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Glorious sunset

-Photo by Pat Daugherty

This sunset over Boggs Lake last week was breathtaking. The photo was taken in the parking lot of Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant.

Martin County's jobless rate at 4.1 percent for August

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

Martin County's unemployment rate rose just a bit to 4.1 percent in August, up from 4 percent in July. The county had the 26th lowest jobless rate in the state for August, of the 92 Indiana counties and were tied with Noble and Montgomery counties. In August, the county had 5,282 residents in the workforce with 218 of them without jobs. In July, there were 5,335 residents able to work with 213 of them unemployed. In August of last year, Martin County's jobless rate was 3.8 percent with 5,067 residents in the workforce and 195 of them without jobs.

Daviess County also saw a tiny increase in their jobless rate for August to 3.6 percent, up from 3.5 percent

the month before. The county had the fourth lowest jobless rate in the state for August, tied with five other counties. In August, the county had 16,367 residents in the workforce and 594 of them were without jobs. In July, there were 16,456 residents able to work with 541 of them unemployed. In August of 2015, Daviess County's jobless rate was 3.5 percent with 15,602 residents in the workforce and 541 of them unemployed.

Dubois County's unemployment rate moved from 3.1 percent in July to 3.3 percent in August. The county had the lowest jobless rate in the state for August and has held that top spot for several months. In August, the county had 23,888 residents in the workforce and 800 of them were without jobs. In July, there were 24,172 residents able

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Vehicle crash east of Shoals claims a life

Deputies with the Martin County Sheriff's Office, responded to a vehicle crash with multiple injuries last Saturday morning.

On September 17 at 9:52 a.m., the Martin County Sheriff's Office was notified of a vehicle crash with multiple injuries on US 150 west of Morgan Curve Road. Sergeant Keith Keller was the first to arrive on scene. Sergeant Keller advised that there were at least seven subjects injured or complaining of pain. Deputy Danny Salmon arrived a short time later.

Mary Ann Schickel, 39, Lanesville, Indiana, and four passengers in her vehicle were westbound on US 150 entering a curve west of Morgan Curve Road. Schickel stated that as her vehicle was entering the curve, she lost control of her vehicle due to the wet roadway. Schickel's 2006 Ford Taurus went left of center.

Nikki Jo Rogers, 28, Vincennes, and five passengers in her vehicle were eastbound on US 150 entering the same curve as Schickel's vehicle. As Schickel's Ford went left of center, it struck

Rogers' Buick Terraza head-on. Rogers stated that she attempted to swerve to avoid the crash. One passenger was entrapped in Rogers' Buick.

Units from the Shoals Volunteer Fire Department and the Martin County Civil Defense assisted with treating patients and extricating the entrapped individual.

Two Martin County EMS units, two Dubois County EMS units, and a Seals EMS unit (Lawrence County) all transported a total of eleven patients to area hospitals.

On September 18, 2016 at 6 a.m., a passenger in Schickel's Ford, 75-year-old Ray F. Schickel, Lanesville, Indiana, passed away at University of Louisville Hospital due to injuries sustained in the crash.

The investigating officer is Sergeant Keith Keller with the Martin County Sheriff's Office. He was assisted by Deputy Danny Salmon, the Shoals Volunteer Fire Department, the Martin County Civil Defense, Martin and Dubois County EMS, Seals EMS, and G&M Wrecker Service.

Animal control topic of another county meeting

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Martin County Commissioners met Thursday, September 15.

Attorney Lett submitted a rough draft of an updated animal control ordinance. The original ordinance was approved by the commissioners in 2011. The new ordinance, with changes suggested by Courtney Hughett who volunteers for the humane society, adds wording on animal neglect and consequences of dog bites. The ordinance also includes job description information for an animal control officer. Attorney Lett advised the commissioners to review the ordinance before approving it.

Becky Lingenfelter, a resident in the audience, asked what the ordinance says about vicious dog attacks. Commissioner Dan Gregory read the section pertaining to vicious dogs. Lingenfelter then asked how that would be enforced citing a dog on Brickyard Road that has already bit people but is still at the property. Sheriff Travis

Roush said that the goal of an eventual animal control officer is to eliminate problems like this, with repeat offenders of animal violations. He said the idea is to have follow-up which has been lacking due to having so many officers responding to the same property. He said police officers respond to issues and deal with immediate threats, an animal control officer would then be in charge of the follow through.

Courtney Hughett also wanted it noted that when the original ordinance passed in 2011 the then-commissioners removed listing any animal that was not a dog or a cat. Hughett said that if passed, the ordinance would not have any wording on how to handle any farm animal complaints such as horses, chickens or cows. She just wanted the sheriff and the commissioners to be aware. It was noted that there are state laws in place that would cover those issues.

It was also discussed that the ordinance has had fines in place since the original ordinance was passed in 2011 (See 'MEETING' continued on page 2)

Early Childhood Learning is Critical

3 predictors of reading achievement BEFORE entering school are:

1. Ability to recognize and name letters of the alphabet.
2. Knowledge about print, such as front/back, upside down/right side up, turning pages, differentiating words and pictures.
3. Awareness of phonemes (the sounds in words).

- By age five, a typical child knows 4,000 to 5,000 words; children at the lowest literacy levels know only 2,000 to 2,500 words.
- 88% of children who have difficulty reading at the end of first grade display similar difficulties at the end of fourth grade.
- 75% of students who are poor readers in third grade will remain poor readers in high school.

- A student who can't read by third grade is four times more likely to drop out of high school.
- 85% of juvenile offenders are functionally illiterate.
- 66% students who cannot read proficiently by the end of 4th grade will end up in jail or on welfare.
- The Department of Justice states, "The link between academic failure and delinquency, violence, and crime is welded to reading failure."

Literacy is a family affair

This is the third of a four-part series of articles celebrating Literacy Month in Martin County.

Family Literacy Week is September 26 through October 1. Celebrate in Martin County by using the ideas in this article with the children in your life.

Parents are children's #1 role model. Whatever the parents do, the children will want to do. Children start learning before birth and continue to learn throughout their entire lives. Reading skills start with the awareness that words contain many sounds. This is called phonemic awareness which is crucial to learning phonics in the early grades. Children develop their phonemic awareness by developing their vocabulary. Here are fun and easy ways to develop early skills and help children thrive in today's society.

Let children help with activities, chores, and errands in your everyday life. As you work together, explain what you are doing and why. Show them – describe what you are showing – tell them what it is called. Listen to their questions and give them plenty of time to understand your answers. Explore other ways of getting the activity done. They will learn basic life skills

as well as vocabulary, problem solving, and creative thinking as they get to do their most favorite thing in the world – be with you.

Children love stories, especially stories about family members. Create "books" of the family stories. Younger children can draw pictures. Older children can add words or sentences. Encourage your children to "read" the family story books. It's okay to get crazy and make up goofy stories. Try silly rhymes. Turn it into a song. Have fun!

Get caught reading. Your children want to do what you do. Read every day – and let them catch you doing it. Invite them to join you. Read aloud to them. Let them read aloud to you. Young children can make up a story based on the pictures they see. Even babies can look where you point, helping them learn eye control.

Take the family to the library and get library cards. Use the library card to check out books to read at home. The Evergreen system allows you to request books that are not in your local library. The books are sent to your library and then returned to their home library when you are done with them. (See 'LITERACY' continued on page 2)

LITERACY

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This is a great way to have access to thousands upon thousands of books at no additional cost to the family. While you are at the library, pick up a calendar of upcoming children and family activities.

SOAR sponsors several programs that help children with reading and vocabulary skills. Head Start families receive free books and participate in a SOAR workshop that encourages family reading activities. At the end of the term, a lucky family wins a reading chair created by local artist Bill Whorral, and all children receive reading spots – cushions they can take home to create a special reading spot to enjoy their books.

First graders receive reading-for-pleasure books from the SOAR Put Your Nose in a Book program. When your first grader brings the book home, read it with your family (wearing the clown nose given with the book as you “put your nose in a book”). Check the cover of the book. It will be part of a series of books written for young

readers. Order other books in the series from Scholastic or check them out of the library (remember the Evergreen system described above).

Third graders receive free dictionaries from the SOAR dictionary project. Ask your third grader to show the family how to find a word in the dictionary. Read the meaning of the word and make up a story using the word as many times as possible. Fourth graders receive free thesauruses from the SOAR thesaurus project. Look up a word in the thesaurus; then make up sentences using each of the alternate words suggested.

SOAR provides free and confidential adult tutoring in reading, writing, math, work & life skills, and HSE (formerly GED prep). Anyone interested in free tutoring or becoming a tutor can call or text the SOAR office at 812.709.1618 to get more information. Improve your skills, improve your life!

SOAR family literacy projects are made possible through funding by the Martin County Community Foundation and Duke Energy Foundation.

RATE

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to work and 754 of them were unemployed. In August of last year, Dubois County's unemployment rate was 3.1 percent with 22,851 residents in the workforce and 701 of them unemployed.

The top ten spots in the state for lowest jobless rate for August were Dubois County at 3.3 percent, Hamilton County at 3.4 percent, Boone County at 3.5 percent, Wells, LaGrange, Hendricks, Decatur, Daviess and Bartholomew counties at 3.6 percent; and Tipton County at 3.7 percent.

The top ten spots in the state for highest jobless rate for August were Greene County at 6.6 percent, Lake and Vermillion counties at 6.5 percent, Sullivan County at 6.1 percent, Fayette and LaPorte counties at 6 percent, Fountain County at 5.9 percent, Blackford County at 5.8 percent, Lawrence County at 5.7 percent, and Crawford, Delaware and Vigo counties at 5.6 percent.

