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Pickleball courts location debated, subdivision wants annexation

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Loogootee City Council met Monday, November 14. Members of the Loogootee Pickleball Committee came back to the council to get approval on the location they have decided on to build their four pickleball courts. They have decided on an area in the medical helicopter landing zone by the city pool. They spoke with John Gott, who is the program director for Air Evac, and he said there is still plenty of space for landing medical helicopters, with the addition of the courts.

Fire Chief JD Flynn said the shortened space will allow for the landing of three small helicopters but if they are faced with a mass casualty situation, they will not have room for larger helicopters. A few other members of the fire department offered similar opinions.

The mayor asked if the fire department members were saying they were opposed to the site chosen by the committee. They replied that yes, they were opposed.

Council Member Nolley asked if there are other areas in the county where helicopters can land. Samantha Nelson, a member of the pickleball committee, said she was told there are 10 total locations in the county. Fire Chief Flynn agreed but said the Loogootee location was designation one.

A member of the pickleball committee said they deserve to have a decent place to have their courts because there are a lot of people who play pickleball. She said the other areas they looked at are not suited.

Council Member Nolley said pickleball courts would add to the quality of life for residents.

Nelson asked if the fire department would be willing to meet with Gott, who said the reduced size of the landing zone would be fine. No one responded.

Don Greene, who is a member of the park board, said they could move the skate park, that is currently located in the pool parking lot, to the city park and give that area to the pickleball committee.

Mayor Harty said they just need to have a meeting with the fire chief and members of the pickleball committee and see if they can get a location worked out prior to next month's meeting.

An attorney for WL Properties of Loogootee, LLC, presented an ordinance to the council which would allow annexation into the city of 30 acres next to Country Court. The developer is planning to split up those 30 acres into 40 lots that would be sold to people for the building of custom homes. The 30 acres runs next to Highway 231 however there will be no access from the highway into the new subdivision. The attorney told the council she was given the task of presenting the ordinance at last minute as her colleague had a family emergency. She said she didn't have much information for this meeting but hoped her colleague would be back for next month's meeting.

Georgette Sutton, who was in the audience, asked who would be paying for the road into the subdivision and the utilities installation.

Mayor Harty said the city has already received a grant for \$100,000 from the community foundation and are getting

ready to apply for another grant \$400,000. He said he doesn't know if they will be awarded the full amount or if they will get any of it at all. He said the city will pay for part of the infrastructure for the development. He noted the grants are only for use for infrastructure for this project.

The mayor went on to say that most everyone knows that the lack of housing is an issue for the city. He said Crane will be bringing in hundreds of new jobs over the next few years and there are no houses available for those employees who may want to live in the city.

Sutton replied there are several homes on her street, North Line, that are for sale, some that have been on the market for a while. She said there are houses available.

Harty replied that his own personal home sold last year in 23 hours. He said he knows some things have changed in the real estate market, such as interest rates, but he didn't know there were so many houses available now. He told Sutton he would have to look online after the meeting.

Harty said the annexation ordinance was only presented for review and more information on specifics will be available at next month's meeting.

The council approved spending \$40,400 to replace bearings that have gone out of machinery at the wastewater treatment plant. They also approved the maintenance agreement for the city's generators. Superintendent Bo Wilson said the original cost was \$4,100 but one new generator was left out of the agreement so the price will go up to around \$5,000.

The council approved an ordinance prohibiting parking in two spots in front of M&M Electric's building on West Main Street. They also approved turning the first spot on West Main Street, in front of Loogootee Eye Center, into handicap parking. Council Member Teresa Nolley commented that they are taking away a lot of parking on West Main Street and said they will need to enforce the two-hour parking to allow for more open spots.

A resident in the audience talked to the board of public works and safety about a major leak he had in his home that constituted a water bill of \$5,738. He said he had asked the Loogootee Water crew to check his home for a leak a few months ago, after his bill was higher than usual, but they didn't find one. He submitted a sewer adjustment, but this still leaves his bill balance at around \$3,500.

Since the state board of accounts will not allow the city to adjust the water portion of the bill, Mayor Harty said they will work with the resident to come up with a payment plan.

Superintendent Wilson said he will find out which employee checked the residence for a leak.

Police Chief Aaron Means had asked at the last meeting about adding a \$1,000 new hire bonus, a \$2,000 retention bonus and giving officers a \$2 raise. The issue was not discussed last month. He brought it up again Monday night. The mayor said they will have to check around to other cities to see what they do as far as bonuses.

Means also told the council he is going to need new radios for the officers. He said
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Wood Street fire

-Photo by Jeramey Osborn

According to Loogootee Fire Chief JD Flynn, a charging battery is the possible cause of a house fire on Wood Street in Loogootee last Thursday. The home, owned by Richard Taylor, was not inhabited but was being used for storage. The fire, which flared back up later in the day, melted the siding off the home next door.

Loogootee Zoning Board approves request to house chickens in the city

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The Loogootee Zoning Board met Monday night, November 14 to consider a request from Behind the Wire Ministry to house chickens on their property. The current city ordinance prohibits this.

Behind the Wire Ministries, located on West Washington Street in Loogootee, was founded by Scott and Dannielle Highberger. The ministry helps men who have recently been released from incarceration, with transitional housing. Dannielle Highberger said they want to house four hens in a fenced area so the men can have something to care for, to help them value life. She said they do not plan to have more than four chickens and will not have a rooster.

Tim Lawrence, a member of the zoning board, said his only issue is going against the ordinance. He said they are

Commissioner Roush questions mileage claim

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The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, November 15.

Commissioner Cody Roush questioned why there was a claim for \$3,000 from the surveyor's office for mileage reimbursement. He said he would like to see the county's mileage policy. Auditor Michelle Norris said she would have to look it up, but she does know that the reimbursement rate is 44 cents per mile.

Roush said the commissioners haven't had any updates on cornerstones being found by the surveyor's office so he would like to know what the mileage is for. He asked how the mileage is tracked.

Auditor Norris said there is a voucher that has to be turned in that shows odometer readings and where the person trav-

doing it all the time now. He suggested reviewing the city's current ordinances to make changes to better accommodate the requests.

Justin Davis, the city's building commissioner, said they did ask all the neighbors to see if there was any opposition and there was none. He also noted that the neighbors could have shown up at the meeting to express opposition. No one was present.

Mayor Harty said they will just have to take each issue on a case-by-case basis. He said another person requesting to house chickens may have a neighbor who is not in favor of it. He said they may have a request from someone to have a rooster, which is a nuisance to neighbors. So, they will have to take each issue as they are presented.

In the end, the zoning board approved the ministry's request and decided to start reviewing the ordinances.

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Commissioner Roush said it's hard to have oversight on the mileage if it is being turned in for a year of mileage at once. He said it needs to be turned in monthly. He suggested the commissioners change the policy to state that.

Commissioner Paul George asked Attorney Dave Lett to write up a policy revision.

Mary Smith, who was in the audience, asked if there are other departments who also turn in mileage and if the commissioners are going to check them too.

