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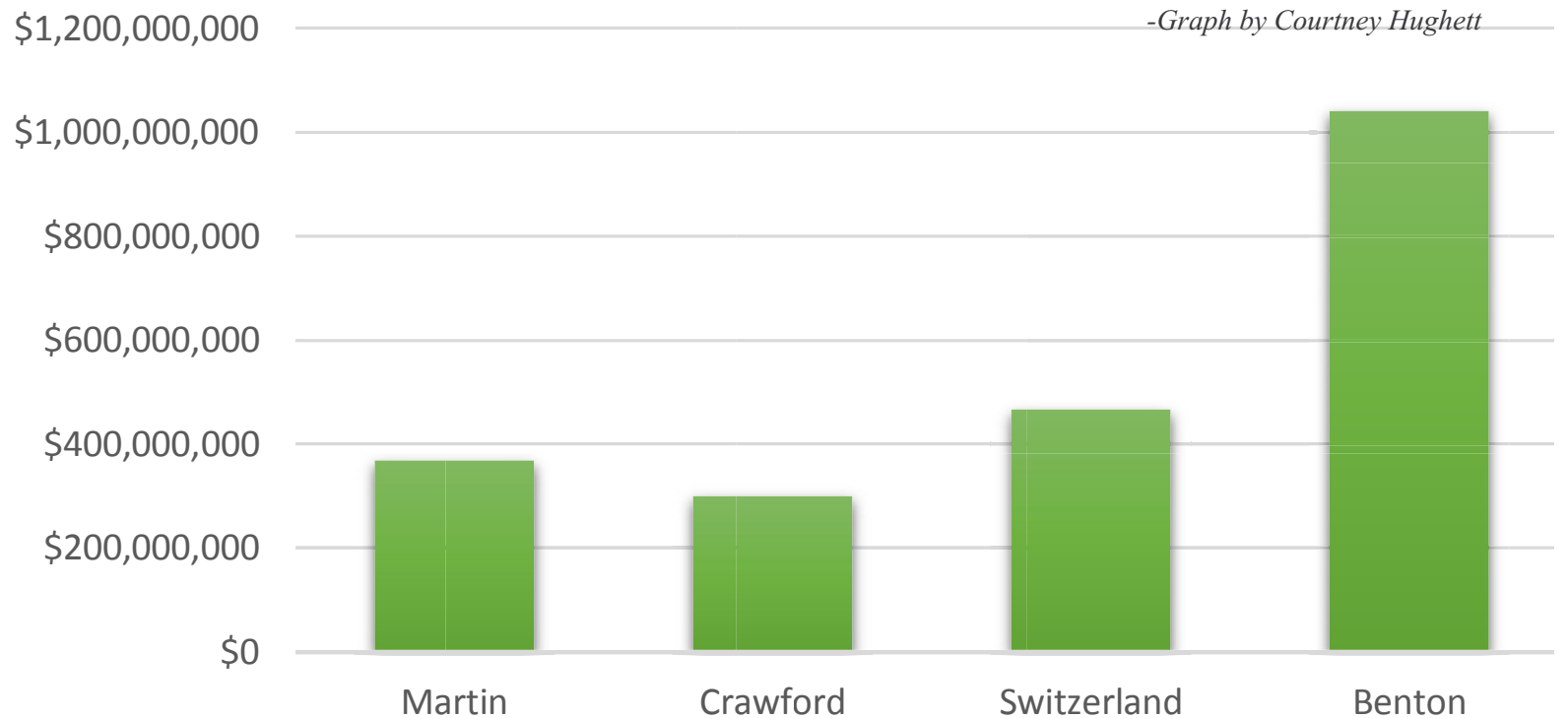
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How does Martin compare to similar counties?

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

Total Assessed Property Value

-Graph by Courtney Hughett



Each year the Association of Indiana Counties publishes a factbook with information concerning employee compensation and fiscal management of Indiana county governments. Data in the factbook comes from each county's auditor.

Below is a comparison of Martin County's data with counties similar in population. At the time of the survey for the factbook, Martin County had a population of 10,334 residents. Crawford County had a population of 10,713, Switzerland County's population was 10,613, and the next closest in population was Benton County with 8,854 residents.

Roads/Bridges
Martin County has 375 miles of county roads and 44 bridges. Of those 44 bridges, 14 have a sufficiency rating of 0-49.9 (based on 2012 information). Martin had 6,145 registered passenger vehicles and 13,144 total vehicles registered (based on 2011 data).

Crawford County has 450 miles of county roads and 79 bridges. Of those 79 bridges, 47 had a sufficiency rating of 0-49.9. Crawford had 6,076 registered passenger vehicles and a total of 13,683 vehicles registered.

Switzerland County has 359 miles of county roads and 37 bridges. Of those 37 bridges, eight had a sufficiency rate of 0-49.9. Switzerland had 3,674 passenger vehicles registered and 7,619 total vehicle registered.

Benton County has 672 miles of county roads and 118 bridges. Of those 118 bridges, 13 had a sufficiency rating of 0-49.9. Benton had 5,476 passenger vehicles registered and 11,035 total vehicles registered.

Total assessed property value
Martin County's total assessed property value is \$368,099,355 and has a total county certified tax rate and levy of 0.4855 percent and \$1,787,123.

Crawford County's total assessed prop-

erty value is \$299,720,772 and has a total county certified tax rate and levy of 1.0664 percent and \$3,196,223.

Switzerland County's total assessed property value is \$466,376,838 and has a total county certified tax rate and levy of 0.4679 percent and \$2,182,177.

Benton County's total assessed property value is \$1,040,985,981 and has a total county certified tax rate and levy of 0.3094 percent and \$3,220,811.

Spending
Martin County spent \$186,817 on bridges last year, \$51,643 on the county extension office and 4-H, \$47,232 on health services, \$210,000 for ambulance service, \$35,550 on emergency management, \$119,310 on 911 services, \$42,449 for courthouse maintenance, \$1,504,154 for highway department expenses, and \$102,193 on community corrections.

Crawford County did not provide spend-

ing information for the factbook.

Switzerland County spent \$85,613 on bridges last year, \$92,031 on the county extension office and 4-H, \$199,840 on health services, \$42,500 for ambulance services, \$38,466 on emergency management, \$382,811 on 911 services, \$45,252 for courthouse maintenance, \$1,131,903 for highway department expenses, and nothing on community corrections.

Benton County spent \$323,446 on bridges last year, \$83,622 on the county extension office and 4-H, \$64,041 on health services, \$714,734 for ambulance service, \$33,050 on emergency management, \$43,181 on 911 services, \$128,591 for courthouse maintenance, \$1,895,096 for highway department expenses, and nothing for community corrections.

Personnel and Salaries
Surveyor
Martin County's Surveyor Office has one elected official and one part-time employee. The surveyor is paid \$32,550.

Crawford County's Surveyor Office has one elected official and one full-time employee. The surveyor is paid \$11,655.

Switzerland County's Surveyor's Office has one elected official and no other employees. The surveyor is paid \$20,784.

Benton County's Surveyor's Office has one elected official, one full-time employee and one part-time employee. The surveyor is paid \$35,981.

Coroner
Martin County's Coroner's Office has one elected official and one part-time employee. The coroner is paid \$5,278.

Crawford County's Coroner's Office has one elected official and no other employees. The coroner is paid \$7,035.

Switzerland County's Coroner's Office has one elected official and one part-time employee. The coroner is paid \$22,285.

Benton County's Coroner's Office has one elected official and one part-time employee. The coroner is paid \$10,044.

Circuit Court

Martin County's Circuit Court has three full-time employees. The first chief deputy court clerk is paid \$22,520. Court reporters are paid \$25,188, bailiffs are paid \$6,550 and public defenders are paid \$80 per hour.

Crawford County's Circuit Court has two full-time employees. The first chief deputy court clerk is paid \$23,579. Court reporters are paid \$23,914, bailiffs are paid \$23,914, and public defenders are paid \$55,000.

Switzerland County's Circuit Court has five full-time employees and one part-time employee. The first chief deputy court clerk is paid \$32,084. Court reporters are paid \$42,466, bailiffs are paid \$32,084, and public defenders are paid \$41,143.

Benton County's Circuit Court has two full-time employees. The first chief deputy court clerk is paid \$26,013. Court reporters are paid \$33,562, bailiffs are paid \$33,562 and public defenders are paid \$43,105.

Probation Department
Martin County's Probation Office has two full-time employees. The chief probation officer is paid \$51,879 and the assistant probation officer is paid \$36,928.

