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Library looking to raise taxes for new building

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

More than 30 supporters and board members of the Loogootee Public Library attended the Martin County Council meeting Monday night, April 3 to talk about their plan to build a new library in the lot next to the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. Librarian Darla Wagler led the charge explaining to the council that they have simply outgrown their current space. The current library is 3,000 square feet and the new proposed building is 8,388 square feet and would also serve as a community center. The plans also include a partial basement. The estimated cost of building the new library would be \$1.3 million. The current library building was purchased in 2006 for \$150,000.

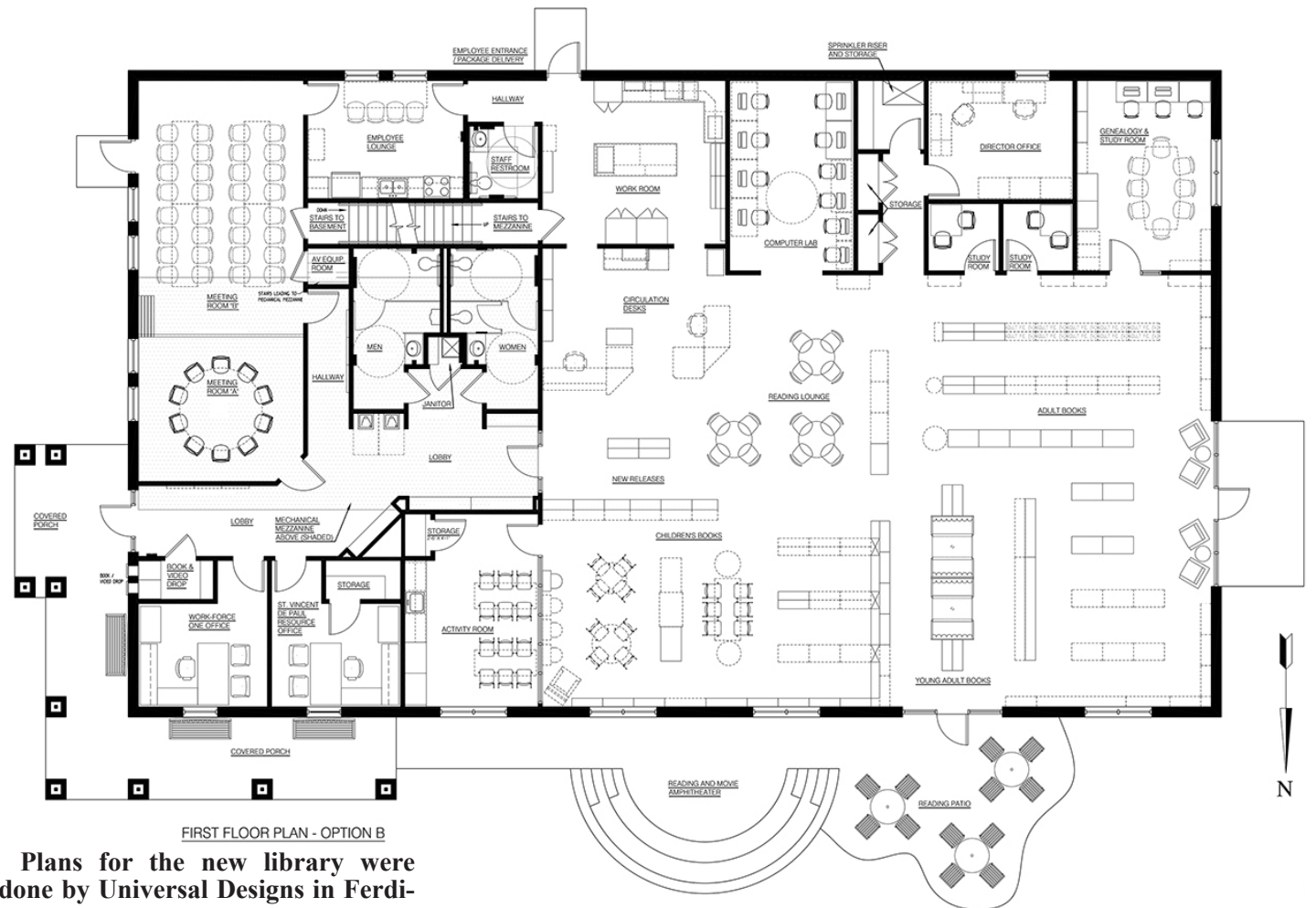
Wagler said that due to lack of space, they are unable to provide all the services needed in the community.

Ryan Fetters, with Umbaugh & Associates, then spoke to the council about the library taking out a bond. Using an average interest rate of 3.66 percent and a bond of \$1.3 million, with \$266,375 in interest, the impact on property tax payers would be 0.0771 cents per \$100 of assessed property value. A home with a market value of \$50,000 would pay an additional \$7.71 per year in taxes. A home valued at \$89,200 would pay an additional \$19.84 in property taxes. A home valued at \$150,000 would pay \$50.31 more per year in property taxes. An acre of farmland, with an estimated value of \$1,960, would pay \$1.51. Someone with 100 acres of farmland would pay an additional \$151.12 in property taxes. And for commercial or rental property, with a market value of \$100,000, the extra property tax would be \$77.10 a year. Taxes affected include anyone living in Perry Townships 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7; Rutherford and Crane.

The maximum annual payment would be \$160,653 for ten years.

The land for the proposed library has already been donated by St. Vincent de Paul and accepted by the library board. Martin County Commissioner Dan Gregory, who serves on the St. Vincent de Paul Board, spoke to the council about the need for the library and the importance of providing education to Martin County residents. He also noted that Martin County's tax rate is relatively low compared to other counties and he thinks it is a good project. He added that he would like to give the public time to provide input, however.

Council Member Buck Stiles asked Gregory that since he was speaking of the importance of education, what happened with the learning center? Gregory replied that the colleges and universities that were contracting with the learning center were the problem and did not promote the center well enough. He said people didn't go out to the learning center, on the fairgrounds, because it's not in the city or town and people have to drive there. He said it's still a work in progress and it didn't fulfill the vision they had early on but



Plans for the new library were done by Universal Designs in Ferdinand.

he didn't see it as a failure.

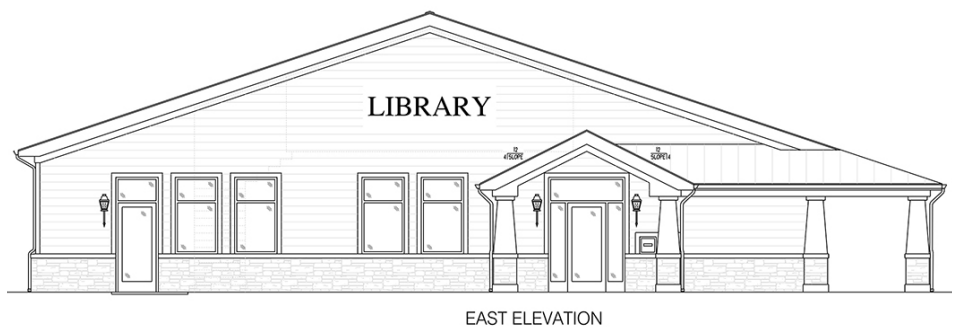
The 8,388-square-foot building would contain 1,800-square-foot of office space for Work One and St. Vincent de Paul. The two organizations would not be required to pay rent. Wagler said they would provide much-needed services to adult residents of Martin County by helping them find jobs, create resumes, and take classes. She said that they have people come to the library who have never touched a computer before and want to apply for jobs at Crane. They help the person upload resumes and navigate through the application process. She added that her staff helps these people when they could be devoting their time to other library programs and this is where Work One would be a big help.

