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City discusses 2018 budget, salaries

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The Loogootee City Council discussed next year's budget and employee raises at their meeting Monday night, August 14. Salary recommendations included a \$250 annual increase in the salary of the city council, \$250 annually for the city attorney, and a 50 cent per hour raise for most employees. The recommendations did not include increases for the building commissioner or the fire department. Mayor Noel Harty said that the fire chief did not feel raises were necessary. The recommendation also included a 25 cent per hour increase for the assistant utilities clerk. Mayor Harty said when she was brought over from West Boggs Sewer District, her wages were higher than what the city was paying their clerk. The raise also did not apply to the pool concession worker.

Council Member Ruth Smith said she was against the council increasing her salary and would prefer for that money to go toward increases for city employees. "I feel as a council member, I am paid pretty good," she said. Council Member Carroll Rayhill agreed with Smith saying that the council meets once a month and regular city employees work 40 hours a week.

Council Member Teresa Nolley said that she is okay with the council getting a pay raise because it encourages people to run for seats. She also noted that the council has not received a raise in five years and everyone else gets one

annually. (Editor's note: The city council received a \$300 annual pay increase in 2015.) The council is currently paid a salary of \$4,500 per year or \$375 per regular monthly meeting, which does not include any special meetings that may be held throughout the year.

Council Member Teresa Nolley asked Clerk-Treasurer Nancy Jones what she and her deputy were asking for as far as a pay increase. Jones replied that she was unaware that the mayor was going to bring pay increase recommendations to the meeting so she had not given it any thought. She said she and her deputy typically request the same raises as other full-time employees. Mayor Harty noted that the salary ordinance was on the agenda for the meeting.

Council Member Roger Downey said he thinks the city should see what changes are going to be in the health insurance before any decision is made on salaries. The rest of the council agreed.

Clerk-Treasurer Nancy Jones presented the 2018 budget to the council and said she will be uploading it to the state website on Tuesday.

Courtney Hughett, from the audience, asked how the budget could be submitted without knowing if there would be salary increases. Jones replied that she guessed on salaries.

Jones told the council that the 2018 budget is scheduled to be adopted on October 10.

The board of public works, at the meeting held prior to the city council (See 'SHOALS' continued on page 2)

Shoals School makes staff changes

The Shoals School Board met last Thursday, August 10.

The board approved the following personnel actions:

- Lisa Ader resignation from Spell Bowl Sponsor
- Resignation of James Johnson as high school math teacher
- Lori Flynn as high school math teacher (replacing Jim Johnson)
- Nick Gerkin as soccer volunteer
- Larry Sherfick as soccer volunteer
- Katie Parke as 7th grade volleyball coach
- Jesse Sudduth as 8th grade volleyball coach
- Rebecca Harmon as elementary Beta sponsor
- Reva Troutman as Junior Beta sponsor
- Megan Hawkins as volunteer/sponsor Senior Beta
- Switch Mr. Holt and Mrs. Flynn's classes around, Mr. Holt will now take over Mr. Johnson's/Mrs. Flynn's classes and Mrs. Flynn will take over Mr. Holt's Classes (For information only)
- Substitute teachers - Danielle Whaley (elementary) and Cheryl Moore (all levels), Lindsey Taylor Potts (elementary), Jim Bruner (middle and high school), Janice Henning (elementary and middle), Cathy Hovis (all levels).
- Substitute and ECA sub drivers- Jer-

emy Albright, Melvin Albright, Warren Albright, Norman Beasley, Kathy Collins, Mark Franklin, Lonnie Hawkins, Dave Qualkenbush, Ashley Salmon, Wayne Underwood, Scott Fishback, Larry Sherfick, Charlene Breidenbaugh. All route drivers are eligible to drive ECA also.

-Drexel Turpin and Kyle Turpin as substitute and ECA sub drivers.

-Jamie Bennington as first shift custodian

-Unpaid suspension of employee 2020

-Substitute (all grade levels and cafeteria) Michelle Roush

-FMLA request for employee number 2220

-Miss Cage, Mr. Holt and Mr. Stephenson as senior class sponsors

-Mrs. Sutton, Miss Turpin, Ms. Garsnett, and Mr. McAlister as junior class sponsors

-Dennis Dahlen as film club sponsor and yearbook/media sponsor

-Wes Stephenson as chess club sponsor

-Erin Cage as Spanish Club sponsor

-Linda Sherfick as SADD sponsor

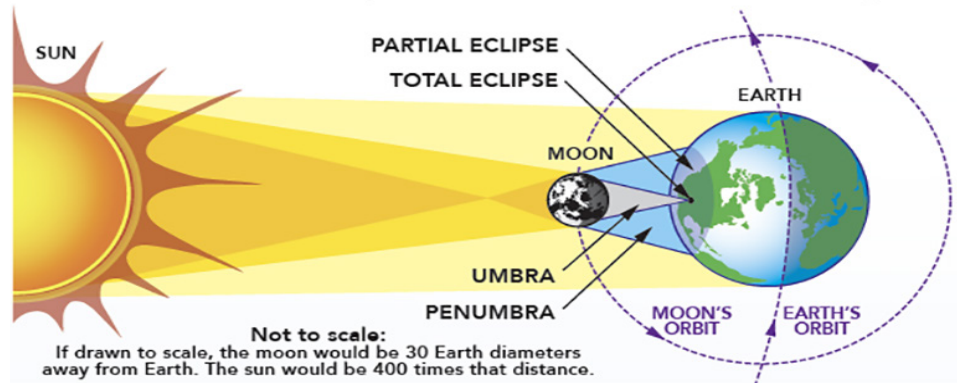
-Larry Sherfick as Student Council sponsor

-Jennifer Mauntel and Dean Troutman as FTC Robotics club sponsors

-Tina Rue and Wes Stephenson as (See 'SHOALS' continued on page 2)

TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE: Monday • August 21, 2017

This will be the first total solar eclipse visible in the continental United States in 38 years.



Eclipse: Who? What? Where? When? and How?

