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Tempers flare at budget hearings

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(PUBLISHER'S NOTE: Budget hearings in total lasted more than 13 hours. This article is very long however it is just a synopsis of those hearings. I tried to include as much as I could. Anyone who would like to have a copy of the recordings, please email me.)

The Martin County Council started budget hearings last Tuesday, September 5, letting all department heads know that they needed to cut \$700,000 from the proposed 2018 budget. Auditor January Roush explained that there is just not enough revenue coming in to cover everything. Tensions ran high when the 13 hours of cuts started prompting the judge, sheriff and others to question the purpose and performance of the county council. Then many department heads gathered in the meeting room on Wednesday afternoon to express their concerns.

Sheriff Travis Roush came forward with his budget which included hiring another deputy and increasing the salaries of his staff to compensate for the increased inmates coming in from other counties. Roush had given a presentation to the council several months ago prior to adding additional beds to the jail to take on the extra inmates. The council had been on board with the plan. Roush had explained that he could bring in an estimated \$127,000 a year housing out-of-county inmates however he would need to compensate his staff accordingly. During budget hearings on Tuesday and Wednesday, most of the council did not show interest in following up with the original plan Roush had set forth.

Council Member Gee first questioned Sheriff Roush about the animal control officer and if he was taking some of the

work off the regular deputies who no longer had to respond to animal calls. Sheriff Roush replied that he was but also off the city police and the town marshal as a majority of calls are within their jurisdiction. Gee asked if the sheriff still needed another deputy if he had animal control freeing up his regular deputies. The sheriff replied that he absolutely did need another deputy.

Council Member Gee said she was not in favor of adding another full-time deputy to the sheriff's department.

Roush also wanted to increase his part-time staff's hourly wage to \$9, up from \$8.75 and also give 25 cents to the rest of the staff. He also wants to increase the jail commander and dispatch commander's salary by \$5,000 a year to get them closer in line with counties similar in size. It would put each position, including the matron, just under \$30,000 a year.

The council discussed the fact that the extra money in the sheriff's budget was just not going to be a possibility since they had to cut \$700,000.

Auditor January Roush noted that \$700,000 in cuts was probably never going to be a possibility and the only recourse was to increase the income tax rate. "It's going to keep getting worse, it's not going to get better," said Auditor Roush noting that the county is tasked with cutting the budget year after year, by a substantial amount.

Council Member Warren Albright said that it's not going to look very good for the sheriff to give raises to his staff and then taxes get raised too.

"I can take it," said Sheriff Roush, referring to the backlash.

Sheriff Roush asked the council what they planned to do with the \$127,000 in income he planned to generate. Council Member Gee said that the sheriff cannot guarantee how much he will actually bring in and the \$127,000 is only a pro-

Special meeting

The Martin County Council will hold a special meeting on Monday, September 18 at 6 p.m. to further discuss budget issues including increasing local income taxes. The meeting is open to the public.

jection. She also added that the out-of-county inmates can stop coming at any time, which is what has happened in the past.

Sheriff Roush said he has already brought in \$21,000 this year in extra money and that was only for a few months of housing the inmates. He said he's not going to ask his jail staff to take on the extra responsibilities for no extra compensation.

Council Member Gee replied that they hired on to do the job.

Sheriff Roush replied that they are not required to take on the extra inmates, he was just trying to make money for the county. He said he didn't understand why the council would want to give up a potential of \$127,000 a year because they don't want to give him \$10,000 for his employees' raises.

Gee replied that she will go ahead and say she is against it. She added that she comes from a law enforcement family and understands the importance of law enforcement. She said she knows what the county has been able to work with in the past and she understands that things have changed when it comes to drugs, etc. but the council is responsible for doing a budget. She said they have to keep the county from going bankrupt or the state will come in and take over, splitting up Martin County and giving it to other counties.

Council Member Barb McFeaters said that the world is not what it was 20 years ago and more officers are needed and if the council can swing it, she is in favor.

Roush asked what the council has done to generate money in the county. No one responded.

Stiles asked which Roush would prefer - a new deputy or raises for his staff. Roush replied again that he is going to be raising money for the county.

Council Member Randy Winger said that taking in inmates for the department of corrections is not a new thing - they did it years ago. He said that he and Council Member Gee remember when it was generating \$300,000 for the county but it ended. Gee added that back then they took in DOC inmates with much less sheriff's department employees than there is now.

Auditor Roush broke in saying that she thinks the council needs to stop bringing up what happened 20 years ago because things are not like they were 20 years ago. She said going back in time doesn't help the issues right now and they should be looking forward, not back. "It's a totally different world, way different," she said.

Sheriff Roush said that the criminal element is vastly different today than it

was in 1988. He said their main concern is not kids drinking a couple beers on a backroad. "That ain't the way the world is anymore," he said.

Judge Lynne Ellis, from the audience, then said that she never heard an answer from the council about how they bring in revenue for the county. Council Member Rich Summers replied that he couldn't think of a way he has raised money. The other council members didn't answer. Judge Ellis said that the council wants to "cut, cut, cut" but doesn't want to come up with revenue solutions. She said she comes up with revenue solutions in her office, ways to bring the county money.

Council Member Warren Albright said it's not the council's job to raise taxes, it's to control spending.

Ellis replied that it's the council's job to make sure the county runs and because they are afraid they might lose votes, they don't want to raise taxes. She asked if any of the council members have gone to the senate, congress or showed up at a cracker barrel session to speak to state officials. She asked if they have held a public meeting about raising taxes or done anything at all to help in the last three years.

Council Member Stiles said that raising taxes affects low-income families.

"So, so, you are going to have to take a hit. We are all going to have to take a hit," said Ellis.

"You make about a hundred bucks an hour," said Ellis to Stiles. "Not to mention the benefits." She added that she doesn't see any of the council members taking a hit like her department does. She said the county doesn't pay any of her salary, the state does, but she generates \$150,000 in revenue for the county.

Stiles said he is ready to make a plan and discuss raising taxes.

"Let's do it then," said Ellis adding that they needed to talk about raising taxes and about the health insurance buyouts. She asked how many council members are taking the extra \$4,000 a year to not be on the county health insurance plan. She said her employees are paying three times the amount for premiums now than when they hired on. She asked how many of the council members were on Medicare but still taking the \$4,000 buyout. No one answered so she went around the room first asking Commissioner Dan Gregory who replied that he takes the buyout. She then asked Council Member Albright and he said he didn't, Council Member Keith Gibson said he does, and the rest of the council members said they didn't, opting to take the insurance instead. Ellis asked how much that would save the county if the council members and commissioners didn't get those benefits. She asked why the council would even give a buyout because it is an incentive to get people to not take health insurance therefore making the pool of insured smaller thus raising costs.

Ellis said again that the county doesn't pay her salary. Council Member Albright said he pays a lot of taxes to (See 'BUDGET HEARINGS' on page 2)



Historic place

-Photos by
Marie Hawkins

Two signs were recently erected in Shoals to signify the town's distinction on the National Register of Historic Places. The National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) is the United States federal government's official list of districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects deemed worthy of preservation. A property listed in the National Register, or located within a National Register Historic District, may qualify for tax incentives derived from the total value of expenses incurred preserving the property. According to Marie Hawkins, the Shoals Business Association worked hard on this for many months. She wants to thank Jim Stoughton for filing all the paperwork and Sandy Woods, of Sandy's Sign Shop, who designed the sign.

BUDGET HEARINGS

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the state to pay her salary. Ellis replied that she pays a lot of taxes too.

Ellis then asked Albright how many hours he works for the county per month. Albright said he didn't know. "Maybe two?" asked Ellis adding that he makes \$103 per hour not including benefits. She asked him to name someone else in the county who makes that kind of money. She then asked why he is not cutting his own pay and hurting like all the other county departments.