Crawford County's Probation Office has three full-time employees. The chief probation officer is paid \$51,879 and the assistant probation officer is paid \$42,618.

Switzerland County's Probation Office has one full-time employee. The chief probation officer is paid \$48,470 and there is no assistant probation officer in Switzerland County.

Benton County's Probation Office has four full-time employees. The chief probation officer is paid \$62,857 and the assistant probation officer is paid \$43,470.

Highway Department
Martin County's Highway Department has 13 full-time employees and two part-time employees. Highway garage mechanics are paid \$33,052, truck drivers are paid \$31,843, highway bookkeeper is paid \$26,624, and the highway supervisor is paid \$36,697.

(See 'COMPARE' continued on page 2)



-Photo provided

Torchbearers wanted

Members of the Daviess, Martin, and Crane Indiana Bicentennial Committees met Tuesday, August 25 to discuss the torch relay route taking place on September 13, 2016. Nominations for torchbearers are being accepted at this time with a deadline of November 30, 2015. Only 20 torchbearers will be able to participate. The online nomination form is available at www.indiana2016.org/torchrelay/nomination-forms/.

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HUGE YARD SALE: At the Martin County Humane Society Animal Shelter at 507 North Oak Street in Loogootee, Saturday, August 29, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. All proceeds go toward the operation of the animal shelter. Way too much stuff to list.

Email classifieds to courtney@martincountyjournal.com. Prices vary, email for more information.

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Crawford County's Highway Department has 23 full-time employees. Highway garage mechanics are paid \$27,846, truck drivers are paid \$26,707, (no highway bookkeeper in Crawford), and the highway supervisor is paid \$29,265.

Switzerland County's Highway Department has 18 full-time employees and three part-time employees. Highway garage mechanics are paid \$36,894, truck drivers are paid \$35,209, highway bookkeeper is paid \$32,084, and the highway supervisor is paid \$39,864.

Benton County's Highway Department has 21 full-time employees and two part-time employees. Highway garage mechanics are paid \$36,385, truck drivers are paid \$36,385, highway bookkeeper is paid \$29,458, and the highway superintendent is paid \$46,073.

Sheriff's Department

Martin County has seven full-time police officers and one part-time. The sheriff's department has 10 full-time civilian employees and one part-time. The sheriff is paid \$72,450, chief deputy is paid \$34,293, patrolmen are paid \$28,576, jail commander is paid \$23,956, matron is paid \$28,576, jailers are paid \$23,956, dispatchers are paid \$24,719, and the jail cook is paid \$21,780.

Crawford County has 14 full-time police officers and 10 part-time. The sheriff's department has nine full-time civilian employees and seven part-time. The sheriff is paid \$66,872, chief deputy is paid \$31,500, patrolmen are paid \$30,000, jail commander is paid \$23,254, matron is paid \$27,668, jailers are paid \$23,000, dispatchers are paid \$19,889 and the jail cook is paid \$23,000.

Switzerland County has 23 full-time police officer and three part-time. The sheriff's department has zero civilian employees. The sheriff is paid \$69,372, chief deputy is paid \$50,018, patrolmen are paid \$36,070, jail commander is paid \$31,477, matron is paid \$39,446, jailers are paid \$27,352, dispatchers are paid \$32,070, and the jail cook is paid \$27,352.

Benton County has seven full-time police officers and zero part-time. The sheriff's department has 12 full-time civilian employees and nine part-time. The sheriff is paid \$67,056, the chief deputy is paid \$38,973, patrolmen are paid \$37,063, jail commander is paid \$26,238, matron is paid \$37,063, jailers are paid \$26,238, dispatchers are paid \$25,775, and the jail cook is paid \$10.50 per hour.

Auditor

Martin County's Auditor's Office has one elected official, two full-time employees and one part-time employee. The auditor is paid \$29,187 and deputy auditor is paid \$22,520.

Crawford County's Auditor's Office has one elected official and three full-time employees. The auditor is paid \$31,739 and the deputy auditor is paid \$29,343.

Switzerland County's Auditor's Office has one elected official and three full-time employees. The auditor is paid \$37,507 and the deputy auditor is paid \$32,084.

Benton County's Auditor's Office has one elected official and four full-time employees. The auditor is paid \$37,663 and the deputy auditor is paid \$27,398.

Treasurer

Martin County's Treasurer's Office has one elected official, one full-time employee, and two part-time employees. The treasurer is paid \$28,852 and the deputy treasurer is paid \$22,520.

Crawford County's Treasurer's Office has one elected official, one full-time employee and one part-time employee. The treasurer is paid \$28,236 and the deputy treasurer is paid \$23,579.

Switzerland County's Treasurer's Office has one elected official and one full-time employee. The treasurer is paid \$36,507 and the deputy treasurer is paid \$32,084.

Benton County's Treasurer's Office has one elected official and one full-time em-

ployee. The treasurer is paid \$35,951 and the deputy treasurer is paid \$26,013.

Assessor

Martin County's Assessor's Office has one elected official, two full-time employees, and one part-time employee. The assessor is paid \$29,852 and the deputy assessor is paid \$22,520.

Crawford County's Assessor's Office has one elected official, one full-time employee, and one part-time employee. The assessor is paid \$27,124 and the deputy assessor is paid \$23,579.

Switzerland County's Assessor's Office has one elected official, one full-time employee, and one part-time employee. The assessor is paid \$37,507 and the deputy assessor is paid \$32,084.

Benton County's Assessor's Office has one elected official and three full-time employees. The assessor is paid \$45,096 and the deputy assessor is paid \$24,281.

Recorder

Martin County's Recorder's Office has one elected official and one full-time employee. The recorder is paid \$28,852 and the deputy recorder is paid \$22,520.

Crawford County's Recorder's Office has one elected official and one full-time employee. The record is paid \$26,599 and the deputy recorder is paid \$23,579.

Switzerland County's Recorder's Office has one elected official and two full-time employees. The recorder is paid \$36,507 and the deputy recorder is paid \$32,084.

Benton County's Recorder's Office has one elected official and one full-time employee. The recorder is paid \$35,951 and the deputy recorder is paid \$26,013.

Clerk

Martin County's Clerk's Office has one elected official, two full-time employees and one part-time employee. The clerk is paid \$28,852 and the deputy clerk is paid \$22,520.

Crawford County's Clerk's Office has one elected official, three full-time employees, and one part-time employee. The clerk is paid \$29,286 and the deputy clerk is paid \$23,579.

Switzerland County's Clerk's Office has one elected official and three full-time employees. The clerk is paid \$36,507 and the deputy clerk is paid \$32,084.

Benton County's Clerk's Office has one elected official, four full-time employees, and two part-time employees. The clerk is paid \$35,951 and the deputy clerk is paid \$26,013.

Prosecutor

Martin County's Prosecutor's Office has one elected official, three full-time employees and one part-time employee.

Crawford County's Prosecutor's Office has one elected official, four full-time employees and one part-time employee.

Switzerland County's Prosecutor's Office has one elected official and two full-time employees.

Benton County's Prosecutor's Office has one elected official and one full-time employee.

County Council and Commissioners

Martin County's three commissioners are paid \$8,164 each per year. The seven county council members are paid \$4,143 each per year. The county attorney is paid \$100 per hour.

Crawford County's three commissioners are paid \$9,486 each per year. The seven county council members are paid \$5,384 each per year. The county attorney is paid \$8,800 a year.

Switzerland County's three commissioners are paid \$13,937 each per year. The seven county council member are paid \$6,786 each per year. The county attorney is paid \$9,477 per year.

Benton County's three commissioners are paid \$39,668 each per year. The seven county council members are paid \$21,001 each per year. The county attorney is paid \$125 per hour.

OBITUARIES

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JOHN HUNT

John R. Hunt passed away at 4:56 p.m. Monday, August 24 at Memorial Hospital and Healthcare Center in Jasper. A resident of Loogootee, he was 75.



He was born May 6, 1940 in Loogootee; son of the late Russell and Lucille (Gosnell) Hunt.

He was the owner of Hunt's Steamer Café. He was a past sheriff of Martin County and a past chief of police for the City of Loogootee. He was a supervisor for the Bureau of Motor Vehicle. He was a member of the Loogootee City Council and was the clerk of Martin Circuit Court. He was currently employed by Traylor Trucking in Montgomery.

He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, Fraternal Order of the Lodge, Masons,

Hadi Shriner, Fraternal Order of Police, Indiana Sheriff's Association Board of Trustees, President of Jaycees, Moose Club, Eagles, Democratic County Chairman, Independent Order of the Odd Fellows and Gold Wing Association.

