

City discusses storm water issues

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Andy Kyger, the city's economic development director intern, presented the Loogootee City Council with information regarding the city's failing storm water drainage at their meeting Monday night, July 13.

Kyger said the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) has been cracking down recently on how storm water is treated before it is allowed to go into bodies of water. He said in Bloomington, they are actually sending their storm water to treatment plants before it can be sent to streams and rivers.

He recommended that the council form a storm water management board which would oversee a storm water utility. The storm water utility would address current demands and how to handle those demands. The management board would be responsible for finding funding sources to pay for projects. Kyger said in his presentation that three-quarters of the city's storm water drainage system is failing. This includes multiple collapses involving sidewalks and streets, especially at intersections.

The council voted to start a storm water management board and utility.

Kyger also told the council that the eGis company can map out the city's infrastructure (water, wastewater and storm water) for a one-time fee of \$3,000. The council approved.

The council discussed charging companies to park in the city-owned lot next to the railroad tracks at the corner of JFK Avenue and Church Street. The council, at past meetings, talked about charging the companies that park there. A representative from one of those companies, and a resident of the city, was present and said he didn't believe it was fair to charge residents for parking in the lot. Council Member Rick Norris said that Greene's Body Shop uses the parking lot next to their business that is city owned and they are not charged. He said he felt that if the city is going to charge to park, they need to do so with all parking lots. After more discussion the council voted to hold off charging to park in the railroad lot until a more thorough plan could be put in place for other lots.

Sam Spear, a resident who lives at 109 South Oak Street, sent a letter to the council regarding a tree he had removed from 107 South Oak Street in June. He said the property the tree was on is owned by Mark Taylor but his home was the one at risk of being damaged if the tree fell. The cost to remove

the tree was \$375 and it was done by Melton's Tree Service. He is asking that the city reimburse him for the cost to remove the tree. The council agreed to pay half the cost to have the tree removed.

The council approved a bid from Ader Sealcoating of \$5,750.50 to seal and stripe the parking lot at the pool. The money will be taken from money brought in from fundraisers.

Mayor Noel Harty also presented a change order from RenoSys for the pool rebuilding. RenoSys was supposed to have the pool completed by July 4, per the contract, or pay \$1,000 a day in fines. After negotiations, Mayor Harty said it was proposed that RenoSys pay \$6,500 and add in a pool cleaner at a cost of \$2,300. The mayor said RenoSys cannot be faulted 100 percent since it has rained so much but there may have been things they could have done to get the job completed on time. The total cost of the pool project is now \$556,934 and the opening day is this Friday, July 17.

Mayor Harty said he received some complaints this year about residents letting off fireworks. He read a facebook post that someone made regarding state law and when fireworks can be used. He suggested that they look into possibly creating a city ordinance regarding fireworks and when they can (See 'CITY' continued on page two)



Miss Martin County
Addyson Aiman, daughter of Autumn Aiman and Andy Aiman was named this year's Miss Martin County at the Martin County 4H Fair last Thursday night.

Deadline approaching for MCCF grants

The Martin County Community Foundation 2015 open grant cycle for charitable programs and projects that service the county will end at 4 p.m. July 28. Grant applications must be at the MCCF office prior to the deadline.

Grant application packets are now available online at www.cfpartner.org/mccf-grantshowtoapply.htm or at the MCCF office located in the Martin County Community Building at 2668 U.S. Hwy. 50,

Loogootee. Please call 812-295-1022 to schedule a pick-up time.

The MCCF office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Non-profit organizations recognized by the IRS as having 501(c)(3) status, educators at accredited educational institutions, and governmental entities are invited to submit applications. Awards will be announced at the MCCF Annual Dinner on November 2, 2015.



-Photo provided

Shown above is the vehicle involved in the two-county pursuit on Saturday. The occupants of the vehicle were wanted in connection with an alleged homicide that had taken place on July 5, 2015 in Leeds, Alabama.

Police pursuit results in crash near Shoals

On Saturday, July 11, the Martin County Sheriff's Department received information from the Daviess County Sheriff's Department to be on the lookout for a white, 1998 Ford Escort with an Alabama license plate. The occupants of the vehicle were wanted in connection with an alleged homicide that had taken place on July 5, 2015 in Leeds, Alabama. The occupants were to be considered armed and dangerous. The Leeds Police Department notified the Daviess County Sheriff's Department that they had information that the occupants of the vehicle may be heading to the Montgomery, Indiana area.

At 1:47 p.m., a deputy with the Daviess County Sheriff's Office observed a vehicle matching the description pull out from the Viking Mart gas station in Montgomery and cross US 50 and pull into the Dollar General

parking lot. The deputy followed the vehicle into the parking lot. There was a verbal exchange between the occupants of the vehicle and the deputy to shut the car off and put their hands out the windows. The occupants did not comply with the deputy's request.

The driver of the vehicle put the car into reverse and jumped the curb in the parking lot and left eastbound on US 50. At this time, deputies of the Daviess County Sheriff's Office initiated a pursuit. The pursuit continued east on US 50 at a high rate of speed. The suspect vehicle ran several other vehicles off the roadway. The pursuit continued into Martin County and through the cities of Loogootee and Shoals. After the suspect vehicle passed the Shoals Community Schools, the driver lost control of the vehicle and it went down an embankment (See 'PURSUIT' continued on page two)



Pool party on Friday

-Photo by Josh Hughett

The grand opening of the Loogootee Pool will be held this Saturday, July 17 from 5-9 p.m. There is no charge for admission. There will be live music by Jammin' Pans and No Plan B. Wacky the Clown will also be present. The community is invited to attend.

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Megan Hawkins, Allison Albright and Alena Rhea enjoyed "the trip of a lifetime" as participants in the Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

Local youth participate in Electric Cooperative Youth Tour

Alena Rhea, of Loogootee, and Megan Hawkins and Allison Albright, of Shoals, represented Daviess-Martin County REMC on the 2015 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

The high school seniors-to-be gained a personal understanding of American history, their role as a citizen and insight to the important roles electric cooperatives play in their community. Indiana's electric cooperatives have been providing this opportunity since 1960.

According to Janet Chestnut, Manager of Communications/Member Relations at Daviess-Martin County REMC, the Indiana delegation of 90 students representing 32 Indiana electric cooperatives joined more than 1,700 other students on the Youth Tour.

"Daviess-Martin County REMC is pleased to be able to provide this opportunity for our local youth," Chestnut said. "These students gained a first-hand understanding of the legislative process and made connections that will last a lifetime. Our youth are our future, and we can give them the tools to succeed."

The students visited the National 9/11

Pentagon Memorial, Gettysburg National Military Park, Arlington National Cemetery, the Smithsonian Institution, the National mall memorials, the National Museum of the Marine Corps and more.

"It was an action-packed trip with one cool stop after another. I learned about politics up-close, saw things I'd only heard about before, and really understood why history matters," said Allison Albright, a student who participated in Youth Tour.

The students also spent a day on Capitol Hill where they met with seven members of Indiana's congressional delegation: Senators Joe Donnelly (D); Congresswoman Jackie Walorski (R, Dist. 2) and Congressmen Larry Bucshon (R, Dist. 8), Luke Messer (R, Dist. 6), Todd Rokita (R, Dist. 4), Marlin Stutzman, (R, Dist. 3), and Todd Young (R, Dist. 9).

"That Congressman Bucshon took time out of his hectic schedule to meet with our students sent a strong message about the important leadership role they can play through civic engagement," said Chestnut.



-Photo by Bill Whorrall

Fair rabbit

Olivia Abel is shown above with her rabbit, "Candy", a Blue Polish that she had in competition at this year's Martin County 4-H Fair.

PURSUIT

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striking trees before coming to a stop. The pursuit ended at this time and consisted of approximately 15 miles through the two counties.

The occupants of the vehicle were taken by helicopters to Deaconess Hospital in Evansville due to the serious injuries they received during the crash. The driver was identified as Cory Lane Zito, 26, of Lydia, Alabama. The passenger of the vehicle was identified as Candie Renee Zito, 30, of Leeds Alabama. The two suspects are related as cousins.

