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Loogootee Zoning Board votes to rezone library property

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Loogootee Zoning Board met, for the first time, Tuesday night, April 10 to decide whether to recommend to the city council that the 1.3 acres north of St. Vincent de Paul should be rezoned as business, from residential, so the Loogootee Public Library can build a new building. The meeting was also a public hearing for property owners adjacent to the 1.3 acres to have the opportunity to speak out for or against the rezoning.

The Loogootee Zoning Board members present were John Stoll, Teresa Nolley, Roger Downey, and Denny Green. Board members not present were Jason Greene, Chris Bledsoe and Jim Floyd.

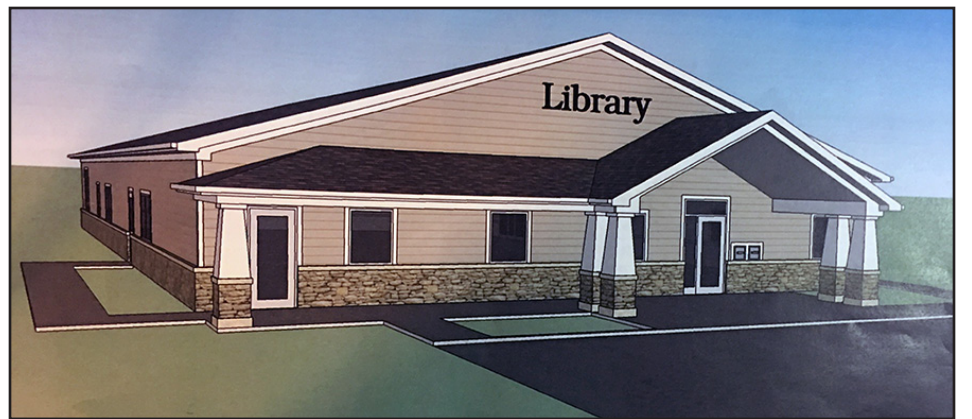
Charles Blanton, a resident on Park Street, told the board that his main concern was the volume of traffic already on Park Street, the proposed location of the new library. He said adding the library would increase that traffic and also increase the number of children walking down Park Street. Blanton also added that people travel at a high rate of speed down Park Street and while the city police do a great job patrolling the area, it's still an issue of concern for him. Blanton said he was never in favor of building a new library, but he would go along with whatever is decided.

Blanton also wanted to know how the library property being rezoned as business would affect his residential property. (See 'LIBRARY' cont. on page 2)



-Photos provided

Shown above is the zoning proposal by the library presented at Tuesday night's Loogootee Zoning Board meeting. The area sectioned off, with dots in the corners, around the proposed library and the library-owned property, would be changed from residential to business. The dotted lined areas, without dots, would remain residential. In the photo on the right is the mockup of the front of the proposed library building.



City council agrees to give \$15k to school for police officer

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The Loogootee City Council met Monday night, April 9. The main topic of discussion was the city paying \$30,000 to the Loogootee School Corporation to help cover the cost of a resource officer for the next two years. According to Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty, who read an email from Loogootee Superintendent Chip Mehaffey, the school could not afford a resource officer, at \$29,000 a year, without help. Currently, off-duty officers are taking turns covering the school from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Superintendent Chip Mehaffey told reporters at the March 15 school board meeting, when asked, that the school had plenty of money to pay for the resource officer by transferring money from the transportation fund. At the school board meeting, Mehaffey also noted that the school has received several grants over the past year and a half, totaling around \$380,000, and while that money could not go toward school safety, it did free up money in other funds.

At the council meeting Monday night, Council Member Roger Downey asked Mayor Harty why there was not a representative from the school present at the council meeting to answer questions. Mayor Harty replied that he doesn't work for the school, so he doesn't know. He said he told them to either send a representative or submit a written statement and Mehaffey chose to send

a written statement. Mayor Harty preceded to read the email from Mehaffey again. Downey said he didn't ask for the statement to be read again, he simply wanted to know why no one from the school was present at the meeting since they were the ones needing funds from the city council.

A member of the audience asked why the council would approve the money now when the school year is almost over, and the state legislature is working on funding for school safety. He said no one knows what may be decided in the next several months.

Mayor Harty replied that the grant the school is applying for is \$15,000 and the city currently has \$324,000 in their LOIT (Local Option Income Tax) fund. He said that giving the school the \$30,000 they requested would still leave \$294,000 in that fund and it can only be used for public safety expenses. He said if the school does end up getting a grant to pay for half of the expense, he didn't think they would expect the city to pay the money. He said however, citing Washington, Bloomfield and Linton, other cities pay around \$74,000 to have just one officer in the school. And he said most cities pay for most or all of the expense, not the school. He said he believes the school's goal is to have that one officer on staff.

Council Member Tim Lawrence suggested that the city just pay one year, \$15,000 right now, to see what the state legislature does.

Council Member Carroll Rayhill

made a motion to approve one year for \$15,000. The motion passed unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Nancy Jones said an interlocal agreement has to be made, between the city and the school, prior to any money going to the school. She also said the money would have to be advertised and a public hearing will need to be held at the next council meeting for anyone to speak about the money being spent.

In other business, Utilities Superintendent Bo Wilson said he spoke to the mayor about purchasing a golf cart for his meter reader, for Summerfest or for any other department who wanted to use it. He said it would free up one of their trucks and possibly even eliminate the need for one truck. He and Mayor Harty looked at a 2012 gas powered golf cart

at Carts Gone Wild in Haubstadt, for \$4,300 and decided to purchase it.

Council Member Teresa Nolley said that she has mentioned it before, but she had requested that prior to the council doing the budget each year, she would like department heads to give a list of items they would want to purchase for the following year. She said buying a golf cart isn't an emergency purchase and it is something that could be planned a little better. She said the council could approve the purchase first, within the budget, and then proceed with buying.

Wilson said he respected that however it would be nice if the council could sit down with department heads prior to having special meetings or in ways other than emails and text messages. Clerk-Treasurer Jones said that if all the (See 'COUNCIL' cont. on page 2)



For the animals

-Photo by Sheila Timmons

The Martin County Humane Society held their annual auction last Saturday to raise money for the animal shelter. More than 100 people attended the event and \$8,759 was raised. This was a record amount in the eight years the auction has been held.

LIBRARY

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erty. Library Director Darla Wagler responded saying that the area where they want to build has been coined as a depressed area and the new library building would only improve that. She said having the library at this location would also allow for the city to apply for grants for improvements to the area. She said it will also increase the property values in the area.

Wagler added that the only area being re-zoned as business would be the property owned by the library and would not affect anyone surrounding the property. Residential property would remain residential property. She also said that since Park Street already has high traffic, the addition of the library would not change that. She said having the library near the park and the city pool is a good thing.

Wagler wanted it noted that the entrance to the library would be off Park Street and they would not be opening up an entrance to the library from Bridge-water Street. They do plan to fence in the

COUNCIL

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council members get together with department heads, that's a council meeting and has to be open to the public.

"Yeah," said Wilson. "That's why we are here."

Jones said that she asks each department head prior to budget time if there is anything they want to purchase for the following year, so it can be put in the budget.

Council Member Nolley asked if they could have a work session with the council where they meet with department heads. Jones replied that yes, they could do that.

Wilson said he felt having a work session would open up the lines of communication between the departments and the city council.

"I'm for that. Sounds great to me," said Nolley.

The council approved the golf cart purchase to come from the water and

library property backing up to Bridge-water Street.

Discussion then ensued about whether the library was required to put sidewalks on Park Street leading up to the property. Dwight Schultheis, who was in the audience, said he read it was a requirement of the Americans with Disabilities Act that sidewalks be provided on the road leading up to the library. It was explained that the library building itself must be ADA compliant however the city is ultimately responsible for sidewalks out by the roadway.