Wagler told the council that the state put forth requirements for libraries in 2011 and they are required to have des-

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Provide feedback to the Martin County Council members by utilizing their contact information below.
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New business location -Photo by Josh Hughett

Jay Heninger, owner of IFix Screens and Things, held an open house at his new location at 122 Church Street in Loogootee, this past Saturday. Heninger will share space with Kerns Insurance. IFix will repair the cracked screens of iPods, cell phones, tablets, and other items. For pricing and more information, contact Jay at 812-486-5878.

LIBRARY

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ignated spaces for children's programs, adult programs and to spend their annual budget in certain ways, such as purchasing books, etc.

The library's budget last year was \$291,548.03. They spent \$190,393.87 and of that \$90,792.76 went to salaries, \$19,058.98 went to taxes and PERF for salaries, \$24,353.68 was spent on books and other media, and the remainder was spent on professional services, office supplies and expenses, insurance and utilities. The library had \$239,924.86 in their accounts at the end of 2016.

Wagler said that due to lack of space, they oftentimes have to turn people away. One example she gave was with their children's program. She said they may have 20 children register in advance for a program but 80 may show up and they can't hold that many. She said this causes their programs to decline because the children don't return due to lack of space and materials. She said they also have lawyers call occasionally wanting to do depositions in one of the library rooms and they have to turn them away as well. She noted that privacy was also an issue.

According to the data provided by Wagler, the library had 24,804 visitors last year or an average of 95 per day they were open (five days a week). The library had 5,356 people visit to use the computers for the internet last year, or an average of 20 per day during their open hours.

Pat Hale, the Library Board Pres-

ident, told the council that they had looked at adding on to the current building. She said the only place they could add on was the south side by the railroad tracks and the slope was very steep and there were issues there. In the end, she said, they could only increase the library by one-fourth and they decided that option would not work and was not cost efficient.

The library will also be applying for an OCRA (Office of Community and Rural Affairs) grant for \$500,000. The grant, if awarded, could not be used to pay for the bond, it would increase the spending on the library building to \$1.8 million. Rex Knight, with the Southern Indiana Development Commission, explained that the grant was highly competitive and requires an income survey to be completed. In order to apply for the next grant cycle, SIDC has to put in a proposal for the grant by July 1.

Council Member Barb McFeaters asked if there is any way the library could do the project in phases and not build it all at once. Wagler replied that due to applying for the grant, they would have to do the entire building at once.

The current library building appraisals for \$184,000 and Wagler said when they sell it, they can put that money toward the bond.

Stephanie McAtee said that the last time the library increased taxes to expand services, they had the support of the community. She said she thinks that says a lot.

The council tabled a decision so they could get feedback from residents. The

council meets again Monday, May 1 at 6 p.m. in the commissioners' meeting room of the courthouse.

The library will hold open sessions

on Saturday, April 8 from 9 a.m. to noon and Monday, April 10 from 6:30-8 p.m. for patrons to look over the building plans.

New rural Indiana stats website

BY BO BEAULIU
Purdue University News Service

A new valuable online data platform - Rural Indiana Stats - is now available to individuals, agencies and organizations in Indiana that want access to a unique mix of data on Indiana's 92 counties.

The website, a product of a partnership between the Purdue Center for Regional Development and the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, offers access to more than 80 county-level variables.

"Rural Indiana Stats is designed to showcase a core set of data items that rural local leaders believe are vital in guiding their community and economic development investments," says OCRA executive director Bill Konyha.

The major data products available on the Rural Indiana Stats website include:

- * County geographic typologies, such as the mix of geographic classifications available to determine the metropolitan/nonmetropolitan status and the economic distress features of counties in the state.
- * Housing characteristics, including the stock, age and cost of owner and rental-occupied housing.
- * Local government fiscal information, such as the nature and source of local government revenues and expenditures.

* Socioeconomic characteristics, including the population, economic, health and cultural attributes of Indiana's counties.

* Community vitality indicators, a mix of six metrics that OCRA is encouraging counties to use to track their socioeconomic progress over time.

"Rural Indiana Stats offers users important options that are not typically available on data sites," says Bo Beaulieu, the director for Purdue's regional development center. "These include the ability to compare information on two user-selected counties at the same time, the capacity to visualize data using the online mapping option, and the ability to export data and images for use in reports or other user-defined documents."

Konyha adds, "From the inception of the Rural Indiana Stats side, the PCRD/OCRA team has been driven by a desire to produce a site that is easy to use while powerful in its ability to showcase data that align with the information needs of local leaders and groups."

For more information about the Rural Indiana Stats site, visit <http://www.ruralindianastats.com>. Individuals are encouraged to contact the Purdue Center for Regional Development (pcrd@purdue.edu) if they have any questions about the online site or the timeline for future data updates.

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Wednesday, April 5, 2017

MARTHA WAGLER

Martha Wagler passed away at 9:10 p.m. Friday, March 31, 2017 at her home. A resident of Loogootee, she was 98.

She was born April 29, 1918 in Daviess County; daughter of the late Noah and Rebecca (Lengacher) Graber.

She married Fred D. Wagler on May 1, 1941 and he preceded her in death in 1985.

Martha was a member of the Berea Mennonite Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a grandson, Bradley Wagler; a great-grandson, Brandon Wagler; a daughter-in-law, Caroline Kay Wagler; a son-in-law, Elmer M Knepp; siblings, Nick, Bill,

Joe, Simon, Anna, Fannie, Mary, and Rebecca.

She is survived by her children, Ervin Wagler (Mary) of Plainville, Clara Yoder (Alva) of Elnora, Fannie Knepp, J. Elmer Wagler (Sylvia), Laura Swartzentruber (Don), Fred Wagler (Rita), Rudy Wagler, and Jeannie Guinn (Mike), all of Loogootee; brother-in-law, Willard Wagler; sister-in-law, Ida Mai Wagler; 22 grandchildren, nine step grandchildren, 56 great-grandchildren, and 3 step-great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 4 at Berea Mennonite Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Condolences may be made online at

www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

TAMRA HAMPTON

Tamra Hampton passed away in Evansville, Indiana on April 2, 2017 surrounded by family. A resident of Loogootee, she was 54.

She was born January 16, 1963 in Jasper; daughter of Gary and Carolyn (Street) Fox.

Tammy was a member of Local #32 GMP for 20 years. She enjoyed spending time with her friends, family, grandchildren, and her dog BoBo. She loved to cook big meals for her family on the holidays.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Carolyn Fox; and her grandson, Hunter Fox.