There is an ongoing investigation between the Martin County Sheriff's Department, the Daviess County Sheriff's Department, and the Leeds City Police Department in Alabama.

The officers involved in the pursuit were: Sergeant Keith Keller and Sheriff Travis Roush with the Martin County Sheriff's Department, Officer Patrick Todd with the Loogootee Police Department, Charles Milton, Wendell Wise, Mike Heshelman, Kevin Eaton, and Chief Deputy Gary Allison of the Daviess County Sheriff's Office.

The agencies involved in the pursuit were the Martin County Sheriff's Department, Loogootee Police Department, and the Daviess County Sheriff's Office.

Agencies assisting at the crash scene were: Martin County EMS, Shoals Fire Department, Martin County Civil Defense, Air Evac, Methodist Air Flight, G&M Wrecker Service, and the Indiana State Police.

The Martin County Sheriff's Department

would like to thank all that were involved in this pursuit and crash, especially the Daviess County Sheriff's Office and the Loogootee Police Department. During the pursuit, there were two small collisions in which none of the occupants of the vehicles were injured. No innocent lives were hurt or taken as the pursuit travelled through three towns. No officers were injured and none of the police vehicles were damaged.

The current condition of Cory Zito is serious, but stable and the condition of Candie Zito is stable.

CITY

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be discharged.

Council Member Carroll Rayhill recommended the council recognize the Jim Matthews family who have taken dilapidated properties around the city and turned them into new duplexes. They are getting ready to build their sixth one. The council noted that what the Matthews family does with each duplex is a huge investment but also makes the city look better.

The council approved the following building permits:

- 500 South Kentucky Street for Jaymie Toy for a pool
- Broadway Street for a residence for Leo Haag
- 304 Sheridan for Jim Matthews for a duplex



Benefit for Tina Welp

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Saturday, August 8 at 4 p.m.

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Will be having Taco Salad Bar, Nacho/Cheese, Desserts, and Drinks

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From 6 to 9 p.m. music will be provided by "PJ THE DJ" out of Booneville.

Tina was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia on March 2, 2015 and been going to IU Bloomington Hospital since March 9, 2015 every two weeks for 5-day stays to receive her chemo.

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DONALD BRINEGAR

Donald Alvin Brinegar passed away at 2:32 a.m. Friday, July 10, 2015, at St. Vincent Dunn Hospital in Bedford. A resident of Bedford, he was 82.

He was born May 10, 1933 in Martin County; the son of Joe and Ilene (Moore) Brinegar. He was married to Shirley Williams for many years.

He was a graduate of Shawswick High School. He retired from RCA. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving during the Korean War. He loved being with all his



DONALD BRINEGAR

several great-grandchildren; one sister, Carol Baker; two brothers, Kenny Brinegar and Larry (Sheila) Brinegar; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

grandchildren and great-grandchildren, he loved to travel and take pictures.

Surviving are two daughters, Debra (Tim) Marshall and Ann Dyer; eight grandchildren;

He was preceded in death by his parents; and one son, Brian Brinegar.

Funeral services were held Monday, July 13 at Ferguson-Lee Funeral Home with Pastor Gary Thomas officiating. Burial followed in Leatherwood Cemetery.

ELIZABETH GILBERT

Elizabeth J. Gilbert passed away at 3:15 a.m. Thursday, July 9, 2015 at her home. A resident of Loogootee, she was 70.

She was born September 24, 1944 in Long View, Texas.

She loved being a CNA and worked at various hospitals and nursing homes over the past 44 years.

She is survived by her husband of 23 years, John Gilbert of Loogootee; daughters, Renee (Terry) Green of Texas and Amy Sebastian of Texas; grandchildren, Hailey and Justin Sebastian.

No funeral services will be held.

Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee is handling the arrangements. Condolences may be made online at www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com.

Commissioners hear department reports

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, July 7.

Linda Dillon, veteran service officer, gave her June report. VSO Dillon is submitting her report to the newspapers in the county for publication.

Josh Hughtett, Martin County Humane Society, presented his quarterly report. There have been 128 adoptions so far this year.

Greg Jones, SIDC, opened a public hearing for the owner occupied rehabilitation grant being applied for on behalf of the county. The grant will allow for 14 homes in Martin County to be rehabbed with a maximum amount of \$22,965 to be spent on each home. The total amount of the project is \$403,000 with \$350,000 coming from grant funding; \$35,000 from a housing preservation grant; and local matches of \$1,500 from the City of Loogootee, \$1,000 from the Town of Shoals and \$15,500 from Martin County. There were no public comments.

Jones requested \$2,563 be included in the commissioners' 2016 budget. He submitted a list of projects that SIDC has assisted with in Martin County this past year. Jones also gave an update on the Brownfield Project. It starts October 1, 2015 and is a five-county coalition with the EPA. President George and Martin County Alliance Director Tim Kinder will be Martin County's representatives on the board.

President George requested legal ads be sent to the Martin County Journal. Attorney Lett advised there is an Indiana Code that states the requirements.

Sheriff Travis Roush advised that the Catfish Festival went smoothly. K-9 Virka is doing very well and has been instrumental in the latest arrests. He has received a tactical vehicle on loan from the New Albany Police Department. There are currently 54 inmates in the security center.

Leo Padgett, highway superintendent, was unable to submit his two-week work report due to assisting with road repairs. The council approved the additional appropriations he requested for paving roads. Superintendent Padgett updated the commissioners on several county roads.

On behalf of some of his employees, Superintendent Padgett asked if there would be a health savings accounts distribution this year. At this time no additional H.S.A. distribution is planned.

Padgett advised the commissioners he is changing his truck policy. He also submitted two safety shirts for their approval. The commissioners all agreed the t-shirt was best. Padgett recommended the commissioners approve UniFirst to provide safety apparel for the department. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the purchase of safety apparel from UniFirst including t-shirts and a mechanics uniform. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The first paving project will be Rusk Road to Butler Bridge Road. Superintendent Padgett opened the equipment surplus bids. The following bids were submitted: 1997 Ford Dump Truck: Mark Robbins-

\$1,601; Kevin Boyd-\$1,568 and Coyeville Belcher-\$2,420 and the Gradall Rock Bucket: Kevin Boyd-\$50. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to accept Coyeville Belcher's bid for the 1997 Dump Truck of \$2,420 and Kevin Boyd's bid of \$50 for the Gradall rock bucket. President George made the second. Commissioner Boyd abstained due to conflict of interest.

Martin County resident Dave Sutton reminded the commissioners and Superintendent Padgett that 200 South will need to be chip-n-sealed. The recent ditching on his road worked.

Cameron Wolf, Civil Defense/EMA, updated the commissioners on his department. They assisted with the Summerfest and Catfish Festival parades. They will also be assisting with the Martin County 4-H Fair.

Dave Redman, Purdue Extension, invited everyone out the 4-H Fair that begins Thursday.

Dave Sutton questioned Attorney Lett concerning the county employee handbook and his hourly rate. Attorney Lett is working on the employee handbook. His rate is \$100 per hour.

The contract with Knox County Ambulance has been finalized. Attorney Lett had the commissioners sign the contract that was approved at the June 23, 2015 meeting.

Auditor Roush submitted the tourism monthly report on behalf of Jim Stoughton. There is a new Martin County billboard outside of Loogootee.

Felts Lock and Alarm is in the final stages of installing the new fire alarm system at the courthouse.

President George offered condolences to the family of Kevin Sutton.

The minutes from the regular meeting of June 23, 2015 were approved with a correction to paragraph twenty by Commissioner Boyd and seconded by Commissioner Gregory. The sentence should read "Bids are due June 30, 2015." not July 8, 2015. All were in favor and the motion passed.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m. with a motion by Commissioner Gregory and seconded by President George. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The next commissioners' meeting will be Tuesday, July 21 at 6 p.m.