Wagler noted that there are several public buildings in the city that do not have sidewalks along the road, citing the road where her daughter lives, near one of the nursing homes. She said that her grandchildren cannot ride their bikes due to not having sidewalks and due to it being a high-traffic area.

Blanton asked what was wrong with the current library and Schultheis said that the current library used to be two stories. While Darla Wagler was explain-

ing the need for the new library, Dave Lett, attorney for the library broke in saying that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss rezoning of the property and not to relitigate whether a library was needed. He said the zoning board doesn't have the say on whether the library can build on the piece of property, they only have a say on whether the property should be rezoned. He said that public meetings have been held about the library and "we could go all night" rehashing whether a library is needed.

Bill Kaiser, with Bingham, Greenbaum Doll, and an attorney for the library, said that the zoning board would make a recommendation to the Loogootee City Council. The city council would ultimately decide if the property would be rezoned. He told members of the public that they should take their concerns on sidewalks, safety, etc. to the city council at their next meeting, which is May 14 at 5:30 p.m.

John Stoll, zoning board president, said that although he is new to the zoning board, he was going to allow the members of the public to speak and he was watching the time and then would close the public discussion and ask for a vote.

The library originally planned to ask for an increase in property taxes to help pay for a new building to the tune of \$1.3 million dollars. After public backlash, the library board decided to go another route and try for a USDA loan for \$800,000 and fundraise for the remaining \$200,000 that will be needed for the project. The loan would have a term of 40 years with an interest rate of around 3.375 percent. The new library would be 6,643 square feet on the main floor and 1,450 square feet for the basement. The current library, on the square, is around 3,000 square feet and was purchased in 2016 for \$150,000. Both St. Vincent de Paul and Bowling Manufacturing donated land to the library project. St. Vincent's portion of the land donation allows for the library to expand in the future, according to Wagler.

Sex offender registry address verification leads to search warrant and arrests

On Saturday, April 7 at 6:49 p.m., Martin County Sheriff's Deputy Tyler Reed was conducting an address verification on a registered sex offender in Martin County, south of Loogootee. Upon approaching the residence, Deputy Reed smelled the odor of burnt marijuana. Deputy Reed knocked on the front door which was answered by a small child and the offender, Charles Taylor. When the door opened the odor became much stronger, confirming to Deputy Reed that the odor was coming from inside the residence. Deputy Reed completed the verification and then left. Deputy Reed contacted Martin County Prosecutor Mike Steiner and requested a search warrant. A search warrant was completed and was granted by the Honorable Martin Circuit Court Judge Lynne Ellis.

At 10:24 p.m., Deputy Reed, Deputy Cody Shinn, Reserve Deputy Harmon, Loogootee Officer Jim Floyd, and ISP Trooper Adam McBeth, arrived back at the residence to execute the search warrant. Martin County Department of Child Services was also present to assist, due to the presence of minors in the residence. A search of the residence resulted in officers locating marijuana, several items of paraphernalia, and a pipe containing residue that field tested positive for methamphetamine.

Arrested and charged were:

Charles A. Taylor, maintaining a common nuisance, neglect of a dependent (x2), possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, and possession of paraphernalia

Christopher L. Ruble, visiting a common nuisance, possession of marijuana, and possession of paraphernalia

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JOHN "TIM" FOX

John Timothy "Tim" Fox passed away Saturday, April 7, 2018 at 4:45 a.m. at the IU Simon Cancer Center in Indianapolis. A resident of Washington, he was 62.

He was born April 12, 1955 in Gary; son of John and Ester (Barrett) Fox. He graduated from Highland High school in 1973, where he was the 1973 state runner up in wrestling. Tim enjoyed playing golf with his dad and brothers and loved spending time with his grandchildren. He had worked for Thompson Thrift Construction of Terre Haute, where he was a valued and respected construction superintendent. He was a lifelong leader in the construction business, being responsible for projects all across the United States. However, his favorite construction project was building his own home where all of his beloved family could be together sitting on the back porch.

He is survived by his wife, Kim (Colvin) Fox, whom he married February 6, 1993; mother, Ester Fox of Manteno, Illinois; sons, Jacob Fox of Loogootee and Logan Fox of Washington; daughters, Gretchen (James) Raetz of Loogootee and Heather Fox of Washington; brothers, Jeff (Ivory) Fox of Ave Maria, Florida, Patrick (Margie) Fox of Hebron, Indiana; seven grandchildren he adored, Haylee, Kyle, Luc, Gunner, Anna, Emma and Ava; mother-in-law, Helen M. Colvin of Loogootee

He was preceded in death by his father, John Fox and father-in-law, Gerald Colvin.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday, April 13 at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church with Fr Paul Ferguson as celebrant. Burial will follow at St Peter Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, April 12 at Ed Lee Mortuary.

Memorial donations may be given to Daviess County Relay for Life. Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.edleemortuary.com.

PAULETTA EICHMILLER

Pauletta Eichmiller went to be with her Lord after a long struggle with lung disease on Monday, April 9, 2018 at Daviess Community Hospital. A resident of Loogootee, she was 73.

She was born October 26, 1944 in Loogootee; daughter of Mary Emma (Carrico)

Stoll and Elmer Hastings Spears.

She married Frederick Ray Eichmiller on May 23, 1997 and he survives.

She was a member of Christ Lutheran Church and was very strong in her faith. She enjoyed family gatherings and spending time with her grandchildren. Her family will miss her delicious cooking.

She was preceded in death by her father, Elmer and her mother, Mary; a grandson, Dustin James Pearson; her first husband, Robert Dee Pearson and her second husband, Fred William "Bill" Schutter; brothers, Elmer Spears and Larry Spears; sisters, Judy Bruner, Alberta "Bert" Beaty and Mary Jo Blackman; a nephew Jamie Allbright.

She is survived by her husband, Fred Eichmiller of Loogootee; her children, Troy (Tracey) Pearson of Madison, Tracy (John) Anderson of Vincennes,

Travis Pearson (Kerry Fitch) of Plainville, Terry Pearson (Jerri Pearson) of Odon, Tara Cronin (Weldon McPherson) of Loogootee, Sandra (Kelly) LaMar of Loogootee, Jim (Jean) Eichmiller of Hayward, California, and Kurt Eichmiller of Evansville; grandchildren, Logan Pearson, Kody Pearson, Kelly Thompkins, Jenny O'Brien, Lyam O'Brien, Ben O'Brien, TJ O'Brien, Nish O'Brien, Nikki O'Brien, Sammiey-Jo O'Brien, Ashley (Ben) Noffsinger, Trudy (Mike) Dewig, Kristina (Michael) Taylor, Ryan Mize, Talishaa Mize, Jaylen "Jake" Pearson, Kayla Potts, Alexa "Lexi" Pearson, Dalynne Pearson, Jordan Clark, Jamie Cronin, Justin Cronin, Sarah Colvin, Raymond McPherson, Kelsey (Corey) Edwards, Peyton (James) Wade, Tracie (TJ) McAtee, Wade LaMar, Breigh LaMar, Raisa Eichmiller, Kayla Eichmiller, Abigail Eichmiller and 21 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Friday, April 13 at Christ Lutheran Church in Haysville. Burial will follow in the Community Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Thursday, April 12 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a veteran's charity of your choice.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Arrangements were provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

NATALIE COCHRAN

Natalie Faye Cochran passed away Thursday, April 5, 2018 at the Garden Villa Health Campus in Bloomington. A resident of Bloomington, she was 90.

She was born July 4, 1927 in Loogootee; the daughter of Granville Gage and Daisy Dimple (Owen) Jones.

She was a 1946 graduate of Loogootee High School where she was a cheerleader for the Lions. She married John Richard Cochran on August 2, 1947 in Loogootee. Natalie was a seamstress for Sears for over 15 years and was a homemaker and lived for her family, she will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew her.