Indiana set all-time highs in total labor force (3,379,290) and total number of employed (3,226,385) as the state's seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate dipped to 4.5 percent in

the month of August. The unemployment rate is a U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) indicator that reflects the number of unemployed people as a percentage of the labor force. Indiana's labor force, a measure of Hoosiers employed or seeking employment, has increased 78,756 – with 77,113 finding employment – since the start of the year and by nearly 200,000 since January 2013.

“Indiana's employment and labor force sit at record highs and its labor force participation rate outpaces the nation by nearly three percent, however, significant gains are still achievable to reach our workforce potential as a state,” said Steven J. Braun, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD). “As we move forward, it remains essential for DWD, WorkOne and community partners to continue all efforts to locate and train those who are not actively participating in Indiana's workforce.”

Commissioner Braun also noted that private sector employment increased by 5,600 jobs in August and stands at 37,100 above the March 2000 peak, which is the 14th-consecutive month above that peak.

MEETING

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but the fines have never been enforced. Attorney Lett said that once fines are issued, they would be paid at the auditor's office. Lett said that there were many things in the ordinance that needed to be discussed and possibly changed prior to passing it. The commissioners voted to table the ordinance until they had time to go over it.

In other business, Linda Dillon, veteran service officer, submitted her August report. She also told the commissioners that two tires on the veterans' van need to be replaced. She got a quote from the Shoals Service Center for \$248. The commissioners approved the expense.

The commissioners also approved Terry “Tex” Howell and Alan Dale Albright to serve as drivers of the veterans' van.

The commissioners spent some time discussing a change order that came in for the work on bridge 11. Commissioner Kevin Boyd suggested tabling the approval of the change order until the company could come to a meeting and explain. He said he didn't understand how a change order could be submitted when work has just begun. The other commissioners agreed.

Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett updated the commissioners on the Spencer Hollow Bridge repair. An issue on East River Road concerning a culvert was discussed with Mary Lou Billings. The ground is higher on one end of the culvert than the other, therefore causing issues on the Billings' property. Billings gave a brief history on the issue that has been going on for five years. Commissioner Paul George suggested that Padgett try to repair the culvert one more time but if that doesn't work, the culvert needs to be removed.

Dan Hoffman, a resident on Rutherford Road, asked the commissioners when paving would be done. He said he had spoken to Commissioner Dan Gregory several months ago and Gregory told him that Rutherford Road was slated to be paved. Commissioner Gregory explained that due to the several bridges in need of repair the funds available to road repair will be used for the bridges. He told Hoffman that the highway department would be applying for a matching grant in February of next year so they are saving what money they have in order to put it with that grant. Whatever the county has saved, the grant will match that amount. That money will be used to pave roads.

Ranger Chris Zimmer, with the Hoosier National Forest, thanked Superintendent Padgett for the work on Natchez Road. He told the commissioners that while there are still ATV riders using the area, but it's not as bad as it was. He said he hopes the forest and the county can continue working together to keep the riders off the property.

Sheriff Travis Roush told commissioners he would like to move ahead with the book-in ordinance that charges \$50 to offenders who are convicted. Attorney Dave Lett said he didn't have any legal objection to the ordinance however he was concerned about whether the money could get collected. The commissioners tabled approving the ordinance until their next meeting.

The sheriff reported that they currently have 63 inmates in the jail. He is also waiting for an additional quote to replace lighting in the inmate area. He will bring the quotes back to the commissioners when he receives them.

Community Corrections Director Kathy Collins told the commissioners that the renovations to their new building in Loogootee were progressing on schedule. She is still going after a mid-October move-in date.

She told the commissioners about a new grant opportunity that she plans to apply for. The state department of corrections is making available \$2 million to help corrections departments with projects such as improving or moving to a new facility. She said she is applying for the grant, asking for \$122,000. The commissioners approved.

The commissioners approved re-appointing August Bauer and Kenneth Fuhrman to the Martin County PT-ABOA (Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals).

Mural artist presentation

Mural artist Susan K Dailey will be available to meet with students, parents, and community members of Shoals Community Schools on Monday, September 26, at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Also at the artist's reception will be Cathie Laska. Cathie worked as an art specialist for over 30 years in Terre Haute. She will present Martin County history based lessons to Shoals Elementary students, who will create their own murals for display in Shoals.

Please mark your calendars for this event. Light refreshments will be served.



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Obituaries

DOROTHY SOUERDIKE

Dorothy A. Souerdike passed away at 3 a.m. Friday, September 16, 2016 at her home. A resident of Loogootee, she was 88.

She was born April, 28, 1928 in Martin County; daughter of the late Clyde and Madge (Morris) Swayze.

She loved her grandchildren and attending their activities. She also enjoyed playing cards.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Lorenza Dennis Souerdike; her parents, her sisters, Libby Trambaugh and Merledean Henry and three brothers, Loren Swayze, Richard Swayze and Hubert Swayze.

She is survived by her children, Ellen Dant (Mike), and Wayne Souerdike (Terri); her grandchildren, Alicia Shoemaker, Josh Shoemaker, Spenser Souerdike, and Colin Souerdike; two sisters, Hildred Harshaw (Waldo) and Barbara Eichmiller (Paul) and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was conducted at Blake Funeral Home on Monday September 19 with Rev. Mike Strawn officiating. Burial followed at Mount Union Cemetery.

Memorial Contributions can be made to Martin County 4-H Council. Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

CHARLES STRANGE

Charles "Andy" Strange passed away



CHARLES STRANGE

He graduated from Loogootee High School in 1945 and went on to join the United States Marine Corp, honorably serving in the Korean War.

His marriage was to Marianne P. Strange and she preceded him in death on August 14, 2011.

He retired from Farm Bureau Insurance after 40-plus years where he served as a Regional Claims Manager. He was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Eagles, and American Legion Post #11. He was an avid golfer, power walker, loved to travel, and enjoyed playing cards. Andy was very proud of his military service and his family. He was proud of his roots, coming from a small town. He was always interested in where people were from. He is survived by his four children, Patricia "Patti" Graff (husband: Thomas) of Lafayette, James Ronald Strange (wife: Gayle) of Lafayette, Lisa Strange of West Lafayette, and David A. Strange (wife: Lynne) of

at 2:39 p.m., Sunday, September 11, 2016 at IU Health Arnett. A resident of Lafayette, he was 87.

He was born March 5, 1929 in Bramble; the son of the late Roscoe and Ella (Williams) Strange.

Lafayette; two sisters, Frances Trout of Loogootee, and Camilla Summers of Loogootee; one brother, Phillip Strange of Loogootee; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Preceding him in death with his parents and wife are a brother, John Gordon Strange; and two sisters, Doris Smith and Colleta Strange.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday, September 16 at St. Lawrence

Catholic Church with Fr. Eric Underwood officiating. Rite of Interment followed in Rest Haven Memorial Park, with Military Honors.

Hippensteel Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. In lieu of usual remembrances, memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association or American Heart Association. Share memories and condolences online at www.hippensteelfuneralservice.com.

Skelton Museum Showcase presents comedian Willie Barcena

The Red Skelton Museum of American Comedy's Entertainment Showcase will feature a performance by comedian Willie Barcena on October 1 at 7:30 p.m. (EDT), at Vincennes University's Red Skelton Performing Arts Center.

General admission tickets cost \$30 for the public and \$25 for VU employees.

Tickets can be purchased by contacting the museum at 812-888-4184, or online at redskeltonmuseum.org.

ABOUT WILLIE BARCENA

Barcena is a 20-year comedy veteran who never shies away from a challenge.

His talent garnered him 12 appearances on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno more than any other Latino comedian in the history of the show, and

Leno also invited him to perform for the troops in Afghanistan.

A variety of jobs, including stints as a security guard, plumber, roofer, and limo driver, have given Barcena a background for his humor about everyday life. After years of stand-up road work Willie is now ready for new challenges.

In addition to being a comedy road warrior, Barcena has appeared on many TV shows, including Moesha and The Wayans Brothers, and he was chosen to be the host of the popular Sitv production Latino Laugh Festival - The Show.

He's made multiple appearances on tours and his first one-hour Comedy Central special earned rave reviews. Barcena will also appear in an upcoming Netflix special.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

6:04 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle east of Loogootee. Corporal Baker responded.

6:40 a.m. - Received a report of a break-in east of Loogootee. Corporal Baker responded.

7:30 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Captain Dant, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:32 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

9:41 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

9:44 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

11:30 a.m. - Sheriff Roush took one inmate to court.

1:30 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle north of Loogootee. All Martin County officer were notified.

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

9:00 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took two inmates to court.

10:00 a.m. - Sheriff Roush took one inmate to court.

10:40 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to the doctor.

11:55 a.m. - Received an alarm call north of Loogootee. Captain Dant responded and all was okay.

12:30 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 50, west of Shoals. Major Burkhardt, Captain Dant, Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

2:40 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

4:21 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:26 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:17 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

7:10 a.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

12:30 p.m. - Jailer Emmick took one inmate to the doctor.

4:45 p.m. - Jailer Emmick took one inmate to the doctor.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

8:44 a.m. - Received a report of trucks blocking the road east of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded and cleared the road.

8:46 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded and all was okay.

9:00 a.m. - Major Burkhardt and K9 Officer Asher performed a personal appearance in Loogootee.

12:32 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:10 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:00 p.m. - Major Burkhardt, Loogootee Captain Hennette, K9 Officer Asher, and K9 Officer Roxy made an appearance in Loogootee.

4:41 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Crane. Major Burkhardt responded.

6:07 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Crane. Major Burkhardt responded.

