

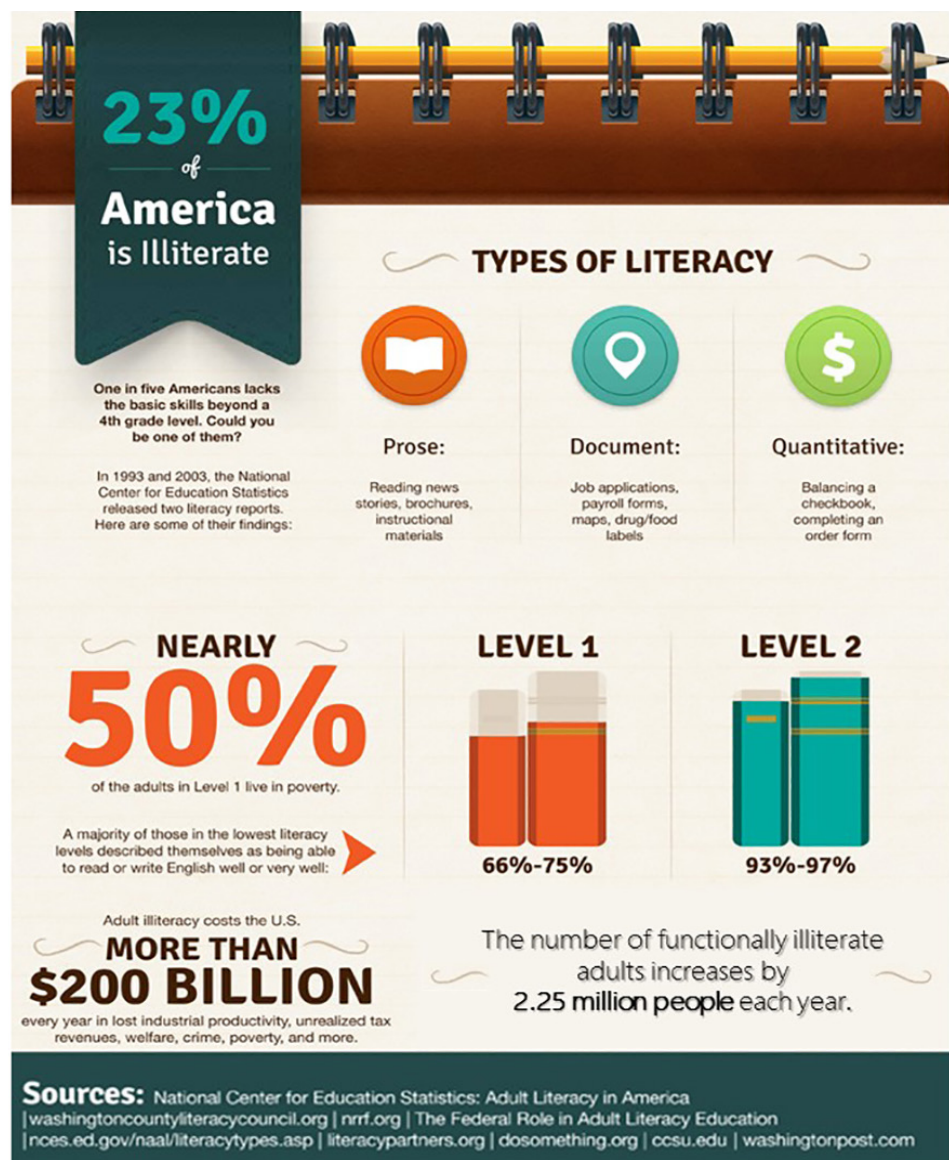
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County can give raises after two days of budget cuts

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Martin County Council held budget hearings last Tuesday and Wednesday with the task of cutting \$300,000 from the general fund.

The first day of hearings started out slow with cuts and worrying banter was exchanged between council members. It was noted that years ago department heads would inflate their budgets in the hopes of getting less cuts. The past several years, department heads turn in budgets to the almost exact amount they need to operate while always including an average of a five percent increase for their employees. The council never discusses salary increases until the end of the hearings in order to see if they made their goal on cuts and then to see if there is anything left to pass out to employees.

Over the past few years, some department heads, including the circuit court, community corrections and highway department, have found extra money in their budgets at various times of the year and have gone to the council to get raises for their employees. In the past, the council has been hesitant to approve increases for one department

but not all the departments, to be fair. Increases have been approved in every instance, however, at some point. Community Corrections Director Kathy Collins got raises approved for two of her staff members at the council meeting last week – one getting a 12 percent increase and the other getting three percent. Collins also got raises for her employees last year after budget hearings, totaling four percent.

This year, at the end of the budget hearings, the council was able to cut \$329,000. Then they decided to give raises, across the board, to all county employees including the council themselves and the commissioners. The raises did not include any part-time employees and did not include community corrections employees.

Auditor January Roush presented her budget to the council telling them that she found a way to cut \$8,000 from her office expenses (originally \$14,000) in order to increase her salary and the salary of her two employees. The extra money would give her an additional \$4,000 per year (to \$33,771) and her employees would go from \$10.83 per hour to \$12.88 and \$12.36 per hour (more for the employee with seniority). (See 'BUDGET' continued on page 2)

Did you know? Staggering statistics on adult skill levels

This is the second of a four-part series of articles in celebration of Literacy Month in Martin County.

Almost one out of four adults possess literacy skills defined as Level 1 or below. Another 25-28 percent of the adult population are described as Level 2. What does this mean? About half of all adults read so poorly that they cannot find a single piece of information when reading a short publication, calculate the cost of a rental car, or perform simple computer tasks. It is difficult for them to find the time of a meeting on a form, understand instructions to apply for a warranty on an appliance, explain

a phrase from a news article, or locate an intersection on a map. Everyday tasks in an adult's daily world are difficult.

This is why the Martin County Commissioners declared September as Literacy Month in Martin County. Literacy is defined as the ability to use written information to function in society, to achieve one's goals, and to develop one's knowledge and potential.

-Almost 50 percent of those with the lowest literacy rates live in poverty.

-Only 45 percent of adults without a high school diploma or equivalent par-

Loogootee resident upset over nuisance dogs in the city

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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Loogootee resident Betsy Graves spoke to the Loogootee Board of Public Works and Safety at their meeting Monday night, September 12 about the danger of dogs running loose around the city. Several members of the community were also present, Graves served as the spokesperson for the group. Graves told the board and the audience that she and her daughter have both been bitten by dogs while running, both at different times and different locations. She said that dog owners letting their pets run has been an ongoing problem for at least a year and she wanted to know what the city plans to do to correct the issue.

She told the board of works that she has read the city's ordinance that lists the consequences and fines for repeat offenders but the ordinance is not being enforced. The dog that bit her has been removed but the dog that bit her daughter is still under the owner's care and is still a nuisance.

Sheriff Travis Roush, who was in attendance, said that the plan is to start the position of animal control officer in Martin County at the beginning of next year. He said that he has secured \$10,000 from the county council and asked that the city pledge \$3,000 toward the animal control officer's salary. He is also asking the Town of Shoals for \$1,000. Sheriff Roush said that the goal of the part-time animal control officer is



The Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay ran through Martin County on Tuesday night. More than 30 torchbearers passed off the torch from Burns City Gate to the courthouse in Shoals. Shown above is Loogootee Police Officer Jim Floyd running with the torch up Hwy. 50. Judge Lynne Ellis is shown on the right lighting the eternal flame at the torch's final destination at the courthouse in Shoals. The flame was lit again from the base to go to Dubois County this morning.



-Photos by Josh and Courtney Hughett

BUDGET

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ty) - 16 percent increase on top of the three percent approved by the council. Roush has never been compensated for the biweekly commissioners' meetings, monthly council meetings, or any special meeting that she is required to attend. When asked after the meeting how her office will manage to get by losing \$8,000 from office expenses, Roush explained that she can't change the cost of the phone bill each month but she can purchase office supplies in bulk during sales and that is worth it to her to pay her employees more. She said she recently had to hire a new deputy auditor and struggled finding someone to take the job for just \$10.83 per hour. She said other department heads may be able to find the additional money in their budgets too by cutting back.

Surveyor Nathan Hoffman's request to increase his part-time employee's pay from \$8.75 per hour to \$11 per hour was also approved.

One new addition to the budget this year was \$10,000 approved by the council to go toward the training, uniform, weapon, and salary for a part-time animal control officer. The money will come from the public safety local option income tax (LOIT). Council Member Buck Stiles started out saying he was against having an animal control officer because he felt the county already has enough animal control officers - citing the regular police officers. Council Member Lynn Gee responded to Stiles saying that the police officers are not animal control officers, they are not trained to deal with animal laws. Sheriff Travis Roush said that roughly 20 percent of the calls that come into dispatch are animal related. He noted that every time his officers are forced to chase cows back into their enclosure or respond to a welfare call about a dog, it takes them away from working on drug-related cases or other crime-related cases. Roush said that having an animal control officer and being one of the last counties in the state to get one, it will be a learning experience, a pilot program. He said that after the position gets going and has been going for a while, changes can be made or the position can be eliminated if it ends up not working out.

Council Member Randy Winger said he feels the public is misinformed about the role of the animal control officer and feels that it needs to be better explained that the officer is not going to be "putting your poodle in jail." Roush said that it would not be the goal of his animal control officer to create issues or get involved in the lives of law abiding citizens who own animals. He added that a very small percentage of the pet owner population in Martin County is a problem. Of the \$10,000 appropriated for the position, \$6,000 would go toward training, uniform and a weapon. The other \$4,000 would go toward salary - paying a part-time animal officer \$13 per hour for an estimated 500 hours a year. The position would be on call and hours from week to week would depend on the calls.