Article information provided by NASA

On Monday, August 21, 2017, all of North America will be treated to an eclipse of the sun. Anyone within the path of totality can see one of nature's most awe-inspiring sights - a total solar eclipse. This path, where the moon will completely cover the sun and the sun's tenuous atmosphere - the corona - can be seen, will stretch from Lincoln Beach, Oregon to Charleston, South Carolina. Observers outside this path will still see a partial solar eclipse where the moon covers part of the sun's disk.

Who Can See It?

Lots of people! Everyone in the contiguous United States, in fact, everyone in North America plus parts of South America, Africa, and Europe will see at least a partial solar eclipse, while the thin path of totality will pass through portions of 14 states.

What is It?

This celestial event is a solar eclipse in which the moon passes between the sun and Earth and blocks all or part of the sun for up to about three hours, from beginning to end, as viewed from a given location. For this eclipse, the longest period when the moon completely blocks the sun from any given location along the path will be about two minutes and 40 seconds. The last time the contiguous U.S. saw a total eclipse was in 1979.

Where Can You See It?

You can see a partial eclipse, where the moon covers only a part of the sun, anywhere in North America (see "Who

can see it?"). To see a total eclipse, where the moon fully covers the sun for a short few minutes, you must be in the path of totality. The path of totality is a relatively thin ribbon, around 70 miles wide, that will cross the U.S. from West to East. The first point of contact will be at Lincoln Beach, Oregon at 9:05 a.m. PDT. Totality begins there at 10:16 a.m. PDT. Over the next hour and a half, it will cross through Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, and North and South Carolina. The total eclipse will end near Charleston, South Carolina at 2:48 p.m. EDT. From there the lunar shadow leaves the United States at 4:09 EDT. Its longest duration will be near Carbondale, Illinois, where the sun will be completely covered for two minutes and 40 seconds.

When Can You See It?

Times for partial and total phases of the eclipse vary depending on your location. Visit <https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/eclipse-who-what-where-when-and-how> to show you times for the partial and total eclipse anywhere in the world.

How Can You See It?

You never want to look directly at the sun without appropriate protection except during totality. That could severely hurt your eyes. However, there are many ways to safely view an eclipse of the sun including direct viewing - which requires some type of filtering device and indirect viewing where you project an image of the sun onto a screen.

Three arrested on drug charges

On Friday, August 11, a deputy of the Martin County Sheriff's Office received an anonymous tip that individuals sentenced to probation by the Martin County Circuit Court were using methamphetamine. Chief Deputy Josh Greene and Major T.A. Burkhardt went to the residence of Robert Goldsberry, in Shoals, to conduct a probation search. During the search, a small amount of methamphetamine was located.

Later, Friday afternoon, Goldsberry and other individuals on probation were located at the Crane Federal Credit Union in Loogootee. ISP Trooper Lents, Deputy Shinn, and Loogootee Officer Mcbeth assisted Major Burkhardt and Chief Deputy Greene at the bank.

All the individuals on probation were detained and searched. Additional quantities of methamphetamine, along with paraphernalia and controlled substances

were in the two vehicles the suspects arrived in at the bank. During the investigation, Goldsberry and Payne, the drivers of the two vehicles, were believed to have operated the vehicles under the influence and refused to submit to a chemical test.

Charges

Robert Goldsberry, 47, of Shoals: Possession of methamphetamine; maintaining a common nuisance; operating while intoxicated "refusal"

Jonathan Payne, 27, of Shoals: Possession of methamphetamine; possession of a schedule 4 controlled substance; maintaining a common nuisance; possession of paraphernalia; operating while intoxicated "refusal"

Dylan Day, 21, of Shoals: Visiting a common nuisance

All suspects are presumed innocent until proven to be guilty in a court of law.

SHOALS

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high school academic team sponsors
 -Cassie Phillips as middle school academic team sponsors
 -Shannon Wagoner as Senior Beta sponsor
 -Reva Troutman as Junior Beta sponsor
 -Lori Flynn as Math For Fun Club sponsor, a new club she started

The board approved the following fundraisers:

-High school volleyball plate lunch at the Shoals Ball Park on August 6
 -High school band Century Resources

The board approved disposing of or donating the following items: old mirror out of the Culinary Arts room; unused or broken tables and chairs; unused or broken cabinets; old and unused history books; and unused cubicles; and unused cafeteria tables

The board accepted a \$200 donation from Jasper Engines for the robotics program.

The board reviewed the 2017 budget, held a first reading of the teachers' procedures and guidelines and discussed grade level caps.

The board approved the following facility usage requests:

-Fall Festival to be held at the school on October 28.

- Good Samaritan case managers, who are part of the school's local mental health facility, the opportunity to meet with students who may be on their case load only with parent permission.

-Girl Scouts to hold meetings in the elementary science lab

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meeting, agreed to accept the contract with Daviess County Rural Water to sell water for \$2.25 per thousand gallons. The original contract, from three years ago, had said \$2.65 and Council Member Teresa Nolley, from the audience, asked why the city can't go back and counter the offer since the original contract said \$2.65. Mayor Harty said that Daviess County Rural Water buys water from Odon and Washington for \$1.95 per thousand gallons so paying Loogootee \$2.25 is substantially more. Nolley again said that the original contract called for \$2.65 per thousand gallons. Mayor Harty said they can do whatever the council wants them to do and go back and request more however when they met with reps from Daviess County Rural Water, they mentioned they had another entity that could sell to them. They said they chose Loogootee first because of Loogootee's capabilities.

Daviess County Rural Water also asked for 400,000-gallon maximum per day from day one. Wilson had originally wanted to work up to the maximum over time to work out any kinks. Wilson said the city needed some growing time to make sure there are no issues.

The contract at 400,000-gallon per day (the maximum) would bring the city an additional \$324,000 per year. At 100,000-gallon per day (the minimum), it would bring an additional \$81,000 per year. Wilson noted that his is all new money.

The board of works approved the

contract and then it was brought to the council who also approved.

Nancy Spaulding, utilities clerk, told the council that the water office is looking at govpay.com to start accepting credit cards. The site allows customers to pay their bill online, over the phone or scan their credit card at a machine in the water office. She said it is no cost to the city, the customer pays \$1 for bills up to \$50; \$2 for bills from 50-\$100; \$3 for bills \$100-\$150 and 2.65 percent for bills over \$150.