6:15 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

9:15 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

9:45 a.m. - Received a complaint of cows out near Shoals. The owners were contacted.

11:05 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:05 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:55 p.m. - Received a report of an unknown accident south of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt, Haysville Fire, Martin County Ambulance, and ISP Trooper Lents responded.

2:13 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee. ISP Trooper Lents responded.

2:53 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation south of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt, Chief Deputy Greene, ISP Trooper Lents, and ISP Trooper Johnson responded.

4:00 p.m. - Received a report of an unknown wreck east of Shoals. Major Burkhardt, Martin County Ambulance, and Shoals Fire responded.

6:42 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene, Major Burkhardt, Martin County Ambulance, and Loogootee Fire responded. All was okay.

7:31 p.m. - Received a report of a break-in and domestic disturbance south of Shoals. Major Burkhardt, Town Marshal Eckert, and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

9:04 p.m. - Received a report of a possible drunk driver headed north on US 231 near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Norris responded.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

4:23 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:17 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic disturbance near Loogootee. Deputy Salmon responded.

9:52 a.m. - Received a report of an accident involving injuries, on SR 150, east of Shoals. Sergeant Keller, Deputy Salmon, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. Two ambulances for Dubois County also responded.

1:33 p.m. - Received a report of

an accident east of Loogootee on US 50. Sergeant Keller, Loogootee Officer Todd, Loogootee Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. Two subjects were transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:08 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd, Sergeant Keller, Loogootee Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

7:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

8:02 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Deputy Salmon and Lawrence County EMS responded.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

1:48 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded and all was okay.

4:32 a.m. - Received a report of a

Martin County real estate transfers

Luwanna Kaye Bollin and Gregory Dean Gibbs to Thomas J. Albaugh. Tract I: Part of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter in Section 6, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing 12.17 acres, more or less, except a tract containing 5 acres, more or less. Tract II: Part of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 6, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing 4.68 acres, more or less.

John Messmer and Elizabeth Messmer and Bradley Messmer, of Dubois County, Indiana and **Melanie A. Hughes,** of Hamilton County, Indiana to **Bradley M. Messmer,** of Dubois County, Indiana and **Melanie A. Hughes,** of Hamilton County, Indiana, the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 8, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, containing 10 acres, more or less. Also, the southwest corner of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 9, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, containing 4 acres.

John S. Simmons and Sandra E. Simmons, of Martin County, Indiana to **Steven R. Simmons, Lori L. Moore, and John D. Simmons,** of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing one and a half acres, more or less.

Jay M. Smith, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jay M. Smith and Cynthia M. Smith,** of Martin County, Indiana, a parcel of land in the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Jay M. Smith and Cynthia M. Smith, of Martin County, Indiana to **Stewart E. Blake and Mary Ellen Blake,** of Martin County, Indiana, four tracts of land in the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Dennis W. Nolley, of Martin County, Indiana to **Carl E. Wiscaver, Sr.,** of Martin County, Indiana, Lot 68 in Campbell and Breen's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Adam E. Greene, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Greene's Properties, LLC,** of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.36 acres, more or less.

Bobby R. Jenkins, Jr., of Martin County, Indiana to **Bobby R. Jenkins,**

tree down near Shoals. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

5:04 a.m. - Received a report of an accident near Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No accident was found.

10:45 a.m. - Received a report of cows out near Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

11:40 a.m. - Captain Dant assisted department of child services with a welfare check near Loogootee.

4:38 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Captain Dant responded and all was okay.

3:39 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

9:36 p.m. - Received a report of an attempted break-in in Shoals. Deputy Salmon responded.

9:45 p.m. - Received an alarm call near Shoals. Deputy Salmon responded and all was okay.

Jr. and Cristy M. Jenkins, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of Section 35, Township 4 North, Range 4 West situated in Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 6 acres, more or less.

Jimmie J. Mattox and Douglas A. Mattox, of Martin County, Indiana to **Joe I. Mattox,** of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 9 and the east one-half of Lot Number 10 in Heck's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Joseph Troutman and Kristina Troutman, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jennifer L. Boswell and Christopher B. Boswell,** of Porter County, Indiana, a part of the south half of the south half of the northeast quarter of Section 17, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 8.900 acres, more or less.

Robert Dages and Cassidy Dages, of Martin County, Indiana to **East Fork Water, Inc.,** of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of Section 10, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 13.866 acres, more or less.

Waldo W. Harshaw and Hildred E. Harshaw, of Martin County, Indiana to **East Fork Water, Inc.,** of Martin County, Indiana, all that part of Lot Number 151 in that part of the Town of Shoals formerly called Memphis.

ARRESTS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

6:12 p.m. - Caroline Johnson, 54, of Crane, was arrested by Major Burkhardt and charged with domestic battery. She is being held without bond.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

4:22 p.m. - Charles Kline, 43, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with intimidation. He is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest were Major Burkhardt, Chief Deputy Greene, and ISP Trooper Johnson.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

2:44 a.m. - Tyler Eckstein, 22, of Jasper, was arrested by Deputy Salmon and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated. He is being held on a \$10,000 10% bond.

5:44 a.m. - Mindi Holt, 34, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Salmon and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated test refusal and resisting arrest. She is being held without bond.

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COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCING

August 30

Angela R. Mcauley, convicted of possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days at the Martin County Security Center with 317 days suspended and credit for 24 actual days previously served plus 24 Class A credit days. Defendant received 10 months of probation.

September 1

Danny L. Krodel, convicted of domestic battery, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 6 months (182 days) at the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 58 actual days previously served plus 58 Class A credit days.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

August 30

Angela R. Mcauley, driving while suspended, a Class A Infraction, dismissed; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

September 9

Jared A. Sheetz vs. Jasmine M. Sheetz, petition for dissolution of marriage.

September 12

Freedom Bank vs. Jennifer (Parker) Qualkenbush, Ford Motor Credit Co., LLC, and Martin County Treasurer, mortgage foreclosure.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

September 8

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Discover Bank and against the defendant Paul D. Brassine in the amount of \$13,972.37.

September 12

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Hunter R. Henson in the amount of \$6,946.69.

September 15

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Discover Bank and against the defendant Kyla Greene in the amount of \$5,532.76.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

September 8

Crane Credit Union vs. Jade White and Brian White, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Michelle Skaggs and Joshua Skaggs, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Howard Phillips, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Tiffany A. Sexton, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Tabettha K. Richardson, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Glenn Ormon, Jr., complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Hannah M. Lewis, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Lorene E. Hearth, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Hope D. Grissom, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Thomas P. Gordon, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Corey L. Ricketts, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Melisa D. Sorrells, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. David J. Tinkle, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Mary A. Lacher, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Chad A. Haefling, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. David B. McKinney, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. William J. Vaughan, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Wade A. Carlson, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

September 9

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Family Dental Care and against the defendant Richard Willoughby in the amount of \$337.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

September 12

Tyler J. Tuffle of Shoals and Tia R. Beasley of Loogootee.

September 14

Joey David Riggins of Loogootee and Keriann Mikell Lents of Loogootee.

September 15

Rebecca Lynn Craney of Shoals and Tyson K. Hilderbrand of Shoals.

September 16

Justin D. McNeely of Loogootee and Kayla R. Nicholson of Loogootee.

Robert P. Combs of Loogootee and Marla D. Sutton of Loogootee.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

CodeRED Emergency Notification Implementation

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

We have licensed the CodeRED Community Notification System and CodeRED Weather Warnings to help disseminate important or critical information as well as severe weather alerts to citizens in the path of severe thunderstorms, flash floods, tornados, and winter storms.

We encourage all residents and businesses to go to the Martin County website, click on the CodeRED signup link and enter their contact information. The website is <https://public.codered-web.com/cne/BF098751A729>

If you know of anyone who did not receive this call who lives in the county, please encourage them to visit the county website and enter their information.

If you do not have Internet access, please contact a friend or family member to help add your contact information to the emergency database. You can also call Martin County directly at 812-247-3726 for assistance.

Thank you,
Martin County Sheriff's Office

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

4:48 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted the county on a traffic stop.

8:20 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of medication.

8:49 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious persons on Broadway Street.

9:20 p.m. - Received a call of a reckless driver on US 231.

9:31 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on State Road 550.

9:40 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint on Dewey Street.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

1:42 a.m. - Caller reported a lost purse. Female later located it.

9:00 a.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint on West Washington Street.

11:10 a.m. - Male came on station to request a vehicle identification check.

3:15 p.m. - Male reported a facebook scam.

4:32 p.m. - First responders were requested in Sunset Trailer Court for a medical call.

7:30 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from Chuckles.

11:15 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

10:00 a.m. - Male came on station and reported a civil matter.

2:00 p.m. - Caller reported an abandoned vehicle.

6:10 p.m. - Caller reported a speed-

ing vehicle on Hwy 50.

10:34 p.m. - Received a report of loud music in Shaded Estates.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

8:46 a.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a business alarm.

2:35 p.m. - Caller reported harassment.

10:42 p.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a business alarm.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

6:47 p.m. - First responders were requested on Mt. Pleasant Road for a medical call.

3:15 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

7:45 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

4:08 p.m. - Charges were filed on a male after a vehicle accident on Green Street.

11:50 p.m. - Caller reported a noise complaint on Terrace Drive.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

5:04 a.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a medical problem.

12:53 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance on NE 3rd Street.

9:01 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance on Park Street.

9:20 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Butcher Boulevard.

9:27 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driver on Broadway Street.



-Photo provided

Shown above are Indiana State Police Trooper Steven Sexton with his new K9 partner, Magill.