Roush also told the council that he had a verbal commitment from the City of Loogootee to contribute \$3,000 and the Town of Shoals to add \$1,000 toward the position. Council Member Lonnie Hawkins wanted to reduce the county's contribution to \$6,000 if the other government entities had agreed to chip in. Roush said that he would be more comfortable starting a pilot program with more money as opposed to less money since there are many things

unknown. Roush noted that once the ordinance is enforced and repeat offenders start getting ticketed, that money will come back to the county to help offset the cost of the position as well.

The commissioners will now be tasked with officially approving the position of animal control officer and the job description.

Larry Brodeur, deputy prosecutor, presented the budget for his office. The budget was almost the same as last year. Brodeur did tell the council that last year, the prosecutor's office set an all-time record for the number of criminal filings, depositions, and the number of inmates that were sent to the department of corrections. He said Martin County is currently incarcerating twice as many people per capita than Marion County. Most of that, he said, is due to methamphetamine. "We're soaked in it," said Broeduer. He said Martin County doesn't have gang activity or open air drug dealing like Marion County, but feels Martin County's drug problem is much worse than Marion County.

Brodeur ended the conversation saying that he originally planned to retire in July of this year but was encouraged by the prosecutor to stay on. He noted that Prosecutor Mike Steiner hired him for a specific reason and the prosecutor still needs him. He said he truly enjoys working in Martin County and has decided to stay on until at least 2018.

The council cut \$100,000 from the circuit court's public defender fees. Being an unknown expense depending on the number of cases that will require appointing a public defender, the council decided that in order to get to their \$300,000 goal, they could take a chance of making the cut. This leaves \$205,000 for public defender fees for 2017.

The commissioners' budget was also cut substantially, including \$100,000 from insurance costs. Despite an increase in premiums for next year, the council felt that with the money available in the county option income tax fund, the \$100,000 could be removed from the general fund.

The council discussed how to help the historical society make repairs to the former courthouse, now the county museum. They agreed to increase the annual contribution to the historical society from \$3,000 to \$3,500 to help with operating expenses and then discussed the possibility of money available in the CEDIT (county economic development income tax) to help pay for the repairs to the bell tower before the end of the year. The historical society submitted one quote to the council at their regular meeting but the council felt that they should get multiple quotes.

The county's total general fund budget was cut to \$7,768,194.

LITERACY

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participate in the labor force.

-75 percent of state prison inmates are classified as low literate.

-Medical expenses are four times higher for low-level literacy families - almost \$14,000 annually compared to \$3,500 for higher level literacy families.

-A 1 percent increase in average literacy rate can yield a 1.5 percent permanent increase in the GDP.

-Almost 18 percent of Martin County adults do not have a high school diploma or equivalency.

Martin County SOAR offers free and confidential tutoring to improve these

DOGS

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to have an officer in his department to concentrate solely on animal-related issues. In turn, his regular officers would be concentrating on criminals and drug offenders. He added that since the county has never had an animal control officer before, starting it would be more of a pilot program and a learning experience for all involved. He noted however that he believes implementing the position would solve many of the issues residents are having and it would certainly improve safety of residents.

Mayor Noel Harty entertained a motion from the two board of works members, Jason Greene and Ron Gilbert to recommend the city council give \$3,000 to the sheriff's department. The board approved. The council would have to vote on approving the money officially.

After the board of public works and safety meeting, the city council then met. Council Member Roger Downey was not present for the meeting due to being out of town. Members of the community concerned about the dog issue along with Sheriff Roush had left. Council Member Teresa Nolley said she was not ready to act on giving \$3,000 toward the animal control officer because she had several questions she needed answered. Mayor Harty referred to Courtney Hughett, who was in the audience, and had been the person to initially approach the county about starting an animal control position. Hughett wrote the current county and city dog/cat control ordinance and is involved in the Martin County Humane Society. Nolley wanted to know if the humane society would be charging the government entities for dogs picked up in the city and housed at the shelter. Hughett replied that the county gives the humane society \$5,500 a year for operation expenses and the humane society has always worked with the police departments when they have an animal they need to bring in. She noted that the City of Loogootee doesn't give any money to the humane society. She said the cooperation with the police departments is an unwritten agreement but the humane society keeps a cage open in the shelter for the police. For the past three years, since the shelter has been open, this has been the standard procedure and the police departments have never been charged. She said everyone just works together.

Hughett told Nolley that many misunderstand the correlation between the animal control officer and the humane society. None of the money pledged for the sheriff's department hiring an animal control officer has anything to do with the humane society, they are two separate issues. Nolley said the animal control issue was still quite new and she would prefer to hold off on voting to give \$3,000 until she was able to get public input. She said she would also

like to speak to the county council. The rest of the council agreed and the issue was tabled. Hughett told Nolley that the commissioners would be discussing the animal control position at their meeting on Thursday night this week if she would like to attend.

In other business, the board of public works also recommended to the council that they approve \$8,000 for new computers in the water office along with \$3,500 for software upgrades. The council spent quite a bit of time discussing the issue. Council Member Tim Lawrence questioned Public Works Superintendent Bo Wilson on whether the upgrades would streamline billing in the water office to include both city water customers and West Boggs Sewer District customers. Wilson said that it would certainly make things more efficient but he was not prepared to say that it would help eliminate the one staff position added on from West Boggs Sewer. After more discussion, the council approved the additional \$11,500 in expenses.

The board of public works also approved hiring Damon Baker as a full-time police officer for the city. The council verbally okayed \$10,000 in extra funds for the police department to cover salaries, uniform allowance and officer physicals. Police Chief Kelly Rayhill said his department has experienced quite a bit of turnover this year so they ran out of money sooner than expected. The council will officially vote on the extra money at their next meeting, after it is advertised.

The council heard a presentation from Midwestern Engineers regarding planning and zoning in the city. Each council member was provided with a large binder of information, developed by a planning and zoning committee, that included a proposed planning and zoning ordinance, subdivision development, flood plain maps, a potential zoning map, and fees that would be implemented for permits. The council discussed having one or more work sessions to go over the proposal and make changes. No work session was scheduled, however, during the meeting.

The mayor requested the council approve closing Church Street in front of St. John Catholic Church during the daytime hours on October 2 so the church could hold a fall festival. The council approved.

The council also voted to have trick-or-treat night in the city on Sunday, October 30, from 6-8 p.m. The council discussed having it on Saturday night but Mayor Harty said that the Methodist Church is holding a function that night and requested that the city not do trick or treating on the same night.

Also during the board of works meeting, a resident spoke to the board about a water leak issue. He said that while on vacation for 17 days, there was a leak in his basement resulting in spilling 62,000 gallons of water. He said is average usage is 4,000 gallons. The board approved helping offset the sewer charges, as is customary for water proved to not go into the city's sewer system. The resident requested that the city help with cutting down the cost of the water charges too, an estimated \$600. It was discussed that the department of local government finance would not allow the city to make adjustments to water usage unless there was an issue with the meter. It was also discussed that no other resident has been giving a discount on their water so if they helped this resident, it would be the first time. The board decided to table the issue until their next meeting.

statistics. "We work with adults on functional skills to improve their lives," Beverly McIntosh, Program Director for SOAR said. "We find out what people want and need to do in their lives and then provide tutoring to help them get there. We can help with workplace certifications, everyday math, test preparation, basically all the areas in life where we encounter written material and must take action. We don't read just to read. We read to be able to do something."

To find a tutor or become a tutor, call or text SOAR at 812-709-1618 or shoot us a message at martincountysoar@hotmail.com."

Obituaries

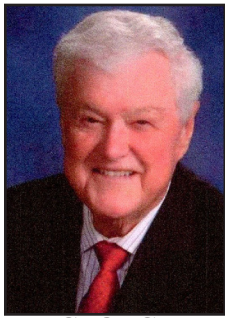
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GEORGE TEMPLIN

George Templin passed away at 9 p.m. Thursday, September 8, 2016 at his home. A resident of Loogootee, he was 77.



GEORGE TEMPLIN

He was born July 19, 1939 in Washington; son of the late Roy and Alma (Williams) Templin.

George was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus.

He was previously employed with Colonial Baking Company for 14 years. He was the former owner of Dairy Master and took pride in the kids he mentored over the 33 years he spent there. He loved golfing with all his friends. He enjoyed Indiana University Basketball and Football, but most importantly, he loved his family, grandchildren and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanette Templin; sons, Roy (Becky) Templin, Randy (Georgia) Templin and Ryan (Michelle) Templin; grandchildren, Jennifer Latowski, Roy G. Templin, Brianna Templin, Jordan (Graham) Dickey, Hannah, Caitlin and Maddy Rhodes, Anna Kay Templin, Alex Templin and Bret Templin; great-grandchildren, Lexi and Vanessa Latowski; siblings, Phyllis Butler, Jim (Carol) Templin and Kay (Jim) Fowler; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Alma (Williams) Templin; sister, Joan Templin; aunt and uncle, Charlie and Francis Wagner; and brother-in-law, Bill Butler.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker on Tuesday, September 13 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial followed in St. John Catholic Cemetery.

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee was in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Gentiva Hospice or St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

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

EVELYN PEEK

Evelyn (Meyer) Peek, formerly of Loogootee, passed away at 3:20 p.m. Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at Golden Living Center in Bloomington. A resident of Bloomington, she was 97.



EVELYN PEEK

She was born March 7, 1919 in Shoals; daughter of the late John and Anna (Ziegler) Meyer.

Evelyn was a teacher and taught in a one-room school house in Shoals. She also was a substitute teacher at Loogootee Elementary.

She was a member of the Loogootee United Methodist Church. She enjoyed quilting and participated with the LUMC quilting group.