She also requested the council approve purchasing a check scanner so the water office can scan check payments from the water office instead of having to add them up and take them to the bank and deposit them. Spaulding said they receive an average of \$25,000 in checks per month. The initial cost would be \$300 for the machine and then \$80 a month as a service fee. Spaulding said the machine would save them a lot of time. The board of works decided to table a decision on either proposal until the next meeting.

Courtney Hughett, with the Martin County Humane Society, provided the council with the animal shelter's annual profit and loss statement from 2016 along with all activity at the shelter. She said she provided the information in January of this year but couldn't attend the meeting so wanted to see if the council had any questions. She also noted that of the 99 cats taken into the shelter so far this year, 54 have been from the City of Loogootee and of the 77

dogs the shelter has taken in this year, 26 have been from the City of Loogootee. She also gave a list of some of the city streets where the cats and dogs were picked up. Council Member Ruth Smith said she would like to add the humane society to the city's budget to be able to help out with funding. Clerk-Treasurer Nancy Jones said that it was too late to add anything to the budget for 2018 and the council could discuss doing that for 2019. Smith replied that should would like the Clerk-Treasurer to look at the current year budget and see if there is money available now to contribute to the shelter. Jones replied that she thinks the humane society had to have a specific need in order to request money and the city can't just give the humane society money. Hughett replied that the city has only given the humane society money one time, for cat cages, and it was at least three years ago. Hughett said that more than half of the humane society's \$40,000 budget goes to vet bills. Council Member Roger Downey said he believed the council gave the humane society that money two years ago and he said at the time that he would like to see the humane society as a line item in the budget but nothing was ever done. Smith again said she would like Jones to go through the budget and see if there is money available for the animal shelter.

Clerk-Treasurer Jones gave the council a pool report as of July 31. The pool took in \$39,405 so far and has spent \$33,445. She said this puts the pool in the black so far this year.

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BEULAH HOWELL

Beulah May Howell passed away at 6:50 p.m. August 11, 2017 at Cathedral Healthcare in Jasper. A resident of Loogootee, she was 94.

She was born on August 24, 1922 in Greene County; daughter of Roy and Anna (Pribble) Ashcraft. She married Estel "Bill" Howell and he preceded her in death in 1982. She attended Greene County Schools, retired from Gentle Care in Loogootee and was a member of the Loogootee Christian Church.

Survivors include daughters, Darcus (Dale) Abel of Loogootee, Judy Connerly of Mitchell; one son, Billy Howell of Loogootee; sisters, Margie Ball of Linton, Joann Padgett of

Springville; brothers, Robert Ashcraft of Greenwood, Kenny Ashcraft of Kokomo, Bud Ashcraft of Bloomfield and Jim Ashcraft of Missouri; 12 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, parents, sisters, Elaine Horde, Wilma Ashcraft and Royelle Woods; and brothers, Raymond Ashcraft and Ralph Ashcraft.

Funeral services were held today, Wednesday August 16 at 1 p.m. at the Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes in Shoals. Burial will be at a later date. Ed Frost officiated.

Queen Lee Chapel was in charge of the arrangements.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, AUGUST 7

7:05 a.m. - Received a report of mailbox vandalism in Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

10:08 a.m. - Sheriff Roush took one inmate to court.

10:32 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:30 p.m. - Received a report of a property dispute near Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

5:40 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless semi on US 50 near Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

5:42 p.m. - Received a report of a possible fire west of Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

7:36 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute south of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller and Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.

11:15 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

8:00 a.m. - Received a report of cows out on US 50, west of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

8:30 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

9:15 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

10:40 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took two inmates to court.

12:00 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to the doctor.

12:32 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

12:45 p.m. - Major Burkhardt took one inmate to court.

12:50 p.m. - Received a report of a property line dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

1:45 p.m. - Received a report of a drive-off in Shoals. Area departments were notified.

3:15 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

6:38 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

6:53 p.m. - Received a report of a break-in, in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

11:20 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

2:28 a.m. - Received a fire alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire, Loogootee Officer Floyd, and Deputy Salmon responded. Everything checked okay.

9:00 a.m. - Captain Dant performed a vehicle identification check north of Shoals.

12:43 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

2:50 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

2:55 p.m. - Received a report of fraud in Loogootee. LPD Officer Rayhill responded.

4:08 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

7:40 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported

to Daviess Community Hospital.

8:45 p.m. - Animal Control Officer Hughett responded to a dog complaint in Crane.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

10:15 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took three inmates to court.

1:07 p.m. - Received a report of debit card fraud in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

1:43 p.m. - Received a report of theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

1:45 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded and spoke with the subject.

1:46 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:45 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

6:40 p.m. - Received an animal complaint south of Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

8:25 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Crane. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

10:31 p.m. - Received a report of a fire in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire responded.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

12:59 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Shoals. Deputy Salmon responded.

4:47 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded.

5:16 a.m. - Jail Commander Abel took one inmate to the hospital.

7:15 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

7:30 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennessee responded.

9:15 a.m. - Received a report of a bob cat problem east of Shoals. ICO Corporal Doane responded.

9:50 a.m. - Received a report of a theft south of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

1:1p p.m. - Received a report of ATM card theft in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

4:25 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

7:36 p.m. - Received an alarm call north of Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

7:38 p.m. - Received a report of road rage on US 50. Major Burkhardt, Town Marshal Eckert, ISP Trooper Beaver, and ISP Trooper Lents responded.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

2:00 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:27 a.m. - Received an alarm call north of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth and Reserve Deputy Harmon responded. All was okay.

4:00 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:22 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

7:55 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Dant responded and all was okay.

11:00 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down on SR 150. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

3:11 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

6:12 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

10:39 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic near Shoals. Deputy Reed, Town Marshal Eckert, and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

4:36 a.m. - Received a report of a

Martin County real estate transfers

Justin M. Randolph and Jennifer M. Randolph, of Martin County, Indiana to **Dylan D. Stoll and Mallorie E. Layton**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 3 in the First North Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Kevin M. Hovis, of Martin County, Indiana to **Christopher and Stephanie Royston**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 12, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 1 1/4 acre, more or less.