Ellis said she had to get to court but she couldn't stand keeping quiet any longer. "January does you all's job, and you don't." With that, she left the room and said she would be back after court.

Sheriff Roush said he wanted the council to know that he takes offense to them making him feel like he is patting himself on the back for bringing in inmates from other counties. He said he realizes it's been done in the past but he's just trying to do it again now.

He also said he agreed with the judge that the council is making more than \$100 an hour and he has to go back to his employees and tell them that he can't get them more money.

Council Member Gee said that the employees knew what they were going to get paid when they hired on.

Sheriff Roush replied that he understands that but what is happening is they get trained on the job, realize how much the workload is and the pay doesn't justify so they move on to another job.

"That's life," said Gee.

"It's costly," said Council Member McFeaters. Sheriff Roush agreed saying there is overhead cost in training new staff all the time.

After more discussion, the council, in a 4-3 verbal agreement, okayed adding another deputy. No official votes are allowed in a budget hearing. The council told Sheriff Roush that they would not be able to make a decision on salaries at this time.

Sheriff Roush also told the council that he is considering changing food vendors to save money. He said that there is a company that offers ready-to-heat meals to inmates instead of having a cook prepare meals. Council Member Stiles asked if the meals were similar to MREs served in the military. Roush replied, "If it's good enough for troops overseas, these inmates can suck it up." Discussion ensued on how the inmates would react to the change and that they were not going to be pleased.

"This ain't the Hilton, it isn't supposed to be," said Council Member Warren Albright.

During the discussion with the commissioners on Wednesday morning, the council asked about the status of employee insurance. Auditor Roush explained that on September 18, they are meeting with companies to find an agent to work with. They are also considering doing a group policy with the schools and the City of Loogootee. This year, as of the end of June, the county has paid \$220,000 from the general fund to go toward paying insurance but that doesn't include the highway department or community corrections, which comes out of their own budgets.

The council decided to allocate \$265,000 in the general fund for next year to pay insurance, not knowing how much it will actually cost. The total includes paying buyouts to employees who opt out of taking insurance. The county pays 90 percent of insurance premiums with the employees picking up the other 10 percent.

The council also worked it out by taking some money from the assessor

to allow the surveyor to hire a deputy surveyor.

In the afternoon on Wednesday, many department heads gathered to air their grievances with the council.

First, Community Corrections Director Kathy Collins, the spokesperson for the group, said that they collectively agree that the council needs to install an amplification system so that everyone in the audience can hear the council, including their side comments, during the meeting. She also said that she is aware the county is working toward getting a website and they would like the meetings to be broadcast on the site.

Judge Ellis said they can get started getting quotes if the council was in agreement with getting an amplification system. The council agreed for the judge to get quotes and also see if she can get a system donated.

The second issue the group had was getting the council involved in the initial budget meeting that Auditor Roush has with Kim Chattin, from the department of local government finance. Collins said they would like to see one or two council members join in with this meeting so they could see why cuts are needed each year. Council Member Gee said that she thinks that it is disrespectful to the auditor saying she cannot relay information to the council correctly. Members of the audience thought the council would want to know in advance where the cuts needed to come from. "This is what we are hoping to see out of you as participants in this process," said Collins.

The judge asked who on the council would be willing to meet with Chattin and the auditor. Council Member Barb McFeaters said she would do it. Other council members suggested that a commissioner be asked also.

Collins added that she agrees the council's job is to make cuts to the budget however it is also the council's job to look at revenue. She said Chattin makes it clear to department heads that they have to do this. She requested that the council, on an annual basis, look at the tax revenue to see if adjustments need to be made and not just consider cuts only.

Council Member Stiles said that you cannot increase taxes every year just because more money is needed.

Collins asked Stiles how it could be done then.

Sheriff Roush commented that income taxes have not been increased in the county since 2004 and that the lack of increase over those 13 years has caused a lot of problems where budget cuts are concerned. He added that it's hard on the public to increase taxes a larger amount instead of gradual increases over that 13 years.

Collins reiterated that they don't expect the council to increase taxes every year but to at least review the taxes every year. "I think you guys are in a horrible place today and we all agree," said Collins. "You are in a pickle because things have not been addressed for a long time and now we are in that hole trying to get even." She said she understands that all the budget issues will not be solved today but by looking at options, they can be prepared for future problems.

One of the other requests was that a council member help with establishing contracts with vendors for items like gas, paper, etc. Collins said that when dealing with a company, a council member holds much more weight than she does when speaking as a county representative. Judge Ellis asked if one person would be willing to be designat-

ed as the person to help the department heads establish contracts with vendors to help cut costs on bulk items. Council Member Lynn Gee said she felt that would be a job for the commissioners. Auditor Roush said that the council ultimately votes on purchases even if one is recommended by the commissioners. Gee responded that she still believes this is a job for the commissioners.

Judge Ellis said the council makes her feel small when she comes to them with requests. She said she is not dumb and is a business woman and she doesn't like to be made to feel like that for needing something. "We don't like to feel belittled for coming to you," she said. She said that although the commissioners may give the okay for a purchase, the request still has to be approved by the council, who handles the finances. She would like for a council member to be involved in the process of saving money through contract purchases.

Council Member Buck Stiles asked if there was no one outside of the auditor's office, that works for the county, that can work with the auditor on establishing contracts. He said he doesn't feel like it's his place to do that because he doesn't see the books on a regular basis to know what is needed.

Sheriff Roush said that he thinks the point the department heads are getting at is that they would like the county council to be more involved in what it takes to run their department so they know when someone comes with a money request or a certain amount in their budget, the council understands why.

"You make me feel like a criminal sometimes," said Stiles noting that the council is simply trying to maintain a budget.

Sheriff Roush said again that they would just like the council to be more involved in what it takes to run their departments so department heads do not feel like they are doing something wrong by requesting money.

Stiles said he doesn't think it's his job to work with Jones Oil on a gas contract or anyone else.

Sheriff Roush said that he just believes that someone on the county council holds a lot of weight when it comes to negotiating contracts. "That means they understand when they see you standing beside us that it's for real, that we have our county's backing," said Judge Ellis.

Sheriff Roush said that it's not even about paper, it's about the council and county employees working as a team to cut costs.

Stiles said he would work with department heads but didn't want to do it alone.

Collins went on to talk to the council about justifying their salaries, the same way department heads have to justify salaries for their staff. She said that she knows it's been talked about and noted that she will be "nervy enough" to say it out loud that she is aware that some people run for seats on boards simply for the pay and benefits. She said that just as the council expects each department to justify their existence, the county council should also justify why they are in their positions. She said it was mentioned earlier in the day that the council makes more than \$100 per hour which doesn't include benefits. She said they should justify why they are being paid that amount when some of the county employees are having to get medical assistance or food stamps to survive.

Council Member Rich Summers asked Collins if she is aware of the other boards the council members serve on. Collins replied that she was glad

Summers brought that up and yes, those hours should count.

Council Member Lynn Gee, who began to cry, said that she currently doesn't serve on any boards but she has served on multiple ones in the past. She said due to her health, being in stage three kidney failure, she is unable to do it anymore. Gee added that no one sees what the council members do at home.

Ellis replied that they would love to know and that county employees also do a lot at home.

Stiles said that he doesn't see it that way. He ran for a seat on the council knowing what the salary was and what his job was. "It's nobody else's business what the hell I'm doing," he said.

Ellis replied she is curious on what the council's responsibilities are. "Tell us how you are doing your job to help us do ours," she said.