She is survived by her son, Mike Peek of Bloomington; grandchildren, Ryan (Erica) Peek, Scott Peek, Brandy (Bryce) Richardt and Candace Hawkins; six great-grandchildren; and brother, Martin Meyer of Jasper.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Peek; son, David Peek; parents, John and Anna (Ziegler) Meyer; grandson, Tony Peek; and siblings, Helen (Kenneth) Harding, Mary (Jim) Mullen, Howard (Betty) Meyer and Arnetta (John) Defibaugh.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 10 at Loogootee United Methodist Church. Burial followed in Goodwill Cemetery.

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee was in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Loogootee United Methodist Church or the American Cancer Society.

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

BERNITA RILEY

M. Bernita Riley passed away surrounded by her children and grandchildren at 12:20 p.m. Thursday, September 8, 2016 at her home. A resident of Loogootee, she was 84.

She was born May 24, 1932 in Loogootee; daughter of the late Emmett Felix and Marie Louisa (Kidwell) Cissell.



BERNITA RILEY

Bernita was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary.

She was previously employed by Cabinets by Nichols and was a cabinet finisher. She enjoyed gardening, yard work, traveling and cooking.

She is survived by her children, Helen (Leroy) Bruner of Loogootee, Mike (Vickie) Riley of Las Vegas, Nevada; Mark Riley of Nashville, Indiana; and Rita (Bob) Grant of Greenfield; grandchildren, Brian Bruner, Carrie Hillyard, Michele Burress, Christen Hall, Mark Riley, Nicole Nguyen, Spring Weir and Brooke Snow; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Farrell Riley; parents, Emmett and Marie (Kidwell) Cissell; sisters, Rita (Kenny) Shipman and Margie (Bob) Waggoner; brother, Bob (Nancy) Cissell.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker on Monday, September 12 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial will be held at a later date. Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

Best-selling author to speak at VU

Chris Gardner, whose life story was told in the movie "The Pursuit of Happyness," will be featured in two presentations at Vincennes University's Red Skelton Performing Arts Center on September 22. The public is invited to attend. Sponsored by the VU Admissions Office and Student Activities, The Pursuit of Happyness: An Evening with Chris Gardner will begin at 7 p.m. (EDT). Tickets cost \$5 and can be purchased now at the Skelton Center Box Office, online at <https://my.vinu.edu/red-skelton>, or by phone at 812-888-4039. VU students and employees may receive two free tickets with VU ID. If tickets are still available the night of the presentation, they will be sold at the Skelton Center Box Office. Earlier in the day, Gardner will share his personal story of overcoming adversity with high school seniors attending Learn More In-

tee was in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Martin County Humane Society.

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

CHARLES MCGUIRE

Lakeland- Charles Joseph McGuire passed away September 9, 2016. A resident of Lakeland, Florida, he was 86.

He was born July 20, 1930 in Loogootee; the son of Charles Current McGuire and Hazel Rebecca Tedrow. He was a US Air Force Veteran. He was a Maintenance Mechanic for Monier Tile company. He was of the Catholic Faith.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Patrick, James, and Thomas McGuire.

He is survived by his children, Rebecca Marie Morgan-Dymock (David), Michael Wayne McGuire (Martha), Charles Joseph McGuire II and Martin Allen McGuire (Debbie); sister, Mary Norris (Robert); brother, John Michael McGuire (Jean); seven grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

Graveside services were held this morning, Wednesday, September 21 at Glen Abbey Memorial Gardens in Auburndale, Florida.

Online condolences may be made at www.dignitymemorial.com.

diana's College GO! Week at the Skelton Center. The goal of College GO! Week is to help Hoosiers of all ages plan for college completion and career success.

Seniors from Vincennes Lincoln, Rivet, South Knox, North Knox, and Pike Central high schools will attend the presentation.

Chris Gardner is an entrepreneur, best-selling author, and single parent whose aim, through speaking engagements and media projects, is to help others achieve their full potential. His autobiography, the Pursuit of Happyness, became a New York Times #1 best seller and has been translated into more than 40 languages. Gardner is also the inspiration for the critically acclaimed movie, "The Pursuit of Happyness" for which Will Smith, starring as Gardner received a Golden Globe, Screen Actors Guild, and Academy Award nominations for his performance.

Donations needed for Shoals Community Schools Mural Project

The Shoals Junior/Senior High School Art Department is seeking donations to help with the cost of its upcoming mural project. The Shoals Community Schools received a grant from the Indiana Arts Commission, and must contribute matching funds for the project.

A community-wide goal of \$1,000 has been set. Any donation, no matter how large or small, will be greatly appreciated. All monies collected will assist with artist-in-residence fees, and the purchase of supplies. If you can help, please make checks payable to Shoals Junior/Senior High School and mail to 7900 U.S. Highway 50, Shoals, IN, 47581. Donors will be recognized at the mural dedication ceremony.

This project is made possible, in part, with support from the Brown County Community Foundation, the Indiana Arts Commission, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

The Healing Place

A ministry of Maranatha Tabernacle Church (MTC)

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"All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us" (2 Corinthians 1:3-4 NTL).

We extend an invitation to everyone in our community to experience God's comfort through the healing process Jesus instituted almost 2000 years ago. On Saturday, September 17 at 10 am, MTC will begin The Healing Place where we follow the example of Jesus Christ by praying for the sick in body, mind, Spirit and soul.

Jesus said this: "I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it would move. Nothing would be impossible" (Matthew 17:20b NLT).

We believe your mountain of sickness will be moved. We believe you can be physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually well and healthy.

There will be additional healing services throughout each month. The times will be posted at the church property. May God bless you and your family.

-Pastor Duane Smith-



Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

11:48 a.m. - Received an alarm call near Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded and all was okay.

3:19 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on SR 150. Deputy Reed responded.

4:35 p.m. - Jail Commander Abel took one inmate to the doctor.

6:47 p.m. - Received request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded.

10:58 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Crane. Corporal Baker responded.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

5:03 a.m. - Corporal Baker assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

7:20 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

11:00 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took three inmates to court.

11:00 a.m. - Deputy Floyd transported one inmate back to the New Castle Correctional Facility.

12:10 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene and Sheriff Roush responded.

1:30 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took three inmates to court.

5:20 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Shoals. Corporal Baker, Deputy Floyd, and Reserve Deputy Wright responded.

5:46 p.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Loogootee. Corporal Baker and Deputy Floyd responded.

10:30 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle north of Shoals. Deputy Salmon responded.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

8:40 a.m. - Received an alarm call near Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded and all was okay.

8:42 a.m. - Received a report of cows out near Shoals. The property owners were contacted.

12:00 p.m. - Major Burkhardt took one inmate to the doctor.

1:00 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took three inmates to court.

4:45 p.m. - Jail Officer Emmick took one inmate to the doctor.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

6:12 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:30 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took two inmates to court.

9:45 a.m. - Received a report of trespassing in Crane. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

10:54 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:04 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:15 p.m. - Major Burkhardt on station with one inmate from Daviess County for court.

1:38 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded and secured the building.

2:00 p.m. - Jail Officer Emmick transported one inmate to the doctor.

6:36 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Haysville Fire, and Major Burkhardt responded. The

subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:33 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless semi near Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

8:23 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Shoals. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

4:48 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down on US 50, east of Shoals. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

7:51 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:55 a.m. - Received a report of a natural gas odor east of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

9:30 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

9:30 a.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

10:33 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

1:00 p.m. - Reserve Deputy Wright took one inmate to court.

1:19 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

2:45 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation north of Shoals. Major Burkhardt, Sheriff Roush, Reserve Deputy Wright, and Chief Deputy Greene responded.

4:45 p.m. - Jail Officer Emmick took one inmate to the doctor.

11:05 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire removed the tree.

11:05 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire removed the tree.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

1:51 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation near Loogootee. Deputy Salmon and Loogootee Officer Baker responded.

2:16 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:27 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Officers Floyd and Baker responded and all was okay.

12:05 p.m. - Major Burkhardt assisted a motorist near Loogootee.

1:52 p.m. - Major Burkhardt performed a welfare check in Shoals.

2:50 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation near Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

3:18 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

3:44 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. Major Burkhardt and Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

4:00 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

7:38 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Corporal Baker, Reserve Deputy Wright, Martin County Ambulance, and Haysville Fire responded.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

12:04 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic disturbance near Shoals. Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, Town Marshall Eckert, Corporal Baker, and Reserve Deputy Shinn responded.

11:29 a.m. - Received a report of a disturbance near Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

1:54 p.m. - Received a request for an

ambulance near Shoals. Captain Dant, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

Martin County real estate transfers

Thomas C. Potts and Marla R. Potts, of Martin County, Indiana to **Robert James Potts and Leanna Potts**, of Martin County, Indiana, the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 7, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing 40 acres, more or less. Also, one acre in the northeast corner of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 18, Township 2 North, Range 3 West.

Joshua R. Thompson and Jayme K. Thompson, of Martin County, Indiana to **Thomas C. Potts and Marla R. Potts**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of Lot Number 2 and a part of Lot Number 3 in the plat of New Fairway Addition to Loogootee, Indiana.

Sarah M. Anderson, of Martin County, Indiana to **Hollis A. Cecil**, of Madison County, Alabama, Lots Numbered 84, 85, and 88, in Campbell and Breen's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Carol A. Abel, of Martin County, Indiana to **Kevin Hovis**, of Martin County, Indiana, all that part of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 12, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, lying west of the Shoals and Dover Hill Road as used in 1889, being about 3 acres, more or less.

Chip A. Mehaffey and Stacy L. Mehaffey, of Martin County, Indiana to **Harthomes, LLC**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1 acre, more or less.