Newest state police K9 ready for patrol in the Jasper District

The newest member of the Indiana State Police is trained and ready to hit the streets, and only requires that he be fed, watered, and have his belly rubbed.

Last Friday, in a ceremony at the Indiana State Police Museum in Indianapolis, State Police Superintendent Doug Carter recognized the achievements of six Indiana State Troopers in completing their 12-week training with their newest K9 partners. Jasper District Trooper Steven Sexton and his new partner "Magill" was amongst the six to complete the K9 class, and are ready to begin patrol as a K9 unit in the Jasper District.

"I am excited to get started working in the district and surrounding areas, completing and assisting in investigations and apprehensions to better serve the community," says Trooper Sexton,

a nine-year veteran of the Department. "Being a K9 handler is something I have always wanted to do and getting to do so is an honor with K9 Magill."

Magill, an almost two-year-old German Sheppard, holds an extra special place in Sexton's heart. He bears the namesake of Master Trooper Detective Rick Magill, who passed away unexpectedly in November 2013.

"I chose the name Magill because Trooper Rick Magill was well known and very respected in the community. Rick and I worked together on the Clandestine Lab team and I had the utmost respect for him. I chose the name to carry on Rick's legacy."

Magill is a full-service K9, being trained and certified in drug recognition, tracking, and apprehension. Sexton and Magill will work their first shift together next week.

Accident reports

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

8:32 a.m. - Richard Shoultz, of Washington, was operating a 2007 bus in the Country Place parking lot when he struck a 2003 Chevy owned by Kenneth Boyd, of Shoals. Chief Rayhill investigated.

9:44 a.m. - Richard Dye, of Cannelburg, was backing his 2003 GMC from a parking spot on West Main Street when he struck a 2007 Jeep operated by Mary Ann Sutton, of Jasper. Chief Rayhill investigated.

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4-H NEWS

By Stacy Brown
Martin County Purdue
Extension Educator

National Tractor Driving Contest
Martin County will be sending two members of the tractor driving club, Reuben Ritchey and Justin Sanders, to the national competition. The event takes place on Monday, September 26 at 8:15 a.m. on the Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds. Reuben and Justin will also have the opportunity to tour the Caterpillar plant and experience other diesel and engineering programs during their three-day program. Good luck boys we are very proud of you!

Enrollment for 4-H 2016-2017 Fast Approaching

The end of summer marks the beginning of next 4-H season. Open enrollment begins on October 1. If you are interested in 4-H or know someone who is now is the time to start planning to join us for another great year in Martin County. Any child grades 3 through 12 may join 4-H. We also have a future 4-H program for kids in grades K-2. While most 4-Hers concentrate on projects for the fair, the program is about much more than exhibits. 4-H teaches leadership, community service, independence, confidence, and many other life skills. There are clubs and projects that focus on livestock judging, shooting sports, robotics, and junior leadership. Each year there are dozens of opportunities for youth to attend workshops, conference, and camps focusing on career choices, diversity, and cooperation. 4-H is a great way to meet new friends and learn to make the best better.

If you have any questions or would like information sent to you about enrolling for 4-H please contact the Martin County Purdue Extension office at 812-295-2412.

Opportunities to Help 4-H Grow in

Martin County

Almost everyone in Martin County has either been involved in 4-H or knows someone who has been a part of this great youth organization. Over the years, 4-H has helped to develop life skills, teach responsibility, offer opportunities, award scholarships, and much more to Martin County youth. The program has been growing true leaders since its inception and many 4-Hers have gone on to become actual leaders of the community. As 4-H continues to grow in the 21st Century, the cost of maintaining the space needed for programming also grows. Now is your chance to give back to an organization that has given so much to the young people in the area. The Martin County 4-H Council has launched a fundraising campaign for the upcoming year. Businesses that donate will have their names listed on a plaque in the Community Building. Donations of \$5,000+ will receive a platinum status, \$1,000-\$4,999 will receive a gold status, \$500-\$999 will receive a silver status, and donations of \$100-\$499 will receive a bronze status. Individuals may donate as well and any donation is appreciated. We also have a 4-H recipe book containing all the recipes submitted to the 2016 fair. They are \$5 and available at the Purdue Extension-Martin County office. All donations will go toward maintaining the fairgrounds and buildings so future 4-Hers and the community can continue to benefit from programming. To donate please contact the Purdue Extension Office at 812-295-2412.

Tree Seedlings Available to Order

DNR tree seedling order forms are available at www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/3620.htm or at the Martin County Purdue Extension Office. Any questions can be directed to Vallonia Nursery at (812) 358-3621.



The Martin County Veteran Service Officer has an office in the Martin County Courthouse. An appointment is necessary as I am out of the office transporting veterans to medical appointments, meeting with or visiting veterans in the community.

During the month of August, the veteran service officer assisted 12 veterans, had three meetings, and visited the Legion's and VFW's in Crane, Loogootee and Shoals. The veterans' van took 13 trips transporting 13 veterans to VA medical centers and clinics.

DRIVERS NEEDED for the veterans' van. I am aware that we all have very busy lives and very little free time which is why I am looking for reliable drivers to add to my call list. I am looking for **VOLUNTEERS** that are willing to transport a veteran possibly one trip a week to medical appointments in the surrounding area. This is not a paid position. You must have an Indiana license and a clean driving record. If interested, please contact me.

For assistance call 812-247-2210, transportation needs call 812-247-2450 and leave a message or e-mail martin-countyvso2013@yahoo.com.



Making A Difference

By Curt Johnson
MCCF Executive Director



"BROKEN CHAIN"

by Ron Tranmer

We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name...

In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same...

You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide...

And although we cannot see you, you are always at our side...

Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same...

But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again...

-- CARTER LEE KERNS --

That poem gives Eddie and Alyssa Kerns comfort in knowing that one day they will be reunited with their son, Carter, who passed away in an accident the day before his first birthday. Carter's sparkling blue eyes, his laugh and his smile will forever be embedded in his parents' hearts and memory. Eddie and Alyssa wanted to bring some good from this tragedy and to find a way to honor his life and let others know at least some of the joy that Carter brought to them and their family.

-- A LASTING MEMORY --

So in December of 2014, in loving memory of their son, they founded the Carter Lee Kerns Memorial Fund with the MCCF. With this fund, Carter leaves a memory and a legacy that will forever bring joy to our community. Eddie and Alyssa established the fund to support non-profit organizations that work to enhance the lives of children and families in Martin County. They also knew that they wanted ongoing involvement in the use of the fund payouts.

-- DONOR ADVISED FUND --

A "donor advised fund", as I've discussed in previous columns, allows for this kind of donor involvement. They work with the MCCF staff to identify ways of using the dollars from their fund to address the issues and needs they care about most.

-- FOR THE KIDS --

This year is the first distribution of the Carter Lee Kerns Memorial Fund. Keeping true to the intent of the fund to enhance the lives of children and to bring some of Carter's joy into others' lives, Eddie and Alyssa decided to support the place where good memories of Carter were once created.

Shown in the picture are the Kerns' presenting the check to Mayor Noel Harty and Sammi Nelson on behalf of the City of Loogootee Parks and Recreation Department. Along with Eddie and Alyssa are their recently adopted sons, Gage, Colt and Broc. Eddie and Alyssa continue to give and share their love of children as they first did with Carter and now with their growing family. And with Carter's memorial fund, this love of theirs will give forever.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

For more information about endowment funds or how to meet your charitable goals, please contact the MCCF 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 or to "like" the MCCF Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mcccommunityfoundation.



-Photo provided

Pictured are Sammi Nelson (President, Loogootee Parks and Recreation); The Kerns Family of Eddie, Gage, Colt, Broc, and Alyssa; and Noel Harty (Mayor, City of Loogootee).

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The Mayor's Den

By Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty

August begins to wind down summer break and also brings school registration. Thursday the 4th the common council met in special session to discuss the 2017 salary ordinance. All departments were voted on with the exception of the police department which was tabled until the August 8th regularly scheduled meeting. A motion was also made at the meeting to move forward on pledging \$2,500 towards the Cross Pointe Studios project promoting both Loogootee and Martin County as a whole. Friday the 5th I was invited to a staff meeting in the high school auditorium to kick off the 2016-2017 school year (as I also serve as bus driver for the Loogootee School Corporation). New Superintendent Mr. Chip Mehaffey reflected on his personal experiences both at Loogootee as a high school principal and teacher and coach at previous school corporations. We wish him the best of luck in his new role as superintendent. Sunday the 7th the parks and recreation department hosted a "Back to School Splash" at the city pool. It was a huge success with the largest crowd I have personally seen since our pool re-opened. Thank you to the parks and recreation board for sponsoring, as well thank Duane and Karen Mann of IGA for cooking hot dogs and offering chips and soft drinks to over three hundred guests! Monday the 8th was the monthly board of public works and safety and common council meetings. Main topics of discussion were the collections policies and procedures in the board of works meeting and the salary ordinance for the police department. Tuesday the 9th, I began the day at St. John Catholic Church for the one-year anniversary of "Youth First" as part of the Loogootee School Corporation. Many were on hand to speak about the importance the presence of the program has had in our school, such as corporate sponsor Kenny Frye, with German American Bank; Martin County Commissioner and Youth First enthusiast Dan Gregory; and Elizabeth Christmas who is the Youth First Counselor at Loogootee School Corporation.