Commissioner Roush replied he's never seen a claim come through for this much money before for mileage and he doesn't understand it. He said they are too lackadaisical with requiring records turned in if mileage is now being submitted.
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COUNCIL

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they are not working correctly and it's becoming a safety issue with his officers. He is working on getting a new quote together because the one he presented earlier this year is no longer valid. Clerk-Treasurer Downey said they do not have any money left in the police budget for this year so they would have to be purchased next year. He suggested Chief Means get a new, updated quote.

Tracy Brown-Salsman, who was in the audience, asked several questions regarding water usage. He said the city pool has lost 700,000 gallons of water over the past two years. He would like to know when the leak was originally detected and why it wasn't fixed last year. He also asked if the pool was winterized. He asked the same questions regarding the downtown fountain that is currently not working due to leaking water, along with whether it will have a meter installed and if it came with a guarantee when purchased. He told the council he didn't expect answers that evening but would like them at some point.

Georgette Sutton said the swimming

pool is not open to make money. She said the goal is to have something for residents to do which would attract more people to live in the city. She also noted that she feels the admission fee for local residents to get into the pool are too high.

Brown-Salsman said the pool is not supposed to be losing \$30,000 a year.

The two then argued back and forth. Brown-Salsman said the \$30,000 lost to the pool could have gone to filling potholes downtown. He said a woman recently fell in a pothole and injured herself.

Sutton said the money for the pool is not to be used for roads.

Mayor Harty interrupted the discussion between Salsman and Sutton and moved on.

The council approved the creation of a donation fund for the pickleball committee, to be maintained by the city.

The Loogootee Park Board submitted two letters to the council requesting copies of all their account information, including copies of the invoices paid and also that their grants be put into separate line items so they can keep track of each project.

Clerk-Treasurer Downey said he has always given the park board anything they have asked for, so he is not sure the need for the letters to the council. He said he never pays a bill without approval from Bo Wilson, who heads up the parks department and sometimes he receives a bill without any information stating what it was for. He said he gives the bill back to Wilson for clarification. He said the mayor, fire chief and police chief do this as well.

Park Board Member Don Greene said he wants the reports without having to ask for them.

Downey replied that he is happy to provide what the park board wants if they request what they want.

Greene said the park board doesn't know what their money is being spent on.

Downey replied that this is not his problem, and they need to talk to Wilson about that. He said they have done the accounts the same way for years and now, suddenly, it's a problem.

Greene said they want copies of all the bills, the water bill, electric bill, and any other bills that are paid.

Downey said he will put all the receipts in a box for Greene to pick up.

The police chief and fire chief said they

would also like monthly reports.

The mayor said they will have a meeting with the department heads and the clerk-treasurer to get everything ironed out.

Council Member Nolley said she didn't get a report from the park board about what plans they have for projects for next year. Park Board Member Greene said he did provide a report. Nolley said she never saw it. Clerk-Treasurer Downey said he has the report, but it was never discussed in a meeting.

Brown-Salsman requested the council approve closing part of the downtown square on Saturday, June 10, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for a Pride celebration. He said he is asking for the same thing the gospel group from Tennessee recently received, which included using the city's stage.

Council Member Nolley said, "If we do it for one, we have to do it for all." She made a motion to approve. Council Member Ron Gilbert made the second. When it came to a vote, the other three council members, Tim Lawrence, Carroll Rayhill and Rick Norris remained silent, therefore no decision was officially made via vote. No one questioned the council members who stayed silent.

COMMISSIONERS

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ted from the beginning of the year. He said the commissioners' job is to review the claims and this raises a red flag.

Commissioner Roush also questioned a claim from the 4-H Council to pay for electrical work for the new sign on the fairgrounds along with protective blocks and a shroud around the bottom of the sign. He said they agreed to pay for the sign but not all the extras. Extension Educator Dena Held, who was on Zoom, explained that the 4-H council will absorb the cost if the commissioners don't want to approve it. Commissioner Roush said they have an ambulance staff to pay for and this is just too much money they hadn't planned for.

Commissioner George told Held they were sorry but couldn't help them.

The commissioners approved the claims except for the two discussed.

County Attorney Dave Lett said he thinks the commissioners are going to have to start requiring specifications for projects prior to work beginning. He

said that way, the contractor would be held responsible for changes. The commissioners agreed.

Highway Superintendent Scott Seals said he has heard the Community Crossings grant may not be announced until December now. He is not sure what the delay is.

He asked for an update on bridge 44 from the county attorney. The bridge was damaged by a truck driver and the county attorney has been going back and forth with the insurance company for many months. Lett said he believes they are going to have to start litigation. The commissioners approved getting that process going.

The commissioners accepted the resignation of Highway Clerk Terri Alcorn. Alcorn's last day will be December 2. She has worked in the position for 12 years. Commissioner George told Alcorn he appreciates everything she has done, and they will miss her. Theresa Ray will take over for Alcorn.

The commissioners approved all the highway bids for supplies that were presented at the last meeting.

Sheriff Josh Greene reported there are currently 78 inmates in the jail with 36 from Vigo County. He told the commissioners that Vigo County has now moved inmates into their new jail however they haven't cut back on the number of inmates they are sending to Martin County yet.

Attorney Lett requested approval to reimburse Rosemary Harder \$2,394.77 for a property she purchased at the 2011 tax sale that should have never been listed on the sale, because it was owned by someone. He said the reimbursement would be for the money she paid for the property along with the taxes she has paid since 2011. The commissioners approved.

Auditor Norris said the human resources director, Kristie Skees, submitted her resignation. She has started advertising the position and asked the commissioners if they wanted her to pre-interview candidates. The commissioners told her to narrow candidates down to two or three for them to interview.

The commissioners will hold a work session on Monday, November 21 at 8:15 a.m. to go over the salary and wage ordinance.

The courthouse will be closed November 24 and 25 for Thanksgiving.

The next commissioners' meeting will be Tuesday, November 29 at 5:30 p.m.



**Hello
Martin County
Voters,**

I want to thank everyone who welcomed me into their homes and allowing me to introduce myself personally to you all.

I enjoyed going door to door and being at the Summerfest, Catfish and Hindostan Days Festivals. I have met and gotten to know so many people within Martin County. This was an exciting experience. I would like to thank everyone for their support. The voter's voice has been heard loud and clear. I would like to congratulate Martin County on its choice. Thank you all for voting. I wish Martin County the best,

DeAndra Magdaleno

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**Please join us for the
5th Annual
Thanksgiving Day Dinner
to be held
Thursday, November 25
from 11 am-1 pm
in the Lower Level of
St. John's Center
in Loogootee.
Free of Charge.**

OBITUARIES

MILLIE ZEHR

Millie Zehr passed away at 10:27 p.m. Friday, November 11, 2022, at home surrounded by family. A resident of Dubois, she was 65.



MILLIE ZEHR

She was born in Jasper on May 2, 1957; daughter of Ralph C. and Mary (Crowe) Brosmer. She married Mike L. Zehr on January 29, 1977, in St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Dubois. He preceded her in death on July 16, 2000.

She was a 1976 graduate of Northeast Dubois High School.

She was a veterinary technician at Jasper Pet Clinic for Dr. and Mrs. Rudolph for 25 years. She was a member of St. Isidore Catholic Church in Dubois.