Tammy is survived by her husband, Tim Hampton of Loogootee;

her children, Dustin Fox (Trisha) of Loogootee, Megan Mountcastle of Indianapolis, and Anthony Hampton of California; her grandchildren, Gunner Fox and Alivia Fox of Loogootee; her father, Gary Fox of Loogootee; her siblings, Jeff Fox and Janet Fox of Loogootee; and her nephew, Travis Fox of Loogootee.

Visitation will be held Thursday April 6 from 4 until 8 p.m. at Blake Funeral Home.

A service will be conducted on Friday April 7 at 10 a.m. with Brandi Hennette officiating. Burial will follow at South Martin Cemetery in Rutherford Township.

Memorial Contributions can be made to the Martin County Humane Society.

Condolences may be made online at blakefuneralhomes.com.

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We will be taking requests from people to have the “Flush Out Hunger” commode placed in someone’s yard. The cost to place the commode will be \$10. The cost to have the commode removed from your yard \$10 – and you could forward it to someone else for an additional \$10. We are also offering “Potty Insurance” that can be purchased for \$20.

To make a request or for pick up, please call 296-6275 or 295-3049.

In addition to this fund raiser, on April 29 and 30 the LUMC Youth Group along with Orleans United Methodist Youth Group will be participating in a 30-hour famine at Camp Rivervale in Mitchell. This is an event of voluntary fasting for 30 hours to raise money and awareness for world hunger.

Thousands of teens across the US, Canada and several other countries (in-



cluding Hong Kong, Taiwan, Malaysia, UK, Singapore, and Australia and New Zealand) will be participating to raise money and then fast for 30 hours.

During this event, for 30 hours, participants will abstain from eating food, and instead drink water, fruit juices, or other liquids. Games, fundraisers, and other events will take place to help teach and educate the participants and others about world hunger all over the world. It is also a time for education and awareness of world hunger, and an understanding of how people go without food for long periods of time.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, MARCH 27

7:24 a.m. - Captain Dant assisted a motorist on US 50, east of Shoals.

7:47 a.m. - Received a report of debris in the roadway near Loogootee. Captain Dant responded and removed the rip rap from the roadway.

7:53 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:30 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on Hwy 150, east of Shoals. Sergeant Keller, Captain Dant, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. One subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:40 p.m. - Jail Commander Abel on station with one inmate from Clark County.

5:22 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:39 p.m. - Received a medical alarm call in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

7:25 a.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Shoals. Captain Dant and Chief Deputy Greene responded.

8:55 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

9:42 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check south of Loogootee. Captain Dant and Sergeant Keller responded. Martin County Ambulance was summoned and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:52 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:30 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took three inmates to court.

1:21 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took two inmates to court.

2:30 p.m. - Sergeant Keller took four inmates to court.

3:51 p.m. - Received a report of a break-in near Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

4:15 p.m. - Captain Dant took four inmates to court.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

10:47 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:18 p.m. - Received a report of threats and harassment in Crane. The sheriff's office is investigating the matter.

1:44 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

10:11 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

10:23 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense removed the tree.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

8:55 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took two inmates to court.

10:34 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took two inmates to court.

11:40 a.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to court.

12:16 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism and theft south of Shoals.

Major Burkhardt responded.

12:47 p.m. - Major Burkhardt took four inmates to court.

2:15 p.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

5:43 p.m. - Received a report of a missing person near Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

12:36 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd and Deputy Shinn responded. Everything was okay.

1:09 a.m. - Received a report of threats in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

10:00 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took three inmates to court.

10:50 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

11:00 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took two inmates to court.

11:35 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:25 p.m. - Major Burkhardt performed a vehicle identification check north of Loogootee.

5:31 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on SR 150, east of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded and checked the vehicle.

7:13 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver east of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

8:35 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee on US 231. ISP Trooper McBeth responded and checked the vehicle.

8:58 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:10 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled semi in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

11:37 p.m. - Received a report of a loud "boom" in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd and Deputy Shinn responded.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

5:04 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

10:50 a.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

11:21 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

12:20 p.m. - Jail Commander Abel on station with Melanie Stepanek for court.

2:28 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Fire, Loogootee Captain Hennette, and Major Burkhardt responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

4:28 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:49 p.m. - Received a fire alarm call near Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

8:50 p.m. - Received a report of a

domestic situation south of Loogootee. Deputy Shinn and Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.

9:20 p.m. - Received a report of fighting in Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

12:44 a.m. - Received a report of a fight and domestic disturbance in Crane. Deputy Reed and officers from Daviess County, Greene County, and the ISP responded.

1:46 p.m. - Received a request for

an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:54 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check east of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

5:19 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

7:35 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231 near Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

ARRESTS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

3:15 p.m. - Jill Lake, 41, of Loogootee, was arrested by Sergeant Keller on charges of maintaining a common nuisance, possession of marijuana, parole violation, and violation of home detention. Assisting with the arrest were Loogootee Captain Hennette, K9 Officer Roxy, and Captain Dant. She is being held without bond.

4:45 p.m. - Jacqueline Mattingly, 34, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with operating while intoxicated endangerment and operating while intoxicated with a controlled substance. She is being held without bond.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

4:26 p.m. - Brian Conley, 18, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper

Lents and charged with possession of meth and is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond.

9:25 p.m. - Christina Stinebaugh, 30, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Shinn for invasion of privacy. She is being held without bond. Major Burkhardt assisted with the arrest.

9:25 p.m. - Brad Zins, 28, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Shinn and charged with invasion of privacy and is being held on a \$20,000 10% bond.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

3:50 p.m. - Richard Morris, 57, of Indianapolis, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with operating while intoxicated endangerment, operating while intoxicated with controlled substance, and possession of marijuana. His bond has been set at \$25,000 10%.

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Executive Order

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS,** every day in Indiana, crime harms individuals of every age, race, religion, gender, and economic status; and
- WHEREAS,** these crimes hurt children, families, businesses, and communities; and
- WHEREAS,** early intervention both empowers victims and promotes recovery; and
- WHEREAS,** victim services professionals daily promote strength, resilience, and justice for victims; and
- WHEREAS,** public servants throughout this great state strive to provide excellent service to crime victims; and
- WHEREAS,** honoring victims' rights – including the right to be heard and to be treated fairly and with dignity – engenders trust in the criminal justice system and in social services;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eric J. Holcomb, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim the week of April 2-8, 2017 as

CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

In Testimony Whereof, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of State. Done at the City of Indianapolis, this 22nd day of March the year of our Lord 2017 and of the Independence of the United States 241.



BY THE GOVERNOR:

Eric J. Holcomb

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCING

March 23

Mindy Holt, convicted of resisting law enforcement, a Class 6 Felony and operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced on the first count to serve 2 years with 2 years suspended and 2 years of probation. Sentenced on the second count to serve 1 year with 1 year suspended and 1 year of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

March 23

Mindy Holt, resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

March 24

Crane Credit Union vs. Whitney Z. Bailey, civil collection.

Crane Credit Union vs. Ricky J. Bough and Ronetta Bough, civil collection.

