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Loogootee School Board approves ECA positions

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

The board accepted two resignations, Bill Reilly as intramural boys' basketball coach and Tracie McAtee as fourth grade math bowl coach.

The board approved Marlene Baugh as part-time custodian. Superintendent Chip Mehaffey explained that they hired three part-time positions as opposed to filling the one full-time position to save money on benefits. Two part-time positions were approved at the last meeting.

The board approved the following extra-curricular activity positions:

-Tara Knepp as fifth and sixth grade math bowl coach

-Nikki Wagoner as fifth and sixth grade spell bowl coach and student

Loogootee, Martin County awarded grant money for roads and bridges

Lieutenant Governor Eric Holcomb joined INDOT officials Monday to announce that 102 Central Indiana cities, towns, and counties are receiving a combined \$47 million to improve local roads and bridges through the State's Community Crossings matching grant fund. Martin County will receive \$242,495.04, Loogootee will receive \$32,029.50, Cannelburg will receive \$30,095, Daviess County will receive \$1 million, Dubois County \$476,306.22, Montgomery \$100,000, Greene County \$999,750, Huntingburg \$1 million, Jasper \$1 million, Orange County \$1 million, and the City of Washington \$350,605.45.

Lt. Governor Holcomb and INDOT officials made the announcement at separate check presentations to Avon Town Manager Tom Klein and Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard, Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness, Noblesville Mayor John Ditslear, and Westfield Mayor Andy Cook.

"Few states have invested more in infrastructure over the last decade than Indiana and these Community Crossings grants are another way we demonstrate why Indiana is the Crossroads of America," said Lt. Governor Eric Holcomb. "Communities in Central Indiana are showing a strong commitment to modernizing infrastructure by pursuing these grants and we are look-

County's bison wins People's Choice honor

After much deliberation, Fulton County's bison, Loyal, was awarded first place and \$3,000 in the Bison-tennial Art Exhibit at the 2016 Indiana State Fair. Judges Cindy Hoye and Bill Leininger of the Indiana State Fair, Maureen Noe of Indiana Association of United Ways, and fine artist Douglas David chose Fulton County for Loyal's quality, execution, and representation of state and county. Twenty-five total bison entered the contest and were on display at the Indiana State Fair until August 21.

Second place and \$2,000 was awarded to Dekalb County, while third place and \$1,000 went to Kosciusko County.

council sponsor

-Megan Jones as middle school yearbook sponsor

-Brandi Tippery as seventh and eighth grade Beta sponsor

-Audra McAtee as seventh and eighth grade spell bowl coach and high school assistant Beta Club sponsor

-Dave Smith as seventh and eighth grade student council sponsor

-Shelley Christmas as high school Beta Club sponsor and junior/senior high school academic team coordinator

-Ann Huhl as high school English academic team coach

-Steve Wagler as high school math and science academic team coach

-Brad Christmas as high school social studies academic team coach and spell bowl coach

-Tyler Walton as high school fine arts

academic team coach

-Ronetta Bough as high school Spanish academic team coach and Spanish Club sponsor

-Shelley Christmas and Leslie Van-Hoy as senior class sponsors

-Andi Sutton, Jackie Foddrill, and Krista Truelove as junior class sponsors

-Michelle Wesley as high school student council sponsor and FACS Club sponsor

-Tracy Anderson as cadet teacher sponsor

-Rhea Graves and Hannah Kidwell as Lion Pride sponsors

-Betsy Graves as band director

-Misty Mosby and Lindsey Walton as vocal music directors

-Alan Williams and Rick Graves as musical stage directors

-Lindsey Walton as musical tickets and publicity director and musical choreography

-Kay Summers as musical costumes coordinator

-Jolene McAtee as musical props coordinator

-Mike Wagoner and Ernie Martin as intramural basketball coaches

-Lacy Jeffers as junior/senior high school yearbook sponsor

-Rhea Graves as French Club sponsor

ing forward to seeing the projects that these funds will help complete."

The Town of Avon is receiving \$1 million in matching funds to support the construction of a bridge, roundabout and trail on Avon Avenue. The City of Carmel is receiving \$1 million in matching funds to support the construction of a roundabout and additional road improvements at 4th Street and Rangeline Road. The City of Fishers is receiving \$1 million to modernize 116th Street between Eller Road and Interstate 69. Noblesville is being awarded nearly \$498,000 dollars for multiple road projects. Westfield is using \$1 million in matching funds toward reconstruction of Tomlinson Road between Blackburn Road and 203rd Street and other city street improvements.

"The Avon Avenue bridge, roundabout and trail project will eliminate delays by the trains which will save our residents time and money. The new trail and sidewalk over the bridge will make Avon a more bikeable and walkable community," said Avon Town Manager Tom Klein. "The matching funds provided by the State through Community Crossings make major infrastructure projects like this more affordable for taxpayers and frees up other funds for us to make other additional

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Prize money was provided by the Indiana Bicentennial Commission. Honorable mentions include Knox County, St. Joseph County done by LOGAN Community Resources, Jasper County, and Porter County done by Portage Township Schools.

In addition to the official judging process, the public had the opportunity to vote for their favorite bison. Martin County emerged as the people's choice winner with 12,923 votes. Jasper County was second and Fulton County was third.

To view photos of each bison submission, please visit indianastatefair.com.

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percent in July. The county had the 20th highest jobless rate in the state for July, tied with Newton and Porter counties.

In July, the county had 8,964 residents in the workforce with 449 of them without jobs. In June, there were 9,045 residents able to work and 472 of them unemployed. In July of 2015, Orange County's jobless rate was 5.6 percent with 8,651 residents in the workforce and 484 of them were without jobs.

Greene County saw a slight increase in their jobless rate from June to July, from 6.7 percent to 6.8 percent. The county had the highest unemployment rate in the state for July.

In July, the county had 13,764 residents in the workforce with 933 of them unemployed. In June, there were 13,989 residents able to work and 937 of them without jobs. In July of last year, (See 'RATE' cont. on page 2)

School board filings

The deadline to file to run for Loogootee or Shoals School Board is Friday, August 26 (by noon). Loogootee has two at-large seats up for election (currently held by Tim Bradley and Nancy Summers). Shoals has District 2 (currently held by Mary Lou Billings), District 3 (currently held by Lorna Troutman), and District 5 (currently held by Jim Bruner).

Current filings:
Loogootee At Large - Nancy J. Summers and Thomas "T.J." McAtee, Jr.
Shoals District 2 - Angela C. Cook and Jenell Hoffman
Shoals District 3 - Lorna Troutman

For information on how to file a petition for candidacy, contact the Martin County Clerk's Office at 812-247-3651.

Orange County's unemployment rate moved from 5.2 percent in June to 5

LOOGOOTEE

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The superintendent reported that the school received a grant to add a graduation and career coach that will come work with students starting in 8th grade. Loogootee was one of six schools that won a grant. The school selected Stephanie Stoll to serve in this position. She started Monday and will be working three days a week. The position comes at no cost to the corporation.

Professional Development Director Dara Chezem reported that the first early release day went well. Every child was picked up on time. The early release days, two hours twice a month on Wednesdays, are to allow the teachers to get extra professional development time.

The board held the first reading of the pre-employment drug testing policy for CDL drivers. Mehaffey reported that the school is already doing the drug testing but need to have a policy in place. The second reading and approval will be held at the next meeting.

The board approved an addition to the middle school/high school hand-

book that prohibits the use of e-cigarettes or vaping on school property.

The board approved the cross country team to go on an overnight trip to Spring Mill and the choir on a three-day trip to the Grand Ole Opry next March.

Choir Director Misty Mosby explained that the cost will be \$500-\$600 per person. It will also cost \$4,038 for a charter bus which the chorus boosters will pay for. Choir students attending will perform at a workshop at the Country Music Hall of Fame and at the Opry.

Marie Hawkins, with the Martin County Bicentennial Committee, told the board that with the money remaining from the committee's fundraising they are purchasing a bison for each county school, at \$2,000 each. The bison's represent the state's Bicentennial celebration this year. With any other leftover money, they will also split it with each school to help buy the paint. Hawkins said the students may paint the bison under the direction of an art teacher.

RATE

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Greene County's unemployment rate was 6.6 percent with 13,483 residents in the workforce and 891 of them unemployed.

The top ten spots in the state for the lowest unemployment rate for July were Dubois County at 3.1 percent, Hamilton County at 3.2 percent, Boone and Bartholomew counties at 3.3 percent, Hendricks, Decatur and Adams counties at 3.4 percent; and Wells, Johnson, Daviess, and Brown counties at 3.5 percent.

The top ten spots in the state for the highest unemployment rate for July were Greene County at 6.8 percent, Fountain and Vermillion counties at 6.4 percent, Lake County at 6.2 percent, Sullivan County at 6 percent, Fayette, Lawrence, and Owen counties at 5.7 percent; and Blackford and LaPorte counties at 5.6 percent.