Millie volunteered for 20 years as a judge at the children's dog show that would take place at Jaycee Park in Jasper during the summer. She enjoyed flower gardening, animals, traveling and going on vacations, watching the Hallmark channel with her sister, and spending time with her family, especially the children in the family.

Surviving are one daughter, Lindsey (Ray) Potts of Dubois; one grandson, Hunter Potts; two step grandchildren, Josie Potts and Caden Potts; three step great grandchildren, one sister, Bea (Bill) Hopper of Dubois; two brothers, Terry Brosmer of Dubois and Charlie (Lorrie) Brosmer of Shoals; and nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death are her husband and her parents.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, November 17, in St. Isidore Catholic Church at Dubois, with burial to follow in the church cemetery.

A visitation will be held from 2-7 p.m. Wednesday, November 16, at the Becher-Kluesner North Chapel in Jasper.

Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family.

Online condolences may be made at www.becherkluesner.com.

HELEN MASSEY

Helen (Divine) Massey (1922-2022), a resident of Brownsburg, Indiana, passed away October 17, 2022, after a brief illness. The graveside service was conducted by the Flanner and Buchanan Funeral Center. Burial followed in the Washington Park North Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Helen was the daughter of Augustus Divine and Nelly (Ledgerwood) Divine and grew up on the Divine farm in Martin County's Rutherford Township. She lived through the worst years of the Great Depression and many family stories Helen told were about the hardships her parents and siblings experienced. After attending the one-room Gwin School near the farm, she graduated in 1940 from the Loogootee Public High School. The school did not have a cafeteria and Helen lacked the money to buy lunch. She often ate lunch at her grandmother Susan Ledgerwood's home near the school. As farmers, the Divine family knew they would not starve despite the Depression, but they worried about the quality of the annual harvests and about neighbors stealing their canned food.

The Divine family was active in the nearby South Martin Church, affiliated with the United Brethren. When Helen was 13, her mother died. As a teenager, Helen cooked and did housework for the entire family. Moving to Indianapolis, Helen was employed as a secretary for the State Farm Insurance Company, then worked for a doctor, and eventually spent 22 years in the Marion County Treas-

urer's Office. She was a supervisor in the Treasurer's Office. Helen married Nick Massafaro, a music teacher and successful accordion player during the Big Band era of the 1940s. Massafaro anglicized his family name as Massey. Helen's second husband was Albert Doad.

At the age of 98, Helen contacted Covid but survived to celebrate her 100th birthday, the first member of her extended family to reach such an advanced age. The winter before she passed away, Helen was still able to travel to Florida to visit her daughters. A few days before her death, she prepared a lunch, which included baking a pumpkin pie, for a niece. After lunch, they went shopping. Although her hearing declined due to age, she remained mentally alert, continued to write letters in a beautiful cursive script, crocheted, and socialized with the extended family members she loved. Her letters to relatives usually concluded with the expression "love you to the moon and back."

Four brothers, Harvey, Wayne, Hubert, and Leonard as well as four sisters, Aletta, Doris, Lela, and Louise preceded Helen in death. Survivors include one son, Nick Massafaro of Brownsburg; daughters, Regina Massey of Vero Beach, Florida and Rosanna Grey of Gulfport, Florida; grandchildren, Moriah Zielinski, Nicole Smith, and Alexandra Grey; and brother, Donald Divine of Martin County.

JOHN STOLL

John D. Stoll II passed away Friday, November 11, 2022, at his home. A resident of Loogootee, he was 68.



JOHN STOLL

He was born September 14, 1954, in West Palm Beach, Florida; son of John D. and Barbara A. (Hornstein) Stoll. John graduated from Wiesgaden High School in Germany in 1972. He then joined the Air Force and served honorably for two years. John was employed for nearly 37 years at NSWC Crane and retired in 2014.

He was a member of St. John the Evangelistic Catholic Church. He was a past volunteer firefighter in Odon and a past member of the Lions Club. John loved his grandchildren, gardening and working in his yard. He enjoyed his yearly vacation to Florida.

John was preceded in death by his father, John D. Stoll.

He is survived by his wife, Bobbie R. (Flynn) Stoll of Loogootee; mother, Barbara Stoll of Loogootee; daughters, Amanda (Nathan) Pruss of Evansville and Sarah Stoll of Kalamazoo, Michigan; step-children, Heather (Kyle) Dauby of Jasper and Dustin (Ambyr) Brosmer of Loogootee; grandchildren, Alaina, Kyson and Cooper; sister, Peggy (Jerry) Padgett of Washington; brothers-in-law, Danny (Donna) Flynn and Tom Flynn, both of Loogootee; sisters-in-law, Diana (Kevin) O'Connor, Debbie Dills (Mike Meade) and Sharon (Mark) Sherer, all of Loogootee.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at 10 a.m. Monday, November 21 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Burial will follow in St. John Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Gibault Children's Services in Terre Haute.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee is honored to serve the family of John D. Stoll II.

ELLEN MATHIES

Ellen Diane Mathies passed away at 4:53 p.m. Saturday, November 12, 2022, in Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper, surrounded by family. A resident of Jasper, she was 72.



ELLEN MATHIES

Diane was born in Loogootee on June 28, 1950; daughter of Willis and Mary Hembree. She married Allen J. Mathies on January 1, 1978, in Jasper.

She was a 1968 graduate of Loogootee High School. She worked at Jasper Rubber for 35 years and retired as a lab technician. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper.

Diane was a passionate and devoted St. Louis Cardinals fan. She loved her roses, cooking copious amounts of delicious foods for her family and friends, trips to the casino with her sister, and spending time with the family pet, Bella. She always made herself available to those in need.

Surviving are her husband, Allen J. Mathies of Jasper; three daughters, Jennifer (Dale) Pressley of Graytown, Ohio; Stacy (Mike) Phillips of Wasilla, Alaska; and Heather Kavanaugh of Jasper; four grandchildren, Cameron, Hannah, Nathan, and Mila Jo; siblings, and several nieces and nephews. Diane's siblings included seven sisters and four brothers.

Preceding her in death are her parents.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Diane Mathies will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, November 18 in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper, with burial to follow in Fairview Cemetery in Jasper.

A visitation will be held from 9 a.m. until the 11 a.m. service time at the church on Friday.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph's Catholic Church or to a favorite charity.

BRIAN WADE

Brian L. Wade passed away on Friday, November 11, 2022. A resident of Shoals, he was 56.



BRIAN WADE

He was born November 3, 1966, in Washington; son of George "Bob" and Mary Ellen (Thomas) Wade. He attended school at Bedford North Lawrence and Shoals High School. Brian worked as a truck driver for many years. On June 11, 1988, he married Barbaretta Daniel, and she survives.

He is survived by his wife, Barbaretta Wade; children, Christopher Lee Wade, Nicholas Ryan (Caroline Ann) Wade, James Devon (Peyton) Wade, Jacob Matthew (fiancé Jewleena) Wade, and June Elizabeth Grace Wade; six grandchildren, Xander Ryan Lee Wade, Ava Lynn Wade, Ember Joy Wade, Grayson Michael Ray Wade, Novalee Shay Wade, and Maisey Mae Wade; brother, Scott A. (Jo-Lynn) Wade; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents, George Henry and Ethel Mae Wade.