He enjoyed camping, motorcycles, Loogootee Lion sports and going to his kids' and grandkids' sporting events.

He is survived by his wife, Sue (Inman) Hunt; son, John Hunt of Loogootee; daughters, Bobbi Sue (Brent) Nonte, Nikki (Pat) Wagoner, and Tara (Ryan) Lengacher, all of Loogootee; 22 grandchildren, five great grandchildren; siblings, Peggy Spaulding, Carolyn (Richard) Taylor, William (Kay) Hunt, Larry (Angel) Hunt and Darryl (Debby) Hunt; brothers-in-law, Terry (Alice) Inman and Jack (Karen) Inman; sisters-in-law, Iris Wagoner, Sharon Stuffle, Charlotte (Lloyd) Resler and Pam Clark; and nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents,

Russell and Lucille (Gosnell) Hunt; sister, Diana (Ed) Harder; brother, Jim Hunt; brothers-in-law, Junior (Joyce) Inman, Charlie Wagoner, Pat Stuffle, Don Spaulding and Chet Majeski; and sister-in-law, Betty (Web) Kelso.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Very Reverend J. Kenneth Walker at 10 a.m. Friday, August 28 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be Thursday, August 27 from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Loogootee Athletic Department.

Condolences may be made online at brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com.

MARY BARMES

Mary E. Barmes passed away at 9:05 a.m. Friday, August 21, 2015 at Willow Manor Nursing Home. A resident of Vincennes, she was 73.

She was born January 16, 1942 in Loogootee; daughter of the late Austin and Regina (Norris) Crowder.

She loved butterflies and Scotty dogs.

She is survived by her sons, Tony (Rosita) Barmes of Littleton, Colorado; Eric (Nancy) Barmes of Virginia Beach, Virginia; and Jason Barmes of Vincennes; daughter, Sherry (Rodney) Smith of Madison; two granddaughters, Jessica Snyder and Katelin Barmes; four great-grandchildren, Kindall, Colter, and Kaleigh Yochum and Myah Green; and brother, Earl (Vicky) Crowder of Shoals.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Austin and Regina (Norris) Crowder and granddaughter, Chandra Snyder.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Thursday, August 27 at St. Martin Catholic Church in Whitfield, officiated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker. Burial will follow in St. Martin Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Thursday, August 27 from 9 a.m. until the time of service at the church.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to St. Martin Catholic Cemetery Fund.

Condolences may be made online at

brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com.

JAMES BERGMAN

James Dean Bergman passed away at 6:20 p.m. August 22, 2015 at his home. A resident of Shoals, he was 51.



He was born February 24, 1964 in Orange County; son of Roy K. and Karen (Newlin) Bergman. He attended Shoals Schools and was disabled.

He is survived by his mother, Karen Bergman of Hillham; sister, Lori West of French Lick; brother, Roy Lee Bergman of Shoals; special nephew, Josh Bergman of Shoals; and a very close friend, Eldon Pursley of French Lick.

He is preceded in death by his father and an infant brother, Jeffrey Joe Bergman.

The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until noon on Saturday, August 29 at the Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. Burial will be made at a later date in Milltown Cemetery in Milltown, Indiana.

Condolences may be made to the family at www.queenlee.com.

JACQUELINE IVEY

Jacqueline Sue Ivey passed away August 20, 2015 at Memorial Hospital and Healthcare Center in Jasper. A resident of Shoals, she was 63.



She was born February 8, 1952; daughter of Harold Vern and Marcia Pearl (Garrett) Richardson.

She previously worked for the Town of Shoals as deputy clerk-treasurer.

She is survived by son, Cary Thomas of Shoals; sister, Sandy Majors of Petersburg and three grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by parents, Harold Vern and Marcia Pearl (Garrett) Richardson.

Cremation was chosen for Ms. Ivey. Arrangements were handled by McAdams Mortuary in Paoli.

~LETTER TO THE EDITOR~

'The higher the Legion membership, the more politicians have to pay attention.'

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

As the nation moves into the election cycle, and have candidates at the national level vying for attention and votes, there will obviously be an effort for these candidates to demonstrate cost-cutting platforms for all taxpayers. While this would be a welcome event, all taxpayers need to assure that the cuts are not made at the expense of those who have served in the Armed Forces to protect these same taxpayers. Over the last decade, the government has asked citizens to volunteer to serve, often in combat situations, but has been less than vigilant about maintaining Veteran Administration healthcare facilities, and to provide other services to discharged service members. It has taken organizations like the American Legion to assure continued health care, insurance, job opportunities, and all quality of life issues following discharge of these personnel. The American Legion, along with other veteran service organizations, has maintained a presence at the national level in Congress, the Pentagon and the White House to assure that the needs of veterans are met. The American Legion constantly monitors issues such as Social Security, Medicare, Tri-Care, and veterans hospitals to assure level of care and timely appointments.

The American Legion at all levels, local, state, and national, has a mission to protect

and improve the interests of all veterans, medically, mentally, socially, and economically. All of this effort and constant surveillance comes at a price. And that is why membership in the American Legion is vital to the success of this mission. Membership dues are the primary source of revenue for the Legion, with the majority of the dues collected going to the national level, some to the state level for state programs, and a small amount staying with the member's post to help cover expenses and provide local programs.

If you are a veteran, or know someone who is, and not currently a member of the American Legion or comparable service organization, please consider "enlisting" now to help your fellow veterans receive and keep all the benefits they deserve. If veterans are not the guardians of the benefits and opportunities promised, who will be? As the American Legion contacts our elected officials, both sides need to be aware of the amount of "political clout" each one has. The higher the Legion membership, the more politicians have to pay attention. Your participation, opinion, and financial assistance is needed now more than ever.

Perhaps some time in the future, you may need assistance the Veterans Administration and American Legion provides, and now is the time to assure that aid is there when you need it. Stop by your local post and see what they have to offer. The number of the Loogootee and Shoals Legion Posts are in the phone book.

Phil Todd
Loogootee, Indiana

Indiana Emergency Response Conference announces 2015 award winners

The Indiana Emergency Response Conference (IERC) has presented its annual awards. The conference is for firefighters, emergency medical services (EMS), law enforcement, hazardous materials professionals and special operations professionals.

Award recipients are:

- Fire Instructor of the Year (Individual)
Andy Ambers, City of Lawrence Fire Department
- Fire Instructor of the Year (Division)
Carmel Fire Department, Training Division
- Ambulance Provider Public Relations Award
Memorial Hospital Ambulance Services (Jasper, IN)
- Dispatcher of the Year
Andi Waincott, Switzerland County Sheriff's Department
- Heroic Rescue Award
Shane Hardwick and Troy Wymer, Wayne Township Fire Department (Indianapolis)
- BLS Provider of the Year (Fire-based)
Vincennes Township Fire District
- ALS Provider of the Year (Fire-based)
Richmond Fire Department
- ALS Provider of the Year (Non-fire based)

- LaPorte County EMS Firefighter of the Year
Jack Eskridge, Lowell Volunteer Fire Department
- Fire Chief of the Year (Volunteer)
Jay Price, Black Township Fire and Rescue (Mount Vernon, IN)
- Fire and Life Safety Educator of the Year
Megan Thiele, Decatur Township Fire Department (Indianapolis, IN)
- Primary (EMS) Instructor of the Year
Jeff Mason, Ivy Tech Community College (Terre Haute, IN)
- EMS for Children Award
Kerri James, Trans-Care Ambulance (Brazil, IN)
- EMT-Basic of the Year
Jeff Melvin, Harrison County Hospital EMS
- Paramedic of the Year
Kerri James, Trans-Care Ambulance (Brazil, IN)
- Fire Officer of the Year
Robin Nicoson, Decatur Township Fire Department (Indianapolis, IN)
- EMS Officer of the Year
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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

12:09 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

12:23 a.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Loogootee. Loogootee Sgt. Norris responded.

7:17 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down on Red School Road. Martin County Highway responded.

9:23 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:27 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:06 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Sgt. Keller and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

4:20 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist near Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Chief Deputy Greene assisted the driver.

4:42 p.m. - Received a report of a possible break-in north of Shoals. Martin County Sheriff's Department is working the case.

6:47 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. Martin County Sheriff's Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

11:48 p.m. - Received a request for assistance with an individual near Shoals. Deputy McBeth responded to the call.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

4:42 a.m. - Received a report of a trespasser in Loogootee. Loogootee Sgt. Norris responded.

5:29 a.m. - Received a report of a car/deer accident south of Loogootee. Deputy McBeth responded.

8:30 a.m. - Captain Dant transported one inmate to the department of corrections.

