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County council facing another budget shortage

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Despite raising income taxes in 2018 and in 2021, the Martin County Council is again in the position to find a way to cut \$200,000 from the budget to get it approved by the state. At their meeting Monday night, September 13, the council spent quite a bit of time trying to figure out what to do about the shortfall. The commissioners and council, this year, hired a financial advisor, FSG Corporation, for up to \$30,000, to help them figure out how to better manage the county's finances. The county council had put \$250,000 in the budget for next year as income for housing out-of-county inmates. The financial advisor felt this was too much to assume and dropped that amount to \$50,000.

Council Member Randy Winger said they are building at least three jails in southern Indiana now so there is no way of knowing if Martin County will be asked to house inmates all year next year. "I wouldn't want to build the county's budget on the \$250,000," he said.

Commissioner Cody Roush, who was in the audience, said he thinks the county relies on the sheriff way too much to help fund the county. He said he recently talked to an official in Orange County and they are expanding their jail to add more inmates which could take away from Martin County doing it. He agreed that there are several more jails being built in this part of the state.

Council Member Winger said he would like to cut other areas in the budget to give county employees more than a two percent raise as was proposed.

Council Member Barb McFeaters said she thinks, with the financial advisor's recommendation, they planned to do two percent each year for the next three years.

"We'll lose ground," said Winger. He said that compared with other areas, Mar-

tin County is not competitive with wages.

Commissioner Roush agreed saying the highway department is losing employees because they are only paid \$17 per hour. He said all county workers are underpaid.

Auditor Bobbie Abel said salary increases would have to be advertised 10 days before the public hearing of the 2022 budget if the council wants to change their mind about raises. It was estimated that the cost of a three percent raise would be \$30,000 to \$40,000.

It was noted that the financial advisor and the commissioners asked each department head to put a two percent raise in for their employees for 2022. Council Member Winger said it needed to be increased to three percent and asked the other council members if they agreed with him.

"I'm tired of people not being able to keep employees when they can go a few miles down the road and do the exact same job for five dollars more. I'm tired of it," said Winger.

Council Member McFeaters said they will need to ask the financial advisors to see if three percent can be done, especially with the loss of the jail income.

Council Member Winger said he likes the financial advisor, but it doesn't mean he's going to agree with everything he says. He said they are the elected officials and if they are going to let the financial advisor make the decisions, the council doesn't need to be there.

Council Member Buck Stiles said they hired the financial advisors to advise and steer them in the right direction to get the budget under control.

Winger said he thinks the advisor is doing a great job but doesn't agree with everything he proposes. "We have our own visions on this too," he said. He added again that a two percent raise is not enough.

Commissioner Roush said they could get rid of the extra prosecutor that was

hired a few years ago because that office used to run with one deputy.

Council Member Stiles said he has received conflicting information about the first deputy prosecutor. He said he was told that the second deputy prosecutor was to replace the first deputy who planned to retire at the beginning of the year. He has

since heard that this is not the case.

He said they have been told that a large portion of the second deputy's salary is reimbursed by the state from money the county didn't get before he was hired.

"That's a stretch," said Council Member Winger.

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City council debates department restructuring

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The Loogootee City Council met Monday night, September 13 with the main topic of discussion being city workers and their pay. City Superintendent Bo Wilson said he has two permanent part-time positions but only one filled. The other he had originally wanted to hire a part-time mechanic however he said he doesn't have a building to house the mechanic and the equipment. Earlier this year, he hired a young man to do mowing and weedeating but that employee recently went back to college and can only work 16 hours a week now. He would like to add another employee, who is also a college student, to work up to 20 hours per week also.

Mayor Noel Harty said they would also like to hire an additional assistant superintendent to focus primarily on the street department and park and recreation. The position would pay \$18 per hour to start and then \$20 an hour after 180 days. This would be full-time and include benefits.

Council Member Teresa Nolley said she cannot vote in favor of that because it's too much of an increase in the budget. Mayor Harty said they get complaints from residents, and they can't resolve those complaints in a timely manner with the current staff.

Wilson said he has one city employee planning to retire at the end of next year and one that could retire now. He said he will be retiring eventually too. He said he

needs people who can learn the job now for when all those retirements happen.