Indiana's seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate dropped 0.2 percent for a second-consecutive month and now stands at 4.6 percent for the month of July. A primary cause for this drop is a third-straight month of significant gains in Hoosiers finding employment (11,276 in July) coupled with a substantial amount of Hoosiers leaving the unemployment ranks (-7,480 in July). Indiana's labor force, a measure of Hoosiers employed or seeking employment,

has experienced total labor growth of more than 192,000 since January 2013. This has led to all-time highs in the state's total labor force (3,375,563) and total number of employed (3,220,007).

"Indiana's labor force has been trending positively throughout the last three years, which demonstrates confidence among Hoosier jobseekers as they secure gainful employment. The corresponding contraction of the applicant pool is also increasing employer demand for workers with the right skills and training," said Steven J. Braun, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD). "DWD, along with its WorkOne Career Centers and other community partners, can assist jobseekers in obtaining the skills and training necessary to fill the many high-wage, high-demand jobs available throughout Indiana."

Commissioner Braun also noted that since 2009, the low point of employment for the state, Indiana's private sector employment growth has surpassed the nation (13.8 percent vs. 13.0 percent). Total private employment for July stands at 30,000 above the March 2000 peak, and July is the 13th-consecutive month above that peak. Additionally, initial and continued unemployment insurance claims for the first 32 weeks of 2016 are at their lowest point since 1987.

GRANT

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improvements to our infrastructure in the next few years."

"Investing in a smart, modern transportation network makes Carmel a more competitive place to live and work," said Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard. "This project is a prime example, and the State's financial support through Community Crossings helps us take this project from conceptual to completion more quickly than otherwise possible."

The local road and bridge matching grant fund was created by the Indiana General Assembly and signed into law by Governor Mike Pence in March 2016. The grant program provides approximately \$160 million in funding this year available to all Indiana cities, towns and counties on a 50/50 matching basis.

Projects that are eligible for funding through Community Crossings include

road resurfacing, bridge rehabilitation, road reconstruction, resurfacing, and Americans with Disabilities Act compliance in connection with road projects. Material costs for chip sealing and crack filling operations are also eligible for funds.

A complete list of Central Indiana cities, towns, and counties receiving matching funds through Community Crossings for the calendar year 2016 call for projects is online at www.in.gov/indot/3569.htm.

Tomorrow, INDOT officials will make stops in Clark County and Evansville to feature projects receiving funding in those communities and announce all Southern Indiana communities that will receive matching funds. State officials will make funding presentations in Northern Indiana on Wednesday.

More information about Community Crossings is online at www.in.gov/indot/communitycrossings.

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The Martin County Auditor's Office is currently accepting applications for a Full-Time Payroll Clerk/Deputy Auditor. As payroll clerk your duties would include bi-weekly payroll processing, employee benefits and ACA compliance. Your duties would also include but not limited to transfer of deeds, receipting, and other office related duties. Skills and Qualifications needed include being able to analyze information, data entry skills, attention to detail, confidentiality, thoroughness, general math skills, verbal communication and able to multi-task. Starting salary \$22,520, plus benefits after 60 days and retirement. Please submit your resume by Friday, August 26, 2016.

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- Must have a high school diploma or GED certificate.
- Cannot have a felony conviction.
- Cannot have a misdemeanor conviction involving "domestic violence" that would prohibit the applicant from handling a firearm.
- Must possess a valid drivers license from their state of residence.
- Cannot have been dishonorably discharged from the military.
- Must pass a mandatory drug screening test.
- Must be willing to reside in the City of Loogootee
- Must be physically able to perform duties of a police officer.
- The Board of Works and Public Safety will make the final determination on which applicant will be extended an offer of employment.

**Applications may be picked up at the Loogootee Police Department,
401 JFK Ave. during normal business hours.**

Application deadline is August 29.

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Obituaries

SUSAN YODER

Susan I. Yoder passed away at 10:15 a.m. Monday, August 22, 2016 at Memorial Hospital and Healthcare Center. A resident of Loogootee, she was 94.

She was born August 16, 1922 in Kalona, Iowa; daughter of the late Peter and Barbara (Miller) Helmuth.

She was a member of the Gospel Haven Mennonite Church in Millersburg, Ohio. She enjoyed gardening, quilting and attending the sewing circle. She also loved traveling, cooking and family gatherings. Susan spent nearly 20 winters in Phoenix, Arizona and loved her time spent there.

She is survived by her children, Rosella (Richard) Hostetler of Sugar Creek, Ohio; Dallas (Alma) Yoder of Loogootee, Leonard (Esther) Yoder of Montgomery, Charlene (Glen) Hofer of Stirling, Alberta, Canada and Lynette (LaWayne) Ropp of Estacada, Oregon; grandchildren, Cheryl (Daryl) Bange, Norita (Marcus) Yoder, Curtis (Rhonda) Yoder, Norvan (Jewel) Yoder, Conrad (Emily) Yoder, Rachelle (Lavern) Martin, Renita (Rick) Rhodes, Rendall (Annie) Hostetler, Regan (Crystal) Hostetler, Ryan (Rochelle) Hostetler, Jolene Sue Yoder, Scott (Darla) Yoder, Tyson (Gwen) Yoder, Dewey (Stacey) Yoder, Tonya (Josh) Good, Andrea (Lyndon) Yoder, Jennifer (Dale) Smucker, Kenneth (Ervin) Yoder, Rachel (Lynn) Hochstetler, Jon Marc (Hannah) Yoder, Susan Hofer, Emily (Richard) Miller, Brent Hofer, Larion Ropp, Stefan Ropp, Lisa (fiancé, Edwin Bontrager)

Ropp, Dorvan Ropp and Carrie Ropp; 58 great-grandchildren; brother, Paul(-Edith) Helmuth of Kalona, Iowa; daughter-in-law, Freda (Roger) Helmuth; sister-in-law, Ida Helmuth of Goshen; brothers-in-law, Paul Yoder and Leslie Hostetler, both of Kalona, Iowa.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Sylvanus Yoder; son, Cecil Yoder; parents, Peter and Barbara (Miller) Helmuth; great-grandson, Kenny Yoder; siblings, Edgar (Bertha) Helmuth, Raymond Helmuth, Katie Yoder and Emma Hostetler.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, August 27 at Faith Haven Mennonite Church in Fredericksburg, Ohio. Burial will follow in Gospel Haven Mennonite Church Cemetery.

Visitation was held Tuesday, August 23 at Blake & Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery and will be held Friday, August 26 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Faith Haven Mennonite Church in Fredericksburg, Ohio.

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

MELBA HARKER

Melba Jean (Walton) Harker, age 89 died in the presence of family on Monday, August 22, 2016 at 5:55 p.m. at The Timbers of Jasper. A resident of Shoals, she was 89.

She was born on June 9, 1927; daughter of the late Claude and Mary (Kutch) Walton at their home in Perry Township, Martin County.

She attended Robison School where

Lee Haines was her teacher for all eight years. She then graduated from Shoals High School in 1945. Immediately after graduation, she went to work in Building 64 at NAD Crane to help with the war effort. Melba later went to work for an insurance company in Indianapolis. On August 1, 1949 she married Bernard Harker and became a full-time farm wife and mother. They were married 65 years and raised six children before he passed away last year.

She was a partner with her husband, Bernard, on their farm in Center Township of Martin County where they grew corn, soybeans, wheat, barley, rye and hay. They also raised cattle, hogs and chickens. Melba played a huge role in the care of the cattle and chickens. One of her rewards was being recognized by Martin County Farm Bureau as Farm Wife of the Year.

Melba accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior and was baptized in Boggs Creek as a youngster and then from her marriage until her death was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Loogootee. In addition to spending time with her family, she enjoyed tending to her flowers (especially African Violets and Roses), collecting antiques (depression glassware was a favorite), shopping and traveling.

Survivors include her six children, Mike Harker and wife, Kathy, of Shoals; Debbie Hawkins, Juanita Cox and husband, Jim, of West Baden; Karl Harker and wife, Kathy, of Auburn, Alabama; Karla Wrosteck and husband, Ed, of

Flagstaff, Arizona; and Tom Harker and wife, Lynette, of Shoals; one sister, Olive Pruett and husband, Russell, of Shoals; one sister-in-law, Glendy Wilmoth of Parma, Ohio; one brother-in-law, Roger Allbright of Shoals; 17 grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; 11 step-great grandchildren; and two step-great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Glenn Walton and wife, Kathleen; one sister Mildred Allbright; three brothers-in-law, Dewey Harker and wife, Barbara; Herman Harker and wife, Ruth; and Robert Wilmoth; three sisters-in-law, Ella Boegeman and husband, Albert; Ann Schilling and husband, Will; and Alberta Harker; one son-in-law Bill Hawkins; and one step-grandchild.