Natalie was a member of Fairview Methodist Church, Turtle Camping Club, she enjoyed Camping, bowling, sewing, sporting events, IU Basketball and Cardinal and Reds Baseball, and collecting rocks.

She is survived by her children, Jonnie (Mike) Beyers of Bloomington and Richard Scott Cochran of Bloomington; two grandchildren, Chad (Amy) Pickens and Brady Beyers; one great granddaughter, Abby Pickens, and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, one grandson, Richard Scott Cochran; one brother, Owen Jones; and three sisters, Lilly Mae Brooks, Virginia Sinkler and Mary Bennett.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, April 10 at the Allen Funeral Home & Crematory in Bloomington. Burial followed at Goodwill Cemetery in Loogootee.

Memorial contributions may be made in her name to the Fairview Method-

ist Church. You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to the family at www.allencares.com.

JOSEPH STRANGE

Joseph Strange passed away at 6:08 p.m. Thursday, April 5, 2018 at Memorial Hospital and Healthcare Center. A resident of Odon, he was 73.

He was born July 7, 1944 in Loogootee; son of the late Paul and Mary (Bradley) Strange.

Joseph served in the United States Army from 1967 to 1969. He was deployed to Germany during the Vietnam War.

He was employed by General Motors for 34 years. While working for General Motors, he spent 30 years in LaGrange, Illinois and then the last four years in Bedford, Indiana.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the St. Martin Catholic Church. He enjoyed wood working, general house repairs, working on cars and had many other hobbies.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Mary (Bradley) Strange; siblings, Maggie (Adrian) Arvin, Betty (Larry) Souerdike, Alberta (Leo) Healy, Cleo Merritt, Carol (Jerry) Ash and two infant siblings.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Susan (Driebergen) Strange of Odon; siblings, Paul Leo Strange and Linda Hunter, both of Loogootee; 25 nieces and nephews; 25 great-nieces and great-nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker Monday, April 9 at St. Martin Catholic Church in Whitfield. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church for masses.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Arrangements were provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

DORIS GARRINGER

Doris L. Garringer age 96 passed away at the Loogootee Health and Rehab Center in Loogootee on April 7, 2018 at 7:19 a.m. A resident of Shoals, she was 96.

She was born April 10, 1921 in Terre Haute; daughter of Alonzo and Ella (Earl) Denny. She married Don Garringer in 1953 and he preceded her in

death February 22, 1993.

She attended the Shoals Nazarene Church where she taught Sunday School and presented flannelgraph Bible stories to children in several churches.

She is survived by one son, Leon Watts of Clearwater, Florida; five grandchildren, Anthony Johnson, Arthur Johnson, Matthew Johnson, Stacy Johnson and Lisa Johnson; step-sister, Jean Holtsclaw; special friend, Louise Lindley of Shoals; several great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, a daughter, Elizabeth Johnson; sisters, Pauline Sanders and Mamie Tow; brothers, Wilford Denny, Alonzo Denny, Leon Denny, Bert Denny, Jesse Denny; stepsisters, Dorthy Tuszynski and Alma Holtzclaw; and step-brother Harold Hopkins.

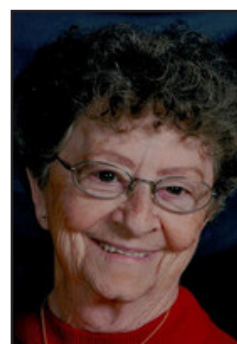
Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 11 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with Rev. Jerry Sanders officiating. Burial will be in the Spring Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the time of the service on Wednesday.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes is in charge of the arrangements.

Absentee voting for Martin County

Absentee voting for Martin County Anyone wishing to vote absentee by mail can call the Martin County Clerk's Office at any time to request an application to vote by mail. The last day an application to vote by mail will be accepted is April 30, 2018. Anyone wishing to vote absentee in person may do so beginning April 10, 2018 at 8 a.m. at the clerk's office in the courthouse. Absentee voting will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday thru Friday. The clerk's office will be open on Saturdays, April 30 and May 5 from 8 a.m. to noon. The last day to vote absentee in person is Monday, May 7 at noon.

The last day to register or update your voter registration was April 9, 2018. You can no longer register or update your voter registration. You can go to www.indianavoters.com to see who is on your ballot and find other information regarding the election. If you have any questions, please contact the clerk's office at 812-247-3651.



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7:15 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

8:30 a.m. - Received a report of an accident on US Hwy 231, north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Fire Department, Southwest Ambulance, and Sheriff Roush responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:55 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:06 p.m. - Received a report of a battery in Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

12:30 p.m. - Received an animal complaint east of Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

3:11 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving on US Hwy 231, north of Loogootee. ISP Trooper McBeth responded.

4:50 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

7:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:13 p.m. - Received a report of a residential burglary alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Norris responded. Everything checked out okay.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

12:10 a.m. - Received a report of trespassing in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Norris and Deputy Reed responded.

2:10 a.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded.

5:39 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:07 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire Department, Chief Deputy Greene, and Deputy Reed responded.

6:11 a.m. - Received a report of trespassing in Shoals. Deputy Reed responded.

9:00 a.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to court.

10:00 a.m. - Received a report of trespassing in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennessee responded.

10:05 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted a motorist on US Hwy 50, west of Shoals.

10:20 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennessee responded.

10:40 a.m. - Captain Dant took four inmates to court.

11:59 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Southwest Ambulance responded.

1:00 p.m. - Captain Dant took four inmates to court.

2:05 p.m. - Sheriff Roush took one inmate to court.

2:05 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on US Hwy 231, south of Loogootee. ISP Trooper Lents responded.

3:21 p.m. - Received a report of an ac-

cident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

4:12 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle identification check. Sergeant Keller responded.

8:23 p.m. - Received a report of lost dog south of Shoals.

8:36 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Sergeant Keller responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:36 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Sergeant Keller, ISP Trooper McBeth, and Loogootee Captain Hennessee responded.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

2:47 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down on US Hwy 50, east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

3:38 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down on US Hwy 450, north of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

4:14 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:04 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down on Brooks Bridge Road. Shoals Fire Department responded.

8:10 a.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennessee responded.

8:14 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:28 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

8:41 a.m. - Received a report of a commercial burglary alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennessee responded. Everything checked out okay.

10:25 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

10:45 a.m. - Received a report of trespassing in Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Chief Deputy Greene responded.

12:30 p.m. - Received a report of loose cattle south of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

2:20 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving on US Hwy 231, north of Loogootee. Indiana Conservation Officer Doane responded.

2:21 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Hennessee, Major Burkhardt and Sergeant Keller responded.

3:15 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

3:25 p.m. - Major Burkhardt and Captain Dant assisted a motorist on US Hwy 50, east of Loogootee.

6:25 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

6:45 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious persons north of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded. Everything checked out okay.

7:04 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

7:27 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle identification check in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

11:04 p.m. - Received a noise complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

5:51 a.m. - Deputy Shinn assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

8:40 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

11:33 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231, north of Loogootee. Loogootee Hennessee responded.

12:14 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to the doctor.

4:35 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled semi in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennessee responded.

6:29 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on SR 450. Major Burkhardt responded.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6

8:03 a.m. - Received a dog complaint near Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

10:43 a.m. - Received an alarm call near Loogootee. ISP Trooper Beaver responded and all was okay.

10:52 a.m. - Major Burkhardt performed three vehicle identification checks in Shoals.

12:00 p.m. - Received a report of reckless four-wheelers east of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

2:40 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50, near Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

3:40 p.m. - Received a report of reckless four-wheelers in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

5:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Crane Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

9:41 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper

Memorial Hospital.

10:30 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:20 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

2:37 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Loogootee. Martin County Highway responded.

4:08 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless four-wheeler in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

4:23 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism north of Loogootee. ISP responded.

4:32 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:46 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

12:05 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

12:17 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance near Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

1:08 p.m. - Received a report of a horse out on US 231. Sergeant Keller responded.

