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County council discusses budget, raises, building

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The Martin County Council held a special meeting Monday night, September 16 to discuss the 2025 budget.

The council took out a request from the Purdue Extension office to add an extension educator and to start a leadership program. They also removed a request from the probation department to add a probation officer. The council had approved the probation department to add a part-time case manager position for the second half of 2024. The probation department asked that to continue and become a full-time position. According to the council, the probation department has enough money in their supplemental user fund to fund a part-time position but not full-time. The council decided to let the position continue as part-time with the probation department using their user fund. Council Member Jordan Dant said that probation noted during budget hearings that they would be happy with having the part-time case manager, if they could not get a new probation officer. The council also removed \$100,000 from the ambulance budget for the purchase of a fourth ambulance for the county.

The council did not discuss how they plan to pay for the \$750,000 due soon for the matching money for the federal bridge replacement on Brickyard Road.

The council spent quite a bit of time discussing what kind of raises they wanted to give to county employees. Each department had requested their own raise percentages, but the council agreed at their last meeting to keep it the same for all employees. According to Council Member Dant, the budget works with five percent raises but they would like to see that increased, if possible. Council Member Monty Gregory said he would like to see the sheriff's department employees receive more of a raise than the other departments because the sheriff's department continues to lose employees. Council Member Dant asked if salaries were the reason the sheriff's department has such high turnover.

He asked if the human resources director does exit interviews with employees. Teresa Albright, from the auditor's office, said she didn't think exit interviews were done. Dant said it would be interesting to know if pay was the reason employees were not staying with the sheriff's department. Stephen Shout, who was in the audience, said he has talked to some of the employees, and it is pay that is causing them to leave.

In the end, the council decided to do at least a five percent raise but requested that Auditor Michelle Norris ask the county's financial advisor, FSG, to run the numbers to see if they can go as high as seven percent.

Council Member Dant said he would like to go ahead and get the process started to reduce the EDIT (Economic Development Income Tax) by .2 percent and move that to a new LIT (Local Income Tax) for the ambulance service. He said this will reduce the amount of money the city and towns receive from EDIT however that money would be considered Local. (See 'COUNCIL' on page 2)

Shoals Town Council approves 2025 budget

The Shoals Town Council met for their annual budget hearing on Monday, September 9. Those in attendance were Council Members Cary D. Albright via Zoom, Kevin Boyd, and Micky Crew and Clerk-Treasurer Tina Franklin.

Clerk-Treasurer Franklin had provided the council with Form #1 2025 Budget Estimates and the Notice to Taxpayers prior to the meeting for all to look over in case there were any questions.

After the council reviewed the documents, Councilman Albright asked those in attendance if there were any questions or concerns on the budget. There were no questions or concerns.

Albright asked for a motion to approve the budget as presented. Councilwoman Crew made a motion to approve the budget with Councilman Boyd seconding the motion. The motion carried.

The budget adoption meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 7 at 3:45 p.m.

ROI awarded \$9.5 million DoD contract to advance microelectronics education and workforce training opportunities

Regional Opportunity Initiatives (ROI) has been awarded a three-year contract for \$9,577,447 million for its multi-layered microelectronics (ME) workforce initiative. The project, funded through the Department of Defense (DoD)'s Industrial Base Analysis and Sustainment (IBAS) program, supports the National Defense Industrial Strategy's priorities of enhancing Supply Chain Resilience and Workforce Readiness. ROI's multi-year approach may extend the project for two additional years for a five-year contract value of \$15,017,577.

Over the life of the award, ROI will collaborate with K-12 schools, postsecondary colleges and universities, employer partners, and other institutions to develop and enhance the region's ME ecosystem and expertise through a Rural Indiana Workforce Development for Microelectronics project.

Through vertically aligned and integrated activities, ROI and its partners will promote microelectronics-related careers, accelerate students and workers into and through training and development pipelines, and inspire the next generation of industrial skilled professionals. Examples of deployed activities across the 11 counties of the Indiana Uplands will include K-12 microelectronics education and career awareness outreach, Ivy Tech postsecondary certifications, youth apprenticeship programming with ME industry partners, and the development of an ME regional education and training hub.

ROI's IBAS award supports the goals of the National Imperative for Industrial Skills (NIIS) initiative to promote the prestige of manufacturing and industrial careers, accelerate training development pipelines, and elevate U.S. manufacturing to world-leading status. Since its launch in 2020, DoD has supported more than 50 public-private NIIS projects across the country to reignite U.S. industrial modernization, boost manufacturing and engineering skills and workforce development, and strengthen economic, defense, and national security capabilities.

ROI's ME education and workforce initiative builds on the region's growing leadership and prominence in microelectronics. Since 2021, the Indiana Uplands has seen significant investments to enhance the region's ecosystem as a national leader for ME research, development, testing, and packaging, including:

Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane Division, a premier federal laboratory, continues to add DoD-wide contract authority, attracting significant talent and interest in partnerships with industry to provide science, technology, research, and comprehensive support for complex military systems. Today, 65% percent of NSWC Crane's 3,900 employees and 2,500 contractors are scientists, engineers, and technicians, with a 60% growth in PhDs over the last five years.

Just beyond the gates of Naval Support Activity Crane, along Interstate 69, is WestGate@Crane, a 750-acre research technology park that has grown to 50 tenants spanning from Fortune 500 firms to startups producing cutting-edge

technology and research in microelectronics, artificial intelligence/machine learning, and hypersonics. Design has also begun for a trusted advanced packaging multi-company ME manufacturing campus at WestGate@Crane, which will speed the re-shoring of U.S. semiconductor manufacturing and create high-tech jobs with average salaries of more than \$100K/year.

The Indiana Uplands is home to the Silicon Crossroads Microelectronics Commons (SCMC) Hub, one of eight CHIPS and Science Act-funded regional innovation hubs. Led by the Applied Research Institute, SCMC was awarded \$32.9 million for microelectronics prototyping and workforce development and is focusing initially on secure edge/IOT computing, 5g/6g technology, artificial intelligence, quantum technology, electromagnetic warfare, and commercial leap-ahead technologies.

In June, Indiana University, Purdue University, and the University of Notre Dame established The Indiana Research Consortium, a first-of-its-kind joint research effort to drive innovations and advancements in areas critical to U.S. national security and NSWC Crane, including microelectronics, hypersonics, energetics, and cyber-physical systems.

In the last year, Indiana University and Purdue University have both announced multi-year ME, AI, and cybersecurity investments in facilities, equipment, faculty and initiatives in collaboration with NSWC Crane. These investments will accelerate innovative solutions to security challenges and boost the growth of the Indiana and U.S. microelectronics industry.

ROI is facilitating K-12 school district curriculum alignment efforts with Indiana's Scalable Asymmetric Lifecycle Engagement (SCALE) network. Led by Purdue University, funded by the Department of Defense, supported by financial matching from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation, and managed by NSWC Crane, SCALE is a public-private academic partnership of 22 universities and 48 partners within the defense industry and government to help prepare students for ME careers in the defense sector. The SCALE workforce development program includes unique courses, mentoring, internships, research projects, scholarships, and job placement.