Randell Yoder, of Martin County, Indiana to **Chip Mehaffey and Stacy L. Mehaffey**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 24,

Township 2 North, Range 5 West, containing 1.18 acres, more or less.

Brian Dorsam and Jessica R. Dorsam, of Dubois County, Indiana to **Mitchell R. Harder**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 12, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 10 acres, more or less.

Kevin E. Collins and Carrie A. Collins, of Hamilton County, Indiana to **Donna Brown**, of Hancock County, Indiana, the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 17, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing 40 acres, more or less.

Joshua Hawkins and Tami Weishaaupt n/k/a Tami Hawkins, of Martin County, Indiana to **Cory L. Rayhill**, of Martin County, Indiana, .35 acres, more or less, of Lot Number 4 in the Eastgate Terrace Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Troy L. Smith and Teresa R. Smith, of Martin County, Indiana to **Joshua P. Hawkins and Tami J. Hawkins**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: A portion of the southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.06 acre. Tract II: A portion of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.81 acre.

Jeremy Albright, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jeremy Albright and Miranda J. Albright**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 26, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Second Principal Meridian, Halbert Civil Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.09 acres, more or less.

Indiana State Police release "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" results

Recently, the Indiana State Police, the Governor's Council on Impaired & Dangerous Driving and the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute participated in the national and statewide 2016 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over enforcement mobilization which occurred August 12 through September 5. Officers from more than 250 state and local law enforcement agencies, and thousands more across the country, conducted high-visibility patrols encouraging drivers against drinking and driving. Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over is an annual enforcement effort supported by federal funding allocated to Indiana State Police from the Traffic Safety division of ICJI. Officers worked overtime to conduct sobriety patrols and checkpoints around the clock. According to ICJI, in 2015, there were 4,828 alcohol-impaired collisions in Indiana, resulting in 92 fatalities. This is a 26.5 percent decrease in the number of alcohol-impaired collisions, and a 9 percent decrease in resulting fatalities, from 2014.

The below information is Indiana State Police statistics only and do not include local law enforcement agencies

results. The statistical information is from August 12th through September 5th. • Traffic citations: 1,132 • Warning citations: 1,059 • DUI defendants: 11 • Police services: 98 • Crashes investigated: 3 • Criminal arrests: 53 • Felony arrests: 13 • Suspended license arrests: 65 • Seatbelt citations: 522 • Child restraint citations: 18 Indiana law enforcement agencies have been actively involved in the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign for over 20 years.

For more information regarding the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over enforcement mobilization campaign, please visit www.nhtsa.gov/drivesober.

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CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCING

July 14

Tristan L. Horsting, convicted of sexual misconduct with a minor, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 1 year at the Indiana Department of Corrections with 9 months suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days. Defendant received 9 months of probation.

August 9

Nathan R. Jones, convicted of cruelty to an animal, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 1 year in the Martin County Security Center with 300 days suspended and credit for 30 actual days previously served plus 30 Class A credit days. Defendant received 10 months of probation.

Jordan N. Taylor, convicted of burglary, a Class 5 Felony. Sentenced to serve 3 years with 847 days suspended and credit for 186 actual days previously served plus 62 Class B credit days. Defendant received 2 years of probation.

August 11

Shearl David Bowman, II, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor and resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 116 days in the Martin County Security Center with 0 days suspended and credit for 58 actual days previously served plus 58 Class A credit days.

Gary L. Rasico, convicted of battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor, amended from battery in the presence of a child, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 353 suspended and credit for 6 actual days previously served plus 6 Class A credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

Brittany M. Staats, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class 5 Felony. Sentenced to serve 3 years with 1,037 days suspended and credit for 43 actual days previously served plus 15 Class B credit days. Defendant received 34 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES

Four arrested on drug charges

On Friday, September 9 at approximately 6:25 p.m. Sheriff Roush, Major Burkhardt, Reserve Deputy Wright, ICO Eric Doane acted on information that a sizable amount of methamphetamine was entering Martin County for the purpose of distribution. The officers set up surveillance and was able to interdict two suspects, John F. Kidwell, 43, and Crystal D. Walker, 40, both of Bedford, on a county road east of Shoals.

ICO Eric Doane and Deputy John Wright spotted the suspect's vehicle and detained them. A few moments later Sheriff Roush and Major Burkhardt arrived on scene to assist in the search of the vehicle. Major Burkhardt employed his certified K9 Officer Asher to conduct a free air sniff of the vehicle. Asher crawled under the front of the vehicle to indicate to the Major a presence of drugs. The officers searched the vehicle, and near the engine found approximately two ounces of methamphetamine, and approximately one gram of what is suspected to be heroin.

At this point, Sheriff Roush contacted Detective Chris Roberts of the Lawrence County Sheriff's Office's Drug Task Force, to secure a search warrant for the suspect's residence in Lawrence County. A search warrant was subsequently gained, and the Lawrence County Sheriff's Office secured more

DISMISSED

July 14

Tristan L. Horsting, three counts of sexual misconduct with a minor, Class 5 Felonies, dismissed.

August 9

Jordan N. Taylor, theft, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed.

August 11

Gary L. Rasico, battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Brittany M. Staats, neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

September 1

State of Indiana vs. David Lark, Lenore Lark, Matthew Lark, Martin County Auditor, and J D Lett, civil plea.

September 6

Diamond Valley Federal Credit Union vs. Ethan R. Mathies, civil collection.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

August 31

White River Cooperative, Inc. vs. Roberts Rescue Restoration, Inc., complaint.

September 6

Personal Finance Company, LLC vs. Devan Bledsoe, complaint.

Personal Finance Company, LLC vs. Mike McBride, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

September 1

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Jonathon G. Day in the amount of \$527.83.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

September 8

Kyle O. Trambaugh of Loogootee and Denise M. Will of Loogootee.

amounts methamphetamine and heroin.

On Saturday, September 10, a subsequent investigation led the Martin County Sheriff's Office to organize another interdiction operation. At approximately 6:15 p.m. suspects, Jason Wilson, 38, of Gosport, and Sarah Smith, 37, of Martinsville, entered a perimeter that was formed around a shelter house in the Martin State Forest, east of Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Chief Greene identified the suspected drug traffickers in the shelter house parking lot upon entering. The sheriff and chief deputy presented themselves to the suspects as law enforcement and ordered their compliance in exiting the vehicle. A few moments later, ISP Trooper Lents, Major Burkhardt, and Reserve Deputy John Wright arrived to aid in the securing the suspects. Major Burkhardt employed his certified K9 Asher to conduct a free air sniff of the vehicle. Asher indicated on the rear driver side door. During the search a quarter of a pound of methamphetamine was found in the floor board of the rear driver side seat.

All four suspects were charged with dealing methamphetamine, a Level 2 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Level 2 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance a Level 6 Felony, and possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, and booked into the Martin County Jail.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

12:05 a.m. - Officer Floyd located some juveniles in the city park after hours.

12:10 a.m. - Caller reported an illegal burn.

11:50 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

2:45 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare child on a female.

9:45 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 50.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

12:16 a.m. - Captain Hennette and Loogootee K-9 Roxy assisted ISP with a traffic stop.

2:01 a.m. - Captain Hennette reported a suspicious vehicle on Dewey Street.

8:00 a.m. - Male came on station to request a vehicle identification check.

1:00 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on US 50. Chief Rayhill located the vehicle and the driver checked out okay.

5:55 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person on Broadway Street.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

9:10 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

5:30 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

10:42 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle shinning lights into his windows.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

12:50 p.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

3:00 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious activity on Sheridan Street.

4:31 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle in the high school parking lot.

4:35 p.m. - Caller reported a verbal dispute on JFK Avenue.

6:41 p.m. - Officer Floyd assisted the county with a property damage accident.

10:40 p.m. - Caller reported the railroad crossing arms down on SE Third Street.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

2:47 a.m. - Captain Hennette assisted the Daviess County Sheriff's Department.

5:36 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

6:01 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle making bad passes on Hwy 231.

6:50 p.m. - Officer Baker assisted child protective services.

7:26 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on Church Street.

10:58 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on US 50.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

1:51 a.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute in Scenic Hill.

7:27 a.m. - Officer Baker responded to a business alarm.

3:44 p.m. - Caller reported a fight on Church Street.

11:05 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

3:45 p.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

5:06 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a business alarm.

5:31 p.m. - Caller reported vandalism to her vehicle.

11:37 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted the county with a domestic dispute.

ARRESTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

10:11 p.m. - Danielle Krodel, 34, of Washington, was arrested by Corporal Baker and charged with public intoxication and is being held on a \$10,000 10% bond. Assisting with the arrest was K9 Officer Virka.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

9:03 p.m. - Ryan Mangus, 33, of Seymour, was arrested by Reserve Deputy Wright and charged with possession of meth, possession of a syringe, possession of paraphernalia, and maintaining a common nuisance. His bond has been set at \$25,000 10%. Corporal Baker assisted in the arrest.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

1:40 a.m. - Isabella Goodpaster, 49, of Shoals, was arrested by Sheriff Roush and charged with operating while intoxicated and possession of marijuana. Her bond has been set at \$20,000 10%. Assisting with the arrest were Reserve Officer Wright and Deputy Salmon.

2:32 a.m. - Zachary Woolsey, 18, of Vincennes, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Baker and charged with possession of marijuana and operating a vehicle while never being licensed. His bond has been set at \$10,000 10%.

11:47 a.m. - Destiny Mitchell, 21, of Jasper, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene. Mitchell had her bond revoked and is being held without bond.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

4:10 p.m. - Courtney Hawkins, 27, of Shoals, was arrested by Major Burkhardt for domestic battery and is being held without bond. Assisting in the arrest was Reserve Deputy Wright.