Visitation will be held on Friday, August 26, from 4 until 8 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Loogootee. A funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 27 with visitation beginning at 10 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Loogootee. Pastor Timothy Fleace will officiate the service. Burial will be made in the Goodwill Cemetery at Loogootee. After services are complete, lunch will be served by the ladies group in the church basement.

The family suggests that memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church, Loogootee, Indiana 47553.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, AUGUST 22

3:45 a.m. - Deputy Reed and Shoals Fire removed a tree from the roadway east of Shoals.

4:13 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Lost River Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Paoli Hospital.

5:44 a.m. - Received a report of tree debris in roadway north of Loogootee. The state highway department responded.

9:12 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Loogootee. County highway was dispatched.

9:54 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to IU Health in Bedford.

10:00 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

12:35 p.m. - Received a report of littering north of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

2:00 p.m. - Captain Dant took four inmates to court.

2:00 p.m. - Sheriff Roush took two inmates to court.

2:34 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

3:45 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism near Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

4:51 p.m. - Jail Commander Abel transported one inmate to the doctor.

5:30 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

6:46 p.m. - Sergeant Keller and Deputy Reed assisted the department of child services with a welfare check in Loogootee.

11:58 p.m. - Received a report of a tree blocking the road east of Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

7:42 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to the doctor.

8:10 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Shoals. County highway responded.

11:00 a.m. - Major Burkhardt took one inmate to court.

1:30 p.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

1:56 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on US 50, east of Shoals. State highway was contacted.

2:00 p.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

2:30 p.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

2:40 p.m. - Received a report of property damage north of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

4:18 p.m. - Sheriff Roush transported one inmate from the New Castle Correctional Facility to jail for court.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

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

6:09 a.m. - Received a report of power lines down on SR 150, east of Shoals. Shoals Fire and REMC responded.

9:30 a.m. - Captain Dant transported one inmate to the prosecutor's office.

11:10 a.m. - Received a report of a disturbance at the Martin State Forest. Captain Dant, Major Burkhardt, Deputy Salmon, ICO Mann, and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

12:03 p.m. - Received a report of

a tree down south of Shoals. County highway removed the tree.

1:00 p.m. - Major Burkhardt took one inmate to court.

1:00 p.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

1:08 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

3:44 p.m. - Captain Dant performed a vehicle identification check near Shoals.

6:34 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Shoals. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

7:37 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

10:55 p.m. - Received an alarm call near Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert, Deputy Salmon, and Deputy Reed responded. All was okay.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

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

9:35 a.m. - Sheriff Roush assisted a motorist near Shoals.

11:15 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

11:55 a.m. - Received a report of a personal injury accident east of Shoals. Captain Dant, Major Burkhardt, Sheriff Roush, ISP Trooper Qualkenbush, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to IU Health in Bedford.

1:15 p.m. - Received a report of a personal injury accident in Shoals. Captain Dant, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. Two subjects were transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:40 p.m. - Received a report of an assault in Martin County. ISP responded.

2:50 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

4:10 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic disturbance near Loogootee. Sheriff Roush and Major Burkhardt responded.

4:34 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231, north of Loogootee. Sheriff Roush responded.

4:38 p.m. - Received a report of a fight in Loogootee. Captain Dant assisted Loogootee Captain Hennette.

8:28 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation near Loogootee. Deputy Salmon and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

8:45 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

6:27 a.m. - Received a report of horses out near Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

10:45 a.m. - Major Burkhardt took three inmates to court.

11:20 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism and theft near Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

1:00 p.m. - Sheriff Roush took two inmates to court.

1:30 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

3:36 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 150 near Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

4:40 p.m. - Jailer Abel took one inmate to the doctor.

4:50 p.m. - Received a request for an

ambulance east of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. No one was transported.

6:47 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire, Martin County Ambulance, Major Burkhardt, Town Marshal Eckert, and ISP Trooper responded. No one was transported.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

2:40 a.m. - Deputy Salmon and Loogootee Officer Floyd assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

8:21 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.

9:55 a.m. - Sergeant Keller performed a vehicle identification check in Loogootee.

12:33 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Todd responded.

4:45 p.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist in Shoals.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

4:15 a.m. - Received a report of illegal activity going on in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

8:20 a.m. - Received a report of trespassing near Loogootee. Sergeant

ARRESTS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

10:06 a.m. - Destiny Mitchell, 21, of Jasper, was arrested by Captain Dant and charged with possession of marijuana and maintaining a common nuisance. Her bond has been set at \$25,000 10%.

5:50 p.m. - Jason Greene, 44, of Shoals, was arrested by Major Burkhardt and Reserve Deputy Wright and charged with possession of meth, possession of paraphernalia, and maintaining a common nuisance. He is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

1:19 a.m. - Franklin Nolley, 57, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Salmon and charged with possession of meth and maintaining a common nuisance. His bond has been set at \$25,000 10%. He was assisted in the arrest by Deputy Reed, Loogootee Captain Hennette, and K9 Officer Roxy.

4:13 a.m. - Donna Jane Denny, 57, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Salmon and charged with possession of meth, possession of paraphernalia, and maintaining a common nuisance. Her bond has been set at \$25,000 10%. Assisting with the arrest were Deputy Reed, Town Marshal Eckert, and K9 Officer Shani.

5:25 p.m. - Brian Riker, 18, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Captain Hennette and charged with domestic battery and is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond.

5:45 p.m. - Phillip Fellers, 25, of Loogootee, was arrested by Major Burkhardt and charged with criminal trespass and is being held without bond. Assisting in the arrest was Sheriff Roush.

11:28 p.m. - Benny Cain, 44, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Salmon and charged with possession of meth, paraphernalia, and maintaining a common nuisance. Loogootee Officer Hennette, Town Marshal Eckert, ISP Trooper Beaver, and K9 Officer Roxy assisted. She is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond.

Keller responded.

9:28 a.m. - Received a report of a stolen vehicle in Crane. Sergeant Keller responded.

3:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:58 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:50 p.m. - Received a report of a fight in Loogootee. Deputy Salmon and Loogootee Officer responded.

11:11 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

Real estate transfers

Connie S. Clements, of Virginia Beach, Virginia to Larry Douglas Albright, of Harrison County, Indiana and Harold Bradley Albright, of San Diego, California, the south half of the northwest quarter of Section 29, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 82.66 acres, more or less. More commonly known as 11658 Ironton Road, Shoals IN 47581.

Becky A. Strange, Charles Richard Summers and Jason R. Gregory, of Martin County, Indiana to Jacob J. Strange and Shannon L. Strange, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Number 1 and 2 in Summers, Cannon and Crane's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Jason R. Gregory, of Martin County, Indiana to Jacob J. Strange and Shannon L. Strange, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West,

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MARTIN COUNTY COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

July 12

Bobbie J. Turner, convicted of maintaining a common nuisance, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days with 451 suspended and credit for 48 actual days previously served plus 48 Class A credit days. Defendant received 16 months of probation.

July 14

Jordan T. Brown, convicted of neglect of a dependent, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days with 461 suspended and credit for 43 actual days previously served plus 43 Class A credit days. Defendant received 16 months of probation.

Cheri R. McDonald, convicted of possession of a narcotic drug, a Class 5 Felony. Sentenced to serve 557 days with 477 days suspended and credit for 35 actual days previously served plus 35 Class A credit days. Defendant received 15 months of probation.

July 26

Melissa A. Conklin, convicted of residential entry, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days with 419 suspended and credit for 64 actual days previously served plus 64 Class A credit days. Defendant received 14 months of probation.

Kaala A. Spurgeon, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor and theft, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced on the first count to serve 365 days with 251 days suspended and credit for 57 actual days previously served plus 57 Class A credit days. Defendant received 8 months of probation. Sentenced on the second count to serve 365 days with 365 days suspended. Defendant received 10 months of probation.

July 28

Kelvis D. Edmond, convicted of operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days with 60 days suspended. Defendant received 4 months of probation.

August 4

Matthew K. Lark, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days with 58 days suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served plus 1 Class A credit day. Defendant received 4 months of probation.

Deanna G. Wilson, convicted of public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 94 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 47 actual days previously served plus 47 Class A credit days.

August 11

John D. Brickert, Jr., convicted of possession of a narcotic drug, a Class 5 Felony. Sentenced to serve 2 years at the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 78 actual days previously served plus 26 Class B credit days.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

July 12

Bobbie J. Turner, dealing in methamphetamine, a Class 3 Felony, dismissed; possession of methamphetamine, a Class 5 Felony, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

July 14

Jordan T. Brown, taking a minor to a nuisance, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Cheri R. McDonald, maintaining a common nuisance, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed.

July 26

Melissa A. Conklin, auto theft, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed.

Kaala A. Spurgeon, operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; driving while suspended, a Class A Infraction, dismissed.

