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Shop and Taste of Martin County to be held Monday

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce announces the 2017 Shop and Taste of Martin County will take place on Monday, October 16 from 5-7:30 p.m. at the Martin County Community Building located on US Hwy 50, between Shoals and Loogootee.

Everyone is invited to stop by and meet local business owners and enjoy samples from local food establishments. Sit down to visit with your friends. Admission is \$10 in advance or at the door. Tickets are available at the Chamber office, Old National Bank in Shoals and Loogootee and The Candy Mill.

A special thanks to our 2017 sponsors: Old National Bank, Hollie's Eats and Treats, German American Bank, Martin County Alliance, Crane Federal Credit Union, The Lodge, Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, Church of the

Cross, West Boggs Park and Mayor Noel Harty.

Food vendors include Subway, Dairy Queen, The Candy Mill, The Lodge, Papa John's Pizza, Stoll's Lakeview, IGA deli, Aunt Bee's Brew Ha Ha and Carla's Catering.

Non-food vendors include: Isha E Wright-Ryan, Middle Way House, Maranatha Tabernacle Church, Paparazzi Jewelry, Andrea Nordhoff -Massage Therapy, Hollie's Eats and Treats, German American Bank, Crane Federal Credit Union, Ed Kerns Insurance, Thirty-One Bags & Gifts, Loogootee Public Library, Chastain's Flowers and West Boggs Park.

They are adding new vendors each day, make sure to come out and see who else is there to share their food or products with the community.

City talks stormwater issues; pool takes another loss

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

Rex Knight, with SIDC, spoke to the council about their options on fixing stormwater issues around the city since they didn't receive the recent OCRA grant for \$500,000. Knight said he brought three different options to discuss with the council. One is to go through the Indiana Finance Authority to get a 20-year loan. The interest rates are currently 3 or 4 percent but in order to qualify for the loan, the city's stormwater issues have to be affecting their water or wastewater.

The second option is a USDA Rural Development 40-year loan that has a 3 or 4 percent interest rate.

The third option, and the one Knight said would probably work best for the city, is to go through the Indiana Bond Bank. The current interest rate stands at 1.9 percent and the city can get up to \$2 million with repayment of 10 years or less. Knight said he is not sure what the city's bond capacity is, an accounting firm would have to be hired.

City Superintendent Bo Wilson was asked how much he thought it would take to repair all the stormwater drainage issues around the city. Wilson said he would estimate it at \$5 million.

It was noted that the city has been collecting an extra \$6 a month from city customers to put into a storm water fund. That fund now contains \$100,000. Knight said that doing a bond may require the city to increase that fee so that there is assurance to the bond company that there will be money available to repay the bond.

Council Member Teresa Nolley said she would like to see the city use the \$100,000 now to fix some of the smaller issues with stormwater drainage instead of letting it continue to accumulate. She said the residents need to see that the city is doing something to correct the problems.

Mayor Noel Harty said that his fear

with spending the \$100,000 is that if they needed matching money for a future grant, they wouldn't have it. He mentioned that the city would possibly qualify for 100 percent financing.

Superintendent Wilson said he wouldn't want to work on fixing drainage issues without having the consult from an engineer. He added that spending money to put a bandaid on issues without knowing the real problem would be a waste of money. Nolley agreed saying that the overall problems need to be corrected.

The council discussed the fact that getting a loan or a bond takes time and they don't want to spend a large amount of time securing the funding.

City Attorney Isha Wright-Ryan said that stormwater work is not going to begin in the middle of October when freezing will be happening soon so they have time to work on getting a bond.

"Let's just not drag our feet on this," said Nolley. She said they need to start doing the small projects as much as they can. She said the people of Loogootee want to see the city working toward making the repairs.

Wilson will make an appointment with the engineer and see what the city can do and get a plan together.

In other business, the final pool report for the season was submitted. The pool had a loss of \$6,719.63 this season. This is the second year in a row, since the new pool was opened, that has ended in a loss.

Superintendent Wilson said a new pool cover needs to be purchased at an estimated cost of \$12,000. Mayor Harty asked the council if they wanted to pay for part of the purchase. Council Member Ruth Smith said no because the parks department has \$23,000 left in donations for the pool. She said the donation money needed to be used for the cover. The rest of the council agreed.

Attorney Wright-Ryan said she would like to wait until the first of the
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Beautiful fall sky

-Photo by Bill Whorrall,
www.billwhorrallart.com

The first day of fall was officially September 22. As temperatures begin to drop and leaves fall from the trees, the evening sky looks much like a painting.

Commissioners discuss timber money, road paving

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The commissioners discussed the money received from the DNR for timber sales at their meeting Tuesday night, October 10. They received \$35,016.20 and half of that, \$17,508.10, can be divided between the fire departments of Loogootee, Lost River, Shoals and Civil Defense or the commissioners can give what they want.

The commissioners decided to give \$4,000 each to the fire departments and put the rest toward the highway department expenses.

Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett provided a photograph to the commissioners of damage that was done to the highway garage by Rogers Group who recently delivered gravel. Padgett said he notified Rogers Group of the damage but they didn't seem concerned. County Attorney Dave Lett told Padgett to get him a mailing address and contact name and he would send them a letter. It was also suggested that Padgett get an estimate on what the repairs will cost.

Padgett provided the commissioners with a list of roads that he had to cut since the county lost out on \$333,000 that was originally planned from the Community Crossings grant.

Padgett also suggested the commissioners hire E&B Paving to pave four roads - 100 South for \$59,625, 250 North for \$20,988, 350 North for \$26,235 and 950 North for \$18,364.50.

Padgett said they are finishing up working on Powell Valley Road, finished Abel Hill Road and will work next on Killion Mill Road. He said after that, they will be out of money until the grant money comes in.

Padgett also talked to the commissioners about a resident on Bird Lane, off Rusk Road, who wants to put up a gate to Bird Lane to prevent people from tearing up the property. The commissioners decided against approving the gate because DNR owns land behind it. County Attorney Lett sug-

gested Padgett tell the resident that he could work something out with DNR and come back to the commissioners and discuss it again.

Courtney Hughett, with the Martin County Humane Society, provided the commissioners with the animal shelter's quarterly report. She also discussed the fact that the humane society received a \$5,000 grant to help Martin County residents pay vet bills however in the eight months since the grant was received, not many people have requested help. The grant money cannot go toward spay and neuter expenses, only diseases testing, vaccinations, surgeries, etc. The money can also not be used for shelter animals.

