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The Martin County Council held budget hearings on Monday and Tuesday this week. From the left side of the table around are Council Members Warren Albright, Keith Gibson, Lynn Gee, Randy Wininger and Rich Summers; Auditor Bobbie Abel, and Council Members Buck Stiles and Barb McFeaters.

Council works on budget, approves 50-cent raises

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT

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The Martin County Council started budget hearings on Monday, September 10, following the regular monthly council meeting. This year, the council was tasked with cutting \$150,000 to \$200,000 from the proposed budgets from department heads. Almost every department head requested raises for themselves and their employees, ranging from three percent to 10 percent.

The council discussed raises on the second day of budget hearings, Tuesday afternoon, after cutting around \$124,000 from several departments. They spent more than two hours debating whether to give employees a 50-cent raise across the board or a four percent increase. Several county employees were present in the audience and offered their opinions.

Council Member Warren Albright said he felt a 50-cent raise was more fair to the lower income county employees as opposed to a four percent increase. He said this bumped up higher paid employees and elected officials but didn't really do much for employees who still make \$26,000 or less a year. The 50-cent increase would bump their pay by \$1,040 annually.

When asked if a four percent increase would keep the county within their budget, Council President Rich Summers replied that Auditor Bobbie Abel would have to crunch the numbers to find out. The 50-cent raise would cost the county roughly \$77,000 per year with 74 full-time employees.

After discussion, the council decided to go with a maximum of a 50-cent raise but wanted the auditor to figure up what that would cost to make sure it did not exceed what was allowed in the budget.

The council also decided to increase part-time pay for most courthouse workers and the highway department. Currently, part-time workers are paid between \$8.50-\$8.75. The council felt this was too low. They decided to increase that scale from \$8.50 to \$10 and each department head would decide their own employees' part-time pay, including new hires. The sheriff's department's part-time pay scale would increase to \$10-\$12 per hour. The sheriff noted that he has a hard time keeping

part-time employees because they are not paid enough.

None of the raises included the county council or the commissioners' salaries

Veteran Service Officer Linda Dillon said that she makes \$9.25 per hour and it is not enough for the work she puts in. The council asked her if \$10 per hour would be fair to which Dillon agreed although noted that she felt she should be paid as much as the clerk. She said her job is considered part-time at 20 hours per week but she also oversees the veterans' van.

Council Member Randy Wininger said he knows that no employee in the county is overpaid but the 50-cent increase is double what the council was able to do last year and he hopes the county employees will be happy with it.

It was also noted that the county doesn't want to get into a financial crunch considering they just approved increasing the local income tax levy last year.

During the course of the budget review, the council realized that the \$210,000 ambulance contract was not included in next year's LOIT (Local Option Income Tax) budget. Since the budget was already advertised, they could not go back now and add the contract amount in. The council took a break so Auditor Abel could contact the department of local government finance. After reconvening, she said the

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No public comments at school board meeting

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT

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The Loogootee School Board held a brief, three-minute meeting last Thursday afternoon, September 6. The purpose of the meeting was to hear public comment on the 2019 budget, capital projects fund and bus replacement plan. Next year's budget includes the start of repayment on the \$7 million bond. No one was present from the public.

The board also approved Shawn Howell as volunteer cross country coach to drive the mini bus.

Board Members TJ McAtee and Chad Wade were not present for the meeting.

County council approves resolution for library loan

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT

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The Martin County Council met Monday morning, September 10. Loogootee Public Library Director Darla Wagler presented a resolution for the \$1.1 million USDA Rural Development loan for the council to approve. The library needed the council's approval due to state law stating that a taxing unit with an appointed and not elected board, must have checks and balances from the elected county governing body. Members of the council wanted it noted in the minutes that the USDA loan would have no impact on the taxpayers of Martin County, nor would the county be responsible if the loan could not be repaid. The maximum annual payment would be just over \$56,000 from the library's general fund or existing tax levy. The loan will come with a maximum of 3.875 percent interest.

Council Member Buck Stiles asked Wagler what would happen if trends in libraries changed over the next 40 years – the length of the loan. He said with the internet, would the library continue to house books, or would it be more of an internet hub. Wagler replied that library usage has increased substantially over the years and she expects that to continue to increase. She said libraries are needed now more than they ever were. She said a lot of people don't have the internet.

Wagler noted that they may not spend

the maximum amount of the loan. They will know the true cost of the construction when they put it out for bids. She said she had several area contractors come in and look at the plans and they all assured her that the construction would be under \$1 million.

Council Member Barb McFeaters asked how the library would fund operations if they would be using their tax money to pay for the loan payments. Wagler provided the council with a breakdown of library expenses showing that each year, they have some money leftover in their budget. The library takes in around \$231,000 in tax revenue each year.

Council Member Barb McFeaters asked if the library would need to hire additional staff due to the increase in size of the library. Wagler replied that she hopes to add a children's librarian, if the money is available in the future, but has no plan to increase staff.

The council approved the resolution with a 6-1 vote with a request that it be noted in the resolution that the county is not responsible for the loan. Council Member Buck Stiles voted against and stated after the meeting that he did so because the residents he represents in his council district are not affected by the Loogootee Library.

Community Corrections Director Kathy Collins provided the council with her annual report. She talked to the council about the portion of her pro-

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Shoals Schools participating in Ready Schools Initiative

Regional Opportunity Initiatives (ROI) is pleased to announce that eleven school districts in the Indiana Uplands have received Ready Schools grants totaling \$2,325,091. "Between six school districts receiving development grants, and five receiving implementation grants, we are thrilled to share that ROI's signature education and workforce initiative will impact more than half of the region's 52,000 K-12 students," said CEO Tina Peterson.

The Ready Schools Initiative is a design-thinking framework to support school districts in realigning their P-12 curricular and programmatic offerings to educational and workforce needs within the Indiana Uplands, an 11-county region that encompasses Brown, Crawford, Daviess, Dubois, Greene, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Orange, Owen and Washington counties.

A total of \$830,000 in development grants has been awarded to schools selected for the second cohort of Ready Schools. Bloomfield School District, Monroe County Community School Corporation, Spencer-Owen Community Schools, and a collaboration of Mitchell Community Schools, Orleans Community School Corporation will begin

the first phase of the Ready Schools process in August. A District Readiness Coordinator will guide locally developed advisory and design teams through the year-long design thinking process. A coach from ROI will work side by side with the District Readiness Coordinator through the yearlong process.

"The ROI Ready Schools Initiative Grant will enable Mitchell, Orleans, and Shoals to meaningfully collaborate with industry and community stakeholders while creating sustainable career-oriented initiatives," said Shoals Superintendent Dr. Candace Roush. "By pooling our resources and coming together to examine new career pathways, create programming, and tweak existing models, we can provide more opportunities for student and community success."

The goal of the Ready Schools development process is to enable school districts to engage business leaders, community stakeholders, parents and students in meaningful dialogue about what school success means and to develop a plan to obtain that success. The result is a collaborative approach designed to support students in achieving academic and career goals aligned with workforce, with a particular focus

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gram that deals with juveniles. She said that a majority of the funding for the juvenile program comes from the Indiana Department of Corrections.

For fiscal year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, Martin County's juvenile program worked with 632 youth. Collins explained that the probation department typically deals with juveniles however community corrections does deal with them for various reasons. Of the 632 that community corrections worked with, 576 of them were through the school prevention program at Shoals Schools, 10 served community service, typically through the Martin County Humane Society; 40 were a part of the CASS program that is an alternative to suspension/expulsion from school, and six were on electronic monitoring.