Volleyball campers

-Photos provided

The Loogootee Volleyball team and coaches hosted their annual summer program during the month of June. With the help of the high school players, campers learn the fundamentals of serving, passing, setting, and hitting. Shown above are the fifth and sixth grade campers. In the front row, from left to right, are Sydnee Wittmer, Brooklyn Summers, Mallorie Sutton, Kyliegh Courter, Mayson Simmons, and Madison Esch. In the second row, from left to right, are Mikenna Jones, Hailey Mathies, Kylie VanHoy, Chantel Green, and Grace Lingenfelter. In the back row, from left to right, are Caylin Wagoner, Madison McAtee, Grace Foddrill, Abbey Fuhrman, and Anastasia Toy. Shown below are the third and fourth graders that participated in the camp. In the front row, from left to right, are Brianna Eckerle, Breanna Courter, and Abbi Nonte. In the back row, from left to right, are Madison Waggner, Cacia Wilcoxon, and Ashlynn Gilbert.



Dr. Kathirene Wilcoxon appointed to Memorial Hospital staff

Pediatrician Kathirene Wilcoxon, M.D. was recently appointed to the active medical staff at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center. She will join Douglas Bies, M.D., Anna Gilley, M.D., and Michael Ruff, M.D. at Jasper Pediatrics of Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Wilcoxon received her medical degree from Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine & Science in North Chicago, IL and completed a pediatric residency at University of Louisville in Kentucky. She was very active throughout her collegiate career and was honored with various awards and accolades.

She also helped provide free medical care to the underserved population through So-

urn Medical Clinic in Louisville, and served on various committees including Neonatal Committee and P.U.S.H., a resident-driven child advocacy group at University of Louisville.

Dr. Wilcoxon was a founding member of the Student Organization for Complementary and Alternative Medicine and the Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship at Bradley University. She also served as president of Phi Theta Kappa in 2003.

Jasper Pediatrics is now scheduling August appointments for Dr. Wilcoxon. To make an appointment, please call 812-996-7918. The office is located in suite 321 of the Medical Arts Building, 721 West 13th Street in Jasper.



DR. KATHIRENE WILCOXEN

Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, JULY 6

11:01 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

12:08 p.m. - Received a report of an alarm west of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

3:44 p.m. - Received a report of an erratic driver on Hwy. 50 heading towards Loogootee. Chief Rayhill was advised.

4:45 p.m. - Received a report of a county road about to cave in. Advised the county highway department of the call.

6:10 p.m. - Received a report of a family dispute in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

9:47 p.m. - Received a report of a drive off of gas in Loogootee. All county units were advised.

TUESDAY, JULY 7

5:47 a.m. - Received a report of a civil dispute east of Loogootee. Deputy Harmon responded.

9:33 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Chief Rayhill responded.

10:30 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

11:54 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded. Subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:10 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. Subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:28 p.m. - Received a report of theft in Loogootee. Chief Rayhill responded.

2:00 p.m. - Sheriff Roush took one inmate to court.

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

3:05 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took two inmates to court.

3:45 p.m. - Sergeant Keller took two inmates to court.

3:46 p.m. - Received a report of an erratic driver heading towards Loogootee. Chief Rayhill was advised.

4:11 p.m. - Sergeant Keller took three inmates to court.

4:55 p.m. - Sergeant Keller took two inmates to court.

8:35 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

11:05 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident involving a deer on Hwy. 50, just east of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

12:00 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle southeast of Loogootee. Deputy Harmon responded.

9:57 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded. Subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:00 p.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

2:45 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

4:30 p.m. - Received a report of mailbox vandalism southeast of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

5:53 p.m. - Received a request for an am-

bulance south of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded. Subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:07 p.m. - Received a report from Lawrence County regarding mailbox vandalism and the suspect might be heading into Martin County. Sergeant Keller was advised.

11:59 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Nolan responded.

THURSDAY, JULY 9

3:55 a.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint on Hwy. 231 South. Cpl. Baker responded.

7:30 a.m. - Received a report of a theft south of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

9:15 a.m. - Received a report of a tree limb down in Loogootee. Advised the county highway department of the call.

9:30 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

10:00 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

10:37 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

1:00 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took three inmates to court.

1:30 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took two inmates to court.

2:30 p.m. - Sheriff Roush took two inmates to court.

3:21 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded. Subject was transported to IU Health in Bedford.

3:56 p.m. - Received a report of an erratic driver heading into Loogootee. Advised Loogootee units.

8:13 p.m. - Received a noise complaint in Shoals. Town Marshal Todd Eckert responded.

9:17 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing south of Shoals. Cpl. Baker responded.

10:29 p.m. - Received a report of vehicle driving erratic on Hwy. 231 South. Advised all Martin County units.

FRIDAY, JULY 10

2:36 a.m. - Received a report of a female walking on Hwy. 231 North. Loogootee Officer Nolan responded.

3:51 a.m. - Received a report of harassment in Shoals. Cpl. Baker responded.

9:20 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. Subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:52 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident east of Loogootee on Hwy. 50. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

11:10 a.m. - Received a report of an erratic driver on Hwy. 231 North, heading south. Captain Akles responded.

12:15 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. County highway department responded.

6:24 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on Hwy. 231 North, heading south into Loogootee. Advised Loogootee units.

8:31 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. Subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:47 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on Hwy. 50, heading east towards Shoals. Advised Deputy McBeth of call.

10:08 p.m. - Received a report of a possible drunk driver in Crane heading north towards Greene County. Advised Greene County of the call.

11:45 p.m. - Received a noise complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Nolan responded.

SATURDAY, JULY 11

5:50 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident involving a deer on Hwy. 231 South. Sergeant Keller responded.

6:43 a.m. - Received a report of a personal injury accident on Hwy. 231 North.

Sergeant Keller, Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire personnel responded. Subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:44 a.m. - Received a report of theft south of Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

12:34 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

12:43 p.m. - Received a report of theft north of Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

1:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. Subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:10 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance for a personal injury accident east of Shoals. Sheriff Roush, Sergeant Keller, Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. Subjects were airlifted to Evansville.

5:44 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

7:38 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. Subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:51 p.m. - Received a report of trees down inside the state forest. Advised the state forest of the call.

9:55 p.m. - Received a noise complaint on Hwy. 231 South. Deputy McBeth responded.

10:15 p.m. - Received a noise complaint off of Hwy. 231 South. Deputy McBeth responded.

11:59 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.

SUNDAY, JULY 12

12:43 p.m. - Received a report of two dogs on the edge of Hwy. 50 at the Martin/Lawrence County line. Advised Sergeant Keller of the call.

12:43 p.m. - Received a report of two dogs on the edge of Hwy. 50 at the Martin/Lawrence County line. Advised Sergeant Keller of the call.

Martin County real estate transfers

Brent E. Fellers and Amy R. Fellers, of Martin County, Indiana to **Michael L. Bays and Nicole D. Bays**, of Monroe County, Indiana, the west half of Lot 16 on an unrecorded plat of New Second Fairway Addition (amended) to the City of Loogootee, Indiana, containing 0.146 acre. Also, the east half of Lot 16 and all of Lot 17, except a parallel strip 3.9 feet in width off of the east side of said Lot 17 on an unrecorded plat of New Second Fairway Addition (amended) to the City of Loogootee, Indiana, containing 0.419 acre.

Joshua M. Jeffers and Lacy L. Jeffers, of Martin County, Indiana to **Marcia Bentley**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the north half of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 12, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Martin County, In-

diana, containing 0.385 acre, more or less.

Edward D. Linder and Sharon J. Linder, of Johnson County, Indiana and **Steven D. Myers and Jerry C. Myers**, of Hendricks County, Indiana to Joe W. Mandrell and Illa L. Mandrell, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the west half of the southwest half of Section 14, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 8.04 acres, more or less. More commonly known as St. Rd. 450 Shoals, Indiana 47581.

Mona M. Fischer, of Martin County, Indiana to **Patrick L. Troutman and Laura L. Troutman**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of Section 16, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 5.12 acres, more or less.

2:20 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on Hwy. 150 with no injuries. Sergeant Keller responded.

5:45 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on Hwy. 150 with no injuries. Sergeant Keller responded.

10:10 p.m. - Received a report of tree limb down north of Shoals. County highway department was advised.

11:40 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident south of Loogootee. Deputy Harmon responded.

MONDAY, JULY 13

1:22 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. Subject transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

5:37 a.m. - Received a report of an injured deer west of Shoals. Deputy Harmon responded.