Crane Credit Union vs. Frankie L. Miller, civil collection.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT New Suits Filed

March 23

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Kathleen Stempf, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Shannon Reinhart, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Heidi Melton, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Misty Kelsey, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Desiree C. Hair, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Larry D. Greene, Jr., complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Charles R. Chrisman, complaint.

March 24

Crane Credit Union vs. Jason D.

Schisel, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Julia A. Beaty, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Thomas F. Cox, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Demetrius T. May, complaint.

March 27

Personal Finance Company, LLC vs. Randall S. Blackwell, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

March 29

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Mary A. Lacher in the amount of \$801.32.

Real estate transfers

Jonathan Wesley Haulk and Cindi Kae Haulk, of Martin County, Indiana to **Antony G. Patton and Kimberly K. Patton**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 3, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 6.04 acres, more or less.

Jammie L. Quick, of Martin County, Indiana to **Kyla Quick**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: Lots Numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 in Block Number 5 in the Town of Burns City, Indiana. Tract II: A tract of land situated in Section 31 and 32, Township 5 North, Range 4 West. More commonly known as 22383 Third Rd, Loogootee IN 47553.

Carlton Courtright, of Martin County, Indiana to **Misty C. Davis**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 31, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, Center Township, containing 0.49 acres, more or less.

Stewart Blake and Charles Lyon, of Martin County, Indiana to **Alan Toy and Jill Toy**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2.538 acres, more or less.

William D. Dickey and Judy A. Dickey, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jerald E. Ervin**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 34 in the Town of Shoals, Martin County, Indiana.

Robert L. Bratton and Pamela R. Bratton, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jonathan W. Haulk and Cindi K. Haulk**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the west half of the northeast quarter of Section 2, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, containing 17.63 acres, after exceptions.

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Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, MARCH 20

11:30 a.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

12:30 p.m. - Caller reported harassing phone calls.

3:00 p.m. - Caller reported threatening messages.

9:17 p.m. - Caller reported a semi with a leaky load. Sgt. Norris located the vehicle.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

12:11 p.m. - Caller requested a golf cart inspection.

6:30 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on Main Street. Charges were filed. Autumn Roberts was arrested on a Daviess County warrant. Captain Hennette was the arresting officer.

6:52 p.m. - Male came on station requesting to speak with an officer regarding a child custody issue.

6:59 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody matter.

9:15 p.m. - Caller reported her neighbor's dog attacked her dog. The dog owner was cited for a leash law violation.

9:42 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

10:10 a.m. - Caller reported a broken-down vehicle on JFK Avenue.

7:45 p.m. - Caller reported a missing person who resides in Daviess County.

7:46 p.m. - First responders were requested on SW 2nd Street for a medical call.

8:10 p.m. - Officer Floyd responded to a business alarm.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

4:12 a.m. - First responders were requested on Dover Hill Road for a medical call.

2:30 p.m. - Caller requested a security check at a local business.

4:28 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted the county with a domestic dispute in Belgrade.

7:11 p.m. - Caller reported two juveniles throwing rocks at an abandoned home.

10:14 p.m. - Caller requested extra patrol.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

9:05 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a child.

11:50 a.m. - Caller reported two semis blocking the road on Hwy 50.

2:10 p.m. - Caller reported backing into a street sign.

7:07 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from Chuckles.

10:24 p.m. - First responders were requested on Ackerman Drive for a medical call.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

2:06 p.m. - Caller reported a male is making threats towards him regarding a child.

2:15 p.m. - Caller reported subjects harassing a female.

6:15 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

8:30 p.m. - Caller reported a controlled burn.

10:04 p.m. - Caller reported damage to his vehicle.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

11:00 p.m. - County reported a 911 hang-up on Sycamore Street.

2:20 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

6:35 p.m. - Received a report of a speeding vehicle on Hwy 50.

MONDAY, MARCH 27

12:20 a.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted the

county with a traffic stop.

8:30 a.m. - Caller reported reckless vehicle on US 231.

5:57 p.m. - Caller reported kids riding a four-wheeler recklessly in Sunset Trailer Court.

9:21 p.m. - Caller requested extra patrol.

10:46 p.m. - Officer Floyd responded to a medical alarm on North Line Street.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

9:52 a.m. - First responders were requested to Cooper Street for a medical call.

11:15 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

6:55 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody issue.

9:15 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

6:30 a.m. - Caller reported finding a lost wallet.

4:57 p.m. - Caller requested to speak with an officer regarding harassment.

8:05 p.m. - Female came on station to retrieve a firearm.

9:13 p.m. - Caller reported an intoxicated male on Cedar Street.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

1:23 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a residential alarm.

4:00 p.m. - Caller reported a safety concern on North Line Street.

5:05 p.m. - Caller reported a leash law violation. Officer Floyd spoke with the owner.

10:15 p.m. - Officer Floyd responded to a business alarm.

11:35 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

9:10 a.m. - Caller reported property damage.

3:15 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

6:25 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious persons on Broadway Street.

7:20 p.m. - Received a report of an illegal burn on North Line Street.

7:45 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody issue.

8:13 p.m. - Caller reported a dispute on Grant Street.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

2:28 p.m. - First responders were requested on Dewey Street for a medical call.

4:14 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious male at the Chuckles station.

9:04 p.m. - Caller reported a dispute at Bowling Trailer Court.

9:30 p.m. - Caller reported a possible theft.

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

7:31 a.m. - Caller reported harassing phone calls.

12:15 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on Hwy 50.

4:15 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

10:35 p.m. - Caller reported a possible violation of a protective order.

Accident reports

MONDAY, MARCH 20

12:10 a.m. - Kent M. Chezem, of Loogootee, was operating a 2009 Chevy in the Subway parking lot. At this time, Chezem backed into a 2017 Chevy owned by Carl S. Sanders, of Shoals. Chief Rayhill investigated.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

11:16 a.m. - Katina L. Clifton, of Loogootee, was operating a 2013 Dodge in the Wendy's drive thru when she struck the rear of a 2002 Ford operated by James R. Taylor, of Loogootee. Captain Hennette investigated.

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More Neat Stuff

By Ann Ackerman



There are many types of humor, and I like puns about as well as any other. Over the past few weeks, I have been sent many examples that I would like to share with you. Hope you enjoy them as much as I have.

PUNS:

1. A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.
2. Dijon vu – the same mustard as before.
3. Practice safe eating – always use condiments.
4. Shotgun wedding – a case of wife or death.
5. A hangover is the wrath of grapes.
6. Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?
7. Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.
8. When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.
9. A bicycle can't stand on its own because it's two tired.
10. What is the definition of a will? It's a dead giveaway.
11. She was engaged to a boyfriend with a wooden leg but broke it off.
12. A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
13. If you don't pay your exorcist, you get repossessed.
14. With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.
15. The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.
16. You feel stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.
17. Every calendar's days are numbered.
18. A lot of money is tainted. Taint yours and taint mine.
19. A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.
20. He had a photographic memory that was never developed.
21. Once you've seen one shopping center, you've seen a mall.
22. Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.
23. Santa's helpers are subordinate clause.
24. Acupuncture is a jab well done.

