

John Mullen resigns as LHS Principal

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The Loogootee School Board accepted the resignation of high school principal John Mullen at their meeting Tuesday night, November 18. Mullen has been on a leave of absence since last month and his resignation will be effective December 31, 2014. The board thanked Mullen for his 11 years with the school system and helping the school's grade improve. The board will advertise for a new principal and Superintendent Joan Keller said she hopes to have the position filled by the start of the second semester on Janu-

ary 5. In other administrative personnel, the board approved extending intermediate principal Lacey Wade's contract for two years and giving her a one percent pay increase. They also approved extending Mike Tippery's contract for two years and elementary principal Terri Smith's contract for one year. All contracts will now end June 31, 2017. The board also approved the administrators to start paying for their insurance as other teachers beginning January of 2016.

The board accepted the resignation of Mark Potts as junior high golf coach. (See 'LHS' continued on page two)

Shoals School Board awards five-year bus contracts

Meeting minutes provided by Andrea Qualkenbush, Shoals School Corporation Secretary

The Shoals School Board met last Thursday, November 13. Board member Tony Cundiff was not present.

The board approved (in a 3-1 vote with board member Lorna Troutman opposing) the school bus contracts for the 2015-16 through 2018-19 school years as follows:

- Route #1 – 4-year contract with Kimberly Albright for \$190 per day
- Route #2 – 8-year contract with Gerald Montgomery for \$198.97 per day
- Route #3 – 8-year contract with Eva Neeley for \$195 per day
- Route #4 – 4-year contract with John Gore for \$185 per day
- Route #5 – 4-year contract with Keith Emmons for \$200 per day
- Route #6 – 4-year contract with Ted Emmons for \$200 per day
- Route #7 – 4-year contract with Jeremy Albright for \$185 per day
- Route #8 – 8-year contract with Todd Winger for \$186.23 per day
- Route #9 – 4-year contract with Bethann Hovis for \$144.00 per day
- Route #10 – 8-year contract with Todd Winger for \$176.23 per day
- Route #11 – 8-year contract with Gerald

Montgomery for \$198.97 per day

Route #12 – 4-year contract with Cecil Ragsdale for \$125.53 per day

Route #13 – 8-year contract with Eva Neeley for \$200 per day

The board approved the following field trip and fundraiser requests:

- Freshman ag class to Ivy Tech in Terre Haute on October 28, 2014
- High school band to Festival of Bands at South Knox High School on November 4, 2014
- Junior and senior students to Indiana University Chemistry Building on November 19, 2014

The board approved the following field trip requests:

- Fundraiser dinner before boys' varsity scrimmage game on November 20, 2014
- Soup supper before girls' basketball game on November 21, 2014
- Elementary cheer clinic hosted by the high school cheerleaders on January 24, 2015
- Permission to sell old cheerleader uniforms at home ballgames as a fundraiser

The board approved the following grants from the Martin County Community Foundation:

- \$2,500 to be used for the creation of a hydroponic garden
- \$3,372 to purchase a 3D printer for the high school engineering classroom

Superintendent Roush and the members of the board thanked the Martin County Community Foundation for the very generous grants.

The board approved the following personnel actions:

- Cindy Bates as a cafeteria substitute
- Megan Montgomery as a substitute teacher
- Mike Baker from the position of junior high girls' basketball coach.
- Missy Hawkins as dance team sponsor
- Ashley Hawkins as girls' varsity assistant/JV track coach
- Cory Roach as boys' varsity assistant/JV track coach
- Scott Hert for the position of girls' junior high basketball coach

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West Boggs Park introduces disabled veterans pass

On Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11, 2014, The Daviess-Martin Joint County Parks & Recreation Board approved the issuing of a special new pass. The Freedom Promise Passport will be available to qualified disabled military veterans residing in the parks department's two-county district and will allow the veteran the same type of park entrance as the regular Annual Park Pass.

The new pass will also be useable as a discount card by the veteran to provide a 25 percent discount on all camping, boating, golf and golf cart permits and other services offered by the Department. The pass is being made available to disabled veterans at no cost and is non-expiring.

Parks Department Superintendent Michael Axsom stated that the name of the

Freedom Promise Pass is intended to remind us all that we made promises to our veterans that we will honor their sacrifices made to preserve our freedoms. "It is not our intent to draw attention to their disabilities with this. It is our intent to draw attention to why they have them and for whom they sacrificed so much," said Axsom.

To qualify the disabled veteran will need to provide a valid ID showing a residency within the district, and a certification from the local Veteran's Services office that they meet the same qualifications that are in place to receive a Disabled Veteran's License Place from the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles. This certification requirement can be waived by presenting a valid vehicle registration showing that such a plate has been issued.



Aftermath

It's been one week since the devastating fire destroyed and/or damaged several downtown Loogootee businesses. Repeated phone calls to the state fire marshal's office to determine the official cause of the blaze were not returned. A meeting will be held Friday, November 21 at 9 a.m. in the city council chambers of the Loogootee Municipal Building for business owners or anyone affected by the fire. Representatives from local, state and federal agencies will be in attendance to present various options business owners might have in the rebuilding process. Watch The Martin County Journal's facebook page for future details.

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Daviess-Martin Joint County Parks & Recreation Dept.

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SHOALS

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-Debbie Haviland and Angie Sango to share the position of girls' junior high basketball attendant

Mr. Calhoun publicly thanked the athletic director as well as entire coaching team for the hard work they put into the athletic program for the students. Several staff members have expressed interest in helping with athletics but due to the restricted number of hours they are allowed to work according to the law, they were not able to do so. He thanked them for all they do, and said he hopes for changes to this law in order for them to get involved.

Mrs. Roush asked for approval from the board to make an addition to the guidelines for payment of lay coaches. The addition states that checks will be distributed to lay coaches once all athletic events for that season have commenced unless there are extenuating circumstances and the superintendent approves an individual check to be given earlier.

The board approved a stipend for Elementary Principal Austin Malone in the amount of \$1,500.

The board approved a professional leave request from Mimi Hawkins for a workshop she attended in Huntingburg on November 6 and November 7. The registration fee was paid through the Title I Grant.

The board approved a proposal from the School Smiles Oral Health Program to use the school facilities to provide on-site dental services to any student that wishes to participate in the program.

Mrs. Roush informed the members of the board that an alumni basketball game is scheduled for December 5, 2014. The game is intended to recognize the 1964 Boys Basketball Team for their undefeated season. Eleven players on the alumni team are expected to participate.

The board approved a facility usage request from Danny Roush to work with students on baseball mechanics. He will schedule dates and times based on availability of facilities.

Mrs. Roush and Jim Bruner, board member, provided details about a project that is planned to establish an outdoor agriculture laboratory to be located on school grounds. The details of the project are not final yet, but hope to include a plot for growing cover crops, an edible food garden, planting fruit trees, as well as the building of a green house. The outdoor laboratory will be part of the recently established Introduction to Agriculture class that is being offered to high school students. Mrs. Roush asked the board to approve moving forward with the project plans. The board approved. Mr. Calhoun publicly recognized Teacher Miles Orwig for having the foresight to help establish an agriculture program at Shoals as well as the patience required to work through all of the details that are part of getting it rolling.

The board held a first reading of changes to board policy #4160 regarding the transfer of instructional personnel. A second reading and approval will be held at the December 11, 2014 meeting of the board.

The board held a first reading of changes to the board policy concerning the use of seclusions and restraints. Mrs. Roush explained that the changes are simple updates in the policy language to stay aligned with state law. A second reading and approval will be held at the December 11, 2014 meeting of the board.

The board approved a change to the bus driver handbook to specify that the use of hands free or voice operated technology devices are allowed by law but may only be used if there are no passengers present on the bus.

Mrs. Roush provided the board with a draft version of the proposed changes to Series 5000 of the board policy handbook. A second reading and approval will be held at the December 11, 2014 meeting.

Austin Malone, elementary principal, and Lucas Calhoun, junior/senior high school principal, reported on the following:

-Huge thank you to The River Church for donating seven bags full of coats for our stu-

dents.

-Mobile IMAX movies will be at the school Friday, November 14. Students will see ocean themed movies during the school day. Parent Night viewing of Finding NEMO that evening.

-New state standards prompted changes in teaching materials for elementary math and writing prompts. They have been using a program called Eureka Math with good results.

-Mr. Malone will be attending safety specialist training next week

-Congratulations to the LEGO Teams for tremendous success at competition last weekend

-Very excited to announce that Shoals Elementary received a letter grade of "A" for 2014 from the Indiana Department of Education

-The Fall Festival went very well and was enjoyed by all. Special thanks to all staff for all the time and effort they put into making the fall festival a success.

-Huge thank you to everyone that helped with the Veterans Day Program. The program was very well received by students, staff, members of the community, as well as local veterans.

-The speech made by the keynote speaker at the Veterans Day Program will soon be made available for staff and students who may want to listen to it electronically.

-First monthly random student on-site drug testing went well. Thanks to Reuben Montgomery for assisting with the collection process.

-Technology surveys were compiled by the technology committee and have been distributed to staff, students, and parents for their input on possible technology upgrades being planned school wide.

-Beta Club members will be attending State Beta Convention in Indianapolis this weekend.

-The spell bowl teams made very impressive showings at the area spell bowl competitions. -the high school spell bowl team came in 3rd place

Mrs. Roush, Superintendent reported on the following:

-The Homecoming basketball game and king and queen crowning is scheduled for January 30. The pep club is sponsoring a dance after the game.

-The brakes on bus 1C were inspected and were in good shape and the stop arm was repaired.