Nolley said she would like to take the time to restructure the city departments to prevent having only one supervisor to cover all of them. Instead, they can have a supervisor over each department – water, sewer, street and the parks department.

The mayor asked how that is going to help water and sewer because that person is not going to get a water and sewer license and will only oversee the street department. He said that will offer no help with replacing Wilson someday.

Nolley replied that it will help having someone in each department to learn now and then it will not rest on just Wilson. She said those people can move up.

"You've been on this council for how many years now?" asked Mayor Harty. "How many?"

Nolley said without answering, "And all I hear is that Bo doesn't have time."

"Correct!" said Harty. "That's why I am doing this, Teresa. Do you want to know why I'm doing this? Specifically? Because of you. You're one of the main reasons because your feedback that has been constant."

"Yes," replied Nolley.

"And yet today, where are we at? You're against it," said Harty.

Nolley replied that she is asking that they take some time to restructure the departments to be like they used to be and less responsibility on one individual. "That's my suggestion," she said.

Harty replied that he has been mayor (See 'CITY' on page 2)

Part III: The History of Hindostan

In honor of Hindostan Days, to be held Saturday, October 2, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., the Martin County Historical Society will be running articles on the history of Hindostan. The following was submitted by Bill Greene, the son of the writer, Bob Greene, and is the second article in the series.

John, Thomas and James Prentiss were very prominent citizens of Hindostan. Thomas and John were members of the "Proprietors." Thomas was also a civil engineer and John became a store owner and the county agent. In 1819, a postal service was started in the General Mercantile Store owned by Thomas. Thomas was also the first Clerk of Martin County and served as Recorder until November of 1820. Thomas and John both died in the fall of 1820. Laura Prentiss, wife of

Thomas, also died in the fall of 1820, leaving a daughter, Laura G. and two sons, Thomas G. and Charles Meriam. Charles was the first white baby born at Hindostan. Dr. Ezekial Porter was appointed their guardianship in November 1820, and they stayed with him until April 15, 1823. Dr. Porter was paid \$164 for caring for the Prentiss children. In January 1824, Thomas G. Prentiss was given to James Prentiss, and in February 1824, the courts ordered that James Porter become guardian of Thomas G. Prentiss. Also, in February 1824, the guardianship of Laura Prentiss was given to Eliza Meriam and James Prentiss. Both Laura and Thomas G. were under the age of 14. It appears that Thomas G. Prentiss stayed with James Porter and Laura Prentiss was raised by Eliza Meriam and James Prentiss. We have no record of who kept Charles Meriam Prentiss. In February 1821, Thomas Prentiss' property at Hindostan went up for sale. John's property was sold at auction in April 1823.

James Prentiss became an associate judge and in 1825 moved to Orange County where he opened a whetstone quarry. Henry Barclay bought James' property at Hindostan.

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Additional resident dies of COVID

The Indiana Department of Health received notification of one additional death from the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) for Martin County. The individual was an adult male. This brings the total number of deaths reported for Martin County to 16. No further information will be released due to privacy laws.

Shoals School Board approves staff changes

The Shoals School Board met September 9. Board members in attendance were Drexel Turpin, Eva George, Jerry Braun and Sam Boyd. Staff in attendance were Dr. Candace Roush, Amanda Heckard, Kindra Hovis, and Josh Mullis. No patrons were in attendance.

The board approved the following personnel recommendations:

-Cole Hovis, Terri Dye, Sharon Lake, Ashley Hawkins and Shelly Ringwald as substitute teachers

-Theresa Holt to teach dual credit CPR course

-Lisa Baker as substitute secretary.