Although I was raised in the city of Loogootee, I still consider myself a farm kid because I worked on a crop/cattle/horse farm for over 40 years. When my friends June and Jerry sent me this I just had to share.

YOU MIGHT BE A FARM KID IF:

1. You have ever combined pajamas and rubber boots to do midnight calf checks.
2. Manure is a dinner table topic.
3. You agree that the 5-gallon bucket is one of the greatest devices ever invented.
4. You think the smell of corn silage is one of the best smells in the world.
5. You've ever gotten an award for fat (and been proud of it).
6. Your idea of neighborhood watch is someone calling you to let to know your heifers are out.
7. Your family instantly becomes silent when the weather comes on the news.

THINGS TO PONDER:

1. Every day when you wake up, you have a choice. You can choose to be negative or positive. Simple as that.
2. Judge me when you are perfect.
3. Life is short: Take the trip. Buy the

shoes. Eat the cake.

4. Some people's idea of free speech is that they are free to say what they like, but if anyone says anything back, that is an outrage. -Sir Winston Churchill

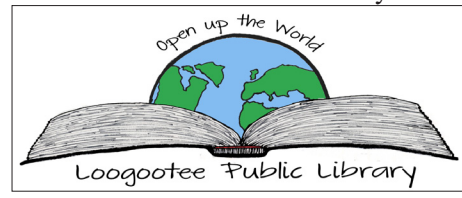
5. It's so nice when toxic people stop talking to you. It's like the trash took itself out.

6. If it's not yours, don't take it. If it's not true, don't say it. If it's not right, don't do it.

7. Educators are the only people who lose sleep over other people's children.

8. Some of your GREATEST hurt will come from people you helped.

Make someone smile today!



BY DARLA WAGLER
Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

FOLL (Friends of the Loogootee Library) Book Sale will be Saturday May 8 from 9-12. The rain date will be on Saturday, May 22 from 9-12. There will be several gently used hardbacks, movies, audio CDs, children's books and magazines.

What is a good value in terms of investing into the community? Do you invest in buildings, people, education or a combination of all three? I read recently where many local customers were very upset with the condition of the Dollar General Store because of merchandise blocking the aisles and not being able to reach merchandise that was on the top shelves. Many have complained to the employees and they are aware there is a situation but they can't control what the corporation does. Recently, we have learned that they are building a new store next to Wendys. We are experiencing a similar situation where patrons are commenting that we need more space for programs, books and meeting rooms. We are getting complaints that there is not enough parking or the computers are always in use. We are not a corporation governed by shareholders however we are a public library with an appointed library board made up of members of the community. The same community where they pay taxes, patronize local businesses, and attend church with friends, family and other community members. These dedicated individuals give countless hours to provide you with a library that is making a difference in the community.

New Books:

Mystery: "Miss Julia Weathers the Storm" by Ann B. Ross and "Ally by Myself, Alone" by Mary Higgins Clark.

Fiction: "Red Clover Inn" by Carla Neggers, "The Son" by Phillip Meyer, and "The Last Chance Olive Ranch" by Susan Wittig Albert.

Inspirational Fiction: "Deep Extraction" by Diann Mills, "To the Farthest Shore" by Elizabeth Camden, "Upon a Spring Breeze" by Kelly Irvin, "Miramar Bay" by Davis Bunn, "The Ebb Tide" by Beverly Lewis, and "Sandpiper Cove" by Irene Hannon.

NEW DVDs: "Fantastic Beasts" and "Passengers".

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Executive meeting

The Martin County Commissioners and Martin County Council will meet in executive session on Wednesday, April 5 at 5 p.m. in the commissioners' meeting room of the courthouse. The purpose of the executive session to be conducted under the terms of I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(5) is as follows: To receive information about and interview prospective employees. The meeting is closed to the public.

Relay Bingo for Bags

Relay for Life Bingo for Bags, sponsored by Sutton's Renegades, will be held Friday April 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the VFW in Loogootee. The cost is a \$10 donation to play.

Democratic Party meeting

The Martin County Democratic Party will hold a reorganization caucus meeting on Saturday April 8 at 10 a.m. in at the Loogootee City Hall. The meeting will be led by the Eighth Congressional District Chair Joanie Kanizer. Everyone is invited to attend.

Burns City Cemetery meeting

The annual Burns City Cemetery Meeting will be held at the Burns City Methodist Church on Monday, April 10 at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in attending is welcome. Also, mowing will be starting so any decorations on the ground will have to be removed.

Chamber of Commerce meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce will meet Wednesday, April 19 at noon at Pizza Junction. Anyone interested in working with the chamber is encouraged to attend.

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.

AL-ANON meetings

AL-ANON, a support group for those impacted by substance abuse, meets every Thursday at 8 p.m. at Loogootee Redemption Church.

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

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cated 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.

Relay for Life 2017 Survivor Celebration

Big changes have happened for Daviess and Martin Relay for Life events. If you haven't heard, they are one event now. The Daviess/Martin County Relay for Life is set for Saturday, June 10 at Eastside Park in Washington.

Even though there are changes, the most important part of Relay is still a focus on survivors. Organizers are going to start the celebration in May with a Survivor dinner celebrating their heroes, which is what Relay is all about. It will be held on Wednesday, May 10 at the Martin County Community Building at 6:30 p.m.

The celebration continues the day of the event on June 10. Opening ceremonies starts at 11 a.m. at Eastside Park. Relay organizers ask all survivors to come forward at opening to walk a special lap that is dedicated to them and their fight. Survivors will be invited to come to a special lunch for them in the park community building.

Organizers need your help, if you are a cancer survivor (or know someone who is) and would like to participate in the celebration, call Leslie Doyle at 812-296-7152 or Terri Resler at 812-295-6524 (leave a message if they don't answer). They have list from past years and invitations will be sent to those on the list, but if you have never attended and would like to participate, give Leslie and Terri a call.

The theme this year is "We Are United" and will come together from two communities to join in the fight against cancer.

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Making A Difference
MARTIN COUNTY
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By Curt Johnson
MCCF Executive Director



-- GOALS --

A few weeks ago, I talked about goals and how they should be SMART (Specific/Significant, Measureable, Attainable, Realistic, Timely). But setting a goal that has those characteristics is only the first step. You have to know how you're going to reach it. You have to think about a roadmap to get from point A to point B, which may have several steps in between.

-- PLANS --

But we're not talking about something as simple as a roadmap, although the idea is the same. We're talking about setting up detailed information and plans; you need to know the "who, what, where, when, how, and why". You need to know who you are going to need, what you need to know, where you're going, when things need to happen, how you're getting there, and why.

-- WHERE ARE THEY --

In our community foundation world of philanthropy and charitable giving, there are a lot of things to consider with a giving plan. I try to address these topics in my columns, but there is so much more information that is available. To help with this, I've put together an "online library" of documents that cover a wide variety of these topics, as well as guides and tools to help you plan.

-- ONLINE LIBRARY --

The online library has sections (aka "folders") for past MCCF Newsletters, all of these MCCF newspaper columns, and Resource Documents. The Resource Documents folder is where you'll find planning guides and information to help you meet your charitable giving plan.