Council Member Lynn Gee asked why Loogootee School doesn't participate in the school prevention program. Collins replied that she believes they are doing their own type of program in-house and that the program has been offered to them. She said they even hired someone through a grant awarded to community corrections to work with students four days a week, so she is open for discussion with Loogootee if they change their mind.

Council Member Gee asked Collins if she knew whether the program Loogootee was doing in-house was working. Collins replied that they have not shared that information with her or her

department.

Collins said that other counties see multiple violent offenses from juveniles. 16 kids in Martin County that had drug-related, fighting, property damage or other offenses during the 2017-18 fiscal year. "We should count ourselves fortunate," she said noting that our kids don't have to live in a county with that

Collins also gave an example of one of the offenses that landed a student in trouble. She said that an A student was acting up one day and pulled down the pants of another student as a joke. That student was placed on suspension and put in the CASS program for two days. "These are not bad kids," said Collins. She added that they are not dealing with gun violence in school or hate crimes and the county should be thankful for

Laura Albertson, Martin County Solid Waste Director, submitted the solid waste budget for next year for review. Albertson said she cut the budget for next year by \$20,000 because she wants to keep the budget as close as possible to what they spend each year. The solid waste budget is around \$500,000 a

The council approved an additional appropriation for \$1,000 for a parttime employee for election season and \$1,500 for transcripts and depositions for jury trials for the circuit court. Both will come out of the general fund.

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council will have to do an additional appropriation after the start of the new year and find the \$210,000 in another fund as it was too late to add it in now.

Council Member Warren Albright reminded the rest of the council during salary talks that the ambulance contract would have to be corrected at the start of the year and he wanted the council to keep that in mind when it comes to spending.

When the council went through each department's budget, line by line, cuts came from various funds for the prosecutor, sheriff, auditor's office, Martin County Alliance and the circuit court. They cut the humane society's budget request from \$25,000 to \$10,500 but gave increases to Four Rivers to \$4,000, SIDC to \$5,500, the historical society to \$4,000, Ride Solutions to \$1,500, and gave \$3,000 to the tourism council and \$4,000 to the Martin County Community Foundation.

In upcoming purchases, Sheriff Roush noted that the jail would need a new electrical control panel, a new video system, new intercoms and a roof replacement. Surveyor Nathan Hoffman said he is saving money in his perpetuation fund, where he makes \$5 per document recording, to purchase a new GPS system.

During discussion on the highway department, some of the council members questioned why the county is no longer

requiring companies to have bonds in case of road damage. Council Member Warren Albright said he thought it was because the county never kept any of the bond money and gave it all back to the companies despite road damage.

Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett told the council that INDOT will do two rounds of Community Crossings grants next year with the first one being in January. He said not only will they need the \$333,000 matching money for the Community Crossings grant that was just applied for but they will need another match for the January grant.

Council Members Randy Wininger and Buck Stiles expressed the need for pot holes to be filled around the county. Stiles said the county is going to end up getting sued for tearing up residents' cars. He added that the dirt patcher doesn't cost much to operate so they need to get some of the most used roads done until more money comes in to do

more paving.

Community Corrections Director Kathy Collins requested permission to add a line item in her budget taking half of the annual distribution of the misdemeanant fund, which is \$3,500 a year. She said they need the money to purchase books used in the jail programs. There is currently \$16,000 in the account and she said the sheriff agreed to giving some of that money. Auditor Abel said she will check with DLGF to see how to set up the new line item.



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on the region's key industry sectors: advanced manufacturing, life sciences, and national security and defense.

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In 2017, ROI released its Occupational Needs Assessment to highlight the education and workforce needs of the advanced manufacturing, life sciences and national security and defense sectors in the counties of Indiana Uplands. The Assessment emphasizes that employers struggle to find talent for all levels of jobs, ranging from entry-level positions requiring only a high school diploma to highly technical jobs requiring advanced degrees and training. All of the employers interviewed noted the significant role that the region's P-12 districts play in addressing these workforce challenges.

The six core principles that guide cohort work through the Ready Schools process build upon the results of the Occupational Needs Assessment and include:

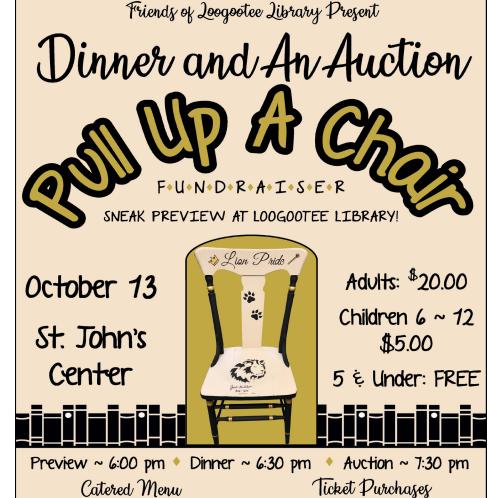
- Every student is engaged in a relevant path to success;
- Students graduate high school ready for post-secondary and career success:
- Meaningful and ongoing collaboration occurs among schools, industry,

and community;

- Teaching and learning are grounded in relevancy;
- K-12 schools are aligned around a common vision of student success; and
- Schools embrace the significant role they play in achieving regional pros-

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economic and community prosperity in the 11 counties of the Indiana Uplands (Brown, Crawford, Daviess, Dubois, Greene, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Orange, Owen and Washington counties). ROI is implementing education and workforce initiatives and regional engagement initiatives for quality of place development. More information can be found at https://swcindiana.org/.



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Obituaries

WILLIAM BOWLIN

William D. Bowlin passed away Sunday September 9, 2018 at Martin County Health and Rehabilitation Center. A resident of Loogootee, he was 82.

He was born May 1, 1936 in Scott County; son of Addis Glenmore and Georgia Marie (Ely) Bowlin. He was one of 15 children. His family worked together to grow tobacco and tomatoes to help supplement the family income. Bill plowed the fields by moonlight with mules and horses, and later with tractors, and during the day attended school. During harvest time, he would work nights at the local canning factory and then wake up and attend school during the day.

Bill took pride in being self-sufficient and took care of his own needs. He graduated high school in 1954 and shortly after, he joined the United States Air Force. Bill was stationed all over the world, Greece, Italy, Germany, Japan, Okinawa, Vietnam, New York, Biloxi, Mississippi, and San Angelo, Texas. He retired after close to 24 years of service.

Bill married Janet Ruth (Allen) Bowlin on November 1, 1985. He was a very generous character, with his time and money. Bill kept a notebook with records of all the charities he gave to. He was known for his laugh and his great sense of humor.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Addis and Georgia Bowlin; and

his siblings, Anna Belle Neff, Charles Bowlin, Sue Morrison, Judy Ellis, and Jean Dillinghman.

He is survived by his loving wife of 34 years, Janet Ruth (Allen) Guy Bowlin of Loogootee; his children, Shiela Bowlin, Bill Bowlin, Theresa McNew, Mike Goodsen, and Christina Barone, eight grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, his first wife, Rita (Trubac) Bowlin; his siblings, Virginia Garvey, Donald Bowlin, Norman Bowlin, Lola Silva, Robert Bowlin, Ronald Bowlin, Nadine Kelso, Sandra Moon, Kenneth Bowlin, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

A funeral service will be held Friday September 14 at 11 a.m. at Blake Funeral Home with Ed Frost officiating. Military Rites will follow at the burial in Goodwill Cemetery.

Visitation will be held on Thursday September 13 from 4 until 8 p.m. and again on Friday from 9 a.m. until the time of service at Blake Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions can be made to The American Diabetes Donation, P.O Box 15829 Arlington, VA 22215, or any military organization of your choice.