-Very proud of the success of all members of the LEGO teams

Mrs. Roush asked for approval from the board to change the deadline for students from outside the school district to apply to transfer to Shoals. She recommended no transfer applications be accepted after May 1 of each year. She also recommended the grade level cap for 6th grade be raised to one. The board approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m. The next meeting of the board will be a regular session on December 11 at 5 p.m.

Commissioners open bids, hear department reports

Meeting minutes provided by Martin County Auditor January Roush

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, November 11.

Randy Smith, 39 Degrees North, submitted the year-end statistics for the county's EGIS website. Smith briefly went through the handout. There is a program to allow tax payments to be made online through the county website. A new program available in March 2015 will allow for counties to charge a fee to individuals searching for the more detailed information. Auditor January Roush will contact Assessor Carolyn McGuire to discuss.

Auditor Roush and County Attorney Dave Lett submitted the inter-local agreement concerning the Brownfield assessment grant. Martin County will partner with Knox, Daviess, Lawrence and Greene counties. Attorney Lett had no legal objection to the agreement. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the cooperative agreement for a Brownfield assessment coalition. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Commissioner Gregory made a motion to table the DNR timber sale distribution until the next meeting. Auditor Roush is to invite the local fire departments to the next commissioners' meeting.

County Attorney Lett opened the highway supply bids for 2015. The following bids were received: Indian Creek Quarry, Cave Quarries, Rogers Group and US Aggregates for stone; Asphalt Materials, Inc. for oil; Southern Indiana Supply, CPI Supply and Erosion Resources for culvert supplies and Dave O-Mara Contractor, Inc. for hot mix. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to take the bids under advisement until the next meeting. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Leo Padgett, highway superintendent, submitted his two-week work schedule. Cave Quarries is not making cold mix at this time so Padgett found a company in Bloomington selling it for \$95 per ton which is higher than Cave Quarries. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to purchase the cold mix from company in Bloomington at \$95 per ton due to the circumstances. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. A discussion followed on winter mix. The highway department will be purchasing sodium chloride to mix with sand to use on the roads this winter. The department is still waiting on the vendor to finish customizing the dump trucks before delivery.

Commissioner Gregory excused himself from the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Brent Roberts, BF&S, submitted paperwork concerning bridge #11. Several documents were approved by County Attorney

Lett before President George signed them all. Roberts will submit an ordinance to decrease the speed limit on Indian Springs Road at the next meeting. The letting date for bridge #11 construction is November 12, 2015.

Monty Wolf, civil defense/EMA, discussed a termite warranty he recently received. Auditor Roush will investigate and report back. Once the commissioners have the identifying information on an old fire truck, they will declare it surplus and Director Wolf can sell it to the interested buyer.

Andy Ringwald, civil defense/EMA, reported there is a District 10 meeting next week. Highway Superintendent Padgett will have a representative at the meeting.

Commissioner Boyd made a motion to appoint Vicky Bauernfiend and Don Bowling to the Hoosier Upland Board. President George made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Commissioner Boyd made a motion to approve an FMLA submitted by a county employee. President George made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Auditor Roush submitted a tourism update from Jim Stoughton.

A list of potential meeting dates and paid holidays for 2015 was presented and will be approved at the next commissioners' meeting.

Auditor Roush updated the commissioners on several courthouse repairs that were made while closed earlier in the day.

President George gave the veteran service officer report for October.

Commissioner Boyd made a motion to approve the closing of the Courthouse during the employee Christmas Dinner on Friday, December 12, 2014 from 11:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. President George made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

President George thanked the veterans and those presently serving in the military for their service.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m. The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 25 at 6 p.m.

LHS

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They approved Ed Harder and Scott Arthur as junior high baseball co-coaches. Volunteer coaches approved were Michelle Wesley for co-ed track, Mike Winger for boys' baseball, Chris Reid for boys' basketball, and Jaymie and Nick Toy for girls' basketball.

Superintendent Joan Keller reported officially to the board on the state's grades of Indiana schools. Loogootee Elementary was graded as an "A" school, the intermediate school was graded as an "A" school, and the junior/senior high school was graded as a "C". Keller said that the junior/senior high were very close to a "B" grade.

The board approved extending the school bus contracts through the 2018-19 school year with a review of the contracts at the end of two years. They also approved paying each bus driver \$3,000 per year extra as a stipend through the length of the contract and give \$20 per day extra to any driver that purchases a bus 2008 or newer.

The board approved the selling of old sports uniforms.

The board held the first reading of the school's wellness policy which is required by the federal government. The policy contains information on what food can be provided to students via vending machines and in the lunch line, treats brought in for classroom parties, fundraisers selling food products, and the school's requirement on physical fitness activities.



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EDNA EPPERSON

Edna Louise (Craft) Epperson, formerly of Shoals, passed away Sunday, November 9, 2014. She had been in failing health for the past several months. A resident of Sandusky, Ohio, she was 77.

She was born April 27, 1937 in Polly, Kentucky; one of 14 children born to Tandy and Susie (Lucas) Craft. She married George R. Epperson November 11, 1963 in Mount Orb,

Ohio, and he preceded her in death on February 2, 2006.

She attended Camp Branch School in Kentucky. Prior to moving to Ohio to be with her family, she lived in Rutherford Township and attended the Mount Zion Wesleyan Church. She was a homemaker, but enjoyed her special hobbies of painting, crafting, raising birds, and spending time with her family.

She is survived by three daughters, Car-

olyn Powers of Loogootee; Paula Rayner of St. Augustine, Florida; and Teresa Johnson of Sandusky, Ohio; one son, Emery Ray Epperson of Tennessee; brothers, David and Denver Craft; and sisters, Bertha Hembree and Sara Faye Terry all of Shoals; 10 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, five brothers, four sisters, and two granddaughters.

Visitation will be from noon until 2 p.m. Saturday, November 22 at the Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. A memorial service will follow at 2 p.m. Burial will be in Spring Hill Cemetery.

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

HANK SWARTZENTRUBER

Henry (Hank) Swartzentruber died Friday, November 14, 2014 at Jasper Memorial Hospital. A resident of Loogootee, he was 90.

He was born November 27, 1923 in Daviess County; the son of Joe and Kate (Wagler) Swartzentruber. He married Mary Lou (Miller) Swartzentruber in 1948 and she survives.

He was a retired saw mill operator and worked in the saw mill business for nearly his entire life. He was a charter member of White River Valley Antique Show. He enjoyed wood working, crafts and running steam engines. He was a member of Bethel Mennonite Church.

He is also survived by four sons, Dean (Karen) Swartzentruber, Gary (Karen Sue) Swartzentruber, Steve (Katherine) Swartzentruber, and Doug (Jennifer) Swartzentruber, all of Loogootee; one daughter, Donna (Phil) Hawkins of Loogootee; grandchildren, Dena (Tim) Lengacher, Mike (Teresa) Swartzentruber, Brian (Michelle) Swartzentruber, Mark (Myra) Swartzentruber, Scott

Swartzentruber, Stacey (Todd) Humerickhouse, Joshua (Tami Jo) Hawkins, Jordan (Brooke) Hawkins, and Ryan Swartzentruber; great grandchildren, Justin, Tyler, Megan, David, Conner, Libby, Adam, Abby, Henry, Hattie, Lydia, Ayla, Brodan, Wyatt, Madisyn, and Lindsey; one sister-in-law, Esther Swartzentruber; and one brother-in-law, Virgil Gingerich.

He is preceded in death his parents, Joe and Kate (Wagler) Swartzentruber; two sisters, Mary Stoll and Alta Gingerich; one brother, Elmer Swartzentruber; and one grandchild, Alta Viola Swartzentruber.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 17 at Bethel Mennonite Church in Odon. Services were officiated by Pastor Carmen Detweiler and Pastor Melvin Paulus. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bethel Mennonite Church. Brocksmith-Blake & Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery was in charge of arrangements.

Council goes over money requests

Meeting minutes provided by Martin County Auditor January Roush

The Martin County Council met Monday, November 10.

President Summers congratulated all the re-elected and newly elected officials in Martin County.

Teresa Harder, soil & water, submitted a transfer for approval. The rule 5 technician has been unable to continue on rule 5 plans due to waiting on revised plans from contractors and plans being put on hold by the EPA. She would like to transfer those unused funds to office supplies to purchase a new laminator. The current laminator has not worked in over four years. Councilman Wininger made a motion to approve a transfer from general fund, soil & water, personal services, technician-\$1,742 to general fund, soil & water, supplies, office supplies. Councilwoman McFeaters made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The soil & water district partnered with two other districts and applied for two clean water Indiana grants. There were fourteen given out across the state and Martin County received the two applied for, totaling \$135,500. These grant funds will be used for cover crop and hay and pasture ground renovation.

Councilwoman Gee made a motion to approve the following additional appropriation from the clerk's record perpetuation, other services & charges, record keeping-\$2,500. President Summers made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Councilwoman Gee made a motion to approve a transfer from COIT county distributive share, capital outlay, building improvement-\$649 to COIT county distributive share, other services & charges, personnel training. Councilman Wininger made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Councilwoman Gee made a motion to approve the following additional appropriation from cumulative voting system, capital outlay, voting machine lease-\$17,800. Councilman Albright made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The additional appropriation of \$6,000 for the attorney fees associated with the lawsuit filed by the Estate of Waylon Abel was tabled until further information is available to them. Councilman Hawkins would like to meet with the attorney that the commissioners have hired.