-Jonathan Day as ECA/sub bus driver

-Kim Brown – as elementary substitute nurse and substitute teacher

-Robert Sullivan as seventh grade boys' basketball coach

-Travis Roush as eighth grade boys' basketball coach

-Clarence Brown as basketball program assistant

-Cory Roush, Dan Roush, Sam Perry, John Wright, Joe Troutman, Stevie Witt,

and Max Fischer as boys' basketball volunteers

-Ashton Allbright as fifth grade girls' basketball coach

-Charlie Rollins as sixth grade girls' basketball coach

-Cindi McNabb as middle school girls' basketball coach

-Megan Hawkins as varsity girls' basketball assistant

-Alisha Asbell, Sam Perry, Dale Brown, Bobbi Turpin, Cindi Haulk, Amy Money, and Chad Gibson as girls' basketball volunteers

-Rebecca Rollins as elementary Beta sponsor

-Sandra Hovis and Mimi Hawkins as elementary Spell Bowl sponsors

-Amanda Turpin as elementary student council sponsor

The board gave permission to begin an elementary pep club led by Kimberly Perry and Megan Hawkins

They also gave permission to dispose of resources found in the old counselor's

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Auditor Abel said the deputy prosecutors' salaries are partially reimbursed through IVD which is the child support fund. She said that reimbursement is based on how much time each deputy prosecutor spends working on child support cases.

Discussion then ensued on the cost of providing benefits to the deputy prosecutors and then circled back to county employees' pay.

Council Member Sherri Bowling said the people who work for the county do so because they want to work for the county, not because of the money. She doesn't think adding one percent to the pay for next year will make an employee stay.

Council Member Warren Albright added that they also have to come up with the \$200,000 now lacking from the budget from the sheriff's department.

Auditor Abel said the county can submit the 2022 budget that is over the expected revenue but it won't get approved. "You can't turn in a budget that is more than your revenues are," she said.

Council Member McFeaters asked if they are going to consult with the financial advisor because she doesn't want to approve a budget that the county cannot afford. She said they have never before given county employees a two percent raise each year for three years and she thinks that is a good plan.

Council Member Stiles asked if a special meeting could be called so they could discuss the budget more.

He asked if it could be an executive session, which is closed to the public.

Auditor Abel said you can't have a

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office.

The board approved the varsity boys' basketball team to hold a trash bag fundraiser "BAGS FOR BUCKS"

The board approved the athletic department to be a pilot school with IHSAA to offer eight man football. All equipment/uniforms would be provided.

-James Wuerth will be on campus in September and October to work with the boys'/girls' varsity basketball teams and the varsity cheerleaders on functional fitness.

The board approved the high school Beta team to go on an overnight trip September 20 and November 19.

The board approved the following fundraiser requests:

-The elementary to have their student fundraiser with the Paragon Company in September. (This is the biennial fundraiser held for the student activity fund)

-High school and middle school Pep Clubs to sell Spiritwear t-shirts, sweat-shirts, hoodies, and JugRox fashion tees beginning September 27 and ending October 8.

-Band students to sell items from Century Resources. Beginning September 13 and ending September 27.

-Elementary cheerleaders to sell chances to win a basket of Shoals apparel and gift cards for local businesses beginning September 21 and ending October 9.

Superintendent Roush presented the COSMOS Career Readiness Coordinator position which the board approved. Superintendent Roush also presented the 2021 pre-bargaining hearings and 2022 budget hearings for information only.

High School Principal Kindra Hovis began with the annual senior mum sale from Eichmiller Farms. The class sold over 1,000 mums. Mr. Gee's Honor English class will be conducting an interactive skit, of "The Hobbit" along the walking trail during the month of October. All freshmen and sophomores have completed the first round of NWEA. A new dual credit course has been added - CPR by IVY Tech. Seniors have been busy meeting

closed-door meeting when you are discussing the budget. She said the council can do a workshop or a special meeting however in a workshop, no decisions can be made. She added that any changes to the 2022 budget have to be completed by September 20.

Council Member Adam Greene said they may be able to find \$400,000 right now but didn't specify what he was referring to. Council Member Bowling said they should have already done that if it was possible.

The council decided to hold a special meeting Thursday, September 16 at 6 p.m. to discuss the budget further. The meeting is open to the public.

The public hearing for the 2022 budget is scheduled for October 4 with adoption on October 18. The council did not discuss raising taxes again at their meeting Monday night. The county is a quarter of a percent away from maxing out on tax increases.

In other business, Alliance Director Angie Risacher told the council that the 11-county district that encompasses Radi-put in 260 projects for the state's READI grant for \$500 million. She said the project total for this region was way more than any other region and they expect every county will get some money, they are just not sure how much at this time. They will know more at the end of September.