Collins also talked about the \$150,000 given to the Loogootee City Pool and the Shoals Ball Park. She said she loves nothing more than to see the kids enjoying those things and she is glad that the council helped. She asked, however, if the council is going to cut back on the county departments, are they also going to renege on those commitments too.

Stiles asked Collins if she would rather see the kids get cut or if she wanted to take the cut for them. Collins replied that it looks like the county departments will have to take the hit for them, based on what was discussed during the budget process.

Council Member Randy Winger asked the department heads how they feel about the economic development director in Martin County. With a \$120,000 budget, he said he would like opinions on that position. Collins said they have discussed this as well and collectively they don't see the benefit coming into the county although the director does have good contacts around the state that you can't put a price on.

Winger said when the economic development position started the state covered most of the expenses but over time, the county picked up the entire budget. The economic development director is paid \$72,000. It was also noted that he doesn't live in Martin County and doesn't have much of a connection to the local businesses.

Council Member Winger said he brought it up because it's something that needs to be looked at.

The council then discussed how much to increase the tax rate. The county currently has an income tax rate of 1.5 percent. Auditor Roush had compared Martin County to like-sized counties and reported that Benton County is at 1.79 percent, Crawford County at 1 percent, Poluski County at 3.38 percent, Union County at 1.75 percent and Warren County at 2.12 percent.

The council discussed that increasing taxes to 1.75 percent would put the county in line with other counties and not be a huge increase.

The council will have to schedule a public hearing to hear residents' concerns and the council would have to pass the increase by October 31 in order for the tax increase to take affect by January 1.

Of the \$700,000 needed to be cut from the budget, the council was able to take away \$478,289 from various departments, not enough to reach the goal. The additional tax would bring in an estimated \$304,000 next year and solve the budget shortfall. The money would go to public safety local option income tax and would also benefit the towns and the city. The council discussed the (See 'BUDGET HEARINGS' on page 5)

Obituaries

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DARLENE NAPIER

Darlene Napier passed away Wednesday, September 6, 2017. A resident of Arizona, she was 83.

She was born July 31, 1934 in Loogootee, Indiana.

She passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her daughter, Sheila Eldridge (Rick), two sons, Tim and Terry; grandchildren, Nicholas Enriquez (Hannah) and Amber Gallego and her much loved great granddaughter, Ashlynn Gallego.

She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and sister.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Marvin.

She is survived by her seven children, numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her loving brother and sister, Bob Moss (Fran) and Norma Wagner of Indiana and sister Carol Erickson of South Dakota.

She was loved and will be missed dearly, but our memories of her will live forever.

A graveside service was held Tuesday, September 12 at East Lawn Palms Mortuary in Tucson, Arizona.

Online condolences may be made at <http://obits.dignitymemorial.com>.

VIVIAN O'BRIAN

Vivian Rose O'Brian passed away Wednesday, September 6, 2017. A resident of Indianapolis, she was 90.

She was born June 21, 1927 in Shoals; daughter of the late Louis and Angela Smith Holland. Vivian was a member of St. Pius X and a former member of Tri Kappa.

She is survived by her son, Mike O'Brian (Kathy); daughters, Alice O'Brian and Mary Pat McKee; grandchildren, Patrick McKee, Kelly O'Brian, Megan Beard (Sam), Shawn O'Brian, Josh O'Brian (Anne), and Lauren McKee; and great grandchildren, Shawn, Luke, Julia, Christian, and Hailey.

She is also preceded in death by her husband, Donald O'Brian and daughter,

Julie O'Brian.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, September 11 at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Indianapolis. Burial followed at Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions in her memory may be made to: St. Pius X, Little Sisters of the Poor, or St. Vincent DePaul Society.

LINDA RICKENBAUGH

Linda L. Rickenbaugh passed away at 1:10 p.m. Saturday, September 9, 2017, at her home. A resident of Saint Anthony, she was 73.

She was born June 27, 1944 in Shoals; daughter of Chester S. and Ethel Maurice (Cox) Tedrow. She married Albert Wayne Rickenbaugh September 1, 1974 in Saint Anthony.

She retired from Corbin's Drapery in Jasper where she worked for many years. She was very active in bible study and music her whole life. Linda was an avid artist and enjoyed playing cards.

She is survived by her husband, Albert Wayne Rickenbaugh; daughter, Jamie Jahn (Kyle) of Jasper; one granddaughter, Nalani Peters, Jasper; and two sisters, Juanita (Lonnie) Coomer and Lois (Dennis "Red") Ludwig of Saint Anthony.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Brenda Bundy.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. today, Wednesday, September 13, at the Becher-Kluesner North Chapel in Jasper with burial to follow in Mentor Cemetery, Birdseye.

JAMES TINCHER

James Lee Tincher died at 5:46 a.m. Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at St. Vincent Dunn Hospital. A resident of Shoals, he was 76.

He was born October 15, 1940, in Mitchell; the son of Raymond and Mary (Baldwin) Tincher. He married Diane Hardin on March 9, 1973 and she survives.

He was a truck driver for Mitchell Transport and attended Singing Hill

Church in Shoals.

Survivors include his wife, Diane Tincher of Shoals; two sons, Jimmy Eugene Tincher of Shoals and Robert Lee Tincher and wife, April, of French Lick; a grandson, Ryan Tincher and a granddaughter, Kaitlyn Tincher; a brother, Donald Tincher, and wife, Ivey, of Shoals.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Robert and Raymond Tincher and a sister, Lovey Cook.

Graveside services were conducted Monday, September 11 at the Georgia Cemetery.

The family asks that friends consider contributions be made to the family. Family and friends may express condolences at www.daycarter.com.

GENE FIELDS

Eugene "Gene" Fields passed away at 2:05 p.m. Sunday, September 10, 2017 at his home surrounded by his family. A resident of Bedford, he was 77.

He was born March 8, 1940, in Letcher County, Kentucky; the son of

Alford and Donna (Herron) Fields. He married Mary Jane Ison on March 25, 1970 and she survives.

He was a member of the UAW Local #440. He retired from General Motors.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Jane of Bedford; one son, Scott (Melissa) Fields of Shoals; three grandchildren, Amber, Shelby, and Shawn Patrick; brothers, Lester of Harlan, Kentucky, Leroy of Premium, Kentucky, and Herbert of Whitesburg, Kentucky; sister, Hester of Everts, Kentucky; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Shawn "Tank" Fields; four brothers; and three sisters.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, September 14 at the Ferguson-Lee Chapel of Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes, with Pastor Roger Allen officiating. Burial will be in White River Baptist Cemetery in Buddha, Indiana.

Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. this evening, Wednesday, at the funeral chapel.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.fergusonlee.com.

CLASSIFIED ADS

YARD SALE

GOT LEFT OVER yard sale items? Donate them to the Martin County Humane Society for their annual yard sale to be held September 23! Drop off at the shelter, located at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee.

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Applications available at the Loogootee Municipal Building or utility office, 401 JFK Avenue, or by calling 812-295-2497. Deadline for submitted an application is September 20, 2017 at 4 p.m.

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Thank you to everyone who has supported us over the past 2 years. We appreciate each and every one of you and look forward to seeing you again.

Specials for the upcoming week:

Thursday 9-14: Western Burger and French Fries

Friday 9-15: BBQ Pulled Pork Nachos

Monday 9-18: Mill Street Trio on Asiago Bagel & Chips

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

11:46 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

2:03 a.m. - Received a report of mailboxes that have been knocked down on Hwy. 550. Deputy Reed responded.

3:30 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:53 a.m. - Received a report of debris in the road on Hwy. 550 and Hwy. 50. Debris was a mail box. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded and advised that several mailboxes had been destroyed in the area.

8:40 a.m. - Received two more reports of mailbox vandalism on Hwy. 550 and one mailbox on Reinhart Road.