Hughett also reported that they have several areas of the county where they are still working to get the cat population under control. She said that a resident came to the shelter Saturday with 17 cats to surrender but the shelter is currently over capacity. There is also a resident with 60-plus cats. Kathy Collins, from the audience, noted she had a client with 27 cats. Hughett said they will work each case one at a time and get them taken care of as soon as they could. She expressed her concern with the county's budget for next year and the possibility that the county council will not pass the tax increase and have to cut \$300,000 more from the budget next year. She said if the humane society was one of those cuts, it would make the work they are trying to do much harder and she hoped that it didn't come to that. She said \$5,500 is not a lot of money however it is to the humane society because they operate on such a slim budget anyway. Commissioner Paul George expressed his concern as well for all the county departments and said they also didn't know what they would do if the tax increase is not passed.

Attorney Lett opened bids for highway supplies. The bids included:

-Civil Con, of Jeffersonville, for culverts, bridges, and drainage materials
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Students/staff of the month

-Photo provided

The Loogootee Elementary Students/Staff Member of the Month were recently chosen. In the front row, from left to right, are Michael Wilson, Lucas Cramer, Wyatt Roach, Josie Mathies, and Peyton Harger. In the back row, from left to right, are Gabe Walton, Macy Knepp, Joe Graber, Mrs. Jill Toy, Isaiah Jones, Sadie Owen, and Mitchell Walton. Students/staff member of the month are sponsored by Jones Marathon, Dairy Master, McDonalds, Jolene McAtee, Running with Scissors, Blake Hi-Y Car Wash and Brent Courter - Edwards Jones.

5th Annual Community Halloween Parade

The 5th Annual Loogootee Community Halloween Parade of Costumes will be held Tuesday night, October 31 starting at 5:30 p.m.

Line up will begin at St. John's Center and continue to the city square (parade route: Church Street to First Street to Main Street to N. Line at the Square) where judging will be held for scariest, most original, prettiest, and best family

group.

Judging will begin at 5:45 p.m.

The city has designated that evening as trick or treat night in Loogootee from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. so after the judging, fun in the neighborhoods can begin and ghost and goblins can make their rounds.

(Parents are welcome to walk with the children or meet them at the square)

CITY

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year to make a decision about donating to Hoosier Uplands for the Eagle Place Apartments project. She said that after doing research, she is not comfortable with using EDIT (economic development income tax) funds for the donation. The council decided to wait until the January meeting to discuss the issue further.

Rex Knight, with SIDC, also talked to the council about state dollars that could help develop the city-owned railroad property at the corner of JFK Avenue and Church Street. He said OCRA and the state tourism money has funds available for city to set up "pocket parks". The parks can have a shelter house, gazebo, farmers' markets and other events. The minimum amount of funding available is \$20,000 and the maximum is \$50,000 but the city has to have \$1.50 in matching money for every dollar they are given. The city can also use in kind matching funds by using their own equipment for the project, etc. Knight said SIDC will help the city fill out the application but it doesn't come around again until March of next year. Mayor Harty said a gazebo has been the idea presented the most to him by residents. Knight said the timing of the application will give the council time to decide what they want to do with the property.

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 24 at 5 p.m. in the municipal building to get public input on the zoning ordinance prior to it be-

ing passed. The council approved the ordinance establishing a plan commission consisting of Jim Floyd, Denny Green, Chris Bledsoe and John Stoll, Jason Greene, Roger Downey and Teresa Nolley.

An Appeals Board must also be formed. Mayor Harty said he chose Judith Blackwell, Mike Engleman and Elaine Renoire. The council now needs to appoint one person. Council Member Roger Downey and Council Member Nolley said they know of someone but they want to talk to him about it first.

The council also discussed the multiple bills the city is receiving for three cutting and trimming. The bill received at last month's meeting, for \$800, from a resident on East Main Street was tabled until a second quote was received. Mayor Harty said the property owner never got back to him with a second quote. The council discussed whether the trees trimmed were actually on the city's right of way. Council Member Nolley again stated that she was against paying bills when two quotes were not sought for the work and when the work was done before the council approved paying half. The council discussed coming up with an official policy to prevent any future issues.

Mayor Harty had other bills at the meeting but only one, at a residence on the corner of Third and Boston streets, had the required two quotes and the work had not been started. The council agreed to pay half that bill but table the others until protocol was followed.

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Obituaries

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JANET DECKARD

Janet Louise Deckard passed away Saturday, October 7, 2017 at her home. A resident of Bedford, she was 78. She was born May 11, 1939, in Shoals; the daughter of Daniel and Grace (Payne) Lindley. She married Fred Deckard, and he preceded her in death on October 7, 1981.

She was a graduate of Shoals High School, Class of 1957. Janet worked at Hook's Drug Store.

Surviving are her son, Mike (Mary) Deckard; three grandchildren, Julie Wallace, Mandy Bailey, and Jeremiah Deckard; four great-grandchildren; and sister, Lois Henry.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two brothers; and one sister. Cremation was chosen and no services will be held.

TERRY BOWLING

Terry Bowling, 66, passed away Sunday, September 17, 2017 at Garden Park Hospital in Gulfport, Mississippi. A resident of Mississippi, he was 66.

He was born April 9, 1951 to Donald Bowling and the late Patricia J. (Summers) Bowling of Loogootee.

Terry was a resident of Vicksburg, Mississippi for the past 18 years, where he retired from APAC. He was the administrator of the Moose Lodge #1581, where he was awarded the Pilgrim degree in 2015.

Terry was also a member of Elks Lodge #95, and was a Past Grand Knight and 4th Degree member of the Knights of Columbus in Loogootee.

He is survived by his father, Don-

ald Bowling, and stepmother, Patty A. Bowling; wife, Sharon Bowling of Vickburg, Mississippi; daughter, Michelle Okeson of Carmel; stepdaughters, Dinielle Davis of Gulfport, Mississippi and Zina Brown of Houston, Texas, sister, Christine (Terry) Marley of Bloomfield; brothers, Frank (Mary Sue) Bowling of Washington and Stacey Bowling of Loogootee; stepsister, Debbie (Brian) Harmon of Washington; stepbrother, Ronnie (Julie) Winger of Benton, Kentucky; grandchild, Cate Okeson; step grandchildren, Zack Jones and Keegun Jones; and step great grandchildren, Haden Jones and Alexander Jones.

Visitation will be held at St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 14, with funeral and burial to follow.

LOWELL CHANDLER

Lowell Ray Chandler passed away Wednesday, October 4, 2017, at IU Health Bloomington Hospital. A resident of Bloomington, he was 83.

He was born July 23, 1934 in Martin County; the son of John Ray and Mary (Dwyer) Chandler.

He graduated from Trinity Springs High School in Shoals. Lowell joined the United States Airforce in 1952. Following his four years of service, he was honorably discharged in 1956. He worked as a factory worker in Bedford. Lowell went on to work in at Grant County Court House in Marion, Indiana before retiring after 13 years of service as a custodian.