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A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, November 17 at the Queen-Lee Chapel of George Funeral Care. Burial will follow in Mt. Olive Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until the service hour Thursday at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals.

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

BETTY JEAN OSBORN

Betty Jean Osborn passed away Friday November 11, 2022, at Ketcham Memorial Center in Odon, surrounded by her family. A resident of Loogootee, she was 89.



BETTY JEAN OSBORN

She was born January 19, 1933, in Burns City; daughter of Oval Ray and Pearl I. (Reynolds) Garrett. Betty was a Loogootee High School Graduate with the Class of 1951. She married Robert L. Osborn on July 26, 1952. She attended the Terre Haute School of Cosmetology, graduating as a licensed beautician. Betty owned and operated Betty's Beauty Shop in Burns City. She was a member of Odon Christian Church. Betty loved to spoil her grand-dog, Sebastian; cook-outs at the lake, and most of all she loved spending time with her family.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Oval and Pearl Garrett; her husband, Robert L. Osborn who passed away on February 1, 2014; her brother, Harold Garrett; and niece, Cindy Martin.

Betty is survived by her children, David (Vonda) Osborn of Loogootee, Diana (Andrew) Gilbert of Greenville, South Carolina; four grandchildren, Davida Cartwright of Terre Haute, Nicole (Billy) Sanders of Marshall, Illinois; Jeramey Osborn of Loogootee, and Marya Gilliland of Loogootee; six great-grandchildren, Kyle Sanders, Samuel Cartwright, Ashley Sanders, Craig Cartwright, Owen Gilliland, and Aydan Gilliland; sister-in-law, Orvada Garrett of Washington, and several nieces, nephews and friends.

A graveside burial was held Tuesday November 15, at Walnut Hill Cemetery in Odon with Ron Gee - Elder at Odon Christian Church officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Ketcham Memorial Center or Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Online condolences can be made at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

Arrangements provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

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The Queen-Lee Chapel has served the Shoals and Martin County community for nearly a century. Carrying on the tradition of quality and compassionate service started by the Queen and Lee family is Derek and Abby George along with their two boys, Hudson and Kellen. They have been a part of the community since 2016 and have now solely purchased the funeral home. Derek will continue to manage the day-to-day operations serving you. We look forward to the privilege of our family serving yours for the years to come.

Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

1:03 a.m. - Received a 911 call from an Orange County address. Called Orange County with information.

4:30 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident in Shoals. Captain Reed responded.

4:42 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident south of Loogootee. Captain Reed and Big John's Towing responded.

7:03 a.m. - Received a report of an animal dispute northeast of Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

8:48 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:09 a.m. - Transport Officer Norman off station with two inmates to Department of Corrections.

1:22 p.m. - Received a call from ADT reporting a commercial fire alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Medic 1 responded. No one was transported.

1:29 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle identification number check on an ATV south of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

3:03 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Transferred call to Daviess County 911.

3:26 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Contacted Loogootee Police with information.

3:50 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

4:02 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means responded.

5:12 p.m. - Received a report of trespassers in Shoals. Deputy Hawkins and Loogootee Chief Means responded.

6:05 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident south of Shoals. Deputy Hawkins responded.

9:06 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

5:16 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

10:07 a.m. - Received a report of a field fire south of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Martin County Civil Defense and Chief Deputy Keller responded.

1:10 p.m. - Received a request to speak to an officer. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

5:09 p.m. - Received a report of a hit-and-run accident southeast of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson, Loogootee Chief Means, ISP Trooper Nolan, Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Medic 1 responded. No one was transported.

5:23 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Transferred call to Daviess County 911.

6:33 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a field fire east of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

6:09 a.m. - Received a call from a person in Daviess County advising they had hit a deer. Gave caller the number to Daviess County.

6:16 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Loogootee. Captain Reed responded. Daviess and Greene counties were also notified.

6:42 a.m. - Received a call reporting a carbon monoxide detector going off at a residence in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

7:33 a.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County

Medic 1 responded. No one was transported.

8:41 a.m. - Received a call from Duke Energy advising they would have one lane of US 50 closed for an undetermined amount of time today.

9:04 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Crane. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

3:20 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Deputy Hughett responded.

3:33 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a field fire southeast of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department responded.

3:34 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

3:55 p.m. - Received a report of a stalled tractor west of Shoals. Sheriff Greene responded.

4:12 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

4:30 p.m. - Received a call from Martin County Civil Defense advising County Commissioner George has issued a burn ban effective immediately for the county.

4:41 p.m. - Received a call advising that drug paraphernalia had been found north of Shoals. Corporal Wells responded.

5:30 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:44 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident south of Loogootee. Corporal Wells and Big John's Towing responded.

6:21 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 2 and Lost River Fire Department responded. Martin County Medic 2 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:43 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident south of Loogootee. Corporal Wells responded.

6:56 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Lawrence County address. Transferred call to Lawrence County 911.

7:19 p.m. - Received a call about a missing dog. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

8:21 p.m. - Received multiple 911 calls reporting a tree down east of Shoals on US 50. Shoals Fire Department responded.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

12:17 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Captain Reed responded.

2:58 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting a lift assist only in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Erwin, Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Medic 1 responded. No one was transported.

5:14 a.m. - Received a report of an individual laying in the roadway east of Shoals. Captain Reed and Martin County Medic 1 responded. No one was transported.

5:15 a.m. - Received multiple 911 calls reporting an individual in the roadway east of Shoals.

8:11 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock north of Shoals. Corporal Wells responded.

8:32 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 responded but did not transport.

8:33 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

8:44 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle identification number check north of Loogootee. Corporal Wells responded.

9:14 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance northeast of Shoals.

Martin County Medic 2 and Indian Creek Fire Department responded. Martin County Medic 2 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:30 a.m. - Received a call from Shoals Community Schools advising of a fire drill.

9:53 a.m. - Received a call from Mobile Help requesting an ambulance south of Shoals. Dubois County EMS, Corporal Wells, Shoals Fire Department responded. No transport needed.

10:28 a.m. - Deputy Pressley transported one inmate to remote court.

12:09 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

1:00 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported three inmates to remote court.

1:29 p.m. - Received a 911 call from Shoals Schools. This was only a drill.

1:31 p.m. - Received a 911 call from Shoals Schools. This was only a drill.

1:37 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported one inmate to remote court.

1:56 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported one inmate to court.

2:16 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

2:28 p.m. - Received a report of a structure fire in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Martin County Civil Defense, Corporal Wells, ISP Trooper Beaver and Martin County Medic 1 responded. No transport was needed. Duke Energy and Cinergy were notified.

3:25 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a hit-and-run accident south of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson, Corporal Wells and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

3:28 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson and Corporal Wells responded.

3:45 p.m. - Received a request for a roadkill deer tag. Deputy Hawkins responded.

4:49 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

5:30 p.m. - Received a report of someone burning in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

5:39 p.m. - Received a report of someone burning southeast of Loogootee. Deputy Hawkins responded.

6:15 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

6:24 p.m. - Received an animal complaint west of Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

6:51 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Erwin responded.