Justin Crosby, of Martin County, Indiana to **Monty Gregory**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Number 13 and 14 in Block "G" of the Loogootee Land Company Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Ann L. Bleemel, of Martin County, Indiana to **Anna N. Rees**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.30 acres, more or less.

William D. Meadows and Diana P. Meadows, of Greene County, Indiana to **Kevin Scott Hert, Sr. and Deanna L. Hert**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Numbered 14 of Pruet Subdivi-

sion. possible intruder in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.

5:07 a.m. - Deputy Reed assisted a motorist east of Shoals.

6:14 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:24 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

2:30 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

2:49 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

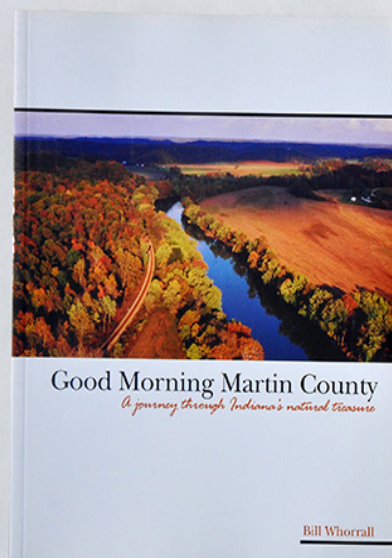
4:15 p.m. - Received request for an ambulance in Shoals. Sergeant Keller, Loogootee Officer McBeth, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

Laura L. Stidham, Kirby J. McGuire and Kenneth J. McGuire, of Martin County, Indiana to **James H. McGuire**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Numbered 19 in the Town of Memphis, now Shoals, Indiana.

Beverly J. Moore, Benjamin E. Sumemrs, Rachel A. Williams, n/k/a Rachel A. Terry; Wayne V. Summers, Kevin Fuhrman and Jeffrey Fuhrman, of Martin County, Indiana to **Wiscover Properties, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 123 in the town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Norma J. Dollar, of Marion County, Indiana to **Virgil A. Dollar and Norma J. Dollar**, the west half of the southeast quarter and the east half of the southwest quarter of Section 3, Township 2, Range 3 in Martin County, Indiana. Also, the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter and the west half of the northeast quarter and the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter in Section 10, Township 2, Range 3 in Martin County, Indiana. Also, the west half of the southwest quarter of Section 3, Township 2, Range 3 in Martin County, Indiana. All containing 400 acres, more or less.

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COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCING

July 11

Michael E. Bakerian, convicted of possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 180 days with 142 days suspended and credit for 19 actual days previously served plus 19 Class A credit days. Defendant received 5 months of probation.

August 3

Steven E. Boyd, convicted of non-support of a dependent child, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 730 days with 654 days suspended and credit for 38 actual days previously served plus 38 Class A credit days. Defendant received 22 months of probation.

Mark A. Pennington, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 359 days suspended and credit for three actual days previously served plus 3 Class A credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

Noah R. Peyton, convicted of possession of chemical reagents or precursors with intent to manufacture a controlled substance, a Class 6 Felony and convicted of maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced on the first count to serve 545 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 114 actual days previously served plus 114 Class A credit days. Sentenced on the second count to serve 545 days with 0 days suspended and no credit time.

Enoch J. Spaulding, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days with 46 days suspended and credit for 7 actual days previously served plus 7 Class A credit days. Defendant received 6 months of probation.

August 8

Adam M. Arvin, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 347 days suspended and credit for 9 actual days previously served plus 9 Class A credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

Matthew R. Flynn, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 361 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES



In a DESPERATE need for Drivers Volunteers are needed to drive the veteran's van to transport our veterans to medical appointments at VA hospitals and clinics in the surrounding area. This is NOT a paid position. I am aware that we all have very busy lives and very little free time. That is why I use a call list when scheduling drivers. When a veteran calls me, I find a driver from the call list to get them to their appointments. You can drive as often as you choose or as little as time allows. You must have an Indiana driver's license and a clean driving record. If you are interested, please call the Martin County Veterans Service Officer at 247-2450.

DISMISSED

July 11

Michael E. Bakerian, maintaining a common nuisance, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; neglect of a dependent, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed.

August 3

Mark A. Pennington, operating while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

August 8

Adam M. Arvin, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Matthew R. Flynn, operating while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

August 8

Kristen N. June vs. James D. June, III, petition for dissolution of marriage.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

July 24

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midland Funding, LLC and against the defendant John Hunt in the amount of \$504.94.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

August 7

Crane Credit Union vs. Marcus L. Carson, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Sandra L. Winger, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Anita K. South, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Kimbria Young, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Raygan L. Roach, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Karl E. Phillips, Jr., complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Austin G. Chaney, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Bailey P. Harmon, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Erik B. Beller, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. William R. Phillips, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Dewey Jones, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Mary M. Brooking, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Paul G. Dowdy, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Regan J. and Marcia L. Hobbs, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Micah and Elisabeth Doss, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Andrea M. Qualkenbush, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Randey G. Ragle, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

August 7

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Aaron L. Brown in the amount of \$2,379.80.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Deborah K. Couch in the amount of \$1,355.38.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Linda R. Gunn in the amount of \$1,042.31.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Belinda S. Martin in the amount of \$1,660.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

August 7

Charles R. Chrisman of Loogootee and Karen L. Hotz of Loogootee.

Abe H. Hilton III of Loogootee and Katie D. Densmore of Loogootee.

August 8

Monte D. Graham of Loogootee and Cassandra J. Cornwell of Loogootee.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, AUGUST 7

10:20 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious item in a parking lot at a local business.

12:15 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted child protective services.

12:20 p.m. - Caller reported a trespasser on his property.

6:52 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on East Broadway Street.

7:37 p.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted the county with a domestic dispute.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

7:05 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the Daviess County Sheriff's Department with a traffic stop.

12:32 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on Park Street.

12:50 p.m. - Caller reported a civil dispute.

2:29 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

8:45 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

11:20 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism on JFK Avenue.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

2:28 a.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to a fire alarm on Main Street.