Councilman Albright made a motion to approve the following additional appropriation from general fund, commissioners, other services & charges, juveniles in institutions-\$10,500. Councilwoman McFeaters made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Councilman Wininger made a motion to approve the following additional appropriation from riverboat revenue sharing, commissioners, other services & charges, juveniles in institutions-\$5,000, Councilwoman Gee made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Councilwoman Gee made a motion to approve the following additional appropriation from general fund, courthouse, other services & charges, utilities-\$15,000. Councilwoman McFeaters made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Councilwoman Gee made motion to approve a transfer from general fund, clerk, other services & charges, postage-\$1,000, printing-\$1,000, training-\$300 and travel-

\$250 to general fund, clerk, supplies, supplies-\$2,550. Councilman Albright made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The transfers for election were overlooked and will be on the December meeting agenda.

Councilman Albright made a motion to approve the reduction in motor vehicle highway, general & undistributed, health insurance-\$155,000. Councilman Wininger made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. The reduction was made in order to meet the budget needs for 2015.

Kathy Collins, community corrections director, invited Judge Lynne E. Ellis and Greg Ponchot, community corrections consultant, to join her. Director Collins went on to discuss the changes to the criminal code with regard to House Bill 1006 and the subsequent effects it may have on the county. Director Collins, Judge Ellis, Deputy Sheriff Tony Dant and Deputy Prosecutor Larry Browder recently met to discuss financial options for the county regarding HB 1006. Beginning July 1, 2014 Class A-D felonies will now be labeled as level 1-6 felonies. Effective January 1, 2015, counties are no longer able to send level 6 felons to the department of corrections. Therefore, after 2015 begins, level 6 felons will be sentenced to local supervision, in either serving their sentence under probation, community corrections - home detention or in the security center. The group discussed a cost-savings plan to allow level 6 felons, who meet eligibility requirements, be placed on community corrections home detention. When a juvenile is placed in a juvenile detention center it costs the county \$140 per pay. By placing a juvenile on an electronic monitoring system, community corrections charges \$12-\$15 depending on the type of device being used and saves the county money. When the client is unable to pay for this fee, community corrections bills the commissioners. Director Collins drafted a memorandum of understanding between the commissioners, council and community corrections outlining their respective roles with Attorney Lett reviewing. The group discussed a cost-savings plan to allow level 6 felons, who meet eligibility requirements, be placed on community corrections home detention. Auditor Roush and Director Collins had reviewed previous year's expenses incurred by the security center. A calculation was determined for an approximate daily cost with an average of 50 inmates. The average daily security center cost of \$60 versus the current fee of \$12-\$15 per day for home detention would be a cost savings to the county. Consultant Ponchot reiterated the importance of the county coming up with a strategic plan. In brief, HB 1006 means more people being locally supervised and costing the county money.

Judge Ellis confirmed a murder trial to be held January 20 thru February 6. Approximately 250 citizens will be called for jury duty. Judge Ellis and Dru Fromm, circuit court administrator, addressed their concerns with parking availability and meals. They are estimating approximately three days to select a jury. Councilman Wininger suggested shuttling them from the school. There are confirmed jury trials in November, December and January.

Auditor January Roush submitted to the council a tourism update from Jim Stoughton. A list of potential council meeting dates for 2015 was presented and will be approved at the December meeting.

Ippoliti Law Office
in downtown Loogootee
was one of the businesses
affected by the recent fire.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

5:06 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at the Shopko parking lot. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

2:30 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Sergeant Keller completed the detail.

3:25 p.m. - Received a request for extra patrol north of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller spoke with the complainant.

8:28 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash involving a deer on US 231 north of Wood School Road. Sergeant Keller responded.

11:10 p.m. - Received a report of a neighbor dispute in Shoals. Deputy Baker responded.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

12:46 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at the Marathon in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

3:01 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

3:59 a.m. - Received a report of a business burglar alarm at the Martin County Learning Center. Deputy Baker and Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.

6:21 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with no injury on US 50 near Deep Cut Lake Road. Chief Deputy Dant responded.

11:15 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and the Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Daviess Community Hospital, Washington.

3:55 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Daviess Community Hospital, Washington.

8:40 p.m. - Received a report of a business burglar alarm at Graber Insealators. Deputy Baker responded.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

10:05 a.m. - Received a report of a structure fire at Rosie's T-Shirt Shop in Loogootee. Chief Deputy Dant, Sergeant Keller, Loogootee Fire Department, Martin County Civil Defense, Shoals Fire Department, and

other area fire departments responded.

4:27 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded.

5:16 p.m. - Received a request for extra patrol in Shoals. Major Burkhardt spoke with the complainant.

7:40 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

2:02 a.m. - Received a report of a rekindle at the fire at Rosie's T-Shirt Shop. The Loogootee Fire Department responded.

9:00 a.m. - Chief Deputy Dant transported one inmate to court.

1:00 p.m. - Chief Deputy Dant transported three inmates to court.

1:00 p.m. - Major Burkhardt transported two inmates to court.

1:43 p.m. - Received a report of a theft south of Shoals. Major Burkhardt was notified.

2:00 p.m. - Chief Deputy Dant transported two inmates to court.

2:30 p.m. - Major Burkhardt transported one inmate to court.

3:00 p.m. - Chief Deputy Dant transported one inmate to court.

3:40 p.m. - Received a report of a rekindle at the fire at Rosie's T-Shirt Shop. The Loogootee Fire Department responded.

5:32 p.m. - Received a report of a civil dispute in Shoals. Major Burkhardt was notified.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

5:07 a.m. - Received a report of a business burglar alarm in Shoals. Corporal Greene responded.

6:17 a.m. - Received a report of a tree in a power line east of Shoals. Major Burkhardt and Corporal Greene responded.

7:47 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

8:46 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash involving a deer on US 231 near 200 S. Major Burkhardt responded.

11:40 a.m. - Received a request for a VIN check south of Shoals. Deputy Baker completed the detail.

2:37 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County

EMS, Loogootee Fire Department responded.

4:18 p.m. - Received a report of a rekindle at the fire at Rosie's T-Shirt Shop. The Loogootee Fire Department responded.

6:23 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50 entering Shoals. Corporal Greene responded.

6:34 p.m. - Received a report of an illegally parked vehicle on Elliott Cemetery Road. Corporal Greene responded.

6:45 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County EMS and the Loogootee Fire Department responded.

11:21 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash involving a deer on US 50 near Martin State Forest. Corporal Greene responded.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

6:53 a.m. - Received a report of a business burglar alarm at Graber Insealators. Deputy Baker responded.

8:03 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Deputy Baker completed the detail.

9:40 a.m. - Subject came to the Martin County Sheriff's Department to report theft. Deputy Baker was notified.

10:35 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Deputy Baker completed the detail.

11:23 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County EMS and the Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

12:22 p.m. - Received a report of a civil

dispute west of Shoals. Deputy Baker responded.

4:03 p.m. - Received a report of a possible residential break-in east of Shoals. Deputy Baker responded.

5:58 p.m. - Received a report of an out-of-control burn north of Loogootee. The Loogootee Fire Department and the Martin County Civil Defense responded.

6:19 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash hit-and-run on West River Road. Deputy Harmon responded.

8:49 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash with no injury on County Farm Road. Deputy Harmon responded.

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9:56 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Daviess Community Hospital, Washington.

10:35 a.m. - Received a report of found property on Lily Pond Road. Deputy Baker responded.

11:34 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

12:26 p.m. - Received a report of a battery in Shoals. Deputy Baker responded.

4:09 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and the Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

10:17 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

Martin County real estate transfers

David R. Baker and Reva D. Baker, previously known as Reva Qualkenbush, of Martin County, Indiana to **Mark A. Jones and Mary Jane Jones,** of Dubois County, Indiana, all that part of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 12, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, lying east of Hillham Road and lying south of a one acre tract of real estate acquired by Randall Stevens and Cynthia McNabb all lying in Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.89 acres, more or less.

Sara Ann LaMar n/k/a Sara J. Irwin, of Monroe County, Indiana to **Allen T. LaMar,** of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the northwest quarter of Section 1, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 0.75 acre.

Allen T. LaMar, of Martin County, Indiana to **Allen T. LaMar and Julia A. LaMar,** of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the northwest quarter of Section 1, Township 3 North, Range 5 West in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 0.75 acre.

Clay O. Dearwester, Casey A. Dearwester, and Shannon D. Dearwester n/k/a Shannon D. Burch, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jordan Hawkins and Leslie Brooke Hawkins,** of Martin County, Indiana, .6 acres in Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 4 West of the Second Principal Meridian.

Evangeline M. Heidt, of Marion County, Indiana to **Jordan Matthew Keltner and**

Dana Renee Keltner, of Marion County, Indiana, Lot Number 8 in Doe Run Subdivision to Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana.

Gina R. Moll, of Martin County, Indiana to **John L. Milligan,** of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the east half of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 12, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 9.449 acres, more or less.

Mark Taylor, of Martin County, Indiana to **Lyndon W. Beachy and Julie J. Beachy,** of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the northeast quarter of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 3.54 acres, more or less.

Jail bookings

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

10:50 p.m. - Marty Peek, 30, of Shoals, was arrested for domestic battery and criminal confinement. Peek is being held without bond and was arrested by Deputy Baker.



ISP to participate in Operation Pull Over Blitz "Safe Family Travel"

As families take to the roads this holiday season, law enforcement is reminding drivers extra patrols will be cracking down on impaired driving and seat belt violations to increase safety on the state's streets and highways.

"Thanksgiving is one of the busiest travel periods of the year," said Lieutenant Tony Casto, Fort Wayne District Commander. "Officers will be working overtime hours as part of a comprehensive effort to curb impaired and dangerous driving."

Area law enforcement agencies are working in tandem on saturation patrols and OWI checkpoints.

"If you see someone driving in a manner you suspect of being impaired, there is a high probability you are right," said Casto. "Call 911 immediately and report the location, description, and direction the vehicle is traveling. This will help officers take action necessary to prevent a possible tragedy."