7:55 p.m. - Crystal Walker, 40, of Bedford, was arrested by Major Burkhardt and charged with dealing methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine, maintaining a common nuisance, and possession of paraphernalia. Assisting in the arrest were Sher-

iff Roush, Reserve Deputy Wright, and ICO Eric Doane.

7:55 p.m. - John Kidwell, 43, of Bedford, was arrested by Major Burkhardt and charged with dealing methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine, maintaining a common nuisance, and possession of paraphernalia. Assisting in the arrest were Sheriff Roush, Reserve Deputy Wright, and ICO Eric Doane.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

12:06 a.m. - Nicole Miller, 27, of Bedford, was arrested by Corporal Baker and charged with driving while suspended and is being held on a \$20,000 10% bond. She was arrested by Deputy Salmon.

3:01 a.m. - Ryan Wiscaver, 28, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Baker and charged with intimidation, disorderly conduct, domestic battery in the presence of a minor, and interfering in the reporting of a crime. He is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond. Town Marshal Eckert assisted in the arrest.

6:28 p.m. - Jessica Martin, 38, of Shoals, was arrested Town Marshal Eckert for violating court order and is being held without bond.

6:55 p.m. - Sarah Smith, 37, of Martinsville, was arrested by Sheriff Roush and charged with dealing and possession of meth. She is being held without bond. Assisting in the arrest were Chief Deputy Greene, Major Burkhardt, Reserve Deputies Wright and Kidwell, and ISP Trooper Lents.

7:15 p.m. - Jason Wilson, 38, of Gosport, was arrested by Sheriff Roush and charged with dealing and possession of meth. He is being held without bond. Assisting in the arrest were Chief Deputy Greene, Major Burkhardt, Reserve Deputies Wright and Kidwell, and ISP Trooper Lents.

How to talk to children about the 2016 election

BY AMY PATTERSON NEUBERT
Purdue University News Service

Every presidential election is a teachable moment, but the 2016 election will offer parents more than just opportunities to talk about democracy and responsible citizenship, says a Purdue University child development expert.

"What makes this election different is that it has been nasty and unfiltered, and many adults are confused and emotional themselves, so it can be hard to help kids understand these issues and personalities," says Judith Myers-Walls, professor emeritus of child development. "Parents should remember the election is not a single event, but rather an ongoing season that can be stressful and confusing for children. To understand any current event, children should have an idea of what is happening, who is involved, where it is happening and its significant elements."

Here are some parent tips from Myers-Walls:

* The election is everywhere. Children can easily pick up political slogans, which are often catchy sound-bites. The topic also is likely being discussed by their peers and at school. Discussing the election at the dinner table each night helps reinforce that it is OK to talk about and ask questions. A balance is healthy for children so spend time talking about other stuff, too.

* Children need accurate election-related vocabulary. Give children words to help them communicate about what they believe. Our vocabulary can be difficult. For example, the differences between Democratic party and democracy or Republican party and a republic. If parents don't talk to them children will piece things together from peers, media, and their own imagination. Listen to what children are talking

about. Correct any misunderstandings. It's OK to say, "I don't know that, let's see if we can find an answer together." This teaches them how to gather information. It also reminds them it is OK to ask parents questions.

* Hearing about building a wall can be very concrete but confusing, especially for younger children. Children are afraid for themselves and other kids, especially when it comes to immigration and deportation. "Is there a way to talk about building bridges to help our friends?"

* Fear. Explain to children that fear-mongering is an election strategy. "We don't know what will happen if either candidate is elected, but each side has an opinion." The prediction of doom can be scary to children.

* Making history. Children may not be voting, but this election will be special to them, too. Whoever wins, the election is already a historical event, and something they will want to remember. This is something they will look back on, remember and say, "When I was a kid ..."

* Children learn by example. It's important for parents to monitor their actions. "How do you react when you hear a comment? Do you roll your eyes or scoff? Be aware that your kids will pick up on this. Instead, think about what values you want to teach them. Explain how you are going to make decisions in this election season. 'What is really important to me about someone who serves as president is ...'" This helps children understand decision-making in the election.

* Media exposure and media literacy. It's easier to control media exposure with younger kids, but they are more likely to misunderstand slogans. Children comprehend things literally. During the Gulf War, children found the slogan "No Blood for Oil" confusing. Parents should pay attention to children's misunderstandings and emotions. When kids are exposed to media, be there with them to help them understand it. When you see a political commercial or debate, questions to ask include "Who do you think they are trying to reach?" "Are they negative?" "What are they really saying?" or "Do they mention their political party affiliation?"

* Use social media responsibly. Ask older children, "Have you received any messages from your friends about the election?" Talk about examples where people have said things over social media that are not well thought out. Teach children to never send a text message or post something without counting to 10 or reading it out loud. It's also important to double check who the message is being sent to.

* Accepting differences and disagreeing. Help children learn a realistic way to deal with the world and disagreement. Saying "I can't hang out with you anymore" is not fair to children. A family member or friend voting for the other candidate can explain why they feel that way, so the child can learn how to listen to their friends and respect differences. Remind them it is OK to not agree on everything. Use other examples, such as favorite sports teams, to help them practice this skill beyond politics. Also, help them understand when it is best to step away from the discussion or how to change the topic.

*Resource to help parents: The League of Women Voters is a good resource.



Making A Difference

By Curt Johnson
MCCF Executive Director



-- GIFTS IN A WILL --

Last week I talked about bequests, particularly charitable bequests. Gifts like these made through a will are an extremely popular way of providing long-term support for the charitable organizations that mean the most to us.

There are many reasons donors choose to make these gifts: the opportunity to make a statement about personal values, the satisfaction of supporting an important cause to benefit future generations, or the chance to honor a loved one or provide a gift that inspires others to give.

Tax planning can be an important factor in this decision. With some foresight, you can make a gift in your will that helps you meet specific planning goals.

-- PLANNING YOUR GIFT --

Every gift in your will should accomplish these important objectives: provide personal satisfaction; complement important personal goals as an integral part of an estate plan; and enjoy tax and financial rewards for your family or other beneficiaries.

-- FLEXIBLE PLANNING --

Gifts in your will can take different forms, so it is important to plan your gift in a way that will accomplish all of your estate objectives.

Your gift can be outright or deferred. It can be absolute or contingent upon certain events. It can honor a beloved family member or cherished friend. It can provide general support to the charity or be restricted to a purpose you feel is especially important.

When you make a gift in your will, you retain full use of your property during life, so there is no immediate out-of-pocket cost, reduction in net worth, or disruption of cash flow. What's more, you can change your gift at a later time, which means you remain in complete control of the process.

-- TYPES OF GIFTS --

Typically, when we think of a gift made through a will, we see it as a direction to distribute a specific asset or to pay a certain sum of money to a designated charitable beneficiary. This is an outright gift and is the most popular method of benefiting a charity.

You can make an outright gift in your will simply by indicating a specific sum of money or a specific asset (for instance, 100 shares of stock) be used to make your gift.

Alternatively, your gift can be a specified percentage of the value of your estate. Because the value of an estate can change up or down quickly and dramatically, a percentage gift is often the best way to accomplish your personal objectives.

You could also decide that a residual gift to charity will best accomplish your objectives. The residue of an estate is the amount remaining after all costs, debts and taxes have been paid and all monetary and specific bequests have been satisfied. This form of charitable bequest can be especially appropriate if you want other bequests in your will to have priority.

-- YOUR CHOICE --

In planning your outright gift in your will, you have several basic options. Your personal objectives should determine the exact form of your gift. Consult your attorney for advice on your situation. And, of course, we will be pleased to provide any assistance you or your attorney may need in planning your gift.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

For more information about how to meet your charitable goals with a will, please contact the MCCF Executive Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org.

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Shoals School Board goes over monthly business

The Shoals School Board met last Thursday, September 8.

The board held a public hearing on the proposed 2017 budget. There was no public comment. Adoption of the 2017 budget is scheduled for October 13.

The board approved the following personnel actions:

-Terra Boyd and Jennifer Mauntel – Elementary Robotics/LEGO Sponsor for 2016-17

-Tim Sorrells – varsity baseball coach for 2016-17

-Tim Howell – varsity boys' track 2016-17

-Dennis Dahlen – varsity girls' track 2016-17

-Amanda Turpin and Nici (Land) Key – high school cheer sponsor

-Colby Blake – resignation as technology assistant

-Chase Butler – recommendation as technology assistant

The board held a second reading and approved the updated junior/senior high school drug policy, the senior letter banner police and the updated nurse job description policy. The first two policies passed unanimously but the nurse job description policy was opposed by Board Members Mary Lou Billings and Dianna Ragsdale. The board approved the following fundraiser requests:

-Solicit donations to match grant from Indiana Arts Commission for mural project

-Sophomore class to sell Shoals Shirts and Tumblers from September 12 through October 3

-Freshmen class to sell Jug Rox Gear September 19 through October 31

-Elementary cheerleaders to sell Jug Rox Tumblers October 17 through October 31

-Art Class to sell holiday items from Omni Fundraising Catalogs November 11 through November 28

-Junior high volleyball team to sell Cooper Hill Candles September 12 through September 26

-Booster Club to sell yard signs and window clings

The board approved the following field trip requests:

-Chorus to Bloomfield HS for Chorus Festival on September 27

-Senior Class to Westgate at Crane for College Fair on October 4

-Pre-school students to Lark Ranch on October 4

-Approval to plan a student trip to Spain in June of 2017.