12:43 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50. Vehicle was located.

2:55 p.m. - Male reported theft and fraud.

2:56 p.m. - Male reported suspicious activity.

4:10 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle all over the road on Hwy 50.

6:53 p.m. - Caller reported having problems with their neighbors.

7:35 p.m. - First responders were requested on South Kentucky Avenue for a medical call.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

1:07 p.m. - Caller reported credit card fraud.

1:43 p.m. - Male caller reported a theft from his residence.

1:45 p.m. - Caller reported a suspi-

cious male selling items door to door. Vehicle was located.

3:45 p.m. - Caller reported a scam.

8:42 p.m. - Caller reported credit card fraud.

10:27 p.m. - Officer Floyd responded to a business alarm.

10:32 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was dispatched to an oven fire on Cherry Street.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

6:24 a.m. - Caller reported a traffic complaint.

7:30 a.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

12:35 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a dog in a vehicle.

5:52 p.m. - Officer McBeth assisted the county with an arrest.

7:36 p.m. - Officer McBeth responded to a business alarm.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

2:27 a.m. - Officer McBeth responded to a business alarm.

7:55 a.m. - Officer Dant responded to a business alarm.

9:53 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on East Broadway Street.

10:48 a.m. - Caller reported an abandoned bike on Mulberry Street.

7:17 p.m. - Caller reported a civil dispute.

9:29 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic issue.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

4:36 a.m. - Caller requested extra patrol.

4:28 p.m. - Officer McBeth assisted the county with an intoxicated person.

5:01 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person in Sunset Trailer Court.

7:54 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident on North Line Street.

8:00 a.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted Daviess County with a hit-and-run accident.

8:53 p.m. - A hit-and-run accident was reported at Dairy Queen. Charges are filed on a male.

ARRESTS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

5:52 p.m. - Dylan Day, 21, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with visiting a common nuisance and is being held without bond. Loogootee Officer McBeth assisted with the arrest.

6:06 p.m. - Robert Goldsberry, 47, of Shoals, was arrested by Major Burkhardt and charged with possession of meth, maintaining a common nuisance, and operating while intoxicated refusal. He is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest was K9 Officer Asher.

6:06 p.m. - Jonathon Payne, 27, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with possession of meth, maintaining a common nuisance, operating while intoxicated refusal, and possession of a schedule 4 drug.

He is being held without bond.

8:25 p.m. - Tammy Meredith, 41, of Madison, was arrested by ISP Trooper Beaver and charged with pointing a firearm and intimidation with a deadly weapon. She is being held without bond.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

12:56 a.m. - Jessica McClure, 35, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer McBeth, Shoals Town Marshal Eckert, Deputy Salmon and Reserve Deputy Harmon and charged with public intoxication, disorderly conduct, and resisting arrest. She is being held on a \$20,000 10% bond.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

3:43 p.m. - Robert Douglas, 41, of Loogootee, was arrested by Sergeant Keller on an Orange County warrant.

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Making A Difference
MARTIN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
 By Curt Johnson
 MCCF Executive Director



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 A simple definition of community: a group of people who live in the same area, or a group of people who have the same interests or characteristics.

-- SENSE OF COMMUNITY --

The Merriam-Webster dictionary draws a line around what we commonly think of as a community. For us in Martin County, it is just that – our community is the city, town or county we call home. When I use the word “community” in this column, I use it in the context of the entire county. That boundary, coupled with the common interest we share with others to improve the quality of life, seems to concretely define our definition of community.

-- BEYOND BOUNDARIES --

But so often we see that our community in reality extends beyond the borders of our city, town or county. Recently we’ve seen Martin County and our neighboring counties of Daviess, Greene and Lawrence come together to address education and workforce success issues that impact all of us. Within these four counties, we are interdependent upon one another for finding solutions that cross our county boundaries. We have a common interest and goal of maximizing opportunities for improving our quality of life. Community.

We have communities that are tied together by common causes, such as feeding the hungry, educating your youth, defeating cancer, and many others. These communities can extend across state and national boundaries to the entire world.

-- FRIENDS --

I’ve also seen countless memorial donations from friends and family that live outside Martin County and even beyond our Indiana state lines. Friends

and family are community. Friends and family tie us from beyond our county and back to where we call home.

Our friends can come together in many ways to help their neighbors. Some stop to lend a hand. Some donate to a charity that meets a need. Some give their time to one of those charities. A community of neighbors comes together with a common concern and with the hope of making a difference.

-- SUPPORT --

One of the missions of the MCCF is to provide grants to charitable organizations within Martin County that serve to improve our quality of life and make a positive impact in some way. One of these charities is the “Friends of the Loogootee Library”. Shown in the picture are Friends of Loogootee Library board members receiving a \$300 grant from the MCCF. This group, some of our neighbors, supports the learning environment provided by the Loogootee Public Library and helps to augment the services provided.

Family, friends, neighbors, passers-by on the street. All are part of our county, a community that in so many ways looks to help others. We all should be thankful for those that look beyond themselves and give to back to that community.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

If you would like to find out how we can help you help our community, please contact the MCCF Executive Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org.

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



Pictured in the front row is Friends of the Loogootee Library President Judy Yarnell receiving the grant check. In the second row, left to right, are Curt Johnson (MCCF Executive Director), Annetta Dawson, Mary Lou Harrawood, and Mae Stuffle. In the back row are Judy Smith, Susan Harrawood, MarCella Hardwick and Ken O’Connor. Brian Esch, MCCF Board member, was unable to stay for the picture; he is shown in the inset in the lower left corner.



Local students travel to Spain

Some Martin County students had an extraordinary trip to Spain this summer from June 15-June 24. LHS Spanish teacher Ronetta S. Bough and Shoals High School’s Spanish teacher Erin Cage traveled with five of their students to Madrid, Toledo, Sevilla, Córdoba, Granada, and Costa del Sol in Spain.

LHS students included Eden Jenkins, Matty Jones, Corbin Henninger, Maelee Hawkins and SHS student Gabbi McCarty. The group toured the beautiful country with participants from three high schools in Maryland,

Texas, and Florida. Their WorldStrides guide Luis Troconis accompanied the group throughout their amazing Madrid and Andalusia tour.