6:02 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

3:30 p.m. - Brandon Parrish, 23, of Washington, was arrested by Sheriff Roush and charged with driving while suspended prior and public intoxication. Bond set at \$25,000/10%.

FRIDAY, JULY 10

10:18 p.m. - Richard Walton, 52, of Washington, was arrested by Deputy McBeth and charged with habitual traffic violator and operating while intoxicated refusal. He has no bond at this time.

SUNDAY, JULY 12

12:32 a.m. - Randy Tussey, 30, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy McBeth and charged with a Martin County warrant for probation violation. He has no bond at this time.

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YARD SALES

YARD SALE Friday, July 17, 8-1, 106 Mulberry Street, Loogootee. Baby/toddler boy and girl clothing, men's/women's/boy's clothing, crib bedding set, high chair, toddler bed rail, PSP with games, PS Vita with games, toys, and more.

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Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, JULY 6

2:12 a.m. - Captain Akles assisted Martin County Sheriff's Department with a property damage accident.

9:40 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted with a funeral detail.

11:00 a.m. - Received a call of an unlicensed driver.

5:44 a.m. - Caller requested a vehicle identification check.

TUESDAY, JULY 7

1:33 a.m. - Caller reported vandalism to her vehicle.

9:50 a.m. - Caller reported a possible suicidal subject.

12:45 p.m. - Caller requested a vehicle identification check.

1:00 p.m. - Caller reported a burglary at his residence on SW 3rd Street.

3:46 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

2:45 p.m. - Caller reported a foul odor outside of his residence.

5:16 p.m. - Officer Nolan assisted a female in obtaining personal property from a residence.

6:12 p.m. - Caller reported a fireworks complaint.

8:55 p.m. - Officer Nolan responded to a business alarm.

11:59 p.m. - Caller reported a possible suicidal subject. Officer Nolan checked on the female.

THURSDAY, JULY 9

3:44 a.m. - Officer Nolan checked on an abandoned vehicle at CVS.

3:55 a.m. - Officer Nolan assisted Martin County Sheriff's Department with a property damage call on US 231.

1:55 a.m. - Caller requested a vehicle identification check.

4:01 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

5:37 p.m. - Caller reported his son left his

home without his permission.

10:33 p.m. - Caller advised to be on the lookout for a vehicle involved in a hit-and-run accident on US 231.

FRIDAY, JULY 10

1:03 a.m. - Caller reported a possible violation of a protective order.

2:36 a.m. - Officer Nolan assisted a female walking on US 231.

11:10 a.m. - Received a call of a reckless driver on US 231.

4:58 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of a gas generator.

6:08 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody issue.

6:24 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

9:50 p.m. - Caller requested extra patrol.

10:07 p.m. - Received a report of a hit-and-run accident in St. John's parking lot.

10:09 p.m. - Officer Nolan tagged an abandoned vehicle in the CVS parking lot.

11:45 p.m. - Caller reported a fireworks complaint.

SATURDAY, JULY 11

1:28 a.m. - Officer Nolan assisted Daviess County with a property damage accident.

6:43 a.m. - First responders were requested for a vehicle accident on US 231.

1:57 p.m. - Officer Todd assisted Daviess County with a pursuit.

3:35 p.m. - Officer Todd assisted Martin County with a property damage accident.

4:25 p.m. - Officer Todd assisted Martin County with a domestic dispute.

5:00 p.m. - Donna Sipes, of Loogootee, reported her vehicle had been struck by the suspects driving during the pursuit. Officer Todd took her information.

7:41 p.m. - First responders were requested on North Oak Street for a medical call.

9:00 p.m. - Female caller requested to speak with an officer due to a child custody issue.



Downed tree

-Photo by Pat Daugherty

Shown above is a tree that fell in the roadway last Wednesday morning, July 8 on Hwy. 231 South, between Nolley Lane and Watertower Road.

Catch the latest edition of "The Indiana State Police Road Show"

Catch the latest edition of the "Indiana State Police Road Show" radio program every Monday morning at your convenience.

This week's show features Indiana State Police Master Trooper Richard Crawford. Crawford discusses the Cops Cycling 4 Survivors bicycle ride which raises funds to support the survivors of officers killed in the line of duty in Indiana. The thirteen day ride will cover over 900 miles as it makes its way across Indiana. More information on Cops Cycling 4 Survivors can be found at www.copscycling4survivors.org/.

Download the program from the Network Indiana public websites at www.networkindiana.com. Look for the state police logo on the main page and follow the download instructions. The ISP Road Show can also be viewed via YouTube.

Go to www.youtube.com/channel/UCu5Bg1KjBd7H1GxgkuV3YJA or visit the Indiana State Police website at www.in.gov/isp/ and click on the YouTube link. This 15-minute talk show concentrates on public safety and informational topics with state wide interest.

The radio program was titled "Signal-10" in the early sixties when it was first started by two troopers in northern Indiana. The name was later changed to the "Indiana State Police Road Show" and is the longest continuously aired state police public service program in Indiana.

Radio stations across Indiana and the nation are invited to download and air for FREE this public service program sponsored by the Indiana State Police Alliance and Cops for Kids, a subsidiary of the Indiana State Police Alliance.



Local students experience energized summer

Summer weather means camp for kids, with all those memorable activities like horseback riding, archery, swimming, and campfires. Camp can also mean energizing your summer by challenging yourself to climb a pole like a lineman or to actually witness the power an electric shock can generate.

Joshua O'Brian and Matthew Poole experienced all this and more when they attended Touchstone Energy camp, June 3 through 6 at YMCA's Camp Tecumseh near Brookston. O'Brian, the son of Mark and Stephanie O'Brian, and Poole, the son of Brandon and Julie Poole, will be seventh graders at Barr-Reeve and Loogootee Middle Schools respectively.

Daviess-Martin County REMC, a Touchstone Energy cooperative, sponsored the youth to the fourteenth edition of the annual camp program. A total of 126 students from throughout Indiana participated this year, along with adults from 30 Indiana cooperatives, including Daviess-Martin County REMC employees Janet Chestnut and

Nathan Albright.

While there was plenty of traditional camp fun, like canoeing and horseback riding, the attendees also learned about internet safety, power supply, and electric safety. For example, they saw an electrical safety demonstration that showed the danger lurking in live power lines and provided instructions on what to do if they ever encounter a power line in a car accident or other situation.

"The students also developed an appreciation for the work of co-op employees," explained Janet Chestnut, manager of communications/member services at Daviess-Martin County REMC. "Not only did they get to ride in a bucket truck, they had to perform difficult tasks like putting together a cross arm. Co-op employees perform tasks like these every day, in all kinds of weather and conditions."

For more information about Touchstone Energy Camp, contact Janet Chestnut at (812) 295-4200 or (800) 762-7362 or visit the co-op's website www.dmremc.com.

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

On a recent day at Sandhill Gardens, as I walked in the garden between rain showers, I counted no less than six different species of butterflies, several types of bees and a number of hummingbirds. It was entertaining to watch as they flitted from bloom to bloom in a graceful dance. I doubt that they were aware, in their feeding frenzy, that they were also performing a task essential for the survival of the ecosystem. Pollination is act of transferring pollen from the flower of one plant to that of another of the same species, resulting in fertilization. The result will be the formation of viable seeds, which will grow into the next generation of plants.

In addition to the aforementioned creatures, many other insects, birds and mammals sometimes act as pollinators. Even people may be carries of the pollen, either by accident or on purpose.

Bees, including honey bees and our native bees, are probably the most known pollinators. They are essential to the pollination of many crops, including all orchard crops. In general, plants that have noticeable flowers which attract pollinators have heavy, sticky pollen which must be transferred by the pollinators. Those plants whose flowers are small and difficult to see have lighter pollen that is carried on the wind. It is such pollens, common in trees, grasses and weeds, that cause the watery eyes and runny noses of hay fever.

While some flowers may be pollinated by various creatures, others have specific pollinators and have blooms designed to attract that specific pollinator. For instance, many arums have a scent similar to rotting meat. That fragrance, while not agreeable to the human nose, attracts flies that are pollinators for that plant. The size, shape and color of a flower often attract a specific pollinator.