8:07 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

8:11 p.m. - Received a report of someone riding a bike in the road in dark clothing southeast of Loogootee. Deputy Hawkins responded.

9:14 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Lost River Fire Department responded. Martin County Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:26 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident southwest of Shoals. Deputy Hawkins, Martin County Medic 1, Martin County Medic 2, Loogootee Officer Erwin, Shoals Fire Department and Big John's Towing responded. No one was transported.

11:12 p.m. - Received a call reporting a fire in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Loogootee Officer Erwin responded.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

5:23 a.m. - Received a report of a deer in the roadway south of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

6:12 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

8:07 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute southeast of Shoals. Corporal Wells, ISP Trooper Lents, ISP Trooper Beaver and Martin County Medic 1 responded. Martin County Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:51 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Martin County Medic 2, Loogootee Chief Means and ISP Trooper Beaver responded. Martin County Medic 2 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:11 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Daviess County EMS, Loogootee Fire Department, Corporal Wells, ISP Trooper Beaver, Loogootee Chief Means and Martin County Assistant Coroner responded.

10:29 a.m. - Received a report of possible trespassing north of Shoals. Corporal Wells responded.

10:49 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Chief Means and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:13 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour and Martin County Medic 1 responded. No one was transported.

2:00 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a field fire north of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Martin County Medic 2 and Martin County Civil Defense responded. No one was transported.

3:30 p.m. - Received a report of an abandoned vehicle east of Shoals. Corporal Wells and Big John's Towing responded.

3:46 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

4:10 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance northeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Corporal Wells and Indian Creek Fire Department responded.

6:16 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Transferred call to Daviess County 911.

7:12 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

7:13 p.m. - Received a call from Area One Protection of a burglar alarm going off in Shoals. Keyholder was notified.

9:23 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

1:13 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a stalled vehicle north of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims, Deputy Branham and Big John's Towing responded.

2:27 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a carbon monoxide detector going off in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

6:30 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a female walking down the road in Loogootee asking for help. Loogootee Chief Means responded.

9:07 a.m. - Received a report of an accident with no injuries east of Shoals. Corporal Wells responded.

11:11 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee.

(See 'SHERIFF'S LOG' on page 5)

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

November 2

Blaine J. Laughlin, convicted of non-support of a dependent child, a Level 5 Felony. Sentenced to serve 2,190 days with 1,957 days suspended and credit for 350 actual days previously served plus 117 Class B credit days. Defendant received 60 months of probation. Also convicted of battery resulting in moderate bodily injury, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 365 days suspended. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

November 4

Jerry E. Trinkle, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 365 days suspended. Defendant received 12 months

of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

November 4

Jerry E. Trinkle, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Ona L. Wiles, conversion, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

November 7

Paul J. Jerling, disorderly conduct, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

November 3

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Brooklyn Harrison and Danny Arthur and against the defendant Brian Riker in the amount of \$3,925.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

November 4

Zachary Ryan Tanksley of Loogootee and Hoang Huyen Tram Vu of Loogootee.

SHERIFF'S LOG

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Corporal Wells, Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Chief Means responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:17 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver in Loogootee. Corporal Wells responded.

2:46 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:55 p.m. - Received a report of a power line down north of Shoals. REMC responded.

Sunday, November 13

1:37 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

11:27 a.m. - Received a call from Smithville Security reporting a residential burglar alarm north of Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means and Deputy Hawkins responded.

2:08 p.m. - Received a call from Guardian Medical requesting an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

3:43 p.m. - Received an animal complaint southeast of Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

4:30 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

5:48 p.m. - Received a report of a possible fire south of Shoals. Deputy Hawkins and Lost River Fire responded.

7:37 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a fire south of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims and Haysville Fire Department responded.

8:58 p.m. - Received a report of a missing hunter northeast of Shoals. Indiana Conservation Officer Fuhrman, Captain Reed and Loogootee Officer Sims responded along with other Indiana Conservation Officers.

9:56 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an animal complaint in Shoals.

ARRESTS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

5:39 p.m. - Kassy-Anne McCarty, 28, of Marengo, was arrested by Sergeant Gibson and charged with driving while suspended prior and leaving the scene of an accident. Loogootee Chief Means assisted with the arrest.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

1:11 a.m. - Zackary Winger, 24, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Hawkins and charged with operating while intoxicated. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

8:35 a.m. - Alias Keisling, 25, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with domestic battery with serious bodily injury. He is being held without bond.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

9:08 a.m. - Chief Means conducted a vehicle check.

1:30 p.m. - Chief Means and the Loogootee Fire Department responded to a fire at a local business on Highway 50.

4:38 p.m. - Chief Means assisted the Martin County Sheriff with removing a person from a property on Maple Street.

9:00 p.m. - Officer Sims assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with attempting to locate a vehicle reported for speeding.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

10:01 a.m. - The Loogootee Fire Department responded to a field fire on Highway 231 South.

5:26 p.m. - The Loogootee Fire Department was requested, by the Daviess County Sheriff's Department, to be on standby for a field fire.

6:37 p.m. - The Loogootee Fire Department responded to a field fire on Dover Hill Road. Everything checked clear it was a controlled burn.

6:44 p.m. - Officer Sims conducted a vehicle check.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

5:09 p.m. - Officer Seymour conducted a welfare check on West Washington Street.

5:58 p.m. - Officers Seymour and Erwin responded to a domestic dispute on North Line Street.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

1:37 p.m. - Officer Seymour conducted a vehicle check.

2:22 p.m. - Officer Seymour and the Loogootee Fire Department responded to a structure fire on Wood Street.

11:00 p.m. - The Loogootee Fire Department was dispatched to Wood Street

for a fire that had reignited.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

8:14 a.m. - Chief Means responded to a domestic dispute on Sherfick School Road.

8:55 a.m. - Chief Means and first responders were dispatched to a medical call on Oak Street.

9:16 a.m. - Chief Means and first responders were dispatched to a medical call on Southeast First Street.

2:17 p.m. - Chief Means responded to a traffic accident.

5:22 p.m. - Officer Sims assisted with a vehicle unlock.

5:51 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a possible dumping. Everything checked clear.

10:00 p.m. - Officer Sims attempted to locate a reckless driver but was unable to locate.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

1:13 a.m. - Officer Sims assisted a vehicle on Highway 231.

2:27 a.m. - Officer Sims and the Loogootee Fire Department responded to a carbon monoxide alarm.

6:30 a.m. - Officer Means responded to a distressed person yelling for help on Oak Street.

11:11 a.m. - Chief Means and first responders were dispatched to a medical call on Park Street.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

11:30 a.m. - Chief Means responded to an alarm on Highway 231.

7:00 p.m. - Officer Sims assisted the Haysville Fire Department with traffic control for a fire on Watertower Lane.

8:00 p.m. - Officer Sims assisted DNR and the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a search for a lost individual.

Martin County real estate transfers

City of Loogootee, of Martin County, Indiana to the **City of Loogootee**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the northwest quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, situated within the City of Loogootee, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.85 acres, more or less.

BKB Real Estate, LLC, of Martin County, Indiana to **BLT Properties, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of Lot Number 34 in the original Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana. Also, a part of Lot Number 34 in the original Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Belcourt Properties, LLC, of Martin County, Indiana to **Regina F. Hostetler**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 7, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2.980 acres, more or less.