"The Indiana Uplands continues to be laser-focused on growing upon its significant capabilities and capacity as an innovation hub," said ROI President and CEO Tina Peterson. "The IBAS investment offers additional evidence that this region is positioned to leverage its often-unparalleled expertise in advanced technologies to not only bring opportunity to our region and our state but also to support national imperatives. NSWC Crane's legacy expertise in microelectronics and semiconductors coupled with that of Indiana's three research universities has allowed this region and its partners across the state to step forward expeditiously and lead at a time of critical importance."

(See 'CONTRACT' on page 2)



Shoals Students of the Month

-Photo provided

Shoals High School teachers nominated students for the August Students of the Month. Criteria included displaying great classroom behavior, kindness, academic efforts, attitude, and character. Winners included 12th grader Gage Gilbert, 11th grader Olivia Wright, 9th grader Carter Rice, and 10th grader Caysen Majerus. Students enjoyed lunch donated from BoMac's. Congratulations students and thank you BoMac's for sponsoring the lunch this month.

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Peterson added that ROI is committed to doing its part to ensure that our defense partners have the talent necessary to deliver upon their opportunities and potential. “We are grateful to the DoD for providing the resources through this program to accelerate the development of an ME workforce prepared to succeed in these technical, high-wage professions,” she said. “Both the size of the sector in the region and the scale of its mission requires a continuous and growing focus on talent development, retention, and attraction.”

The Indiana Uplands region is home to Naval Support Activity Crane, the third-largest Naval Installation in the world and the 11th-largest single-site employer in Indiana. For every ten jobs at NSA Crane through its tenants Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane Division (NSWC Crane) and Crane Army Ammunition Activities (CAAA), another six jobs exist in defense-related industry and activities throughout the region.

The region’s robust defense cluster represents a multi-faceted private enterprise with activities of the federal government reinforced and supported by an innovation ecosystem of defense contracting companies. The defense sector in Indiana Uplands focuses on engineering, technology, storage, production, and demilitarization services. Building on the

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strengths of the Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane Division (NSWC Crane), research and development focused on advanced technologies that include microelectronics, cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, machine learning, and hypersonics.

NSA Crane, NSWC Crane, and regional defense contractors have a combined economic impact of over \$3 billion annually for the Uplands region.

“We are thrilled IBAS is investing in the region through this partnership with ROI,” said Jenna Dix, Director of Engagement with NSWC Crane. “This initiative is a great complement to other activities in the state around microelectronics and is exactly what is needed to continue Indiana’s leadership in this critical technology area.”

COUNCIL

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gootee, Shoals and Crane’s contribution to the ambulance service. It will provide for \$503,000 to be taken from EDIT and put into LIT-EMS. Council Member Adam Greene asked why they would do this change now when it won’t go into effect until 2026. Dant replied that it should have been done a year ago. After discussion, the council approved starting the process for the change. The city and towns have to be notified that they will be losing money from their EDIT funds by August 1, 2025.

The council discussed the former Old National Bank building that the county recently purchased. At the last meeting, the council voted to stop anymore money being spent on the building until the Martin County Alliance could open the building up for any bank who would like

to operate out of it. Monday night, Council Member Greene said they have had several banks inquire about the building, but they need to decide on how much rent they will charge. Council Member Dant said they have options on what to do with the building and he is not certain the commissioners want to go into the rental business. Discussion ensued on whether they wanted to offer the building for sale to a bank or if they wanted to rent it out. It was noted that while the county owns the building, it cannot generate property taxes. Commissioner Paul George, who joined the meeting via Zoom but couldn’t get the audio to work, texted the auditor during the meeting and said the commissioners were considering charging \$3 a square foot. The council then discussed how much square footage the building offered and whether a bank would be offered the first floor and the basement. It was mentioned that the first floor of the building was around 3,000 square feet. The council decided to wait until the commissioners met the next night to see what they decided to do with the rent.

Resident Robert Bratton, from the audience, asked the council about the low-income housing project that is being discussed for Loogootee, on North Oak Street. He said he has heard rumors that it will be filled with refugees. He said he is also concerned about the crime it will bring being low-income. Resident Stephen Shout, also from the audience, said new small towns are not being created and they don’t want to lose what they have in Martin County and the reason people live here. Council Member Dant said he agrees with both men however their concerns need to go to the City of Loogootee because the council cannot control what projects they approve. Dant said he has already expressed his opinion of the project to city officials.

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SAUNDRA YOUNG

Saundra Faye (Edwards) Young passed away Friday, September 13, 2024, at her home. A resident of Shoals, she was 76.



SAUNDRA YOUNG

She was born October 3, 1947, in Monticello, Kentucky; daughter of Frank "Jack" and Vena (Sharp) Edwards.

Saundra graduated from Monticello High School with the class of 1964 and was a homemaker.

She married Tommy Young on August 15, 1964, and he survives. Saundra was a member of the Moose Lodge and the Missouri Hollow Baptist Church, Monticello, Kentucky.

She enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren whom she adored. She loved gardening, canning, and was an avid Kentucky Wildcats fan.

Surviving are her husband, Tommy, of Shoals; children, Pam (Danny) Doane and Diana (Kirk) Kidwell, both of Shoals; eight grandchildren, DJ (Molly) Sharp, Brian Lee (Jessica) Sharp, Curtis (Vanessa) Kidwell, Latrisha Sharp, Courtney (Lance) McKibben, Kayla Kidwell, Alex Doane, and Brittany Erwin; 18 great-grandchildren; sister, Tresa (David) Upchurch; brothers, Dan Edwards and Gary (Debbie) Edwards; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Jack Ray, Fred, Bruce, and Dooley Edwards; and sister, Connie Edwards.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, September 17 at the Queen-Lee Chapel of George Funeral Care. Burial followed in Port Williams Cemetery.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.queenlee.com.

NORMA ZIEGLER

Norma Jean Ziegler passed away Friday, September 13, 2024, at Memorial Hospital and Healthcare in Jasper with her family by her side. A resident of Loogootee, she was 88.

She was born May 19, 1936, in Loogootee; daughter of Simon and Irene (Mauder) Brown.

Norma was a member of Truelove Methodist Church. She married Hinz Ziegler, and he preceded her in death in 2008. In Norma's younger years she worked at a wood factory, chicken house for Vernon Matheis, and at Good Samaritan. She was a 4-H leader for over 40 years. Norma liked flowers, gardening, watching her kids, grandkids, great



NORMA ZIEGLER

grandkids in 4-H and sports, and she babysit for many children in Rutherford Township. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends. She is preceded in death by her husband, Hinz Ziegler; her parents, Simon and Irene Brown; her siblings, Vernelta Lingenfelter, Wilma Collins, Charles "Clyde" Brown, Minnie Brown, and Edward Brown; infant twin siblings, and her son-in-law, David Lagénour. She was the last of her siblings.