The group visited many historical landmarks, museums, churches, and synagogues as well as participated in several educational hands-on activities. The students represented Southern Indiana very well while embracing a new culture, trying new things, practicing language skills, and learning about history. This experience definitely broadened the students’ global perspectives and cultural understanding.



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Saturday, August 19
12:30 pm

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- ★ How to safely view a solar eclipse

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The Evansville Astronomical Society is a 501(c) non-profit organization. Donations in any amount to help with operating expenses and maintenance of our facility are always appreciated. The generosity of individual and groups keep our doors open so that we can continue to provide the community with an opportunity to learn about astronomy and view the sky.

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More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



WOMEN'S REVENGE

"Cash, check, or charge?" I asked, after folding items the woman wished to purchase. As she fumbled for her wallet, I noticed a remote control for a television set in her purse.

"So, do you always carry your TV remote?" I asked.

"No, she replied, "but my husband refused to come shopping with me, and I figured this was the most evil thing I could do to him legally."

WIFE VS. HUSBAND

A couple drove down a country road for several miles, not saying a word. An earlier discussion had led to an argument and neither of them wanted to concede their position.

As they passed a barnyard of mules, goats, and pigs, the husband asked sarcastically, "Relatives of yours?"

"Yep," the wife replied, "in-laws."

WORDS

A husband read an article to his wife about how many words women use a day . . . 30,000 to a man's 15,000.

The wife replies, "The reason has to be because we have to repeat everything to men."

The husband then turned to his wife and asked, "What?"

CREATION

A man said to his wife one day, "I don't know how you can be so stupid and so beautiful all at the same time."

The wife responded, "Allow me to explain. God made me beautiful so you would be attracted to me; God made me stupid so I would be attracted to you."

THE SILENT TREATMENT

A man and his wife were having some problems at home and were giving each other the silent treatment.

Suddenly, the man realized that the next day, he would need his wife to wake him at 5 a.m. for an early morning business flight. Not wanting to be the first to break the silence (and LOSE), he wrote on a piece of paper, "Please wake me at 5 a.m. He left it where he knew she would find it.

The next morning, the man woke up, only to discover it was 9 a.m. and he had missed his flight. Furious, he was about to go and see why his wife hadn't wakened him, when he noticed a piece of paper by the bed.

The paper said, "It is 5a.m. Wake up."

Men are not equipped for these kinds of contests.

THOUGHT PROVOKERS:

*We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.

*Children: You spend the first two years of their life teaching them to walk and talk. Then you spend the next 16 years telling them to sit down and shut-up.

*Politicians and diapers have one thing in common. They should both be changed regularly, and for the same reason.

*Evening news is where they begin with "Good Evening" and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.

*If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try missing a couple of payments.

Make someone smile today!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Soccer registration

The Martin County Kickers (soccer) registration dates for the Fall 2017 season will be held at the Martin County Learning Center on Wednesday, August 16 from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday, August 19 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. In order to be eligible to play, your child(ren) must turn four years old by December 31, 2017 or any child that is still 13 years old by December 31st, 2017 (if they turn 14 years old before December 31st, they are not eligible to play). More information will be sent home through the schools.

Democratic Party meetings

The Martin County Democratic Party will meet Wednesday, August 16 at 6 p.m. at the courthouse in Shoals.

Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, August 17 at 5 p.m. in the Loogootee Elementary School Tech Lab - Room 114. Park in the back of LHS by the track - enter at door D to LES. Walk downstairs and turn left. The meeting is open to the public.

Breakfast for students

The Loogootee United Methodist Church will be hosting a free breakfast for 7-12 grade students and faculty members on Friday, August 18 at 7:15 a.m.-7:45 a.m. Transportation to the school will be available for any students after breakfast. Beginning Friday, September 1 breakfast will be served every Friday that school is in session. LUMC welcomes any 7-12 grade student. Faculty member are welcome to come and enjoy breakfast and interact with the students. The church is located at 208 W Main St and the phone number is 812-295-3049 for any questions.

Lady Lions Golf Scramble

The 5th Annual Loogootee Lady Lions Basketball Golf Scramble will be held August 26 at Lakeview Golf Course at 9 a.m. It will be a four men/women scramble in A-B-C-D format. Turn in your team early to secure your spot. Cost is \$45 per person or \$180 per team. To register, call Brian Smith at 381-1026 or Lonnie Hawkins at 340-9817. Food and drinks will be provided at the golf course during play.

AL-ANON meetings

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

Free lunch for kids

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

SOAR Tutoring

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

Humane society meetings

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

Solid waste board

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

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.

Soil and Water meetings

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

Attention Senior Citizens

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



Honoring volunteers -Photo by Courtney Hughett

The Martin County Humane Society Board of Directors recently held a going away party for long-time volunteers, Mary and Levi Motyka, of Loogootee, who are moving to northern Indiana later this year. Mary and her son, Levi, have been volunteering at the animal shelter for five years and have put in thousands of hours caring for the shelter dogs and cats. They were presented with a canvas print to commemorate their years of service.

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser

Purdue University Master Gardener

I have had several people ask recently what to do to control bagworms, webworms and tent caterpillars. While several species of each of these caterpillars are found in southern Indiana, I assume that the recent questions are about the large number of webs that can be seen on trees throughout the area. These unsightly webs are the work of the fall webworm.

The fall webworm is the offspring of a white moth, usually exhibiting some black or brown freckles on the wings. The moths emerge in mid-summer and lay eggs on the leaves of trees. The preferred trees include black walnut, pecan, persimmon and apple, but they may use almost any species of tree if the preferred trees are not available. About a week after the eggs are deposited, the larva or caterpillars emerge and literally hundreds of them congregate and begin spinning a silk web on the ends of branches. The larva feed on the tree's leaves and the tent may be enlarged as the need for food increases. This feeding frenzy lasts four to six weeks, at which time the caterpillars pupate and the pupa spend the winter in the bark of trees or in the leaf litter.