8:45 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and no transport needed.

3:10 p.m. - Received a report of a destroyed mailbox in Lost River.

4:52 p.m. - Received a request for an officer south of Loogootee for dispute. Deputy Reed, Loogootee Captain Hennette and Loogootee Officer Norris responded.

7:32 p.m. - Received a request for an officer in Greene County for a domestic dispute. Advised Greene County.

9:30 p.m. - Received a call reporting two small kittens in the road in Shoals. Advised Animal Control.

9:43 p.m. - Received a report of theft of property in Shoals. ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

12:12 a.m. - Received a report of a prowler north of Loogootee. Deputy Reed and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

8:25 a.m. - Received a report of a power or telephone line down on Hwy. 50, east of Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

9:50 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:39 a.m. - Sergeant Keller transported three inmates to court.

11:31 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle check. Major Burkhardt responded.

2:09 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:32 p.m. - Sergeant Keller transported two inmates to court.

4:05 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

4:35 p.m. - Received a report of property damage south of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt and ISP Trooper McBeth responded.

5:04 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:50 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting the fire department for a field fire in Daviess County. Advised Daviess County.

6:07 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Major

Burkhardt responded.

7:27 p.m. - Received a request for an officer in Shoals for a dispute. Major Burkhardt responded.

7:44 p.m. - Received a report of a drunk driver in the Crane area. Major Burkhardt and ISP notified.

8:05 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

4:34 a.m. - Received a report of a commercial burglary alarm in Loogootee. Deputy Salmon responded.

11:24 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

1:56 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

1:59 p.m. - Received a call for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

2:41 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and no transport needed.

3:01 p.m. - Received a report of theft of a bicycle in Loogootee. Advised Loogootee Captain Hennette.

4:14 p.m. - Received a report of theft of property south of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

6:37 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute south of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt and ISP Trooper McBeth responded.

11:31 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless semi on SR 150. Deputy Salmon responded.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

5:47 a.m. - Deputy Salmon assisted a motorist east of Shoals.

1:52 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded. The subject was not transported.

3:42 p.m. - Major Burkhardt performed a welfare check on SR 450.

4:00 p.m. - Major Burkhardt assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

4:00 p.m. - Jail Commander Abel took one inmate to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:34 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

4:44 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:15 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

1:51 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd, ISP Trooper Nolan, and Deputy Salmon responded.

7:49 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded.

9:02 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

9:24 a.m. - Lawrence County on station with Andrew Petry on a Martin County warrant.

2:24 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin

County Ambulance responded. Patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

2:32 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

3:13 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee. ISP Trooper Lents responded.

3:48 p.m. - Received a report of a broken-down semi east of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

3:50 p.m. - Received a report of a broken-down car on US Highway 50, just west of Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

4:11 p.m. - Received a report of a low flying airplane heading southeast into Shoals.

5:12 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance west of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded. Patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:51 p.m. - Major Burkhardt is responding to an ATV on the side of the road southeast of Shoals. No owner located and no VIN located. KRB towed the ATV.

8:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire First Responders responded. Patient was transported to IU Health in Bedford.

9:21 p.m. - Received a request for a deputy in Shoals for a domestic dispute. Deputy Salmon, Reserve Deputy Harmon, Reserve Deputy Wright, and Loogootee Officer Floyd responded. Subjects were separated for the night.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

1:32 a.m. - Received a request for an officer to RJ's in Shoals for a possible drive off. Deputy Salmon responded.

2:40 a.m. - Received a request for an officer to an address in Loogootee due to an accident. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

3:19 a.m. - Received a report of possible sexual assault in Loogootee. Deputy Salmon responded.

5:42 a.m. - Received a request for an officer and ambulance for a possible overdose and possible shots fired southeast of Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Loogootee Officer Floyd responded. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire first responders were placed on standby.

8:49 a.m. - Received a request for an officer in Loogootee for an accident. Loogootee Officer Todd responded.

8:54 a.m. - Received a report of a water leak in Loogootee. Sergeant Keller located the leak and Loogootee

Public Works was contacted.

10:32 a.m. - Received a residential fire alarm call south of Loogootee. Contacted Haysville Fire and notified Sergeant Keller.

7:30 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

7:45 p.m. - Received a report of people verbally fighting outside in Loogootee. Notified the Loogootee Police Department.

7:54 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance southeast of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. Patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:29 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check on a male subject in Loogootee. Advised Loogootee Police Department of the call.

8:36 p.m. - Received a request for an officer in Loogootee for a subject that was located with marijuana on him. Advised Loogootee Police Department of the call.

9:10 p.m. - Received a report of a carbon monoxide alarm going off in Loogootee. Advised Loogootee Police Department.

10:24 p.m. - Received a report of two kids sitting on the sidewalk in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Norris checked on the subjects and everything was okay.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

6:19 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. Loogootee Officer McBeth and Loogootee First Responders assisted.

12:24 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance west of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded.

3:10 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US Highway 50, heading west. Loogootee Officer McBeth was advised.

4:03 p.m. - Received a request for fire assistance north of Loogootee. Advised Loogootee Police Department.

5:58 p.m. - Received a report of littering on State Road 550. Sergeant Keller was advised.

7:50 p.m. - Received a request for an unlock in Shoals. Deputy Reed responded. A family member brought a spare key.

8:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Hwy 150. Martin County Ambulance responded.

9:37 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver, Deputy Reed responded and stopped the vehicle. Everything checked okay.

ARRESTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

2:42 a.m. - Steven Truelove, 21, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Reed and charged with possession of marijuana and obstruction of justice. Bond set at \$20,000 10%.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

10:02 p.m. - Mark Payne, 29, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Reed and charged with possession of marijuana, maintaining a common nuisance, and possession of a controlled substance. No bond.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

7:49 p.m. - Ricky Lind, 65, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper McBeth and charged with intimidation.

Major Burkhardt assisted. Bond set at \$25,000 10%.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

3:35 a.m. - Alex D. Bauernfiend, 24, of Shoals, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Floyd and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated. Bond set at \$20,000 10%.

6:30 a.m. - Leroy Taylor, 44, of Jasper, was arrested by Deputy Salmon and charged with sexual battery. Bond set at \$30,000 10% and no contact with the victim.

10:01 p.m. - Ryan Moore, 20, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Norris and charged with possession of marijuana. Bond set at \$10,000 10%.



National Day of Prayer *-Photo by Courtney Hughett*

Duane Smith, pastor of Maranatha Tabernacle, again organized the "Cry Out America" National Day of Prayer on September 11 on the square in downtown Loogootee. More than 130 people attended the prayer service to remember the events of 9/11/01 and to pray for the community and community leaders. The Loogootee High School Jazz Choir performed (shown above) and more than a dozen pastors and community members spoke.

COURT NEWS

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

August 30

Centurion Federal Credit Union vs. John R. Hauschild, Jr., civil collection.

September 1

Daniell M. Summers vs. Kirk M. Summers, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Jeanette Blackwell vs. Randall Blackwell, petition for dissolution of marriage.

September 5

Credit Acceptance Corp. vs. Michael L. Stewart, civil collection.

Matthew A. Johnson vs. Christin Johnson, petition for dissolution of marriage.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

August 30

Crane Credit Union vs. Mitchell C. Morris, complaint.

August 31

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Brian Boyd, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Alicia

Wildman, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. James R. Newkirk, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Jonie R. Day, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. James W. Brown, complaint.

September 1

Crane Credit Union vs. Chastine M. Owens, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Jerald B. Gillespie, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Teresa G. Jorgensen, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Emily A. Guy, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

August 31

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Marcus L. Carson in the amount of \$2,982.75.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

September 5

Darron V. Tanksley of Williams and Shameh G. Redman of Williams.