To give you an idea of the breadth of available information, I'm just going to name each of the subfolders and their documents, along with a couple words of description for some. Note that at the top of every online subfolder is a "CONTENTS" file that contains a short paragraph about each document in that topic area.

-- ESTATE PLANNING --

- Estate Planning (Taxation and why to plan)

- Estate Planning Today (personal objectives)

-- OTHER GIFT PLANS --

- Making a Difference (types of gifts for all levels of income)

- Tax Planning, Tax Laws, and Charitable Giving

- Gifts of Life Insurance

- Gifts of Property

- Gifts of Real Estate

- Gifts of Stock

- Revocable Gifts (can be changed)

-- RETIREMENT & PERSONAL PLANNING --

- The IRA Charitable Rollover: A Simple & Smart Way to Give

- Personal Financial Affairs: Your Book of Records (write down what you've got, where it is, what you need)

- Gift Planning Quick Guide

-- WILLS & BEQUESTS --

- Planning Your Will (key elements)

- Steps to an Effective Will or Living Trust (shaping your legacy)

- Six Steps to an Effective Will (basic steps to make the most)

- A Gift in Your Will: How to Meet Your Charitable Goals

- Flexible Giving and Your Will

- Bequests: Frequently Asked Questions

-- GETTING ACCESS --

You can access these documents by clicking on a link provided in an email (let me know if you'd like one), on the MCCF Facebook page, or on the MCCF webpage under "News & Events" and clicking the "MCCF Guides, Booklets, and other Documents" link.

-- 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 webpage 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.

4-H NEWS

By Stacy Brown
Martin County Purdue
Extension Educator



EASTER EGG HUNT APRIL 9

The Martin County 4H Junior Leaders will host their annual Easter Egg hunt on Sunday, April 9 at 2 p.m. The event will take place at the Martin County Fairgrounds. Age groups for the hunt are 0-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, and 9-10. Each age group will have one golden egg. The lucky hunter that finds the golden egg wins a special prize. The egg hunt is free and fun. Please bring your own basket.

Performing Arts Contest

The Martin County 4H Performing Arts contest will be held on May 1, 2017 in the Community Building. Any current 4H member, including mini's, are welcome to participate. Just prepare a skit, speech, musical number, dance number, or any other talent you have and present it that evening. The event will be judged and the winners in each category moving on to the Area III contest on May 6. The categories are musical, non-musical, and group.

4-H Camp

This year's 4-H Camp will be June 12-14. Any 4-Her grades 3-8 are welcome. Applications have been sent out through the mail. You are also able to pick one up at the Extension Office. This year's theme is game boards. This is a great opportunity to meet new people from different counties, learn new things, and have lots of fun! Applications are accepted on a first come first served basis.

Club Meetings

Jolly Juniors—Tuesday, April 4; Thursday, April 20; Tuesday, May

2; Thursday, May 18; Tuesday, June 6; Thursday, June 22; Thursday, and Thursday, June 29 all at 6 p.m. at True-love Church.

Jolly Jug Rox—Monday, April 10; Monday, April 24; Tuesday, May 2; Monday, May 22; Thursday, June 6 and Monday, June 19. The last meeting will be Thursday, July 6. All meetings are at the Hindostan Church from 6-7 p.m. Please mark your calendars and see you at the meetings.

Shooting Sports—Shooting Sports is becoming its own club. Please join us for meetings every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Martin County Community Building starting January 9.

Horse and Pony--

Monday, April 3, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at Martin County Community Building
Robotics—Every Monday at 5 p.m. through April 15.

Upcoming Events

Livestock weigh-ins

Sheep & Goat: May 6, 2017, 9-11 a.m.

Swine: May 13, 2017, 9-11 a.m.

Poultry: June 17, 2017, 9-11 a.m.

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.

Radius Indiana closes out first regional economic development course

Radius Indiana concluded its inaugural economic development course at French Lick Resort last Thursday afternoon, wrapping up three days of education, networking and skills building for community leaders from across Southern Indiana.

The Radius Indiana Economic Development for Community Leadership Program is the first course of its kind to be offered in the area. More than 40 people representing 14 Indiana counties gathered to hear from national and regional speakers teaching educational sessions on topics such as real estate development, business attraction, workforce, marketing, business finance and incentives, and entrepreneurship.

"Radius Indiana's vision is to help communities grow strong, working groups of local leaders versed in economic development who can affect policies and strategies for intentional business growth and skills-driven workforce development," said Radius Indiana President and CEO Jeff Quyle. "This first program has exceeded my expectations not only in number of participants, but in how engaged and enthusiastic our leaders are to put their new knowledge to work in their counties."

The course's registrants included mayors, council members, county commissioners, chamber of commerce leaders, tourism directors, economic development professionals and congressional staffers.

"Our county is in the process of reorganizing our economic development and redevelopment organizations and

this program came at a perfect time for us. The classes have given me some new approaches to take back to share with my colleagues," said Crawford County Commissioner Morton Dale. "I am especially excited to see this type of conference with this caliber of speakers offered right here in our region in Southern Indiana."

Chad Sweeney of Fishers-based site selection firm Ginovus was one of the 15 speakers at the conference. Sweeney spoke to the group about business attraction and marketing to site selectors.

"It was great to be a part of this first economic development program from Radius," said Sweeney. "These events are key to helping communities understand what companies are looking for during an expansion or relocation project. Those attending the program now have new tools and tactics to strengthen the way their respective cities and towns respond to economic opportunities, and those first impressions can make a big impact during the site selection process," said Sweeney.

Other sessions and speakers included Introduction to Economic Development with Jim Plump, Jackson County Industrial Development Corporation; Real Estate/Site Development with Chelsey Manns, Manns Consulting; Business Retention and Expansion with Jason Hester, Greater Columbus Economic Development Corporation; Abatement/TIF/Incentives with Matt Eckerle, Umbaugh and Associates; and Entrepreneurship with Steve Bryant, Ivy Tech.



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When I return home after visiting a garden, I always love to look around and see what has been happening at Sandhill Gardens while I have been away. This time, there are signs of new life everywhere. The spring progression of shrubs and perennials is one of the most exciting times of the year for gardeners.

The forsythia shrubs, usually one of the first to bloom, seem to have been interrupted with the up and down temperatures in early March. I do not believe that the blooms were as heavy as in most years. The periods of extreme cold may have resulted in the loss of some buds. Still, it is hard to imagine springs without the cheery, yellow blooms. As the bloom time winds down, I plan to dig up some new starts that resulted from layering some branches last year. I want to plant them in an area bordering the woods to create a flowering border. It is also time to trim back overgrown forsythias. While I personally prefer to let most shrubs grow in their normal growth habit, sometimes it is necessary to trim back some bushes to keep them under control. Doing so now, right after flowering, will give the plants plenty of time to put on new growth, where the flowers for next year will be forming.

My grandmother's bridal wreath spirea is another shrub that blooms early in the spring. Like the forsythias, I do not think that the blooms on the old-fashioned variety were as heavy as usual. However, it has appeared like a big ball of white beads along my driveway. Over the years, it has become larger than I prefer for the space, so will I plan to cut it back severely as soon as the blooms have faded. I had planned to do so last year, but some birds had built nests among the branch clusters, so I did not do so. I am purposefully going by and shaking the shrub to discourage it as a nesting site this year.