2:59 p.m. - Received a dog complaint south of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

4:57 p.m. - Deputy Reed assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

11:45 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

ARRESTS

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

10:40 p.m. - Jared Butcher, 27, of Loogootee, was arrested by Sergeant Keller and charged with possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia, and resisting law enforcement. He is being held without bond. ISP Trooper McBeth and Loogootee Captain Hennessee assisted with the arrest.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

8:36 a.m. - Joseph Turano, 62, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Beaver on a Martin County Warrant and is being held without bond. Loogootee Captain Hennessee assisted with the arrest.

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

12:18 a.m. - Christopher Ruble, 30, of Odon, was arrested by Deputy Reed and charged with visiting a common nuisance, possession of marijuana, and

possession of paraphernalia. He is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest were Deputy Shinn, Loogootee Officer Floyd, Reserve Deputy Harmon, and ISP Trooper McBeth.

12:18 a.m. - Charles Taylor, 34, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Reed and charged with possession of meth, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia, maintaining a common nuisance, and two counts of neglect of a dependent. He is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest were Deputy Shinn, Loogootee Officer Floyd, ISP Trooper McBeth and Reserve Deputy Harmon.

1:19 a.m. - Prestin Hart, 27, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Shinn and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and is being held on a \$20,000 10% bond.

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COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

March 6

Thomas D. Miller, convicted of maintaining a common nuisance – alcohol, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 353 days suspended and credit for 6 actual days previously served plus 6 Class A credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

Tyson M. Stutzman, convicted of maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days with 461 days suspended and credit for 43 actual days previously served plus 43 Class A credit days. Defendant received 15 months of probation.

March 8

Jacqueline R. Mattingly, convicted of possession of a controlled substance, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days with 547 days suspended. Defendant received 18 months of probation.

March 12

Samantha C. Gammon, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 108 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 54 actual days previously served plus 54 Class A credit days.

March 13

Christopher C. Jones, convicted of driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 114 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 57 actual days previously served plus 57 Class A credit days.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

March 6

Tyson M. Stutzman, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

March 8

Jacqueline R. Mattingly, neglect of a dependent, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; auto theft, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; two counts of resisting law enforcement, Class A Misdemeanors, dismissed.

March 12

Samantha C. Gammon, battery by bodily waste, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

March 29

World Finance Corporation vs. Le-land Mackey, civil collection.

April 3

Personal Finance Company vs. Mat-thew Phillips, civil collection.

Scott W. Pennington vs. Katherine Pennington, petition for dissolution of marriage.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

March 26

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Stephanie Bose in the amount of \$7,677.90.

April 4

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Isaiah Phares in the amount of \$7,304.81.

April 5

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Morris Plan Company of Terre Haute and against the defendants Johnny Blackmon and Alyssa George in the amount of \$7,636.26.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

April 2

Capital One Bank vs. Darren Lan-nan, complaint.

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Tannya Stout, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

April 5

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Clark J. Carlson in the amount of \$3,126.52.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Nicole Hovis in the amount of \$2,363.48.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Gregory Messick in the amount of \$3,056.91.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Jason Haley in the amount of \$1,230.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Cody Hershman in the amount of \$6,926.13.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Phillip Williams in the amount of \$2,370.56.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

April 5

Ryan Tyler Osborne of Loogootee and Jodi R. Palo of Loogootee.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, APRIL 2

7:15 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the ambulance service with a possible overdose.

10:15 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

2:23 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody violation.

9:13 p.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a residential alarm.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

12:10 a.m. - Caller reported a suspi-cious female at McDonalds.

10:01 a.m. - Caller requested a wel-fare check on a female.

10:20 a.m. - Caller reported a proper-ty damage accident in the Family Dol-lar parking lot.

10:33 a.m. - Caller requested a fe-male be removed from McDonalds.

3:21 p.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a property damage accident in the Ruler parking lot.

7:50 p.m. - Female reported vandal-ism to her vehicle.

9:36 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted the county with a dispute.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

4:14 a.m. - First responders were re-quested on Bramble Road for a medi-cal call.

8:10a.m. - Female reported a viola-tion of a protective order.

8:41 a.m. - Captain Hennette re-sponded to a business alarm.

12:05 p.m. - Female reported a phone scam.

6:25 p.m. - Female reported a possi-ble theft of medication.

7:04 p.m. - Caller reported a domes-tic dispute on Queen Street.

7:27 p.m. - Female requested a vehi-cle identification check.

7:48 p.m. - Caller reported a civil

Real estate transfers

Garry W. Smith and Mary F. Smith, of Martin County, Indiana to **Garry W. Smith and Mary F. Smith**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 17, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing 61 acres.

Eloise M. Haycox to Chad A. Haycox and Amber L. Haycox, a part of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 26, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, situated in Hal-berst Township, Martin County, Indi-ana, containing 4.410 acres, more or less.

William L. Hopkins II, of Martin County, Indiana to **Gary V. Burris and Wanda Burris**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 68 in Keck's Ad-dition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

complaint.

11:04 p.m. - Caller reported a loud music complaint on Poplar Street.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

8:40 a.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint. Animal Control was con-tacted.

11:33 a.m. - Female reported a reck-less driver on US 231.

1:33 p.m. - Male came on station for a vehicle identification check.

6:40 p.m. - Male reported property damage.

10:47 p.m. - Officer Floyd responded to a business alarm.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6

8:50 a.m. - Officer McBeth respond-ed to a residential alarm.

11:05 a.m. - Caller reported a child custody violation.

1:54 p.m. - Caller reported a possible illegal burn.

3:40 p.m. - Received a report of a four-wheeler on Kentucky Avenue.

6:30 p.m. - Caller requested a wel-fare check on a male.

9:55 p.m. - Female reported a reck-less driver on US 231.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

10:55 a.m. - Male requested a vehi-cle identification check.

2:30 p.m. - Male requested a welfare check on a female.

7:30 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on US 231.

11:55 p.m. - Male reported property damage.

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

12:18 a.m. - Officer Floyd assisted the county with an arrest.

11:50 a.m. - Caller reported a reck-less driver on US 231.

5:52 p.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted the county with a search warrant.

8:39 p.m. - Caller reported a male throwing items from his vehicle.

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MCCF Executive Director



-- NEW LAW: TCJA --

You've likely heard about the "Tax Cuts and Jobs Act" (TCJA) passed last year. The most commonly heard impact is that the standard deduction has increased substantially. Also meaning that fewer people will need to itemize their taxes. So, what's that mean to charitable organizations when people no longer need to specifically deduct charitable donations to reduce their tax impact?

-- CHARITABLE IMPACTS --

And what's the impact on charitable giving? There is good news. But how the tax cuts affect your charitable giving depends on your family size, available deductions, and income. Here's some tax law changes that will begin to impact your giving plans in 2018 and beyond.

- Standard deduction increases may give you a deduction equal to or greater than what you itemized before. So, you have at least as much as you had before to help meet your giving plans.

- For donors making large gifts, the amount of charitable contributions made in cash for a certain year has increased from 50 percent to 60 percent of adjusted gross income.

- Capital gains tax can still be avoided through gifts of appreciated property/stock.

- Gifts of retirement assets (including from an IRA for those age 70 1/2 or over) remain especially attractive as giving options.

- The estate and gift tax exclusion was doubled.

- For high-income tax payers, the 3.8 percent net investment income tax remains in effect, meaning that strategic charitable giving continues to be important for them.

- The alternative minimum tax (AMT) remains, but with a higher exemption amount.

- Corporate income tax rates are significantly reduced and certain pass-

through entities will also enjoy a tax deduction.

-- GIVING FUTURE --

With all that, how do you consider and plan for your charitable giving plans? Here's five guidelines to help you think about your next steps for charitable giving after the TCJA.