Wednesday the 10th was the first day of school for grades K-12. I think most students were anxious to get started after the very nice summer break. Thursday the 11th I went to the Martin County Learning Center to attend the quarterly Martin County Community Corrections meeting. Highlights of the meeting were the great success of both staff members and participants and an update on the department moving to their new location. Most of the day on Friday the 12th was spent in the office as well as Monday and Tuesday of the following week. Wednesday the 17th was the monthly Martin County Chamber of Commerce meeting, this month at Pizza Junction. Highlights included the Indiana Bicentennial Martin County Celebration coming up on September 13th and the upcoming "Shop and Taste" event to be held on October 17th. In the evening was the monthly parks and recreation department meeting. Up for main discussion was Fall Festival coming up on October 28th at Lee Kavanaugh Gym. This year's festival will feature once again the "Spooky Splash and Dash 5k Walk and Run", the king, queen, prince, and princess contests

for the elementary and middle school and numerous games for kids – and of course, food! Following the park board meeting, I went to the Martin County Recycling Center for the monthly solid waste meeting. As always, operations were the main topic of discussion and also the 2017 budget. Thursday the 18th Fr. Kenneth Walker, Rev. Duane Smith, Rev. Ernie Cannell and I met with new Loogootee United Methodist Church Pastor Gary Elsten for lunch at Stoll's Lakeview. We enthusiastically welcome Pastor Gary to our community. Saturday the 20th was the annual fish fry at St. John's Lutheran Church – always a good meal with good company! Monday the 22nd, I spent mostly in the office. Tuesday the 23rd was one of the final Bicentennial planning meetings before the long awaited September 13 event. The primary focus of the many issues discussed was our bicentennial bison winning first the People's Choice Award for the state!

Wednesday the 24th administrative staff and I met to discuss policies and procedures in regards to our public works department. Thursday the 25th I met with a representative from the State Bicentennial Committee to discuss the possibility of the Loogootee Summerfest and Christmas Parade being recognized as a Bicentennial Legacy project. Monday the 29th I headed to the Martin County Learning Center for the final Martin County Bicentennial Indiana Bicentennial meeting attended by the torch bearers and their escorts and all the volunteers involved with the torch relay. Everyone present picked up their uniforms for the upcoming celebration and relay and were given instructions and training on handling the torch itself. The crowd was pumped up and ready! Tuesday the 30th most of the day was spent working on day-to-day operations of the office. Wednesday the 31st City Building Commissioner Richard Taylor, Administrative Assistant Phyllis Panko, and Julie Berry with Midwestern Engineers and I met to discuss duties associated with land use planning in regards to code enforcement officers. I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a most blessed September.

VU Music Dept. Gala Concert is October 11

The Vincennes University Department of Music and Theatre will present "A Gala Concert" on October 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Red Skelton Performing Arts Center, 20 Red Skelton Boulevard, Vincennes.

The event is free, and the public is invited to attend. Doors will open at 7 p.m.

The evening will showcase the VU Concert Band, under the direction of Susie Jackson; Concert Choir, under the direction of Matt Latta; Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Wade Baker; VU Connection, under the direction of Lisa Miller; Brass Ensemble, under the direction of Wade Baker; Percussion Ensemble, under the direction of Susie Jackson; and Woodwind Ensemble, under the direction of Eric Bowling.

The concert will feature a wide variety of traditional and contemporary choral and wind literature.

Strange-O'Maley Reunion held at Bramble

The annual Strange-O'Maley reunion was held at the St. Joseph Annex Bramble, on Sunday, September 4, 2016. Hosts for the day were Diane Richardson, Lynn Ziegler, and Carolyn Arvin. Following the delicious carry-in dinner the traditional prizes were awarded. The most senior lady attending was Ruth Strange, most senior gentleman was George Hudoff, and youngest child attending was seven-week-old Avelynn Rogers. Little Avelynn is the great-granddaughter of Ruth Strange. The Scott Arvin family from Lake Providence, Louisiana was awarded the prize for traveling the farthest to attend the annual event. The door prize was awarded to Millie Colvin and the 50/50 winners were Donna Strange and Steve Colvin. There was a tie between Donna Strange and Brenda Strange in the "bean count" guess so the prize was split between them. After a short business meeting and the annual group photo everyone enjoyed an afternoon of conversation and Bingo. The photos were taken this year by Dorothyann Strange. Dorothyann is a professional photographer whose work can be seen on Pinterest and Etsy under "Right On Strange Road Photography" or at www.RightOnStrange.etsy.com.

Guests attending from out of state were Jim and Becky Matthews from Jackson, Michigan; Alice Strange from Cape Girardeau, Missouri; and Scott,

Laura, Catherine, and Jonathan Arvin from Lake Providence, Louisiana. From out of town: Kent and Debbie Strange from Bargsersville; Glen Arvin from Bedford; Ed Colvin, Pat Colvin, Ruth Strange, George, Linda and Jim and Jeff Hudoff, Pam Hurt, and Carney and Dorothyann Strange from Bloomington; Steve Colvin, Caleb Strange, Summer Strange, Branden and Avelynn Rogers, and Pete & Connie Hildenbrand from Evansville; Christine Hildenbrand from Huntingburg; Roger Strange from Paoli; David, Millie, Wally and Sarah Colvin, Larry Colvin, and Susan Colvin from Indianapolis; Teresa Holt and children Aubrie and Wyatt from Shoals; Nathan Allen, Rick and Sean Flynn, and Diane and Ahlaya Richardson from Washington. Attending from Loogootee were Rick Colvin, Gene Colvin, Brenda Strange, Doug and Gayle Strange, Dave and Donna Strange, Carolyn Arvin, Lynn and Christina Ziegler.

Hosts for the 2017 reunion will be Dave and Donna Strange and Doug and Gayle Strange and will be held at the St. Joseph Annex Bramble on Sunday, September 3, 2017.

For additions or changes to the Strange Family History book, or to purchase a copy of the book and/or update contact Carolyn Arvin at 812-296-1831 or email her at carvin33@gmail.com.

Deadline Friday for WestGate College Fair

Friday, September 23 is the deadline for the WestGate@Crane College Fair 2016 scholarship applications. It is also the deadline for students, high schools, colleges, and universities to register to attend or prepare a booth for the fair taking place on October 4, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at WestGate Academy Conferencing & Training Center.

This year more than 30 colleges and universities registered to have informational booths at the fair. Event organizers anticipate more than 800 students attending, which is a similar number as last year.

Event organizer Samantha Nelson says as one of the largest college fairs in the region, the WestGate@Crane College Fair provides area students with unique opportunities.

"The WestGate@Crane College fair is a little different than your typical area college fair. Because of our location, we are able to offer this opportunity to several regional high schools that may not be able to attend otherwise. In previous college fairs, we have had high schools from several counties as well as colleges and universities from several states that attend. This gives the students a wide

variety of choices when it comes to choosing a school for their future."

This is the fourth annual WestGate@Crane College Fair and the number of students attending has grown each year. The WestGate@Crane College Fair is a certified by the Indiana Association for College Admission Counseling (IACAC). Having this certification means the WestGate@Crane College Fair is dedicated to providing students access to accurate information.

This year, three scholarships totaling \$3,000 will be awarded at the fair. Applications close Friday for these scholarships. For more information and to apply for these scholarships, please email: scholarships@bicindiana.com. Scholarship guidelines are listed here: <http://bit.ly/2cRD5Sa>

It is completely free of charge for students to attend the fair. Any interested school-aged student may attend, including home schooled students. The cost is \$50 per table for colleges and universities to attend. Colleges and universities can register using this link: <http://bit.ly/2cX3IsD>

Students may register using this link: <http://bit.ly/2auaWEq>

4-H Food Science Frenzy event

Aerospace, Animals, Food Science, Geology, Robotics, Weather- These are a few of the science areas that 4-H members across the country are learning about every day. Since the United States is facing a shortage of science and technology professionals, the Indiana 4-H Youth Development program aims to inspire young people to become excited about science and to pursue a career in a science-related field.

In an effort to increase the understanding and aptitude of science related areas in local youth, Martin County 4-H offers members the opportunity to enroll in a wide variety of 4-H projects related to science. Another way that Martin County 4-H youth programming is working to spark youth's interest in science is through an upcoming event, 4-H Food Science Frenzy, where youth in grades 3-5 will learn about food science using

hands-on skills. Attendees will get to play with their food, test their taste buds, make pumpkins erupt and tour the farm at the Southwest Purdue Agricultural Center. This event will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2016, from 2-5 p.m. in Vincennes at the Southwest Purdue Agricultural Center (4669 Purdue Road).

If you know of a young scientist who would like to attend this event, please contact Purdue Extension-Posey County 4-H Youth Educator Cheven May at maycm@purdue.edu or call 812-838-1331 to register by October 28. Please do not call the Purdue Extension-Martin County Office. All registrations are going through the Purdue Extension-Posey County Office. Attendees need not be 4-H members, and there is no fee to participate in this workshop. Participants will be outside and are encouraged to dress accordingly.

More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



Two rednecks are out walking when they came upon a huge hole in the ground.

They approach it and are amazed at the size of it. The first hunter says, "Wow, that's some hole; I can't even see the bottom. I wonder how deep it is?"

The second hunter says, "I don't know. Let's throw somethin' down there, listen and see how long it takes to hit bottom."

The first hunter says, "Hey, there's an old automobile transmission over there. Give me a hand, we'll throw it in and see."

So they pick it up, carry it over and count one, two, three and heave it in the

hole. They are standing there listening, looking over the edge, when they hear a rustling behind them. As they turn around, they see a goat come crashing through the underbrush, run up to the hole and, without hesitation, jump in headfirst.

While standing there staring at each other in amazement, an old farmer saunters up.

"Say there," says the farmer, "You fellers didn't happen to see my goat around here anywhere, did you?"