Norma is survived by her children, Kathy (Richard) Lingenfelter of Loogootee, Kenneth (Lynn) Ziegler of Loogootee, Deborah Lagénour of Jasper, Darlene (Leon) Goepfrich of Jasper, Jill Ziegler of Loogootee, Jason (Tammy) Ziegler of Loogootee, and Amy Raney of Washington; 20 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, and another due in January, and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held Tuesday September 17. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are kindly suggested to Truelove Community Cemetery through Martin County Community Foundation in memory of Norma.

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

Arrangements provided from Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

JAN TEMPLIN

Jan Marie Meisenhelder Templin of Carmel, Indiana passed away August 24, 2024. A resident of Carmel, she was 66. She will be remembered for all the things she was to so many loved ones - mother, grandmother, wife, sister, and friend.

She is survived by her husband, Ryan Templin; her sons, Chase Anderson (Nisha), Bryce Anderson (Allison), and her three grandchildren, Isabel, Lucas, and Jackson, as well as her siblings, Thomas "Jay" Meisenhelder (Jacquie), Joe Meisenhelder (Barb), Eric Meisenhelder, Mark Meisenhelder (Kelly), David Meisenhelder (Shelley), and her sister Cara Salyer (David), and many nieces and nephews.

Jan was born in Connersville on May 26, 1958; daughter of George and Doris Meisenhelder. She was the first daughter and the 5th of 7 siblings. She attended St. Gabriel's parish and parochial school and graduated from Connersville High School. She then went on to study Marketing Management at Ball State University. Before she graduated she ac-



JAN TEMPLIN

cepted a sales job with Belden Wire and Cable where she would go on to have an incredible 11 year career. Her drive, determination and grit led her to succeed in a primarily male dominated field and she rose to the position of National Sales Manager.

She switched career paths and became Mom in 1992 with the birth of her first son, Chase, and then her second son, Bryce, in 1994. Jan was a loving mother who poured herself not just into her sons but into the community she raised them in. From being PTA president for many years to helping with the development of a new school district, Jan spent her time giving back. Her two sons are a reflection of the incredible soul she possessed. She instilled in them a kind heart, strong sense of purpose, and her love of family. Both Chase and Bryce are happily married and starting beautiful families of their own. In the last few years, Jan gained the new title of Grandma to her grandchildren, Isabel, Lucas, and Jackson. Her boys and her grandbabies were her greatest joys.

Jan first met her husband, Ryan Templin, on the FastPark airport bus- both on the way to visit their grandchildren. They exchanged numbers and reconnected after returning from their families. With the many trips back and forth between Carmel and Loogootee, Jan and Ryan drove their way into each other's hearts. They married on December 31, 2023. They picked out a house together in Loogootee and Jan turned it into a beautiful home where they enjoyed neighborhood walks and bocce ball in the backyard. While their time together was short, the joy and love they gave each other is evident in the happy and full life they built together in the years they were together.

Jan was also "one of the girls" and had the best community of women surrounding her in all phases of her life. She was fiercely loyal and the kind of friend who made you feel like the most important person in the room. She could always light up a room and was the one to get the party started. She leaned into her friendships to lift her up in both good and bad times. From walks through the neighborhood to girls trips to the beach, her friends were a special part of her life.

Jan was a beautiful presence and her

absence will be felt by many. Please join us in celebrating her life. A visitation will be held on Thursday, September 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, September 19 at the church. Burial will follow in St. John Catholic Cemetery. A Celebration of Life will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus, please join Ryan and family to reminisce on a beautiful life and have a drink too.

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

COYEVILLE "COY" BELCHER

Coyeville "Coy" Belcher passed away Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at St. Mary's Hospital, Evansville. A resident of Shoals, he was 88.

He was born July 9, 1936, in French Lick; son of Everett D Belcher and Evelyn (Crowder) Traylor.

He married Shirley Grafton on January 1, 1956, at the Shoals United Methodist Church.

Coy graduated from Shoals High School with the class of 1955.

He worked at National Gypsum for nearly 50 years before retiring and hauled stone for many years in his personal eight-ton dump truck.

Coy was a veteran of the United States Army and a member of the Loogootee Christian Church.

Surviving are his children, Sandra (Roger) Wraley of Shoals, Leanna (Jim) Potts of Shoals, and Darrin (Stephanie) Belcher of Kentucky; grandchildren, Jasmine (Jared) Sheetz, Taylor (Lauren) Belcher, Clayton Belcher, Brynnae Belcher, and Jamer Potts; great-grandchildren, Xander Sheetz, Ben Belcher, Ava Belcher, and Audrey Belcher; sisters, Mary Pierson and Alice Tedrow; sister-in-law, Shirley Belcher; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Shirley; siblings, Dale Belcher, Ray Belcher, and Anis Arlounine in infancy; and brothers-in-law, Dale Tedrow and Bill Pierson.

A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, September 21 at the Queen-Lee Chapel of George Funeral Care with Pastor Ed Frost officiating. Burial will follow in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. Friday, September 20 at the Queen-Lee Chapel, Shoals.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

9:29 p.m. - Received a report of a single-vehicle accident with no injuries north of Shoals. Major Reed responded.

11:06 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to IU Health Bedford.

11:18 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Daviess County EMS responded.

11:33 p.m. - Received a call requesting officers in Shoals. Major Reed and Loogootee Officer Clark responded.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

2:41 a.m. - Received a 911 call from OnStar advising of an accident on US 231 North.

2:41 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a semi accident with no injuries on US 231 North. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, Martin County Civil Defense, Major Reed, Loogootee Officer Clark and Ruxer Towing responded. No one was transported.

2:46 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting the same accident. The caller was advised units were enroute.

6:10 a.m. - Received numerous calls about the road closure on US 231 North. The callers were advised of the accident in the area.

8:14 a.m. - Received a call reporting two pedestrians in the roadway south of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

8:30 a.m. - Received a request to speak with a deputy. Captain Gibson responded.

11:10 a.m. - Received a request for assistance in Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

11:53 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Loogootee Chief Hunt responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:56 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Corporal Hawkins returned the call.

2:21 p.m. - Received a report of a possible scam call in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Stivers responded.

2:34 p.m. - Received a call requesting an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Stivers responded.

3:55 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Corporal Hawkins responded.

4:52 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries south of Loogootee. Corporal Hawkins and Big John's Towing responded.

5:22 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:46 p.m. - Received a call reporting a possible traffic hazard south of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Stivers responded.

7:35 p.m. - Received a call reporting a suspicious vehicle northeast of Loogootee. Major Reed responded.

7:39 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer. Loogootee Officer Garab responded.