Pollinators are essential for our food crops

Record number of farmers and ranchers certified under 2014 Farm Bill Conservation Compliance

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced last Friday that over 98.2 percent of producers have met the 2014 Farm Bill requirement to certify conservation compliance to qualify for crop insurance premium support payments.

Implementing the 2014 Farm Bill provisions for conservation compliance is expected to extend conservation provisions for an additional 1.5 million acres of highly erodible lands and 1.1 million acres of wetlands, which will reduce soil erosion, enhance water quality, and create wildlife habitat.

"This overwhelming response is a product of USDA's extensive outreach and the commitment of America's farmers to be stewards of the land," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "By investing in both American farmers and the health of our productive lands, we are ensuring future generations have access to fertile soil, healthy food supplies, and a strong rural economy."

USDA has gone to extraordinary lengths to ensure that every impacted producer knew of the June 1, 2015 deadline to certify their conservation compliance. For example, all 2015 crop insurance contracts included conservation compliance notifications. USDA has sent out more than 50,000 reminder letters and postcards to individual producers, made over 25,000 phone calls, conducted informational meetings and training sessions for nearly 6,000 stakeholders across the country, including in major specialty crop producing states with affected commodity groups, and more. Since December 2014, USDA collaborated with crop insurers to ensure they had updated lists for agents to continue contacting producers to also remind them of the filing deadline.

and in recent years, pollinators have been disappearing from the scene. Insecticides used to kill pests that feed on crops are non-specific in their targets, so that seven one uses to kill the bean beetles will also kill the bees that are needed to pollinate the beans.

The loss of habitat also has played a role in pollinator decline. Our native pollinators depend on native flowers for their food. In addition, many types of butterflies have specific host plants on which they lay their eggs and which supply the food for the larva. If those host plants are missing, the butterflies will be missing also.

Because of the importance of pollinators, dozens of conservation and gardening organizations have formed a group now known as the National Pollinator Garden Network. Since the formation of the network, a challenge has been issued. It is the Million Pollinator Garden Challenge, hoping to add a million pollinator gardens by 2016. The gardens may be anywhere, from private land to schools to parking lot islands. Encouraging pollinators has become fashionable. The president has directed all federal agencies to assist in pollinator conservation to protect the health of our nation's food security and to keep bees, butterflies, birds and other pollinators working.

If you wish to help reach the one million garden goal, plant a garden of the plants that attract and feed pollinators. Refrain from using insecticides and supply shelter and water. Do not be surprised if the pollinators discover your garden immediately, especially if you start with mature flowering plants.

To get more information about the program and to register your garden as a part of the challenge, visit www.millionpollinatorgardens.org. It is a fun and beautiful way to solve at least one of our country's problems.

Of the small number of producers who have not certified their conservation compliance, USDA records suggest the majority are no longer farming or may have filed forms with discrepancies that can still be reconciled. The Farm Service Agency is proactively reaching back out to all of these producers before their sales closing date and working with individuals facing extenuating circumstances who have not filed the form in order to assist them with certifying compliance.

"I've asked the agencies to contact the producers again before their sales closing date," said Vilsack. "I want to ensure that every producer that turned in an AD-1026 by June 1, 2015, knows they can still make corrections and remain eligible for premium support."

USDA is providing additional flexibility to help the newly insured producers to certify their conservation compliance. For example, producers, who began farming or ranching after June 1, or producers who have not participated in USDA programs prior to June 1, can file an exemption to the conservation compliance certification for reinsurance year 2016 and still be eligible for the crop insurance premium support.

The Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation Certification form (AD-1026) is available at local USDA Service Centers or online at www.fsa.usda.gov/AD1026form.

Last Friday's announcement was made possible by the 2014 Farm Bill, which builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past six years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/farmbill.

FSA County Committee nomination period in Daviess-Martin County now open

Daviess-Martin County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Kent Mason announced that the nomination period for local FSA county committees began on June 15, 2015. Nomination forms must be postmarked or received in the Daviess-Martin County FSA Office by close of business on August 3, 2015.

"County Committees are unique to FSA and allow producers to have a voice on federal farm program implementation at the local level," said CED Mason.

To be eligible to serve on the FSA county committee, a person must participate or cooperate in an agency administered program, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the Local Administrative Area (LAA) where they are nominated.

This year, nominations and elections will be held in LAA 1, which includes Steele, Elmore, Bogard, and Madison Townships.

Producers may nominate themselves or others as candidates. Organizations representing minority and women farmers and ranchers may also nominate candidates. To become a nominee, eligible individuals must sign form FSA-669A. The form and more information about county committee elections is available online at: www.fsa.usda.gov/elections.

Elected county committee members serve a three-year term and are responsible for making decisions on FSA disaster, conservation, commodity and price support programs, as well as other important federal farm program issues. County commit-

tees consist of three to 11 members.

"It is important that county committees are comprised of members who fairly represent the diverse demographics of production agriculture for their community," said CED Mason. "All producers, including women, minority and beginning farmers and ranchers are encouraged to participate in the nomination and election process."

FSA will mail election ballots to eligible voters beginning November 9. Ballots are due back in the Daviess-Martin County Office by mail or in person no later than December 7, 2015. All newly elected county committee members and alternates will take office January 1, 2016.

"Nominating potential county committee members, voting for candidates and serving on the committees are truly services to your community and the agriculture industry," said Mason. "County Committee members make important decisions on how federal farm programs are administered locally to best serve local needs and interests."

For more information about county committees, please contact the Daviess-Martin County FSA office at 812-254-4780 or visit www.fsa.usda.gov/elections.

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Early season migratory bird hunting dates proposed

The DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife has submitted to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) proposed 2015 dates for early season hunting of migratory birds in Indiana.

As in other years, these dates are not final until the USFWS approves them, which typically happens by the end of August. The season dates fall within the framework provided by USFWS, so no changes are anticipated.

Indiana's requested seasons have never been altered by USFWS after submission. However, there is always a slight possibility of change. Therefore, the dates below should not be interpreted as final. The DNR will issue a news release once dates are approved, and if any changes are made.

Canada goose: Statewide, September 1-

Too much water can wilt tomatoes, vegetables, lawns

BY KENNETH ECK
Purdue Extension Dubois County

Too much of a good thing can be harmful at times. Even though we normally begin to wish for rain this time of year, county homeowners have been concerned about drooping tomatoes and peppers as well as yellowing lawns.

It is true that tomatoes and vegetables do like water. Properly mulched plants combined with adequate irrigation and fertilization during the summer growing season helps maximize your harvest. We usually associate wilt with a lack of water—not too much of it. Too much water, however, can actually wilt the plants also.

Poorly drained soils with little organic matter and high clay content can cause a slight wilting of the foliage at the tops of the plants. This is the first sign of "water wilt." Waterlogged soil conditions do not allow affected plants to survive for very long. Plant death can occur in less than a week under these stressful conditions.

Too much carbon dioxide builds up in the soggy soil because roots quickly use up available oxygen. This lack of soil oxygen causes root death and plant wilt of tomatoes, peppers and other vegetables as well as low spots (or

September 15; five-bird bag/15-bird possession limit.

Mourning doves: Statewide, September 1-October 18, November 1-November 8, December 12-January 10; 15-bird bag/45-bird possession limit.

Rail (sora only): Statewide, September 1-November 9; 25-bird bag/75-bird possession limit.

Snipe: Statewide, September 1-December 16; eight-bird bag/24-bird possession limit.

Teal: Statewide, September 5-September 20; six-bird bag/18-bird possession limit.

Woodcock: Statewide, October 15-November 28; three-bird bag/nine-bird possession limit.

The season is closed on moorhens.

entire lawns!) in residential turf.

For tomatoes, plants can sometimes recover from saturated conditions if soils dry out quickly, but roots are usually damaged so severely that investing in a new plant is the best way to go. Even if the tomato roots were to survive they would be susceptible to a number of soil borne diseases such as Pythium and Phytophthora root rot.

Rainy periods also promote a tomato condition called leaf roll. This condition occurs when lower leaves roll upward until the edges touch and become thick and leathery. Excessive fertilizer and pruning can also contribute to this problem. No serious consequences are observed, as plant growth and yield is not greatly affected.