He was a member of the VFW Post 604 and the American Legion Post 18



LOWELL CHANDLER

in Bloomington. He enjoyed painting, specifically with acrylic paints. Lowell was a beloved family man who loved spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his children, Lowell "Luther" Chandler, Anita "Sue" Meadows, William

Commissioners chose insurance agent

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, September 26.

Upon recommendation from Auditor January Roush, Commissioner Kevin Boyd made a motion to approve Bridget L. Redmon, ISU Insurance and Investment Group, as the county's agent of record for health insurance. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were favor and the motion passed.

Leo Padgett, highway superintendent, submitted his two-week work schedule. He also submitted a quote to install the generator to make it operational. A discussion followed. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to accept the quote from Lengacher Mechanical, LLC for \$1,863. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. A discussion on when to test the generator and how often followed.

Superintendent Padgett informed the commissioners of the check presentation ceremony that he and Clerk Terri Alcorn attended. The county received \$670,000 in Community Crossings grant funding. This funding, along with a county portion, will be used for road improvements. Superintendent Padgett updated the commissioners on the list of roads to be repaired. They have already started black topping and chip-sealing on several roads. Superintendent Padgett received two additional applications for mechanic and submitted to the commissioners. A brief discussion followed.

Commissioner Gregory made a motion from Hoosier Uplands to Proclaim October 26, 2017 as "Keeping the Lights on After School" Day. President George read the proclamation. Com-

"Bill" (Vicki) Chandler, Radonna Chandler, and John Chandler; eight grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and brother, John Chandler.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and former wife, Ruby McAfee; and companion, Barbara Walls.

A funeral service was held Monday, October 9 at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory in Bloomington.

Burial followed at Clear Creek Cemetery.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.allencares.com.

missioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The public hearing to increase the local income tax will be held Monday, October 16 at 6 p.m. in the Shoals Community School Cafeteria.

Commissioners reminded the public of harvest season starting and be aware of farming equipment on the roads.

DISCUSS

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-E3 Bridge, of Bedford, for culverts and bridges

-Mulzer Crushed Stone, of Tell City, for stone and asphalt

-Asphalt Materials, of Indianapolis, for asphalt and bituminous

-Erosion Resources, of Boonville, for culverts

-Cave Quarries, of Jasper, for stone and asphalt

-Rogers Group for stone

-Indian Creek Quarries, of Martin County, for stone and asphalt

-US Aggregates, of Indianapolis, for stone

-Dave O'Mara Contractor, of North Vernon, for asphalt

The county attorney and highway superintendent will go over the bids and report back to the commissioners at their next meeting.

The commissioners wanted to remind everyone that the county council will be holding a public hearing on Monday, October 16 at 6 p.m. in the Shoals School Cafeteria to hear any residents' input on increasing the economic development local income tax by a quarter of a percent. The purpose of the tax increase is to help with the budget offset of \$300,000 for next year.

Shop & Taste

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

1:15 a.m. - Received a report of reckless and speeding vehicles east of Shoals. Deputy Reed responded.

8:40 a.m. - Received a report of illegal dumping in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

10:10 a.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene and Captain Dant responded.

12:48 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:03 p.m. - Jail officer Wehinger took one inmate to the doctor.

2:04 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

5:53 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

8:55 p.m. - Received a report of a hit-and-run north of Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

9:40 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver westbound on US 50. Sergeant Keller responded.

9:43 p.m. - Sergeant Keller transported one male to the Dubois County line to be picked up by the Dubois County Sheriff's Office. Sergeant Keller arrested him on a Dubois County warrant.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

7:35 a.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist south of Loogootee on US 231.

8:49 a.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. ISP Trooper Lents responded.

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

12:23 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

12:38 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check east of Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Sergeant Keller responded.

12:50 p.m. - Captain Dant performed a vehicle identification check near Loogootee.

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

1:37 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:30 p.m. - Sheriff Roush took one inmate to court.

3:15 p.m. - Captain Dant performed a vehicle identification check north of Shoals.

4:42 p.m. - Received a report of a theft west of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

7:35 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Crane. Captain Dant responded.

8:01 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

8:07 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:26 a.m. - Received a medical alarm call north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

11:56 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to the hospital by personal vehicle.

12:33 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:00 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

2:40 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

2:47 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:00 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231, near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

9:28 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

2:00 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd, ISP Trooper Beaver, and ISP Trooper McBeth responded.

4:33 a.m. - Received a report of mules out east of Shoals. Deputy Salmon responded.

5:50 a.m. - Received a report of a structure fire in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire, Martin County Ambulance, and the Martin County Civil Defense responded.

5:51 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Daviess County Sheriff's Office responded.

6:39 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

6:43 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire, and Deputy Salmon responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:47 a.m. - Received a medical alarm call north of Loogootee. Crane Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded. No one was transported.

10:25 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check east of Loogootee. Captain Dant responded and all was okay.

10:30 a.m. - Sheriff Roush took two inmates to court.

11:48 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Lost River Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:52 p.m. - Received a report of theft and trespassing north of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

1:30 p.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

4:35 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

7:45 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231, near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

8:10 a.m. - Received a report of possible trespassing at the state forest. Major Burkhardt responded.

10:25 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50, near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

3:33 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check west of Shoals. Major Burkhardt, Martin County Ambulance, and the Martin County Coroner responded.

3:39 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

9:44 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Deputy Salmon, Martin County Ambulance, and Williams Fire responded. The subject was transported to IU Health in Bedford.

10:05 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

10:38 p.m. - Received a noise complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

11:10 p.m. - Received a report of threats in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

2:05 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Shoals. Deputy Salmon and Reserve Deputy Harmon responded.

7:01 a.m. - Received a report of an injured deer south of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

8:41 a.m. - Sergeant Keller performed a vehicle identification check north of Loogootee.

9:53 a.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

12:02 p.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted the department of child services with a welfare check south of Loogootee.

1:12 p.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

3:50 p.m. - Received a report of a fight in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

Martin County real estate transfers

Max D. Hostettler, of Greene County, Indiana to **Pragati Jain**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 95 in the original Town of Crane, Indiana.

Brenda S. Strange, of Martin County, Indiana to **Travis D. Resler and Susan E. Resler**, of Martin County, Indiana, that portion of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 12, Township 4 North, Range 5 West of the second principal meridian, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 3 acres, more or less.

Timothy J. Lukomski and Cori L. Lukomski, of Martin County, Indiana to **John P. Norris, Terry L. Norris, and Donna Sue Norris**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 4 in Oliver & Taylor's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

JJCM Company, LLC, Janet Jacobs, owner to **Roy Hill and Sarah Hill**, of Marion County, Indiana, Thompson Woods Subdivision PT Lot 2 34-2-3, 2.5 acres and Thompson Woods Subdivision PT Lot 2, 2.5 acres.