9:24 p.m. - Received a call requesting assistance southeast of Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

10:04 p.m. - Received a report of a possible domestic dispute southeast of Shoals. Major Reed and Corporal Hawkins responded.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

3:01 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a suspicious vehicle south of Loogootee. Major Reed and Loogootee Officer Garab responded.

7:55 a.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County

Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

8:53 a.m. - Deputy Branham transported one inmate to court.

9:43 a.m. - Received a call advising that Loogootee Schools would be doing a fire drill today.

9:47 a.m. - Received a call from Area 1 Protection advising of a fire alarm at Loogootee Schools. Advised it is just a fire drill.

10:48 a.m. - Deputy Branham transported one inmate to court.

11:05 a.m. - Received a call from Care Center advising of a medical button push in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Loogootee Chief Hunt responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:22 a.m. - Received a report of an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Hunt responded.

2:35 p.m. - Received a report of heavy smoke northeast of Shoals. Indian Creek Fire Department responded.

3:41 p.m. - Received a call requesting assistance in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Clark responded.

4:01 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. Corporal Hawkins responded.

4:06 p.m. - Received two 911 calls requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Medic 3, Loogootee Fire Department, Loogootee Officer Clark, Captain Gibson and Corporal Hawkins responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:39 p.m. - Received a report of a neighbor dispute in Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

5:50 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Sergeant Wells responded.

6:04 p.m. - Received a call reporting a possible theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Clark responded.

6:32 p.m. - Received a 911 call with no one on the line. Sergeant Wells responded.

6:34 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

6:35 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle east of Shoals. Sergeant Wells and Corporal Hawkins responded.

8:09 p.m. - Received a call reporting possible harassment. Corporal Hawkins responded.

8:52 p.m. - Received a report of a theft north of Loogootee. Corporal Hawkins responded.

9:50 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver on US 50 traveling west. Major Reed, Sergeant Wells and Corporal Hawkins responded. Daviess County was notified.

11:36 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Clark responded.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

1:26 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Garab and Major Reed responded.

2:12 a.m. - Received an animal complaint. Loogootee Officer Garab responded.

5:02 a.m. - Received a 911 call advising of a disabled vehicle south of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Garab and Major Reed responded.

5:32 a.m. - Received a call from BTech Fire and Security advising of a residential burglar alarm Southeast of Shoals. Major Reed responded.

7:51 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Sheriff Greene responded.

8:54 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Captain Gibson responded.

11:39 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer. Loogootee Assistant Chief Wagoner responded.

11:46 a.m. - Received a report of a neighbor dispute north of Shoals. Captain Gibson, Sergeant Wells and Corporal Hawkins responded.

12:44 p.m. - Received a report of property damage north of Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded.

1:19 p.m. - Received a call reporting a semi and a field on fire south of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Lost River Fire Department, Martin County Civil Defense, Martin County Medic 1, Captain Gibson, Sergeant Wells and Corporal Hawkins responded. No one was transported.

2:48 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Sergeant Wells, Corporal Hawkins and Deputy Branham responded.

3:15 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check north of Shoals. Sergeant Wells responded.

4:22 p.m. - Received a report of an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Wagoner responded.

4:58 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance northeast of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:07 p.m. - Received a call reporting a suspicious male southwest of Loogootee. Advised Daviess County.

5:31 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check north of Shoals. Deputy Shields responded.

6:09 p.m. - Received a call reporting possible illegal digging northeast of Loogootee. Indiana Conservation Officer Fuhrman and Deputy Shields responded.

6:18 p.m. - Received a call reporting a tree on a powerline northeast of Shoals. REMC responded.

6:19 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231 South, traveling south. Advised Dubois County.

7:15 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Lost River Fire Department and Sergeant Wells responded. No one was transported.

7:26 p.m. - Received a call reporting a possible theft north of Loogootee. Deputy Shields responded.

7:34 p.m. - Received a call from Medical Guardian advising of a medical alarm push in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

7:59 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County Medic 2, Shoals Fire Department, Sheriff Greene and Sergeant Wells responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:35 p.m. - Received a call reporting an accident with no injuries in Shoals. Sergeant Wells responded.

10:13 p.m. - Received a call reporting a suspicious male north of Shoals. Major Reed, Indiana Conservation Officer Fuhrman, Deputy Erwin, Deputy Shields and Loogootee Officer Clark responded.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

4:15 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident north of Shoals. Major Reed responded.

4:25 a.m. - Received a call from BTech Fire and Security advising of a residential burglar alarm Southeast of Shoals. Keyholder advised to disregard.

6:30 a.m. - Received a 911 call request-

ing a vehicle unlock south of Loogootee. Big John's responded.

6:36 a.m. - Received a call reporting an injured deer in the roadway west of Shoals. Deputy Erwin responded.

8:58 a.m. - Received a call requesting assistance in Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

9:27 a.m. - Received a 911 call on Crane Base. Transferred call to Crane 911.

9:44 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Assistant Chief Wagoner responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:45 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock east of Shoals. Deputy Baumgart responded.

5:23 p.m. - Received a call from Daviess County reporting a stolen vehicle that is in our county. Loogootee Officer Clark, Deputy Shields, Deputy Baumgart and Big John's Towing responded.

7:57 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down southwest of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

8:10 p.m. - Received a 911 call from an Orange County address. Transferred call to Orange County 911.

9:29 p.m. - Received two 911 calls with no one on the line in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Clark and Deputy Shields responded.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

1:02 a.m. - Received a call requesting assistance in Shoals. Deputy Erwin responded.

2:46 a.m. - Received a 911 call with no one on the line Southeast of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Clark responded.

4:10 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious male in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Clark responded.

9:03 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down northeast of Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

9:30 a.m. - Received a report of illegal dumping east of Loogootee. Deputy Branham and Loogootee Chief Hunt responded.

12:05 p.m. - Received a report of livestock out east of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Gibson and Deputy Baumgart responded.

12:38 p.m. - Received a report of a trespasser in Loogootee. Sergeant Wells, Deputy Baumgart and Loogootee Officer Gibson responded.

12:56 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Loogootee. Deputy Baumgart responded.

2:05 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle on US 50 in Shoals. Loogootee Officer Gibson and Deputy Baumgart responded.

3:50 p.m. - Received a call from Orange County advising of a suspicious vehicle possibly traveling on US 150. All on duty officers were notified.

4:29 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting assistance east of Shoals. ISP Master Trooper Lents and Loogootee Officer Stivers responded.

4:47 p.m. - Received a call requesting an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Stivers and Loogootee Officer Garab responded.

6:36 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance and officers north of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Officer Garab and Deputy Shields responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:13 p.m. - Received a call from Daviess County requesting a welfare check east of Loogootee. Deputy Shields responded.

7:13 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check in Daviess County. Notified Daviess County of the call.