1. Continue to be mission driven. You can still make a difference in our county no matter how taxes affect you.

2. Think about giving appreciated stock. This can be a tax-wise alternative to a gift of cash. You can avoid the capital gains tax on the appreciation, and the full amount of the gift makes an immediate impact.

3. Consider and IRA Charitable Rollover. If you're over age 70 1/2, a charitable deduction from your IRA can help you meet your philanthropic goals, and up to \$100,000 counts toward your required minimum distribution and no income tax is due.

4. Take your long-term strategy into account. Maximizing the gifts you make in a particular year (referred to by some as "bunching") can provide you with deductions that exceed the standard deduction and reduce taxable income.

5. Don't forget revocable gifts. As I've said many times before, gifts through your will or trust, retirement assets, insurance plans, etc. can let you retain use of your assets now and make a substantial gift in the future.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

A booklet "Charitable Giving After the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act" is available through the MCCF. You can either call or email the MCCF for a copy, or visit the MCCF Online Library through our website www.cfpartner.org/mccf.htm on the "News and Events" page under the "Guides, Booklets and Other" link, and then to the "Other Gift Plans" folder.

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4-H NEWS

By Stacy Brown
Martin County Purdue Extension Educator



Horse and Pony Horsemanship and Ranch Riding Clinic

The Martin County Horse and Pony Club, The Rough Riders, will be hosting a clinic on Saturday, April 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. David Davis will be teaching horsemanship skills and ranch riding. The clinic will include lunch and costs \$15 per horse. There is a \$5 discount if you clean your stalls. You must provide your own horse. The clinic will take place at the Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds. No pre-registration is required.

4-H Camp

It's time to start thinking about 4-H Camp. This year's camp will be held in Santa Claus from June 11 through 13. The theme this year is Around the World. We'll also include the Olympics within the theme. 4-H Camp is a great trip that teaches STEM, leadership, independence, and teamwork. It builds self-confidence and kids get the chance to meet other kids from surrounding counties.

Camp is open to all active 4-Hers in grades 3-6. Applications were mailed out along with more information about camp. If you did not receive yours, please call the Extension Office at 812-295-2412.

Livestock Weigh-In Dates

The 2018 livestock weigh-in dates have been finalized. All 4-Hers participating in cattle, sheep, goats, and/or poultry will receive information and registration forms in the mail soon. Please have all of this information filled out before coming to the weigh-ins. This year DNA hair samples will be required from cattle going to the Indiana State Fair. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office.

Sheep & Goat Weigh-in: Saturday, May 5 at the fairgrounds 9-11 a.m.

Swine Weigh-in: Saturday, May 12 at the fairgrounds 9-11 a.m.

Poultry Blood Testing: Saturday, June 9 at the fairgrounds 9-11 a.m.

Upcoming Events

Shooting Sports Meetings - April 23 at 6 p.m. at the Community Building

Horse & Pony Meetings - Every third Monday of the month at the fairgrounds.

Jolly Jug Rox Meetings - April 16, May 1, May 22, June 11, June 26 all at 6 p.m. at Hindostan Church

Jolly Juniors Club Meetings - Thursday, April 12, Monday, April 30, Thursday, May 3, Thursday, May 24, Thursday, June 14, Thursday, June 28, Monday, July 2 (sign record books) all at Truelove Church at 6:30 p.m.

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LHS Girls' Tennis open season with three wins

The Loogootee Lady Lions Tennis Teams opened their season last week with three matches and three wins.

This past Friday, April 6, the girls took on Linton at home. The varsity Lady Lions finished with a win, 5-0 and the junior varsity also defeated Linton, 2-1.

"I was really pleased with the way Jody and Kashten played today at #1 Doubles. They have only played a few matches together but are really starting to gel. We have had three matches on three straight days. To come away with victories in all three is a good start to the season," said Head Coach Mike Tippery.

Varsity results

#1 Singles Melaina Tippery (L) defeated Audrey Moore 6-0, 6-0

#2 Singles Katie Sims (L) defeated Ellie Brewer 6-1, 6-0

#3 Singles Emily Wade (L) defeated Kassidy Eichorst 6-1, 6-4

#1 Doubles Jody Seals/Kashten Burch (L) defeated Haydyn House/Isabel Meek 6-1, 6-0

#2 Doubles Leonna Hedrick/Madisyn Wade (L) defeated Emily Hayden/Kayla

Smock 6-3, 6-4

Junior varsity results

#1 Singles Hope Fischer (L) defeated Emma Brinson 6-1

#1 Doubles Rachel Robinson/Brittany Potts (L) defeated Taylor Riggelman/Henley House 6-4

#2 Doubles Bailey Near/Kamryn Dailley (Linton) defeated Elly Wagler/Cindy Chen 6-2

Last Thursday, the Lady Lions went up against South Knox at home. The varsity won 4-1 and the junior varsity 3-1.

Coach Tippery said, "Emily and Katie did a good job controlling their matches today. Madisyn and Leonna played much better today at #2 Doubles. South Knox beat us 3-2 last year, so it was good to avenge that loss and get off to a good start in the Blue Chip Conference."

Varsity results

#1 Singles Sam Nardine (SK) defeated Melaina Tippery 6-1, 3-6, 6-2

#2 Singles Katie Sims (L) defeated Lauren McCrary 6-1, 6-2

#3 Singles Emily Wade (L) defeated

Ellla Hayes 6-0, 6-0

#1 Doubles Jody Seals/Kashten Burch (L) defeated Macey Wieling/Mykayla Couchenour 7-5, 6-2

#2 Doubles Madisyn Wade/Leonna Hedrick (L) defeated Britni Qualkenbush/Morgan Beard 6-2, 6-1

Junior varsity results

#1 Singles Krisin Goodman (SK) defeated Elly Wagler 6-4

#2 Singles Rachel Robinson (L) defeated Michaela Sampson 6-1

#1 Doubles Brittany Potts/Hope Fischer (L) defeated Emily Myers/Hail-ee Cooper 6-2

#2 Doubles Brittany Potts/Elly Wagler (L) defeated Morgan Smith/Christine Morris 6-0

And the Lady Lions opening matches were against North Daviess last Wednesday, April 4. The varsity team swept the Lady Cougars, 5-0 as did the junior varsity 4-0.

"It was nice to finally get the season started. It was a cold day. Overall, the

team played well in their first match," said Coach Tippery.

Varsity results

#1 Singles Melaina Tippery (L) defeated Macy Kane 6-0, 6-2

#2 Singles Katie Sims (L) defeated Shae Knepp 6-2, 6-0

#3 Singles Emily Wade (L) defeated Chavannah Chestnut 6-1, 6-1

#1 Doubles Jody Seals/Kashten Burch (L) defeated Lauren Kain /Shelby Taylor 6-0 6-0

#2 Doubles Madisyn Wade/Leonna Hedrick (L) defeated Anna Sergent/Kaitlyn Allen 6-2, 6-2

Junior varsity results

#1 Singles Hope Fischer (L) defeated Abbi Giesler 4-2

#2 Singles Hope Fischer (L) defeated Emily Kemp 4-0

#1 Doubles Rachel Robinson/Elly Wagler (L) defeated Bella Reed/Beck Ritter 4-0

#2 Doubles Rachel Robinson/Elly Wagler (L) defeated North Daviess 4-0

LOGOOTE HIGH SCHOOL



2018 Senior SPOTLIGHTS

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SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL



DYLAN HEMBREE

Dylan Lee Hembree, son of Chuck and Diane Hembree, was born on April 7, 2000. Siblings include Austin Hembree. Dylan participated in baseball while in high school. His favorite school memory was having a no-hitter on Loogootee's field, and his favorite teacher was Mr. Smith. Dylan plans to attend Vincennes University and get a good paying job.