Martin County real estate transfers

Michael J. Hopkins and Karen A. Hopkins, of Martin County, Indiana to **James E. Tedrow**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of Section 29, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 15.98 acres, more or less.

Kimberly K. Crawley, of Spencer County, Indiana; **Victoria L. Jennings**, of Shelby County, Kentucky; and **Lowell D. Baker and Lynn K. Baker**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Benjamin L. Graber and Delmar L. Wagler**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of Fractional Section 23, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, Mitcheltree Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2 acres, more or less.

Michael J. Hopkins and Karen A. Hopkins, of Martin County, Indiana to **New NGC, Inc., d/b/a National Gypsum Company**, of Delaware. Tract I: A parcel of land in Martin County, Indiana, Section 20, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 29.26 acres,

more or less. Tract II: A parcel of land in Martin County, Indiana, being a portion of the northwest quarter and also a portion of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 29, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 37.30 acres, more or less. A part of the southwest and southeast quarters of Section 20 and a part of the northwest and northeast quarters of the northwest quarter Section 29, in Township 3 North, Range 3 West, in Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 70.20 acres, more or less.

Stephen R. Wikle and Robin N. Wikle, of Greene County, Indiana to **Adin L. Knepp and Miriam I. Knepp**, of Martin County, Indiana, 45 acres, more or less, in Section 1, Township 4 North, Range 5 West.

Richard L. Williams, of Lawrence County, Indiana; **Sherry H. Sipes**; and **David A. Williams**, of Lawrence County, Indiana to **William C. Stroud and Linda F. Stroud**, of Johnson County, Indiana, 2.39 acres in Section 13, Township 4 North, Range 3 West.

Loogootee Police log

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

4:30 a.m. - Caller requested to speak with an officer regarding a property dispute.

10:19 a.m. - Caller reported hearing gunshots on Church Street. Officer could not locate anything.

11:01 a.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to a fire alarm on Love Cemetery Road. Alarm was deemed false.

12:54 p.m. - First responders were requested on Mt. Calvary Road for a medical call.

5:00 p.m. - Caller reported juveniles walking too close to traffic.

8:14 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious persons on Lincoln Avenue.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

9:15 a.m. - Caller reported a child custody issue.

4:52 p.m. - Captain Hennette and Sgt. Norris assisted the county with a domestic dispute.

7:35 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

9:39 p.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a business alarm.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

10:02 a.m. - Male came on station for a vehicle identification check.

10:30 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on Broadway Street.

11:50 a.m. - Male came on station for a vehicle identification check.

12:15 p.m. - Male caller reported an animal issue.

5:50 p.m. - The Loogootee Fire Department assisted the ambulance service.

10:55 p.m. - Caller reported a barking dog.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

8:15 a.m. - Caller reported a traffic complaint.

1:56 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

BUDGET HEARINGS

(Continued from page two)

fact that this would allow them to give possibly a quarter raise to employees as well.

"It's a sad day," said Collins because she knows the council will get backlash for increasing taxes.

Judge Ellis said the departments who generate money should be willing to sit down and see what they can contribute toward departments that cannot generate money and therefore possibly help with increasing salaries.

Sheriff Roush said he has a hard time recruiting new hires and considered using his commissary money to offer hiring bonuses. Council Member Gee said under her breath, "I'm not going to say anything." Sheriff Roush asked Gee what she said. Gee replied that her daughter used to work at the sheriff's department for 20 years and quit for personal reasons. For the past five years she has worked in French Lick but has had her application in at the sheriff's department for two years and has never received a call when positions are open. "I am very disappointed in that. That really upsets me," she said.

Judge Ellis said that what Council Member Gee was speaking of is a personal matter, not appropriate for a political meeting.

Council Member Gee said that the sheriff brought it up saying he can't get employees. "She's had her application in with 20 years of experience, why has she not got a call?" she asked.

Sheriff Roush said he doesn't have to discuss his hiring practices.

Gee replied that she is aware he doesn't have to but it upsets her personally.

4:26 p.m. - Caller reported an unsafe vehicle on Hwy 50.

5:36 p.m. - Received a call of a possible intoxicated driver on Broadway Street.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

1:52 p.m. - Chief Rayhill and Captain Hennette assisted the ambulance service.

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

7:20 p.m. - Male requested a welfare check on a female.

10:30 p.m. - Received a call of a suspicious vehicle on Broadway Street.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

9:45 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

3:48 p.m. - Received a call of a broken-down vehicle on Hwy 50.

5:10 p.m. - First responders were requested a SR 550 for a medical call.

6:05 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint. Animal Control was contacted.

9:30 p.m. - Officer Floyd assisted the county with a domestic dispute.

10:30 p.m. - Caller reported a dispute.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

10:20 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

7:43 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance on Main Street.

9:10 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to a carbon monoxide alarm at McDonalds.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

6:19 a.m. - First responders were requested in Shaded Estates for a medical call.

3:10 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

4:06 p.m. - Loogootee Fire assisted Daviess County with a vehicle fire.

6:14 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody issue.

"Can we drop this please," asked Council Member Winger.

"Drop it, drop it right now," said Council Member Gee adding that she shouldn't have said anything.

They moved back to the issue of salaries. Stiles said that if they are going to raise taxes, they better not raise salaries for a year.

Summers said he agrees somewhat with Stiles

Stiles said that for those on the council that are running for reelection next year would not fare well if they raise taxes and give raises.

Auditor Roush said she would have to crunch numbers to see what the tax would truly generate and if that balances the budget as needed and report back. The council said they can look at the salaries at that time.

Accident reports

MONDAY, AUGUST 28


12:02 p.m. - Angela S. Zins, of Loogootee, was backing a 2008 Pontiac from a parking spot at Running with Scissors Salon and backed into a 2012 Buick owned by Sharon Lannan, of Loogootee. Captain Hennette investigated.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30


12:45 p.m. - Kayla A. Taylor, of Loogootee, was backing a 2003 Chevy out of a parking spot at Ruler when she struck a 2001 Chevy owned by Steve and Misty Stewart, of Loogootee. Chief Rayhill investigated.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

8:49 a.m. - Abigail M. Spaulding, of Washington, was backing a 2001 Jeep in a private lot when she backed into a tree. Officer Todd investigated.



Making A Difference
MARTIN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
By Curt Johnson
MCCF Executive Director



-- GIVING PLANS: HOW? --

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

-- ONLINE LIBRARY --

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

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

-- ESTATE PLANNING --

- Estate Planning (Taxation and why to plan)

- Estate Planning Today (personal objectives)

-- RETIREMENT & PERSONAL PLANNING --

- Gift Planning Quick Guide

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

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

- Increase Your Retirement Income with a Deferred Gift Annuity

- Retirement Plan Assets

- Retirement Planning and Charitable Giving

- Retirement Planning and Savvy Giving, Everybody Wins

- Smart Personal Planning Strategies

- Year-End Planning

-- WILLS & BEQUESTS --

- Planning Your Will (key elements)

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

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

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

- Flexible Giving and Your Will

- Bequests: Frequently Asked Questions

-- OTHER GIFT PLANS --

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

- Tax Planning, Tax Laws, and Charitable Giving

- Gifts of Life Insurance

- Gifts of Property

- Gifts of Real Estate

- Gifts of Stock

- Revocable Gifts (can be changed)

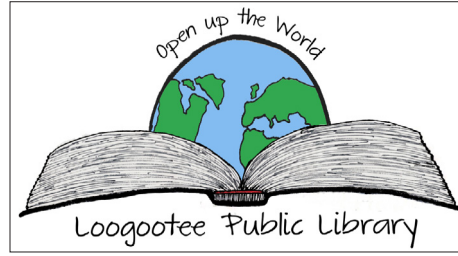
-- GETTING ACCESS --

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

-- MORE INFORMATION --

For more information about the MCCF, please contact the Executive Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org.