Online condolences can be made at www.blakefuneralhomes.com

Arrangements entrusted to Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

SHANNON WAGLER

Shannon Jewel Wagler peacefully passed away in her parent's arms at

Peyton Manning Hospital on Friday, September 7, 2018. A resident of Loogootee, she was 6.

She was born November 23, 2011in Washington; daughter of Darrell and Becky (Graber) Wagler.

Shannon was a 1st grade student at Mt. Nebo Mennonite School. Shannon's family is so grateful she was able to enjoy 8 days of the 1st grade. She loved going to school. Her biggest joy in life was meeting new people and she never met a stranger.

She was preceded in death by three cousins, Michael Stoll, Jennifer Graber and Nathan Knepp.

She is survived by her parents, Darrell and Becky Wagler; sisters, Janet Leann, age 17; Bethany Faith, age 15; Sharilyn Grace, age 12 and Stephanie Mast, age 21. Stephanie lived with the Wagler family as she taught at Mt. Nebo Mennonite School. Shannon was very proud of her (big sister) and loved to introduce her to everyone.

She is also survived by her grandparents, David and Rosanna Graber and Henry and Viola Wagler.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, September 11 at First Mennonite Church in Montgomery. Burial followed in Mt. Nebo Mennonite Cemetery in Newberry.

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

DONALD SMITH

Donald Smith, a former resident of Portland, Indiana, passed away Tuesday September 4, 2018 at Dayspring of Miami Valley Healthcare Center and



Rehabilitation in Fairborn, Ohio. A resident of Ohio, he was 77.

He was born November 18, 1940 in Muncie; the son of Bermond and Lelia (Younce) Smith.

DONALD SMITH He was a custodian at Muncie ears and retired in

Schools for 27 years and retired in 2001. Donald was a member of the Jay County Landlords Association. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He married Dianna Elwood on June 25, 1966 and she preceded him in death on January 25, 2018.

Survivors include one daughter, Danielle Smith of Dayton, Ohio; one son, Devon Smith (wife Laura) of Portland, Indiana; one brother, Darrel Smith of Loogootee, seven grandchildren, and four great grandchildren

Funeral services were held Saturday, September 9 in the Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.Pastor Paul VanCise officiated the service. Private burial was held at Elm Ridge Cemetery in Muncie.

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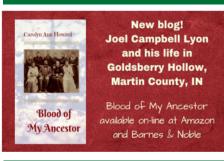
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

6:09 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded.

8:12 p.m. - Received a report of a lost driver's license in the Shoals area. Monday, September 3

12:18 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving on US Highway 50

12:30 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

3:01 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted a motorist, north of Loogootee on US 231, that had run out of gas.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

8:41 a.m. - Loogootee Chief Rayhill performed a welfare check in Loogoo-

8:53 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

9:42 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

10:02 a.m. - Loogootee Chief Rayhill assisted with a funeral detail in Loogootee.

11:08 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill, Captain Dant, Loogootee Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

12:11 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle east of Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

12:56 p.m. - Captain Dant performed a vehicle identification check in Shoals.

12:58 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle east of Shoals. Sergeant Keller and Shoals Fire respond-

12:59 p.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

1:46 p.m. - Captain Dant took four inmates to court.

3:59 p.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

12:58 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospi-

6:01 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.

9:35 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

10:47 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:25 a.m. - Received a disturbance call south of Shoals. Major Burkhardt and Captain Dant responded.

11:28 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

1:40 p.m. - Major Burkhardt assisted the department of child services with an investigation in Crane.

5:51 p.m. - Received an alarm call east of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded, and all was okay.

7:20 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded, and all was okay.

8:15 p.m. - Received a report of cows out near Shoals. The owner was notified and took care of the cows.

8:22 p.m. - Deputy Seymour assisted the department of child services with an investigation north of Shoals. THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

12:47 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check east of Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert, Deputy Wright, Deputy Seymour, and Martin County Ambulance responded. All was okay.

3:37 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:44 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

9:00 a.m. - Jail Commander Abel transported one inmate to the Rockville Correctional Facility.

10:50 a.m. - Received a report of property damage north of Shoals. Martin County Highway was notified.

11:05 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

1:15 p.m. - Captain Dant assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle

2:40 p.m. - Jail Commander Abel transported one inmate to the Dubois

3:42 p.m. - Captain Dant performed a vehicle identification check near

4:10 p.m. - Deputy Seymour performed a vehicle identification check

5:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:09 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded.

8:52 p.m. - Received a report of a cardeer accident near Loogootee. Deputy Seymour responded.

9:28 p.m. - Deputy Seymour assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock near Loogootee.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

6:44 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee Officer Floyd responded, and all was okay.

9:50 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded, and all was okay.

11:02 a.m. - Loogootee Officer Mc-Beth assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

11:26 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded, and all was okay.

12:35 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving on US Highway 231, south of Loogootee. Captain Dant and ISP Trooper Lents responded.

1:33 p.m. - Received a report of roadway obstruction on US Highway 231, north of Loogootee. Captain Dant

2:26 p.m. - Received a report of illegal trash dumping on Progress School Road. Deputy Seymour responded.

2:28 p.m. - Received a report of tree down on Murray Road. Shoals Fire Department responded and removed

3:04 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on Albright Store Road. Shoals Fire Department responded and removed the tree.

3:44 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing and harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

4:40 p.m. - Received a report of illegal activity north of Shoals. Deputy Wright and Deputy Seymour respond-

5:02 p.m. - Received a report of a responded and removed the tree. controlled burn in Shoals.

5:58 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on Deep Cut Lake Road. Shoals Fire Department responded and removed the tree.

6:18 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

8:38 p.m. - Received a report of tree limbs down on US Highway 50, east of the Martin State Forest. Shoals Fire Department responded and removed the debris.

9:19 p.m. - Deputy Seymour assisted a motorist north of Shoals.

10:09 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

12:43 a.m. - Received a noise complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

7:20 a.m. - Received a report of power line down on Brooks Bridge Road. Sergeant Keller, Haysville Fire Department and Loogootee Officer McBeth

7:43 a.m. - Received a report of tree down on Albright Store Road. Shoals Fire Department responded and removed the tree.

9:43 a.m. - Received a report of low hanging tree on US Highway 150. The state highway department responded.

11:40 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded, and all was okay.

1:32 p.m. - Received a report of tree limbs down on West River Road. Shoals Fire Department responded and removed the debris.

2:25 p.m. - The westbound lane of Broadway Street in Loogootee was shut down due to flooding.

3:09 p.m. - Received a report of theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Mc-Beth responded.

3:55 p.m. - Received a report of tree down on Williams Road. Shoals Fire Department responded and removed

3:58 p.m. - Received a report of tree down on Rusk Road. Shoals Fire Department, Lost River Fire Department and Martin County Highway respond-

4:12 p.m. - Received a report of tree down on US Highway 150. Shoals Fire Department responded.

5:12 p.m. - Received a report of tree down on Boyd Hollow Road. Shoals Fire Department responded and removed the tree.

5:35 p.m. - Received a request for welfare check near Loogootee. Deputy Seymour responded, and everything checked out okay.

5:39 p.m. - Received a report of tree down on US Highway 150. Shoals Fire Department responded and removed the tree.

5:54 p.m. - Received a report of tree down on US Highway 150. Shoals Fire Department responded and removed

6:44 p.m. - Received a report of tree down on Low Gap Road. Martin County Civil Defense responded and removed the tree.

7:14 p.m. - Received a report of tree down on Rama Dye Road. Shoals Fire Department responded and removed the tree.

7:30 p.m. - Received a report of tree down on Burns Lane and Emmons Ridge Road. Shoals Fire Department

7:46 p.m. - Deputy Seymour assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

10:52 p.m. - Received a report of tree down on Brooks Bridge Road. Shoals Fire Department responded and removed the tree.