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS
September 5
Shannon F. Blankenship, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 244 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 122 actual days previously served plus 122 Class A credit days.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED
September 5
Shannon F. Blankenship, possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; five counts of failure to appear, Level 6 Felonies, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT
New Suits Filed
September 4
Velocity Investments, LLC vs. Teresa Holt, civil collection.
Alex Guyer vs. Kaitlyn Guyer, petition for dissolution of marriage.

September 5
Annemie Smith vs. Logan Padgett, petition for dissolution of marriage.

September 9
LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Terrin Ball, civil collection.
Melissa K. Rice vs. Matthew I. Rice, petition for dissolution of marriage.
Synthia Osgatharp vs. Tad Osgatharp, petition for dissolution of marriage.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS
September 5
Judgment in favor of the plaintiff One-Main Financial Group, LLC and against the defendant Victoriah Hatter in the amount of \$7,482.07.

September 6
Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Discover Bank and against the defendant Victoriah Hatter in the amount of \$1,840.71.
Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Mariner Finance and against the defendant Christopher Anderson in the amount of

\$3,948.95.
Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Capital One and against the defendant Christopher Douglas in the amount of \$23,115.29.
Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Teresa Holt in the amount of \$5,835.57.

September 9
Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midland Credit Management, Inc. and against the defendant Amy Quinn in the amount of \$936.54.
Judgment in favor of the plaintiff UHG I, LLC and against the defendant Leann Jones in the amount of \$1,982.51.
Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midland Credit Management, Inc. and against the defendant Stacey Font in the amount of \$1,302.76.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC and against the defendant Breanna Lytton in the amount of \$1,344.45.
Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Cavalry SPV I, LLC and against the defendant Zachary Danielson in the amount of \$6,360.65.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT
New Suits Filed
September 6
Estate of Lucius A. Taylor vs. Sarah Pruitt, eviction.

SMALL CLAIMS DISMISSED
September 6
Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Elizabeth Stoll, complaint, dismissed.

MARRIAGE LICENSES
Tamara Lynn Florio of Shoals and Kevin Maurice Hovis of Shoals.
William D. Westhafer of Shoals and Chalayna Nichole Eads of Shoals.
Kenneth Thomas Fellers of Loogootee and Hailey Madison Clark of Loogootee.

Martin County real estate transfers

BJ's Stowaway Storage Units, LLC, of Martin County, Indiana to **Helm 44, Inc.** of Martin County, Indiana, parts of Lots Numbered 75 and 76 in Keck's Addition to Loogootee, Martin County, Indiana.

John Everett Davidson to **Vanessa Ann Heldman**, Lot Number 106 in the original Town of Crane.

Kimberly A. Varela, of Oregon to **Billy Walker and Lorissa Walker**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in the City of Loogootee, Indiana, containing 0.29 acres, more or less.

Derek D. Holt and Teresa A. Holt, of Martin County, Indiana to **Graber Rental, LLC**, of Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 0.72 acre, more or less. More commonly known as 13145 West River Road, Shoals IN 47581.

Barbara J. Sanders, of Martin County, Indiana to **Leia Roach and Aaron Greene**, of Martin County, Indiana, 40 feet off of the west end of Lot Number 121 in Chenoweth's Extension to the Town of West Shoals, now Shoals, Indiana.

Alyssa J. Allen, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jeffrey Tyler Reed and Katherine Francine Reed**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: Lot Number 69 in the Original Town of Crane. Tract II: Lot Number 68 in the Original Town of

Crane.
Kimberly A. Varela, of Oregon to **Billy Walker and Lorissa Walker**, of Daviess County, Indiana. Tract I: A part of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing .3 of an acre, more or less. Tract II: A part of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing .09 acre, more or less. Tract III: A part of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in the City of Loogootee, Indiana, containing 0.05 acre, more or less.

Northern Property & Development, LLC, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Five Point River, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: 44 feet of even width off of the south end of Lot Number 156 in the Town of Shoals, formerly Memphis. Tract II: A part of Mill Lot in the Town of Shoals, formerly Memphis.

Darrell Ray Wagler and Lydia Wagler, of Martin County, Indiana to **Keith Eldon Wagler and Robert Arthur Stoll**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: The northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 22, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 40 acres, more or less. Tract II: The east one-half of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 21, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 20 acres, more or less.

Loogootee Police log

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
2:59 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call on US Highway 150 in Shoals.
4:28 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Sergeant Wagoner responded to a medical call on Vine Street.
4:30 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Sergeant Wagoner responded to a medical call on Vine Street.
4:50 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call at the Loogootee Police Station.
6:18 p.m. - Officer Clark responded to a call at Bowling Trailer Court.
11:33 p.m. - Officer Clark responded to a call at the fire station in Shoals.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
2:41 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Officer Clark responded to a call on US Highway 231.
11:53 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Chief Hunt responded to a medical call on Cedar Street.
11:57 a.m. - Chief Hunt responded to a call at Southwind Manor Apartments.
2:34 p.m. - Officer Stivers responded to a call at the Loogootee Police Department.
5:22 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Hill Street.

5:46 p.m. - Officer Stivers responded to a call on US Highway 231.
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
11:11 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Chief Hunt responded to a medical call on Cedar Street.
11:26 p.m. - Chief Hunt responded to a call at Marathon gas station.
3:51 p.m. - Officer Clark responded to

a call on Cedar Street.
4:06 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Officer Clark responded to a call at On The Fly gas station.
11:36 p.m. - Officer Clark performed a vehicle unlock on Broadway Street.
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
1:26 a.m. - Officer Garab responded to a call on North Oak Street.
2:12 a.m. - Officer Garab responded to a call on 6th Street in Shoals.
5:02 a.m. - Officer Garab responded to a call on US Highway 231.
4:22 p.m. - Assistant Chief Wagoner responded to a call at Marathon gas station.
4:58 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Reinhart Road.

11:13 p.m. - Officer Clark responded to a call on State Road 450.
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
9:45 a.m. - Assistant Chief Wagoner responded to a medical call at Loogootee Family Health Center.
1:59 p.m. - Assistant Chief Wagoner responded to a call on Cedar Street.
5:23 p.m. - Officer Clark responded to a call at St. John's Cemetery.
9:29 p.m. - Officer Clark responded to a call on South Oak Street.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
2:46 a.m. - Officer Clark responded to a call on Brooks Bridge Road.
4:10 a.m. - Officer Clark responded to a call near Dairy Queen.
9:30 a.m. - Chief Hunt responded to a call on Brickyard Road.
12:05 p.m. - Officer Gibson responded to a call on Brickyard Road.
12:38 p.m. - Officer Gibson responded to a call at Southwind Manor Apartments.

2:05 p.m. - Officer Gibson responded to a call on US Highway 50.
4:29 p.m. - Officer Stivers responded to a call on Brickyard Road.
4:47 p.m. - Officer Garab responded to a call at the Loogootee Police Department.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
No calls to report.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
7:16 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a call on Wood School Road.
9:10 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Queen Street.
3:41 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Cedar Street.