Ohio River Veneer, LLC, of Mon-

roe County, Indiana to **Aureola S. Wright**, of Lawrence County, Indiana, Lot Number 64 in the original Town of Shoals, Indiana. Also, Lot Number 63 in the original Town of Shoals, Indiana except 34 feet and nine inches off the east end thereof.

3:57 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down in Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense removed the tree.

4:08 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on SR 150. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

5:27 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:24 p.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Loogootee on US 231. Deputy Reed responded.

11:52 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

11:54 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Loogootee. Deputy Reed, Shoals Town Marshal Eckert, ISP Trooper Beaver, and Loogootee Officer McBeth responded. Southwest Medical transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

3:43 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:16 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance near Shoals. ISP Trooper Lents and Sergeant Keller responded.

2:54 p.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

4:28 p.m. - Received an animal complaint near Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

5:48 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance north of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

8:58 p.m. - Received a noise complaint in the Martin State Forest. Deputy Reed and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

ro County, Indiana to **Aureola S. Wright**, of Lawrence County, Indiana, Lot Number 64 in the original Town of Shoals, Indiana. Also, Lot Number 63 in the original Town of Shoals, Indiana except 34 feet and nine inches off the east end thereof.

Daniel K. Franklin and Michelle D. Franklin, of Martin County, Indiana to **Alicia R. Hernandez**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 13.096 acres, more or less.

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COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

September 12

Ryan W. Moore, convicted of possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 8 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 4 actual days previously served plus 4 Class A credit days.

Ryan L. Persinger, convicted of battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 363 days suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served plus 1 Class A credit day. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

September 19

Jennifer L. Bauernfiend, convicted of domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 1 year with 245 days suspended and credit for 60 actual days previously served plus 60 Class A credit days. Defendant received 8 months of probation.

September 20

Rusty L. Sutton, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 363 days suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served plus 1 Class A credit day. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

August 8

Nikki M. Williams, convicted of battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 30 actual days previously served plus 30 Class A credit days. Also convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days with 519 days suspended and credit for 14 actual days previously served plus 14 Class A credit days. Defendant received 17 months of probation.

August 10

Cody A. Akin, convicted of operating while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 361 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

Brandi D. Kidwell, convicted of assisting a criminal, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days with 541 days suspended and credit for 3 actual days previously served plus 3 Class A credit days. Defendant received 17 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES

DISMISSED

September 12

Ryan W. Moore, possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

September 19

Jennifer L. Bauernfiend, false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

September 20

Rusty L. Sutton, domestic battery, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; operating while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

September 25

Jenna L. Gibson, domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

August 8

Nikki M. Williams, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

August 10

Cody A. Akin, leaving the scene of an accident with bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Brandi D. Kidwell, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

October 2

Personal Finance Company, LLC vs. William D. Combs, complaint.

October 3

Personal Finance Company, LLC vs. David C. Gilbert and Brandi M. Gilbert, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

September 18

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Rosemary Harder and against the defendant Chelsea Hager in the amount of \$175.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

October 3

Brian Keith Lowry of Shoals and Kirstie Layne Bradley of Shoals.

October 4

Alan W. Pielemeier of Loogootee and Cindy J. Wilke of Loogootee.

October 5

Mark Anthony Lantz of Loogootee and Chelsy Promise Allen of Loogootee.

October 6

Levi John Blowers of Geneva, New York and Haylee Marie Survance of Shoals.

October 10

Jarrod A. Rose of Loogootee and Melinda Lee Fields of Loogootee.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

4:44 a.m. - Aaron Wheat, 33, of Paoli, was arrested by Deputy Reed and charged with two counts of auto theft. He is being held without bond. ISP Trooper Nolan assisted with the arrest.

2:14 p.m. - Michael Hert, 42, of Shoals, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene and charged with escape. He is being held without bond.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

2:30 p.m. - Russell Peek, 33, of Shoals, was arrested by Loogootee Captain Hennette on an Orange County warrant and is being held without bond.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

9:28 a.m. - Joshua Rush, 35, of Shoals, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene on a Martin County warrant.

3:00 p.m. - Adam Gibson, 36, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents on three counts of invasion of privacy and is being held without bond.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

2:50 a.m. - Nicole Brown, 38, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Floyd and charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. She is being held on a \$20,000 10% bond. Assisting with the arrest were ISP Troopers McBeth and Beaver.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

10:20 p.m. - Corey Wathan, 26, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer McBeth and charged with operating while intoxicated refusal and resisting arrest. He is being held on a \$20,000 10% bond.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

9:15 a.m. - Caller reported a trash complaint.

5:30 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

7:12 p.m. - Received a report of a possible intoxicated driver on Broadway Street.

9:30 p.m. - Daviess County advised of a pick-up order on a female juvenile.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

12:01 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male, who appeared to have a bike wreck.

1:10 p.m. - Male came on station to request a vehicle identification check.

2:05 p.m. - Chief Rayhill transported a female to Daviess County for a pick-up order.

7:25 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on Hwy 50.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

7:55 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

2:47 p.m. - First responders were requested on Brooks Bridge Road for a medical call.

9:34 p.m. - Caller requested an officer assist in removing a male from a residence.

9:35 p.m. - Female reported a theft.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

5:50 a.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to a house fire on Sherman Street.

6:47 a.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a medical call.

12:30 p.m. - Female reported a battery complaint.

3:30 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle passed a bus stop arm in Daviess County.

10:17 p.m. - Caller requested a security check at a local business.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

7:45 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231. Officer McBeth located the vehicle.

10:25 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

11:35 a.m. - Caller reported suspicious persons on Bellbrooke Road. Subjects checked out okay.

9:05 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on North Line Street.

9:30 p.m. - Caller requested extra patrol.

9:40 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle making bad passes on US 231.

10:38 p.m. - Caller reported a loud music complaint.

11:10 p.m. - Caller reported harassment.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

3:58 p.m. - Received a report of a tree in the road on North Line Street.

4:02 p.m. - Caller reported two juveniles fighting.

4:30 p.m. - Caller reported finding a lost wallet. Owner was notified.

5:50 p.m. - Male reported credit card fraud.

11:54 p.m. - Officer McBeth assisted Daviess County with a suicidal male.



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Making A Difference
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By Curt Johnson
MCCF Executive Director



"Dreams are the seeds of change. Nothing ever grows without a seed, and nothing ever changes without a dream."

-- DREAMS --

That's a nice quote from Debby Boone, a singer with a successful career in the pop, country and Christian music industries (her signature song was "You Light Up My Life" in 1977). I think she got it right by telling how important dreams are for our future. Dreams spring from hope and ideas for changes in ourselves and our community. We see change all around us. Most times it's good, sometimes it's not so good, and sometimes we may not agree with it. But if someone doesn't dream for something better, something to change, we're left in a rut and a life without hope.