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5:54 a.m. - Received a report of tree down on US Highway 150. Shoals Fire Department responded and removed

7:42 a.m. - Received a report of car-deer accident. Sergeant Keller responded.

8:36 a.m. - Received a report of accident on US Highway 50. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded.

9:16 a.m. - Received a report of tree down on Mill Road. Shoals Fire Department responded and removed the

9:40 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee First Responders responded.

11:40 a.m. - Received a report of reckless driving in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

12:34 p.m. - Received a report of tree down in Martin State Forest. Shoals Fire Department responded.

12:44 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

1:02 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded.

2:24 p.m. - Received a report of tree down on West River Road. Shoals Fire Department responded.

3:18 p.m. - Received a report of tree down on West River Road. Shoals Fire Department responded.

6:25 p.m. - Received a report of abandoned vehicle on Windom Road. Deputy Shinn responded.

7:27 p.m. - Received a report of tree down on Barn Run Road. Martin County Civil Defense responded and removed the tree.

8:08 p.m. - Received a report of a theft north of Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

8:11 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital

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COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

August 2

Christopher J. Wilson, convicted of unlawful sale of legend drugs, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days with 539 days suspended and credit for 4 actual days previously served plus 4 Class A credit days. Defendant received 17 months of probation.

August 7

Harry C. Bond, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, 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.

Jacob D. Clevenger, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 480 days with 348 days suspended and credit for 66 actual days previously served plus 66 Class A credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

Dustin A. Cramer, convicted of unlawful possession or use of a legend drug, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days with 535 days suspended and credit for 6 actual days previously served plus 6 Class A credit days. Defendant received 16 months of probation.

August 30

Matthew B. Quinn, convicted of battery resulting in bodily injury to a person less than 14 years of age, a Class 5 Felony. Sentenced to serve 4 years with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 168 actual days previously served plus 56 Class B credit days.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED August 7

Harry C. Bond, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Jacob D. Clevenger, maintaining a common nuisance, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Dustin A. Cramer, possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

August 28

Nathan K. Baker, burglary, a Class 4 Felony, dismissed; theft, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; habitual offender sentence enhancement, dismissed; auto theft, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed.

August 30

Traci L. Hall-Johnson, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Matthew B. Quinn, battery resulting in bodily injury to a person less than 14 years of age, a Class 5 Felony, dismissed; two counts of neglect of a dependent resulting in bodily injury, Class 5 Felonies, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed August 29

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. April Crew, civil collection.

August 30

Capital One Bank vs. Robert Lents, civil collection.

Crane Credit Union vs. Robert Clark, civil collection.

August 31

Crane Credit Union vs. Tirey

Voorhies, civil collection.

Joy M. Grace vs. James H. Ringer, petition for dissolution of marriage.

September 4

Jordan and Holly Dant vs. David Kennedy d/b/a General Contractor, civil collection.

PennyMac Loan Services, LLC vs. Derek D. Holt, Teresa A. Holt and State of Indiana, mortgage foreclosure.

John Truelove vs. Thomas A. Truelove, civil plenary.

CIVIL COURT JUDGEMENTS September 5

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Personal Finance Company and against the defendant Gina L. Divine in the amount of \$2,593.88.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT New Suits Filed August 31

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Dakota W. Compton, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Lisa A. Jones, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Ryan Swartzentruber, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Shelby Lyon, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Devyon R. Barbee, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Richard N. Gulley, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Tiffany M. Voegel, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Adam L. Osborne and Jackie L. Osborne, complaint

Medical of Dubois vs. Amanda L. Smith, complaint.

Medical of Dubois vs. Megan R. Padgett, complaint.

Medical of Dubois vs. Jennifer K. Rainey, complaint.

Medical of Dubois vs. Andrew W. Lyon, complaint.

Medical of Dubois vs. Dakotah C. Newton, complaint.

Medical of Dubois vs. Michael W. Fox, complaint.

Medical of Dubois vs. Thomas Freeman, complaint.

Medical of Dubois vs. Rodney K. Helderman, complaint.

Medical of Dubois vs. Bradley Combs, complaint.

Medical of Dubois vs. Nathaniel D. Crays, complaint.

Medical of Dubois vs. Matthew G. Baxter, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS July 11

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Joanna M. Hurst in the amount of \$2,189.45.

August 31

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Brandee L. Owen in the amount of \$800.58.

MARRIAGE LICENSES September 5

Gage R. Harder of Loogootee and Ashlyn J. Ruxer of Loogootee.

September 7

Michael E. Clouse Sr. of Shoals and Ashley Nicole Owen of Shoals.

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Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

9:45 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

12:25 p.m. - Caller reported an animal complaint.

1:50 p.m. - Female caller reported a speeding vehicle on US 231.

6:15 p.m. - Caller reported a civil complaint.

10:23 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

8:41 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

10:02 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted with a funeral procession.

11:08 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident near Mc-Donalds.

1:19 p.m. - Female requested an officer check a vehicle to see if it was reported stolen.

7:35 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on US 231.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

12:58 a.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a medical call.

9:48 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

2:00 p.m. - Male reported a reckless driver in the high school parking lot.

5:47 p.m. - Caller reported a controlled burn.

6:58 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

9:06 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female juvenile.

10:51 p.m. - Female came on station for transient assistance.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

10:15 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious male on Butcher Boulevard. Officer were unable to locate.

3:00 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on JFK Avenue.

5:09 p.m. - First responders were requested on North Oak Street for a medical call.

8:20 p.m. - Caller reported juveniles throwing rocks towards Church Street. **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

11:02 a.m. - Officer McBeth assisted a motorist.

3:44 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance in Redwing Trailer Court.

4:32 p.m. - Female reported a possible violation of a protective order.

5:13 p.m. - Caller reported a civil complaint.

10:23 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

12:43 a.m. - Caller reported a noise complaint on Bridgewater Street.

7:31 a.m. - Officer McBeth assisted with a power line down on US 231.

3:09 p.m. - Female reported bank fraud.

6:06 p.m. - Female reported a speeding vehicle on Hwy 50.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:40 p.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a medical call.

2:21 p.m. - Received several calls regarding a power outage.

4:46 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on JFK Avenue.

8:15 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

Martin County real estate transfers

James E. Burch and Marilyn C. Burch to James E. and Marilyn C. Burch Revocable Trust, a portion of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 13, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.11 acre. Also, a portion of the southeast quarter of Section 13, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 4.71 acres. More commonly known as 807 Bellbrook Road, Loogootee IN 47553.

Joni D. Parker, of Martin County, Indiana to Andrew Hopkins and Audrey Hopkins, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the northeast quarter of Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 0.50 acres, more or less. Also, Tract I: part of the northeast quarter of Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.013 acres, more or less. Tract II: Part of the northeast quarter of Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.036 acres, more or less. Tract III: Part of the northeast quarter of Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.001 acres, more or less.

Courtney Kender n/k/a Courtney Taylor, of Martin County, Indiana to Alexis N. Clifton, of Lawrence County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 3.3 acres, more or less.

Bennett-Kluesner-Winkler, and Indiana Partnership, of Martin County, Indiana to K5 Real Estate, LLC, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: A part of Lot 16 and a part of Lot 17 in the First North Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana. More commonly known as 308 Queen Street, Loogootee IN 47553. Tract II: Lot Number 22 in Keck's Addition to the Town, now City

of Loogootee, Indiana. More commonly known as 206 Mill Street, Loogootee IN 47553. Tract III: Lot Numbered 18 and 19 in Risacher's First Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana. More commonly known as 303 North Oak Street, Loogootee IN 47553. Tract IV: Lot Number 1 in the Arvin Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana. Also, Lot Number 2 in J.P. Arvin's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana. Also, a 0.27 acre tract in Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West. More commonly known as 304 Bloomfield Road, Loogootee IN 47553.

ARRESTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

11:07 a.m. - Tre Blanton, 19, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Captain Hennette and charged with domestic battery, criminal mischief, and interfering with reporting a crime. He is being held without bond. Sergeant Keller assisted with the arrest.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

12:37 a.m. - Andrew Wheeler, 29, of Jasper, was arrested by ISP Trooper Nolan and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and is being held on a \$20,000 10% bond.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

11:48 a.m. - Justin Hoskins, 26, of Williams, was arrested by Sheriff Roush on a Martin County warrant for probation violation and is being held without bond.

7:39 p.m. - Matthew Klem, 34, of Jasper, was arrested by ISP Trooper Johnson on a Martin County warrant for theft and habitual traffic violator. He is being held without bond.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

8:04 a.m. - Marketa Sipp, 32, of Montgomery, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents on a Martin County Warrant for false informing and operating a vehicle with never receiving a license. She is being held without bond.

National unemployment rate unchanged for August

increased by 201,000 in August, and the unemployment rate was unchanged at 3.9 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week. Job gains occurred in professional and business services, health care, wholesale trade, transportation and warehousing, and

Household Survey Data

The unemployment rate remained at 3.9 percent in August, and the number of unemployed persons, at 6.2 million, changed little.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rates for adult men (3.5 percent), adult women (3.6 percent), teenagers (12.8 percent), Whites (3.4 percent), Blacks (6.3 percent), Asians (3.0 percent), and Hispanics (4.7 percent) showed little or no change in August.

The number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) was little changed in August at 1.3 million and accounted for 21.5 percent of the unemployed.

Over the year, the number of longterm unemployed has declined by 403,000.

Both the labor force participation rate, at 62.7 percent, and the employment-population ratio, at 60.3 percent, declined by 0.2 percentage point in Au-

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons (sometimes referred to as involuntary parttime workers), at 4.4 million, changed little over the month but was down by 830,000 over the year. These individuals, who would have preferred fulltime employment, were working part time because their hours had been reduced or they were unable to find fulltime jobs.

In August, 1.4 million persons were marginally attached to the labor force, little different from a year earlier. (Data are not seasonally adjusted.) These individuals were not in the labor force, wanted and were available for work, and had looked for a job sometime in the prior 12 months. They were not counted as unemployed because they had not searched for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey.

Among the marginally attached, there were 434,000 discouraged workers in August, essentially unchanged from a year earlier. (Data are not seasonally adjusted.) Discouraged workers are persons not currently looking for work because they believe no jobs are available for them. The remaining 1.0 million persons marginally attached to the labor force in August had not searched for work for reasons such as school attendance or family respon-

Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 201,000 in August, in line with the average monthly gain of 196,000 over the prior 12 months. Over the month, employment increased in professional and business services, health care, wholesale trade, transportation and warehousing, and mining.

Professional and business services added 53,000 jobs in August and 519,000 jobs over the year.

In August, health care employment rose by 33,000, with job gains in ambulatory health care services (+21,000) and hospitals (+8,000). Health care has added 301,000 jobs over the year.

Wholesale trade employment increased by 22,000 in August and by

Total nonfarm payroll employment 99,000 over the year. Durable goods wholesalers added 14,000 jobs over the month and accounted for about two-thirds of the over-the-year job gain in wholesale trade.

> Employment in transportation and warehousing rose by 20,000 in August and by 173,000 over the past 12 months. Within the industry, couriers and messengers added 4,000 jobs in

> Mining employment increased by 6,000 in August, after showing little change in July. Since a recent trough in October 2016, the industry has added 104,000 jobs, almost entirely in support activities for mining.

> Employment in construction continued to trend up in August (+23,000) and has increased by 297,000 over the

> Manufacturing employment changed little in August (-3,000). Over the year, employment in the industry was up by 254,000, with more than three-fourths of the gain in the durable goods com-

> Employment showed little change over the month in other major industries, including retail trade, information, financial activities, leisure and hospitality, and government.

> The average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls was unchanged at 34.5 hours in August. In manufacturing, the workweek held steady at 41.0 hours, and overtime was unchanged at 3.5 hours. The average workweek for production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls was 33.8 hours for the fifth consecutive month.

> In August, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls rose by 10 cents to \$27.16. Over the year, average hourly earnings have increased by 77 cents, or 2.9 percent. Average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees increased by 7 cents to \$22.73 in August.

> The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for June was revised down from +248,000 to +208,000, and the change for July was revised down from +157,000 to +147,000. With these revisions, employment gains in June and July combined were 50,000 less than previously reported. (Monthly revisions result from additional reports received from businesses and government agencies since the last published estimates and from the recalculation of seasonal factors.) After revisions, job gains have averaged 185,000 per month over the last 3 months.

Radius Indiana visits Cleveland for site selector trip

Radius Indiana traveled to Cleve- the pro-active spirit of the region.' land last week to meet with site selectors and share the advantages of doing business in the Radius region. This was Radius's third site selector trip to Cleveland, and the organization is continuing its outreach program efforts that began in 2016.

Radius Indiana President and CEO Jeff Quyle met with six site selectors during the trip. Agribusiness in the region was one of the topics of interest for the site selectors, Quyle was able to highlight the existing businesses and opportunities along the supply chain in the area.

Radius Indiana's agricultural sector is a state leader in poultry production and grain processing. With abundant farmland and sites for commercial development the region has a well-established agriculture infrastructure that enables companies to set up operations and get products to market quickly.

"The Radius message was more fun to deliver than usual this summer because of the many positive project announcements and events we've had take place in recent weeks," said Quyle. "From Eagle Rail in Washington to Lehigh in Mitchell to SIMCO in Crawford County, or the Parklands of Jasper, there are visible signs of

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Radius Indiana will continue its outreach program efforts with more site selector trips to finish 2018 and into 2019. The organizations first international trip to Japan will take place this October, and is an opportunity to bring foreign direct investment to the Radius region.

"We continue to see a positive impact on our region through site selector trips," said Quyle. "Being able to highlight different industry sectors that are important to our counties is something that Radius will continue to do as well as continuing to spread education about what we have to offer."

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

Steiner seeking re-election as prosecutor

Martin County Prosecutor Mike Steiner has announced his intention to seek re-election for the office of Prosecuting Attorney for Martin County. "I love this job because I can make a big difference in people's lives and in public safety for the citizens of Martin County. We just finished a double murder trial and secured justice for the victims and their families. The responsibility to those families was nearly overwhelming at times but seeing the relief and satisfaction on their faces after the verdicts made it all worthwhile." said Steiner. He continued, "I have the knowledge, experience, and ability to prepare these cases, present them to a jury, and obtain convictions. Because defendants and defense attorneys know I will try a case and win it we are able to get very good results without having to do very many trials."

Steiner has been a lawyer for 29 years and his chief deputy has been a lawyer for 39 years. Between them, they estimate they have tried between 300 and 400 cases. They also have an outstanding working relationship with the law enforcement officers of this



MIKE STEINER

county. "Criminal justice is a team effort between law enforcement officers and the prosecutor's office. They know they can call me at any time and, regardless of what I am doing, I will do anything to help them. They, in turn, are always available to help me. Because of this combination we have obtained extensive sentences to the Indiana Department of Correction for offenders, particularly in drug cases," aid Steiner.