12:39 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:40 p.m. - Received a report of a dog hit in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department was advised.

9:11 p.m. - Received a report of a car/deer accident near Loogootee. Sgt. Keller responded.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

7:11 a.m. - Received a report of injured animals near Loogootee. Captain Dant investigated.

7:12 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

10:00 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

10:37 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation north of Shoals. Indiana State Police Trooper Lents responded.

10:50 a.m. - Received a report of an alarm in Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded and all was okay.

1:40 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Loogootee. Major Burkhardt and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Good Samaritan Hospital.

3:39 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Major Burkhardt took the call.

5:53 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:43 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:43 p.m. - Received a report of a tree blocking US 231, north of Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

1:31 a.m. - Received a report of a tree blocking US 50, east of Shoals. Deputy McBeth removed the tree.

1:45 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across Hwy 150, east of Shoals. Deputy McBeth removed the tree.

3:19 a.m. - Received a report of cows out south of Loogootee. Deputy McBeth took the call.

8:11 a.m. - Sheriff Roush assisted a stranded motorist in Shoals.

9:32 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Captain Dant, Shoals 1st Responders, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

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

12:53 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Shoals 1st Responders and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:02 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

4:25 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee on US 231. Major Burkhardt, Martin County Ambulance, and Haysville Fire were dispatched. No one was transported.

5:39 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Nolan and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:41 p.m. - Loogootee Police Department assisted a homeowner in Loogootee.

7:38 p.m. - Major Burkhardt assisted the humane society with an animal pick up.

9:42 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department and Deputy McBeth responded.

10:11 p.m. - Received a report of an accident involving a cow east of Shoals. Deputy McBeth responded.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

7:42 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:09 a.m. - Received a report of someone messing with the mail at a residence in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

10:52 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

11:07 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation near Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Chief Deputy Greene responded.

12:55 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene performed a property check in Shoals.

2:29 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:11 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene responded to a domestic situation in Crane.

7:54 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Deputy McBeth took the call.

8:50 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Nolan was contacted.

11:24 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Nolan responded.

11:30 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Shoals. Deputy McBeth and Loogootee Officer Nolan responded.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

4:35 a.m. - Deputy McBeth assisted a person walking along US 50.

9:36 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Nolan responded.

11:08 a.m. - Sgt. Keller assisted with a motorcycle caravan traveling through the county.

11:54 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

12:42 p.m. - Sgt. Keller assisted a motorist south of Loogootee.

1:41 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Shoals. Sgt. Keller responded.

2:29 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department was notified.

3:36 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:41 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Lost River Fire Department, Orange County EMS, Deputy McBeth, and Indiana State Police units responded. The subject was transported to Queen Lee Funeral Home.

8:21 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Shoals. Martin County Sheriff's Department responded.

8:38 p.m. - Received a report of a car/deer accident north of Loogootee. Deputy McBeth responded.

8:55 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals. Deputy McBeth worked the case.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

8:09 a.m. - Received a report of a fire alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

11:01 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance southwest of Shoals. Sgt. Keller, Shoals Fire Department, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital. He was then taken by helicopter to St Mary's Hospital in Evansville.

11:32 a.m. - Received a report of an alarm north of Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department Captain Akles responded.

4:27 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231, south of Loogootee. Deputy McBeth responded.

5:02 p.m. - Received a report of a stolen vehicle from Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department, Sgt. Keller, and Indiana State Police were contacted.

7:31 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene, Deputy McBeth, Marshal Eckert, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

9:19 p.m. - Received a report of a cow in the road south of Loogootee. Deputy McBeth responded.

10:02 p.m. - Received a report of a reck-

less driver on US 50, east of Shoals. Marshal Eckert responded.

11:06 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Sgt. Norris and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

JAIL BOOKINGS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

12:02 p.m. - Brian Wade, 49, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with criminal recklessness, domestic battery, and intimidation. His bond has been set at \$50,000 10%.

5:19 p.m. - Travis Campbell, 39, of Shoals, was arrested by Major Burkhardt on a Dubois County warrant.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

8:50 p.m. - Richard Wetter, 45, of Shoals, was arrested by Sheriff Roush and Chief Deputy Greene in Alfordsville on a Martin County Warrant for escape. He has no bond at this time.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

8:20 p.m. - Jessica Lampert, 40, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy McBeth and charged with leaving the scene of an accident. She is being held without bond.

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Martin County Court News

Persons listed on criminal charges are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCING

August 6

Angus E. Robinson, convicted of criminal trespass, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 333 days suspended and credit for 16 actual days previously served plus 16 good time credit days. Defendant received 6 months of probation.

August 10

Billy J. Craft, convicted of operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor; convicting of resisting law enforcement, a Class 6 Felony; convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve on first count, 60 days in the Martin County Security Center with 0 days suspended and credit for 30 actual days previously served plus 30 good time credit days. Sentenced on the second count, 2 years at the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 333 actual days previously served plus 333 good time credit days. Sentenced on the third count, 2 years at the Indiana Department of Corrections with 1 year suspended. Defendant received 1 year of probation.

Seth M. McCrary, convicted of resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor, amended from a Class D Felony. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 359 days suspended and credit for 3 actual days previously served plus 3 good time credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

August 11

Russell E. Cook, III, convicted of driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor and driving while suspended, a Class A Infraction. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 269 days suspended and credit for 48 actual days previously served plus 48 good time credit days. Defendant received 6 months of probation.

August 12

Crystal N. Tarr, convicted of domestic battery, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 293 days suspended and credit for 36 actual days previously served plus 36 good time credit days. Defendant received 9 months of probation.

Jesus B. Torres-Valdez, convicted of counterfeiting, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 438 days in the Martin County Security Center with 0 days suspended and credit for 219 actual days previously served plus 219 good time credit days.

August 17

Franklin G. Nolley, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 365 days at the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 85 actual days previously served plus 85 good time credit days.

Holly G. Norris, convicted of escape, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 1.5 years at the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended.

Heather M. Way, convicted of theft, a Class D Felony. Sentenced to serve 2 years at the Indiana Department of Corrections with 1 year suspended and credit for 3 actual days previously served plus 3 good time credit days. Defendant received 1 year of probation.

Jeffrey Winger, convicted of operating a motor vehicle after forfeiture of license for life, a Class 5 Felony. Sentenced to serve 4 years at the Indiana Department of Corrections (1 year at IDOC and 3 years as a direct commitment to Martin County Community Corrections) with 0 days suspended and credit for 35 actual days previously served plus 35 good time credit days.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

August 10

Billy J. Craft, reckless driving, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; battery against a public safety official, a Class 5 Felony, dismissed.

Jerrad S. Ryan, illegal consumption of alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

August 12

Angela K. Killion, assisting a criminal, a Class 5 Felony, dismissed; false informing, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Jesus B. Torres-Valdez, two counts of forgery, Class 6 Felonies, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

August 17

Richard L. Shoultz, exceeding the speed limit while operating a school bus, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

August 17

Franklin G. Nolley, maintaining a common nuisance, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Holly G. Norris, criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; theft, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed.

Heather M. Way, burglary, a Class B Felony, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

August 5

Cavalry SPV I, LLC vs. Jeff D. Tinkle, civil collection.

Jennifer L. Bauer vs. John L. Bauer, petition for dissolution of marriage.

August 6

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Wendy Banks, civil collection.

August 10

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Matthew New, civil collection.

Green Tree Servicing, LLC vs. Robert D. Jones, mortgage foreclosure.

Hoosier Hills Credit Union vs. Sylvia B. Johnson, Charles Johnson and Verlene Johnson, mortgage foreclosure.

August 17

Ashley Webster vs. Nicholas J. Gress, petition for dissolution of marriage.

August 18

Cavalry SPV I, LLC vs. Mary Price, civil collection.

Jessica D. Morton vs. Rockey J. Morton, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Nicholas J. Gress vs. Ashley P. Webster, petition for dissolution of marriage.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

August 12

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC and against the defendant Kevin M. New in the amount of \$1,483.70.

August 14

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff US Bank and against the defendants Harley L. Bratton and Barbara M. Bratton for mortgage foreclosure in the amount of \$36,770.19.

August 19

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Capital One Bank and against the defendant R. Joseph Howell in the amount of \$16,203.94.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT New Suits Filed

August 7

Kevin Boyd vs. Amy Edwards, complaint.

August 10

John Chapman vs. Wendy Chapman, complaint.