The board approved the following donations:

-Jasper Engines donated \$200 to the High School Robotics Team

-Catfish Festival Committee donated two sets of padded covers for the volleyball net poles

-Jones Oil Company donated free student drinks for PBIS rewards (request permission to seek donations from additional donors)

-Hoosier Uplands donated \$400 to the school nurse

The board approved the following facility usage requests with fees waived:

-Girl Scouts to hold parent night in cafeteria on September 13 from 5 to 7 p.m.

-Angel Tree Program to use cafeteria to wrap gifts on December 16 and use front gymnasium entryway to distribute gifts on December 20 from 5 to 8 p.m.

-Good News Club to meet in cafeteria on Wednesdays after school until 4:30 p.m.

The board held first readings of the change to the post-accident testing guidelines, updated corporation treasurer job description, updated corporation secretary/deputy treasurer/transportation secretary job description, updated food service worker/cafeteria assistant manager/payroll clerk job description, employment process for support staff policy, and teacher procedures and guidelines manual for the 2016-17 school year.

The board approved a grant proposal from Hoosier Uplands to offer free after school program for students during the 2017-18 school year.

The board approved the pre-school bus route driver to receive a pay rate increase of \$2 per hour.

Superintendent Roush recommended no changes to the teacher evaluation plan for the 2016-16 school year. The board approved.

The board approved the conflict of interest disclosure statement from Board Member Lorna Troutman.

Kindra Hovis, junior/senior high school principal, reported on the following:

-Project ASPIREE is now available to assist students in preparing for college

-Staff Leadership Series will begin in October to allow teachers to collaborate in new ways

Austin Malone, elementary principal, reported on the following:

-Backpack Blessings Program has now had two successful distributions

-Cafeteria conduct has been an ongoing issue, new strategy to be implemented that uses a stop light to measure how loud the noise is

-Elementary students will now be learning how to type on a keyboard during their specials time. Hopefully this will better prepare as they use electronic devices more in everyday applications.

Superintendent Roush reported on the following:

-ADM count day is next Friday and they are currently at the same level of enrollment that they reported last year on the September count day.

-The budget adoption will be at the October board meeting.

-Shoals has some of the most amazing and well behaved students. Looking at last year's discipline reports, the top discipline issue was tardiness which made up 64 percent of discipline referrals. Dr. Roush reported that out of all of the issues that schools around our nation deal with today, being tardy to class is one of the best issues to work on and the school hopes to help decrease tardiness this year with the use of the PBIS reward system. Disrespect and throwing objects each came in at less than two percent of the total discipline referrals which shows that they really do have wonderful students and they are very proud of them.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



Someone had to remind me, so I'm reminding you, too. Don't laugh...It is all true!

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* Kidnappers are not very interested in you.

* In a hostage situation, you are likely to be released first.

* No one expects you to run anywhere.

* People call at 9 p.m. (or 9 a.m.) and ask, "Did I wake you?"

* People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.

* There is nothing left to learn the hard way.

* Things you buy now won't wear out.

* You can eat supper at 4 p.m.

* You get into heated arguments about

pension plans.

* You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.

* You quit trying to hold your stomach in no matter who walks into the room.

* You sing along with elevator music.

* Your eyes won't get much worse.

* Your investment in health insurance is finally beginning to pay off.

* Your joints are more accurate meteorologists than the national weather service.

* Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.

* Your supply of brain cells is finally down to a manageable size.

Share this with everyone you can remember Right now!

PONDERISMS:

1. I never run with scissors. Those last 2 words are unnecessary.

2. Every time a woman turns forty, a cougar is born.

3. Don't wear headphones while vacuuming. I just finished the whole house before realizing the vacuum wasn't plugged in.

4. I wonder what my kids are going to tell their kids . . . "It was so rough back in my day, I didn't get a phone 'til 4th grade, and sometimes the Wi-Fi didn't always work upstairs."

5. Don't worry about getting older. You're still going to do dumb stuff, only slower.

6. Wise men say, "Do what you love and money will follow." I ate pizza, drank beer, took a 5-hour nap, and took selfies with my dog . . . Now I wait.

7. But seriously, how do I get one million dollars and a flat stomach by tomorrow?

8. I'm really into Crossfit. I cross my fingers and hope I can FIT my butt into those jeans.

9. Naps are tricky because you either wake up refreshed and relaxed or you have a headache, dry throat, and you are unaware of what year you're in.

10. People think I'm crazy because I talk to my dog. What am I supposed to do? Just ignore her when she asks me a question?

11. Bear Attack Tip: If attacked, play dead. It will be good practice for when you die a couple minutes later.

12. If you weigh 200 pounds on Earth, you'll be only 76 pounds on Mars. You're not overweight, you're just not on the right planet.

RIDDLES: (Believe it or not, some people like these!)

1. What did Batman say to Robin before they got in the car? Robin, get in the car.

2. What's blue and smells like red paint? Blue paint.

3. Why can't T-Rex clap? Because he is dead.

4. What leaves a bigger memory than a passionate kiss? A stab wound.

5. What did the farmer say when he couldn't find his tractor? Where's my tractor.

6. Wanna know what makes me smile? Face muscles.

7. Guess who I saw today? Everybody I looked at.

Make someone smile today!



Firearms course

-Photo provided

On Saturday, September 10, eleven ladies took part in the first ever Martin County Citizen Firearms Course. The four-hour course, which was held at the Loogootee Country Club Range, included instruction on basic handgun safety, shooting fundamentals, Indiana firearms laws and 2nd Amendment rights. All instruction was provided by local police officers from the Martin County Sheriff's Office, Indiana Conservation Officers, and the Loogootee Police Department. The free event was sponsored by the Martin County Sheriff's Office. Participants in the course shown above, from left to right, are Carmen Wagler, Casey Hamilton, Bev Hamilton, Connie Jones, Kathy Lythgoe, Denise Craney, Audrey Carrico, Linda Jones, Michelle Erler, Pat Jones, and Rikki Albright.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

New Beginnings Anniversary

New Beginning Community Church is celebrating their nine-year anniversary and invites the public to join them on September 18 at 10:30 a.m. in conjunction with the "National Back to Church Sunday".

McCauley Benefit

A benefit for the Brian McCauley Family will be held Sunday, September 25 at 1 p.m. at the Shoals American Legion. Brian was injured in a motorcycle accident and will be unable to work for a period of time. There will be a pulled pork dinner, a silent auction and a gun raffle.

Chamber meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 21 at noon at Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant. The public is invited to attend.

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.

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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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

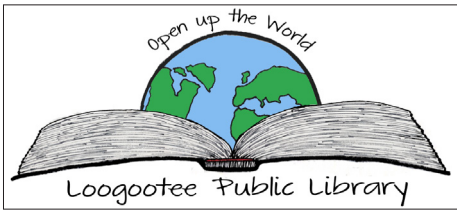
The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

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.



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Sign up for a new library card in the month of September and 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 2 movies for 7 days, check out books and audioCDs, magazines, and access genealogy databases?

FOLL Book Sale on Saturday, September 17 from 9-12:30.

New Books:

Mystery Fiction: "Apprentice in Death" by J. D. Robb, "Downfall" by J.A. Jance, "An Obvious Fact" by Craig Johnson, and "Razor Girl" by Carl Hiaasen.

Fiction: "Fates and Traitors" by John Wilkes Booth and "Pirate" by Clive Cussler.

Inspiration Fiction: "A Gathering in Hope" by Philip Gulley, "Lady Unrivaled" by Roseanna M. White, "The Domino Effect" by Davis Bunn, and "Hester Takes Charge" by Linda Byler.

NonFiction: "Seize the Day" by Joyce Meyer and "Troubleshooting Your Novel" by Steven James.

YA Fiction: "Walk on Earth a Stranger" by Rae Carson, "Hunter" by Mercedes Lackey, "What We Saw" by Aaron Hartzler, "Star Wars: Lost Stars" by Claudia Gray, and "Dumplin'" by Julie Murphy.

JUV Fiction: "Treasure Hunters: Peril at the Top of the World" by James Patterson, "Maxi's Secrets" by Lynn Plourde, "The Girl Who Drank the Moon" by Kelly Barnhill, "Pax" by Sara Pennypacker, and "Curse of the Boggin: The Library" by D. J. MacHale.

DVDs: "Snowmen", "The People v O.J. Simpson", and "Elephant Walk".

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

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Legion planning veteran parade, blood drive

The Loogootee American Legion Post will be hosting the "Honoring Our Veterans" parade and reception on November 5, 2016. This is the second time Loogootee has hosted this event, alternating with the Shoals American Legion Post. The Loogootee Post hosted this event two years ago, and the planning committee was pleased with the participation of local veterans and community members, and with the crowd that greeted and demonstrated their respect and appreciation for the veterans.

This year's parade will begin at the Loogootee High School parking lot, travel east on Butcher Boulevard, south on NE 1st Street, and end at the Legion Post on Church Street. All veterans of all branches of service and any time period are invited and encouraged to participate in the parade, and any organization, club, business, or private individual can also participate.

The planning committee asks that all participants decorate entries for the parade in a patriotic theme, and any

type of vehicle will be accepted (car, truck, golf cart, utility vehicle, tractor/wagon, bicycle, motorcycle, etc.) Also any walking individual or group are encouraged to participate. The purpose of the parade, and the reception following, is simply to show appreciation to our family members, neighbors, and community members that sacrificed their time, and sometimes their health, to keep the country and our freedoms safe.

In addition to planning the "Honoring our Veterans" ceremony, members of Post 120 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW 9395) are co-sponsoring a blood drive in Loogootee at the VFW Post. This blood drive will be conducted on the afternoon of October 13 from 2 to 7 p.m. The American Red Cross is in dire need of all blood types, and all community residents are encouraged to donate if possible.