You are also welcome to visit our website at www.cfpartner.org/mccf.htm, follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/MartinCountyCF, and "like" the MCCF Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mcccommunityfoundation.



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The library will open at 11 instead of 10 on Tuesday, September 19 because of staff training.

Friends of Loogootee Public Library (FOLL) will have a yard/book sale of Saturday, September 23 from 8-12. There are a lot of household items, Primitive décor, picture frames, glassware, holiday decorations and of course lots of books.

Did you know that our library has over 1,500 movies to check out with your library card? We have educational, Disney, family-friendly, movies based on books, westerns, some new releases, and a lot more. Recently, Evergreen Indiana (our ILS consortium) voted to allow patrons with an Evergreen Indiana library card the option to request movies from the consortium member libraries. Larger libraries have courier service daily but we receive the service twice a week. This means that you can browse the Evergreen Indiana online catalog, choose a movie and it will be delivered at your local library for free and in a timely manner. A library card holder has the ability to request materials at any of the consortium member libraries except materials that are 6 months or newer since they keep them in-house for their local patrons.

Did you know that your local library sends faxes for individuals for free if it is a toll-free number? This is a service we provide. The regular fee is \$1 for the first page and 50 cents for each page after that. We average sending 25 faxes per month for local community members. What a valuable service this is since it saves both time and money.

NEW BOOKS:

YA Fiction: "Children of Refuge" by Margaret Peterson Haddix and "Michael Vey: The Final Spark" by Richard Paul Evans.

DVDs: "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2", "This Is Us The Complete First Season", "Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie", and "The Mummy."

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.

4-H NEWS

By Stacy Brown

Martin County Purdue Extension Educator



4-H Enrollment begins October 1!

Believe it or not it's already time to enroll in 4-H for the 2017-2018 year. Beginning October 1, simply log in to 4honline.com and re-enroll your 4-Hers. If you will be a new 4-Her, please call the Extension Office at 812-295-2412 for assistance in enrolling. Currently enrolled volunteers must also re-enroll before the deadline on January 15. Enrolling early is important in receiving all the latest news and information from Purdue Extension.

Extension Office Offers Programs for Classrooms and Other Youth Organizations

The Martin County Extension Office offers programs for classrooms and other youth organizations in STEM subjects, the arts, and leadership. This year's National Youth Science Challenge is Incredible Wearables. Students get the chance to build a wearable fitness device that tracks heartrate, steps, and other functions. Other programs offered are Captain Cash, a grade

school program focused on money management; Makers, activities related to science, technology, engineering, and math; and Arts Management, a high school program focused on the business side of working in the arts. If you are interested in bringing any of these programs to your classroom or group, please contact Stacy at (812) 295-2412.

Horse and Pony Club Tack Auction

The Martin County 4-H Horse and Pony Club will be hosting a tack auction on Saturday, October 28 at 6:30 p.m. The sale will take place at the Martin County Community Building at the 4-H Fairgrounds. Tack will be provided by Jimmy Sorrells and Jerry Sidebottom will be the auctioneer. All funds raised will go to the horse and pony club.

Upcoming Events

Junior Leaders Meeting: September 17 at 4 p.m. at Biggins

All 4-Hers in grades 7-12 are welcome to join Junior Leaders.

Historical society to hold ham and bean lunch fundraiser

BY PHIL TODD

Historical Society contributor

On Saturday, October 7, the Martin County Historical Society will sponsor the annual Ham and Bean Lunch at the Shoals Senior Citizen Community Building, next door to the Martin County Museum (old Courthouse). This is one of the biggest fundraiser for the historical society and museum, and all area citizens are encouraged to come eat, share stories, and visit the museum. The historical society has been working hard to update the courthouse to make the facility secure for storing and displaying documents and historical artifacts, and will be receiving new computer software for cataloging exhibits and historical documents. The historical society is currently in the process of applying for additional grants to stabilize the exterior bricks of the museum, and to continue to upgrade the interior. Work on the tower, which is being paid for from a grant approved this summer, should begin by the middle of October.

In all of us, at some point in our lives there comes a time when we have a desire to know who we are-how did we get here, where did we come from? As children, we don't understand about ancestry and history; we only know that grandparents have better snacks, and buy better gifts, than our parents. As young adults, we are too busy carving our own niche in society to worry about who our ancestors were or what career they pursued. Only when we reach a certain point in our lives to we begin to wonder about where our ancestors came from, what they did to survive, how did the family end up where we are now. As we mature, we begin to realize we are links in the chain of past and future, memories of the past and promise of the future.

This is the mission of the Martin County Historical Society and the Martin County Genealogical Society - to maintain records of the past to aid in research for understanding the present. The historical society and the Martin County Museum have hundreds of records of births, deaths, land purchases,

court cases, school records, newspaper articles, and other documentation to help find ancestral history and pictures. Every family history has a story to tell. Some are more glorious, and often more inglorious, then we realize through family stories or pictures. A successful farmer may have started with questionable cattle acquisitions, or some bankers got a start with ill-gotten funds. Until you start digging into all the history, you never know what some of your ancestors did or were capable of doing. Many people are surprised about the military service of their ancestors, or perhaps they had ancestors in public or elected careers that were famous in their day.

So, mark October 7 on your calendar, and come spend some time not only with your current friends, but also friends from the past you may not have known you had. Help support the historical society and the Martin County Museum, so they can support and aid in your search of ancestors and family history you may not have known you had.

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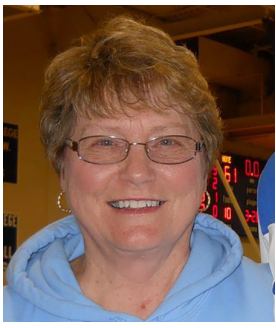
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More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



Two nuns were shopping at a 7-11 store. As they passed by the beer cooler, one nun said to the other, "Wouldn't a nice cool beer or two taste wonderful on a hot summer evening?"

The second nun answered, "Indeed it would, Sister, but I would not feel comfortable buying beer, since I am certain it would cause a scene at the checkout stand."

"I can handle that without a problem," the other nun replied, and she picked up a six-pack and headed for the check-out.

The cashier had a surprised look on his face when the two nuns arrived with a six-pack of beer.

"We use beer for washing our hair," the nun said. "Back at our nunnery, we call it Catholic shampoo."

Without blinking an eye, the cashier reached under the counter, pulled out a package of pretzel sticks, and placed them in the bag with the beer.

He then looked the nun straight in the eye, smiled, and said, "The curlers are on the house."

Wife: You pick dinner

Me: Pizza

Wife: No

Me: Tacos

Wife: No

Me: Subs

Wife: No

Me: What do you want?

Wife: It's up to you.

Do you ever look at your four sons (nephews) and think?

THAT ONE will be dropping me curbside at the nursing home.

THAT ONE will be paying for it.

THAT ONE will visit me the most.

AND THAT ONE? He'll be sneaking in the good tequila and Twinkies.

SERIOUSISMS:

*Sometimes it's not easy to do the right thing. Do it anyway.

*You're never too important to be nice to people.

*You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child.

*"Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity, and I'm not sure about the universe." -Albert Einstein

*Being an adult is mostly being exhausted, wishing you hadn't made plans, and wondering how you hurt your back.

SMILE MAKERS:

*Don't worry about getting older. You're still gonna do dumb stuff, only slower.

But on the bright side, you forget what you did within a week.