July 28

Kelvis D. Edmond, operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

August 4

Matthew K. Lark, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Deanna G. Wilson, public nudity, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

August 11

John D. Brickert, Jr., maintaining a common nuisance, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

August 4

Ame M. Zins vs. Jarrod A. Zins, petition for dissolution of marriage.

August 5

Melissa Cox vs. Wilimina Franklin, civil tort.

August 8

Kristie Evans vs. Wilimina Franklin, civil tort.

Dan Fields vs. Wagler Creations, LLC; Larry Wagler and Terry Wagler, civil plenary.

August 12

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Hunter R. Henson, civil collection.

August 15

White River Cooperative, Inc. vs. Daugherty's Service, Inc., civil collection.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

August 4

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midland Funding, LLC and against the defendant Patricia Ziegler in the amount of \$3,640.59.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

August 3

Isha E. Wright-Ryan, Attorney at Law, P.C. vs. Lori Mattingly, complaint.

White River Cooperative, Inc. vs. Autumn B. Johnson, complaint.

White River Cooperative, Inc. vs. Stephen Isom, III d/b/a Pete Isom Farms, complaint.

Medical of Dubois vs. Brandy N. Salmon and Jerrid Craig, complaint.

Medical of Dubois vs. Branda Buskirk, complaint.

August 4

White River Cooperative, Inc. vs. Cheyenne J. Fleetwood, complaint.

White River Cooperative, Inc. vs. Laci M. Terrell, complaint.

August 5

Hastings Mutual Insurance Company vs. Thomas R. Raley, complaint.

August 8

Hoosier Accounts vs. Kyle E. Winger, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts vs. Brian N. and Amanda Dorsey, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts vs. Jason E. Bradford, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts vs. Johnathan G. Day, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts vs. Jeremy R. Braun, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts vs. Lori L. Moore, complaint.

August 15

Cecil Quinn vs. Kathleen Parke, complaint.

August 16

Crane Credit Union vs. Sydney Banks, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Dominique D. Robinson, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Andrew E. Strohmeyer, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Jennifer A.

Willis, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Vanessa J. Hughes, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Stephany A. Lumm, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Jenny R. Wiscaver, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. John S. Payne, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Selina D. Norman, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Russell D. Rigsby, Jr., complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Brandon K. Bretz, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. John S. Beasley, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Patrick M. Holmes, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

June 24

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Medical of Dubois and against the defendant Dustin E. Williams in the amount of \$260.71.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Medical of Dubois and against the defendant Lacy A. Williams in the amount of \$550.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

August 15

Brian J. Sutton of Loogootee and Amanda S. Wadsworth of Loogootee.

August 19

Christopher L. Long of Loogootee and Makaylee G. Brown of Loogootee.

Alexander K. Bengel of Shoals and Jessica L. Jackson of Shoals.

Mark R. Smith of Loogootee and Tracy J. Burch of Loogootee.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, AUGUST 15

10:00 a.m. - Male came on station and requested a vehicle identification check.

1:00 p.m. - Female reported a civil complaint.

3:00 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute in Sunset Trailer Court.

4:10 p.m. - Female reported a civil complaint.

4:45 p.m. - Caller reported property damage on JFK Avenue.

7:46 p.m. - Captain Hennette and Loogootee K-9 Roxy assisted the county with a traffic stop.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

1:07 a.m. - Male requested a transient voucher.

8:00 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted a motorist on Hwy 50.

11:15 p.m. - Caller reported harassment.

8:29 p.m. - Washington Police Department requested officers be on the lookout for a stolen vehicle.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

1:30 p.m. - Female came on station to report a theft.

5:40 p.m. - Male reported his vehicle broke down on Main Street.

8:45 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

9:39 p.m. - Caller reported a male giving a juvenile cigarettes.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

11:30 a.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint on SE 1st Street. The dog was transported to the humane society.

3:45 p.m. - Caller reported someone threw a plastic bottle out of a bus and it struck his vehicle.

4:30 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

8:10 p.m. - Caller reported property damage.

8:35 p.m. - Caller reported a fight in

progress on Broadway Street.

9:16 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

10:30 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

11:00 p.m. - Caller reported a suicidal subject.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

1:30 p.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the ambulance service.

3:15 p.m. - Caller reported a parking complaint on East Broadway Street.

5:35 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

10:05 p.m. - Caller reported property damage.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

2:40 a.m. - Officer Floyd assisted a motorist.

12:33 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident near CVS.

11:47 p.m. - Caller requested extra patrol.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

4:15 a.m. - Caller reported underage drinking.

8:20 a.m. - Caller reported a disturbance.

8:03 p.m. - Officer Floyd assisted the humane society.

8:54 p.m. - Caller reported a fight at Cooper Plaza.

10:18 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle without tail lights. Officer Floyd located the vehicle.

Accident report

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

2:50 p.m. - Jonathon D. Myers, of Loogootee, was operating a 2014 Ford on Broadway Street when he merged into the inner lane and struck a 2000 Ford operated by Scott A. Hockersmith, of North Vernon. Chief Rayhill investigated.

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

It looks like southern Indiana has averted the drought predicted for August. So much for long-range forecasting. However, the plentiful moisture brings its own problems. Many people are reporting fungal diseases on fruits and vegetables. There is nothing that can be done now to save the affected crops, but gardeners should be careful to clean up the residue. All of the leaves and fruit should be gathered up and either burned or disposed of far from the garden. This will reduce the chance that the fungal spores will over-winter in the debris.

A common victim of fungal disease is the foliage of peonies. By this time of the year, the foliage will have done its job, storing energy in the roots that will be next year's flowers. If the foliage has turned black, go ahead and cut it down and dispose of it.

Last week, I made a short trip to the Smokey Mountains. The beauty of the mountains is always a reminder of the majesty of the Creator. I was also able to visit two botanical gardens that I had never seen before. On my way to the resort, I stopped at the Knoxville Botanical Garden. Located on the site of a former nursery and orchard, the garden presented a welcomed chance to get out and walk around in a beautiful garden. It is not large as botanical gardens go, with only a few acres of actual garden beds. The garden is in a residential area just a few blocks from Interstate 40. However, there is a forty-acre wooded area adjacent to the garden. The highlight of the garden was not plants, but the beautiful stonework. There were flagstone patios, over two miles of stone fences and several stone buildings, including a stone greenhouse and three round garden buildings. Most of the garden beds were in shade and semi-shade, with many hostas, hellebores and other shade-loving plants. There were several crape myrtles blooming and some interesting mature trees. While the gardens are not extensive, it is a good rest stop. There is no charge for visiting the garden, which is owned and operated by a private society. There is a box for donations at a kiosk where maps and other brochures are available.

On the return trip, I stopped in Lexington, Kentucky at the Arboretum and Kentucky State Botanical Garden. Located on 100 acres adjacent to the University of Kentucky, it was founded in 1991 as an arboretum by the university and the Lexington-Fayette County government. It officially became the State Botanical Garden in 2000. The gardens are free and you will encounter many students who are working in the gardens as a part of their training in horticultural pursuits. There are test plots for new flower and vegetable

varieties, a large rose garden, a knot garden, a fragrance garden and a children's garden. A two-mile paved walkway meanders through the arboretum, which includes newly-planted trees and mature specimens over 300 years



Milkweed is the sole host plant for monarchs and the only place the butterflies will lay their eggs.

old. The Walk Across Kentucky Trail has plots of native plants representing seven distinct physiographic regions found in Kentucky.

While neither of these gardens is a destination garden such as the Missouri Botanical Garden, both are good places to stop when in the area. A visit to a beautiful garden will get you rested up to continue your journey.

Upon returning to Sandhill Gardens, I looked in on the monarch larvae that had been devouring the milkweed leaves. Milkweed is the sole host plant for monarchs and the only place the butterflies will lay their eggs. The larvae hatch and begin eating. Toxins in the milkweed make them unpalatable to birds, increasing the chance that they will survive to become the magnificent butterflies that make one of the most fabled migrations in all of nature. I am enjoying this miracle in the garden.

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Indiana Archaeology Month starts September 1

This September, Indiana will host events for all ages as part of the 21st annual statewide celebration of archaeology.

Archaeology Month is an opportunity to learn about Indiana archaeology. Hoosier history buffs can meet archaeologists and learn about the state's past.

Events are held every September by universities, museums, organizations and individuals throughout Indiana. The DNR Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology coordinates Archaeology Month.

Indiana Archaeology Month 2016 coincides with 200 years of statehood. The slate of archaeology programs this year has been designated an official Indiana Bicentennial Legacy Project. This year's commemorative poster focuses on Corydon, Indiana's first state capital, and the archaeology that has been conducted there.

"As Hoosiers have been celebrating the state's bicentennial, many of us are already reflecting on Indiana's rich

history," said Cameron Clark, DNR director and State Historic Preservation Officer. "Archaeology Month encompasses not only the past 200 years, but also all of human activity in Indiana, and it sheds light about ourselves today and our future."