The next meeting for the Loogootee American Legion is Thursday, September 15, at 6:30 p.m. All Legion members are encouraged to attend the monthly meetings, to keep up with the activities of the local Post. Along with planning the blood drive and the "Honoring our Veterans" activities, the Post has participated in the Indiana Bicentennial activities, and will be planning addition fundraising events for the next few weeks. If you haven't been in the Legion for a while, come in and share in the comradeship and support the Legion has to offer.



Torch relay

-Photos by Courtney Hughett

Along with the Bicentennial Torch Relay on Tuesday night, a celebration was held at the Martin County Fairgrounds. Shown in the photo above, the crowd watched the torch exchange between Paula Ringwald and Eric Doane. Doane is shown on the left running with the torch. Below, "No Plan B" performed for the crowd at the fairgrounds.



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West Boggs Camper Yard Sale

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Saturday, September 17th ~ 10 am-4 pm

No vending permit needed. Gate entrance fee is \$6
Enjoy yard sales, lakeshore fun, and a
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RESCHEDULED from last weekend!

Martin County Humane Society

YARD SALE

Saturday, September 17th
8 a.m.-1 p.m.



at the animal shelter (507 N. Oak Street, Loogootee)

Hundreds of items including furniture, clothing, books/magazines, antiques, knick knacks, dog/cat items, electronics, etc.

We will also be having:

~A DOG WASH~

~BAKE SALE/LEMONADE~

~HAMBURGERS & HOT DOGS~



All proceeds go to the operation of the animal shelter.

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For more information, call Mike Newland at (812) 709-0517.



The colchicums are in bloom at Sandhill Gardens. Early in the spring, clumps of foliage came up and then withered and died. During that time of photosynthesis, the corms were fed and this week beautiful flowers appeared on opaque white stems. Actually, those white tubes are the styles of the flower, leading to an underground ovary. The cup-like flowers in shades of pink, purple and white resemble a large crocus, leading to the common name of autumn crocus. They are an under-used flower for late summer and early fall. Since they are only about six inches tall, they are best used in rock gardens or at the front of borders.

Like true crocuses, colchicums grow from corms that are planted in the fall. Finding them may be the hardest part of growing colchicums. While bulbs, corms and rhizomes for many spring-flowering plants are showing up at department stores and garden centers, few will carry the corms for colchicums. However, some of the better mail-order bulb companies will have colchicums. Expect to pay premium prices, with colchicum corms often going for around five dollars each. However, each corm will produce a nice clump of flowers by the second year after planting, so a few corms will go a long way.

If you plan to buy colchicums or other bulbs, now is the time to do so. Premium bulbs usually sell out quickly, so although it is a little early for planting the spring-flowering bulbs, corms and rhizomes, it is best to buy them early and store them in the vegetable crisper of your refrigerator until time to plant them. Most experts say to plant in mid-October to ensure the root systems have time to develop before we get a hard freeze. Planting too early may result in getting foliage too early, which may be damaged by winter weather.

When planting bulbs, pay attention to the instructions on the package. In general, bulbs should be planted three times as deep as the bulb's diameter. Iris rhizomes are an exception to that rule. The rhizomes should be barely covered. Irises may also be planted earlier than true bulbs. Go ahead and plant the irises as soon as you get

them. The sun requirements of bulb flowers may be confusing. Many will say that they require full sun, but those that flower early in the spring will have come up and flowered before deciduous trees have leafed out, so most bulbs, including daffodils, hyacinths, crocuses and early tulips do fine under trees. The later the flowering time, the less likely the flower will do well in the shade of deciduous trees. It is not necessary to fertilize bulbs when planting. Some will recommend using bone meal as a soil amendment, but that is not necessary unless you have had a soil test that indicates a deficiency. Spreading compost around the clumps in the spring will generally supply enough nutrients to feed the bulbs for the following year's flowers.

Do not be shy about ordering different kinds of spring-flowering bulbs. There's a great variety and a treasure trove of beautiful jewels for your spring garden. Bulbs are one of the easiest ways to add variety to your garden with little work beyond planting.

Celebrate harvest time at Spring Mill State Park

Enter a pie-eating contest, call for hogs, make dolls, decorate a campsite and more at Spring Mill State Park's Autumn Harvest Days, October 1-2.

On Saturday, visitors can see items entered in the Harvest Fair and witness creativity on display as campers compete in the annual campsite decorating contest.

Autumn Harvest Days is one of several special fall weekends at Spring Mill State Park.

October 8-9 is Scarecrow Weekend, with the Haunted Village running from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on October 8. Admission to the Haunted Village costs \$2 per person (cash only).

October 15-16 is Music Weekend.

Park admission is \$7 per in-state vehicle and \$9 per out-of-state vehicle.

For more information, contact Spring Mill volunteer coordinator Coletta Prewitt at (812) 849-3534 or springmillstatepark@dnr.IN.gov.

Spring Mill State Park (stateparks.IN.gov/2968.htm) is at 3333 State Road 60 East, Mitchell, 47446.

Notes from the WIC Nutritionist

BY ELIZABETH WHITE
Martin County WIC Nutritionist
and Breastfeeding Coordinator

Hip Hip Hooray!!!! The WIC Electronic Benefit Transaction (EBT) cards are here. The card looks like a debit card. Instead of receiving WIC benefits on paper vouchers the entire household's food packages will now be loaded on an EBT card. WIC clients will receive their new card at their next appointment. The cards will save time at the checkout counter and allow clients to purchase WIC foods individually throughout the month.

A note to our WIC clients: Please

allow a little more time than usual at your next appointment so we can get your new card activated and ready for you to use when you leave the clinic.

The WIC program provides supplemental nutritional foods, referrals, breastfeeding support, and nutrition education for pregnant women, nursing women, infants, and children 1-5 years. The Martin Co WIC clinic is open Monday and Friday 8 am to 4:30 pm and Tuesday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Please call 247-3303 to make an appointment. To contact the Breastfeeding Peer Counselor, text or call 812-675-1083.

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4-H NEWS

By Stacy Brown
Martin County Purdue
Extension Educator



National Tractor Driving Contest

Martin County will be sending two members of the tractor driving club, Reuben Ritchey and Justin Sanders, to the national competition. The event takes place on Monday, September 26 at 8:15 a.m. on the Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds. Reuben and Justin will also have the opportunity to tour the Caterpillar plant and experience other diesel and engineering programs during their three-day program. Good luck boys we are very proud of you!

Enrollment for 4-H 2016-2017 Fast Approaching

The end of summer marks the beginning of next 4-H season. Open enrollment begins on October 1. If you are interested in 4-H or know someone who is now is the time to start planning to join us for another great year in Martin County. Any child grades 3 through 12 may join 4-H. We also have a future 4-H program for kids in grades K-2. While most 4-Hers concentrate on projects for the fair, the program is about much more than exhibits. 4-H teaches leadership, community service, independence, confidence, and many other life

skills. There are clubs and projects that focus on livestock judging, shooting sports, robotics, and junior leadership. Each year there are dozens of opportunities for youth to attend workshops, conference, and camps focusing on career choices, diversity, and cooperation. 4-H is a great way to meet new friends and learn to make the best better.

If you have any questions or would like information sent to you about enrolling for 4-H, please contact the Martin County Purdue Extension office at 812-295-2412.

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 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.

Bat diversity in spotlight at 10th annual Indiana Bat Festival on September 24

Giant ears that can locate a midnight meal of crunchy insects. Wrinkled faces that channel flowing fruit juices into a thirsty mouth. Long tongues that collect energizing nectar from deep within a flower.

What animals have such diverse features and diets like these? It's a group that represents about 20 percent of all mammals on Earth and includes hundreds of species — the bats.

The many faces of bats — and their extraordinary diversity in flight, form and function — are the focus of the 10th Annual Indiana Bat Festival at Indiana State University and Dobbs Park Nature Center on Saturday, September 24.

Demonstrations with live bats and wildlife, presentations by bat experts, conservation exhibits and children's activities are just some of the festival's popular attractions. Daytime activities are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Science Building at Indiana State, followed by evening activities from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Dobbs Park. All events are free and open to the public.

As Indiana's only bat festival, the annual event is a rare opportunity to see bats up close and learn about these mysterious animals and their importance to people and the planet. And with over 1,300 species of bats, there are many surprising facts to learn.

"There's tremendous diversity within bats," said Joy O'Keefe, director of Indiana State's Center for Bat Research, Outreach and Conservation — the organizer of the festival. "A large majority of bats eat insects. Other bats eat fruit and others eat nectar. Each of these different bats, with these different diets, has different physical features."

Giant ears, wrinkled faces or long tongues — just to name a few unique characteristics — help bats obtain their particular kind of food. And when a

hungry bat gets a meal — people benefit. Insect-eating bats help control pesky bugs, fruit-eating bats disperse seeds and nectar-eating bats pollinate plants we depend on.

"Learning about bat diversity is important because it allows people to really appreciate how cool bats are and how important they are as one group of mammals," O'Keefe said. "By thinking about bat diversity and what bats are capable of, you learn more about what bats do for us. That's important. When we have a better understanding of the benefits of bats, we have a better appreciation for them and we want to do more to protect them."

This year's Bat Festival includes a list of exciting headliners. Demonstrations with live bats will be presented by Rob Mies, executive director of the Organization for Bat Conservation. Talks about bats will come from bat experts including Bruce Patterson, curator of mammals at the Field Museum, and Nathan Muchhala, assistant professor of biology at the University of Missouri, St. Louis. UTOPIA Wildlife Rehabilitators and WildCare, Inc. will bring in some other creatures for up-close interaction. Numerous environmental organizations will be in attendance.

Activities will also include a silent auction, an inflatable cave for exploration, face painting, a "batty" bake sale, the BatVentures course and listening for bats in the park.