Gardeners with excessive mulch should temporarily roll back mulch to allow soils around garden plants to dry out faster. Tillage or hoeing is not usually a viable option because excessively wet soils usually will not "till" properly and will only result in compaction for the plants as well as cloddy soil in local garden.

Most gardens simply need Mother Nature to turn off the spigot and turn on a gentle amount of sun and wind to allow soils to dry in local gardens and lawns so plants can try to recover naturally where this is still possible.



-Photo provided

Theresa Showalter (left), DMREMC Administrative Assistant, is shown above presenting a \$1,000 grant check to Jennifer Young, Martin County Advocate for the Middle Way House, Inc.

Operation Round Up grants \$7,655 to organizations

Daviess-Martin REMC members participating in the Operation Round Up program can see where rounding up their electric bills to the nearest dollar every month makes a huge impact on the community. The Daviess-Martin REMC Community Fund, Inc. recently granted \$7,655 to organizations helping make Daviess, Martin and Lawrence counties better places to live. The committee encourages civic organizations to apply for funding. The third quarter applications are due in to the office by 4 p.m. August 28. Applications can be downloaded from the REMC website at www.dmremc.com or picked up at 12628 E 75 N, Loogootee. Most recent Operation Round Up grants

awarded:
 -Area Churches Honoring Christ Together in Service (ACCTS) - \$2,655 for the ACCTS School Supply Giveaway event for Loogootee and Shoals students K-6 needing assistance.
 -Haysville Community Volunteer Fire Department - \$3,000 to help purchase needed equipment.
 -Knights of Columbus Council #1166 - \$1,000 for the Tootsie Roll Drive, which raises money to support citizens with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
 -Middle Way House, Inc. - \$1,000 to help provide shelter and advocacy services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.



-Photo provided

Shown above is Greg Stanley, K of C Tootsie Roll Drive Chairman, accepting an Operation Round Up grant check from Theresa Showalter

42nd Annual Jones Reunion

The 42nd Annual Jones Family Reunion for descendants of James and Rachel (Gallagher) Jones will be held Saturday, August 8 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Daylight time) at the Martin County Community Building located on the Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds, two miles east of Loogootee on Hwy. 50. The building will be open at 11 a.m. with lunch at noon (Eastern Daylight time). Please bring a covered dish. Plates, tableware, napkins, tea, lemonade and coffee will be furnished. Please feel free to bring any family heirlooms, genealogy records, pictures, etc. for display as well as an item to be included in the Silent Auction. A patriotic theme will be used this year.

As a special tribute to honor family members that have served in the armed forces, the family would like to collect photos and stories that will be included in a presentation during the reunion. Please share your materials with Adam Jones, 6701 E. Vista View Pkwy, Mooresville, IN 46158; phone (317) 509-7671; or email adam.michael.jones@gmail.com. Please provide names and/or obituaries for memorials of loved ones who have passed on since last year's reunion to Betty Butler, 7 Miller St., Shoals, IN 47581, or phone 812-247-3644. Please provide change of address to Trudy Sutton, 6711 Haw Creek Rd, Loogootee, IN 47553, phone 812-295-4688, or email trsutto@hotmail.com.

Registration for Loogootee Schools set for July 29 and 30

Enrollment for all students at Loogootee Schools will be held on Wednesday, July 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, July 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Registration will be held in the high school cafeteria. New student registration will be held Friday, July 31 from 8 a.m. to noon in the building of enrollment. If you are unable to register these days, please contact the school to notify your intent to enroll and schedule a time. The office phone numbers are listed below. Kindergarten students who pre-registered last spring will need to pay book rental fees at the time of registration. To enroll in kindergarten, the child must be five years of age by August 1, 2015. All new students must bring a birth certificate and immunization record at the time of enrollment unless those records are on

file in their previous school. Please be prepared to pay textbook fees at the time of registration. If you are unable to pay the fees you may apply for textbook assistance at the time of registration. Textbook rental fees for Loogootee Community Schools are as follows:
 Kindergarten-\$93.67
 First Grade-\$130.12
 Second Grade-\$108.20
 Third Grade-\$80.21
 Fourth Grade-\$81.27
 Fifth Grade-\$105.46
 Sixth Grade-\$106.73
 Fees for students in grades 7-12 will vary according to their class schedule. If you have questions concerning registration, you may contact the main offices at: high school 295-3254, middle school 295-2409, or elementary 295-2833.

Arts commission launches "Arts in the Parks" grant program

Visitors to Indiana's state parks and state forests next year might notice more art projects and offerings thanks to a new partnership with the Indiana Arts Commission. The "Arts in the Parks" grant program is one of many ways the state is celebrating its bicentennial in 2016. The program, endorsed by the Indiana Bicentennial Commission, also celebrates the centennial of Indiana State Parks and the 50th anniversary of the Arts Commission, both in 2016. Artists and non-profit organizations can apply for grant funding for projects including artist residencies, performing-arts events, exhibitions, educational residencies, and hands-on arts activities for citizens and visitors of all ages. The IAC announced the launch of Arts in the Parks last week during a special ceremony at the Brown County State Park Nature Center. "Arts in the Parks will draw on traditional and non-traditional arts and artists in Indiana, weaving arts into our state's natural beauty and rural settings," said Lewis C.

Ricci, executive director of the Indiana Arts Commission. DNR director Cam Clark said the agency looked forward to the partnership. "Our DNR properties provide wonderful outdoor venues for a variety of artistic expressions, and this program is a great way to celebrate the Indiana State Parks' centennial," Clark said. Funding was approved during the most recent session of the Indiana General Assembly. "It is important to support local artists and community arts programs, which have been recognized as a valuable asset for economic development," said State Sen. Jon Ford (R-Terre Haute), former chair of the IAC. The program is already accepting applications for grant funding. The deadline for organizations to apply for funding is September 9. The deadline for artists is September 14. Guidelines and additional information are available on the Arts Commission website at IN.gov/arts/2866.htm.

~LETTER TO THE EDITOR~

'Golf scramble thank you'
 To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,
 The 2015 Loogootee Lady Lions Volleyball Team would like to thank the following sponsors for making our second golf scramble a huge success!!
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Chase to pay \$136 million settlement, correct unlawful credit card debt collection practices

Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller joined attorneys general in 47 states plus the District of Columbia and the U.S. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau last week in announcing a \$136 million settlement reached with Chase Bank USA N.A. and Chase Bankcard Services Inc., requiring the company to reform its unlawful credit card debt collection practices.

The joint state-federal agreement, through an assurance of voluntary compliance with the states and a separate order with the CFPB, follows an investigation into Chase's past debt collection practices.

"Chase consistently pursued credit card debt collection cases based on bad information, including cases where the listed debt was the wrong amount, tied to the wrong person, discharged, not eligible to pursue or very old – often called 'zombie debt,'" Zoeller said. "These wrongful collections significantly harmed consumers in Indiana, causing undue harassment from debt collectors and errors on their credit reports. Now, thousands of Hoosiers will get needed relief and be able to clean up their credit."

According to the joint state-federal probe, Chase:

- Subjected consumers to collections activity for accounts that were not theirs, in amounts that were incorrect or uncollectable.

- Subjected consumers to inaccurate credit reporting and unlawful judgments that may affect consumers' ability to obtain credit, employment, housing and insurance in the future.

- Sold certain accounts to debt buyers that were inaccurate, settled, discharged in bankruptcy, not owed by the consumer, or otherwise uncollectable.

- Filed lawsuits and obtained judgments against consumers using false and deceptive affidavits and other documents that were prepared without following required procedures, a practice commonly referred to as "robo-signing." These practices misled consumers and courts and caused consumers to pay false or incorrect debt and incur legal expenses and court fees to defend against invalid or excessive claims.

- Made calculation errors when filing debt collection lawsuits that sometimes resulted in judgments against consumers for incorrect amounts.

Agreement Requires Debt Collection Reforms

The agreement requires Chase to significantly reform its credit card debt collection practices in areas of declarations, collections litigation, debt sales and debt buying. Debt buying involves the sale of debt by creditors or other debt owners, often for pennies on the dollar, to buyers who then attempt to collect the debt at full value or sell it to other buyers.