Celebrating archaeology statewide started in 1996 with Indiana Archaeology Week. In 2002, the celebration was expanded to Indiana Archaeology Month.

A schedule of events and additional information for Archaeology Month is available at dnr.IN.gov/historic, or by contacting Amy Johnson at ajohnson@dnr.IN.gov or (317) 232-6982.

Commemorative posters and shirts are available. Shirts are \$10 each and can be purchased from the DNR Customer Service Center at (317) 232-4200 or toll-free at (877) 463-6367.

Archaeologists have recorded more than 66,600 sites in Indiana since the early 1800s, helping to shape public understanding of the prehistoric and historic people.

Check trees now for Asian longhorned beetle

BY DARRIN PACK
Purdue University News Service

Indiana residents are being urged to spend a few minutes checking trees in their yards and neighborhoods for signs of the Asian longhorned beetle (ALB), an invasive and potentially highly destructive pest.

Purdue University entomologist Clifford Sadof said early detection is the best way to contain the pest and minimize the risk to healthy trees.

"For ALB, the only tool we have is to eradicate the hosts," Sadof said. "No one wants to see apparently healthy trees cut down but the reality is that once the ALB is there, those trees are already dead."

Trees at risk of Asian longhorned beetle infestation include maple, birch, elm, willow, ash and poplar.

Identifying ALB early means fewer trees would have to be removed, he said.

"The sooner we find it, the smaller the area that could be affected," Sadof said. "The best way to protect our trees is by looking at them and reporting any suspicious signs. It takes just a few minutes to look around and it could save a lot of trees."

The Asian longhorned beetle originated in Asia and has no natural enemies in the Midwest. Infestations have been reported in Chicago and Cincinnati, putting Indiana squarely in the at-risk zone, Sadof said. He cautioned that the potential damage caused by Asian longhorned beetles is even greater than the risk posed by the emerald ash borer.

"That's because the Asian longhorned beetle can affect a greater variety and greater number of trees," Sadof said.

August 14-20 was Forest Pest Awareness Week in Indiana but Sadof said an ALB infestation could happen "anywhere at any time."

The Asian longhorned beetle is easy to recognize, Sadof said. Distinctive markings include:

- * A shiny black body about 1-1 1/2

inches long with white spots.

- * Long antennae with black and white bands.

- * Six legs with bluish feet.

Signs of Asian longhorned beetle infestation are:

- * Round exit holes, the size of a dime or smaller, in tree trunks and branches.
- * Round or oval scars in the bark.
- * Sawdust-like material on the ground near the tree or in branches.
- * Dead branches or limbs falling from an otherwise healthy looking tree.

Residents who detect any of these signs should contact the Indiana Department of Natural Resources toll-free hotline, 1-866-663-9684 (1-886-NO EXOTIC). They can also download the Purdue Tree Doctor app for their mobile devices.

"The app provides photos that homeowners and professionals can use to identify both the Asian longhorned beetle and emerald ash borer," Sadof said.

Learn campfire cooking at Paynetown SRA

Learn different techniques and recipes for cooking on an open fire at Monroe Lake's campfire cooking workshop, September 18.

The workshop starts at 3:30 p.m. at Paynetown State Recreation Area. Participants will prepare a dish, cook or bake it on a fire and eat a full meal. Everyone will take home a set of recipes and usually a plate of extra food.

The workshop is limited to 10 people. It is recommended for ages 10 and older. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult.

Registration is required by September 12 at bit.ly/campfirecook-18sep2016. The workshop costs \$20 per person.

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

Monroe Lake (stateparks.IN.gov/2954.htm) is at 4850 South State Road 446, Bloomington, 47401.

4-H NEWS

By Stacy Brown
Martin County Purdue
Extension Educator



Indiana State Fair Results

Martin County 4-Hers had a successful year at the Indiana State Fair. A total of 44 4-Hers took 83 non-animal projects to the fair for judging. The placing totals were 53 blue ribbons, 22 red ribbons, 1 white ribbon, and 1 green ribbon. Martin County also had 6 orange ribbons. At the state fair, orange ribbons are given as special merit for projects that exceed expectations.

Abel, Danielle-floriculture-white; Albright, Allison-cake decorating-blue; Arvin, Parker- aerospace- orange; Arvin, Zachary-aerospace-blue; Ausbrooks, Cora-consumer clothing-blue; Ausbrooks, Sam-electric-blue; Bateman, Delani-photography-red;

Burris, Karter-cake decorating-red; Christmas, Sheldan-any other craft-red; Dearwester, Kanton-baked foods-orange; Esch, Cassidy-photography-red; Esch, Madison-forestry-red; Esch, Madison-photography-blue; Esch, Noah-cat poster-blue; Gilbert, Katherine-any other craft-blue; Gilbert, Katherine-fine art-red; Gilmore, Nicholas-woodworking-blue; Guy, Luke-electric-blue; Hawkins, Megan-dog poster-blue; Hawkins, Megan-rabbit poster-blue; Hawkins, Megan-wildlife-blue; Hawkins, Megan-child development-orange; Hawkins, Megan-entomology-blue; Hawkins, Megan-forestry-orange; Hawkins, Melanie-soil and water science-blue;

Hawkins, Melanie-cat poster-blue; Hawkins, Melanie-home environment-blue; Hawkins, Melanie-personality-red; Hawkins, Melanie-consumer clothing-red; Hawkins, Melanie-invented healthy snack-blue; Hawkins, Melanie-foods preserved-blue; Hawkins, Melanie-sport fishing-blue; Hawkins, Melanie-health-blue; Henninger, Corbin-model craft-blue; Holt, Emma-sewing construction-red; Keller, Lane-construction toys-blue; Keller, William-model craft-blue; Lingenfelter, Emma-health-blue; Lingenfelter, Emma-any other craft-blue; Mann, Jordan-photography-orange; Maschino, Cade-poultry poster-red; Maschino, Cade-geology-red; Maschino, Cade-electric-blue; Qualkenbush, David-foods preserved-blue; Qualkenbush, David-woodworking-blue; Robinson, Brett- ag tractor poster-blue; Robinson, Rachel-genealogy-green; Rumble, Kenadi-veterinary science-blue; Rush, Alexis-shooting sports education-red; Rush, Alexis-wildlife-red; Ryan, Jessica-any other craft-blue; Sanders, Justin-garden 3 place collection-blue; Sanders, Justin-electric-blue; Sanders, Justin-garden corn-blue; Sanders, Justin-garden oregano-blue; Sanders, Trenton-woodworking-blue; Shaw, Gracie-foods preserved-blue; Shaw, Maggie-photography-red; Shaw, Maggie-health-blue; Sims, Kaitlin-photography-blue; Street, Wyatt-photography-red; Suheski, Haileigh-woodworking-blue; Sutton, Brayden-rabbit poster-blue; Sutton, Brayden-dog poster-blue; Sutton, Brayden-forestry-blue; Sutton, Brayden-cat poster-red; Sutton, Brayden-veterinary science-blue; Sutton, Brayden-wildlife-red; Sutton, Kayden-weather and climate science-blue; Sutton, Kayden-shooting sports education-orange; Toy, Anastasia-construction toys-blue; Toy, Anastasia-foods baked-red; Troutman, Reva-fine art-blue; Troutman, Reva-photography b & w prints-red; Troutman, Reva-photography color prints-blue; Wagler, Sarah-foods baked-

blue; Wagler, Sarah-cake decorating-red; Wittmer, Sydnee-dog poster-blue; Wittmer, Sydnee-foods baked-blue; Wittmer, Sydnee-photography-red; Wittmer, Sydnee-foods preserved-red.

State Fair Tractor Driving Contest

The Indiana State Fair 4-H Tractor Driving Contest will be held on Saturday, August 20 at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds. Martin County will be sending three 4-Hers to the contest this year. Justin Hellums and Justin Sanders will compete in the zero turn competition and Reuben Ritchey will compete in the lawn and garden tractor competition. The event begins at 9 a.m. and includes both written and driving tests. For more information, please call the Martin County Purdue Extension office at (812) 295-2412.

State Fair Project Pick Up

If you had a project at the state fair, please pick it up at the Martin County Purdue Extension Office on Tuesday, August 23 between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Projects will be held at the office until August 31, 2016 and may be picked up during normal business hours until this date. After August 31, all remaining projects will be thrown away. Please call (812) 295-2412 if you have any questions or need to request special pick up times.

Junior Leaders Meeting

The next Martin County 4-H Junior Leaders meeting will be on Sunday, September 18 at 4 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Martin County Learning Center. If you are a current Junior Leader or are interested in becoming one, please attend.

Tree Seedlings Available to Order

DNR tree seedling order forms are available at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/3620.htm> or at the Martin County Purdue Extension Office. Any questions can be directed to Vallonia Nursery at (812) 358-3621.