"Anyone found to be driving impaired will be arrested," Casto stated. "Also, occupants not using seat belts or who are not properly restrained will be cited and given a ticket."

In November 2013, there were 490 alcohol-related crashes across Indiana resulting in 224 injuries and 13 fatalities. A total of 735 drivers were arrested for driving under the influence and 9,504 seat belt citations were issued to drivers and passengers who were not properly restrained.

"Wearing your seat belt can save your life," Casto added. "In Indiana, nearly 50 percent of fatalities in passenger car accidents are due to occupants who did not buckle up."

Officers also noted that vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for kids between the ages of 8 and 15. For families with young children, it's important to have a properly installed child safety seat or booster seat for each child. Parents can visit childseat.in.gov for a list of locations and a toll-free phone number to speak with experts about the proper installation of child

safety seats.

Law enforcement agencies from across the state, including Troopers from the Indiana State Police are jointly participating in this holiday enforcement effort which runs from November 14-30.

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Martin County Court News

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

November 6

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Justin D. Whaley in the amount of \$9,155.46.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

November 6

Dennis Stepanek vs. Jeremy Knight, complaint.

November 7

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Ashley Cobb, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

November 6

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Jay M. Smith and against the defendant Nikki Hulsey in the amount of \$2,794.

November 13

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defen-

dant Anthony J. McKinney in the amount of \$603.77.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Richard T. Poehlein in the amount of \$2,329.59.

November 14

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Adam Greene and against the defendant Joe Schmitz in the amount of \$334.

November 17

Judgment in favor of the plaintiffs Carolyn F. and Monroe F. Terry and against the defendant James M. Browder, Jr., in the amount of \$1,890.95.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

November 5

Donnie D. Robbins of Loogootee and Christina L. Fiskus of Loogootee.

November 7

Cleverson John Robert Punturi of Loogootee and Kristin M. Smith of Loogootee.

Governor Mike Pence declares Winter Weather Preparedness Week

Governor Mike Pence has declared November 16-22 as Winter Weather Preparedness Week in Indiana. During this week, Hoosiers are encouraged to take steps to prepare for the upcoming winter weather.

November 19 is the average date of first measurable snowfall, although this year it came early, on Halloween. Some home readiness tips include:

-Homeowner's insurance policy should be reviewed to ensure coverage is adequate for the type of weather that regularly occurs in the area. Identify what is excluded from the policy.

-Remove dead branches from nearby trees. The added weight of ice and snow, along with winds, may cause limbs to snap and damage property.

-Clean gutters now before snow and ice build-up. If gutters are clogged while ice and snow are thawing, water can back up under the roof and eaves, causing water damage inside the house. Consider buying screens to keep gutters debris-free.

-Many fires related to alternative heating sources (wood stoves, fireplaces, space heaters) are preventable and caused by poor maintenance. Keep alternative heat sources away from flammable material. Before installing a wood-burning stove, check with local officials about codes and proper installation techniques.

During winter weather, it is important to leave extra time to drive. Do not call city, county or state police to check on road conditions - police agencies across the state want to keep phone lines open for emergency phone calls. Dial toll-free 1-800-261-ROAD (7623) for updated Indiana travel information, including road conditions, road closures, crashes and other traffic alerts.

The State of Indiana Travel Advisory Map can be found at www.in.gov/dhs/traveladvisory. The information on this map is updated

by county emergency management agencies and reflects, in real time, information that they have reported to the Indiana Department of Homeland Security.

Winter weather preparedness week is also a good time to make a car readiness kit. These kits should include:

- At least two blankets or a sleeping bag
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Jumper cables
- Emergency flares
- Extra clothing, including boots, hats and gloves
- Shovel
- Bottled water and non-perishable food
- First aid kit and necessary medication
- Sand or non-clumping cat litter for tire traction
- Cell phone and charger for vehicle use
- Ice scraper and snow brush

A preparedness kit can help during winter weather. Use Winter Weather Preparedness Week to ensure that your kit still has the essentials.

Food and water for three days, including one gallon of water per person, per day

- Battery or hand crank all hazards (weather) radio
- Flashlight
- Extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Extra clothing, sturdy shoes, blankets and personal hygiene items

List of emergency phone numbers

Copies of important documents (photo ID, social security card, etc.)

Cash in small bills (Power outages can limit use of ATMs and credit cards.)

Special items based on specific needs (baby formula, extra medication, insulin, etc.)

For more information on being ready for winter weather, visit www.getprepared.in.gov.

Loogootee Police Department log

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

2:25 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50. Vehicle was located and stopped.

5:00 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident in the Builders Best parking lot.

7:30 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

11:15 a.m. - First responders were requested on South Kentucky Avenue for a medical call.

6:36 p.m. - Received a call of possible drug activity on Park Street.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

9:18 a.m. - Received a dog complaint.

10:05 a.m. - Loogootee Fire was dispatched to a fire on JFK Avenue.

4:26 p.m. - First responders were requested on North Line Street for a medical call.

7:41 p.m. - First responders were requested in Nobles Court for a medical problem.

8:14 p.m. - Caller advised of a horse in the road on Brickyard Road.

10:16 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute at Country Place Apartments.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

12:08 a.m. - Caller reported her son has possibly ran away.

7:53 a.m. - Caller reported property damage on Bloomfield Road.

1:25 p.m. - Captain Akles responded to a residential alarm on Bloomfield Road.

3:30 p.m. - Caller reported an animal complaint.

6:51 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on Hwy 231.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

1:00 p.m. - Captain Akles tagged an abandoned vehicle on SE 1st Street.

6:50 p.m. - First responders were requested on Half Moon Road for a medical call.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

10:30 a.m. - Caller reported an illegal burn on SW 2nd Street.

11:23 a.m. - First responders were requested in Burns City for a medical call.

5:58 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to a brush fire on St. Joseph Road.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

9:25 a.m. - Caller reported vandalism.

9:32 a.m. - Captain Akles responded to a business alarm.

1:12 p.m. - Caller reported a dispute on North Line Street.

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

It is time to plant bulbs. Last week's hard freeze and this week's cold weather have cooled the soil enough to keep the bulbs from sprouting. However, the ground is still warm enough for root growth to get the bulbs established.

In general, bulbs should be planted at a depth approximately three times their diameters. I trowel or a hand bulb planter is fine if you only have a few bulbs to plant, but if you have purchased bulbs in bulk, planting thus would take a long time. There are, fortunately, other options.

One option is to purchase a bulb auger. The auger looks like a large drill bit. They are available at garden centers for around ten dollars. Put the auger in a drill and drill into the ground to the proper depth. Drop the bulb into the hold and cover it with the soil that the drill removed.

Another planting method is mass planting. Use a shovel to dig a hold as deep as is needed for the bulbs you have. The diameter of the excavation should be large enough to allow one to plant several bulbs. After placing the bulbs in the hold, refill it with the soil.

Another alternative is to plant bulbs in a progression method. Dig your hole to the depth needed for the largest bulbs you have. This may be a large lily or perhaps a giant allium. Barely cover the bulbs with soil and then put in the next bulbs, such as tulips or daffodils. Cover the second layer of bulbs and then plant small bulbs like crocus or snowdrops. This method will result in a progression of bulbs in the garden, and the foliage of each bulb helps to hide the dying foliage of the first bulbs.

Regardless of the planting style, it is important that bulbs be planted with the growth end up. In tulips, daffodils and many other bulbs, the growth end will have a point and the root end will be rather flat.

Nominations sought for Trails Advisory Board

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources seeks nominations for five openings on the state's Indiana Trails Advisory Board (TAB) for 2015.

Nominees must be involved with a trails-oriented organization that represents one of the following user groups: bicyclists, higher education/health, off-road motorcyclists, parks and recreation agencies, and water trail users.

Board members are expected to serve a three-year term starting March 1, 2015, and attend quarterly meetings. TAB meetings are held on the first Thursday of March, September and December, and on the last Thursday in June. All meetings start at 3 p.m. Locations vary throughout the state.

The 15-member voluntary TAB advises DNR director Cameron F. Clark on trails-related issues. Having a TAB is also re-

quired for the state to receive funding from the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration. The state uses these funds to acquire and develop multi-use trails for both motorized and non-motorized use. Nominations will be accepted by the DNR Division of Outdoor Recreation from Dec. 1, 2014 through January 2, 2015.

Learn more about the Indiana Trails Advisory Board and nomination information at dnr.IN.gov/outdoor/4094.htm. Interested parties can also obtain additional information by contacting Amy Marisavljevic at (317) 232-4067, amarisavljevic@dnr.IN.gov; or by mail or in person at DNR Outdoor Recreation, 402 W. Washington St. Room W271, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2782.

However, with some bulbs, the distinction is not so apparent. If you cannot determine which end is the growth end, plant the bulb on its side. Roots will develop anyway and the top will simply twist toward the surface. Good bulbs are not cheap, and you may want to take some precautions to protect them from rodents. One method is to add some sharp grit around the bulbs, making it harder for the rodents to dig. One may also make a basket from chicken wire or hardware cloth. The bulb foliage will grow through the openings in the wire, but the wire will keep rodents from reaching the bulbs. Daffodil bulbs do not usually need such protection, as they are toxic. However, tulips are like candy to mice, rats and voles. Even if these methods do allow the tulips to survive and grow in spring, the deer seem to always find tulips. That is the reason I prefer daffodils.

While garden center employees may try to sell you bone meal or some other bulb fertilizer, it really is not necessary when planting new bulbs, as long as the bulbs are top quality. The bulb has stored food to get the plant through the growing season. A layer of compost spread throughout the bulb bed will give the previously-planted bulbs a boost.