*I tried to watch the eclipse through my colander. It strained my eyes.

*Going for a walk because I want to stay healthy. Taking a bag of M&M's because, "Let's be honest here."

*Some people hear voices. Some see invisible people. Others have no imagination whatsoever.

*A bargain is something you don't need at a price you can't resist.

*I always take life with a grain of salt...plus a slice of lemon...and a shot of tequila.

*Some cause happiness wherever they go. Others whenever they go.

*Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.

Make someone smile today!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Domestic Violence Task Force meeting

Middle Way House, Inc. will hold its monthly Domestic Violence Task Force meeting Wednesday, September 13 from 4:30-6 p.m. at Martin County Community Corrections located at 211 S.E. 1st Street, Loogootee. The task force meets to discuss how domestic violence affects the community and ways to address it. Anyone interested in attending is welcome. For questions, you can reach Middle Way House's local Martin County Office at 812-295-2993.

City of Loogootee special meetings

The Loogootee Board of Public Works will meet in executive session, pursuant to I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2), on Wednesday September 13 at 6 p.m. in the council meeting room, 401 JFK Avenue, Loogootee. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss personnel. The executive meeting is closed to the public however a public meeting will immediately follow the closed meeting at approximately 6:30 p.m. The Loogootee City Council will meet in special session Monday, September 18 at 9 a.m. in the council room of the Loogootee Municipal Building. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss health insurance quotes, to sign the riverboat resolution and to discuss the credit card/check scanning equipment for the utility office. The meeting is open to the public.

Commissioners executive meeting

The Martin County Commissioners will meet in executive session on Monday, September 18 at 8:30 a.m. in the commissioners' room of the courthouse in Shoals. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss personnel records classified as confidential by state and federal statutes as authorized by I.C. 5-14-1.5-5.1 (b) (7). The meeting is closed to the public.

Shoals School Board meeting

The Shoals School Board will meet Tuesday, September 19 at 6 p.m. in the central administration office. The meeting is open to the public.

Chamber meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce will meet Wednesday, September 20 at noon at St. John's Lutheran Church in Loogootee. The program and lunch will be provided by Daviess Community Hospital. Anyone wishing to be a part of the chamber is encouraged to attend.

AL-ANON meetings

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

demption Church.

Free lunch for kids

New Beginnings Community Church will be offering a free lunch to all school-age children every Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. at the fellowship hall of the church, located at 200 West Main Street next to the post office. For more info, call 812-709-2525.

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Humane society meetings

The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 5:30 p.m. Members of the humane society are invited to attend.

Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Loughmiller Machine, 12851 E 150 N, Loogootee. The public is invited to attend.

Soil and Water meetings

The Martin County SWCD meets the third Monday of the month at the SWCD office located at Martin County Learning Center. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays except Thursdays when it is closed. Visit www.martinswcd.com or call at 295-3149.

Attention Senior Citizens

The Loogootee Senior Citizen Center, located in the Annex building attached to JFK Gym on JFK Avenue in Loogootee provides activities for seniors every Monday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon. For \$5 a year, seniors can participate in Euchre tournaments, games, puzzles, etc., with other local seniors. Anyone interested is welcome to stop by, there are no age or residency requirements to participate. Seniors are also offered lunch at the Loogootee Senior Center every Monday and Thursday. A free-will donation is requested. Call 812-295-3130 to make a reservation, so enough food is prepared.

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

It is a great time to visit your local garden center. Many garden centers have begun discounting trees, shrubs and perennials and late summer to early autumn is a great time to create a new garden or add plants to an existing garden.

Pick your plants with care. I recently visited a garden center where many of the plants on sale were nearly white with powdery mildew. A bargain is not a bargain if it brings problems with it. While powdery mildew usually does not kill plants, bringing it into your garden is not a good idea. Other disease problems should also be avoided.

Some of the plants may not be in prime shape, but as long as they are not diseased, they may make wonderful additions to your garden. At this time of the year, many nursery plants simply have been moved around so much that they may have some problems. Also, in the case of perennials, the plants may be starting to go dormant and may look a little ragged. As long as the roots are healthy, the plant will likely come back next season if planted properly and given some care.

September and October tend to be dry months, and while established plants may not need much supplemental watering as temperatures cool, newly planted plants will need to be watered regularly. A layer of mulch around new plants will help conserve moisture and will also help keep down weeds. The sun may also desiccate plants, so shading newly planted plants until they get established may be necessary.

Watering is best done early in the morning and watering on the ground is more effective than using sprinklers.

Expand your campfire cooking skills at Paynetown SRA

There's nothing wrong with roasting hot dogs and marshmallows while you camp.

But if you want to add some dazzle to your next campfire meal, check out one of Monroe Lake's two Campfire Cooking Workshops this fall at Paynetown State Recreation Area.

The workshops teach techniques and recipes for cooking with a traditional campfire. Participants work together to prepare a meal, complete with sides, bread and dessert. Each fall workshop features a different menu.

The workshops are limited to eight people, ages 10 and older. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Each session costs \$20 per per-

This may be done by hand or using soaker hoses.

As always, read up on the plants you purchase. Unfortunately, many garden centers still sell plants that are invasive or may become problems in the garden. It is also important to know the cultivation requirements for the plants you are considering and to ensure that the plants will be able to thrive in your garden.

If you are planning a new garden bed for next year, you may wish to buy some bargain plants while they are available. Many plants will do just fine in a holding bed. Just be certain that they have some extra protection from the cold. Surrounding a bed with bales of straw is one way to provide some extra insulation. Keep them watered through the winter and the plants should be ready for planting come spring.

It is also time to do some maintenance on the two perennial vegetables commonly grown in southern Indiana, rhubarb and asparagus. Harvest time is past, but some action taken now will help next year's crop. Neither of these vegetables competes well with weeds, so it is important to get the weeds out of the beds. Both are also heavy feeders and will benefit from some manure or other fertilizer. Leave the foliage as long as it is green to ensure that photosynthesis will continue until the foliage is killed by frost.

The most important thing to do in the garden this time of year is to enjoy it. Take a day to walk in a garden and enjoy the wonders of late blooms and changing foliage. If you do not have a garden, come for a visit or visit a public garden. It is good for the soul.

son. They are:

-Sunday, September 24 at 3:30 p.m. Register by September 18 at bit.ly/campfirecookingsep2017.

-Sunday, October 15 at 3:30 p.m. Register by October 6 at bit.ly/campfirecookingoct2017.

For more information, contact Jill Vance, Monroe Lake interpretive naturalist, at jvance@dnr.IN.gov or (812) 837-9967.

The entrance fee for Paynetown SRA is \$7 per in-state vehicle and \$9 per out-of-state vehicle.

Paynetown State Recreation Area on Monroe Lake (stateparks.IN.gov/2954.htm) is at 4850 South State Road 446, Bloomington, 47401.

DNR hosts four public fishing events statewide

Four events this Saturday, September 16 offer a chance to fish using provided equipment and bait.

While participation in all four events is free, park admission fees will apply, and anglers age 18 and older must possess a fishing license.

Eagle Creek Park in Indianapolis will host a Fishing Triathlon from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in partnership with staff and volunteers from DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife's Go FishIN program. Participants will try to catch fish three different ways, starting at Lilly Lake.

Learn to stream fish on Sugar Creek at Atterbury Fish & Wildlife area from 9 to 11 a.m. DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife biologists will offer their expertise. Participants can fish from the bank but will be encouraged to wade the stream to target different species. Meet

at the Atterbury FWA office at 9 a.m.

Monroe Lake's Paynetown State Recreation Area will host "Furs, Fins and Feathers." The event runs all day, with fishing from 2 to 4:30 p.m. The Indiana Bass'n Gals will help visitors fish from the fishing pier. Participants can also play a game to practice casting skills.