Steiner lives in Shoals with his wife, Shelli. They have four daughters, Charli, Jenae, Mindi, and Mackenzie. He is on the Martin County Safe Schools Commission, the Sheriff's Merit Board, the Martin County Community Corrections Board, and is active with the Shoals American Legion as a member of the Sons of the American Legion. Steiner is a member of the Board of Directors of the Indiana Prosecuting Attorney's Council and the Association of Indiana Prosecutors, Inc. and has served as President of the that Association. He is also a faculty member of the Indiana Covert Drug Investigation School which is sponsored by the Indiana Prosecuting Attorney's Council and the Indiana State Police and has recently served on the faculty of a trial advocacy course designed to teach young prosecutors how to try cases.

Finally, Steiner commented, "I will, as I have for the past 15 years, show up for work every day and give you my best effort and judgment. I would appreciate your vote and support."



Thursday: Pork Chops Friday: Swai Fish Friday night: Crab Boil Saturday: Ham and Beans Saturday night: Blues Gill **Sunday: Oven Roasted Turkey**



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An old man is met by his attorney and is told he is going to be audited. He rides to the IRS office with his attorney, and when he gets there, he begins to talk with the IRS agent.

"I bet \$2,000 I can bite my own eye!" The IRS agent agrees to the bet, believing it an impossible task.

The old man laughs, pulls out his glass eye, and bites it.

The IRS agent is dumbfounded.

The old man bets \$3,000 he can bite his other eye. The IRS agent knows there's no way possible to do this, so he once more agrees.

The old man cackles, pulls out his dentures, and bites his eye.

Then the old man finally wagers, "I bet \$20,000 I can stand on the far side of your desk, pee over the desk, and get it into your wastebasket, without missing a single drop."

The agent knows he won't be able to, so once more he agrees.

The old man indeed misses, peeing all over the desk, and on the paper-

The IRS agent jumps for joy, but then notices the attorney over in the corner moaning.

"Are you all right?" asks the agent.

"No! On the way over here, he bet me \$400,000 he could pee on your desk and you'd be happy about it!"

MORE PUNS (by request)

*For Halloween we dressed up as almonds. Everyone could tell we were

*I used to be addicted to soap, but I'm clean now.

*Why do the French eat snails. They don't like fast food.

*Did you hear about the 2 silk worms in a race? It ended in a tie.

*What is the best thing about living in Switzerland? Well, the flag is a big

*Why was Cinderella thrown off the basketball team? She ran away from

*I'd tell you a chemistry joke, but I know I wouldn't get a reaction.

*I've just written a song about tortillas – actually, it's more of a rap.

*What do you call a cow during an earthquake? A milkshake.

*Did you hear about the man who jumped off a bridge in France? He was

*What do you call a laughing motorcycle? A Yamahahahaha.

RIDICULOUS RIDDLES: (answers

- 1. What is green and flies through the
- 2. What is yellow and always points
- 3. What did the 500-pound mouse say to the cat?
- 4. What is black and white and red
- 5. Who was the tallest president of
- 6. How do you make a hippopota-

RANDOM THOUGHTS:

*Sixty might be the new forty but 9:00 is the new midnight.

*When I grow up, I'd like to be a retired lottery winner.

*If you wear cowboy clothes, are you ranch dressing?

*I would rather live my life as if there is a God and die to find out there isn't, than to live my life as if there isn't and die to find out there is.

*If you love someone, let them nap. -Charlie Brown

*Reading can seriously damage your ignorance.

A hungry traveler stops at a monastery and is taken to the kitchen.

A brother is frying chips.

"Are you the friar?" he asks.

"No, I'm the chip monk," he replies.

ANSWERS: 1. super pickle, 2. a magnetized banana, 3. Here, kitty, kitty, kitty, 4. an embarrassed zebra, 5. Dwight D. Eiffel Tower, 6. with some root beer, two scoops of ice cream, and a hippopotamus.

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BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

On Monday, September 10, at 8:30, library attorney Dave Lett, Brad Bingham, bond attorney with Barnes & Thornburg, and I went before the county council to request approval for additional appropriations concerning the USDA loan the library has been obligated. Basically, the resolution states that the library will pay the USDA loan annually with money the library already receives from the property tax distribution and will not be asking for any increase in tax levy. I explained to the council that the \$1.1 million amount is the worst-case scenario since we haven't gone to bid at this point. In addition, our fundraising is in full swing and the goal is to raise \$200,000. Recently, a family has pledged a \$20,000 donation match and we have raised \$14,500 toward that match. The council voted to approval the additional appropriations resolution.

Mark your calendars for our much anticipated Pull up a Chair dinner/auction fundraiser on Saturday, October 13 from 6-8 at St. John's Center Lower Level. Friends of Loogootee Library (FOLL) and the library board members will be selling tickets until Friday, October 12. Tickets prices are: adults \$20, children ages 6-12 \$5 and birth to age 5 is free. So far there are 32 chairs up for auction that have been painted in various themes and donated to the library. All money raised will go toward the \$20,000 donation match.

If you sign up for a new library card in the month of September, you will be entered into a prize drawing. The adult prize is a \$25 gas gift card and there will be a kid prize awarded as well. Did you know with a library card you can download free eBooks and magazines, check out two movies for seven days, check out books, AudioCDs, magazines, plus access genealogy and Gale Courses databases for free?

New Books:

Mystery Fiction: "Need to Know" by Karen Cleveland, "Robert B. Parker's Colorblind" by Reed Farrel Coleman, and "Juror #3" by James Paterson.

Nonfiction: "Healing the Soul of a Woman" by Joyce Meyer.

Inspiration Fiction: "In Times Gone by" by Tracie Peterson, "The Healing" by Linda Byler, "Ours for a Season" by Kim Vogel Sawyer, "Freedom's Light" by Colleen Coble, "A Christmas by the Sea" by Melody Carlson, and "Everything she didn't say" by Jane Kirkpat-

JUV Fiction: "Warriors: Crowfeathers Trial" by Erin Hunter.

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Shoals School Board meeting

The Shoals School Board will meet Thursday, September 13 at 6 p.m. in the central administration office. The meeting is open to the public.

Chamber meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce will meet Wednesday, September 19, at noon, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Loogootee. The meeting is open to anyone interested in Chamber activities.

Illuminate the Darkness

Illuminate the Darkness, an event for anyone affected by suicide, will be held Thursday, September 20 from 6-9 p.m. at Harvest Church, 200 West Main Street, Washington. Admission is free. The event is sponsored by Daviess Community Hospital and Mental Health America.

Talk to a Lawyer hotline

The Volunteer Lawyer Program and the Evansville Bar Association offer twice monthly Talk to a Lawyer hotlines to answer brief legal questions from residents of Southwestern Indiana. Volunteer attorneys are available the first Thursday of the month from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Central Time and again on the third Tuesday of the month from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Central Time. Attorneys can answer questions on family law issues, estate planning concerns, contract matters, as well as guide residents to legal resources to help address their problems. This free hotline has been offered by VLP and the EBA for nearly two decades as a public ser-

vice and is sponsored by the Indiana Bar Foundation and the Evansville Bar Foundation. The next hotline session is scheduled for Tuesday, September 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Central Time. The telephone number to call is 812-618-4845.

Food pantry hours

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

Free lunch for kids

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

SOAR Tutoring

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Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Loughmiller Machine, 12851 E 150 N, Loogootee. The public is invited to attend.

Humane society meetings

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

Solid waste board

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

Soil and Water meetings

The Martin County SWCD meets the third Monday of the month at the SWCD office located at Martin County Learning Center. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays except Thursdays when it is closed. Visit www.martinswed. 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 requirments to participate. Seniors are also offered lunch at the Loogootee Senior Center every Monday and Thursday. A freewill donation is requested. Call 812-295-3130 to make a reservation.