-- BUILDING THEM --

While I would agree with Debby that dreams are the seeds of change, I would also say that new awareness and new ideas are the seeds of dreams. Dreams have to start with something planted within us, whether it is a new idea or a newfound understanding of one thing or a combination of things.

-- HOW --

How do those initial seeds get planted within us? How can we come up with those new ideas? We learn. We learn from our experiences and observations or from those of others. We have the capacity to develop wonderful dreams and goals from a single seed or from many that we cultivate into something beyond what we thought possible. Dreams are a great gift.

-- READING --

The premise that we learn through our own experiences is easy enough. But how do we learn from others? We either see it, they tell us, or we read it. Reading easily gives the most oppor-

tunities to learn from others. Reading literally opens up the world to us. Reading plants the seeds for dreams. Dreams are the seeds for change. Change brings us hope.

-- YOUR LIBRARIES --

The school and public libraries in our county offer us the best access to read and to learn. Without books, writings and instruction, learning has a limited circle of influence. Books and libraries have forever been fundamental institutions for people. Without these, we don't know our history, we can't learn as well about the present, and our dreams for the future are limited.

-- THE MCCF HELPS --

The MCCF helps by supporting organizations and their services that spur change and improvements to our community and quality of life. Grants and scholarships, made possible by donors just like you, help bring to reality the dreams of others. Our libraries are one of the critical resources for nurturing those dreams.

The MCCF awarded a \$300 grant to the Loogootee Public Library earlier this summer. And last week, the Shoals Public Library also received a \$300 grant. In the picture is Sylvia Albaugh, Shoals Public Library Director, receiving the grant from Alan Lagree, MCCF Board member. Sylvia is excited to use this grant to help bring creative learning programs to the community.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

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

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



Pictured left to right are Alan Lagree (Martin County Community Foundation Board member) and Jake Lagree (book enthusiast and future philanthropist) presenting a \$300 grant to Sylvia Albaugh (Shoals Public Library Director), Ken Macy (Library Board President) and Mary E. Holt (Library Desk Clerk).

4-H NEWS

By Stacy Brown

Martin County Purdue Extension Educator



4-H Enrollment Has Begun!

Believe it or not, it's already time to enroll in 4-H for the 2017-2018 year. Did you know that 4-H is more than agriculture and home economics? We have a robotics club open to grades 3-12, a tractor club, a shooting sports club, and so much more. If you have an interest in writing, cake decorating, teaching, home design, or baking, you need to join 4-H! Are you looking to do more community service in Martin County, then Junior Leaders is the club for you? Are you hoping to earn scholarships for college or present confidence at your first job interview? 4-H can help with that as well. You just need to join!

Enrolling is easy, just go to www.4honline.com and follow the prompts to re-enroll if you are renewing your membership as a 4Her. If you have any questions, please call the office. If you will be a new 4-Her, please call the Extension Office at 812-295-2412 for assistance in enrolling. Currently enrolled volunteers must also re-enroll before the deadline on January 15. Enrolling early is important in receiving all the latest news and information from Purdue Extension.

Junior Leader Call Out

Interested in strengthening your leadership skills? Want to help out in the community? Do you like to have fun? If you answered yes to any of these questions, Junior Leaders is for you! Any 7th-12th grader may sign up to be a Martin County 4-H Junior Leader. The club meets at least once a month at the Martin County Learning Center.

As a Junior Leader you perform acts of community service such as bingo with nursing homes and helping with the Christmas Toy Store. You also serve as a youth leader for younger 4-Hers by doing demonstrations on projects, camp counseling, and running kid related events at the fair. All of this helps you build life and leadership skills. It also looks great on college and job resumes. Junior Leaders also have a lot of fun. Each year the club has some meetings while eating out, playing miniature golf, or bowling. To celebrate there is a completion trip at the end of year.

If you are ready to join or just want to learn more, come to our next meeting on Sunday, October 15 at 4 p.m. at the Learning Center. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office at (812) 295-2412.

Scholarship and Resume Workshop Offered to High School Students

There will be a two-day scholarship and resume workshop offered to youth in grades 9-12 on December 2 and 9 from 1-4 p.m. at the Martin County Learning Center. Day one of the workshop will be reviewing successful resumes, preparing for interviews, and scholarships offered through 4-H. The second day participants will submit resumes for proofing and participate in

a mock interview. Please register by November 27 as space is limited. The workshop is free to youth who enroll in 4-H before November 27. There is a \$15 fee for all non-4-Hers. Please call the Extension Office at 812-295-2412 for more information and to register.

Extension Office Offers Programs for Classrooms and Other Youth Organizations

The Martin County Extension Office offers programs for classrooms and other youth organizations in STEM subjects, the arts, and leadership. This year's National Youth Science Challenge is Incredible Wearables. Students get the chance to build a wearable fitness device that tracks heartrate, steps, and other functions. Other programs offered are Captain Cash, a grade school program focused on money management; Makers, activities related to science, technology, engineering, and math; and Arts Management, a high school program focused on the business side of working in the arts. If you are interested in bringing any of these programs to your classroom or group, please contact Stacy at (812) 295-2412.

Horse and Pony Club Tack Auction

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

Upcoming Events

Horse & Pony meeting, October 23 at 6 p.m. at the learning center

Jolly Jug Rox meeting, October 24 at 6 p.m. at Hindostan Church

Jolly Jug Rox meeting, November 13 at 6 p.m. at Hindostan Church

ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



HOLLY is a female adult cat, 2-3 years old, very calm, gets along with other cats. She is spayed and up to date on shots. Adoption fee is \$40. The animal shelter is open Monday and Wednesday 5-7 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The shelter is located at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. To see all available animals, visit www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org.

CLASSIFIED ADS

HELP WANTED

WE ARE LOOKING FOR an Experienced Cook, please apply at the Lodge of Loogootee, 302 W Williams Street.

LOOGOOTEE VFW is looking for a part-time cook. Hours are Friday 6-8 pm. Saturday 6-8 p.m. and Sunday 4-8 p.m. Please call the Post at 295-4661 or stop by to apply. Great job for additional income!

FALL CLEAN-UP

Friday, October 20 - 9 am - 5 pm &
Saturday, October 21 - 8 am - noon

at the Loogootee Recycling Center only

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Fees: Pick-up truck load of trash is \$10; auto and pickup truck tires are \$4 each w/rim is \$1 more; paint - \$1 per gallon container; Freon appliances \$25; monitor and small TV \$10; All others are 29 cents a pound

If you cannot afford the fees, please call Director Laura Albertson at the recycling center

More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



A lot of people get excited about the Halloween season but it's my least favorite. I will admit, however, that there are a lot of pretty good jokes about ghosts, goblins, etc. Hope you enjoy the riddles (especially Noah).