LEXUS BUSSELL

Lexus Diane Bussell, daughter of Jeff and Katie Sanders and Roy Bussell, was born on December 5, 1998. Siblings include Pheonix and Trinity Bussell, Adam Sanders, Zack Dove, and Kali Mullins. Lexus participated in SADD club while in high school. Her favorite school memory was the time Brenda and I got kicked out of English class for throwing stuff at each other and then laughing. Lexus plans to become a photographer or vet tech.



BRANDON ARMSTRONG

Brandon Paul Armstrong is the son of Gianna and Wayne Armstrong. After graduation, Brandon plans to attend the University of Southern Indiana to study athletic training. While in high school, Brandon participated in Spanish Club (9-11), Show Choir (9-12), and Basketball (9-12).



JULIANNE BELL

Julianne Elizabeth Bell is the daughter of Bob and Susan Bell. After graduation, Julianne plans to study exercise science. While in high school, Julianne participated in Beta Club (9,11,12), FACS (9-12), FCA (9,10), Intern (12), Lion Pride (9-12), Recycling (9), SADD (9-12), Spanish Club (9-12), and Student Council (9-12). Julianne was also Class President (11-12), Class Vice President (9), SADD President (12), FACS Secretary (10), Student Council Secretary (10,11), Spanish Secretary (11), Basketball (9-12), Softball (9-12), and Volleyball (9-12).



RYAN SALMON

Zhenya Ryan Salmon, son of Larry and Tammy Salmon, was born on May 17, 2000. Siblings include Chase Salmon. Zhenya participated in basketball while in high school. His favorite school memory was when Josh Richardson blew up his GMC vehicle. Zhenya plans to attend VUJC for Engineering.



DAMON JONES

Damon Jones is the son of Jason Jones and Andrea Lemond. Damon participated in FFA while in high school. His favorite school memory was driving tractors on FFA week. Damon plans to start working on the farm for awhile.



TAIYA ARMSTRONG

Taiya MarLynn Armstrong is the daughter of Wayne and Gianna Armstrong. After graduation, Taiya plans to attend the University of Southern Indiana to study criminal justice. While in high school, Taiya participated in Cadet Teaching (12), Choir (9-12), Musical (10,11,12), Show Choir (10,11,12), Spanish Club (9-12), and Basketball (9-12).



ESTRALIA BREWER

Estralia Rose Brewer is the daughter of Tammie Steward and John Brewer. After graduation, Estralia plans to go to continue her education in radiology, and is undecided to which college to attend. While in high school, Estralia participated in Cadet Teaching (11), Choir (9,10), French Club (9,10,11), Intern (11), Musical (10), Recycling (9,10,11), Show Choir (10), and Track (9,10).

More Neat Stuff



A first grade teacher presented each child in her classroom the 1st half of a well-known proverb and asked them to come up with the remainder of the proverb. It's hard to believe these were actually done by first graders:

1. Don't change horses – until they stop running.
2. Strike while the – bug is close.
3. It's always darkest before – Daylight Savings Time.
4. Never underestimate the power of – termites.
5. You can lead a horse to water but – how?
6. Don't bite the hand that – looks dirty.
7. No news is – impossible.
8. A miss is as good as – a Mister.
9. You can't teach an old dog new – math.
10. If you lie down with dogs, you'll – stink in the morning.
11. Love all, trust – me.
12. The pen is mightier than the – pigs.
13. An idle mind is – the best way to relax.
14. Where there's smoke, there's – pollution.
15. Happy the bride who – gets all the presents.
16. A penny saved is – not much.
17. Two's company, three's – the Musketeers.
18. Don't put off until tomorrow what – you put on to go to bed.
19. Laugh and the whole world laughs with you, cry – and you have to blow your nose.
20. There none so blind as – Stevie Wonder.
21. Children should be seen and not – spanked or grounded.
22. If at first you don't succeed – get new batteries.
23. You get out of something only what you – see in the picture on the box.
24. When the blind lead the blind – get out of the way.
25. A bird in the hand is going to poop on you.
26. And the WINNER and last one!

GOOD ADVICE:

- *Help people even when you know they can't help you back.
- *Don't judge others. You're not perfect.
- *Be good to your nieces and nephews. One day you'll need them to smuggle beer into your nursing home.
- *You only have three choices in life: give up, give in, or give it all you've

got.
*No matter how big a hammer you use, you can't pound common sense into stupid people!

*Cough, through, rough, though – none of these words rhyme. But for some Godforsaken reason pony and bologna do. English is weird.

*You never know how strong you are until being strong is the only choice you have.

*Always leave people better than you found them. Hug the hurt. Kiss the broken. Befriend the lost. Love the lonely.

*Adopt a shelter animal. It's good for your heart.

*The most valuable antique is an old friend.

HUMORISMS:

*I hate it when I'm trying to eat a salad and it accidentally falls in the trash and then I have to eat a pizza instead.

*When life give you lemons, freeze them and throw them as hard as possible at people making your life difficult.

*How to parallel park: Park somewhere else.

*Not only does my mind wander . . . Sometimes it walks off completely.

*My goal for 2016 is to lose 10 pounds. Only 15 to go.

*I drink wine because I don't like to keep things bottled up.

*What doesn't kill you makes you stronger . . . except for bears. Bears will kill you.

Make someone smile today!

BOAST classes to start April 16

BOAST (Bettering Our Adult Selves Together) is a three-week class that meets every Monday and Thursday from 6-8 p.m. at the Martin County Learning Center. Classes start April 16 and last through May 3. Participants will engage with facilitators to learn about workplace responsibilities and life skills for employment. The class is open to anyone 16 years of age or older who is seeking employment. Topics covered include: communication, teamwork, responsibility, goal-setting, time management, professionalism, and flexibility. All participants will enjoy free food and drinks and receive a certificate of completion. To register, please call or text 812-709-1618 or email amoney@martincounty.in.gov. BOAST is hosted by Martin County SOAR and Martin County Community Corrections

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Executive meeting

The Martin County Commissioners and Martin County Council will hold a joint executive session on Thursday, April 12 at 6 p.m. in the commissioners' room of the Martin County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting is to (1) to receive information about and interview prospective employees as authorized by I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(5) and (2) to discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees as authorized by I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(9). The meeting is closed to the public.

Shoals School Board meeting

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

Chamber meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce will meet Wednesday, April 18 at noon at Pizza Junction in Loogootee. You can call in your lunch order ahead at 812-295-3333. Anyone interested in the activities of the Chamber of Commerce is invited to attend.

Democrat meeting

The Martin County Democrat Party will meet Thursday, April 19 at 6 p.m. at the Martin County Courthouse in Shoals.

Food pantry hours

The Loogootee United Methodist Food Pantry will be open the first, second, third and fifth Thursdays of the month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and also the first Monday of the month from 5-6:30 p.m.

Free lunch for kids

New Beginnings Community Church will be offering a free lunch to all school-age children every Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. at the fellowship hall of the church, located at 200 West Main Street next to the post office. For more info, call 812-709-2525.

SOAR Tutoring

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

Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Loughmiller Machine, 12851 E 150 N, Loogootee. The public is invited to attend.

Humane society meetings

The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 5:30 p.m.

Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

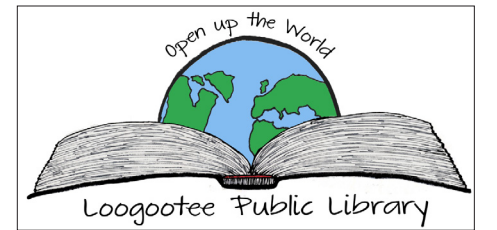
Soil and Water meetings

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

Attention Senior Citizens

The Loogootee Senior Citizen Cen-

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



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Last Friday, April 6, Friends of Loogootee Library (FOLL) and the Library Fundraising Committee had a cookout fundraiser in front of the library. The menu consisted of Dewig's Brats and Odon Locker's Marinated Chicken, chips and pop for a \$5 donation. The chicken was grilled by Darvin Wagler and Jerry Huelsman grilled the brats. There was homemade goodies and pie available for an additional donation. We sold out by 1:15 and had to close up shop. We made over \$1,100 with all proceeds going toward the new library. I appreciate all the hard work from the volunteers especially the husbands. My heartfelt appreciation to all that came to the cookout or donated in any way.