ARRESTS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
1:56 a.m. - Cecorra Holt, 26, of Shoals, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Garab and charged with domestic battery. She is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
1:08 p.m. - Bradley Jones, 66, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Gibson and charged with criminal trespass. He is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
8:23 a.m. - Matthew Wagler, 19, of Loogootee, was arrested by Corporal Hawkins and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and minor in consumption. He is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

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LARRY BELCHER



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Loogootee High School Volleyball results

The Loogootee Varsity Volleyball Team competed in the Goodpaster Invitational over the weekend. The girls defeated Paoli in two sets, 25-9 and 25-9 and Vincennes Lincoln in two sets, 25-23 and 29-27. They lost against Mater Dei in three sets, 25-19, 15-25, and 13-15.

In the Paoli matches, Lauren Nolan led in serving points with eight, with four aces, followed by Addy Lengacher with six serving points and Breanna Courter with five. Lengacher also contributed 18 assists and four digs and Courter added four digs. Ava Fuhrman led in assists with six followed by Cacia Wilcoxon with four and Alaina Diamond with three. Wilcoxon also had two blocks and Diamond had one. Macy Knepp led in digs with six and Cora Consley had five digs and three aces.

During the Vincennes Lincoln matches, Breanna Courter led in service points with six and had two aces and 13 digs. Cora Consley finished with four service points and two aces and Jocelynn Sims had three service points and six digs. Alaina Diamond led in kills with 12 followed by Cacia Wilcoxon with six. Wilcoxon also had two blocks. Macy Knepp finished with 11 digs.

In the Mater Dei matches, Cacia Wilcoxon had a team-high six service points and had five kills and two blocks. Jocelynn Sims finished with five service points and Lauren Nolan had four. Macy Knepp led in kills with six and Alaina Diamond had five kills and two blocks. Knepp also finished with six digs. Addy Lengacher finished with 17 assists and seven digs and Breanna Courter had six digs.

The girls went up against Forest Park last week and won in four sets, 20-25,

25-16, 25-23, and 25-17.

Addy Lengacher led in service points with 20 and had three aces and 42 assists. Cora Consley finished with nine service points. Alaina Dimond led in kills with 16 and had four blacks. Cacia Wilcoxon contributed 15 kills and five blocks while Ashley Green had four blocks and nine digs. Breanna Courter led the team in digs with 18 and Macy Knepp contributed nine digs and seven kills.

The junior varsity Lady Lions also defeated Forest Park in two sets, 25-21 and 25-22.

Brooklyn Carrico and Lauren Nolan each finished with eight serving points with Nolan having three aces and eight digs. Aubrey Gilbert contributed seven serving points, seven kills and nine assists. Madison Davis had six kills, Kaylee Hawkins finished with six assists and Julianna Baker led the team in digs with nine.

The varsity Lady Lions defeated North Daviess last Tuesday in three sets, 25-23, 25-23, and 25-14.

Alaina Diamond led the team in kills with 11 and in blocks with four. Cacia Wilcoxon finished with 10 kills and two blocks. Ashley Green had six kills. Addy Lengacher finished with 36 assists, 10 digs and two blocks. Jocelyn Sims contributed 13 digs and Macy Knepp had eight.

The junior varsity girls also defeated North Daviess last week in three sets, 25-8, 16-25, and 15-11.

Brooklyn Carrico led in serving points with eight and had two aces and 10 digs. Jade Lawson and Aubrey Gilbert each had seven serving points with Lawson adding two aces and Gilbert having seven kills, seven assists and six digs. Kaylee Hawkins contributed three aces, 11 assists and three kills. Sterling Lyon finished with four kills and Lauren Nolan had nine digs.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Election equipment public test

The public test of Martin County's election equipment will be held Monday, September 30 at 1 p.m. in the commissioners' room of the Martin County Courthouse located at 129 Main Street, Shoals. The public is invited to attend.

Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, September 19 at 5 p.m. in the high school media center. The meeting is open to the public.

Right to Life Banquet

Daviess-Martin and Pike County Right to Life Groups have announced their Banquet will be held on Thursday October 3, at 6:30 p.m. at the Simon J. Graber Building. Dr. John Bruchalski will be the speaker. Dr. Bruchalski performed abortions for years before he had a major conversion. After he returned from one of his trips, Dr. Bruchalski told his hospital he could no longer perform abortions. For ticket info, contact Louie/Liz Kavanaugh at 812-486-3658. (Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 Students) No tickets will be sold at the door, they must be purchased in advance.

St. Vincent Food Pantry

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

Free lunch for kids

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

LUMC Food Pantry

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

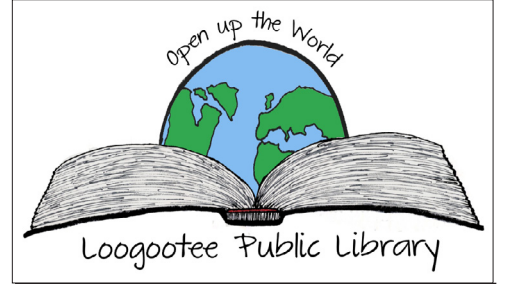
Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. at the recycling center located at 500 Indus-

trial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

Soil and Water meetings

The Martin County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) meets the third Tuesday of the month at the SWCD office located at 404 JFK Avenue in Loogootee. The meetings are at 7:30 p.m. (April-October) and at 6:30 p.m. (November-March). Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Please call 812-295-3149 for assistance.



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Don't forget the Fall Book, Bake, and Yard sale sponsored by Friends of Loogootee Library. Saturday, September 21 from 8 a.m. to noon. Lots of homemade goodies, household items, jewelry, and misc., and lots of books available. There are several nice Western books as well as DVDs that have been "weeded" from the collection.

September is National Library Card Sign-Up month, and every new library card application will be entered into a drawing for prizes. This is for individuals that have not registered for a card in the past.

New Books:

Mystery: "Apple Cider Slaying" by Julie Anne Lindsey and "Passions in Death" by J.D. Robb.

Inspiration Fiction: "By Evenings Light" by Leslie Gould, "Saved by the Matchmaker" by Jody Hedlund, and "Target Acquired" by Lynette Eason.

Library hours: Monday 10-6, Tuesday 10-5, Closed on Wednesday, Thursday 10-6, Friday 10-5, and Saturday 9-1. The library phone number is 812-295-3713 and check out the website www.loogootee.lib.in.us or like us on Facebook. The library has free Wi-Fi service available for patrons.

Corning Irish Heritage Center Return to Your Irish Roots Fest Sunday, September 22 • 11-?

Live music starts at 11:30 a.m.:

Mrs. Doyle Band who performs a rousing blend of Irish traditional songs and instruments on the fiddle, Irish-style bouzouki, Irish tenor banjo, and the Irish uilleann bagpipes, flutes and tin whistles. This group has traveled nationally & internationally.