*Which ghost is the best dancer? The Boogie Man!

*When do ghouls and goblins cook their victims? On Fry Day

*What's a monster's favorite dessert? I-Scream!

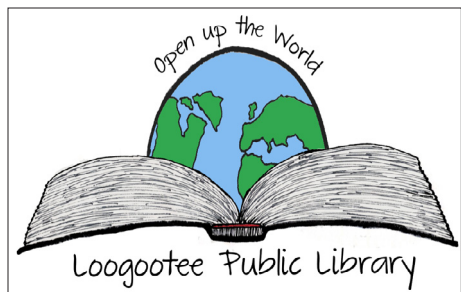
*What do you call a dancing ghost? Polka-haunt-us

*How do you write a book about Halloween? With a ghostwriter.

Two monsters went to a Halloween party.

Suddenly one said to the other, "A lady just rolled her eyes at me. What should I do?"

The other monster replied, "Be a gentleman and roll them back to her."



BY DARLA WAGLER
Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Indiana library standards require the public libraries print monthly usage reports for the monthly library board meetings. These numbers are accessed the Indiana State Library Development Office staff as part of the mandated annual report. My library encourages me to share these numbers with the public on a regular basis.

August 1-31, total items checked out without eBooks

- 2010 - 278
- 2011 - 274
- 2012 - 336
- 2013 - 405
- 2014 - 1,482
- 2015 - 2,465
- 2016 - 2,952
- 2017 - 2,850

NEW BOOKS:

Mystery:

Fiction: "Fairytale" by Danielle Steel.

Inspirational Fiction: "Where We Belong" by Lynn Austin, "A Dangerous Legacy" by Elizabeth Camden, "Too Far Down" by Mary Connealy, "A Plain Leaving" by Leslie Gould, "Walk It Out" by Tricia Goyer, "Dangerous Illusions" by Irene Hannon, "Christmas at Carnton, and "Blind Spot" by Dani Pettrey.

DVDs: "When Calls The Heart" and "Transformers: The Last Knight".

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.

A woman, whose husband often came home drunk, decided to cure him of the habit.

One Halloween night, she put on a devil suit and hid behind a tree to intercept him on the way home.

When her husband came by, she jumped out and stood before him with her red horns, long tail, and pitchfork.

"Who are you?" he asked.

"I'm the Devil!" she responded.

"Well, come on home with me," he said, "I married your sister."

A man was dining alone in a fancy restaurant and there was a gorgeous brunette sitting at the next table. He had been checking her out since he sat down, but lacked the nerve to talk with her.

Suddenly, she sneezed, and her glass eye came flying out of its socket towards the man. He reflexively reached out, grabbed it out of the air, and handed it back.

"Oh my, I am so sorry," the woman said, as she popped her eye back in place. Let me buy your dinner to make it up to you."

They enjoyed a wonderful dinner together, and afterwards they went to the theatre followed by drinks... They talked, they laughed, she shared her deepest dreams and he shared his. She listened to him with interest.

On the next date, she cooked a gourmet meal with all the trimmings. The guy was amazed. Everything had been so incredible!

"You know," he said, "you are the perfect woman.. Are you this nice to every guy you meet?"

"No," she replied. . . "You just happened to catch my eye."

FOOD/DIET STUFF:

*Losing weight is hard. Being overweight is hard.

*Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for 10 minutes, come out wrinkle-free, and 3 sizes smaller?

*If you're not supposed to eat at night, why is there a light bulb in the refrigerator?

*Why was the cucumber mad? Because it was in a pickle!

*I ate a shepherd's pie for lunch. He was pretty upset about it.

*We all get heavier as we get older because there's a lot more information in our heads. So, I'm not fat, I'm just really intelligent and my head couldn't hold any more so it started filling up the rest of me. That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

*I can't decide if I need an XL coffee, a hug, 8 shots of vodka, 826 chicken nuggets, or 2 months of sleep.

*Facebook is like a fridge. . . when you're bored you keep opening and closing it every few minutes to see if there's anything good in it.

*Why does it take 6 hours to cook, 3 seconds to eat it, and 7 1/2 days to clean up the kitchen?

Make someone smile today!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Shoals School Board meeting

The Shoals School Board will meet Thursday, October 12 at 6 p.m. in the central administration office. The meeting is open to the public.

Odon Pumpkin Festival

The Odon Pumpkin Festival, sponsored by the Odon Business Alliance, will be held Saturday, October 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in downtown Odon. Events include a chili cook-off, inflatables for kids, costume contest, wagon rides, pumpkin decorating, etc.

Council public hearing

The Martin County Council will meet in special session on Monday, October 16 at 6 p.m. in the Shoals School Cafeteria to hear public comment on the proposed local income tax increase. The meeting is open to the public.

Chamber meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce will meet Wednesday, October 18 at noon at Maranatha Church 13111 Hwy 231, Loogootee. Anyone interested in being a part of the Chamber is encouraged to attend.

Domestic Violence Task Force

The Martin County Domestic Violence Task Force will meet Wednesday, October 18 from 4:30-6 p.m. at the Martin County Community Corrections office, 211 SE 1st Street, Loogootee. For more information, contact Middle Way of Martin County at 812-295-2993. Everyone in the community is welcome to attend.

Hobby/craft show

The Shoals Parent Association (SPA) is hosting a Hobby/Craft Show on Saturday, November 4 at the Shoals High School from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. There is vendor space, 10x10, available for \$25. If you are interested or have questions, contact Bobbi Turpin at 812-709-9234, Ann Stewart at 812-709-9338 or Lorna Troutman at 812-388-6757. Space must be reserved by October 17.

Health Steps program

"Healthy Steps for Older Adults", a program to prevent falls, will be presented by the RSVP Volunteer Center on Tuesday, October 17 and Thursday, October 19, from 9 a.m. to noon each day. You must attend both days and there is no charge to attend. Reservations are required by calling 812-254-1996. The program will be held at St. John Catholic Church at 408 Church Street in Loogootee.

AL-ANON meetings

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

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

Need Skills? SOAR tutors can help! Free and confidential. Call or text Karen at 812-709-1618 to learn more. Located in the Martin County Community Learning Center Improve Your Skills, Improve Your Life!

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.

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.

Soil and Water meetings

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

Attention Senior Citizens

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

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For a couple of weeks, we have been discussing ways to add autumn interest to the garden. We have looked at flowers that are at their best as days grow shorter and temperatures cool. Last week, we looked at berries that add to the autumn show. However, it is foliage that is really the star of the show this time of year.