Hoosiers can claim \$2M in reimbursements from HSBC settlement for foreclosure abuses

Hoosiers should be on the lookout for mailed notices coming this month that will provide instructions on how to claim reimbursements from the \$470 million federal-state settlement with mortgage lender and servicer HSBC, Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller said.

The state-federal settlement, which was announced in February, addressed mortgage servicing and foreclosure abuses by HSBC during the financial crisis.

An estimated 2,810 Indiana borrowers who lost their homes to foreclosure from January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2012 and encountered servicing abuses by HSBC are eligible for reimbursements. Individual payments will start at \$780, and total reimbursement to Hoosiers could exceed \$2 million.

"Many Hoosiers still feel the impact of the financial crisis, which was exacerbated by abuses and unethical practices in the mortgage lending and servicing industry," Zoeller said. "My office and attorneys general across the nation have worked persistently over the years to hold these violators accountable, seek relief for victims and ensure exploitive practices by this industry don't continue into the future."



By Curt Johnson
MCCF Executive Director

-- BENJAMIN FRANKLIN --

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I may remember. Involve me and I may learn."

That's a quote from Benjamin Franklin, one of the Founding Fathers of the United States and renowned as a leading author, printer, politician, scientist, and inventor among several other professions.

-- CLASSROOM GRANTS --

The Martin County Community Foundation (MCCF) has taken to heart the words of Benjamin Franklin. For several years we have funded small in-class projects in the Loogootee and Shoals school systems that have an educational benefit and are creative, innovative, and stimulate student learning. These projects may not have a typical funding source; the MCCF Classroom Grants program is a resource to help enable our students to learn, grow and aspire as set by the example of one of our Founding Fathers.

-- A PLACE FOR INSPIRATION --

Linda Sherfick, Shoals school system Art Teacher, asked the question: Where do we go when we need to clear out our heads, have a good think, de-stress, or search for inspiration? Her answer was that we go outside. A proposed outdoor learning area, adjacent to the cafeteria, proved to be an ideal location to develop.

-- THE PROJECT --

With a grant from the MCCF, Shoals High School students have been busy creating a five panel mosaic mural that will surround the courtyard door of the area. Designed by sophomore Daniel Wright, the top three panels of the mu-

ral represent constellations that are visible in the Northern Hemisphere, with a definite Vincent van Gogh "Starry Night" influence. The two lower panels will feature flora and fauna in complimentary spiral patterns.

-- SOME DETAILS --

The panels use pieces of a particular brand of ceramic tile that is extremely hard and impermeable, making them highly resistant to moisture. In producing this type of tile, a color pigment is mixed with the clay powder, giving the finished tile a consistent color throughout. This tile withstands temperature extremes and is well suited for exterior applications. The tiles will be affixed on perabase and then placed over the existing outdoor panels.

-- REFLECTION --

Linda's passion shows when she says "Public art inspires us, lifts our spirits, and nurtures creativity. This will be a place where we may all use our imaginations." The students' involvement with the project's purpose, design, and materials have complemented well that quote from earlier: "Involve me and I may learn."

-- MORE INFORMATION --

For information about the Classroom Grants program (applications from teachers are due by September 30th) or the MCCF Education Fund, 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 or to "like" the MCCF Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mcccommunityfoundation.

in direct relief, created new servicing standards and implemented independent oversight. A subsequent state-federal agreement with SunTrust Mortgage Inc. worth nearly \$1 billion was announced in June 2014.

Struggling homeowners can seek free legal advice from the Indiana Foreclosure Prevention Network at www.877gethope.com or from Indiana Legal Services, which received a grant from the AG's Office last year to support its foreclosure prevention services and debt counseling programs.

Zoeller thanked Deputy Attorney General Tom Irons for his work on this case.

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The HSBC settlement was preceded by the National Mortgage Settlement (NMS) in February 2012 between the federal government, 49 state attorneys general, including Indiana, and the five largest national mortgage servicers. That agreement provided consumers nationwide with more than \$50 billion

More Neat Stuff

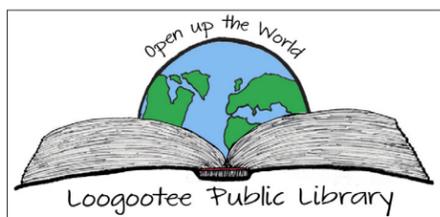


By Ann Ackerman



Someone sent me this “old-timers” quiz that I thought you might enjoy. It’s sort of long so I’ll put the first half this week and the last half next week. Enjoy! Let’s see how much you remember, and how many of these you can recall. Play fair, don’t cheat! Oh, you’ll need a piece of paper and a pencil to record your answers.

- In the 1950s, if you had a flat rear tire, you often had to remove the?
 - Necker knob, b. Curb feeler, c. Fender skirt
- What color flash bulbs did Dad use for color film?
 - Blue, b. Pink, c. Plaid
- What was the parking brake called when you were a kid?
 - Emergency brake, b. Pull Stop, c. Breaker. Breaker.
- Way before Air Jordan, what was a kid’s shoe of choice?
 - Buster Brown, b. PF Flyers, c. Old Stinkers
- In what year did Dewey Defeat Truman according to the Chicago Tribune?
 - 1946, b. 1948, c. 1952
- Before the Orkin Man, what technology was part of most home bug deterrence?
 - Shoe Fly, b. Fly paper, c. 50 mm Phlit gun
- Dixie cups had what printed on their tops?
 - Secret decoders, b. Movie stars, c. WW II propaganda slogans



BY DARLA WAGLER
Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Friends of Loogootee Library (FOLL) will have a huge book sale on Saturday, September 17, from 9-12:30. There are several nice hardback fiction, paperbacks, and children’s books available for a small donation.

Loogootee Woman’s Club donated “Mind-Gut Connection” by Emeran Mayer MD in memory of Rita Beeman. Dr. Antonio Damasio, MD, PHD, author of “Self Comes to Mind” says “after a long period of neglect the enteric nervous system has been recognized as the second brain. Dr. Emeran Mayer, a true expert on this topic, has now written the best lay-public guide yet to this spectacular part of ourselves. Recommended reading”

New Books:
Children: “Chicka Chicka Boom Boom” by Bill Martin, Jr.
DVDs: “God Isn’t Dead 2” and “Angry Birds”.

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.

8. What was the prevailing method of birth control in the 50s?

a. Heavy lifting and cold showers, b. Fear, c. Girdles and crinoline petticoats

9. Jimmy Durante said what at the end of every show?

a. Aloha, my friends, b. Good night, Mrs. Calabash, wherever you are.

c. Remember, wherever you go, my nose will get there first.

10. Popeye the sailor man; Popeye the sailor man. I’m strong to the finish, _____, Popeye the sailor man.

a. cause I eats me spinach, b. my dad was big and Finnish, c. the music a bit tinnish?

ANSWERS:

1. c) Fender skirts, attached to the rear fenders, covered fully half the wheel streamlining the car.

2. a) Blue

3. a) Emergency brake. We grew up in much more dramatic times. I still call it that, do you too?

4. b) PF Flyers. BF Goodrich patented the Posture Foundation insole, an innovation in comfort and performance, and began adding the new technology to its action shoes. Goodrich shoes with Posture Foundation became known simply as PF in 1937. Fashion trends in the Forties and Fifties saw PF Flyers escaping gyms and ball fields to become fashionable active footwear for everyone. Everything you do is more fun with PF read one 1947 magazine ad. In 2001, New Balance acquired the rights to the brand.

5. b) It was November 3, 1948, when Truman upset Republican Thomas Dewey in the first postwar presidential election. Trib publisher Col. Robt. R. McCormick got the news late.

6. b) Sticky fly paper hanging from kitchen ceilings was common in American homes until insecticides like Flit became available in 40s.

7. b) Movie Stars: Most people over 55 recall with nostalgia the Dixie Cup ice cream picture lids that appeared all over America from 1930 to 1954. In the final year, the lids were in 3D, full color, and styled in left and right action poses. These were used in stereo card viewers for the 3D effect.

8. c) This is a tough one, but the answer is girdles and crinoline petticoats.

9. b) Good night, Mrs. Calabash, wherever you are.

10. a) cause I eats me spinach

See next week’s column for the last 10 questions and scoring. Keep your quiz paper handy.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 Tuesday 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.

Open House for Don Bowling

On Wednesday, August 31 from 4-6 p.m. there will be an open house at the Martin County Community Building to celebrate and honor Don Bowling. Bowling is being honored for his public service and volunteerism to Martin County. The community building is located on the Martin County Fairgrounds, 2668 US Hwy. 50, Loogootee. The public is invited to attend and honor Mr. Bowling.

Democrat Party meeting

The Martin County Democrat Party will meet Thursday, September 1 at 6 p.m. at the Loogootee City Hall.