Irish fiddle player John Albertson and his group, Dancin' Jimmy. John and friends are now from Tennessee and travel every year to entertain us. John has been a big supporter, donor & member of CIHC for years.

The groups will be playing all afternoon.

Food, drinks and desserts will be available for a free will offering. Raffle, silent auction, and membership attendance prize. Do not have to be Irish to attend. Not affiliated with any religious group.

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser,
Purdue University Master Gardener

Autumn will arrive on Sunday, September 22 at 8:44 a.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time. However, it appears that summer just does not want to let go. Warm temperatures remain in the forecast. A tropical system may bring some chance of much-needed rain to the Hoosier Hills this week, but cooler temperatures are not expected, with highs expected to be near 90 degrees.

If you visit garden centers, you may see signs claiming that fall is for planting. Normally, that is so, but the weather conditions need to be more fall-like to really be good for planting. Perennials, trees and shrubs may all be planted in the fall, but timing is important. For most plants, they need to be planted early enough to allow good root establishment before the ground freezes. Without good root establishment, the plant may suffer from heaving during the freeze-thaw cycles typical of an Indiana winter. If the roots are heaved out of the ground, they may freeze during the next cold snap. Even if the cold does not kill the plant, the heaved roots will become desiccated if there is little snow cover.

Moisture is another important factor in fall planting. Soil moisture levels are low after several weeks of drought, and plants must have moisture to get established. Supplemental watering will almost certainly be necessary, even if we get some rain. Watering deeply is necessary. Plants that are watered sparingly will develop feeder roots near the surface to take advantage of the water sprinkled on the soil surface. Letting the water soak deep into the soil will make the roots grow to seek that moisture. It is better to water deeply and less frequently. On the other hand, some plants will suffer if we get a lot of moisture in the winter. Such plants should be planted in areas with good drainage, such as on banks.

Garden centers will soon be marking down the plants, and it is hard to pass

Department of Ag shares tips to stay safe around farm equipment on roads

Harvest season is officially underway for Indiana's 94,000 farmers, which means more slow-moving farm equipment will be on Indiana's rural roads and highways. To keep Hoosiers safe this year, state agencies are asking motorists to be alert and patient, as they share the road with farm equipment this fall.

"The fall is an exciting time for all Hoosiers as the temperatures cool and the leaves turn colors. And Hoosier farmers share that excitement as they prepare to begin harvest," said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "While traveling rural roads and highways this fall, remember to watch for large farm equipment moving between fields as they work to harvest the crops, and be sure to know the proper steps to safely navigate around."

In 2022 four vehicles were involved in crashes with farm equipment in Indiana which resulted in one death, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"Moving farm equipment can be one of the most dangerous parts of a farmers job," said Don Lamb, director of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture. "When motorists know how to safely navigate around farm equipment, our roads are safer. By working together, farmers and everyday Hoosiers can ensure they arrive safely to their destination."

up bargains, especially for plantaholics like me. I already have a nursery area of plants I have purchased, and I am sure I will find more as I visit garden centers this fall. The truth of the matter is most nurseries do not have the capacity to over-winter plants in pots. While some plants that are especially cold hardy may survive, more marginal plants need to be in the ground. Big-box stores do not overwinter any of their plants, so they will either discount them or throw them in the dumpsters. However, a bargain is not truly a bargain if you are just going to let the plant die.

Plants set out in the fall will need special attention through the winter. While our winters tend to be wet, if we do not get normal precipitation, you may need to water plants in the winter. This should be done on days when the ground is not frozen. You should check on your plants frequently to see if they need water. You also need to watch for heaving of the root ball and take steps to get the roots back in the soil if heaving occurs. One way to prevent heaving is to apply a couple of inches of an organic mulch after the ground is frozen. This will insulate the soil and keep it from thawing.

Over the next couple of weeks, I will be trying to plant some of the shrubs and perennials I have purchased. It will be a busy time, as I will also be preparing to host my Century Celebration open garden event on Saturday, September 28. Come on by Sandhill Gardens to help celebrate 100 years of my family's gardening here. We will begin with a plant exchange at 10 a.m., and there will be some gardening talks and demonstrations throughout the day. It will be pretty informal, but I invite you to come and see plants that my maternal grandmother, Bertha Hooten, set out in the fall of 1924. She must have done it right, as many of them are still growing in the same locations a century later. I hope to see you here.

Farm equipment during harvest season could include tractors, combines, grain carts, grain wagons and large trucks hauling agricultural products. These vehicles are wide, sometimes taking up most of the road, and often travel at speeds no greater than 25 mph.

The following list includes several safety tips for motorists approaching large farm equipment:

Farmers will pull over when they are able to let motorists pass, but it may take time for them to get to a safe place to do so.

Be alert. Farm equipment is wide, sometimes taking up most of the road.

Be careful when passing. Do not pass in a designated "No Passing Zone" or within 100 feet of any intersection, railroad grade crossing, bridge, elevation structure or tunnel.

Do not try to pass a slow-moving vehicle on the left without ensuring that the vehicle is not planning a left turn. It may appear that the driver is pulling over for you to pass when it is actually preparing to turn. You will drive right into its path, endangering yourself and the farmer.

Avoid tailgating, as some farm equipment might have to make sudden stops along the road.

Allow plenty of time to get to a destination, be aware of alternate routes and avoid distractions.

For a list of safety tips, visit isda.in.gov.



PURE COUNTRY

Throwback

By Dan Gregory

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I write at least once every year about 4-H. It is an easy topic for me having been deeply involved in the program in all manners possible; as a former 4-H member, 4-H parent, and Martin County Fair board member.

Last Saturday at the fair I had the opportunity to sit and chat for a few minutes with the "real deal" when it comes to 4-H. As I was sitting eating a quick lunch Norma Jean Ziegler passed by and I asked if she wanted to sit and share time over a sandwich. She did and I knew then that I would write again about 4-H for this week's column of Pure Country.

Norma Jean was a 4-H leader for 45 years, all but two of them being right here in Martin County. To add to that remarkable record is that her daughter Kathy Lingenfelter has been a leader for thirty-four years. For those un-initiated to the workings of the 4-H program, the leaders of a 4-H club are really the educators and the central reason why the program works. They really are teachers and must be able to explain to and encourage the kids on their journey through a rule laden yet enjoyable experience of learning. They hug them when they fail and hug them when they win, and through it all become part of an educational yet fun way of learning by doing.

Beyond the projects and the fair, the meetings of a 4-H Club are often the first exposure to our democratic system of government and parliamentary procedure.

A 4-H meeting is run by club officers and overseen by leaders like Norma Jean

and Kathy. Since these are just eight-to-nineteen-year-olds, they need that guidance and encouragement to learn how to get along and move forward. I sometimes think our leaders in Indianapolis and Washington DC should have their own Norma Jean's and Kathy's to teach them how to get-along and move forward. When they look you in the face and tell you that you are wrong about something you don't forget, it sticks.