August 11

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Julie Padgett a/k/a Doscher Ball, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

August 3

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Springleaf Financial Services of Indiana,

Inc. and against the defendant Dustin L. Fox in the amount of \$3,261.65.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Personal Finance Company, LLC and against the defendant Kela Luker in the amount of \$2,981.88.

August 6

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Matthew Clark in the amount of \$1,419.95.

August 10

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Dale E. Abel in the amount of \$3,798.51.

August 12

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Shawn M. Colvin in the amount of \$513.60.

August 17

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Jeremiah J. Crawford in the amount of \$708.37.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Justin L. Helms in the amount of \$731.61.

August 21

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Ann Bleemel in the amount of \$3,094.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

August 18

James E. Graber of Shoals and Katrina R. Bell of Shoals.

Martin County real estate transfers

Judeanne Delaney, formerly known as Judeanne H. Murphy to **Judeanne Murphy Farms Family Trust**, 25 acres off the west side of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 6, Township 5 North, Range 4 West. Also, the north one-half of the west one-half of the northwest quarter of Section 6, Township 5 North, Range 4 West, containing 34.98 acres, more or less, except a 2.34-acre parcel. Containing in all 57.64 acres, more or less.

Wilbur J. Harner and Katherine A. Harner, of Bartholomew County, Indiana to **Jason L. Jones and Allie Jones**, of Martin County, Indiana, all that part of the northwest quarter of Section 21, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, lying south of Lost River and west of the Hillham and Shoals Road as it now runs, containing 10 acres, more or less.

Accident reports

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

1:02 p.m. - Dakota R. Allen, of Loogootee, was backing a 2013 Dodge from a parking spot and failed to see a 2004 Toyota owned by Timothy Bauer, of Loogootee. Chief Rayhill investigated.

10:30 p.m. - Trinity Benton, of Loogootee, was operating a 1996 Pontiac when a deer ran into her path. Officer Nolan investigated.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

12:23 a.m. - Caller reported a possible disturbance in Bowling Trailer Court.

7:00 a.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on US 231. Officer was unable to locate.

11:00 a.m. - Male came on station to request a vehicle identification check.

12:45 p.m. - Received a call of two loose dogs on Broadway Street.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

4:42 a.m. - Caller reported a trespasser on his property.

1:00 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

8:06 p.m. - Captain Hennette conducted a traffic stop. K-9 Roxy gave a positive indication of drugs in the vehicle. A female was cited into court for possession of marijuana.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

7:12 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

7:55 a.m. - Male came on station to request a vehicle identification check.

10:00 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted a motorist.

3:39 p.m. - Received a call of a suicidal subject. Male was later transported to a local hospital.

4:50 p.m. - Male requested to speak with an officer regarding child welfare.

5:12 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

5:20 p.m. - Caller reported a phone scam.

5:34 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious persons on Park Street. Subjects checked out okay.

5:43 p.m. - Officer Nolan responded to a residential alarm.

6:46 p.m. - First responders were requested on JFK Avenue for lifting assistance.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

4:02 p.m. - Caller reported vandalism.

5:43 p.m. - Female reported being locked out of her residence. She requested an officer help her make entry.

9:42 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on East Main Street.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

11:24 p.m. - Female caller requested a welfare check on her daughter.

11:30 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance on High Street.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

8:40 a.m. - Caller reported an animal complaint.

9:36 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

11:08 a.m. - Officer Todd assisted with traffic request.

8:23 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on Hwy 50.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

8:09 a.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to a smoke alarm at the Loogootee Nursing Center.

11:32 a.m. - Captain Akles responded to a business alarm.

12:53 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance on Broadway Street.

5:03 p.m. - Caller reported her van was stolen while parked at IGA. Vehicle is a blue 2006 Chevy Uplander.

Martin County Humane Society

YARD SALE



Saturday, August 29
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sale will be held at the animal shelter
507 N. Oak Street, Loogootee
(Next door to Burch's Greenhouses)

If you have something to donate to the sale, please drop it off at the shelter. If not open, you can leave items on the front porch. Thank you!

In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

A small sign in my garden has a quote from Eeyore, the friend of Winnie the Pooh. The sign states, "Weeds are flowers too, once you get to know them." With all of the weeding that I have had to do recently, I think I was hoping the sign would convince visitors that the weeds were purposely being cultivated, getting to know them long enough to see them as flowers.

Actually, I have made the acquaintance of several weeds that are actually flowers. It is unfortunate that the term "weed" has actually become a part of the common name of some of these native wildflowers.

Probably the most important "weed" of this category is the butterfly weed. The orange flowers of this form of milkweed are beautiful and offer nectar to pollinators of all types, including butterflies. Being a type of milkweed, the plant also is important as a food source for the larva of Monarch butterflies and is the only plant on which the Monarch will lay its eggs. This weed is so important that I will soon be out collecting seeds to plant in my wildflower meadow.

Another of my favorite "weeds" is ironweed. Its deep purple flowers attract bees and butterflies in late summer. It is one of those weeds that I have learned to appreciate after knowing for a long time. I recognize the plants early in the year and have learned that by cutting them back, I can keep them shorter. I pull some ironweeds when they are out of place, but I leave others to enjoy their flowers and the critters they attract. Ironweeds are in the Veronica family and I love to locate them close to the Veronica cultivars I grow in my perennial beds.

Jewelweed certainly does not deserve that unfavorable moniker. Also known as wild touch-me-not, the bright orange blossoms are one of the favorite natural nectar sources

for hummingbirds as they begin storing energy for their migration. I know that they tend to crowd out other plants, but they are native and therefore not invasive. They are easily pulled out of places they are not welcome, so I allow them to grow in the moist spaces at the edge of the woods. Jewelweed is a type of impatiens. The watery sap of the plant has often been used to soothe the itch of rashes caused by poison ivy.

Another great butterfly magnet is Joe Pye weed. Like ironweed, the tall plants may be kept in tow by cutting them back early in the summer. At this time of year, the tiny blossoms form balls as big as basketballs. They make beautiful backdrops for other late summer flowers. If you like the look of Joe Pye weed but do not want to have to cut it back, check your favorite garden center for a cultivar known as "Little Joe". You will still get the big flower clusters, but on more compact plants.

Perhaps the most maligned late summer flower is solidago, commonly known as goldenrod. The bright yellow racemes of tiny blossoms are eye-catching. Their biggest fault is that they bloom at the same time of year as ragweed, which truly is a weed. Ragweed is the major cause of allergies in the late summer and early fall, but the flowers are not very noticeable. Goldenrod pollen is large, heavy and sticky, and must be spread by pollinators, as I pointed out in a recent column. It is the light, airborne pollen of ragweed that causes the problems, but because goldenrod is more noticeable, it gets blamed for the itchy eyes and runny noses.

Over the years, I have gotten to know these weeds and appreciate them for their flowers. I guess Eeyore is pretty wise for a donkey who keeps losing his tail.

SIPAC to host 3rd Annual Family Fun Day

The Southern Indiana Purdue Agricultural Center (SIPAC) invites local families to visit the research farm on Saturday, September 12 for a day of fun on the farm.

Events will kick off at 8:30 a.m. EST with a 2.5-mile, multi-surface run/walk around scenic areas of the farm, with several routes from which to choose.

From 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. geocaching will be available at your own pace, with GPS devices available to give families and individuals a chance to search for hidden items while exploring different parts of the property.

At 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. the Heeke Animal Diagnostic Laboratory will host open tours of the facility with live demonstrations. Stop in, put on your veterinarian hat, and learn the "ins and outs" of animals.

Lauren D'Acunto of Purdue University will discuss Indiana bats at 10:15 a.m. to teach us more about our flying night friends.

Family farm wagon tours will be available at 10:15 and 11:15 a.m. for folks to take in the sights and sounds of the farm.

Picnic areas will be available from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., so bring a sack lunch and enjoy the outdoors with friends and family.

Registration for the 2.5-mile run/walk is \$20 prior to September 1, or \$25 at the event. All other activities are free and open to the public.

SIPAC is located immediately north of the Patoka Lake Dam at 11371 E. Purdue Farm Road, Dubois, Indiana.

For more information or to pre-register for the 2.5-mile run/walk call the SIPAC office at 812-678-4427, the Purdue Extension - Dubois County office at 812-482-1782, or email Jason Tower at towerj@purdue.edu.

Visit the SIPAC website for additional details at <https://ag.purdue.edu/arp/pac/Pages/sipac-home.aspx>

Purdue experts: Tree deaths across Indiana may be related to weather stress

BY ASPEN DENO
Purdue University News Service

Homeowners and landowners need to keep an eye on trees that may be dying from weather-related stress, Purdue University tree experts say.