Once the ground has frozen, mulch the bulb beds with shredded leaves or some other light mulch. This will keep the soil cool and will keep the bulbs from sprouting if we get some warm weather in January or February. You do not have to be in a great hurry to get your bulbs planted. You may plant as long as the ground is not frozen. I have planted bulbs on New Year's Day in the past, although I would not recommend waiting that long. A few bulbs planted in the fall is the best way to ensure a beautiful spring garden, and many bulbs will pay off for years.

Farmland values due for a slight decline, Purdue analyst says

BY DARRIN PACK
Purdue University News Service

With crop prices at multiyear lows and interest rates expected to inch up over the next few years, a Purdue University agricultural economist believes the decade-long increase in farmland values might soon be over.

But Michael Langemeier, associate director of the Center for Commercial Agriculture, says any decline should be relatively slight and spread over more than one year.

"We are looking at about a 5-10 percent correction over each of the next three years," he said. "It's normal for a market that has been so strong to take a little breather."

According to the Purdue Farmland Value Survey, Indiana farmland nearly tripled in value from 2003 to 2013, rising from an average of \$2,509 per acre to \$7,446 per acre.

Langemeier said the rally was due in large part to the increased production of corn-based ethanol and strong export markets for soybeans, which drove crop prices higher and made farmland a more attractive investment.

But corn and soybean prices have been in a tailspin recently, falling to their lowest levels in five years on expectations of a record

yield and a large global grain surplus.

"Commodity prices do have an impact on farmland values, but they're not the only factor," Langemeier said. "What happens with interest rates will also help determine the severity and length of any downturn in farmland values."

Interest rates have been held in check for the past five years by a slumping economy. In periods of recession or slow economic growth, the government tends to keep rates low to stimulate economic activity. Lower interest rates make it less expensive to borrow money for large purchases, such as farmland.

But with the national economy beginning to show signs of recovery, a short-term rate hike is likely sometime in 2015, Langemeier said. Higher interest rates typically mean lower demand for farmland.

"That would put some additional downward pressure on the market," he said, "but federal policymakers are not likely to raise rates too high and risk sending the economy back into recession."

A decline in cash rental rates is also likely, Langemeier said. If current price projections hold, cash rental rates are expected to drop 5-10 percent in each of the next three years.

Public hearing scheduled for proposed river otter trapping season

The public can comment on a proposal that would open a trapping season for river otters in Indiana at a December 11 public hearing in the Hendricks County town of Plainfield. The hearing, conducted by the Indiana Natural Resources Commission, is at 5:30 p.m. at Plainfield Public Library, 1120 Stafford Road. The Natural Resources Commission will conduct the public hearing on proposed rule changes that include the following:

- Opening a trapping season for river otters that includes strict limits on the number of otters that could be taken; when, where, and how otters can be trapped; and mandatory registration of harvested otters. A temporary rule would be implemented annually by the director that would specify the counties that would be open to trapping and the statewide quota.

- Allowing the sale of river otters, including their hides and parts, as well as squirrel hides.
- Making changes to fur buyer license requirements, including changing the reporting date and specifying requirements for the proper disposal of carcasses.

You can view the proposed new rule language at www.in.gov/nrc/2377.htm. Public comments also can be submitted to the NRC through that webpage. Look for the rule package titled, "FW: River Otters."

A third way to submit comments is by mailing them to: Natural Resources Commission, Indiana Government Center North, 100 North Senate Ave., Room N501, Indianapolis-

lis, IN 46204.

The deadline for submitting comments is Thursday, December 11. All comments sent to the NRC regarding these rule changes will be provided to Commission members and Department of Natural Resources staff, and will be publicly disclosed and searchable on the Internet and in a paper docket as part of the final report. The final report is expected to be presented to the NRC to request final adoption of the rule changes at the NRC meeting in January 2015. After final adoption, the rule changes must be approved by the Attorney General's Office and Governor's Office before they take effect.

Indoor archery lesson at Patoka Lake December 6

Meet the naturalist and other certified archery instructors at the Patoka Lake Nature Center for a beginner to intermediate archery lesson on Saturday, December 6 from 9 a.m.-noon. This event is an introduction to the sport and is open to all ages 8 and up. All archery equipment will be provided. Participation is limited to the first 20 registrants. Pre-register by calling the Patoka Lake Nature Center at 812.685.2447. Then join in a friendly archery competition using the skills you learned at the lesson or ones you already had. Prizes will be awarded. For more information regarding this program or other interpretive events, call the Nature Center at 812-685-2447.

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The Mayor's Den

By Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty



October began with the annual "chili day" at St. John's Lutheran Church. Charlotte Meyer, who was celebrating the recent birth of a great grandbaby, also celebrated her own birthday on chili day and she chose to spend it greeting guests and taking in the money for food purchases. The food and fellowship were as good as always; and in fact many of us ate lunch and came back for supper! I then headed to LHS for the 2014 IHSAA Tennis Sectional. A special "congratulations" to Gabe Nolley who qualified for Regionals after the event. All of our Lions played very hard and I commend their efforts. Thursday the 2nd much of the day was spent at the office. Then in the evening, the pool committee met with Megan Jones to discuss the upcoming "Spooky-Splash and Dash" and fall carnival scheduled for Lee Kavanaugh Gym in the evening of October 24. After the meeting, many local residents witnessed our local law enforcement agencies doing what they do best: striving to keep us safe. A special "thank you" to the Martin County Prosecutor's Office, Martin and Daviess County Sheriff Departments, Loogootee Police Department, the local conservation office, and the Martin County Ambulance Service for all they do for us. Later that same evening I went to the Simon J. Graber Memorial Center for the annual Daviess-Martin-Pike Right-to-Life Banquet. This year's event was a huge success with a record number 700 attending. Martin County's own Marvin Arvin received recognition for all of his hard work and dedication throughout the years with the Right-to-Life cause. This year's adoption "Family of the Year" was the Jerry Schnarr Family, also of Martin County.

Friday the 3rd, I attended "Customer Appreciation Day" at Farm Bureau and enjoyed the great food and camaraderie. A big turnout, as usual! That evening, I attended the annual fall concert at LHS Auditorium. This year's concert was the first under new Band Director Mr. Brandon Hagen. Mr. Hagen comes to us from the French Lick area, and we're glad to have him. Saturday the 4th was the annual Martin County Farm Bureau Meet Your Candidate Forum at the Martin County Community Building. A total of 18 candidates were present and each was given three minutes to speak. After the forum I went to the Shoals Fire Station to assist with the estate auction of the late Diana Cook. In the evening, I was invited to the home of Donald and Donna Greene for a great time and lots of food at their annual cookout! After church on Sunday the 5th, I went to French Lick for their annual Pumpkin Festival Parade. There was a great turnout and many wonderful floats. Many from Martin County were represented in the event, including Loogootee Summerfest Royalty, Shoals Catfish Festival Royalty, the Shoals Fire Department, the Springs Valley Aces featuring our own Miss Caroline Tedrow, and last but not least - Shoals News Editor and Shriner Steve Deckard.

I spent most of the day Monday the 6th in the office. That evening, I attended the Shoals vs. Eastern Green varsity game at Shoals High School. The Lady Jug Rox played very hard but did not prevail. Tuesday the 7th, I began the day driving the LHS Choral group to Bloomfield High School for the annual Southwestern Indiana Choral Concert. When I got back, I went to Loogootee Elementary to do my weekly document duplication preparation. After that, I decided to take in one of the smoke house demonstrations by our fire department. A special "thank you" to the fire department and Firemen Eric Thomas and Corey VanMeter for taking time out of their schedules for this demonstration. Then I met Courtney Hughett of the Martin County Journal, Congressman Dr. Larry Buschon and his Press Secretary Nick McGee, at The Lodge. Many issues were discussed, both on the local and national level and the meeting was

very informative and worthwhile. After our meeting, I headed back to city hall for the public hearing regarding the proposed Eagle Place Apartments project. In the evening, I went back to Bloomfield High School for the concert. Ten schools attended and treated us to many great sounds! I spent most of Wednesday the 8th in the office. Thursday the 9th began at the Martin County Learning Center for the quarterly Martin County Community Corrections Advisory Board Meeting. Although many issues were discussed, the primary focus was the operations of the department. That evening, I had the privilege of driving the junior high co-ed cross country team to Barr Reeve for competition. The junior high Lions brought great dedication to the course and will continue to improve as time goes on. Following the competition, I watched our varsity Lady Lions Volleyball team in action at Jack Butcher Arena. Our Lady Lions hosted the BNL Lady Stars and matched up very competitively with them; however, in the end fell in three games. Much of the afternoon and most of the evening of Friday the 10th was spent at the spaghetti dinner held at St. John Catholic Church with all proceeds going to the pool fund. The spaghetti was great, the desserts plentiful and the event raised \$2,200 for the pool!