Another shrub that needs some post-bloom trimming this year is the flowering quince, which has grown on the bank by the county road for nearly a

century. Like other woody shrubs, the buds for next year are set soon after this year's blooms fade, so it is important to do the trimming within three weeks after the blooms fade. The bushes on the bank are the old cherry-red blooms, but last year, I purchased a deeper red cultivar and a cultivar that has white blooms with a soft pink blush. A friend has a quince with apricot-colored blooms and I hope to get a start this spring. Now I need to figure out where to put it. Actually, that will not be a great problem. I have been planting a lot more shrubs to make the back part of the gardens a little easier to manage. Shrubs are less labor-intensive than flower beds, so when one has a lot of space to fill, shrubs are a good choice.

The spring perennials have come along well in the past couple of weeks. The English primroses have sent up blossoms in a rainbow of colors. While the first flush of blooms is the greatest of the year, the primroses are very hard-working plants that will continue to bloom for months. They may slow down in the heat of summer, but usually respond to the cooler weather of fall with another round of blossoms. I also enjoy the blooms on the epimediums. They are a little less showy, but they add some whimsy to the garden. Even if they did not bloom, the mounds of heart-shaped leaves with fringes of red would make epimediums worth growing. Another spring bloomer with tiny flowers is the brunnera. Different varieties have leaves that are variegated in interesting patterns, so they also are grown mostly for their foliage. However, I look forward to the tiny blue blooms, which are one of the few true blue blooms in the garden.

Nothing brightens up the shade garden more than bright yellow flowers and the woods poppies are attention to the shady parts if the yard. These native beauties will colonize an area in a few years, so they are not a good choice for a formal bed, but in a wooded area, they may be just the ticket to add some spring interest.

Black bear awake after hibernation

Black bears (*Ursus americanus*) were historically abundant across Indiana, excluding the northwest portions of the state dominated by prairie. Unregulated hunting and habitat loss caused black bears to be extirpated from Indiana and much of the Midwest by 1850. Before 2015, when a black bear entered the state at the Michigan border, the last confirmed report of a black bear in Indiana was in 1871.

In June 2015, wildlife biologists with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources verified the presence of a black bear in St. Joseph County. The bear was believed to be a young male. It spent most of the next five months in Indiana and was last reported in the state on October 13, 2015.

In March 2016, the bear emerged from its winter den in Michigan and, unfortunately, exhibited habituated behaviors, including a loss of fear of humans. Based on the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' (MI DNR) "Problem Bear Management Guidelines," such behaviors are considered

a threat to public safety. Consequently, the MI DNR trapped and humanely euthanized the bear on April 9, 2016.

In July 2016, a black bear was confirmed in southern Indiana in Harrison, Washington and Clark counties.

The black bear has recently been spotted near Butlerville in Jennings County after waking from hibernation.

How to report a large mammal sighting in Indiana:

If you would like to report a sighting, use our online large mammal report form at www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/8497.htm. The Indiana Division of Fish & Wildlife occasionally receives reports of large mammals such as mountain lions, gray wolves and black bears. There are no breeding populations of these species in Indiana. However, individuals may pass through Indiana from established populations in other states.

Report bear sightings to the Indiana Division of Fish & Wildlife at (812) 334-1137, through email at dfw@dnr.IN.gov, or online.

New fishing license year began on April 1

The DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife reminds Indiana anglers that last year's fishing licenses have expired and that they are encouraged to report their big catches this year. Indiana fishing licenses are valid from April 1 through March 31 of the following year, so a 2017 license was required beginning this past Saturday.

With a few exceptions, a valid fishing license issued by the DNR is needed to fish in public lakes, streams, rivers or tributaries in Indiana or its boundary waters. Children younger than 18 and adults born before April 1, 1943 are not required to have a license to fish.

An annual fishing license costs \$17 for Indiana residents and \$35 for non-residents. Indiana residents who are at least 64 years old and born after March 31, 1943 are eligible to buy a Senior Annual (\$3) or Senior Fish for Life (\$17) license.

Licenses can be purchased online at INHuntFish.com, in person at more than 525 retailers statewide, or by calling the DNR Customer Service Center at (317) 232-4200 during normal business hours.

With a license in hand, consider reporting your big catch to DNR Fish & Wildlife's Fish of the Year program, which rewards anglers for the biggest fish, measured in inches.

Twenty-five anglers were honored in 2016, including Jeff Armstrong of Wheatfield, who submitted five winning catches. Close to half of the 2016 winners were the only entry for that species, so don't hold back if you catch a nice fish in 2017.

The 2016 Fish of the Year winners, their size, and where the fish were caught are:

- Blue catfish: 50 inches, Shawn M. Harris, Ohio River (Ohio County)
- Bluegill: 11 inches, Jeff Armstrong, Lake Maxinkuckee (Marshall), and Dennis Thompson, Krueger Lake (Jefferson)
- Bowfin: 32.5 inches, Mark Holbrook, Tippecanoe River (Pulaski)
- Buffalo: 38.3 inches, Brian Waldman, Cagles Mill Lake (Owen, Putnam)
- Bullhead: 16 inches, Paul Weber, private pond (Lake County)
- Channel catfish: 42 inches, Nicholas R. Staigl, Lake McCoy (Decatur)
- Cisco: 15.3 inches, Robert Ecenbarger, Little Crooked Lake, (Whitley)
- Common carp: 32.5 inches, Jeff Armstrong, Bass Lake (Starke)
- Crappie: 18.3 inches, Mike Pasini, private lake (Johnson)
- Flathead catfish: 50 inches, Jason Metz, Eel River (Clay)

- Freshwater drum: 26.5 inches, Sheena Donald, Ohio River (Switzerland)
 - Green sunfish: 11 inches, Luke Tinchler, private pond (Orange)
 - Hybrid striped bass: 30 inches, Hao Wu, Tippecanoe River (Carroll)
 - Largemouth bass: 29 inches, Greg Burchett, private lake (Ripley)
 - Longnose gar: 43.3 inches, Tristan Mobley, Wabash River (Gibson)
 - Northern pike: 42.5 inches, Robert L. Kelley, Marsh Lake (Steuben)
 - Rainbow trout: 20 inches, Larry A. Sheets, Olin Lake (LaGrange)
 - Redear sunfish: 12 inches, William Endorf, Midland Lake (Greene)
 - Rock bass: 11.8 inches, Jeff Armstrong, Lake Maxinkuckee (Marshall)
 - Sauger: 23.5 inches, Jeff Armstrong, Tippecanoe River (Marshall)
 - Shortnose gar: 28.3 inches, Johnathon Marshall, Wabash River (Parke)
 - Smallmouth bass: 20.5 inches, Steven O. Williams, Tippecanoe River (White)
 - Spotted gar: 24.3 inches, Mark Losee, Simonton Lake (Elkhart)
 - Steelhead: 38.1 inches, Tristan Weaver, Trail Creek (LaPorte)
 - Striped bass: 40.3 inches, Kody Neece, Hardy Lake (Scott)
 - Sucker: 25 inches, Joseph Bickel, Wabash River (Huntington)
 - Walleye: 27.5 inches, Mark Holbrook, Tippecanoe River (Pulaski)
 - Warmouth: 9.5 inches, Mark Losee, Simonton Lake (Elkhart)
 - White bass: 19.5 inches, Jeff Armstrong, Lake Maxinkuckee (Marshall)
 - White catfish: 28 inches, Shawn M. Harris, Bischoff Reservoir (Ripley)
 - Yellow bass: 11 inches, Kody Neece, Hardy Lake (Scott)
 - Yellow perch: 14.5 inches, Sullivan Hubert, Lake of the Woods (Marshall)
- If you think you've caught a possible winner:
- Measure the length of the fish
 - Have at least one person who is not a relative witness the measurement
 - Take one or more photos of the fish, preferably of you holding the fish
 - Visit wildlife.IN.gov/3577.htm for an entry form
 - Complete the entry form, including witness name and contact information, a copy of your fishing license (if required), and send it to Record Fish Program, Division of Fish & Wildlife, 402 W. Washington St., Room W273, Indianapolis, IN, 46204, or submit by email to recordfish@dnr.IN.gov