Symptoms recently noted on mature oak, tulip and maple trees in Indiana include leaf scorch - the browning of leaves - branch dieback and premature defoliation.

Rosie Lerner, Purdue Extension consumer horticulture specialist, said healthy trees do not die quickly, and there are likely numerous stress factors adding to what is happening to some trees.

"Indiana weather has given us pretty much every extreme in the last few years from extreme heat and drought, to bitter cold and high winds and to floods," Lerner said. "The added stress, especially on urban trees that have compromised root systems, may make them more vulnerable than non-urban trees."

With the water levels in most counties in Indiana this year being above field capacity most of June and July, water stress is likely causing the symptoms, said Kyle Daniel, Extension horticulture program specialist.

"Tulip trees and most oaks can't tolerate flooded conditions, but certain maples, like silver maple, can tolerate compacted or flooded soil for a period of time," Daniel said.

Lindsey Purcell, urban forestry specialist, wants owners of young and newly established trees to be aware that supplemental watering is essential if there is no rain for an extended amount of time, such as a week.

"These trees do not yet have the substantial root system to obtain water in drier conditions," he said.

Gail Ruhl, plant disease diagnostician, reminds those with trees experiencing these issues that it is crucial not to generalize the main cause of tree dieback but to examine each case with regard to specific symptoms and environmental elements.

"Stressed trees are more susceptible to insect and disease. In fact, stressed trees will attract secondary bark- and wood-boring beetles," Ruhl said.

Homeowners wanting to investigate the cause of their tree problems should use the Purdue Tree Doctor app available at Purdue



Following excessive moisture this past spring, this sugar maple tree declined rapidly during hot and dry weather this summer. The combination of fungal dieback, environmental and site stress conditions over the past several years most likely contributed to the death of this tree. (Purdue Agricultural Communication photo/Keith Robinson)



Homeowners with tulip poplar trees should not be overly concerned if they see some yellow leaves such as these. The random yellowing and premature leaf drop is common in the summer in trees with stressed root systems. (Purdue Agricultural Communication photo/Keith Robinson)

Extension's The Education Store at www.edustore.purdue.edu and purdueplantdoctor.com.

Samples may be submitted to the Purdue Plant and Pest Diagnostic Lab for a professional diagnosis.

Patoka Lake offers controlled dove hunts

Patoka Lake will offer controlled dove hunts at seven fields on September 1 and 2.

Five fields are at check station 17 (Jordan Branch). The other two are at check station 6 (Tillery Hill State Recreation Area). A drawing will be held at 6:45 a.m. EDT each hunt day at the scheduled fields' check station. There is a maximum of two hunters per stake period.

At Jordan Branch:

- Field 1 will be limited to approximately 16 parties (32 maximum hunters).

- Field 2 will be limited to approximately seven parties (14 maximum hunters).

- Field 3 will be limited to approximately four parties (eight maximum hunters).

- Field 4 will be limited to approximately four parties (eight maximum hunters).

- Field 5 will be limited to approximately eight parties (16 maximum hunters).

At Tillery Hill SRA:

- Field 6 will be limited to approximately eight parties (16 maximum hunters).

- Field 7 will be limited to approximately 32 parties (64 maximum hunters).

Hunting hours will be 7:15 a.m.-noon EDT each day of the controlled hunts. All fields surrounding controlled sunflower fields will be subject to similar time restrictions on September 1 and 2.

Non-toxic shot size will be limited to 6 or smaller, with a three-shell maximum capability per firearm.

There will be no "stand-by" or refilling of

shooting stations for early departures.

Fields will be "open hunting" starting September 3. Shooting hours will be 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.

Non-toxic shot will be required for dove hunting throughout the season.

Hunters should call the office at (812) 685-2464 a week in advance for further information. The office is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

Patoka Lake (stateparks.IN.gov/2953.htm) is at 3084 N. Dillard Road, Birdseye, IN 47513.

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Indiana corn, soybean crops expected to fall well short of last year

BY KEITH ROBINSON
Purdue University News Service

Damaged crops from rain-flooded fields in June and July led the federal government Wednesday, August 12 to project big drops in the amount of corn and soybeans Indiana farmers will harvest compared with last year's bounty.

Nationally, however, the crops are expected to fare better.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is projecting that Indiana farmers this fall will harvest 867.4 million bushels of corn on an average of 158 bushels per acre. That is down 20 percent from last year's record 1.08 billion bushels on 188 bushels per acre.

Indiana soybean farmers were projected to bring in 278.8 million bushels on 49 per acre, down 9.3 percent from last year when they produced the state's second-largest crop of 307.4 million bushels on 56 per acre.

Some areas of the state were hit much harder than others, and some individual fields had both heavily damaged sections as well as areas that will produce good yields, noted Jay Akridge, Glenn W. Sample Dean of the Purdue College of Agriculture.

"The bottom line is that yields will be off and we'll see a lot of variability across the state," said Akridge, who moderated a panel of experts analyzing the USDA's August Crop Production Report at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. The report provides the gov-

ernment's first projections of how much corn and soybeans farmers might harvest in Indiana and nationally.

The USDA on Wednesday designated 53 Indiana counties as disaster areas, making them and 35 contiguous counties eligible for low-interest loans through the USDA's Farm Service Agency, said panelist Julia Wickard, executive state director of FSA.

Also serving on the panel were Ted McKinney, director of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture; Chris Hurt, Purdue Extension agricultural economist; Bob Nielsen, Purdue Extension corn specialist; Shaun Casteel, Purdue Extension soybean specialist; and Greg Matli, Indiana state statistician of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Hurt estimated the value of lost grain production - corn and soybeans - at \$400 million. He said crop insurance could make up some of that.

Payments could cover 75-80 percent of losses, meaning the state could recoup about \$275 to \$300 million, Hurt said.

"Crop insurance is not designed to provide 100 percent" coverage, he said.

Nielsen said although flood damage had been extensive in some areas, there was still time for the corn crop to recover.

"Clearly, we have a lot of the season left to go," he said.

Casteel said the soybean crop still had significant potential for recovery and could

reach its projected 49 bushels per acre, even though growth in individual plants might appear to be stunted.

"You don't need tall plants to have a tall crop," he said. He explained that shorter soybean plants could still be productive if they had healthy leaf development.

McKinney urged farmers to continue to keep good records so the state can accurately assess total losses from the flooding.

"There is still time to give feedback to the Farm Service Agency," he said.

Rain for six weeks in June and July saturated many corn and soybean fields shortly after planting, drowning the small plants or severely limiting their development. There was so much rain that Indiana set a rainfall record in June. The months of June and July together were the second-wettest June and July on record.

The USDA this week rated 25 percent of Indiana's corn crop in poor or very poor condition. Twenty-four percent of soybeans was rated in those conditions.

But water-damaged crops in Indiana as well as Illinois, Missouri and Ohio have been offset by well-above average crops in Iowa, Minnesota, the Dakotas and Nebraska, putting the crops in good position for strong production nationally.

Matli said 10 states were expecting record corn yield and 10 record soybean yield.

Farmers across the U.S. were projected to harvest 13.7 billion bushels of corn, averag-

ing 168.8 bushels per acre. Last year, they produced a record 14.2 billion bushels on 171 bushels an acre, also a record. This year's projected production still would be the third-largest ever.

Soybean production was expected to hit 3.92 billion bushels on 46.9 bushels per acre. Soybean farmers also set records last year in both total production and per-acre yields, at 3.97 billion and 47.8 bushels, respectively.

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Loogootee Boys' Tennis start season

The Loogootee High School Boys' Tennis teams took on Bloomfield last Thursday, August 20 in their first match of the season. The varsity was defeated 1-4 and the junior varsity also lost, 1-2.

According to Head Coach Rick Graves, "While you're never happy to start the season with a loss I can't say I'm disappointed in the way we played. We played really well in spots and had we been able to put a few more points together we might have been able to pull out the win. We have a lot of youth in our doubles so it's going to take a little bit of time for them to work well together as teams. That being said, I was very pleased with the way both doubles teams played. Sheldon and Landon played a team who has been together for a long time and after a slow start played a great second set. Max and Bailey made some mistakes but the mistakes they made were doing things we asked them to do, mainly being aggressive and trying to win points from the net. Both one and two singles were very competitive matches. We need to cut down on unforced errors but that will hopefully get worked out as the season progresses. Trysten is adjusting to a new position having played mostly doubles but once he figured out a game plan he did a nice job."

The match with Vincennes Rivet has been rescheduled for Monday, August 31 at Loogootee at 4:30 p.m.