Although the office was closed due to Columbus Day, I came in Monday the 13th, to catch-up on some necessary items at hand. That evening, I headed to Shoals to attend Senior Night for the Lady Varsity Jug Rox. Tuesday the 14th, I attended the 2014 Office of Community and Rural Affairs Regional Conference at Klub Hause 61 in Jasper. That evening was the monthly board of works and public safety and common council meetings. Highlights included the approval and acceptance of the five-year comprehensive plan for our city, an amendment to the legal description of Eagle Place Apartments, and appointments to the prevailing wage committee for the pool project. Wednesday the 15th the friends of the pool met to discuss the Laugh-In II fundraiser event scheduled for November 15th. (Many acts were coming together for the event that would sure have promised to satisfy the funny bone of all who attended; but sadly, later the event had to be cancelled.) Following that meeting, I went to the Martin County Recycling Center for the monthly solid waste meeting. Thursday the 16th, I met with Keeley Stingel with the Office of Community and Rural Affairs to discuss possible funding for project development. We welcome Keeley to her new post with OCRA and look forward to working with her often in the future. In the evening, the technical committee for the City of Loogootee met to discuss the opening of qualifications for bids from prospective companies interested in completing the pool project. Following the technical meeting, the pool committee met with Megan Jones to discuss the upcoming carnival to be held on October 24. Many exciting plans were discussed and approved for the event. Following the pool committee meeting, I headed over to Jack Butcher Arena for the final junior varsity and varsity volleyball game of the year. Seniors Lauren Bowling, Kaylie Robbins, Allie Walker, and Waylee Wagoner were recognized for the years of service to the volleyball program. Our Lady Lions squared off that evening with the South Knox Spartans. The Lady Lions JV in the end came up ahead while the varsity Lady Lions were not quite where they wanted to be in the end.

Friday the 17th, I attended a delicious fish fry at the United Methodist Church. Great food, a large turn-out, and fellowship were enjoyed by all. Saturday the 18th, first thing in the morning, I went to BNL High School to watch Gabe Nolley compete in tennis regional action. Gabe made all of us extremely proud as he played very hard and

he will be remembered for his great success throughout his entire high school career. Best wishes to Gabe for his future. In the evening, I attended the Martin County Democrat Candidate Meet and Greet at the American Legion Country Club. Special thanks to the Rob Street Family for preparing and providing the delicious dinner that evening and the great door prizes too. Sunday the 19th after church, I went to Iroquois Park for their Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular featuring over 5,000 illuminated jack-o-lanterns. Monday the 20th I spent the day in the office. Tuesday the 21st I started at Loogootee Elementary preparing document duplication and then back to city hall to do a photo and receive funds from the LHS Class of 1974 for the pool fund. The class raised a very appreciated \$1,400! In the evening, I attended the monthly school board meeting at Loogootee Community Schools. Items on the agenda discussed included personnel, the 2015 school year budget, and the school's new overall rating as whole which is an A. Wednesday the

22nd, was the bi-monthly meeting of the Martin County Chamber of Commerce, this time at Daily Master. The highlight of the meeting was the nominations of officers for the 2015 year.

Thursday the 23rd began the 2014 IHSAA Volleyball Sectional at Jack Butcher Arena. The North Daviess Cougars and the Patriots of Vincennes Rivet squared off in the first round with the Patriots coming out in the end in four matches. In the second game, our Lady Lions took on the Lady Vikings of Barr-Reeve. Although our Lady Lions played very hard and didn't win their match, they served Loogootee proud in the tournament. Best wishes to Seniors Lauren Bowling, Kaylie Robbins, Alley Walker, and Waylee Wagoner! Friday the 24th much of the day was spent assisting in the preparation for the fall festival held that evening at Lee Kavanaugh Gym. The festivities began with the Spooky Splash and Dash 5K Walk and Run. The 5k event was well attended with over one hundred participants - a great success! Congratulations to Master

More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



ACTS 2:38 CONCEAL CARRY AND AN INTRUDER.

You gotta love compassionate Christian Seniors.

A woman had just returned to her home from an evening of church services, when she was startled by an intruder. She caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables and yelled, "Stop! Acts 2:38!" (Repent and be Baptized, in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins may be forgiven.)

The burglar stopped in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done.

As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar, "Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell a scripture to you."

"Scripture?" replied the burglar, "She said she had an Ax and Two 38's!"

SHARE this WITH someone who needs a laugh today and remember. Knowing scripture can save your life - in more ways than one!

CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK: INTERESTING FACTS

1. Every human spent about half an hour as a single cell.
2. Each square inch of human skin consists of 20 feet of blood vessels.
3. An average person uses the bathroom six times per day.
4. Babies are born with 300 bones, but by adulthood we have only 206 in our bodies.
5. Beards are the fastest growing hairs on the human body. If the average man never trimmed his beard, it would grow to nearly 30 feet long in his lifetime.
6. According to Genesis 1:20-22, the chicken came before the egg.
7. The longest place name still in use is: Taumatawhakatangihangaoauotameteaturipukakipikimaungahoronukupokaiwhenuakitanatahu - a New Zealand hill.
8. If you leave Tokyo by plane at 7 a.m., you will arrive in Honolulu at approximately 4:30 p.m. the previous day.
9. Scientists in Australia's Parkes Observatory thought they had positive proof of alien life when they began picking up radio-waves from space. However, after investigation, the radio emissions were traced to a microwave in the building.

10. Wearing headphones for an hour increases the bacteria in your ear 700 times.

11. More than 40,000 parasites and 250 types of bacteria are exchanged during a French kiss.

12. Men can read smaller print than women, but women can hear better.

13. Coca-Cola was originally green.

14. The most common name in the world is Mohammed.

15. The name of all the continents ends with the same letter that they start with.

16. There are two credit cards for every person in the United States .

17. TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard.

18. Women blink nearly twice as much as men.

19. You can't kill yourself by holding your breath.

20. It is impossible to lick your elbow.

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT THESE?

1. Wicked chickens lay deviled eggs.
2. A clean house is a sign of a broken computer.
3. The reason good men are hard to find is because they're busy working.
4. If burglars broke into my house and searched for money, I'd just laugh and search with them.
5. Most people want a perfect relationship . . . I just want a hamburger that looks like the ones in commercials.
6. No I didn't lose my mind. It got scared and ran away.
7. My heart says cheese dip, but my jeans say, "For the love of God, woman, eat celery."
8. Chocolate comes from cocoa which comes out of a tree. That makes it a plant. Therefore, chocolate counts as salad. The end.
9. Dance like no one is watching . . . because they're not . . . They're checking their phones.
10. There's nothing scarier than the split second where you lose your balance in the shower and think, "Oh, no, they're going to find me naked in the shower."

Make someone smile today!

Shoals High School Honor Roll

Term 1 - Grading Period 2

SEVENTH GRADE

All A's: Delani Armstrong, Bryce Baker, Max Fischer, Zetta Gore, and Dalton Roush
Distinguished Honor Roll: Cassidy Shaw
Honor Roll: Clay Brett, Jocelyn Davis-Berger, Hannah Davis, Sage Harker, Abigail Haviland, Desiree Montanez, Amy Jo Parke, Maggie Shaw, Jasie Lee Sipes, Brayden Souerdike, Chloe Spencer, and Robert Sullivan

EIGHTH GRADE

All A's: Lori Albright, Caleb Belcher, Joshua Tanner Doane, Olivia Stoll, John Sukup, and Klayton Tichenor

Distinguished Honor Roll: Amber Fields, Ryan Hawkins, Nicholas MacKinnon, and Jarod Waggoner

Honor Roll: Kayla Conley, Jordan Fromme, Madelyn Gaines, Melanie Hawkins, Kendra Howard, Kyle Montgomery, Tristan Peterson, Joshua Richardson, Katrina Sipes, Lillian Thacker, Jeffrey Troutman, Evan Wagoner, Ashlynn Wathen, Daniel Wright, and Ruth Wright

NINTH GRADE

All A's: Suzanna Scott and Abigail Stoll
Distinguished Honor Roll: Gabrielle McCarty

Honor Roll: Benjamin Clymer, Kaitlin Cooper, Jeffrey Crowder, Dylan Hembree, Colin Hoffman, Mitch McKibben, Justin Sanders, Joanna Schnarr, Hope Self, Phillip Troutman, and Craig Tuttle

TENTH GRADE

All A's: Ashley Mullins and Alex Tedrow
Distinguished Honor Roll: Mykaela Peterson

Honor Roll: Makaya Hope Baylis, Rusty Bonham, Allison Boyd, Ashley Boyd, Christopher Cushman, Kelsie Graves, Megan Lampert, Jessica Montgomery,

Joshua Neideffer, Kaci Norman, Aulbrey Schlaegel, Eli Scott, Jonathan Sullivan, Emilee Wagler, and James Way

ELEVENTH GRADE

All A's: Allison Albright, Jasmine Gates, and Reva Troutman

Distinguished Honor Roll: Britney Cooper, Logan Harker, Megan Hawkins, Victoria Mills, Ashley Phillips, David Qualkenbush, Corbyn Sipes, and Dawn Wright

Honor Roll: Taylor Atkison, Tyrell Brett, Kaden Butler, Landon Clark, Stephanie Crowder, Julie Dorsey, Damion Hart, Carmen Houchins, Jordan Hughes, Jessica Ryan, Tianna Sanders, Aundie Tinkle, and Danielle Whaley

TWELFTH GRADE

All A's: Logan Albright, Ashley Montgomery, Holly Self, and Josey Waggoner

Distinguished Honor Roll: Brittany Bauernfiend, Kyle Courtright, Kylee Hardwick, Eilis Haviland, Jordan Haviland, Michael Hawkins, Austin Jones, and Qiying Song

Honor Roll: Ashton Allbright, Haylie Brace, Kirstie Bradley, Grady Key, Ashley McDonald, Dakota Newkirk, Brandon Pendley, Ashley Price, Audrey Sanders, Caitlin Sanders, Cassandra Sanders, Donald Stoner, Akela Rose Wells, and Tyler Williams

Lady Rox Chili Supper

The Shoals Lady Jug Rox will host a chili supper Friday, November 21 in the Shoals High School Home Economics Room from 5:30-6:45 p.m. The cost is \$5 if you buy tickets from a player and \$6 at the door. Following the supper, the Jug Rox host the Lady Lions. The supper is sponsored by Carla's Catering.