Among other reforms, the agreement requires new safeguards to help ensure debt information is accurate and that inaccurate data is corrected, provides additional information to consumers who owe debts, and bars Chase's debt buyers from reselling consumer debts to other purchasers. Previously, initial buyers of Chase's consumer credit card debt could resell the debt, the

subsequent buyer could flip the debt to another buyer, and the process could repeat itself many times over. If initial information about the debt was incorrect or was transmitted with errors to a subsequent debt buyer, that could result in long-term harm to the consumer and leave the consumer with the difficult or even impossible burden of successfully challenging or correcting errors.

Chase suspended its consumer credit card debt sales in 2013 and collections litigation in 2011. In 2012 Chase maintained approximately 64.5 million open accounts with \$124 billion in outstanding credit card debt. From 2009-2013, Chase recovered approximately \$4.5 billion of debt from defaulted accounts through collection lawsuits, selling defaulted accounts to third-party debt buyers, or both.

Chase to Cease Collecting on 7,000 Indiana Consumers

Chase has agreed to cease all collection efforts on more than 528,000 consumers, including an estimated 7,000 Indiana consumers. Chase sued the affected consumers for credit card debts and obtained judgments between January 1, 2009 and June 30, 2014. Chase will notify affected borrowers of the change and will request all three major credit reporting agencies to not report the judgments.

The agreement also ensures that Chase will fulfill \$50 million in consumer restitution through a separate 2013 consent order reached with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency. Chase estimates that so far it has provided \$406,000 in restitution to 400 Indiana consumers.

If Chases' consumer restitution through the OCC action falls short of \$50 million by July 1, 2016, Chase must pay the remaining balance to state attorneys general and the CFPB.

Chase will pay more than \$95 million to the 47 participating states and the District of Columbia, an additional \$11 million to the executive committee states that conducted the investigation and settlement negotiations, and \$30 million to the CFPB.

Debt collectors are bound by state and federal laws, including the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA), which prohibits debt collectors from using abusive, unfair, or deceptive practices to collect from consumers.

Indiana residents can file complaints against abusive or unfair debt collectors with the Indiana Attorney General's Office at www.IndianaConsumer.com or by calling 800-382-5516.

Zoeller thanked Deputy Attorney General Tom Irons for his work on this case.

Citizens can report damage from recent severe weather online

Indiana homeowners, renters, businesses and private non-profit organizations that sustained uninsured damage caused by recent severe storms and flooding can report damage online at <https://myoracle.in.gov/hs/damage/ia-public.do?method=active&incidentId=IA20150708112230>.

A link to the form is also available on the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) website at www.in.gov/dhs. In the middle of the page under "Featured Topics", click on "Report Damage from Severe Weather, Flooding – June 7 and continuing."

Uninsured damage from other storms and flooding starting on or after June 7 can also be reported.

Damage reports will be used to help local emergency management agencies and the Indiana Department of Homeland Security with preliminary damage assessments and to determine if federal assistance can be pursued.

This is NOT an application for a grant with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Individuals will be asked to provide their name, address, phone number and type of damage the property sustained. Losses can include structural damage to homes and loss of personal property.

For questions, contact your county emergency management agency. Contact information is available at www.in.gov/dhs/2797.htm.

Individuals without Internet access are encouraged to contact a friend, family member or neighbor for assistance. Web access is also available at many libraries, religious institutions, community centers or other public facilities.

none of those options is available, individuals may also contact their county emergency management agency to report damage.



BY SCOTT HUTCHESON
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Declaration of Interdependence

Rockets began red glaring across my neighborhood several days before July 4 and continued for a few days afterward. Nearly 10,000 people lined the streets for my community's annual parade celebrating our nation's independence.

Independence. It's a fundamental part of who we are as America and Americans. In late-night conversations with Australian friends on a recent trip Down Under, we discussed this as a significant difference in our respective countries. We cut ties with England, they didn't. We speculated that this "go it alone" attitude might also have much to do with the remarkable economy that we've built here in the U.S. in just a couple centuries.

My friends also observed that our country, so full of mavericks, also shows amazing capacity to do things together. It is this dynamic that so fascinated French historian Alexis de Tocqueville when he visited the U.S. in the mid-1800s. He noted both our independent nature and our ability to band together in associations to accomplish great things.

That interdependence de Tocqueville noted, however, is not always as top of mind as independence is. We don't, after all, have a holiday for it, but it's just as important to consider.

One important aspect of this interdependence plays out in our economy. Economic interdependence is the notion that in any economy where there is a high division of labor we all depend a great deal on others to supply the goods and services we each need.

In my area of work, economic development, independence of one community often takes precedent over the interdependence of many communities within a broader regional economy. An economic development "win" for a neighboring community can feel like a "loss" for us.

In an attempt to better balance independence with interdependence, a group of communities in a 14-county region in the Midwest drafted a "Declaration of Interdependence."

We are dedicated to leaving our region more prosperous than we found it. To do that, we will follow these essential rules of civic behavior.

1. Tell the truth and build trust and mutual

respect. We are committed to behavior that builds trust and mutual respect.

2. Do not steal, poach or plagiarize. We will not behave in ways that a reasonable person would consider deceitful or dishonest.

3. Commit to learning and sharing information. No one can predict our future. Our economy depends on our collective ability to learn and act quickly. We learn more quickly when we share information and insights.

4. Focus on new ideas, our assets and our opportunities. We will build our future prosperity on the foundation of our current assets. We will appreciate and invest in new ideas to develop and connect our assets.

5. Listen, link and leverage. We will find the new opportunities in our region by listening to each other and then "linking and leveraging" our assets in new and different ways.

6. Collaborate and cross boundaries. We are dedicated to building an inclusive region with people who value diverse viewpoints. We are committed to crossing organizational, ethnic, social and political boundaries.

7. Disclose conflicts of interest. We agree to disclose any personal or professional conflict of interest that may compromise our objectivity and damage the trust others have in us. We share a responsibility to avoid even the appearance of impropriety.

8. Resolve controversies quickly. Controversies are inevitable in our communities and region. We are committed to working through these controversies quickly by focusing on our underlying interests, not personalities. We are dedicated to finding solutions that promote mutual benefits.

9. Concentrate on outcomes not activities. We will focus on our outcomes. While we will take responsibility for completing our activities and tasks, our outcomes will teach us "what works."

10. Teach our next generation. Our children are messages we send to a world we will not see. We have a responsibility to pass on simple rules of civility to the next generation. Civility is strategic. It fosters trust, and trust accelerates the speed with which we can learn and act in a complex world.

It's probably too much to expect a parade or fireworks to celebrate the signing of this document but perhaps others can learn from their quiet example.

Scott Hutcheson works with local and regional communities across the U.S. and abroad, helping civic leaders implement strategies to grow their local economies and ensure quality of life for residents.

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Purdue expert: Check grain bins more frequently in wet weather

With heavy rains and high humidity expected to continue for the next few weeks across parts of the Midwest, a Purdue Extension specialist is advising corn and soybean producers to check their stored grain more frequently for signs of spoilage.

"The prolonged rains lately, which have caused flooding, and the high ambient humidity are not favorable for grain storage," said Klein Ileleji. "Therefore, it is time to check your grain bins weekly."

Spoilage and grain crusting typically occur more often in summer and especially when conditions are wet, Ileleji said. Solar load - direct sunlight on a grain bin roof - heats the space inside the bin. When the roof cools down at night, condensation can form, dripping back onto the warm grain surface. The excess moisture could cause caking and spoilage.

To avoid warming up the grain bulk, which could cause spoilage, Ileleji recommended running a ventilation fan installed in the headspace at night to replace warm humid air with cooler air.

He said farmers also needed to exercise caution when checking stored grain by taking samples using a probe known as a grain trier.

"There is always a risk of entrapment when going into bulk grain in a confined space like a bin," he said. "But there are a few things one can do to prevent damage or injury."

Before entering a bin, farmers should

make sure the headspace is well ventilated, he said. Deteriorating grain produces carbon dioxide and other gasses, which at high concentrations in a confined space could overcome a person.

"Aerate the bin headspace for about 30 minutes before entering by turning on the fans with the roof hatch open, or just run the headspace exhaust fan prior to entry," Ileleji said.