Varsity results

Bloomfield 4, Loogootee 1

#1 Singles - Brennan Hughes (B) defeated Landon Bell (L) 5-7, 6-1, 6-4

#2 Singles - Wyatt Wade (L) defeated Chris Gilmore (B) 4-6, 6-3, 6-3

#3 Singles - Jackson Stone (B) defeated Trysten Booker (L) 6-0, 6-4

#1 Doubles - Alex Chestnut and Hunter Heaton (B) defeated Sheldon Christmas and Landon Wittmer (L) 6-1, 6-4

#2 Doubles - Luke Ramsey and Zach Stone (B) defeated Max Christmas and Bailey Dearwester (L) 6-4, 7-6(4)

Junior varsity results

Bloomfield 2, Loogootee 1

#1 Singles - Donovan Cosgrove (B) defeated Luc Burch (L) 8-1

#1 Doubles - Adam Dean and Wyatt Hasler (B) defeated Jake Carrico and Cole Harmon (L) 8-5

#2 Doubles - Jace Toy and Gavin Wittmer (L) defeated Gage Lowery and Sammy Query (B) 8-4

On Saturday, August 22, the teams took on Evansville North. The varsity boys were defeated 1-4 and the junior varsity were also defeated 1-3.

"I like the way we competed but it was clear that North had the better, more experienced tennis players. We have guys who are capable of hitting with North but had a difficult time being able to stay in rallies long enough to win points and games. North has the kind of players who know what to do and when to do it. We're lacking that experience right now but I'm hopeful we'll learn more of that as the season progresses. I'm really pleased with the way Max and Bailey played today. They showed a lot of grittiness and a desire to win. The experience they're gaining is going to pay big dividends for them now and in the future," said Coach Graves.

Varsity results

Evansville North 4, Loogootee 1

#1 Singles - Evan Ferguson (EN) defeated Landon Bell (L) 6-0, 6-0

#2 Singles - Shloak Vyas (EN) defeated Wyatt Wade (L) 6-0, 6-3

#3 Singles - Luke Rusher (EN) defeated Trysten Booker (L) 6-1, 6-0

#1 Doubles - John Benson and Patrick Tieken (EN) defeated Sheldon Christmas and Landon Wittmer (L) 6-1, 6-1

#2 Doubles - Max Christmas and Bailey Dearwester (L) defeated Sam Hahn and Reagan Bryant (EN) 3-6, 6-3, 7-5

Junior varsity results

Evansville North 3, Loogootee 1

#1 Singles - Caleb Spurling (EN) defeated Luc Burch (L) 6-0

#2 Singles - Andrew Fleck (EN) defeated Luc Burch (L) 6-0

#1 Doubles - Scott Lawrence and Jarik Springer (EN) defeated Jake Carrico and Cole Harmon (L) 6-1

#2 Doubles - Jake Carrico and Gavin Wittmer (L) defeated Ben Bitter and Ryan Lawson (EN) 7-6(7)

The teams were also defeated by Northeast Dubois on Monday, August 24. The varsity fell 0-5 and the junior varsity 0-2.

Coach Graves said after the matches, "Dubois is very solid all the way through their lineup. They returned nearly their entire starting seven from last year and their experience showed. I was hoping we'd compete a little better but they just didn't give us the opportunity to do that. I told our guys that this is what I want from our teams in the near future; to play at the level Dubois showed tonight."

Varsity results

Northeast Dubois 5, Loogootee 0

#1 Singles - Patrick Betz (NED) defeated Landon Bell (L) 6-1, 6-1

#2 Singles - Jaxon Denu (NED) defeated Wyatt Wade (L) 6-1, 6-0

#3 Singles - Case Eisenhut (NED) defeated Trysten Booker (L) 6-0, 6-1

#1 Doubles - Cayden Knies and Parker Zehr (NED) defeated Sheldon Christmas and Landon Wittmer (L) 6-2, 6-1

#2 Doubles - Alex Bauer and Kaden Quinn (NED) defeated Max Christmas and Bailey Dearwester (L) 6-0, 6-2

Junior varsity results

Northeast Dubois 2, Loogootee 0

#1 Singles - Austin Sanders (NED) defeated Luc Burch (L) 6-0

#1 Doubles - Alex Harder and Blake Ziegler (NED) defeated Jake Carrico and Cole Harmon (L) 8-3

The varsity team took on Southridge yesterday, Tuesday, August 25. The Lions pulled out the win 5-0. There were no junior varsity matchups.

"It was really nice to get a win under our belts. I thought everyone played well throughout the lineup but I especially thought Trysten did a great job. He did a good job of not over hitting the ball and placed the ball really well. I'd like to see our doubles be a little more aggressive, especially when it comes to net play but overall they played well. Landon and Wyatt started a little slowly but once they got things figured out they did a good job of controlling their points. We have a number of things to work on in practice but I'm seeing improvement as the season progresses," said Coach Graves.

Varsity results

Loogootee 5, Southridge 0

#1 Singles - Landon Bell (L) defeated Logan Welp (S) 6-1, 6-0

#2 Singles - Wyatt Wade (L) defeated Luke Taylor (S) 6-2, 6-0

#3 Singles - Trysten Booker (L) defeated Carson Mundy (S) 6-0, 6-2

#1 Doubles - Sheldon Christmas and Landon Wittmer (L) defeated Garrett Altmeyer and Alex Biehl (S) 6-1, 6-0

#2 Doubles - Max Christmas and Bailey Dearwester (L) defeated Michael Kapper and Dominic Thomas (S) 6-0, 6-0

After last night's matches, the varsity moved to 1-3 on the season and 0-1 in the Blue Chip Conference. Their next match will be Thursday, August 27 against Washington at 4:30 p.m. at home.

Lady Lions Varsity Volleyball record at 2-2 so far, JV at 3-1

The Loogootee Lady Lions Volleyball team kicked off their season last Monday, August 17 going up against Paoli at home. The varsity won in three sets, 25-13, 25-15 and 25-21.

Kylie Hall led the team in points with 19 including seven aces and also in digs with 13. She also finished with three kills.

Jody Seals ended the game with seven points including two aces and eight assists. Breigh LaMar had five points and Emily Brookshire finished with five points and three aces. Brookshire also had nine digs.

Breanna Holloway came away with four digs. Julianne Bell led in kills with 11 and Mya Hedrick contributed seven kills.

The junior varsity team also started off their season with a win against Paoli in two sets, 25-7 and 25-12.

Sydney Davis led in points with 11 and also contributed eight assists. Emily Whitworth had nine points (five aces), Savannah McAtee had eight points (three aces), and Katie Sims finished with five points. Kathen Burch had four assists, Madisyn Wade had seven kills, McAtee had five kills and Olivia Winger finished with three kills.

The teams took on Northeast Dubois at home last Thursday night. The varsity finished with another win in four sets, 25-23, 25-16, 22-25, and 25-17.

Kylie Hall again led in points with 15 and also contributed 11 digs and nine kills. Breanna Holloway finished with 13 points and Julianne Bell had seven points and 12 kills. Mya Hedrick finished with 11 points.

Breigh LaMar had 25 assists followed by Jody Seals with 20. Emily Brookshire had a team high 26 digs with LaMar adding four.

The junior varsity team was defeated by Northeast Dubois in three sets, 25-22, 23-25, and 10-15. Sydney Davis led in points with seven and also contributed three kills and four assists. Katie Sims added five points and Savannah McAtee helped out with four points and three kills.

Maelee Hawkins finished the game with four kills and Olivia Winger added three. Kashten Burch came away

with 10 assists.

On Monday, the teams travelled to Bloomfield. The varsity girls were defeated in five sets, 25-23, 15-25, 25-22, 17-25, and 11-15.

Emily Brookshire led in kills with 14 and also had eight points. Kylie Hall had 13 digs and eight points and Calli Winger finished with nine digs.

Mya Hedrick had a team high 16 kills followed by Julianne Bell with 14 and Emily Bateman with seven. Breigh LaMar led the team with 24 assists closely followed by Jody Seals with 23. Breanna Holloway finished with seven points.

The junior varsity team came home with a win against Bloomfield in two sets, 25-24 and 25-20.

Emily Whitworth led in points with eight followed by Kashten Burch with six and Sydney Davis with five. Davis also had seven assists and Burch had five. Olivia Winger led the team with six kills and Savannah McAtee and Maelee Hawkins both finished with three. Madisyn Wade had two blocks.

At Linton last night, Tuesday, August 25, the varsity girls were defeated in three sets, 16-25, 10-25, and 22-25.