This has been a big year for the fall webworms. The webs are unsightly, but the caterpillars rarely do lasting damage to the trees. Usually, the tree will grow a new set of leaves once the caterpillars stop feeding. The large webs are eventually dissolved by rain. However, if you have trees in your landscape which have the webs, you may cut them out. Just be sure to use proper pruning techniques, do not just lop off the web. Cut the limb back to a junction area. I usually burn the branch to prevent the caterpillars from returning to the tree. This is best done early in the morning or late in the evening to ensure that the caterpillars have returned to the web from their foraging.

Tent caterpillars are found only in

the spring. The moth emerges in early spring and lays eggs on the leaves of young trees. Unlike the webworms, tent caterpillars construct their communal tents in the branch junctions. The tents are always situated to catch the morning sun. They tend to prefer young hardwood trees. Like the webworms, tent caterpillars do not usually cause permanent damage to the trees. However, when infestations are particularly great, they have been known to completely defoliate an entire forest. Trees which have been stressed by drought or disease may succumb to the loss of photosynthesis.

Bagworms are actually the most destructive of the caterpillars discussed herein. There are many species of bagworms, but the one most common in Indiana is the evergreen bagworm. Serious infestations may kill the evergreens they attack. The caterpillars construct sacks by using their silks to bind the evergreen needles. Once in the bags, sprays are not effective in killing the caterpillars. If an infestation is light and the tree is small enough, hand picking them and dropping them into soapy water is an effective control. Birds and parasitic wasps are the natural controls during the caterpillar state.

The Indiana State Fair continues through this weekend. I have made two trips to Indianapolis in recent days. On the first, I was there to judge 4-H garden and floriculture projects. Garden exhibits were down a bit from recent years, but there were flowers aplenty. The second trip was to actually attend the fair and to enjoy the Indianapolis Bonsai Society show. There were many great specimens on display. Of course, there is a lot more to see at the fair, both in the fair displays and in the permanent displays on the fairgrounds. Don't forget the fair food. It is worth the trip to Indianapolis.

Watch the solar eclipse at an Indiana state park, August 21

See how nature responds to the August 21 solar eclipse by visiting an Indiana state park.

Twelve state parks throughout the state plan to host eclipse parties.

While Indiana will not experience a total eclipse, the phenomenon in Indiana will be near 100 percent. At Harmonie State Park, in the extreme southwest corner of the state, the moon will cover 99.9 percent of the sun. And at Pokagon State Park in extreme northeast Indiana, the eclipse will be at 87 percent.

The eclipse will be worth watching, even if it's not at totality in Indiana, according to Ginger Murphy, deputy director of the DNR Division of State Parks.

"As the moon crosses between the earth and the sun, you can really experience a little of the depth of space and feel what a small part of the universe we are," Murphy said. "It is also fascinating to listen as bird and insect songs slow or stop as they perceive the changes in light levels."

Parks offering viewing parties are (all times are local):

Charlestown, 12:30 to 4 p.m.

Clifty Falls, 2 to 3 p.m.

Falls of the Ohio, noon to 4 p.m.

Harmonie, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. CDT (all times are EDT)

Monroe Lake, noon to 2:30 p.m.

Patoka Lake, 12:30 to 3 p.m.

Pokagon, 1 to 4 p.m.

Potato Creek, 1 to 4 p.m.

Prophetstown, 12:30 to 3 p.m.

Shakamak, noon to 3:30 p.m.

Spring Mill, 1-3 p.m.

Whitewater Memorial, 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Before the day of the event, three parks will offer educational events about the eclipse. They are:

Summit Lake, August 19, 6-7 p.m.

Ouabache, August 20, 1 to 2 p.m.

Pokagon, August 20, 1 to 4 p.m.

Eclipse watchers should practice safe viewing by using appropriate eclipse glasses and not looking directly at the sun. Safe viewing glasses or other safe viewing tools will be available at DNR events.

For more information about the eclipse and its path, visit interpretiveservices.IN.gov and click on "Events." For details about each property's program on August 21, visit the DNR calendar at www.calendar.dnr.IN.gov.

Destructive pests: Check your trees for Asian long-horned beetles

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Purdue University News Service

August is peak emergence season for the invasive Asian long-horned beetle, a pest that poses a serious threat to shade trees. A Purdue University entomologist is urging people to perform their annual tree checkup for these destructive insects. In just a few minutes, people can determine if their trees are infested and save countless other trees through early detection.

This month is designated "Tree Check Month" by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, or APHIS. The Asian long-horned beetle has not been found in Indiana yet, but it has been found nearby in Chicago and Ohio.

"If you see an Asian long-horned beetle, you should report it," said Cliff Sadof, a Purdue professor of entomology. "Early reports by private citizens have been critical to eradication efforts in Chicago, Ohio, New York and New Jersey."

To report the beetle, Sadof recommends calling 1-866-NO-EXOTIC. Smartphone apps also are available at <https://apps.bugwood.org/apps/gledn/>, where citizens can report suspected beetle infestations. Reports go to the state first and then to Purdue for confirmation.

The Tree Doctor App, which is available at Purdue Extension's The Education Store at www.edustore.purdue.edu, can also be used to identify this beetle and other common tree pests.

The Asian long-horned beetle is a distinctive-looking insect with these characteristics:

Body is about 1 inch to 1 inch and a half in length.

Wheelin' IN the Fish at Patoka Lake Saturday, September 16

The 16th annual "Wheelin' IN the Fish" will be held at Osborn Boat Ramp, Patoka Lake on Saturday, September 16 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. This free fishing event promotes the accessible features of Patoka Lake for participants with special needs and their families. Whether confined to a wheelchair or any other circumstance that doesn't allow them to live alone, bring those folks out to join us for FREE fishing, FREE boat rides and FREE lunch! If you work for a nursing home, group home, or in home health service- (or have family members in one of these facilities) get your patrons outdoors and into the fun!! Everything they need will be provided from fishing poles to tackle and refreshments too. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Patoka Bass Anglers, and Southern Indiana Center for Independent Living (SICIL) host this annual event. Bring lawn chairs and sunscreen to enjoy the day at Patoka Lake. Certificates and door prizes will be awarded to all participants!