"It's pretty exciting to host the 10th festival," O'Keefe said. "For us (at the Center for Bat Research, Outreach and Conservation), it's the center point of the year ... The energy is always really good, and we love being surrounded by people who are asking us questions about bats. We're trying to make it a bigger and better festival. It's a big effort every year, but I think it's great for the community."



Perfect attendance

-Photo provided

Students who received perfect attendance last year at Loogootee Elementary were honored with pool passes for the Loogootee City Pool. German American Bank co-sponsored donating the pool passes. In the front row, from left to right, are Chase Miller, Noah Hager, and Judith Park. In the back row, from left to right, are Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty, Rita Denson - German American, Kanton Dearwester, Ann Wagler - German American, Chrislynn Holland, Aidan Sheetz, and Kenny Frye - German American.

Lady Lions on a winning streak

The Loogootee Varsity Volleyball team took on Vincennes Rivet yesterday, Tuesday, September 13. They won in three sets, 25, 14, 25-13, and 25-20.

Julianne Bell led in kills with 14 and also contributed 11 points. Mya Hedrick finished with seven kills and Olivia Winger added five. Kylie Hall had a team-high 15 assists and added seven digs and 11 points. Breigh LaMar finished with 10 assists. Emily Brookshire led the team in digs with 19 and Calli Winger led in points with 14 and contributed six digs.

The junior varsity Lady Lions also defeated Rivet in two sets, 25-15 and 25-15.

The girls competed in and won the Loogootee Invitational last Saturday. They successfully defeated all three teams: Borden in two sets 25-5 and 25-12, Northeast Dubois 25-23 and 25-12 and Eastern Greene 25-4 and 25-7.

Overall, Bell led in kills with 22 and also in points with 23. Hall led in assists with 26 and added 16 digs, 17 points, and 10 kills. Brookshire finished with a team-high 27 digs with Calli Winger contributing 10. Hedrick finished with

16 kills, Olivia Winger added 10. LaMar contributed 23 assists.

Last Thursday, the varsity Lady Lions battled Forest Park and won in three sets, 25-15, 25-15, and 25-12. LaMar led in assists with 15 and also in points with 14. She also had five digs. Hall finished with seven kills, 14 assists, seven digs and 13 points. Olivia Winger had six kills and eight points, Bell finished with six kills and Olivia Winger contributed eight points. Brookshire led in digs with 14.

The junior varsity Lions defeated Forest Park in two sets, 25-24 and 25-10.

Last Tuesday, the teams both defeated North Daviess. The varsity in three sets, 25-7, 25-16, and 25-10 and the junior varsity in two sets, 25-10 and 25-9.

LaMar led in assists with 24 and contributed 10 points and seven digs. Bell led in kills with 12 followed by Hedrick with eight and Madisyn Wade and Olivia Winger with six each. Winger and Hall also added 10 points each. Shelby Graber finished with seven digs.

Loogootee Tennis results

The Loogootee High School Boys' Tennis Teams defeated Vincennes Lincoln Tuesday night, September 13. The varsity won 3-2 and the junior varsity 4-0.

Coach Graves said, "Our depth came in handy tonight because we needed to pick up points in a variety of spots to get the win. Landon started very slow. He got down 0-3 but once he cut down on his errors and settled into his match he ran off 12 games in a row. I thought he served well and placed the ball well on his groundstrokes. Both our doubles teams did a nice job of coming into the net and playing aggressive tennis. We've stressed the importance of being aggressive in doubles and these guys have done a nice job of it this season."

The varsity record stands at 8-4-1 and the junior varsity is 8-2-2 on the season.

Varsity results

Loogootee 3, Vincennes Lincoln 2

#1 Singles - Landon Bell (L) defeated Sam Corona (VL) 6-3, 6-0

#2 Singles - Trevor Stenger (VL) defeated Max Christmas (L) 7-5, 6-2

#3 Singles - Brayden Seger (VL) defeated Nathan Seals (L) 6-3, 6-2

#1 Doubles - Sheldon Christmas and Sebastian Toy (L) defeated Monty Fleck and Isaac Lane (VL) 6-1, 6-2

#2 Doubles - Bailey Dearwester and Jayden Wagoner (L) defeated Dustin Altstadt and Blake Bob (VL) 6-1, 6-4

Junior varsity results

Loogootee 4, Vincennes Lincoln 0

#1 Singles - Constantin Cordes (L) defeated VL 6-0

#2 Singles - Lawson McCloskey (L) defeated VL 6-0

#1 Doubles - Logan Jacobs and Wyatt Street (L) defeated VL 6-1

#2 Doubles - Conner Hedrick and Garrett Williams (L) defeated VL 6-4

The teams competed in the Mt. Vernon Invitational on Saturday, September 10. The games were played at Evansville North due to resurfacing of Mt. Vernon's courts. Loogootee lost in both rounds.

"Our bad luck at the Evansville North courts continued today when the rain came and washed out the number three singles final. We were in a position to win the tournament and needed to win that match to secure first place. Nathan was playing well and seemed to be on his way to winning the second set and the skies opened up and ended the matches. Overall we had a good day. We got to the finals in four out of five positions with the help of the draw and played a good Mater Dei team well at the positions we played them. Max Christmas maybe played his best tennis of the season. It was good to see him hit out on the ball and to move the ball around the court. Aaron Thompson is probably the best player we've seen so far this season so Landon had his hands full against him. Sheldon and Sebastian struggled a bit in their first match but did a nice job of controlling their second match. Bailey and Jayden have done a great job for us this year at two doubles. They're both very athletic and cover the court very well. I was really pleased with their play today," said Head Coach Rick Graves.

1st Round

#1 Singles - Aaron Thompson (MD) defeated Martin Seifert (MV) 6-0, 6-0

#1 Singles - Landon Bell (L) defeated Colin Buse (SS) 6-0, 6-2

#2 Singles - Nick Harpenau (MD) defeated Jacob Howard (MV) 6-3, 6-1

#2 Singles - Max Christmas (L) de-

feated Mason Schmidt (SS) 6-1, 6-1

#3 Singles - Blake Altstadt (MD) defeated Nathan Burke (MV) 6-4, 6-3

#3 Singles - Nathan Seals (L) defeated South Spencer Default

#1 Doubles - Jabe Mitchell and JT Rapp (MV) defeated Alex Boultinghouse and Tyler Mallory (SS) 6-0, 6-0

#1 Doubles - Holden Hunt and Michael Scotfield (MD) defeated Sheldon Christmas and Sebastian Toy (L) 6-2, 6-2

#2 Doubles - Brandon Kempf and Conner Ricketts (MD) defeated Ben Varner and Reid Veatch (MV) 6-4, 6-1

#2 Doubles - Bailey Dearwester and Jayden Wagoner (L) defeated South Spencer Default

2nd Round

#1 Singles - Aaron Thompson (MD) defeated Landon Bell (L) 6-0, 6-0

#1 Singles - Martin Seifert playing Colin Buse (SS) Rained out

#2 Singles - Max Christmas (L) defeated Nick Harpenau 6-2, 6-1

#2 Singles - Jacob Howard (MV) defeated Mason Schmidt (SS) 6-1, 6-1

#3 Singles - Nathan Seals (L) playing Blake Altstadt (MD) 3-6, 4-2 15-0 Rained out

#3 Singles - Nathan Burke (MV) defeated South Spencer Default

#1 Doubles - Holden Hunt and Michael Scotfield (MD) defeated Jabe Mitchell and JT Rapp (MV) 6-0, 6-0

#1 Doubles - Sheldon Christmas and Sebastian Toy (L) defeated Alex Boultinghouse and Tyler Mallory (SS) 6-0, 6-0

#2 Doubles - Bailey Dearwester and Jayden Wagoner (L) defeated Brandon Kempf and Conner Ricketts (MD) 6-4, 7-5

#2 Doubles - Ben Varner and Reid Veatch (MV) defeated South Spencer Default

The teams took on North Daviess last Tuesday, September 6. The varsity boys won 4-1 and the junior varsity 3-0.

Coach Graves said after the matches, "While I don't feel like we played our best tennis I do think you have to give much of the credit to North Daviess for that, especially in singles. I was impressed with the patience of North Daviess and their willingness to stay in points and to try to let us make the error. We got a bit tentative at times where we were afraid to go for shots. That's something we need to work on. We don't play again till Saturday so we have some time to regroup and try to find the rhythm we had earlier in the season."

Varsity results

Loogootee 4, North Daviess 1

#1 Singles - Jeff Mayfield (ND) defeated Landon Bell (L) 6-7(5), 6-3, 1-0(9)

#2 Singles - Max Christmas (L) defeated Garrett Huff (ND) 6-2, 4-6, 6-1

#3 Singles - Nathan Seals (L) defeated Bradley Blevins (ND) 6-4, 2-6, 6-1

#1 Doubles - Sheldon Christmas and Sebastian Toy defeated Tyler Dunbar and Caleb Wagler (ND) 6-2, 6-1

#2 Doubles - Bailey Dearwester and Jayden Wagoner (L) defeated Landon Mokris and Craig Parsons (ND) 6-1, 6-3

Junior varsity results

Loogootee 3, North Daviess 0

#1 Singles - Constantin Cordes (L) defeated Aric Wade (ND) 8-2

#2 Singles - Jayden Leatherman (L) defeated Carter Steele (ND) 8-1

#1 Doubles - Lawson McCloskey and Wyatt Street (L) defeated Remington Roark and Peyton Strange (ND) 8-0

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Saturday, October 1

11 a.m.-2 p.m.

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(Adjacent to the county museum)

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50/50 Drawing (\$1.00 per ticket) ~ Silent Auction
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