Spring turkey seasons

- Youth turkey season: April 22-23
- Spring turkey season: April 26-May 14

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KENDALL STAATS

Kendall Rae Staats is the daughter of John Staats and Deven Ausland. After graduation, Kendall plans to enter the workforce.



CLAYTON THOMAS

Clayton Robert Thomas is the son of Eric and Kristi Thomas. After graduation, Clayton plans to attend Vincennes University to study engineering. While in high school Clayton participated in Beta Club (9-12), Cadet Teaching (11), FACS (9), Intern (12), Job Shadow (11), Pep Club (9-12), SADD (9-12), Spanish Club (9-12), and Student Council (9-12). Clayton was Class Treasurer (11), Beta Historian (11), and Pep Club President (10). Clayton also participated in basketball (9,10).



NICK REINHART

Nicholas James Donald Reinhart is the son of Daniel Reinhart and Misty Hardwick. After graduation, Nicholas plans to enroll into the National Guard. While in high school Nicholas participated in Chorus (11,12), Intern (12), Musical (12), Show choir (11,12), Lion Pride (9,11). Nicholas also participated in Baseball (9,10), Basketball (9,10), Track (9-12), Cross Country (9-12).



JONATHON JONES

Jonathon A. Jones is the son of Michael and Tonya Jones. After graduation, Jon plans to attend a place of higher education. While in high school, he participated in Intern (12), Fellowship of Christian Athletes (10,11), Chorus (9,10), Madrigals (9), Show Choir (9,10). Jon was also a member of the track team (9-12).



SHANIA SWIGLER

Shania Marie Swigler is the daughter of Larry and Marlina Swigler. After graduation, Shania plans to attend higher education to major in genetics and minor in German. While in high school, Shania participated in English, Science, and Interdis Academic Team (11,12), Beta Club (10-12), Chorus (9-12), Musical (9-12), Spanish Club (10-12), Cadet Teach (12), Show Choir (12), Peer (10). She was also Beta Club Historian (12) and Spanish Club Secretary (12).



GABRIEL PORTER

Gabriel R. Porter is the son of DeAnn Porter and Carl Porter. After graduation, Gabe plans to attend Vincennes University to become an Automotive Technician.

Varsity softball wins at Lincoln

BY GREG CLARK
LHS Head Softball Coach

Last Saturday morning, the Softball Lions traveled to Vincennes and came away with a 3-1 victory. Sydney Davis twirled a gem in the circle, throwing 68

Mt. Vernon breaks up softball undefeated season

BY GREG CLARK
LHS Head Softball Coach

After playing Vincennes Lincoln at Vincennes, the Softball Lions traveled home and hosted the Lady Wildcats of Mt Vernon High School. Losing to the hitting machine of the 'Cats, 14 to 4 in 5 innings.

Sydney Davis took the loss in the circle, while Tyanna grabber led the Lions in hitting, going 2 for 2 with a double, a single, a walk and an RBI. Emily Brookshire tripled home a run and scored a run. Breigh LaMar and Shelby Graber also singled.

Health department immunization clinics

The Martin County Health Department Immunization Clinic will be open on Friday April 7 for children attending kindergarten round-up. Hours for this special clinic will be from 8:30 a.m. until noon and 12:30 p.m. until 3 p.m. In addition to this special clinic date, the health department conducts immunization clinics every Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to noon and from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. On the first Wednesday of each month, the clinic remains open until 6 p.m.

Please bring your child's insurance card for billing purposes. The health department office is located in the Shoals Federal Building (Post Office). Please call 812-247-3303 if you have any questions.

Lady Lions Tennis open season with a win

The Loogootee Lady Lions Varsity Tennis Team opened their season Tuesday, April 4 against Linton. The Lady Lions won 5-0.

"It was nice to finally get the season started. Our footwork was questionable at times but overall I am pleased with a 5-0 opening win," said Head Coach Mike Tippery.

No junior varsity matches were played.

Results

#1 Singles Katie Sims (L) defeated Hunter House 6-2, 6-2

total pitches in the seven-inning game, while striking out nine Alices and only allowing three hits.

Julianne Bell led the Lions hitting attack, going 3 for 4, 4 for 4 on base, scoring two runs and stealing three bases.

Emily Brookshire drove in a run with a sacrifice fly. Tyanna Graber had two hits and an RBI, Breigh LaMar doubled, Sydney Davis and Calli Winger singled.

Jayleigh Wagoner scored the go ahead run after being caught in a run-down and crossed the plate on a Vincennes throwing error.

JV Softball travels to Vincennes, played Linton at home

BY GREG CLARK
LHS Head Softball Coach

Last Saturday, the Loogootee Junior Varsity Softball Team traveled to Vincennes and took on the Alices. Unfortunately, the Lions took the loss by a score of 10 to 1.

Chelsie Sutton took the loss in the circle for the Lions. The hitting was led by Maelee Hawkins who had a double and a single and scored the run for the Lions. Chelsie Sutton also doubled and had the RBI. Sadie Welton singled for the Lions first hit of the game.

The Loogootee JV softballers took to Costello Field as hosts to the Linton Miners last Thursday and suffered a 10 to 4 loss. Jayleigh Wagoner started in the circle for the Lions and took the loss. Emily Thomas lead the Lions in hitting, going 2 for 2 with a double and a single.

Kaitlyn Bruner and Kendall Berry also hit doubles, while Maddie Cropp had 2 singles and Jayleigh Wagoner singled.

#2 Singles Melaina Tippery (L) defeated Emily Hayden 6-0, 6-0

#3 Singles Emily Wade (L) defeated Cassidy Eichorst 6-0, 6-0

#1 Doubles Eden Jenkins/Breanna Hollaway (L) defeated Hayden House/Audrey

Moore 6-3, 6-1

#2 Doubles Abbie Williams/Kasten Burch (L) defeated Kayla Smock/Isabel Meek

6-1, 6-0

The girls play this afternoon at North Daviess at 4:30 p.m.

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