Cards for heroes

-Photos provided

Loogootee Elementary collected over 70 names and addresses of veterans from the community last week for Veterans Day. The staff made envelopes and students stuffed them full of letters and coloring pages or the vets. They hope to make even more next year. First grade classes are pictured above holding their coloring pages and envelopes.



Monthly honors

-Photo provided

Loogootee Elementary has chosen students and staff member of the month of October. Students have been chosen by their teachers because they possess positive character qualities of respect, caring, integrity, responsibility, and self-discipline as well as their perfect or outstanding attendance for the month of October, no detentions or loss of recess for behavior issues, they exhibit good effort daily, and they also work well with classmates with a cooperative attitude. The staff member of the month is nominated by the school staff. Mrs. Toni Craney won the staff member of the month award for October. She has been working for the corporation for 13 years and is currently serving as the head cook at the elementary school. She has been married to Larry Craney for 31 years, and they have four children, Eddie, Sarah, Rebecca, and Travis. She also has four grandchildren and one on the way. Her favorite quote is, "If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all!" The students of the month for October were Isiah Jones, kindergarten; Emilee Auterson, first grade; Mylee Hembree, second grade; Austin Rasico, third grade; and Issac Eagle, fourth grade.



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Purdue offers free online computer programming course to Indiana high school students

BY ELIZABETH K. GARDNER
Purdue University News Service

Purdue University is offering a popular introductory computer science and programming course for free to high school students in Indiana.

The online course, "Introduction to Object-Oriented Programming," offers an introduction to computer science and the Java programming language. The course will not be graded or count toward credit requirements, but it covers material similar to the computer science Advanced Placement course and could prepare a student to test out of Purdue's or another institution's freshman programming class.

The course is available to any high school student in Indiana, including those who are home schooled. Enrollment for the spring semester is open now through December 1. The self-paced course does not have a completion deadline, but the online support and teaching assistants will only be available through the end of each semester. Students interested in enrolling should contact Despoina "Debbie" Perouli, visiting assistant professor of computer science, at depe@purdue.edu.

The course is an extension of the Department of Computer Science's Bridge Program that helps students with an interest in

computer science, but who have little or no programming experience, succeed in their first year at the university. The program introduces students to basic computer science and programming concepts at a comfortable pace.

The online course grew out of a successful bricks-and-mortar summer class that was first offered in 2012, said Sunil Prabhakar, professor and head of the Department of Computer Science.

"The class has been instrumental to the success and retention of students at Purdue, and we wanted to extend it to any Indiana high school student, whether they intend to attend this university or not," Prabhakar said. "As a land-grant institution, we feel it is our responsibility to step in and bridge the gap so that no student who desires a future in computer science is left behind due to a lack of resources or availability of classes."

Many high schools in Indiana do not offer courses in computer science and programming, and only 1.1 percent of the Advanced Placement tests taken in the state last year were computer science exams, said Phil Sands, the K-12 outreach coordinator for the department.

"We have about 75,000 high school seniors in this state and only 500 are taking the college preparatory exam in computer science," he said. "That is something that

needs to change, and with this online course we are taking a major step toward making a difference for young people in Indiana."

Those with advanced computing skills are already in demand, and employment of computer and information research scientists is expected to grow by 15 percent from 2012-2022, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

Graduates of Purdue's computer science

program have close to a 100 percent job placement rate and earn among the highest starting salaries of all graduates, Prabhakar said.

Strengthening computer science and educating more students in the field is part of Purdue Moves, a range of university initiatives designed to broaden Purdue's global impact and enhance educational opportunities for its students.

Wills, Trusts, and Ethics Institute is December 12 at VU

Early bird registration for the 16th Annual Wills, Trusts, and Ethics Institute is underway through December 1. The institute, hosted by the Vincennes University Foundation, will be held on December 12 in the Indiana Center for Applied Technology on VU's campus.

The regular registration fee is \$210, with a reduced Early Bird fee of \$185 if submitted or postmarked by December 1.

The annual institute has provided a continuing education opportunity for area attorneys, CPAs, bank trust officers, and Certified Financial Planners (CFP) who specialize in creating or managing estate wills and trusts.

Continuing Education Units (CEU) approval has been received from the Indiana Commission for Continuing Legal Education and the Certified Financial Planner

Board of Standards Inc.

The speakers are noted professionals in Indiana in such areas as estate tax planning, conflict of interests, and family trusts and estates.

There are four ways to register:

Information and registration is available online at <http://alumni.viu.edu/wtei>.

A copy of the registration form can be downloaded and mailed with payment to 16th Annual Wills, Trusts, and Ethics Institute, VU Foundation, 1002 N. First Street, Vincennes, IN 47591.

The registration form and your credit card information may be faxed to the VU Foundation at 812-888-5942.

To register by credit card over the telephone, call the VU Foundation at 812-888-4510 or toll free at 877-300-6992 and have your credit card information available.

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Camp fire

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Loogootee Boy Scout Troop 484 are shown above enjoying the camp fire at Boggs Park after a five-mile hike. From left to right are Larry Padgett, Jonathan Cropp, Zane Cropp and Cordell Padgett.

Emergency planning committee to meet tomorrow

The Martin County Local Emergency Planning Committee will meet Thursday, November 20 at 7 p.m. at the Martin County Fire/Rescue Facility on Highway 50.

The mission of the LEPC is to coordinate emergency response for any disaster involving hazardous waste.

The LEPC maintains a listing of all storage or usage facilities maintaining hazardous waste, and assists emergency response personnel with the identification and proper handling of the hazardous waste.

In addition to maintaining such records, the LEPC assists in coordinating training prior to an emergency, and identifying additional requirements resulting from an emergency, such as methods of securing the scene, routes and process for evacuation of personnel and residents in the immediate area, temporary facilities for evacuated personnel, and organized methods of recovery and return of personnel after a disaster. Anyone interested in assisting the LEPC for disaster preparedness is welcome to attend this meeting.



Veterans Day program

-Photo provided

Parkview Village Christian Care held a Veterans Day program last Tuesday, November 11. Jack Terrell shared some special thoughts and honored each resident and staff veteran with a certificate. Shown above are Bob Henning, George Hammer, Walter Brown, Loren Edmondson, Robert Lehman, Ray Hart, Jack Terrell, Bruce Poindexter, Leon Baker, and Derl Littrell. Not available for the picture were Glen Mottern and James Beck.

Calendar of Events

Loogootee Council special meeting

The Loogootee City Council will hold a special meeting Wednesday, November 19 at 6 p.m. to discuss blighted properties and farm animals within the city limits. The meeting is open to the public.

Boy Scouts

Boys interested in Boy Scouts, call 295-6652 or 854-7837 for information on joining.

Cub Scout meetings

Cub scout meetings are held at Loogootee United Methodist Church on the first, third, and fourth Monday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Bryan Adams at 812-854-7837.

SOAR Tutoring

Need Skills? SOAR tutors can help! Free and confidential. Call or text Beverly 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 third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the

recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

Humane society meetings

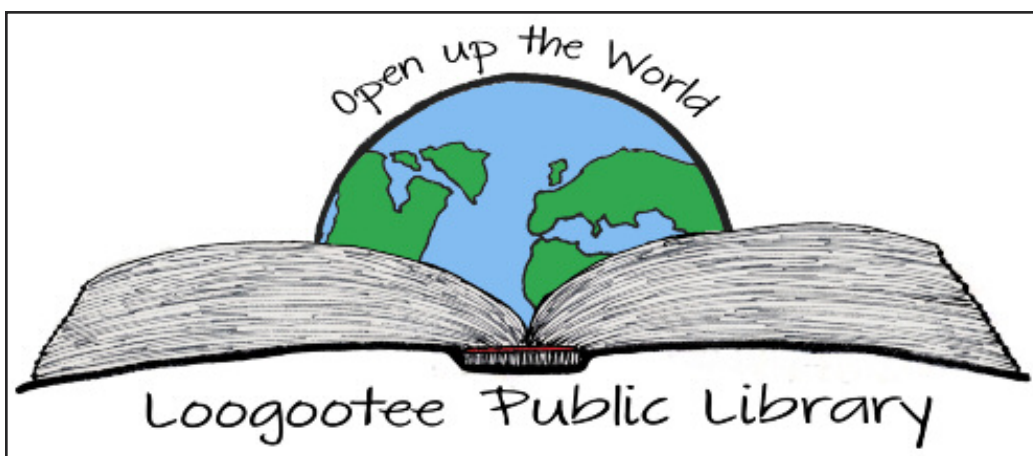
The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 7 p.m. Members of the humane society are invited to attend. To find out how to become a member, call the shelter at 812-295-5900 or email mchs@frontier.com.

Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Martin County Community Learning Center on the fairgrounds.

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.



BY DARLA WAGLER Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

On Tuesday, November 25, Jodi Wolfenbarger, jmwolfen@stvincent.org, IAUWW, Health & Human Services Federally Certified & State Licensed Affordable Health Care Navigator will be at the library from 10 a.m. to noon. You may email her to set up an appointment to discuss insurance needs during this open enrollment period.

The library will be having a 75th anniversary celebration on December 2 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. please take a moment out of your busy schedule to stop in and enjoy

some refreshments and support your local library. We will have pictures and memorabilia representing the last 75 years.

New Books:

Mystery Fiction: "The Job" by Janet Evanovich, "The Cinderella Murder" by Mary Higgins Clark.

Fiction "The Escape" by David Baldacci, "The Mistletoe Promise" by Richard Paul Evans,

Inspirational Fiction: "Love Without End" by Robin Lee Hatcher.