Osborn Boat Ramp is located off Highway 145 just 2 miles north of the State Rd. 164 intersection and 14 miles south of French Lick, Indiana. Watch for the signs. For more information call the Patoka Lake Naure Center at



Purdue entomologist request Indiana residents check their trees for signs of the Asian long-horned beetle and report if sighted. (Phot/Joe Boggs, Ohio State University)

Antennae, longer than the insect's body, is banded in black and white.

Shiny jet black body that features random white spots.

Six legs, in some cases with bluish-colored feet.

Signs of an infestation start to show about three to four years after the tree is infested. Such trees show these signs:

Dime-sized or smaller round exit holes in the tree trunk or branches.

Shallow oval or round scars in the bark, where the adult beetle has chewed an egg site.

Sawdust-like materials, called frass, on the ground around the tree or on the branches.

Dead branches or limbs falling from an otherwise healthy-looking tree.

Asian long-horned beetles also commonly fall into swimming pools. Sadof suggests residents check their water skimmers for the beetle, too.

APHIS reports that maples are the most commonly infested trees in North America. Infested trees do not recover and, therefore, should be removed.

(812)685-2447.

Patoka Lake (stateparks.IN.gov/2953.htm) is at 3084 N. Dillard Road, Birdseye, IN 47513.

Help clean the Monroe Lake shoreline, September 10

Monroe Lake's annual shoreline cleanup will be Sunday, September 10 at 1:30 p.m.

Participants will board boats to travel to areas that are difficult to reach on foot.

Because of boat capacity, space is limited. Volunteers must register by September 7. Children must be at least 10 years old to participate and be accompanied by an adult.

Registration is at bit.ly/monroecleanup2017.

A free cookout with door prizes from J.L. Waters outdoors store will take place after the cleanup for volunteers.

The cleanup is supported by Monroe Lake, Monroe County Stormwater Services, Hoosier National Forest, the Army Corps of Engineers, Lake Monroe Boat Rental, and the City of Bloomington.

For more information, contact Jill Vance, Monroe Lake interpretive naturalist, at jvance@dnr.IN.gov or (812) 837-9967.

4-H NEWS

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Martin County 4-Hers Successful at Indiana State Fair

This year Martin County had 77 static projects go to the Indiana State Fair. The results of judging are back and our 4-Hers received a total of 48 blue ribbons, 28 red ribbons, and 1 white ribbon. Five special merit awards were earned in the blue ribbon category. Those special merit winners were Karter Burris for cake decorating, Kanton Dearwester for baked foods, Isa-

belle Waggner for photography, Mykaela Peterson for photography, and Brayden Sutton for rabbit poster. For a complete list of results visit <https://faireentry.com/Fair/Results/842>

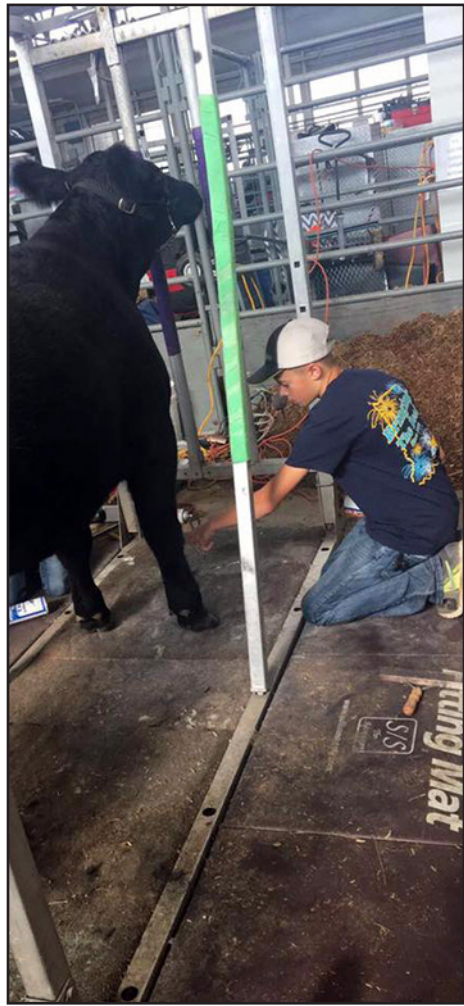
Some 4-Her's also exhibited in livestock contests. Breanna and Kyleigh Courter showed sheep during the first weekend of the fair. Kyleigh won 3rd place in her class and Division Reserve Champion. Breanna also won in her class. Both girls earned the opportunity to participate in the champion drive of Hampshire Sheep.

Martin County had four participants in the beef show at the Indiana State Fair. Wade Burris showed in both the steer and heifer shows. He placed first in his class for his steer and third in his class for his heifers. Karter Burris showed her heifer and placed second in her class. She was awarded Hoosier Heritage Champion for her Maintainer. Both Karter and Wade participated in showmanship. Cora Ausbrooks showed her heifer and placed second in the Sim-Solutions breed. Cora also participated in showmanship. Tucker Walton showed his heifer and placed third in his class. Tucker made it to the finals of showmanship.

It takes a lot of work and dedication to create a project worthy to go to the state fair. Congratulations to all!

The Great Indiana State Fair August 4-20

The Indiana State Fair will run August 4-20. Many Martin County 4-Hers will have exhibits in the 4-H buildings and several will be showing livestock. Other events at the fair include concerts at the free stage, rides, band day, pioneer village, the new Subaru Skyride, food, and many other attractions. A full schedule is available at the extension office. For tickets, visit www.indianastatefair.com or at the gate.



Tucker Walton showing his heifer in the Indiana State Fair Beef Show. (Photos courtesy Shawna Walton.)



Cora Ausbrooks with her heifer at the Indiana State Fair Beef Show. (Photo courtesy Kristi Ausbrooks.)



Wade Burris showing in the Indiana State Fair Beef Show. (Photo courtesy Amy Burris.)



Breanna Courter showing her sheep, Salty. Salty was winner her in class. (Photo courtesy Melissa Courter.)



Kyleigh Courter showing her sheep, Rosa. Rosa won Division Reserve Champion of Light Weight Hampshires. (Photo courtesy Melissa Courter.)



Karter Burris with her Hoosier Heritage Champion Maintainer Heifer. (Photo courtesy Amy Burris.)