As daylight hours grow shorter, deciduous trees begin to prepare for dormancy. One step in that preparation is losing chlorophyll from leaves, allowing other pigments to show. There are many factors that figure into the exact colors we see and the intensity of the color, but the color is very important. With the dry weather we had in September, it is likely that the peak color period will be abbreviated, but there will be color.

Of course, trees are the place one normally looks for fall color. Adding trees to your landscape is a sure way to bring more fall color to your landscape. It is also a sure way to bring more raking of fallen leaves to your yard.

One of the favored trees for color is the red maple. While all maple species exhibit beautiful autumn color, the red maple is reliably bright red. There are cultivars which are smaller than the average maple, so this tree may be included in even a small garden.

Japanese maples also offer autumn interest. Different varieties will give different color. Some, such as the coral bark Japanese maple at Sandhill Gardens, will offer additional color as the bark takes on a beautiful coral hue as temperatures cool.

Another small tree that offers fall foliage color is the dogwood. While the common flowering dogwood foliage turns deep red, some of the shrub dogwoods will have yellow and orange foliage. Like the Japanese maple, there are also dogwoods which offer colored bark. At Sandhill Gardens, there are three such dogwoods. One has red twigs, another yellow, and the third has deep magenta bark.

Another of my favorite trees this time of the year is the quaking aspen. The leaves will soon turn a buttery yellow and they quiver in the slightest breeze. The tree is narrow, so it will fit in a small yard.

Several shrubs also offer great fall foliage. My personal favorite is the oak-leaf hydrangea. The leaves will become mottled as the dark green gives way to a deep burgundy. The color tends to stay around longer than on most trees. The large cone-shaped flowers have faded to a papery brown color, supplying great contrast to the deep-colored foliage. Once the leaves are gone, the shrub offers exfoliating bark for more interest.

Common sumac is one of the first shrubs to turn colors in the fall. The bright red leaves appear early and stay around for quite a while. Other sumac varieties, such as the staghorn sumac, will turn yellow, but the foliage does not last long after the color change.

We usually think of herbaceous perennials as summer interest, but some do offer color changes that are quite spectacular. The many varieties of coral bells introduced in recent years

offer intense colors in the autumn. Another of my favorite herbaceous plants for fall color is the autumn fern. The fern is beautiful at all times, with lacy fronds and lime green color. However, in autumn, the fronds turn a beautiful bronze and the color will last until a hard freeze.

One herbaceous perennial acts like a shrub when it comes to fall color. The Arkansas blue star amsonia turns a bright yellow. Its size of up to three feet in diameter seems to be much like a small shrub. Its feathery foliage also adds some interesting movement to the garden.

Robert Frost wrote that nothing gold can stay. The fall colors will be fleeting, but with a little planning, you can enjoy the beauty of the season right in your own backyard.

World War I Tank Dedication Banquet is November 2 in Vincennes

The Indiana Military Museum will sponsor a WWI Tank Dedication Banquet on November 2 in Vincennes at the Highland Woods Community Center. The tank is an American M-1917 model, one of only 12 that exist today.

Special guests at the banquet, that commemorates both the tank and the Centennial of WWI, will include Terry Hamby, chair of the National WWI Centennial Commission; George Patton Waters, a Navy veteran and grandson of General George Patton, and SFC Sammy Davis, USA Ret., recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, Vietnam.

The social hour and entertainment will begin at 5:30 with dinner following at 6:30 p.m.(EDT). Alvis Music and Sound will provide the entertainment.

Tickets are \$50 and must be purchased in advance. Tickets are available at the Indiana Military Museum and Vincennes Visitors and Tourism Bureau, both located on South Sixth Street, and at Echo Wireless, 214 Main Street.

Tickets may also be ordered by phone at 812-886-0400 or by mail at IMM, P.O. Box 977, Vincennes, IN 47591.

For more information about the Indiana Military Museum, go to www.IndyMilitary.com

Deadline approaching to apply for CORRIDORS habitat program

Landowners interested in establishing wildlife and pollinator habitat may want to consider participating in DNR's CORRIDORS initiative. Applications must be received by December 15.

CORRIDORS is an acronym for Conservation on Rivers and Roadways Intended to Develop Opportunities for Resources and Species. Songbirds, gamebirds, cottontail rabbits, butterflies and bees are among the species that will benefit from the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife (DFW) program to improve wildlife and pollinator habitat.

CORRIDORS focuses on four priority areas in the state: Indiana State Wildlife Action Plan Conservation Opportunity Areas; rights-of-way on interstates and state and federal highways; 100-year floodplains of rivers; and areas next to a body of water.

Qualifying landowners are eligible for technical and financial assistance.

USDA processing pending Conservation Reserve Program continuous enrollment offers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced last week that it will process many pending eligible offers for land enrollment in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), and it will temporarily suspend accepting most new offers until later in the 2018 fiscal year.

"All current, eligible CRP continuous enrollment offers made through September 30, 2017 – except for those made under the Pollinator Habitat Initiative (CP42) – will be approved," said Steven J. Peterson, Acting Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator. "Additionally, we are temporarily suspending acceptance of most offers going forward to provide time to review CRP allocation levels, and to avoid exceeding the statutory cap of 24 million acres."

The CRP acreage cap is a provision of the 2014 Farm Bill. Current enrollment is about 23.5 million acres nationwide.

USDA is accepting all pending continuous enrollment offers that were made beginning on May 4, 2017, and extending through September 30,

To get started, contact your DNR landscape or district wildlife biologist. A map with contact information is at wildlife.IN.gov/2716.htm.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service, a CORRIDORS partner, will provide technical and financial assistance to private landowners through its Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP).

December 15 is the application deadline for landowners to be considered for EQIP funding for CORRIDORS projects in the next round of funding. Applications received after December 15 will be considered in future application rounds.

If you aren't a landowner but want to support the program, you can do so by spreading the word about the initiative and supporting DFW by purchasing licenses and a Gamebird Habitat Stamp.

For more information, visit wildlife.IN.gov/9405.htm.

2017, except Pollinator Habitat Initiative offers. Pollinator acreage offers are being declined because the program has met its acreage enrollment goal.

Effective immediately, USDA is suspending acceptance of all new CRP continuous offers received or submitted after September 30, 2017. The suspension will continue until later in the 2018 fiscal year.

Peterson said, however, that USDA will continue to accept eligible offers for state-specific Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) and CRP Grasslands enrollment. Offers received on or after October 1, 2017, are subject to fiscal year 2018 rental rates which have been adjusted to reflect current market conditions and were established after careful review of the latest USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service cash rent data.

In return for enrolling in CRP, USDA, through FSA, provides participants with rental payments and cost-share assistance. Landowners enter into contracts that last between 10 and 15 years.

CRP pays farmers and ranchers who remove sensitive lands from production and plant certain grasses, shrubs and trees that improve water quality, prevent soil erosion and increase wildlife habitat.