NonFiction: "Living the Quaker Way: Discover the Hidden Happiness in The Simple Life" by Philip Gulley.

New DVDs: "How To Train Your Dragon 2".

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. Check out the website www.loogootee.lib.in.us or like us on Facebook.



BILL WALKER

Bill Walker joins Century 21 in Loogootee

Century 21 Classic Realty welcomes Bill Walker to their real estate team. Bill was born and raised in the local area and graduated from Loogootee High School. In addition to spending time with his two daughters, Hannah and Lilli, Bill enjoys fishing and boating. Bill is excited to have the opportunity to serve the local community and he is committed to work hard to meet all your real estate needs. He may be contacted at 812-296-1807.

Humane Society featured pets



Lisa is a very young basset/pit mix puppy. She is playful and sweet. If interested in adopting, stop by the shelter at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. Shelter hours are Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by appt. any day except Sunday.



We at The Cartridge Depot wish to extend our deep appreciation to the local fire department and the numerous other fire departments from surrounding areas who came to assist in controlling and extinguishing the fire in downtown Loogootee. These fire fighters kept the fire from consuming our business. All personnel did one heck of a job in fighting this devastating fire. However we did suffer extensive damage from water and smoke. Also a thanks to law enforcement and EMTs which were present and controlled traffic and being available for whatever was taking place during that day.

We also would like to thank the local business and people who offered food and drink during the day of the fire. Also, for the offers of assistance to help in any way possible and words of encouragement during this difficult time. It is a different emotion watching your business being destroyed before your eyes and know there is nothing you can do to stop it from being destroyed.

Cartridge Depot will be operating out of our home for the present time. Our inventory and much equipment were lost during the fire. If our customers need cartridges in the interim please call us and we can get the cartridge to you. If possible, give us a couple of days' notice as we will have to contact our suppliers.

We can be contacted via e-mail at loogootee@thecartridgedepot.com and by phone at 812-709-9033.

If you cannot reach us immediately please leave a message as our email, and telephone is monitored throughout the day. We will return your call as soon as we can. Again thank you to everyone for everything to help us through that day.

Rep. Braun ready to serve Hoosiers

State Representative Mike Braun (R-Jasper) joined fellow legislators at the Statehouse yesterday, Organization Day, for the first official meeting of the 119th General Assembly. All 100 members of the House, including eight new Republicans, were sworn in by Chief Justice Loretta Rush. Rep. Braun was elected to represent House District 63, which includes portions of Daviess, Dubois, Pike and Martin counties.

"It is an honor and privilege to represent our community at the Statehouse," said Rep. Braun. "I am eager to serve the people of southwest Indiana and ready to work with my colleagues to find common ground on solutions that are critical to our state's future. I look forward to making our area of the state the best place to live, work and raise a family."

Last month, House Republicans released their 2015 legislative agenda which works to increase accountability for all Hoosiers while strengthening Indiana in four major categories: the biennial budget, education, ethics and public safety. That focus was emphasized today as House Speaker Brian Bosma (R-Indianapolis) addressed members of the Indiana House, highlighting the importance of increasing accountability for all Hoosiers.

"My top priority this session will be to pass an honestly balanced budget that does not increase taxes on Hoosiers," said Rep.



REP. MIKE BRAUN

Braun. "We must also continue to strengthen our education system by focusing dollars on the classroom and working to fix the discrepancies in the funding formula."

Visit www.in.gov/legislative/house_republicans/ to learn more about Rep. Braun.

Rep. Braun (R-Jasper) represents portions of Daviess, Dubois, Pike and Martin counties.

Robocalls on the rise, sign-up for Do Not Call List

The use of robocalls to solicit Hoosiers over the phone continues to rise, said Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller. About 60 percent of the 10,000 Do Not Call complaints filed with the Attorney General's Telephone Privacy Division in 2014 site robocalls.

Robocalling, which refers to the use of technology that automatically dials residential phone numbers and plays prerecorded messages, is illegal in Indiana under its Auto Dialer Law.

The Attorney General's Office continues to crack down on telemarketers or scammers who disregard Indiana's telephone privacy statutes. In 2014 so far, the Office has taken legal action against 11 Do Not Call or robocall violators, and obtained judgments and settlements totaling more than \$6 million.

As the Attorney General's Office works to uphold Hoosiers' privacy, members of the public who wish to block unwanted calls are encouraged to sign up for the state's Do Not Call list by visiting www.IndianaConsumer.com or calling 1.888.834.9969. The next quarterly deadline to sign up for the list is Tuesday, November 18. Nearly two and a half million Indiana phone numbers are currently registered.

"If you are registered on Indiana's Do Not Call list and are still being harassed by telemarketers or robocalls, the Attorney General's Office is able to seek stiffer penalties for these violations," Zoeller said. "If you are not registered, I encourage you to sign up and to report violators to my office.

These calls are not only annoying, they are often scams."

The top five complaint categories received by the Telephone Privacy Division in 2014 include:

- Credit services
- Home security systems
- Phishing scams, including fake "IRS calls"

Computer services, i.e. tech support scam calls

Prizes/sweepstakes scams
For tips on avoiding telephone scams, visit <http://in.gov/attorneygeneral/2538.htm>.

In Indiana, most robocalls are illegal regardless of whether or not a consumer's number is registered on the Do Not Call list. Exceptions include calls from school districts to students, parents or employees and businesses advising employees of work schedules. It is also legal if a live phone operator first obtains your permission before playing a pre-recorded message.

Consumers can register their residential landline, cell, VOIP or prepaid wireless numbers on the Do Not Call list. Individuals do not need to re-register unless their address has changed. To sign up or to confirm a number is already on the list, visit www.IndianaConsumer.com or call 1.888.834.9969. Out-of-state area codes can also be added as long as the billing address is located in Indiana.

Those consumers who are registered and receive an unwanted call can file a complaint by visiting www.IndianaConsumer.com.

Becky Skillman names new communications lead for Radius

Radius Indiana President/CEO, Becky Skillman, last Thursday announced the addition of a new staff member. Linton native, Amy Lore, has assumed the communications and marketing responsibilities for Radius. Lore will also support the communications needs of the WestGate@Crane Technology Park through her work with STIMULUS Engineering Services, Inc.

"I have worked with Amy for nearly a decade, and I am happy to have her skill and professionalism behind the Radius brand," Skillman said. "She understands our small cities and towns, and she is just as passionate about them as others on the Radius team. I've watched her succeed as

she has moved into roles in academia and now in the private sector, and I have every confidence that the region is in the best possible hands with Amy on board."



AMY LORE

Lore previously served as a staff member for former U.S. Senator Jon Kyl (R-AZ), before joining Skillman's state house staff in 2005. She was a long-standing member of Skillman's communications team, leaving in 2012 to pursue graduate studies. Returning to the workforce with STIMULUS in 2013, Lore supports the company's management of the WestGate Academy Conferencing and Training Center as well as the general communications needs of the Technology Park.

State utility consumer advocate says Duke Energy's \$1.87 billion infrastructure plan should be rejected

The Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC) is recommending denial of Duke Energy's request to implement a new \$1.87 billion infrastructure improvement plan, including recovery of the costs through rates over the next seven years.

In testimony filed late Friday with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC), the OUCC states that Duke Energy's testimony and exhibits do not include either adequate cost estimates or project scope details that are necessary for a meaningful evaluation.

Duke Energy is seeking approval of its seven-year plan, with accompanying rate increases, under a 2013 Indiana law. The law allows utilities to adjust rates every six months, with OUCC review and IURC approval, while the project costs are being incurred. It also requires the IURC to issue an order within 210 days of the filing of the initial long-term plan.

"The information we found in Duke Energy's filings does not meet the statute's requirements, while also falling short of the standards established in previous cases involving the approval of other utilities' plans," said Indiana Utility Consumer Counselor David Stippler. "The statute does not remove the obligation the OUCC and IURC have to review these plans. At the same time, it does not promise rate increases to utilities that fail to provide adequate evidence."

The OUCC's testimony notes that: The scope of projects and large amounts of ratepayer money that are at stake in seven-year plan cases, combined with the expedited timeframes required in the statute for such cases, make it crucial for utilities to provide adequate information when the cases are filed. Data needed for a meaningful OUCC evaluation were neither included in Duke Energy's case-in-chief nor in the utility's responses to numerous discovery

requests from OUCC attorneys.

IURC orders on similar requests by Northern Indiana Public Service Co. (NIPSCO) and Vectren Energy Delivery afforded Duke Energy plenty of opportunity to be aware of the type of data the Commission has declared necessary for a meaningful review, including the need to provide detailed project estimates and to demonstrate that the utility is focusing on replacing aging assets (such as aging poles, lines, transformers, etc.) that face the most risk throughout its transmission and distribution system.

Numerous items in Duke Energy's seven-year plan are beyond the statutory scope of what is allowed in the accompanying rate recovery mechanism, including vegetation management projects, replacement of existing radio communications systems, operation center upgrades that include a combination of remodeling and security improvements, and a proposed \$3 million energy learning center.

Due to the absence of any comprehensive business plan, the OUCC cannot determine the feasibility of Duke Energy's proposal to replace existing customer meters with advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) devices - commonly known as "smart meters." No other Indiana utility has sought AMI implementation in similar cases.

Duke Energy received a \$107 million increase in its last base rate case in 2004. Since then, the monthly bill for a Duke Energy residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours has risen by more than 65 percent through various rate adjustment mechanisms, or trackers.

Duke Energy has until December 5, 2014 to file rebuttal testimony with an IURC evidentiary hearing scheduled to start December 18, 2014 in Indianapolis. By law, the IURC must issue an order in this case by March 27, 2015.

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