Emily Brookshire led the team in digs with 17 and in points with seven. Kylie Hall contributed five digs and Julianne Bell finished with three. Bell also had six kills, Mya Hedrick had four and Breanna Holloway had three.

Breigh LaMar and Jody Seals each finished the matches with 10 assists. LaMar also contributed six points and Tyanna Graber had four points.

The varsity ladies' record stands at 2-2 on the season.

The junior varsity Lady Lions defeated Linton in three sets, 20-25, 25-22, and 15-6. Katie Sims led the team in points with 15 followed by Savannah McAtee with nine and Olivia Winger with six. McAtee also had three kills.

Sydney Davis finished with two kills and two assists,

Madisyn Wade also had two kills and Kashten Burch finished with five assists.

The junior varsity record stands at 3-1 on the season.

LHS Cross Country Team travels to White River Valley

On August 20 the Loogootee High School Cross Country team competed in its first meet at White River Valley. The boys finished 2nd overall with the three teams competing.

8th Jon Krzesniak 20:46

9th Chris Hager 21:23

10th Jake Simmons 21:50

15th Nick Reinhart 22:58

16th Logan Randolph 23:37

23rd Kaleb Lyon 26:59

24th Ethan Farmer 27:45

27th Tristan Jones 32:54

28th Briar Sellers 35:15

Girls

9th Colie Farmer 32:09

14th Kayla Taylor 35:17

Shoals Junior Class magazine sales continue

Members of the junior class of Shoals High School are wrapping up their magazine sale, which will end on Monday, September 1. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be used toward the 2016 prom and their senior year graduation expenses.

If you would like to purchase a magazine subscription, but have not been contacted by a junior class member, please contact Mrs. Linda Sherfick, a class sponsor, at sherfickl3@shoals.k12.in.us. Thank you for your support of the class of 2017!

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More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



One widow, in a story that has haunted me for years, was nothing like her late spouse. Her husband was a man who worked very hard for his money and felt that because he did, he deserved to keep it all to himself. Guided by this kind of moral compass, he also expected his honorable wife put her morals on the line to grant him a dying wish. At the funeral of her husband, however, she figured out a way of keeping her integrity while granting his wish, and the idea is nothing short of brilliant...

There was a man who had worked all of his life and has saved all of his money.

He was a real cheapskate when it came to his money. He loved money more than just about anything, and just before he died, he said to his wife, "Now listen, when I die, I could give up chocolate but I'm not a quitter. I want you to take all my money and place it in the casket with me. Because I want to take all my money to the afterlife."

So he got his wife to promise him with all her heart that when he died she would put all the money in the casket with him. One day he died. He was stretched out in the casket, the wife was sitting there in black next to their best friend. When they finished the ceremony, just before the undertakers got ready to close the casket, the wife said, "Wait a minute!"

She had a shoebox with her, she came over with the box and placed it in the casket. Then the undertakers locked the casket and rolled it away."

Her friend said, "I hope you weren't crazy enough to put all that money in there with that stingy old man."

She said, "Yes, I promised. I'm a good Christian, I can't lie. I promised him that I was to put that money in that casket with him."

"You mean to tell me you put every cent of his money in the casket with him?"

"I sure did," said the wife. "I got it all to-

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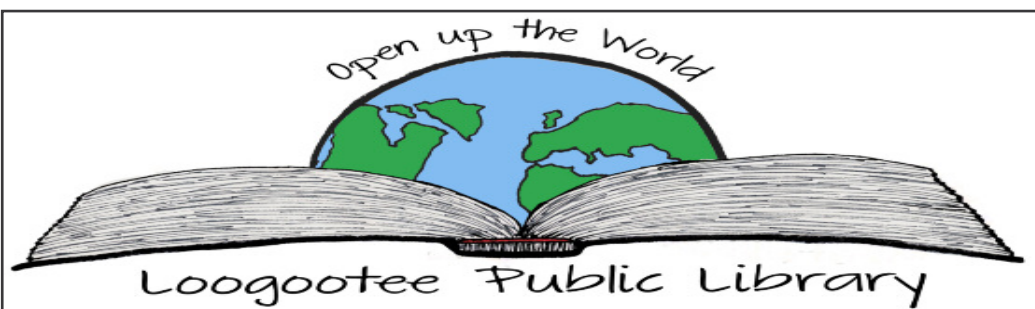
WEIGHT THOUGHTS

1. I could give up chocolate but I'm not a quitter.
2. Most of the people you see in the lingerie stores, you wouldn't want to see in lingerie.
3. What's your secret for keeping your figure? Getting everything to droop at the same time.
4. Even doctors make mistakes. Mine asked me to undress.
5. My swimsuit told me to go to the gym today, but my sweatpants were like . . . "Nah, you're good."
6. Dieting is easy. It's like riding a bike, except the bike is on fire. And the ground is on fire. And everything is on fire because you're in hell.
7. If it's true that stress brings on weight loss, why am I not invisible?
8. 2015 is almost over and . . .
-I lost no weight
-Didn't learn anything
-Haven't saved any money
-Still ugly
9. The only way I'll drop ten pounds is if I go shopping in England.

AGE THOUGHTS

1. When I was young, I was scared of the dark. Now when I pay my electric bill, I am scared of the light.
2. If you haven't grown up by age 50, you don't have to.
3. We don't stop playing because we grow old. We grow old because we stop playing.
4. I don't care how old I am, I'm going in the bouncy castle.
5. Don't grow up! It's a trap.

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BY DARLA WAGLER
Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

There will be crafts available for kids to make on the round table. This is a fun and creative way to learn for all ages.

The library will open at noon instead of 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 10. The staff will be participating in online training

New Books

Mystery Fiction: "The Last Time I Saw Her" by Karen Robards, "The Murder's Daughter" by Jonathan Kellerman, "X" Sue Grafton, "Keeper's Reach" by Karla Neggers.

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Susan Wiggs and "The Taming Of The Queen" by Philippa Gregory.

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Shircliff Gallery opened Monday with Group Illustration Exhibition

The works of six Herron School of Art graduates opened Monday for an exhibition at Vincennes University's Shircliff Gallery of Art August 24 through September 18. The Gallery is located inside the Shircliff Humanities Building at the corner of Second and Harrison Streets. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

Curated in partnership with Kathleen O'Connell, professor of illustration at Herron, the exhibition will feature the works of O'-

Connell, Rob Day, Bekah Crowmer, Liana Buszka, Robert Young, and Lowell Isaac Hildebrand. All of the artists have all earned their Bachelors of Fine Arts from Herron School of Art and several have proceeded to earn their Masters of Fine Art in Illustration from schools such as Syracuse University and Maryland Institute College of Art. In addition, some of the artists maintain successful illustration careers through work for companies such as Rolling Stone, Sports Illustrated,

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Talk to a lawyer clinic

The next talk to lawyer telephone clinic is scheduled for Thursday, September 3 from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. CST. For individuals in the eastern time zone, the time is 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Anyone with a general legal question concerning Indiana law can speak to a volunteer attorney and receive general legal answers, advice and guidance. While we're enjoying the end of summer and looking to fall, it's not too early to start planning for the holidays when legal questions and concerns seem to pop up at the last minute. To contact the clinic, the telephone numbers are: (812) 618-4845 and 888-594-3449. Talk to a lawyer is co-sponsored by Volunteer Lawyer Program of Southwestern Indiana, Indiana Bar Foundation and the Evansville Bar Foundation.

Hunter Education Class

Indiana Conservation Officers will be presenting a Hunter Education Course on August 28-29 at the Dover Hill Christian Union Church in Shoals. The course, which is required for all hunters born after December 31, 1986, will be instructed by Indiana Conservation Officers and certified volunteer instructors. The 10-hour course includes instruction on hunter ethics, hunter safety, archery, muzzle loaders, shotguns, pistols, and wilderness survival. Friday's class will be from 6-9:30 p.m. Saturday's class will be from 8-4 p.m. Attendance both days is required for certification. There is no cost for the course and snacks and lunch will be provided. Dover Hill Christian Union Church is located at 15581 North State Road 450 Shoals, IN 47581. To register, go to: <http://inhea.com/PassItOnIndiana/>

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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!

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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, email mchs@frontier.com.

Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Shoals Public Library. 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.

Animal Shelter featured pets



In the top photo is Colt, a male Rat Terrier/Chihuahua mix, around 8 weeks old. He has had his first shots and has been de-wormed. In the bottom photo is Bert, a male one-year-old cat, very sweet and calm. He is neutered and had all his shots. If interested in adopting, stop by the animal shelter at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. Shelter hours are Monday and Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by appt. You can see all the available animals at www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org.

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