The next fundraiser will be Bling and Brunch at St. John's Upper Level on Saturday, April 21 from 10 a.m.-noon. Little girls are invited and encouraged to wear their best princess dress, tiara, and bling. There will be food and costume jewelry available for a donation. All proceeds go toward the new library.

On Saturday, May 12, from 5 p.m.-8 p.m., Friends of Loogootee Library (FOLL) will have a live auction at United Methodist Church in Loogootee. FOLL president Judy Yarnell has spent countless hours sending out donation requests and has items coming in daily. She is currently compiling a list of items and will post them soon.

NEW BOOKS:

Mystery Fiction: "After Anna" by Lisa Scottoline, "Shoot First" by Stuart Woods, "The Sixth Day" by Catherine Coulter, "The Cutting Edge" by Jeffery Deaver, and "Whisper the Dead" by Stella Cameron.

The library hours are Monday and Tuesday 10-7, Wednesday closed, Thursday and Friday 10-5 and Saturday 9-1. The phone number is 812-295-3713 or check out the website www.loogootee.lib.in.us or like us on Facebook. The library has free Wi-Fi service available for patrons.

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser

Purdue University Master Gardener

Last week, this column dealt largely with growing herbs in pots. Most of the herbs discussed are usually grown as annuals. However, there are some perennial herbs that may be successfully grown in southern Indiana.

Of course, the easiest herbs to grow are members of the mint family. Most mints will tolerate the heavy clay soils common in southern Indiana and our wet winters do not bother them. In fact, there are some areas in northern Indiana where mint is grown commercially. Indiana is the top state for the production of peppermint. Some others are hardy enough to overwinter in pots, especially if the pots are placed in areas where building foundations provide milder micro-climates. I have a pot of chives that return every year and have over-wintered some of the hardier sages in pots. Some perennial herbs may also be grown indoors. Of those, most want plenty of bright light—either natural or from grow lights and do best in areas that are 55 to 65 degrees at night.

One of the more difficult perennial herbs to grow in southern Indiana is rosemary. The only type of rosemary that I have ever over-wintered outside at Sandhill Gardens is Arp rosemary. Arp rosemary will survive temperatures down to about 10 degrees, as long as the roots are not waterlogged. However, it is a short-lived perennial at best and I have never had a plant survive more than four years.

My personal favorite herb is lavender. What is not to love about this Mediterranean native? The silvery foliage gives mixed borders some foliage contrast. The flowers, which range from white to deep purple, attract bees and butterflies and both the foliage and flowers provide that signature scent which has made the plant a favorite for sachets, perfumes and culinary uses, especially with poultry. While I have had Spanish lavender to return after a mild winter, the English lavenders are more likely to survive a typical southern Indiana winter. Hidcote, which was developed at the famous English garden of the same name, is one of the best cultivars.

Once you have identified a cultivar that you like, the most important part is finding an area that will provide the necessary growing conditions. Clay soil is deadly to lavender. Just as we discussed last week, these Mediterranean herbs do not do well in wet conditions or in fertile soils. In past columns, I have talked about two terraced areas

at Sandhill Gardens. One was made to provide a level area for a dining area near the gazebo and fire pit. The other was built to give me a level area from my wood shed to the outdoor boiler unit. Both of the areas were constructed by using large boulders to form a wall and back-filling with an inexpensive gravel product that contains a lot of lime dust. I have transplanted pots of Hidcote lavender directly behind the boulders and simply back-filling with the crushed stone. This medium provides the drainage that lavender needs. I do not trim back the plants in the fall, but I do shear the plants back in the spring just as I spot new growth. Lavender prefers a lean soil, so I have never given the plants any supplemental fertilizer.

The woodshed terrace has hardy hibiscus and irises planted in front of the wall. In the dining terrace wall, baptisia, catmint and rue blend well with the lavender and thrive in the same conditions. Of course, traditionally, lavender is paired with roses and clematis. I plan to add a white antique shrub rose to the dining terrace and may plant a jackmanii clematis to train along the wall there. The combination will be pleasing to both the eye and the nose. The baptisia adds sound when the seed pods dry and some lamb's ear could be tucked between some of the boulders to create a garden for all of the senses. Planning is half the fun of gardening.

Celebrate National Volunteer Week at Indiana State Parks

From maintaining trails to helping in a nature center, Hoosiers can celebrate National Volunteer Week, April 15-21, by donating their time and talent to Indiana's state parks.

"Volunteering gives you a great sense of accomplishment," said Jody Heaston, volunteer coordinator for DNR Division of State Parks. "You know you are helping manage and conserve our natural and cultural resources for future generations to enjoy."

Heaston said she hopes many volunteers from National Volunteer week will "catch the giving-back spirit" and continue to volunteer with state parks.

For complete list of programs from April 15-21, visit calendar.dnr.IN.gov.

Information about how to be a state park volunteer is available at stateparks.IN.gov/2443.htm.

Report: Climate change poses health risks for all Hoosiers

BY DARRIN PACK

Purdue University News Service

Over the coming decades, higher temperatures, more extreme weather events and reduced air quality due to climate change in Indiana will likely pose significant health risks for all Hoosiers – and especially children, the elderly, people with chronic health conditions and low-income families – according to the latest report from the Indiana Climate Change Impacts Assessment (IN CCIA) based at Purdue University.

"Children typically spend more time outdoors, exposing them to heat, and their bodies are physiologically more susceptible to the effects of heat than adults," the report reads. "The elderly are likely to have more chronic health issues – such as respiratory conditions, diabetes and cardiovascular diseases – than younger Hoosiers. They also often live alone, have fixed incomes and may lack the support systems to help them cope with extreme heat."

The report, Hoosiers' Health in a Changing Climate," was released Thursday (April 5) in a community briefing at Sidney & Lois Eskenazi Hospital in Indianapolis. It is available at <http://indianaclimate.org>.

"The Indiana Climate Change Impacts Assessment will prove to be a powerful resource for public health practitioners, teaching professionals, students and advocates statewide as they seek not only to stay informed about the impact of climate change on human and community health, but also to contribute to critical adaptation strategies," said Jerry King, executive director of the Indiana Public Health Association.

Jeff Dukes, director of the Purdue Climate Change Research Center, said that while some segments of the population face greater health risks than others, all Indiana residents will be affected by changing climate conditions.

"As Midwesterners, we know that hot, humid weather can be dangerous and even deadly," he said. "Together, heat and humidity make it difficult for the body to keep cool, increasing the risk of heat exhaustion and heat stroke."

Among the key findings of the report: * Injuries and deaths caused by extreme heat are projected to increase, while injuries and deaths caused by extreme cold are projected to decrease. Overall, the number of temperature-related deaths in Indiana is expected to increase, and potentially even double by mid-century.

* Indiana's allergy season is projected to lengthen by a month by mid-century due to a longer growing season.

* In the past 30 years, the mosquito population in Indianapolis has increased by 500 percent. Greater rainfall and warmer temperatures are expected to continue this trend and will provide living conditions for the more "tropical" mosquitoes that carry diseases such as malaria, dengue fever and Zika.

Gabriel Filippelli, director of the Center for Urban Health at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis and the lead author of the report, said the health impacts of climate change could be especially severe in urban areas, especially among those living near or below the poverty line. He not-

ed that low-income neighborhoods are often located in areas with higher environmental pollution and greater exposure to extreme weather events, such as flooding, while often lacking access to affordable health care.

