volunteers to "steward" the property now, Henkel explained. That stewardship can include habitat restoration, removal of invasive plants or whatever conservation plans are needed to maintain and encourage native plants and wildlife.

Another new land acquisition was 15 acres that was added to the Oxbow Preserve along Beanblossom Creek near the junction of Business Ind. 37 and I-69 north of Bloomington. Funds from the Bicentennial Nature Trust were matched with money from Sycamore Land Trust supporters and the Ropcham Foundation, which is a small family foundation.

The 15 acres will be added to the land in the Beanblossom Creek Bicentennial Conservation Area, which is one of five special conservation areas established in Indiana as part of the state's Bicentennial Nature Trust.

The third land acquisition was several months ago when 92 acres were added in Harrison County. The Hays family donated land after the death of their father, Sam Hays, who had already given the land trust a conservation easement on a nearby section of the land. One of the many volunteer efforts of the land trust included planting 30,000 hardwood trees on that property, Henkel said.

The land acquisitions are just one of the many ways the land trust can impact Hoosiers' lives, Henkel explained, adding that even youngsters can be affected through the land trust's environmental education programs. Those include hikes, programs at schools and planting native vegetation near schools.

The land trust is fortunate to have an environmental education director, Shane Gibson, who has worked with volunteers to help the younger generation learn about the importance of conservation, Henkel said.

"Getting them not to be afraid of the outdoors — of spiders and getting dirty — that's a huge thing," she said.

Henkel and Lawrence pondered the land trust's past 29 years, thinking ahead to its 30th year in 2020. Sycamore Land Trust is one of about 20 land trusts in Indiana and has protected more land than any other trust other than The Nature Conservancy. They noted volunteers have been the backbone of the land trust since it began and remain a huge part of its success. One of the most recent volunteer efforts was helping prepare and send mailings to 1,900 members.

"It's not always visible," Henkel said of the volunteers' efforts. But the results can be shared with all Hoosiers, through not only conserving land but also providing areas for people to visit so they, too, can connect with Indiana's natural environment.

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An aerial view of the Hoot Woods property in Owen County shows the tops of some of the old-growth forest. Sycamore Land Trust recently acquired an adjacent property. (John Lawrence / Courtesy photo)

The state endangered American bittern is one of the species found on land protected by Sycamore Land Trust. (Chris Fox / Courtesy photo)

More about Sycamore Land Trust

Sycamore Land Trust has its headquarters at Cedar Crest, 4898 E. Heritage Woods Road, Bloomington.

The land trust was founded in 1990. In 1993, it acquired its first parcel of 38 acres, Heritage Woods Preserve, down the road from Cedar Crest.

The first 100 acres was acquired in 1995 with the purchase of Touch the Earth Natural Area in Bartholomew County, thanks to an anonymous donation.

OTHER INTERESTING FACTS INCLUDE:

- 1,001: Households and businesses that are members.
- 1,050: Volunteer hours given so far in 2019.
- 35: Miles of trails in the land trust preserves.
- 1,591: Acres in the Beanblossom Creek Bicentennial Conservation Area.
- 1,050: Acres of the largest acquisition, which was Columbia Mine Preserve.
- 0.06: Smallest land acquisition in 1992-93 in Monroe County.
- 43: Acres in the first parcel at Beanblossom Creek, which was the Restle Natural Area donated by Barbara Restle in 1993.
- Hoot Woods has been named a national natural landmark.
- Endangered or threatened species seen on land protected by Sycamore Land Trust: Kirkland's snake (Beanblossom Bottoms), American bittern (Beanblossom Bottoms), Eastern hemlocks (Trevlac Bluffs Nature Preserve), bald cypress (Eagle Slough Natural Area), and northern bobwhite quail (Columbia Mine Preserve).