The first hunter says, "Funny you should ask, but we were just standing here a minute ago and a goat came running out of the bushes doin' bout a hunnert miles an hour and jumped . . . headfirst into this here hole!"

The old farmer said, "Naw, that's impossible . . . I had him chained to a transmission."

Ron Chester, 80 years of age, was stopped by the police around 2 a.m. and was asked where he was going at that time of night.

Ron replied, "I'm on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body, as well as smoking and staying out late."

The officer asked, "Really? Who's giving that lecture at this time of night?"

Ron replied, "That would be my wife."

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2. little snakes
3. sticks that look like snakes

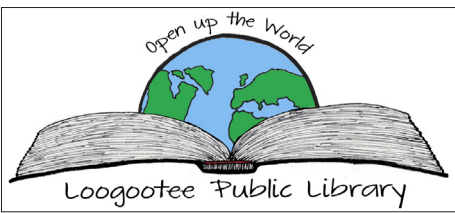
THREE WAYS TO FAIL AT EVERYTHING IN LIFE:

1. Complain about everything.
2. Blame others for your problems.
3. Never be grateful.

PONDERISMS:

1. Someone told me it takes 5 sheep to make 1 sweater. I didn't even know they could knit.
2. Today I bought a cupcake without sprinkles. Diets are so hard.
3. I don't care what anyone thinks of me. Except dogs – I want dogs to like me.
4. If you haven't grown up by age 60, you don't have to.
5. If life's a journey, mine is between the fridge and the computer.
6. I'm on a NUT FREE DIET . . . I avoid people who drive me nuts.
7. Dance like nobody's watching. Text and email like it will be read in court someday.
8. When asked if my cup is half-full or half-empty, my only response is that I'm thankful I have a cup.
9. No one wants to hear about your diet. Just eat your salad and be quiet.
10. Dogs are not my whole life but they make my whole life better.
11. I'm never sure if I actually have free time, or if I'm just forgetting everything that I have to do.
12. What did the buffalo say to her son when he left for college? Bison

Make someone smile today!



BY DARLA WAGLER
Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

JoDee Arvin Curtis will have a book signing on Monday evening, October 3 at 6 p.m. JoDee's book "JoyPowered: Intentionally Creating an Inspired Workplace" will be on sale for \$12.99. JoDee grew up in Loogootee, the daughter of Matt and Carolyn Arvin; she graduated from Loogootee High School in 1982. Her book can also be purchased online at www.purpleinkllc.com/buy-joypowered.

New Books:

Mystery Fiction: "Home" by Harlan Coben.

NonFiction: "Killing the Rising" by Bill O'Reilly and "Loving What Is" by Byron Katie.

JUV Fiction: "The Cookie Fiasco" by Dan Santat and "We Are Growing" by Laurie Keller.

DVDs: "LeapFrog: Talking Words".

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.

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Bicentennial committee

-Photo provided

Members of the Martin County Bicentennial Committee had their official photo taken after the torch relay last week. Shown in the front row, from left to right, are Jim Marshall, with the historical society; Teresa Harder, with Martin County Soil & Water; Linda Jones, retired Shoals Librarian; Marie Hawkins, Bicentennial Coordinator; and Jim Stoughton, Shoals Business Association President. In the back row, from left to right, are Tim Kinder, with the Alliance for Economic Growth; Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty, Jameson Hibbs, West Boggs Park Manager; and Rodney K. Wright, American Tree Experts, Inc. Bicentennial Coordinator Marie Hawkins was given an award for her work done for the Bicentennial over the last three years.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, September 22 at 5 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. The meeting is open to the public.

Democrats to meet

The Martin County Democrats will meet Monday, September 26 at 6 p.m. in the Martin County Courthouse in Shoals.

McCauley Benefit

A benefit for the Brian McCauley Family will be held Sunday, September 25 at 1 p.m. at the Shoals American Legion. Brian was injured in a motorcycle accident and will be unable to work for a period of time. There will be a pulled pork dinner, a silent auction and a gun raffle.

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 Tuesday 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.

Free lunch for kids

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

more info, call 812-709-2525.

SOAR Tutoring

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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.

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Radius Indiana and IEDC expand outreach to Chicago

Radius Indiana, Chief Executive Officer Jeff Quyle joined the Indiana Economic Development Corporation and other regional and corporate leaders in Chicago to meet with site selectors and business advisers about the pro-business environment that exists in Indiana.

“The professional advisers we visited are people who work in the accounting, real estate and legal professions, and they provide advice to companies from around the nation and the globe,” Quyle explained. “These IEDC-led trips are a fundamental part of the economic development toolkit, and give us the opportunity to talk about the strengths and advantages that exist in our area.”

This IEDC-Chicago trip is part of a series of economic development visits that Radius has planned for 2016. Ensuring that decision makers know about the area’s offerings is a primary focus for Radius Indiana, the regional partnership representing Crawford, Daviess, Dubois, Greene, Lawrence, Martin, Orange, and Washington Counties.

Communities in the Radius Indiana region had a number of assets that were attractive to the Chicago group. Many of the advisers were interested to hear about the I-69 corridor’s potential for transportation, logistics and opportunities for development. Presentations included information on the

region’s strong foundation in advanced manufacturing and its established infrastructure to support agribusiness, two of the most prominent and fastest growing industries in the region. The team also shared the federal research lab capabilities at Naval Support Activity Crane and the high concentration of engineers and STEM professionals in the Radius region.

“In our presentations, we shared statistics about the manufacturing strength of our workforce,” said Quyle. “We also talked about the relatively low and stable tax system in the region and the state.”

The visit was less than 48 hours in length, but allowed the IEDC team to send representatives to see numerous site selectors who now have more information and contacts to help educate their clients about the potential to grow their business in Indiana.

Indiana drowning rate declining per recorded data

Indiana Conservation Officers have recorded a thirty percent decrease in the number of annual state drowning victims over the past 2 years when compared to the previous five years.

“Although the DNR Law Enforcement Division continues to encourage the use of life-jackets and promotes water safety messages such as Wear It and Operation Dry Water through various media and social media sites, the decrease in drownings is attributed to the fact that our citizens are applying good water safety practices”, said Lt. Larry Morrison, Outdoor Education Coordinator. Indiana recorded 50 drowning deaths in 2010, 66 in 2011, 52 in 2012, 60 in 2013 and 54 in 2014. The Law Enforcement Division recorded a decrease in 2015 to 43 drowning deaths and 37 to date in 2016.

Get #ReadyToVote! September is National Voter Registration Month

Indiana Secretary of State Connie Lawson is reminding eligible voters that September 2016 is National Voter Registration Month. Hoosiers who need to register should do so today at Indianavoters.com or on a smart phone using the Indiana Voters app.

The National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) has created a short video to help address the most commonly asked questions about voting and voter registration. The video features Secretary of State Connie Lawson and staff.

WATCH: www.youtube.com/watch?v=VQSuV1cdmVk

“With only eight weeks to go until the general election on November 8th, there is no time to waste in verifying your voter registration and polling location,” noted Secretary Lawson. “Voting is a privilege we

enjoy as citizens and getting ready to vote in Indiana is simple and straightforward.”

The nation’s Secretaries of State established September as National Voter Registration Month in 2002 to encourage voter participation and increase awareness of state requirements and deadlines for voting. Eligible citizens who are 18 years of age or older may sign up at their county voter registration office, online at IndianaVoters.com, or through the Indiana Voters app (available for Android and Apple users).

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, roughly 35 percent of eligible Hoosiers are not yet registered to vote.

Help Secretary Lawson spread the word about National Voter Registration Month by using the hashtag #ReadyToVote.

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“With the turning of the season quickly approaching, Indiana’s outdoor enthusiasts, waterfowl hunters and paddling sport citizens must remain focused on water safety techniques and practices”, said Major Terry Hyndman, Operations Commander. “The colder water temperatures during fall and winter must also be prepared for by those who continue to recreate on or near waterways.” To maintain safety on the water during the fall and winter months the following tips are offered:

- Always wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket when on or near waterways
- Dress in layers appropriate for the

weather

- Remain aware of the changing weather patterns
 - Carry a U.S. Coast Guard approved throwable device on board all watercraft
 - Make a plan before you go
 - Tell someone where you are going and when you plan to return
 - Carry a survival kit and a first aid kit
- “We hope that the trend in reduced drownings continue across the state of Indiana”, said Danny L. East, Law Enforcement Division Director. “As our citizens become more aware of water safety concerns and prepare themselves well before recreating, we could see a decrease for many years to come.”

Indiana Attorney General joins coalition of states challenging new U.S. Department of Labor Overtime Rule

On Tuesday, Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller joined a coalition of 21 states in filing a federal court complaint challenging the United States Department of Labor’s new overtime rule. If implemented, the new rule would more than double the minimum salary overtime threshold for public and private workers without Congressional authorization. The rule would force many state and local governments to increase their employment costs substantially, eliminate some services and lay off employees. The complaint urges the court to stop the implementation of the new rule before it takes effect, which is scheduled for December 1, 2016.

“This rule is a direct challenge to our system of federalism by allowing unelected federal bureaucrats to tell Indiana and other sovereign states how much to pay our own public servants and at the same time it assumes the authority of the legislature in violation of the separation of powers,” said Zoeller.

Separately, the Indiana Attorney General’s Office continues to represent state government alongside a private firm that is representing 39 school corporations across Indiana in a legal challenge, arguing that government employees should be exempt from the Affordable Care Act’s employer mandate tax penalty. If the state and school corporations prevail, government employers would be exempt from

IRS-imposed tax penalties if ineligible part-time employees obtain subsidized health coverage under the ACA.