Strange-O’Maley Reunion

The Strange-O’Maley Reunion will be held Sunday, September 4, 2016 at the St. Joseph Annex in Bramble. Food will be served at 12:30 p.m. Table service will be provided but those attending are asked to bring a covered dish.

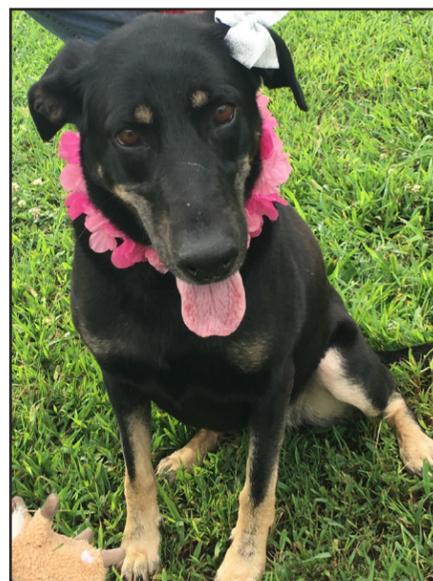
Square Dancing

Learn to square dance. Lessons start September 6. The first and second lessons are free. For more information, call 812-329-6900 or 765-993-2807.

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

ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



Milah has been with the humane society for more than eight months. Her adoption fee has been reduced to half off - just \$40. Milah has a lot of energy and is large so that seems to turn adopters off. She loves to play fetch and can catch any toy or treat out of the air. She is very sweet toward people but isn’t too fond of smaller dogs. She is spayed, up to date on shots and tested negative for heartworms. The animal shelter is open Monday and Wednesday 5-7 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m. To see all the dogs and cats available, visit www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org. The shelter is located at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee.

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 Beverly 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.

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UK-based automotive supplier adding jobs in Southern Indiana

GKN Sinter Metals, an advanced manufacturer of precision powder metal products for the automotive industry, announced plans last week to expand its operations in Indiana, creating up to 24 new jobs by 2020.

"Indiana supports more than 8,500 manufacturing businesses and is home to the highest concentration of manufacturing jobs in the nation," said Governor Mike Pence. "Indiana offers manufacturers a low-cost, low-tax business climate and a dedicated, skilled workforce that provides global firms like GKN Sinter Metals the tools they need to succeed. The Hoosier state is a state that works for business and supports manufacturing operations that power our world."

The company, which is a subsidiary of United Kingdom-based GKN America Corp., will invest more than \$6.9 million to update equipment and renovate its current 220,000-square-foot facility at 198 S. Imperial Dr. in Salem. The new equipment will allow GKN Sinter Metals to increase its production of eight-speed and 10-speed transmissions for the automotive industry. The first round of the new enhanced equipment was installed this year, with the second phase scheduled to begin in 2017. In addition, the company plans to make both interior and exterior enhancements to its existing building, which includes updated employee amenities and a new innovation room to showcase current advanced manufacturing technologies.

GKN Sinter Metals employs more than 6,500 associates across more than 30 facilities around the world, which includes production sites in Germany, Italy, South Africa, Canada, China and Brazil. The company currently employs more than 400 Hoosiers, with plans to hire hydraulic CNC press set-up operators, maintenance specialists, CNC machinists and process control technicians. The new career opportunities are expected to pay average salaries more than 20 percent higher than the Washington County average wage. Interested applicants can apply by emailing (saalemhr@gkn.com) or mailing a resume to human resources at 198 S. Imperial Dr.

"In order to continue increasing our sales, it's important for us to expand our product offering as customer demands change," said Jai Perumal, plant manager at GKN Sinter Metals. "In order to exceed our customers' expectations, we want to continue investing in equipment and technology that results in quality products. As a leader in both the manufacturing and automotive industry, Indiana continues to be a great place for GKN to grow its footprint."

Founded in 1759, GKN manufactures and sells a range of powder metallurgy products, technologies and engineered solutions for the automotive, industrial and consumer markets worldwide. The Salem-based facility mainly produces automotive engine and transmission parts for its customers, which include Ford, General Motors, Allison Transmissions, Toyota, Honda, Mazda and Chrysler. In 2013,

GKN's Indiana operations received the Nexteer Perfect Quality Award for its commitment to total quality as a valued customer.

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation offered GKN Sinter Metals LLC up to \$100,000 in conditional tax credits and up to \$50,000 in training grants based on the company's job creation plans. These incentives are performance-based, meaning until Hoosiers are hired, the company is not eligible to claim incentives. The city of Salem approved additional incentives at the request of the Washington County Economic Growth Partnership. The Regional Impact Fund administered by Radius Indiana also provided support for the expansion.

"We are very grateful to have GKN Sinter Metals in our community," said Salem Mayor Troy Merry. "Our city is fortunate to have a company invest millions of dollars to update equipment and renovate its current facility located in Salem. As mayor, I fully support GKN's commitment to expand in Indiana."

Today, one in five Hoosiers work in the manufacturing industry and companies like GKN Sinter Metals continue to find the workforce they need to expand in Indiana. The Hoosier state ranked second in the nation in June for manufacturing job growth and is also home to the second largest automotive industry in the nation.

Growing number of Hoosiers employed, joining the labor force in Indiana

Indiana's economy continues to grow stronger, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics report released last Friday by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. Indiana businesses have added 149,700 new jobs since January 2013, and the state's unemployment rate dropped 0.2 percent in July to 4.6 percent – below the national rate of 4.9 percent.

"In Indiana, job creation remains job one, and we continue to see tremendous economic growth across the state," said Victor Smith, Indiana Secretary of Commerce. "Indiana's business climate ranks first in the Midwest and fifth overall, supporting Hoosier businesses that are adding jobs at rate of nearly 14 percent [since July 2009] and outpacing the national average. As we look toward Indiana's third century, we are expanding our economic development strategies to advance talent attraction and innovation to ensure sustained, long-term job growth and to affirm that Indiana is truly the best place to live, work and play."

Indiana's labor force, which includes both Hoosiers that are getting jobs and those that are ready to start looking for jobs, increased by more than 3,700 Hoosiers in July and 75,029 Hoosiers so far in 2016. Indiana's labor force participation rate remains at 65.4 percent, which is above the national rate of 62.8 percent. For the 13th consecutive month, private sector employment remains above the previous employment record from March 2000.

Automotive manufacturer growing in Indiana

Aisin USA Manufacturing, a Japan-owned manufacturer of automotive parts, announced plans today to expand its operations in Jackson County, creating up to 100 new jobs by the end of 2018.

"Indiana is home to the largest concentration of manufacturing jobs in the nation because we are a state that works," said Governor Mike Pence. "Here in Indiana, we have balanced our budgets, cut costs and taxes, and reduced burdensome regulations that stand in the way of growth, allowing job creators to add nearly 150,000 Hoosier jobs since 2013. Manufacturers, both large and small, are growing across the state, and we are proud to support companies like Aisin USA Manufacturing as we work together to ensure quality employment for all Hoosiers."

The company, which is a subsidiary of Kariya, Japan-headquartered Aisin Seiki Co., will invest more than \$99.9 million to expand its manufacturing operations at 1700 E. Fourth St. in Seymour. Aisin USA Manufacturing, which manufactures automotive components and systems, such as door frame components, latching systems, seating and trim molding, must renovate and purchase new equipment in order to accommodate design changes being incorporated by its customers. The company, which supplies parts for vehicles such as the Honda Odyssey, Chevy Traverse, Toyota Highlander, Toyota Camry, Toyota Avalon, Toyota Corolla, Toyota Rav 4 and Lexus models, plans to begin work on upgrades in late 2016.

Aisin USA Manufacturing employs more than 1,700 full-time Hoosiers at its Seymour facility and plans to begin hiring for manufacturing positions in 2017. Interested applicants can apply by emailing a resume to hr@aisinusa.com or by completing an application in person.

"Aisin USA is excited to expand and continue its operations in Seymour, Indiana," said Jeff Nordman, executive vice president of Aisin USA Manufacturing. "Aisin USA was the first North American manufacturing

facility for our parent company, Aisin Seiki, and we have enjoyed a long and mutually beneficial relationship with Seymour and Jackson County."

Aisin Seiki, which is part of the Toyota Group, designs and manufactures automotive and industrial parts as well as lifestyle and energy products. The company is one of the top five global automotive suppliers, producing a variety of parts including transmission, brake, engine and IT units. Aisin employs more than 83,000 people across the world, including approximately 2,900 in Indiana. Including Aisin USA Manufacturing, Aisin has 10 companies in Indiana, including Aisin Drivetrain in Crothersville, Aisin Chemical Indiana in Crothersville, ATTC Mfg. in Tell City, ADVICS in Terre Haute, Aisin Logistics in Franklin, and IN-TAT Precision in Rushville.

"For nearly 30 years, Aisin USA has been one of our most important companies, and we obviously are pleased that they continue to invest here," said Seymour Mayor Craig Luedeman. "This is great news, and we pledge our support to them."