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser

Purdue University Master Gardener

As summer winds down, the garden sometimes looks a little tired. Many of the summer flowers begin to look a little ragged. However, there are some great plants that are just coming into their prime. If you do not have them in your garden, perhaps you should consider adding some for future years.

One of the plants that has been getting a lot of attention at Sandhill Gardens is the colchicum. Some people refer to this bulb-grown bloomer as an autumn crocus, but it is not really related to the crocus. However, the blooms are shaped much like a crocus, at least on the single-flowered varieties. The flowers are usually pink to lavender, but there are some pure white varieties and some which have some variegation. Colchicums grow from a large bulb, which should be planted about four inches deep. The bulbs are usually planted in early fall for blooms in the next year and for many years to come. The strappy foliage comes up in the spring and disappears long before the blooms start. The most common varieties stand between six and twelve inches tall, so they need to be site where the will be seen. However, the bright blooms will be noticed, even when they are shaded by taller plants. They provide such a welcome boost to the garden in late summer and early fall that I would plant them throughout the garden if it were not for the cost. Colchicum bulbs bring a premium price, with three bulbs often priced at twenty dollars or more. I have rarely seen colchicum bulbs in the chain store bulb boxes and have only seen them in a few garden centers. To get the best variety, one usually has to



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order them from a reputable bulb catalogue and be willing to pay the price. One may justify the cost when one realizes that colchicums will multiply over a few years and each bulb will produce several flowers over a period of a month or more. They are deer resistant, probably because deer sense that all parts of the plant are toxic. In fact, colchicums were used as the murder weapon in a famous 18th century murder case. Rodents also leave the bulbs alone, so once you have planted colchicums, you will have them for many years. Parts of the plant have been used in the pharmaceutical trade, but with the toxicity of the plant, medicinal use should be left to the professionals.

Another plant now getting attention is cypress vine. There are many different cultivars of this self-seeding annual, but all have tubular flowers that attract hummingbirds. The most common color is deep red, but there are also some pink and white-flowering cultivars. The plants usually do not appear in the garden until around the middle of June, but they grow rapidly and will cover a trellis in a short time. Once they begin blooming in late July or August, they continue to put out nectar-filled flowers until frost. This is great for the hummingbirds that are needing to take in a lot of energy-producing sugars as they migrate south. The tiny seeds will fall everywhere, and some people think cypress vine can be a problem, sometimes covering other plants. I like to let them wander around in tall annuals and in and around spring-blooming shrubs. It gives the appearance that the shrubs have a second season of bloom. Should the vines become too thick and endanger the health of a shrub or other flower, they are really easily removed. The abundance of blooms and the fernlike foliage make it worth having to do some work to corral this plant. I find the biggest problem I have had is that the hummingbirds like it so much that they sometimes attack as I walk under an arch covered with cypress vine.

Another plant which is attracting the hummingbirds is pineapple sage. It also bears bright red flowers which are loaded with nectar. I like to have pineapple sage planted along walks, where I can rub the leaves as I pass, releasing the scent which gives the plant its name. The leaves may also be used in teas and salads. Pineapple sage is a tender perennial, which will not survive our winters. However, cuttings root easily, and plants may be grown as houseplants through the winter and cuttings rooted in late winter for bedding plants to be planted after the danger of frost has passed in the spring. For an interesting combination, mingle pineapple sage with black and blue sage, which also comes on strong in late summer and fall.

Celebrate public lands with free entry to DNR properties

Admission to Indiana's State Park properties and State Forest recreation areas where entrance fees are otherwise charged will be free on September 22 in recognition of National Public Lands Day (except at Spring Mill State Park which will instead have free entry on September 23)

National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest single-day volunteer effort for public lands.

Volunteer opportunities at Indiana State Park properties on September 22 include trail work at Clifty Falls State Park, seed collecting at Prophetstown State Park, invasive plant removals at Charlestown, Chain O'Lakes and Fort Harrison state parks, and clean-ups at Mounds and Summit Lake state park, and at Salamonie Lake and Mississine-wa Lake. Many other properties will offer similar volunteer opportunities.

But National Public Lands Day isn't all work and no play. The day is a reminder that public lands are places for outdoor recreation, conservation and making memories with families and friends. Properties will offer hikes, pioneer activities, crafts and live bird shows, too.

For complete list of programs, visit calendar.dnr.IN.gov and look on September 22

For more information on National Public Lands Day, visit PublicLands-Day.org.

Beef Quality Assurance trainings set to help producers earn certification

A series of Beef Quality Assurance training sessions will take place throughout Indiana to help producers earn a certification, good for three years, that is increasingly becoming a requirement among major industry buyers.

The two-hour training and certification sessions are free. Only one person from each operation is required to be certified to ensure the entire operation follows BQA standards. However, everyone who handles and manages fed cattle is encouraged to become BQA certified.

Preregistration for the sessions is encouraged and can be completed by going online to www.INBQA.com. Purdue University Extension sponsors the trainings in cooperation with the Indiana State Board of Animal Health, Indiana Beef Council, Indiana Beef Cattle Association and beef cattle auction markets across the state. Those unable to attend a session can also earn the certification online at www.BQA.org.

"In response to consumers, major beef processors like Tyson and National Beef Packing Co. will require its suppliers to have the BQA certification by January 1, and it's likely other processors and auction markets will follow suit," said Ron Lemenager, Purdue professor of animal sciences and Extension beef nutrition management specialist. "This program will include cow-calf, stocker and feedlot elements to ensure that producers will have the required credentials to market their animals now and into the future."

Producers need to attend one meeting to become certified. Dates, local times, locations and contacts for the upcoming training and certification sessions are as follows:

* October 4 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) and October 18 (6:30-8:30 p.m.). Parke County Fairgrounds, 1472 N. U.S. Highway 41, Rockville. Bill Eberle (Indianapolis Stockyards, 765-569-0611) and Jim Luzar (Purdue Extension, 812-236-6039).

* October 8 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) and November 1 (6:30-8:30 p.m.). South-

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ern Hills Church, 1645 Highway 135, Salem. Ryan Batt (United Producers Inc., 812-752-4222), Danielle Walker (Purdue Extension, 812-620-4726) and

Ophelia Davis (Purdue Extension, 812-

275-4623).

* October 9 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) and October 25 (6:30-8:30 p.m.). Southern Indiana-Purdue Agricultural Center, Conference Room, 11371 E. Purdue Farm Road, Dubois. Dan Ashley (United Producers Inc., 812-890-2616), Nick Minton (Purdue Extension, 812-797-7944), Sadie Davis (Purdue Extension, 812-381-2271) and Jason Tower (SIPAC, 812-678-4427).

* October 11 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) and October 20 (9-11 a.m.). Shipshewana Auction Inc., Antique/Misc. Auction Building, 345 S. Van Buren St., Shipshewana. Keith Lambright (Shipshewana Livestock Auction, 260-336-6008) and Steve Engleking (Purdue Extension, 260-499-6334).

* October 13 (9-11 a.m.) and October 30 (6:30-8:30 p.m.). Purdue University Creighton Hall of Animal Sciences, Room 1042, 270 S. Russell St., West Lafayette. Ron Lemenager (Purdue Extension, 765-494-4817) and Phil Reid (Purdue Extension, 765-496-7370).

* October 16 (6:30-9 p.m.; RSVP required) and November 1 (6:30-9 p.m.; RSVP required). Fulton County Extension Office, 1009 W. Third St., Rochester. Vince Hoffman (Rochester Sale Barn, 574-223-2615) and Mark Kepler (Purdue Extension, 574-223-3397).