In both cases, a federal agency has, without congressional authorization, adopted rules purporting to regulate state and local governments as employers. Such an approach to governance disrespects both separation-of-powers and federalism principles established by the Constitution.

Regarding the new case filed today, on May 23, 2016, the Department of Labor issued the final new overtime rule. It doubles the salary-level threshold for employees to be exempt from overtime, regardless whether they perform executive, administrative, or professional duties. After December 1, 2016, all employees – including state and local government employees – are entitled to overtime if they earn less than \$913 a week. Additionally, the new rule contains a ratcheting mechanism to increase the salary-level every three years automatically without going through the standard rule-making process required by federal law.

In addition to Indiana, the states of Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, Nebraska, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Utah and Wisconsin, the Michigan Attorney General, and the governors of Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Mississippi and New Mexico have joined the suit.



In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser

Purdue University Master Gardener

It will be an early fall this year. Fall begins the moment of the autumnal equinox, when the sun appears to cross the celestial equator from north to south. That may occur from September 22 to September 24. This year, it will occur on Thursday, September 22 at 10:21 a.m., making it an early fall. On the autumnal equinox, the daylight and dark hours will be equal. Daylight time will continue to grow progressively shorter until the winter solstice in December.

Fall is for gardening. Temperatures will soon be cooler, making for more comfortable working conditions. Our early frost date is October 10, but most years we do not get a killing frost until at least the last week of October, so there is still plenty of growing time left.

If you are planning to over-seed your lawn or plant a new lawn area, it is a great time to do so. I recommend using a power seeder or going over the area to be seeded with an aerator before planting. That will result in better seed to surface contact, increasing the likelihood of germination. Keep the lawn area well-watered, but not soggy. Once the new growth has reached three inches tall, it may be cut. If possible, use a mulching mower or pick up the clippings so they do not smother the young plants. If you are not planting grass seed, you may wish to do a late fertilization to encourage good root growth to see the lawn through the winter.

With more comfortable working conditions, make a point to get back to weeding in those beds you abandoned during the summer heat. Getting the weeds out before they drop seeds may help keep the weeds down in future years. It also makes the garden look better for outdoor fall parties.

Fall is also an excellent time to plant perennials, shrubs and trees. Planting now will allow the plant to complete good root establishment before colder temperatures arrive. I highly recommend using a root-stimulator fertilizer when planting to reduce the chance of transplant shock.

A few weeks ago, we talked about planting mums, asters and other flowering perennials to spruce up the late garden. However, you may wish to find some shrubs or trees that will immediately make an impact on the fall garden or which will add some interest for the winter.

One of the most attractive plants at

Hunt Guide lists wrong dates for rifles in deer reduction zones

Due to an editing error, dates in the 2016-17 DNR Hunting/Trapping Regulations Guide during which new rifle options for deer hunting in the deer reduction zone season are incorrect.

Legal rifle cartridges, including the new rifle options, can be used in deer reduction zones only from November 12 through Jan. 31, 2017, and only where local ordinances allow the use of firearms. The deer reduction zone season opened September 15 until November 12, equipment choices are limited to archery and crossbows.

For more on the deer reduction zone season, see www.in.gov/dnr/fish-wild/8534.htm.

Sandhill Gardens now is the American beautyberry. The shrubs are covered with clusters of small berries in a beautiful shade of purple, white or burgundy. Another attractive berry-bearing plant that is coming into its peak season is the firethorn. Mine was diminished by a limb that fell from a tree a few weeks ago, but the berries that survived are beginning to turn the bright orange that will last through most of the winter. If you prefer red berries, look for winterberry deciduous holly, dogwood, or spice brush, or even some varieties of flowering crabapples. Many of these plants will be available in nurseries and you will be able to choose the berries you like. They may drop some berries from transplant shock, but you will know what to expect next year.

Of course, fall foliage is legendary in Indiana, and many shrubs and trees will brighten the landscape with colorful leaves. I always recommend one of my favorite four-season shrubs—the oak leaf hydrangea. The large leaves of the oak-leaf hydrangeas at Sandhill Gardens are already starting to show some deep red color. I caution you about the popular burning bush, which has proven to be invasive in southern Indiana. They are still being sold in nurseries, but they are becoming a problem in wooded areas, where they compete with native plants.

Sandhill Gardens will be hosting a gathering on Saturday, September 24. There will be a garden craft demonstration at 10 a.m., followed by a short meeting of the Orange County Independent Living Counsel. If weather permits, I plan to build a fire in the fire pit, so feel free to bring your own hot-dogs to roast. All are welcome.

It's harvest time: Drivers should watch out for slow-moving farm equipment

With harvest season officially underway, motorists should expect to see more slow-moving farm equipment from Indiana's 57,700 farming operations on Hoosier roadways. Lt. Governor Eric Holcomb and the Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA), Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS), Indiana State Police (ISP), Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), as well as the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV), are teaming up for the Be Alert, Slow Down, Share the Road campaign to bring attention to the need for more safety on Indiana's rural roads.

"Now that harvest season is underway, Hoosiers can expect to see an increase in slow-moving farm equipment on Indiana roadways," Lt. Governor Holcomb said. "This harvest season we are asking all motorists to be alert, slow down and share the road with our Hoosier farmers, especially in rural areas. Our goal is to reach every Hoosier with this important safety message in an effort to protect farmers and drivers across the state."

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, farm equipment vehicles (excluding trucks) were involved in 93 fatal crashes across the U.S. In an effort to be proactive, Indiana's state agencies have once again partnered together to raise awareness about the importance of rural roadway safety. This announcement also comes during National Farm Safety and Health Week, which is a national effort designed

Safety tips for Indiana Deer Hunters; season starts Oct. 1

Indiana Conservation Officers are offering safety tips to keep Hoosier deer hunters safe during the 2016 season which began this morning in urban zones. October 1 is the official beginning of archery deer season.

Over 300,000 people will participate in deer hunting activities in the state beginning today extending through January 3, 2017. On average, 33 people will be injured in hunting related accidents in Indiana during the hunting seasons with 18 of those injuries occurring as a result of falls from elevated platforms (data dating from 2006 through 2015).

"Although the number of accidents are low across the state, it is always a tragedy when the accident is preventable", said Lt. Larry Morrison, Outdoor Education Commander. "Application of simple safety steps can greatly reduce the risk of injury when hunting from an elevated stand or participating in hunting activities."

Indiana Conservation Officers offer these safety tips when hunting from elevated platforms:

Before the Hunt

- Read and understand tree stand manufacturer's instructions
- Check stands for wear, fatigue, cracks or loose nuts/bolts
- Practice at ground level
- Learn how to properly wear your Full Body Harness.

During the Hunt

- Wear your Full Body Harness
- Make certain that you attach your harness to the tree before leaving the ground
- When using a ladder stand or fixed stand always maintain three points of contact during the ascent/descent. Install and utilize a life-line system. Immediately attach your Full Body Harness to the tree when arriving on the

platform.

-Use boots with non-slip soles to avoid slipping.

-Use a haul line to raise and lower firearms, bows and hunting gear.

-Make certain that firearms are unloaded before attaching the haul line.

-Never attach a haul line to the trigger or trigger guard.

"The percentage of our hunters who are injured each year is .0001 when compared to the amount of participants", said Captain Gary Whitaker, North Region Commander. "As first responders and advocates of public safety and welfare, we appreciate the extra effort our citizens give to maintain their safety when involved in hunting activities."

Additional hunting safety tips:

-Carry emergency equipment, such as a cell phone, flashlight or whistle.

-Carry a survival kit with items, such as fire building materials, food items, bandages and gauze.

-Make a plan before you hunt and stay with your plan.

-Tell someone where you are and what time you plan to return.

-Identify game before pointing a firearm.

-Know your target and what is beyond it.

-Mark all ground blinds with 144 inches of solid hunter orange, as required by law.

"Keeping our citizens safe is a top priority for Indiana Conservation Officers", said Danny L. East, DNR Law Enforcement Director. "We will continue to promote hunter safety practices throughout the state with hope that we can further reduce the number of injuries experienced in the field."

To learn more: <http://www.eregulations.com/indiana/hunting/>.

to promote safe and healthy practices on farms and ranches across the country.

"As the tenth largest farming state in the nation, harvest season is a busy time of the year for Indiana," said Ted McKinney, ISDA Director. "With farmers bringing in this year's crop, we want to encourage all Hoosiers to be mindful and alert for farm equipment on the roads. By allowing a little extra time for travel, motorists can reach their destinations and farmers can get their work done without incident or injury."

The following tips are part of the Be Alert, Slow Down, Share the Road campaign and will help ensure the safety of motorists, passengers and operators of slow-moving equipment:

- Farmers on roadways are going to or from work, just like many other people on the road. Share the road.

- Most farmers will pull over when they are able to let you pass, but it may take time for them to get to a safe place to do so. Be patient.

- Farm equipment is wide, sometimes taking up most of the roadway. Be careful and slow down when passing.

- The red triangle on the back of an implement, farm machinery or other vehicle indicates a slow-moving vehicle (under 25 mph).

- Do not try to pass a slow-moving vehicle on the left without ensuring that the vehicle is not planning a left turn. It may appear that the driver is pulling over for you to pass when it is actually

preparing to turn. You will drive right into its path, endangering yourself and the farmer.

- Do not pass if you are in a designated "No Passing Zone" or within 100 feet of any intersection, railroad grade crossing, bridge, elevation structure, or tunnel.

"Five seconds is the time it takes to close a gap the length of a football field between a car driving 55 mph and a tractor going 15 mph," said John Erickson, IDHS Director of Public Affairs. "Distracted driving is one of the leading causes of vehicular injuries, and with more slow-moving vehicles on Indiana's roadways, it's important for Hoosiers to take their time, exercise caution and avoid distractions – such as using a cell phone while driving."