The 16th annual "Wheeln' IN the Fish" at Patoka Lake's Osborn Ramp runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event is for people with special needs and their families. The program offers a day of fishing, boat rides and outdoor experiences.

"If you haven't fished in a while, these events are a great opportunity," Go FishIN coordinator Clint Kowalik. "Even in September, it's not too late to get out on the water in 2017."

Celebrate public lands with free entry to DNR properties

Admission to Indiana's state park properties and state forest recreation areas where entrance fees are charged will be free on September 30 in recognition of National Public Lands Day.

National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest single-day volunteer effort for public lands.

Volunteer opportunities at Indiana State Park properties on September 30 include trail work at Raccoon State Recreation Area, Turkey Run State Park and Brookville Lake, invasive plant removals at Brown County, Spring Mill and Ouabache state parks, and river clean-ups at O'Bannon Woods and Tippecanoe River state parks. Many other properties will offer similar volunteer opportunities. But National Public Lands Day isn't all work and no play. The day is a reminder that public lands are places for outdoor recreation, conservation and making memories with families and friends. Properties will offer hikes, pioneer activities, crafts and live bird shows, too.

For complete list of programs, visit

calendar.dnr.IN.gov and look on September 30. For more information on National Public Lands Day, visit PublicLandsDay.org.

Hunter Education class

Indiana Conservation Officers will be offering a Hunter Education Course in Martin County September 14-16 at the Faith Baptist Church (205 E Main St) in Loogootee. The three-day course will provide instruction on firearms safety, conservation, ethics, survival, and many other important topics.

Class times are as follows: September 14 and 15, 6-9:30 p.m. and September 16, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Students must attend all three sessions to complete the course. The course is free to the public and is being sponsored by Faith Baptist Church and West Boggs Park. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Hunter Education certification is required for all persons born after December 31, 1986 who wish to purchase an Indiana Hunting license. To enroll in the class, please go to passitonindiana.com.

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Loogootee High School Tennis Team on winning streak

The Loogootee High School Boys' Tennis team went up against Vincennes Rivet Monday, September 11. The varsity defeated Rivet, 4-1 while the junior varsity matches were a draw, 2-2. The varsity stands at 12-2 on the season while the junior varsity's record is 5-3-4.

Varsity results

#1 Singles - Colten Mouzin (VR) defeated Max Christmas (L) 6-3, 6-3
 #2 Singles - Jalen Wildman (L) defeated James Hancock (VR) 6-4, 6-0
 #3 Singles - Sebastian Toy (L) defeated Samuel Hinkle (VR) 6-3, 6-3
 #1 Doubles - Sheldon Christmas and Jordan Wildman (L) defeated Macaine Claycomb and Noah Donovan (VR) 6-1, 6-2
 #2 Doubles - Bailey Dearwester and Jayden Wagoner (L) defeated Vince Atkinson and Charlie Niehaus (VR) 7-5, 6-3
 Junior varsity results
 #1 Singles - Jake Carrico (L) defeated Luke Weiss (VR) 8-3
 #2 Singles - Bryant Eckerle (L) defeated Luke Weiss (VR) 6-2
 #1 Doubles - Peyton Catt and Grant Freeman (VR) defeated Max Blackwell and Cole Harmon (L) 8-3
 #2 Doubles - Peyton Catt and Grant Freeman (VR) defeated Austin Brittain and Aaron Dant (L) 6-1

The boys competed in the Mt. Vernon

Invitational South Spencer last Saturday, September 9. The varsity Lions swept South Spencer 5-0 and also defeated Mt. Vernon, 3-2.

Varsity results

South Spencer
 #1 Singles - Max Christmas (L) defeated Mason Schmidt (SS) 6-1, 6-0
 #2 Singles - Jalen Wildman (L) defeated Tyler Mallory (SS) 6-2, 6-1
 #3 Singles - Sebastian Toy (L) defeated David Garcia (SS) 6-0, 6-2
 #1 Doubles - Sheldon Christmas and Jordan Wildman (L) defeated South Spencer Forfeit
 #2 Doubles - Bailey Dearwester and Jayden Wagoner (L) defeated South Spencer Forfeit
 Mt. Vernon
 #1 Singles - Nathan Burke (MV) defeated Max Christmas (L) 6-1, 3-6, 1-0(9)
 #2 Singles - Jalen Wildman (L) defeated Wyatt Salaman (MV) 6-0, 6-0
 #3 Singles - Ben Varner (MV) defeated Sebastian Toy (L) 7-5, 6-1
 #1 Doubles - Sheldon Christmas and Jordan Wildman (L) defeated Jake Mitchell and Reid Veatch (MV) 6-1, 6-3
 #2 Doubles - Bailey Dearwester and Jayden Wagoner (L) defeated Aaron Battieger and JT Rapp (MV) 6-0, 6-0

Last Thursday, the teams took on Southridge with the varsity winning 4-1

and the junior varsity also winning, 2-1.

Varsity results

#1 Singles - Logan Welp (S) defeated Max Christmas (L) 7-5, 6-3
 #2 Singles - Jalen Wildman (L) defeated Carson Mundy (S) 6-4, 6-0
 #3 Singles - Sebastian Toy (L) defeated Owen Kinker (S) 6-1, 6-1
 #1 Doubles - Sheldon Christmas and Jordan Wildman (L) defeated Alex Biehl and Michael Kappner (S) 6-0, 6-0
 #2 Doubles - Bailey Dearwester and Jayden Wagoner (L) defeated Garrett Altmeyer and Austin Barkley (S) 6-1, 4-6, 6-4
 Junior varsity results
 #1 Doubles - Bryant Eckerle and Jayden Leatherman (L) defeated Levi Schaeffer and Sam Sermersheim (S) 8-1
 #2 Doubles - Breck Sternper and Konner Thyen (S) defeated Conner Hedrick and Wyatt Street (L) 8-2
 #3 Doubles - Wyatt Sheetz and Jace Walton (L) defeated Levi Schaeffer and Sam Sermersheim (S) 6-5
 Both Lion teams defeated North Daviess last Tuesday, September 5. The varsity finished 4-1 and the junior varsity 3-1.
 Varsity results
 #1 Singles - Jeff Mayfield (ND) defeated Max Christmas (L) 6-4, 6-2
 #2 Singles - Jalen Wildman (L) defeated Garrett Huff (L) 6-1, 6-2

#3 Singles - Sebastian Toy (L) defeated Landon Morris (ND) 6-4, 7-6(7)

#1 Doubles - Sheldon Christmas and Jordan Wildman (L) defeated Tyler Dunbar and Hayden Parisien (ND) 6-2, 6-1
 #2 Doubles - Bailey Dearwester and Jayden Wagoner (L) defeated Aric Wade and Caleb Wagler (ND) 6-3, 6-2
 Junior varsity results
 #1 Singles - Jake Carrico (L) defeated Dryce Graber (ND) 8-2
 #2 Singles - Carter Steele (ND) defeated Wyatt Sheetz (L) 8-7(1)
 #1 Doubles - Bryant Eckerle and Conner Hedrick (L) defeated Conner Mullins and Remington Roark (ND) 8-1
 #2 Doubles - Austin Brittain and Aaron Dant (L) defeated Nathan Coney and Peyton Strange (ND) 8-0

Shoals Sons of the Legion donate to COTA

The Shoals Sons of the American Legion Squadron 61 recently donated \$222 to the Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA). Headquartered in Bloomington, COTA helps children and young adults who need a life-saving transplant by providing assistance and family support.

COTA is the Indiana SAL Detachment Commander's 2017-2018 project.

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