The news comes on the heels of Governor Pence's jobs and economic development mission to Japan in September 2015, where he met with executives of Aisin Seiki. Indiana is home to more than 260 Japan-owned business facilities that support more than 53,000 Hoosier jobs. Among all U.S. states, Indiana has the largest amount of Japanese investment per capita and is the only state with three Japanese automotive original equipment manufacturer (OEM) companies – Subaru, Toyota and Honda.

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation offered Aisin USA Manufacturing up to \$500,000 in conditional tax credits based on the company's job creation plans. These tax credits are performance-based, meaning until Hoosiers are hired, the company is not eligible to claim incentives. The city of Seymour approved tax abatement for the first phase of the project last night at the request of the Jackson County Industrial Development Corporation.



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The Mayor's Den

By Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty

In last month's Den, I inadvertently had new hire Officer Jim Floyd's name incorrect! My apologies to Officer Floyd; and once again we are very excited about having Officer Floyd join the Loogootee Police Department team!

The month of July began with the Annual Shoals Catfish Festival Benefit Auction at the Shoals Fire Station. The auction brought in approximately \$6,300 for the community. I spent much of the day Friday the 2nd at the office working on the day-to-day operations. The 31st Annual Shoals Catfish Festival kicked off that evening. County Assessor Carolyn McGuire, Coach Jack Butcher and I were asked to assist Marie Hawkins with her presentation on the upcoming Bicentennial Torch Relay and Celebration coming up on September 13th. Thanks to Marie for all her hard work and also for inviting me to participate. The queen contest followed Marie's presentation. Congratulations to Festival Queen Brenda Barberry, Junior Miss Kaley Roush, Miss Pre-Teen Macy Wyman, and Little M

iss Kadence Place. After the contest was the Open Mic Night Contest showing off the many talented individuals we have right here in Martin County. I spent the weekend at enjoying the many activities at the Catfish Festival. Despite the rain, the majority of scheduled events were held with the exception of the parade and fireworks which were re-scheduled to the evening of Tuesday the 5th and the bike race, tug of war, and softball tourney which finished Sunday the 10th.

I spent most of the week in the office following the holiday. Monday, the 11th began with the Martin County Indiana Bicentennial Celebration meeting hosted by Marie Hawkins. Following that meeting, I met with Matt Craig with Radius Indiana. Matt is new to Radius - bringing over 30 years of experience working in the defense industry at Crane. We both met to discuss the relationship between Loogootee and Martin County as a whole with Crane and the needs of our community looking towards the future. In the evening were the monthly board of works and common council meetings. Main topics of discussion were a presentation given by Cross Pointe Studios at the June meeting and a presentation given at the July meeting by Springs Valley Bank and Trust regarding various financial programs they may have to offer.

I spent most of Tuesday the 12th in the office. Wednesday the 13th. I went to Old National Bank for a board of directors meeting for the Martin County Chamber of Commerce. As always the organization strives to promote our businesses and community as a whole focusing in on what makes our county great! Following the meeting, I headed to William Daily Drive for the groundbreaking of the \$1.5 million renovation project being held at the housing development. Congratulations to all of the people who have worked tirelessly to make this project become a reality, including Nancy Summers, John Lythgoe, Don Bowling, Mike Smith, Carl Hoffman, Kenny Frye, David Winiger, and Alan Burch -- to name a few. In the eve-

ning was the weekly Twilight Swim at the pool. Unfortunately due to the weather, "Transcendent" was not able to play.

Thursday the 14th began on a sad note as I headed to St. John Catholic Church for the funeral mass of Jesse Allen. Mr. Allen was a person admired for his love for both family and friends. In the afternoon, I spent a couple hours at the pool observing the daily operations of the facility. In the evening of Friday the 15th. I headed to the Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds to attend the annual queen pageant for the fair. Congratulations to the 2016 Miss Martin County Kendall Riley, First Runner Up Miss Josey Waggoner, Second Runner Up Miss Kaylie Robbins, Miss Evening Gown Taylor Kaiser, and Miss Congeniality Miss Ashton Allbight. Saturday morning the 16th. I went to the Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds for the 1st Annual Tug of War. Congratulations to the Loogootee Fire Department who came out on top in the event.

Monday the 18th was the funeral services of Virginia Street at Blake Funeral Home. Mrs. Street worked many years in the cafeteria at both the Rutherford and Loogootee Schools, and was well known and appreciated for her generosity. That evening was "31 Bingo" at Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant, to benefit teachers from both the Loogootee and Shoals School Corporations, and it was a huge success. Tuesday the 19th. Public Works Superintendent Bo Wilson and I met with former Mayor Don Bowling and Nancy Summers of the local senior housing development to discuss how the city can assist with the upcoming renovation project. In the afternoon, Public Works Superintendent Bo Wilson, Assistant Mike Taylor and I met with Matt Sward of SIDC to discuss a grant the city is working on for street paving. We appreciate SIDC's assistance in obtaining grants to benefit our city. Wednesday the 20th. I met with Carolyn Downey of the Martin County Chamber of Commerce and John Gootee of Cross Pointe Studios to reach out to one of our local businesses to see if they might be interested in becoming an investor. Following the meeting, I went to Wendy's for the monthly Martin County Chamber of Commerce Meeting. Numerous members were in attendance to discuss various opportunities their businesses offer. Friday the 22nd I spent most of the day in the office.

Saturday the 23rd was the wedding ceremony of Kent Summers and Emilee Shake. The church was packed to witness and honor the couple. In the evening of Monday the 25th, I attended the Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth bi-monthly meeting at the Martin County Learning Center. As always, the main topic of discussion was promoting our county and creating economic growth.

Tuesday evening the 27th, after working during the day, my parents and I drove to Indianapolis to begin our trip to New Mexico - the only state in the nation I had not yet visited. It was a great vacation!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a most blessed August!

~LETTER TO THE EDITOR~

'The superintendent and the school board president refused to approve me'

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

I have substitute taught at Shoals for the last 10 years and this year, because I insisted that students mind and get quiet so other students could study - the superintendent and the school board president refused to approve me to come back. I asked for a complete explanation from both and got no satisfactory answer. I have been hit in the face and head with pencils they broke up, spitballs, paper wads, paper airplanes, a textbook, a dodge ball, and one morning a student threw a chair because he did not want to take a test. Nothing was done about it, it was reported. Students sent to the office got no punishment, they sat in the office and did nothing. Do not tell me that

student cannot be made to mind and come to school and act decent because I had some really good students who did not cause any trouble at all. The administration and the school board do not want to do anything to the students, they are afraid of making the parents angry - what a disservice to the students. This only enlarges Martin County's welfare population.

This is discrimination and my civil and constitutional rights have been violated since I was told no substitute who was there last year would be retained and I was the only one they refused to approve. This needs to be corrected - perhaps it is time the EEOC gets involved and investigates. Since now there is nothing coming in for food, perhaps the school board and the administration should go hungry as well.

Pat Burcham
Loogootee

VU Alumni Community Series announces 2016-2017 line-up

The lineup for the 2016-2017 Vincennes University Alumni Community Series has been announced. Now in its 65th season, the Alumni Community Series continues to be committed to providing quality entertainment for its patrons and friends at the Red Skelton Performing Arts Center on VU's campus. Kicking off the season on September 9 will be "You've Got a Friend" the music of Carole King and James Taylor featuring Kirsti Manna and Jonathan Birchfield. The two will present a genuinely moving and nostalgic concert performance with the same amazing onstage chemistry as King and Taylor.

They will be accompanied by a 24-piece orchestra.

October 8 will feature The Inspiration of Broadway with Ernie Haase, Signature Sound and J. Mark McVey in a wonderful evening of uplifting vocal performances from virtually every Broadway hit show.

Established in Nashville, Tennessee in 1998, The Time Jumpers, featuring Vince Gill, will be performing on November 4. These high-dollar studio musicians will spend some spare time in Vincennes jamming with their sonically

gifted buddies which includes, Vince Gill, Kenny Sears, "Ranger Doug" Green and Paul Franklin. In 2013, the band's self-titled release on Rounder Records was nominated for two Grammys. They are currently working on their next release for Rounder Records.

Experience the beauty of the Christmas season with the Annie Moses Band December 11. The acclaimed classical crossover ensemble will perform stunning arrangements of holiday favorites. A captivating blend of folk and classical, the Annie Moses Band is a talented ensemble of songwriters, singers and musicians combining technical skill with exhilarating showmanship.

All performances are at 7:30 p.m. EST with the exception of the Annie Moses Band in December, which is at 2:30 p.m.

Season tickets are still available on a limited basis. Tickets for individual performances are also available on a first come-first served availability. For tickets or for more information, please call the VU Alumni Office at 812-888-4354 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or 800.945.ALUM. Information is also available at www.vinu.edu/communityseries.

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