By state law, farm equipment must have the nationally designated slow-moving vehicle sign – a red triangle-shaped reflector – to warn oncoming drivers that their equipment is on the road. These vehicles often travel at speeds no higher than 25 mph.

Indiana State Police Superintendent Doug Carter said, "This is the time of year that all drivers, be they of automobiles or farm equipment, must be attentive and share the road." Supt. Carter continued, "Whether you're a farmer or a regular commuter, the goal is for everyone to go home at the end of the day to enjoy dinner with their family that was made possible by the farmer you just shared the road with."

Loogootee Tennis results

The Loogootee High School Boys Tennis Teams went up against Evansville Memorial Tuesday, September 20. The varsity Lions list 1-4 and the junior varsity was defeated 0-2.

Head Coach Rick Graves said after the matches, "Memorial is one of the strongest programs in our area. I told our guys to go out and play hard, to hit the ball like they normally do and to do the things that we normally do in matches and see what happens. I thought we competed well despite what the scores may indicate. Their singles were just too strong for us and they weren't at full strength in doubles but we played well at those spots. I like the opportunity to play programs like Memorial. It shows us how far we need to go to get to be a better team."

Varsity results

Evansville Memorial 4, Loogootee 1

#1 Singles - Michael Koch (EM) defeated Landon Bell (L) 6-0, 6-0

#2 Singles - Zach Woods (EM) defeated Max Christmas (L) 6-0, 6-0

#3 Singles - Chris Clark (EM) defeated Nathan Seals (L) 6-1, 6-0

#1 Doubles - Nick Johnson and James Vincent (EM) defeated Sheldon Christmas and Sebastian Toy (L) 6-3, 6-2

#2 Doubles - Bailey Dearwester and Jayden Wagoner (L) defeated Max Haynie and Dylan Klipsch (EM) 6-2, 6-3

Junior varsity results

Evansville Memorial 2, Loogootee 0

#1 Doubles - Ross Effinger and Ben

Dig for a Cure

This Friday September 23 will be "Dig for a Cure" as Loogootee hosts Barr Reeve in junior varsity and varsity volleyball.

Loogootee will be wearing black for melanoma awareness and Barr Reeve will be wearing purple for pancreatic cancer awareness.

There will be a short presentation of who each player and coach is playing in memory/honor of, it will take place before the start of the varsity matches.

In addition, there will be a silent auction with all proceeds going to the Ann Burch Tennis Scholarship.

Hoagland (EM) defeated Max Blackwell and Chris Jones (L) 8-2

#2 Doubles - Garrett Coughlin and Logan Puckett (EM) defeated Jake Carrico and Cole Harmon (L) 8-4

The teams competed against Barr-Reeve last Thursday, September 15. The varsity Lions defeated the Vikings 3-2 but the junior varsity lost 1-2.

"Based on scores against common opponents I thought this was going to be a close match and it certainly was. I was very pleased with the way Landon and Max played tonight. Landon's serve has really improved and he's thinking more about where he wants to place the ball. He does a nice job of covering the court and uses his athleticism well. Max struggled early on so we talked about his decision-making and shot selection on a change over and from then on he was a totally different player. He did a great job of moving the ball around and his shot placement was really good. Sheldon and Sebastian played well but Nick and Jonathan were a step ahead of us. They're a nice doubles team. Bailey and Jayden continue to be our mainstays and give us the depth that we need at two doubles. It's great having two very athletic guys play that position for us," said Loogootee Head Coach Rick Graves.

Varsity results

Loogootee 3, Barr-Reeve 2

#1 Singles - Landon Bell (L) defeated Trent Graber (BR) 6-0, 6-3

#2 Singles - Max Christmas (L) defeated Cole Butler (BR) 6-4, 6-1

#3 Singles - Gage Wilson (BR) defeated Nathan Seals (L) 4-6, 6-2, 6-1

#1 Doubles - Nick Parsons and Jonathan Walker (BR) defeated Sheldon Christmas and Sebastian Toy (L) 6-2, 6-2

#2 Doubles - Bailey Dearwester and Jayden Wagoner (L) defeated Isaac Wagler and Mitchell Wagler (BR) 6-3, 6-3

Junior varsity results

Barr-Reeve 2, Loogootee 1

#1 Singles - Constantin Cordes (L) defeated Noah Ross (BR) 9-7

#1 Doubles - Barr-Reeve defeated Max Blackwell & Chris Jones (L) 8-6

#2 Doubles - Barr-Reeve defeated Jake Carrico & Cole Harmon (L) 6-0

Spooky Splash Dash and Fall Festival 2016

The Loogootee Park and Recreation Board, together with the Loogootee Elementary and Middle School Staff, are hosting a Spooky Splash Dash 5K Run and Walk and Fall Festival on Friday, October 28.

Registration for the race will begin at 4:30 p.m. in front of the former Elementary East, with the 5K beginning at 5:30 p.m. Participants are encouraged to wear costumes. Prizes will be given to the best costume for male, female, group, couple, boy (12 and under) and girl (12 and under). Awards will also be given to the overall male and female runner.

The race entry fee is \$20 before October 21 and \$25 thereafter. All pre-registrants are guaranteed a t-shirt. For registration questions, please contact Krista Truelove at ktuelove@loogootee.k12.in.us. Registration forms will be in next

week's paper and also available at the mayor's office.

Immediately following the run/walk will be the 3rd Annual Fall Festival in the Lee Kavanaugh Gym (Elementary East) with inflatables, games and food until 8 p.m. Games will include a football toss, paper airplane toss, free throw shooting, a witch's brew ring toss, gold fish game and more. All tickets for games will be available for 25 cents, with games requiring only one or two tickets.

The king/queen and prince/princess candidates will be crowned at 7 p.m., with cake auction immediately following. Come and bid for your favorite desserts from your favorite bakers.

If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact the mayor's office at 812-295-4770.

Mark your calendar for this event!

U.S. Constitution is topic for September 22 presentation at VU

In observance of Constitution Week, Julia Vaughn, policy director for Common Cause/Indiana, will speak on September 22, 11 a.m. (EDT), at Vincennes University's New Student Center, 1401 N. Chestnut Street. Her topic will be "Is voting enough to protect our Constitutional rights?" The public is invited.

Constitution Week is Sept. 17-23 and commemorates the adoption of the United States Constitution. The week was officially enacted by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on August 2, 1956, from a congressional resolution petitioned by the Daughters of the American Revolution. The purpose is to promote study and education about the constitution which was originally adopted by the American Congress of the Confederation on September 17, 1787.

Vaughn has been a public interest advocate for more than 25 years. She began her career as a canvasser and field manager for the Citizens Action Coalition (CAC), where she and others kept constant grassroots pressure on policy

makers and regulators and forced a refund of the \$150 million that the state's largest electric company had illegally charged ratepayers for the Marble Hill nuclear plant. She is currently a consultant for the Citizens Action Coalition Education Fund, CAC's education and research affiliate, where she works on health access issues as well as food safety and sustainable agriculture issues. She serves on the steering committee of Hoosiers for a Commonsense Health Plan. In 1994 Vaughn joined the staff of Common Cause/Indiana where she has served as its policy director. She lobbies the Indiana General Assembly and leads grassroots lobbying efforts on campaign finance reform, lobbying and legislative ethics reform, public records and open government, redistricting reform, and election reform.

Common Cause is a nonpartisan grassroots organization dedicated to upholding the core values of American democracy. It has 625,000 members and supporters and has offices in 35 states and Washington, D.C. (<http://www.commoncause.org>).

Lady Lions continue winning ways

The Loogootee Varsity Volleyball Team defeated Washington last night, Tuesday, September 20. The Lady Lions won in three sets, 25-13, 25-18, and 25-20.

Julianne Bell led in kills with 15 followed by Mya Hedrick with six and Olivia Winger with five. Olivia also led the team in points with 14. Kylie Hall had a team-high 20 assists and had 12 digs and 12 points. Emily Brookshire led in digs with 19 and Breigh LaMar finished with 13 assists. Calli Winger had four digs and eight points.

The varsity record moves to 17-2 on the season. The junior varsity Lady Lions also defeated Washington in two sets, 25-24 and 25-13.

The varsity Lions also defeated Shoals last Friday in three sets, 25-12, 25-6, and 25-22.

LaMar finished with a team-high 30 assists and 15 points. Olivia Winger finished with 10 kills, 11 digs and 10

points. Hedrick led in kills with 11 and Bell added six. Brookshire finished with a team-high 14 digs and Calli Winger contributed eight digs and nine points.

The junior varsity Lions also defeated Shoals in two sets, 25-20 and 25-18.

The ladies took on North Knox last Thursday and after five long sets, eventually came out with a win. The final scores were 21-25, 25-18, 25-20, 16-25, and 15-8.

Hedrick led in kills with 21 followed by Bell with 14 and Olivia Winger with six. LaMar had a team-high 29 assists and 16 points. Hall had 20 assists, 11 digs and eight points. Brookshire led the team with 35 digs and Shelby Graber contributed nine. Brookshire also had eight points. Bell also added eight points.

The junior varsity girls also defeated North Knox in two sets, 25-17 and 25-20.

Martin County Historical Society

ANNUAL

HAM & BEAN DINNER



Saturday, October 1

11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Shoals Senior Center

(Adjacent to the county museum)

Ham/Beans, Slaw, Cornbread, Dessert & Drink for \$7.00 per person

50/50 Drawing (\$1.00 per ticket) ~ Silent Auction
Museum will be open