Vernon J. Chastain and Vicky A. Chastain to Jason Mails, a part of the west one-half of Section 10, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 3.5 acres, more or less.

Bobby Hardwick and Colleen M. Hardwick, of Martin County, Indiana to **Bobby Hardwick and Sheila Hardwick**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tracts 1 and 3: All that part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 12, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, that lies north of the Old Ohio and Mississippi Railroad bed. Also, the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 11, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 76 1/2 acres, more or less, except sections that contain 36.501 acres, more or less. Tract II: Part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 12, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing .10 acre, more or less. Tract 4: A part of the northeast quarter of Section 11, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 1.116 acres, more or less. More

commonly known as 11716 Stiles Road, Mitchell IN 47446.

Robert W. Sieferman, Jr. and Suzanne E. Sieferman, of Martin County, Indiana to **Terry D. McClain**, of Grant County, Indiana, Lot Number 16 in the Thompson's Woods Subdivision, containing 10 acres, more or less.

Robin Scurlock, of Marion County, Indiana to **Robin Scurlock and Sherri A. Linville**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of west fractional Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 34/100 acre, more or less.

Philip Alan Erler and Jamie Leigh Erler, of Martin County, Indiana to **Levi K. Murdach and Emilee D. Murdach**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a portion of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.44 acre, more or less.

Cory Daniel Roush, of Martin County, Indiana to **Kelly Schmitt and Christian Johnson**, of Orange County, Indiana, Lots Numbered 35 and 38 in Stiles Addition to the Town of Shoals, Indiana.

Terri L. Williams, of Martin County, Indiana to **Verlin D. Kemp and Malinda R. Kemp**, of Daviess County, Indiana, Lot Number 5 in Roger's Addition to Loogootee, Indiana.

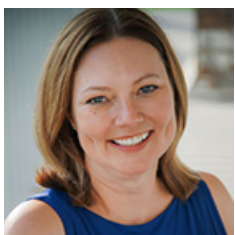
Michele L. Phillips, of San Diego County, California to **Hayden A. Norris**, of Greene County, Indiana, Lot Number 21 in the original Town of Crane.

Terri Williams, of Martin County, Indiana to **Verlin D. Kemp and Malinda R. Kemp**, of Daviess County, Indiana, 5.67 feet off of the east side of Lot Number 45 in McCormick's Subdivision of Lot Number 103 in Chenoweth's Extension to the Town of West Shoals, now Shoals, Indiana. Also, 39.33 feet off of the west side of Lot Number 46 in McCormick's Subdivision of Lot Number 103 in Chenoweth's Extension to the Town of West Shoals, now Shoals, Indiana.

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More Neat Stuff



SIGNS TO THINK ABOUT

*Shredded Cheese: The key to Grateness.

*Well, to be Frank, I'd have to change my name.

*Psychic Fair Canceled due to unforeseen circumstances.

*I refuse to work with compost. It's degrading.

*What if there was no such thing as a hypothetical question?

*I used to work at the sausage factory, but I couldn't make ends meet.

*I don't run away from hard work. I'm too lazy to run.

*How can I change the world if I can't change the toilet roll?

THOUGHTS

*Have you ever been in one of those moods when you don't really know what's wrong, but you feel irritated with everyone and everything?

*Women might not be able to find their keys, hair ties, or shoes, but they can remember something you said eight months ago!

*I spent my entire childhood wishing I was older. Now I'm older...and it sucks.

*If one door closes and another one opens, your house is haunted, and you need to run.

*Life is like an elevator: on your way up, sometimes you have to stop and let some people off.

*The say "do what you love, and money will follow" so I ate cheesecake and drank some wine...Now I wait.

*Those who like my posts are happier, more intelligent, and better-looking than those who don't, according to a study I

made up.

**"Just cleared out some space in the freezer" sounds so much more productive than "I just polished off another pint of ice cream."

*One day you're 21, staying up until 3 a.m., eating pizza, and dancing like no one is watching, then suddenly you're 65, eating kale, going to bed at 8 p.m., and you can't dance because you pulled a muscle putting on your socks.

A guy sits down at the bar and orders drink after drink.

"Is everything okay, pal?" the bartender asks.

"My wife and I got into a fight, and she said she isn't talking to me for a month!"

Trying to put a positive spin on things, the bartender says, "Well, maybe that's kind of a good thing. You know...a little peace and quiet?"

"Yeah, but today is the last day."

I'm in a bar and two very large women with accents are sitting across from me.

I say, "Cool accents. Are you two ladies from Scotland?"

One of them yells, "It's Wales, you idiot!"

So, I said, "OK, are you two Whales from Scotland?"

I don't remember much after that.

A weasel walks into a bar.

The bartender says, "Wow, I've never served a weasel before. What can I get you?"

"Pop!" goes the weasel.

Make someone smile today!

Community Foundation announces 2022 Classroom Grant recipients

The Martin County Community Foundation Board of Directors awarded just under \$9,000 to 24 Martin County teachers through the 2022 MCCF Classroom Grant Cycle.

The Classroom Grant program is designed to fund small, in-class projects that might not have a typical funding source. The goal is to help teachers provide additional educational projects that are creative, innovative, and stimulate student learning.

The Martin County Community Foundation, a public charity recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3), accepts and manages individual and business contributions made to permanent endowments, including the MCCF Education Fund which helps fund the annual Classroom Grants. MCCF uses the income earned by these endowments to improve the quality of life in Martin County for this generation and generations to come. Enhancing educational opportunities is a natural fit for this goal.

If you would like to help support our teachers through the classroom grant program, please contact Curt Johnson at (812) 295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org.

Grant recipients and project names follow:

Angie Brookshire, *Boston Tea Party Virtual Field Trip*

Kenady Bratton, *Enhancing Science Curriculum*

Dennis Dahlen, *Project Zoom*

Amanda Fischer, *Food Friday*
Kallie Fuhrman, *Reading Enthusiasts*
Brittney Gibson, *Marble Droppers*
Jennifer Guinn, *Games Galore!*
Mimi Hawkins, *Resources for Learning*

Megan Hawkins, *Engineering Pathway Tools*

Heidi Hoffman, *Cross Curriculum Sports!*

Jill Holt, *Out of My Mind Project*

Megan Jones, *Podcast Adventures*

Christin Johnson, *Hands on Math*

Ben Kent, *Future Farmers of America-Get Us Going on the Right Hoof*

Katie Kidwell, *Good Morning Pre-K!*

Tara Lengacher, *Rooted in Reading*

Traci LeTourneau, *Fine Motor Skills*

Kimberly Perry, *Mixing Up Some Fun!*

Wesley Stephenson, *Electricity*

April Sutton, *Buzzing for Math*

Amanda Turpin, *Small Group Literacy*

Shannon Wagler, *Storybook STEM - Building a Love for Reading and Science*

Tyler Walton, *Day of Dead*

Raysha Wininger, *First-Chapter Friday*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

No Wellness Clinic

The Martin County Humane Society Spay/Neuter Clinic will not have a wellness clinic in November. Dr. Alex is out of town. The next wellness clinic will be Friday, December 16 from 5-6 p.m. at the animal shelter in Loogootee.

Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, November 17 at 5 p.m. in the high school media center. The meeting is open to the public.

Free car seat clinic

Daviess Community Hospital and the DCH Permanent Fitting Station are holding a free car seat clinic Monday, November 21, from 1-3 p.m. at Daviess Community Hospital (parking lot across the street from Heartland OB). Has your baby outgrown his car seat? Is your car seat installed correctly? Know for sure. Get your child's car seat checked by a Child Passenger Safety Technician for free. No appointment needed. For more information, contact the DCH Child Passenger Safety Program at 812-254-2760 EXT 1359.

LUMC Food Pantry

The Loogootee United Methodist Church Food Pantry is open every Thursday (except the fourth Thursday) from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Mental Health Task Force

The Martin County Mental Health Task Force meets via Zoom. If interested in being a part of the tax force, email echristmas@youthfirst.org or toddamy@iu.edu.

Celebrate Recovery meetings

Celebrate Recovery meetings will be held every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at The River Church in Shoals. This is a Christ-centered recovery program and anyone is welcome to attend.

St. Vincent Food Pantry

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry,

on Park Street in Loogootee, is open the fourth Thursday of the month except November and December when they are open the third Thursday. The hours are 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3:30 p.m.

Local recovery meetings

Wednesdays-Alcoholic Anonymous, Martin County Community Corrections Building at 8 p.m.; Thursdays-Narcotics Anonymous, Redemption Church Loogootee at 8 p.m.; Fridays-Alcoholic Anonymous, Loogootee Municipal Building Loogootee at 8 p.m.

Free lunch for kids

New Beginnings Community Church will be offering a free lunch to all school age children every Saturday. Lunches can be picked up at the fellowship hall of the church, located at 105 Wood St, Loogootee no later than 10:30 a.m. Deliveries will begin between 10:30 and 11 a.m. Saturdays.

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!

Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at noon 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.

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During this season of giving thanks, I am reminded that gardeners are, in general, thankful people. We know that no matter how educated and experienced we may be, our gardening success is still dependent on a higher power. We may know the proper way to plant a seed, but germination and growth of a plant is not within our power.

I cannot say that this was a banner year for the garden. Actually, I probably did less gardening than I normally do. Some health concerns, a minor surgery and a family tragedy in the spring resulted in putting many spring garden chores on the back burner. Still, I am thankful that Sandhill Gardens has great garden bones and despite my lack of attention, there was the normal succession of beautiful blooms in the spring.

Plentiful rain made for lush growth in the spring. Everything seemed to grow by leaps and bounds. I am thankful that I finally got to feeling better and was able to at least keep most of the weeds at bay. I am also thankful that we actually had a great fall season, and I was able to attack some of the jobs that had been left undone earlier.

I am thankful for the Moon Garden, which has become my favorite spot in the garden. Vines with white flowers grew on the moon gate arbor, resulting in a beautiful entry to the special garden. Several of the shrubs planted over the past couple of years matured enough to fill in the garden walls, offering almost a secret garden behind that hedge, bounded on the other side by the cliff. I have spent many evenings sitting in that garden watching the sun set in the great gulf below.

With the recent passing of Veterans' Day, I am thankful a pair of veterans who have left their mark on Sandhill Gardens. My late uncle, Robert Hooten, was a sharpshooter in the army during WWII. In his youth, he planted three of the large maples that now shade much of Sandhill Gardens. The fourth big maple was planted several years later by my father, a navy veteran. I am so thankful for these men and others who sacrificed to keep our country free. Those large trees form much of the cover for the shade gardens. I love those places, where I grow many plants that would not survive in full sun. I am also thankful for the retreat they provide on hot summer days.

Finally, I am thankful for the four-season beauty of Sandhill Gardens. The snow on Saturday accented many of the plants that provide beauty and interest through the winter months. The hollies are covered with berries this year. The winterberry deciduous hollies have more berries than I have ever seen on them. They will provide beauty for months to come and will feed the birds this winter. I have been concentrating on increasing the number of evergreens in the gardens, and the white blanket made them stand out like accent marks. When escorting a friend through the gardens last week, I observed some arums that have recently sprouted. Their glossy leaves will remain through the winter, although often covered with snow. In the spring, they will bloom and then send up their waxy berry stalks. Arums, hellebores and other winter-interest plants remind me that even when many think the garden is dead, there is still life and beauty there. I thank the Master Designer for such wonders.



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The prize package is valued at nearly \$360, and registration is simple. You just need to sign up for the INRF e-newsletter to enter. Entries will be accepted through November 26.

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for the wonderful food and support.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED THE DINNER!

Spring Mill Inn closed for major renovations

Spring Mill Inn at Spring Mill State Park is closed for major renovation as of November 13, as announced in March. Reopening is expected in 2024.

The park's activity center, Gus Grissom Memorial, trails and other facilities are all still open for guests to enjoy.

The 73-room inn is structurally sound but needs significant work that requires extended closure of the entire facility, including the Millstone Dining Room, conference facilities, and overnight lodging.

Funding for this project is provided through an infusion of dollars to address deferred maintenance needs in Indiana State Parks and other DNR properties by Governor Eric J. Holcomb and the Indiana General Assembly-

The primary goal of the project is modernization of all mechanical systems while retaining the historic, natural look and feel of the public spaces and guest rooms. The work includes replacement of water lines, fire alarms, sprinklers, and HVAC. The project also includes renovating windows and doors, making accessibility upgrades, as well as making additional guest room furnishing and bathroom upgrades, and replacing the existing swimming pool with a splash pad.

"Complete closure of one of our most iconic Indiana State Park inns for more than a year is a difficult decision," said DNR Director Dan Bortner. "However, the modernization of the inn's 'behind the scenes' safety and comfort systems is best accomplished with this approach."

"When guests can return, they will appreciate the improvements from the moment they check-in at the new centrally located welcome desk to their renovated rooms."

All inn associates will remain em-

ployed during the renovation, working in other areas of the park or at other inn locations. The inn will maintain an office with telephone and electronic communications inside the park to answer questions, make day-to-day contacts, and conduct future sales meetings. Its location will be announced once established.

The Spring Mill Inn opened in 1939. Indiana State Parks' other six inns will be open and available for overnight lodging, conferences, weddings and receptions, and other events. Information is at IndianaInns.com.

Additional information is at on.IN.gov/springmillsp or at on.IN.gov/spring-mill-inn.

Purdue crop workshop to focus on pesticide storage, mini-bulks

Purdue Extension's Dubois County PARP Workshop on December 5 will focus on proper pesticide storage and mini-bulk tank use. The seminar runs 6-8 p.m. (EST) at the Dubois County 4-H Fairgrounds Clover Pavilion, six miles south of Jasper on State Road 162. It is geared toward farmers, crop advisers, and the general public.

Speakers and topics:

*Valerie Clingerman, extension educator with Purdue Extension - Knox County, will explore proactive pesticide storage and management options.

*Kenneth Eck, extension educator with Purdue Extension - Dubois County, will discuss mini-bulk tank use, including maintenance and safety considerations.