"Hot summer temperatures will be compounded in cities and we can expect serious issues with urban low-income households that might not have access to adequate air conditioning, and the elderly, whose physical systems are much more susceptible to stress," he said. "Climate-aware health-care systems, waterway infrastructure and urban planning will all need to be developed and implemented in the coming decades to reduce the negative health effects of climate change in Indiana."

The Indiana Climate Change Impacts Assessment, based at Purdue University, has compiled the latest scientific research into a series of easily understandable reports about climate change impacts in nine topic areas: climate, health, water resources, energy, forest and urban ecosystems, aquatic ecosystems, tourism and recreation, agriculture and infrastructure. Each report is drafted by a working group of subject-matter experts from Purdue and other Indiana institutions.

The first report in the series, Indiana's Past and Future Climate, addressing historical patterns and future projections for climate change in the state, was released March 1. It is available at <http://indianaclimate.org>.

For more information about the Indiana Climate Change Impacts Assessment, including a full media packet with publication-ready images, visit the homepage at <http://indianaclimate.org>. Follow on social media via @PurdueCCRC, #ClimateChange, #IN-CCIA.

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National unemployment rate at 4.1 percent for six consecutive month

Total nonfarm payroll employment edged up by 103,000 in March, and the unemployment rate was unchanged at 4.1 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week. Employment increased in manufacturing, health care, and mining.

Household Survey Data

In March, the unemployment rate was 4.1 percent for the sixth consecutive month, and the number of unemployed persons, at 6.6 million, changed little.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rates for adult men (3.7 percent), adult women (3.7 percent), teenagers (13.5 percent), Whites (3.6 percent), Blacks (6.9 percent), Asians (3.1 percent), and Hispanics (5.1 percent) showed little or no change in March.

At 1.3 million, the number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) was little changed in March and accounted for 20.3 percent of the unemployed. Over the year, the number of long-term unemployed was down by 338,000.

The labor force participation rate, at 62.9 percent, changed little in March, and the employment-population ratio held at 60.4 percent.

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons (sometimes referred to as involuntary part-time workers) was little changed at 5.0 million in March.

These individuals, who would have preferred full-time employment, were working part-time because their hours had been reduced or because they were unable to find full-time jobs.

In March, 1.5 million persons were marginally attached to the labor force, little different from a year earlier. (The data are not seasonally adjusted.) These individuals were not in the labor force, wanted and were available for work, and had looked for a job sometime in the prior 12 months. They were not counted as unemployed because they had not searched for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey.

Among the marginally attached, there were 450,000 discouraged workers in March, essentially unchanged from a year earlier. (The data are not seasonally adjusted.) Discouraged workers are persons not currently looking for work because they believe no jobs are available for them. The remaining 1.0 million persons marginally attached to the labor force in March had not searched for work for reasons such as school attendance or family responsibilities.

Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment edged up by 103,000 in March, following a large gain in February (+326,000). In March, employment grew in manufacturing, health care, and mining.

In March, employment in manufacturing rose by 22,000, with all of the gain in the durable goods component. Employment in fabricated metal products increased over the month (+9,000). Over the year, manufacturing has added 232,000 jobs; the durable goods component accounted for about three-fourths of the jobs added.

In March, health care added 22,000 jobs, about in line with its average monthly gain over the prior 12 months. Employment continued to trend up over the month in ambulatory health care services (+16,000) and hospitals (+10,000).

Employment in mining increased by 9,000 in March, with gains occurring in support activities for mining (+6,000) and in oil and gas extraction (+2,000). Mining employment has risen by 78,000 since a recent low in October 2016.

Employment in professional and business services continued to trend up in March (+33,000) and has risen by 502,000 over the year.

Retail trade employment changed little in March (-4,000), after increasing by 47,000 in February. In March, employment declined by 13,000 in general merchandise stores, offsetting a gain of the same size in February. Over the year, employment in retail trade has shown little net change.

In March, employment in construction also changed little (-15,000), following a large gain in February (+65,000).

Employment changed little over the month in other major industries, including wholesale trade, transportation and warehousing, information, financial activities, leisure and hospitality, and government.

The average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls was unchanged at 34.5 hours in March. In manufacturing, the workweek edged down by 0.1 hour to 40.9 hours; overtime edged down by 0.1 hour to 3.6 hours. The average workweek for production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls edged down by 0.1 hour to 33.7 hours.

In March, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls rose by 8 cents to \$26.82. Over the year, average hourly earnings have increased by 71 cents, or 2.7 percent. Average hourly earnings for private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees increased by 4 cents to \$22.42 in March.

The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for January was revised down from +239,000 to +176,000, and the change for February was revised up from +313,000 to +326,000. With these revisions, employment gains in January and February combined were 50,000 less than previously reported. (Monthly revisions result from additional reports received from businesses and government agencies since the last published estimates and from the recalculation of seasonal factors.) After revisions, job gains have averaged 202,000 over the last 3 months.

ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



DAN is a male Walker Coonhound, 2-3 years old. He is neutered, up to date on shots and tested negative for heartworms. Adoption fee is \$80. The Martin County Humane Society Animal Shelter is located at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. To see all available animals, visit www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org.

2018 class completes Radius Indiana Regional Economic Development Course

Radius Indiana concluded its second annual economic development course at French Lick Resort last week, wrapping up three days of education, networking and skills building for community leaders from across Southern Indiana.

The Radius Indiana Economic Development for Community Leadership Program is the only course of its kind to be offered in the area. Thirty people representing 14 Indiana counties gathered to hear from national and regional speakers teaching educational sessions on topics such as real estate development, business attraction, workforce, marketing, business finance and incentives, and entrepreneurship.

"A fundamental part of economic development is helping communities grow strong; this course helps equip local leaders with the strategies and tools for intentional business growth and skills-driven workforce development," said Radius Indiana President and CEO Jeff Quyle.

The course's registrants included mayors, council members, county commissioners, chamber of commerce leaders, community foundation directors, economic development professionals and business owners.

"This course really covered the depth and breadth of all things related to economic development," said Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty. "These three days exemplified the importance of collaborative thinking in our communities."

Two national site selectors, Geoffrey Troan of Sandridge Consulting

and Jenny Massey of FairWinds Advisors gave feature presentations during the course. Other sessions and speakers included Introduction to Economic Development with Jim Plump, Jackson County Industrial Development Corporation; Real Estate/Site Development with Chelsey Manns, Manns Consulting; Business Retention and Expansion with Jason Hester, Greater Columbus Economic Development Corporation; Abatement/TIF/Incentives with Matt Eckerle, Umbaugh and Associates; Strategic Planning with Wendy Dant Chesser, One Southern Indiana; and Entrepreneurship with Steve Bryant, Ivy Tech.

Corporate sponsors and tuition payments helped fund the program, including generous support from Hoosier Energy, Duke Energy, Smithville Fiber, Old National Bank, Krieg DeVault and Christopher B. Burke Engineering.

ABOUT RADIUS INDIANA: Radius Indiana is a regional economic development partnership representing eight counties in Southern Indiana: Crawford, Daviess, Dubois, Greene, Lawrence, Martin, Orange, and Washington. Formed in 2009, Radius Indiana also serves as a point of contact in Indiana for Naval Support Activity Crane and leads regional collaboration by leveraging the diverse assets of Southwest Central Indiana to drive attraction, retention and expansion of business, thereby increasing employment and investment opportunities and quality of life within the region.



Color Guard presentation

-Photo provided

The Indiana Society Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard presented the colors at the 239th Anniversary of the Capture of Fort Sackville in Vincennes on February 23. Members in the color guard were from the David Benton SAR Chapter in Brownstown, Daniel Guthrie SAR Chapter in Bedford, and the Ohio Valley SAR Chapter in Evansville. Shown in the photo, from left to right, are Robert Cunningham, James Arnold, Ed Hitchcock, Dale Brown, Brian Cushing, Program Director, Historic Locust Grove in Louisville, Kentucky; James Harvey, and Ernie Payne.

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