Farmers should also work in teams when inspecting grain bins.

"Enter with a safety line and have someone keep a lookout for you," Ileleji said. "If you are alone and something happens, you could be lost for some time before someone realizes you are gone and calls for help."

To help farmers learn more about managing stored grain, Purdue Extension is offering a pre/post-harvest workshop July 17 at the Southeast Purdue Agricultural Center, 4425 E. County Road 350 N, Butlerville. It will be repeated August 27 at the Purdue University Diagnostic Training and Research Center, 4540 U.S. 52 W, West Lafayette.

Topics include pre-harvest preparation and stored grain management fundamentals, managing insect pests in grain, optimizing grain drying operations and personnel safety in grain handling. Cost is \$55. Continuing education credits will be available.

For more information on the workshops, or stored grain management, contact Ileleji at 765-494-1198 or ileleji@purdue.edu.



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More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



When someone sent me the following list, I thought some of them were familiar ones that had appeared in More Neat Stuff before. I've tried to pick the new ones, but if I haven't done so, Marty Patterson, you'll have to overlook it this time.

FOR THOSE WHO KNOW EVERYTHING - MAYBE

1. A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.
2. A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.
3. A crocodile cannot stick out its tongue.
4. A dragonfly has a life span of 24 hours.
5. A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds.
6. A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.
7. A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.
8. A snail can sleep for three years.
9. Al Capone's business card said he was a used furniture dealer.
10. All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5 bill.
11. Almonds are a member of the peach family.
12. Babies are born without kneecaps. They don't appear until the child reaches 2 to 6 years of age.
13. Cats have over one hundred vocal sounds. dogs only have about 10.
14. February 1865 is the only month in recorded history not to have a full moon.
15. In the last 4,000 years, no new animals have been domesticated.
16. If the population of China walked past you, in single file, the line would never end because of the rate of reproduction.
17. If you are an average American, in your whole life, you will spend an average

of 6 months waiting at red lights.

18. Maine is the only state whose name is just one syllable.

19. Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite.

20. Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.

21. There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.

22. There are more chickens than people in the world.

23. Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.

24. The cruise liner, Queen Elizabeth 2, moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel that it burns.

25. Your stomach has to produce a new layer of mucus every two weeks; otherwise it will digest itself.

There, now you know practically everything!

RANDOM THOUGHTS

1. Carry out a random act of kindness with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you. -Princess Diana and others.
2. Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we are here, we should dance.
3. If you have a family that loves you, a few good friends, food on the table, and a roof over your head, you are richer than you think.
4. I've got a crazy idea. What if we fully funded schools and made prisons make up their budget deficit with Box Tops and money from Target?
5. As old as we all are, we all miss our Daddy sometimes.

Make someone smile today!

Calendar of Events

Loogootee School Board closed meeting

The Loogootee School Board will hold an executive meeting on Thursday, July 16 at 5 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is in accordance with I.C. 5141.56.1(b)(11) to train school board members with an outside consultant about the performance of the role of the members as public officials; (9) to discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. The meeting is closed to the public.

Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Tuesday, July 21 at 5:30 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. The meeting is open to the public.

Grief support group

If you have lost a loved one recently or decades ago you are invited to GriefShare Support Group at Loogootee United Methodist Church Multi-Purpose room Mondays at 6 p.m. This multi-week group will run August 3 through November 16 but each session deals with an individual issue of grief - attend when you can. Tell a friend who needs this group!

Boy Scouts

Boys interested in Boy Scouts, call 295-6652 or 854-7837 for information on joining.

Cub Scout meetings

For information on joining Cub Scouts, contact Bryan Adams at 295-6652 or 854-7837.

SOAR Tutoring

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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.

Humane society meetings

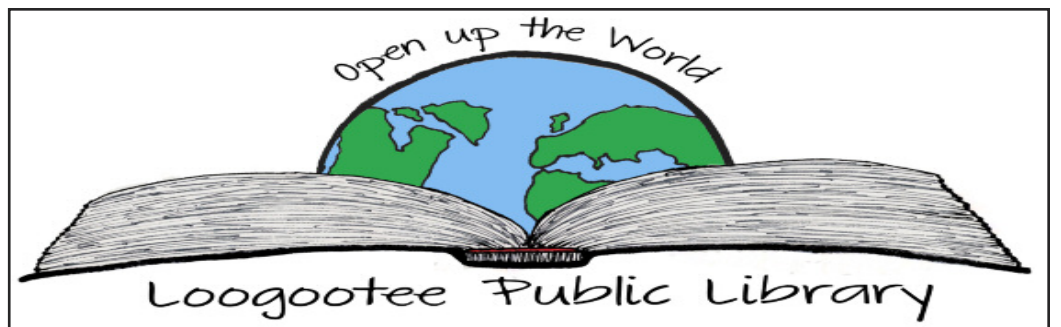
The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 7 p.m. Members of the humane society are invited to attend. To find out how to become a member, call the shelter at 812-295-5900 or email mchs@frontier.com.

Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Martin County Community Learning Center on the fairgrounds.

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.



BY DARLA WAGLER
Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Children's Librarian, Glenda Ritchie, donated "Maggie's Ball" by Lindsay Barrett George in memory of Tess Lagree. Glenda knew how much Tess loved dogs and the book is about a dog looking for a friend.

New Books

Mystery Fiction: "The Naked Eye" by Iris Johansen and "Naked Greed" by Stuart Woods.

Fiction: "Go Set A Watchman" by Harper Lee.

Non-Fiction: "A Full Life: Reflections at Ninety" by Jimmy Carter.

Young Adult: "The Isle of the Lost" by Melissa De La Cruz...

Juv. Fiction: "Disney's Descendants" by Rico Green and "Kitty Kat, Kitty Kat, Are You Waking UP" by Bill Martin, Jr.

The library hours are Monday and Tuesday 10-7, Wednesday closed, Thursday and Friday 10-5 and Saturday 9-1. The phone number is 812-295-3713 or check out the website www.loogootee.lib.in.us or like us on Facebook. The library has free Wi-Fi service available for patrons.

On the Home Front

By Linda Evans-Dillon
Martin County Veteran Service Officer

The veteran service officer has an office in the Martin County Courthouse. The hours are Monday from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. An appointment isn't required but suggested as there are times I am out of the office transporting veterans to medical appointments, meeting with or visiting veterans in the community.

DRIVERS NEEDED for the veteran van. I am aware that we all have very busy lives and very little free time which is why I am looking for reliable drivers to add to my call list. I am looking for VOLUNTEERS that are willing to transport a veteran possibly one trip a week to medical appointments in the surrounding area. This is not a paid position but I am able to provide \$10 a trip as long as there is money in the "Thank the Driver Fund". You must have an Indiana license and a clean driving record. If interested please contact me.

During the month of June the CVSO assisted seven veterans, had seven meetings, took seven veteran runs, participated in two funerals, and visited the Legion's and VFW's in Crane, Loogootee and Shoals. I attended the annual training in Indy that is required to keep my accreditation. The veteran van took nine trips transporting 10 veterans to VA medical centers and clinics.

Any WWII, Korea or Vietnam veteran interested in The Honor Flight please contact

me for more information.

The Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs continues their veterans outreach program this year and are scheduled to visit Evansville, October 14, 2015 and Vincennes October 15, 2015. Details of times and locations can be found on their event registration page at www.eventbrite.com/d/in/veterans-affairs-outreach/

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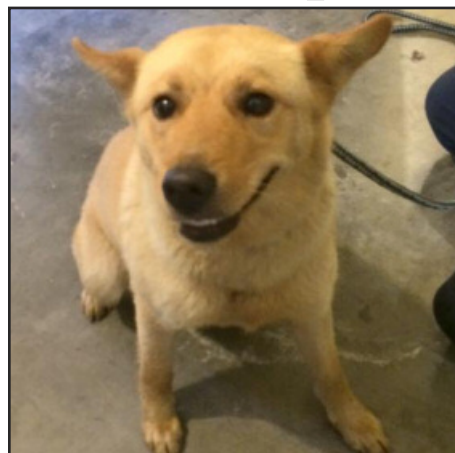
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