The seminar counts as one of three meetings required for private pesticide and fertilizer applicator (PARP) recertifications. Attendees who request credit must bring their private applicator number and attend the entire program, with the fees for PARP credit being sponsored by the Indiana Soybean Association and the Indiana Corn Marketing Council.

2.0 continuing education units (CEUs) for certified crop advisers (CCAs) in the area of crop management, and 2.0 continuing credit hours (CCHs) for commercial applicators will also be available.

There is no fee to attend, and reservations are not required.



Loogootee Park grant

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Shown above is Martin County Community Foundation Grants Chairperson Alan Lagree presenting a \$125,000 Vision Grant to Mayor Noel Harty and Loogootee Parks and Recreation Department representatives Don Greene, Karen Slaven, and Ron Gilbert. The grant is for a six-foot-wide asphalt walking path around the Loogootee City Park along with 3-5 pieces of adult outdoor exercise equipment. Shown is the planned layout of the walking path. It and the exercise equipment help meet the need for improved facilities for recreation and wellness in Martin County as identified in the Ready Martin County's Quality of Place and Workforce Attraction Plan.

Rokita announces \$3.1 billion tentative settlement with Walmart over opioid allegations

Attorney General Todd Rokita on Tuesday announced a \$3.1 billion tentative settlement with Walmart to resolve allegations that the company contributed to the opioid addiction crisis by failing to appropriately oversee the distribution and dispensing of opioids at its stores.

"The opioid crisis has devastated far too many Hoosier families," Attorney General Rokita said. "We continue working aggressively to hold accountable those companies whose actions have contributed to the opioid epidemic. Further, we are committed to bringing much needed funding to fight the drug crisis in Indiana."

Indiana's tentative share of the prospective settlement is approximately \$53 million.

Besides the monetary settlement, the proposed agreement requires significant improvements in how Walmart's pharmacies handle opioids.

Attorney General Rokita was one of 16 attorneys general who assisted in negotiating this proposed deal with Walmart, along with attorneys representing local governments.

This proposal comes on the heels of similar announcements by CVS Health and Walgreen Co., each of which would pay approximately \$5 billion in proposed settlements to resolve claims.

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- Be willing to submit to pre-employment drug screening
- Ability and willingness to work a variety of shifts, including evenings, weekends and some holidays

To be considered for an open position, interested candidates are encouraged to pick-up an application at the Martin County Sheriff's Office: 318 Capital Avenue, Shoals, IN 47581 (812) 247-3726. Resumes may be sent to mbeaver@martincounty.in.gov.

Martin County Alliance launches new program to support local businesses

The Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth announces a unique new business retention and expansion (BR&E) program to learn more about conditions at businesses throughout the county and how the local economic development office can help support them.

The Alliance hired a consultant specializing in BR&E to serve as an extension of its team over the next year. Local businesses can expect to receive a phone call and/or email in the coming weeks from the organization and will have an opportunity to share more about their business, projected future growth, challenges or concerns, and more.

One of the primary roles of a local economic development organization is to assist existing local businesses and help them navigate common challenges associated with growth including workforce, employee training and education, and expansion planning. As part of those efforts, this new program is provided at no cost to the local businesses and the results will be used to inform future economic development strategies for Martin County.

"Our local economy depends on the success of our existing businesses, and

we want to do everything we can to support them and help them thrive," said Jessica Potts, Executive Director of the Alliance. "We ask that our businesses please participate in this program and provide honest, thorough feedback to help us achieve that goal."

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 66 percent of all jobs created come from growth at existing businesses, and 62 percent of all net new jobs come from small businesses.

"We know that local stores sell us goods, local businesses bring us jobs, and local companies invest here and serve here. These are our friends and neighbors and the people who meet our community needs, so it's important that they have a helping hand when we can lend one," Potts explained.

The Alliance hopes that in addition to gathering information, this intentional effort to connect will build strong relationships with the businesses that already have a footprint in the local community and provide further opportunities for growth and retention. Any local company that has questions about the program should call the Alliance at 812-295-4800 to learn more.

Attorney General invites Hoosiers to visit IndianaUnclaimed.gov to see what stuffing awaits you this Thanksgiving holiday

Stop, drop, and pass the rolls! Attorney General Todd Rokita invites Hoosiers to visit IndianaUnclaimed.gov to see if they have more than just casserole waiting this holiday.

"The last couple of years, Americans have been burdened with increases in their grocery bills, so extra cash in your wallet is a little gravy on top," Attorney General Rokita said. "My office is committed to serving the people and protecting their individual liberty. Getting unclaimed property back in the hands of Hoosiers is a top priority."

Thanksgiving is perhaps one of the most widely celebrated holidays of the year, so let's give 'em pumpkin' to talk about this season. In 2021, Attorney General Rokita's office returned over \$48 million in unclaimed property to its rightful owners. This year alone, the Office has returned over \$50 million.

This holiday combines some of our favorite things – no work, no school, the company of good family and friends, and of course, tons of great food. But while you're sitting around the table, it's also a good time to ask loved ones about assets.

Here's how to make sure your property doesn't go unclaimed:

- Keep a record of all bank accounts.
- Record all stock certificates and be sure to cash all dividends received.
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telephone, cable, and electricity deposits.

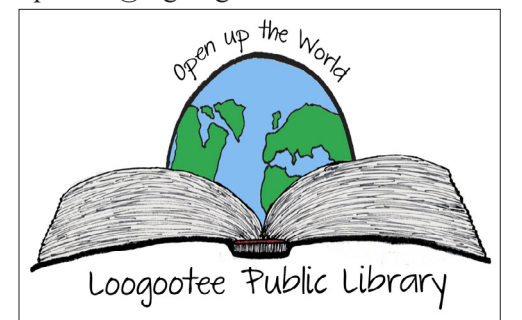
- Cash all checks promptly.
- Update your address with all businesses when you move.
- Talk to loved ones about any safe deposit boxes you own.

Once unclaimed property is in its custody, the Unclaimed Property Division at Attorney General Rokita's office conducts outreach efforts to locate the rightful owners or heirs.

Individuals and/or businesses have 25 years to claim money once it is reported to the Unclaimed Property Division.

Over \$700 million remains to be claimed, so it's time to put away the leftovers and find something else to be thankful for at IndianaUnclaimed.gov or text CLAIM to 46220 to search your name, family, or business.

You can also contact the Unclaimed Property Division at 1-866-462-5246 or updmail@atg.in.gov.



BY DARLA WAGLER
Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



KITTENS! The shelter has three "candy" kittens still available for adoption - Kit Kat, Skittles and Twix. They are around 16 weeks old now. An approved adoption application is required to set up an appointment. Adoption fee is \$45 and includes spay/neuter and vaccinations. For more info or to apply to adopt, visit www.humanesociety-ofmartincounty.org.

Digital/Computer class taught by VU instructor Mr. Hamblin is canceled this month. I am sorry for any inconvenience.

Friday, November 18-20, a new 3.9 updated version of Evergreen Indiana will be rolled out and will affect your access to the catalog as well as your Libby app. Since the system will be offline during this time, the library will be closed Friday and Saturday.

New Books:
Mystery: "The Perfect Assassin" by James Patterson and "Murder at Black Oaks" by Phillip Margolin.

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