* October 23 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) and October 27 (9-11 a.m.). Stewart Seeds, 2230 E. County Road 300 North, Greensburg. Andrew Stewart (Stewart Select Angus, 812-614-4867) and Mary Rodenhuis (Purdue Extension, 317-412-4131).

* January 26 (8:45-10:45 a.m.). Indiana Beef Cattle Association Convention, Sheraton North, 8787 Keystone Crossing, Indianapolis. Joe Moore (IBCA executive vice president), Ron Lemenager (Purdue Extension, 765-427-5972) and Sadie Davis (Purdue Extension, 812-381-2271).

BQA is a nationally coordinated, state-implemented program that provides information to beef producers and consumers on how common-sense husbandry techniques can be paired with scientific knowledge to raise cattle. Its programs include best practices around ensuring end-product safety and whole-someness, protecting herd health and animal well-being, and good record-keeping.

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Loogootee High School Boys' Tennis results

The Loogootee High School Boys' Varsity Tennis Team defeated Vincennes Rivet Monday, September 10. The varsity won 4-1 and the junior varsity tied 2-2. The varsity moves to 10-0 on the season.

Coach Rick Graves said after the matches, "This was a good win for us because along with a regular season win we picked up another conference win. Nathan had a tough match against Samuel Hinkle who was like a wall. I think Nathan got pretty frustrated, but I have to give him credit that he stepped up and won some big points at the end of the third set when he really needed them. Jalen played a good match and showed a lot of patience tonight. I was impressed with his shot selection and shot placement. Our doubles have done a really good job for us all season. Both doubles teams played well tonight, I couldn't be more pleased with the way they're playing."

Varsity results

#1 Singles - Colten Mouzin (VR) defeated Max Christmas (L) 6-4, 6-1

#2 Singles - Jalen Wildman (L) defeated James Hancock (VR) 6-1, 6-2

#3 Singles - Nathan Seals (L) defeated Samuel Hinkle (VR) 6-2, 3-6, 6-4

#1 Doubles - Sheldan Christmas and Jordan Wildman (L) defeated Macaine Claycomb and Noah Donovan (VR) 6-1, 6-3

#2 Doubles - Bailey Dearwester and Sebastian Toy (L) defeated Grant Freeman and Charlie Niehaus (VR) 6-2, 6-2 Junior varsity results

#1 Singles - Jake Carrico (L) defeated Austin Thomas (VR) 8-2

#2 Singles - Austin Thomas (VR) defeated Aaron Dant (L) 6-3

#1 Doubles - Wyatt Street and Jace Walton (L) defeated Peyton Catt and Luke Weiss (VR) 8-2

#2 Doubles - Peyton Catt and Luke Weiss (VR) defeated Matthew Poole and Brady Taylor (L) 6-0

The teams defeated North Daviess last Tuesday, September 4. Both the varsity and junior varsity teams finished with 4-1 victories.

the matches, "After a long week of matches last week I thought we played fairly well tonight. At spots we seemed a bit fatigued and the heat was a factor, but it was a factor for both teams. We now have some time this week to rest and prepare for some big matches coming up next week and to focus on the remainder of the season."

Varsity results

#1 Singles - Garrett Huff (ND) defeated Max Christmas (L) 1-6, 7-6(2),

#2 Singles - Jalen Wildman (L) defeated Landon Mokris (ND) 6-2, 6-2

#3 Singles - Nathan Seals (L) defeated Markus Britton (ND) 6-3, 6-3

#1 Doubles - Sheldan Christmas and Jordan Wildman (L) defeated Tyler Dunbar and Hayden Parisien (ND) 6-0, 6-0

#2 Doubles - Bailey Dearwester and Sebastian Toy (L) defeated Brooks Helms and Aric Wade (ND) 6-2, 6-0 Junior varsity results

#1 Singles - Bryant Eckerle (L) defeated Dryce Graber (ND) 6-0

#2 Singles - Jayden Leatherman (L) defeated Nathan Coney (ND) 6-0

#1 Doubles - Andrew Powell and Rory Tippery (L) defeated Connor Mullins and Carter Steele (ND) 6-3

#2 Doubles - Austin Brittain and Reece Tippery (L) defeated Peyton Strange and Austin Wade (ND) 6-1

#3 Doubles - Bodey Miller and Grant Woodruff (ND) defeated Jacob Lengacher and Wyatt Sheetz (L) 5-4

The varsity Lions competed in the Silver Creek Invitational on Saturday, September 1. The Lions finished in fourth place with 23 points.

"I was really pleased with the way we played in this tournament. There was really good competition against teams we normally never get to face, and we played them very well. We had a great draw in the first round and took advantage. The second round the level of competition stepped up and while we didn't get any wins we played some very strong programs toe to toe. The third round proved to be grueling.

Head Coach Rick Graves said after The heat and humidity started to take its toll on everyone, but the guys gutted it out and got three more wins for us. Our goal was to finish in the top three. We were very close to that goal and were literally within a few shots of making it. Overall it was a great experience for our team for them to see how they would fair against some top-level teams in the state," said Coach Graves.

1st Round

#1 Singles - Max Christmas (L) defeated Lucas Densford (SCB) 6-2, 6-2 #2 Singles - Jalen Wildman (L) de-

feated Chris Zimmerman (EN) 6-3, 6-4 #3 Singles - Nathan Seals (L) defeated Charlie Pumphrey (G) 6-2, 6-2

#1 Doubles - Sheldan Christmas and Jordan Wildman (L) defeated Hurley and Wilson (U) 6-0, 6-3

#2 Doubles - Bailey Dearwester and Sebastian Toy (L) defeated Dickey and Shewmaker (S) 6-2, 6-0

2nd Round

#1 Singles - Noah Peak (EN) defeated Max Christmas (L) 7-6(5), 6-2

#2 Singles - Connor Mason (FC) defeated Jalen Wildman (L) 6-2, 6-2

#3 Singles - Eric Whitehouse (FC)

defeated Nathan Seals (L) 6-0, 6-2

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

#1 Doubles - Hawkins and J. Jacobi (SCA) defeated Sheldan Christmas and Jordan Wildman (L) 6-3, 6-4

#2 Doubles - Eckert and K. Jacobi (SCA) defeated Bailey Dearwester and Sebastian Toy (L) 6-3, 6-2

3rd Round

#1 Singles - Trevor Foster (G) defeated Max Christmas (L) 8-0

#2 Singles - Jalen Wildman (L) defeated Jon Sauter (S) 8-4

#3 Singles - Nathan Seals (L) defeated Derrick Brown (U) 8-2

#1 Doubles - Duerstock & Smith (G) defeated Sheldan Christmas & Jordan Wildman (L) 8-7(2)

#2 Doubles - Bailey Dearwester & Sebastian Toy (L) defeated Francis & Merrill (EN) 8-2

Team Results

1st Place - Floyd Central, 60 pts

2nd Place - Silver Creek A, 32 pts

3rd Place - Greensburg, 28 pts

4th Place - Loogootee, 23 pts

5th Place - Evansville North, 14 pts 6th Place - University, 9 pts

7th Place - Silver Creek B, 7 pts

8th Place - Speedway, 6 pts



Students, Staff of the Month

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The Loogootee Elementary Students and Staff Member of the Month have been chosen for August. In the front row, from left to right, are Liam Qualkenbush, Addison Moore, Brylee Bateman, Alyn Strange, Peyton Harger, Grayson Kluesner, and Kyler Arvin. In the back row, from left to right, are Haylo Harmon, Mitchell Walton, Misty Neal, Mrs. Marci Arthur, Abby Miller, and Grace Kemp.

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