Payment totals for 2017 were announced earlier this week totaling over \$1.6 billion.

Signed into law by President Reagan in 1985, CRP is one of the largest private-lands conservation program in the United States. Thanks to voluntary participation by farmers and landowners, CRP has improved water quality, reduced soil erosion and increased habitat for endangered and threatened species.

For more information about CRP, contact your local FSA office or visit www.fsa.usda.gov/crp.

To locate your local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

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National unemployment at 4.2 percent for September

The unemployment rate declined to 4.2 percent in September, and total nonfarm payroll employment changed little (-33,000), the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. A sharp employment decline in food services and drinking places and below-trend growth in some other industries likely reflected the impact of Hurricanes Irma and Harvey.

Household Survey Data

The unemployment rate decreased by 0.2 percentage point to 4.2 percent in September, and the number of unemployed persons declined by 331,000 to 6.8 million. Both measures were down over the year.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rates for adult men (3.9 percent) and Blacks (7.0 percent) declined in September. The jobless rates for adult women (3.9 percent), teenagers (12.9 percent), Whites (3.7 percent), Asians (3.7 percent), and Hispanics (5.1 percent) showed little change.

The number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) was essentially unchanged in September at 1.7 million and accounted for 25.5 percent of the unemployed.

The employment-population ratio increased by 0.3 percentage point to 60.4 percent in September and has increased by 0.6 percentage point over the past 12 months. The labor force participation rate, at 63.1 percent, changed little over the month and has shown little movement over the year.

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons (sometimes referred to as involuntary part-time workers) was little changed at 5.1 million in September. These individuals, who would have preferred full-time employment, were working part time because their hours had been cut back or because they were unable to find full-time jobs.

In September, 1.6 million persons were marginally attached to the labor force, down by 275,000 from a year earlier. (These data are not seasonally adjusted.) These individuals were not in the labor force, wanted and were available for work, and had looked for a job sometime in the prior 12 months.

They were not counted as unemployed because they had not searched for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey.

Among the marginally attached, there were 421,000 discouraged workers in September, down by 132,000 from a year earlier. Discouraged workers are persons not currently looking for work because they believe no jobs are available for them. The remaining 1.1 million persons marginally attached to the labor force in September had not searched for work for reasons such as school attendance or family responsibilities.

Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment was little changed in September (-33,000), after adding an average of 172,000 jobs per month over the prior 12 months. In September, a steep employment decline in food services and drinking places and below-trend growth in some other industries likely reflected the impact of Hurricanes Irma and Harvey. Employment rose in health care and in transportation and

warehousing.

Employment in food services and drinking places dropped sharply in September (-105,000), as many workers were off payrolls due to the recent hurricanes. Over the prior 12 months, food services and drinking places had added an average of 24,000 jobs per month.

In September, health care added 23,000 jobs, in line with its average monthly gain over the prior 12 months (+27,000). The employment increase in ambulatory health care services (+25,000) was partially offset by a decline in nursing care facilities (-9,000).

Employment in transportation and warehousing increased by 22,000 in September. Job gains occurred in warehousing and storage (+5,000), couriers and messengers (+4,000), and air transportation (+3,000).

Employment in financial activities changed little in September (+10,000). A job gain in insurance carriers and related activities (+11,000) largely reflected hurricane-recovery efforts. The gain was partly offset by losses in activities related to credit intermediation (-4,000) and in commercial banking (-3,000). Over the year, financial activities has added 149,000 jobs.

In September, employment in professional and business services was little changed (+13,000). Over the prior 12 months, job growth in the industry had averaged 50,000 per month.

Manufacturing employment was essentially unchanged in September (-1,000). From a recent employment trough in November 2016 through August of this year, the industry had added an average of 14,000 jobs per month.

Employment in other major industries, including mining, construction, wholesale trade, retail trade, information, and government, showed little change over the month.

The average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls was unchanged at 34.4 hours in September.

In manufacturing, the workweek also was unchanged at 40.7 hours, and overtime held steady at 3.3 hours. The average workweek for production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls was unchanged at 33.6 hours.

In September, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls rose by 12 cents to \$26.55. Over the past 12 months, average hourly earnings have increased by 74 cents, or 2.9 percent. In September, average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees increased by 9 cents to \$22.23.

The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for July was revised down from +189,000 to +138,000, and the change for August was revised up from +156,000 to +169,000. With these revisions, employment gains in July and August combined were 38,000 less than previously reported. (Monthly revisions result from additional reports received from businesses and government agencies since the last published estimates and from the recalculation of seasonal factors.) After revisions, job gains have averaged 91,000 over the past 3 months.



Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane) hosted its third annual Invention and Technology Showcase last Thursday to honor inventors who had patents issued during the 2017 fiscal year. (Photo by NSWC Crane Public Affairs)

NSWC Crane honors inventors at 3rd Annual Invention and Technology Showcase

Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane) hosted its third annual Invention and Technology Showcase last Thursday to honor inventors who had patents issued during the 2017 fiscal year.

A total of 81 inventors were recognized during Thursday's event for excelling in their fields, aiding in support of the nation's warfighters, and for creating and sustaining NSWC Crane's intellectual capital and marketing potential. Dr. Jonathan Dilger and Christopher Brown were named Technology Transfer (T2) and Patent Contributors of the Year and received certificates of excellence.

"The innovative minds we have here today at NSWC Crane are amazing," said Brooke Pyne, NSWC Crane's T2 Director. "The technologies being showcased today have aided warfighters at home and abroad. Many of them have been essential to the mission, and have saved the lives of some of our service men and women."

"For the inventors sitting in these seats today, I congratulate you on this accomplishment, and I am honored to celebrate with you. I challenge you to push innovation to new heights and to continue to strive for technical excellence in support of our warfighters."

Dr. Dilger established NSWC Crane's first multi-university cooperative research and development agreement (CRADA), and NSWC Crane's first limited purpose CRADA in over 10 years. Brown has been engaged with NSWC Crane's patent program for over 10 years and has built an extensive portfolio of over 20 issued patents with additional patent applications pending.

NSWC Crane has 15 active patent licensees that are working toward the commercialization of Crane-developed technology. It also has 46 active CRADAs that allow NSWC Crane to

collaborate with external entities on further technology development. More than half of those 46 CRADAs are with Indiana-based companies, professors, or educational institutions.

"The NSWC Crane T2 team is recognized as a leader in the Department of the Navy as well as the Department of Defense, and the foundation of the Crane T2 program is the inventions," said Capt. Mark Oesterreich, NSWC Crane's Commanding Officer. "The importance of documenting and disclosing technological advancements is understood and supported by the Crane leadership, and I challenge you to continue to help the Crane intellectual property portfolio grow."

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