Over lunch, Norma Jean spoke of being a 4-H member herself. And listening to her I wondered how valuable this lady and others like her have been to our community. She served in the leader capacity for free, but the value transferred is great. It's hard to tell how many hundreds of kids have benefited by her calm yet firm demeanor that instilled a love for 4-H, but maybe more important helped plant the seeds of respect and interest in a particular project or event that they use every day of their lives. It is those types of people that make all the difference in a young person's life.

Norma Jean is now witness to a few generations of "her" kids that went through the 4-H program. I hope she is proud of what she has accomplished. She should be.

Pure Country
September 13, 2024

Norma Jean Ziegler left us last week. She will be missed mostly by her family and close friends. But also, by those hundreds of 4-Hers she helped learn a little more about themselves and others.

Thanks so much Norma Jean our 4-H Hero, and Rest in Peace.

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Jason McCoy

Independent candidate for Martin County Commissioner

My name is Jason McCoy. I returned home to Martin County 15 years ago to raise my children on our ancestral home place in Rutherford Township.

I am a Republican running as an Independent for Martin County Commissioner against the incumbent Aaron “Moose” Summers. I need your vote to win this seat. I have a difficult task ahead of me in unseating Mr. Summers and becoming your representative. Mr. Summers is well liked, has a great personality and has been part of the political landscape, along with his parents, for years. I am not part of that group. Instead, I have worked quietly behind the scenes to forward the best interests of our community.



My platform...

Accountability to Citizen Shareholders

Every elected official should put the needs of the citizens of this community, and not special interest groups, first. Accountability between elected officials has been a large problem within our county. Fear, intimidation and cronyism between our officials should never be the norm.

Ending the Mid-States Corridor discussion

I have worked tirelessly for the last two years opposing a new four-lane interstate through Martin and Dubois Counties. This project was designed by Dubois County businessmen, with no input from or ask of our elected officials here in Martin County. I advocate for upkeep and upgrades to the highways we already have, that will not result in the loss of our taxpayer’s homes and farms. Through this work, we have made significant progress in forcing the Mid-States group to cease operations through Martin County until we have a voice in this issue that clearly reflects the desires of its citizens. I need your vote to better continue this work.

Historic Revitalization of Loogootee and Shoals

In July of this year, I invited our City and County department heads to a round table group to discuss the strengths, weaknesses, oppositions, and threats our community faces. The primary focus of the first meeting was to galvanize the City and County to work together towards a common vision. I invited Eric Doden (Indiana’s former Economic Development Commissioner) to Loogootee to speak with our group about Martin County’s vision for revitalization and economic development. We are working hard to see these plans through and need your input and vote for the process.

Fiscal Responsibility

Most all departments overseen by the Board of Commissioners in our county are operating at a deficit. Many departments are overworked and underfunded. I’ve heard for years the woes of our elected officials, and how poor Martin County is, and how terrible our tax base is, and how there’s “just no money.” Martin County does not have a money problem. We have a leadership structure problem. Rubber stamped deals between special interest groups within our county should never be the norm. Your taxpayer money should be carefully governed and used in the most responsible manner possible. A system of checks and balances between the Council and Commission is there for a reason.

I would like to hear from you via letter, email, text, phone or for an in-person visit at my home or yours to discuss any issue that is important to you. My direct cell phone number is 812-661-7552. mccoymccoy.jason@outlook.com

Thank You for taking the time to consider the issues facing our county. Please allow me to represent you.

-Jason McCoy Your Candidate for
Martin County Commissioner November 2024

-Paid for by Jason McCoy for Commissioner

~LETTER TO THE EDITOR~

‘We appreciate your support’

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

The American Legion Post #120 – Loogootee would like to thank the following businesses for their donation to the Golf Scramble on September 16: Smith’s Tire & Lube, Breaktime, Toy’s Auto Parts, Harder’s Auto Service, Bullseye Car Wash, The Corner Café, Blake Funeral Home, Dairy Master, Los Bravos, Muffler Mender Auto Repair/Car Quest, Biggin’s Place, Big John’s Racks N Reels, Jolene’s Decorating, Hedinger Beverage, Greene’s Body Shop, Greenwell’s Hardware, Los Amigos, Hawkins Health Center, Lakeview Golf Course, Tracy Lynn’s Candies, Hometown Flowers, Kick’n Grass Lawn Care, China Wok, and Denney Wagoner

We appreciate your support of our veterans and this event!

American Legion Post 120

‘We must not allow them to present a one-sided program’

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

The Martin County Council was recently taken to task for its fiscal irresponsibility by a local taxpayer. The council was called out for paying an inflated price for a building and then asking the taxpayers to pony up another \$3.5 million for “improvements”. The fact that the building was purchased, with no detailed plans as to its intended use other than “a courthouse annex” was never discussed. As reported by *The Journal*, “Council Member Gregory said the county has to have a place to store old documents and the bank building basement is the place for those documents. He said they owe it to the county’s founders to protect the county’s history.” Protecting these old documents, especially, those from the earliest days of Martin County is a fact; but what is wrong with the current place of storage, the old county courthouse, the current Martin County Museum. What more fitting place for these historical documents?

We can thank our lucky stars that Adam Greene, a fiscally responsible

council member, was able to get a hold on this reckless disregard for the taxpayer’s money.

This type of fiscal irresponsibility is rampant here in Martin and Dubois counties. The most obvious is the Mid-States Corridor Project. The wolves are again banging on our doors and now they are wearing the clothing of a Community Action Committee. The first meeting of this CAC will be this week. Over 40 people have been invited, with only a couple of opponents, i.e. those not affiliated with the Lochmueller Group, Mike Braun, Hank Menke, Shane Lindauer, Ken Mulzer, Jr. or Mark Schroeder. Martin County Council member, Monty Gregory, has been invited but Loogootee Mayor Brian Ader was not.

Another heavy-handed attempt to quell the rising opposition to the Corridor is a meeting scheduled by the Mid-States Corridor people for September 26 at 6 p.m. at the Jasper Middle School, to explain the Tier 2 Study/Survey. It is important that we all attend this meeting. The Mid-States Corridor folks’ intention is to tell us the Tier 2 Study is harmless. Don’t believe that for one second. Also, they are hoping, planning even, that few of us will attend. They may even try to stifle public comments and questions. We must not allow them to present a one-sided program.

The Mid-States Corridor is not of any benefit to the residents of Dubois, Daviess and Martin counties. It is not wanted nor is it needed. Those in favor have only “told” us how great it will be. They have not proven their claims. We can all see the “vast” economic expansion from Owensboro to Huntingburg and around Washington that has “benefited” these areas. New terrain, high-speed, multi-lane highways seldom result in a local economic boom.

We must attend all meetings, make our opposition known, ask lots of questions, wave our “Stop the Corridor” signs and show Mike Braun and the others that we the people will stop the Mid-States Corridor.

Jim Arvin
Rutherford Township
Martin County



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