Risacher reminded the public that anyone interested in starting a business in Martin County can contact her. She said she is trying to be the go-between for entrepreneurs and property owners and will do what she can to help.

with Mr. Wilkerson (the IU college and career advisor), Mrs. Gibson, and Mrs. Hert regarding their post-secondary plans. All sophomores and the 9th-grade RECN cohort group will be touring VU on October 8. A big thank you and shout out to all of the teachers who have filled in for others this past month. Also, a thank you to Mrs. Hert and Kelly Wellman. The high school staff want to send out prayers to three students who were in devastating accidents this past week.

Middle School Principal Josh Mullis started with honoring the August students of the month today along with the August Teacher of the Month. August Students of the Month were 6th Grader: Trevor French, 7th Grader: Brooklyn Albright, and 8th Grader: Acelyn Braun. August Teacher of the Month was Cassie Phillips. They enjoyed lunch together today from Bo-Macs. A big thank you to Bo-Macs for helping to create this meal opportunity. It is mid-term grades time. Students of parents, who have at least one "D" or lower currently, will be contacted. All students will receive their mid-term grades on Monday. Amber Daniels will be coming in soon to cover for Mrs. Winger while she is out. The middle school wing had their first pitch-in for the month of August with a potato bar...appreciate the close-knit family atmosphere the teachers bring to the school environment. VU's Project Aspire will be back visiting with middle school students in the next two weeks. Math and English classes have completed their first round of NWEA testing so they can begin to work with them with Exact Paths through Edmentum. Kelly Holloman started last Monday (August 30) as a middle school counselor through Good Samaritan to help provide additional services to students.

Dr. Roush reported that the next school board meeting will be held on October 21 and the annual school board conference will be held during the second week of October. The school will have a couple of booths set up at the Hindostan Days event on October 2. Finally, Dr. Roush thanked nurses Theresa Holt and Nikki Brett for their work this year.

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for 10 years and he has never seen one person from the city departments step up to apply for the needed licenses. "Am I right, Bo?" he asked.

"They've got good intentions," replied Wilson.

"Right, but we've never had it," said Harty. "And why? Because of the money."

"It's my suggestion. I don't hear any others," said Nolley again on the restructuring.

Wilson said that he thinks both the mayor and Nolley are correct. He said he thinks they would need someone to oversee all departments, like he does, and then have one person to head up each department. "So, I agree with restructuring," he said. He said the council will have to decide if they want department heads to come to them with questions or a department-wide supervisor that can be the one to answer questions. He said he would like to talk about incentives or raises to get employees certified. He said his thought is an extra one dollar per hour for each certification or CDL license employees get. "Right now, we have nothing but a comment and a smile," he said.

"A dollar is a little steep, Bo," said Council Member Tim Lawrence.

Wilson said he currently carries four licenses for the city. He said he doesn't see anyone on staff now getting dual licenses. "Certified operators are retiring and there is no one coming up behind us to take it," said Wilson.

Council Member Rick Norris suggested adding the dollar an hour for up to two licenses without the approval of the council. He also suggested putting a new assistant superintendent in the budget for next year and then look at restructuring and possibly not hiring that new position.

The council voted to put the position in the budget and review it in January. They voted to have any extra certifications for the extra one dollar per hour come before the board of public works first for approval. The city pays for the certification.

Clerk-Treasurer Roger Downey asked if they wanted to put in a stipulation that says the employee must stay a certain amount of time after the city pays for their certification. Everyone was in agreement, but the mayor said that doesn't need to be discussed now.

The council also approved a \$1,000 increase to City Attorney Isha Wright-Ryan's annual salary and to increase the building commissioner, Tim Hudson, to \$15.50 per hour, a \$5,000 per year increase. The building commissioner position is not to exceed 20 hours per week and the council discussed what to do if there is a need for more hours than that. They decided to discuss it later.

Alyssa Kerns, with Kerns Insurance, provided the council with quotes for the city's health insurance. She said she landed on the same insurance that the current agent found. It's still a 13 percent increase. She wanted the council to know that Kern's Insurance is a local company, owned by her and her husband, Ed Kerns. They also have an employee from Loogootee, Luke Callison.

Council Member Norris suggested staying with Benefits 7 and made a motion to that effect, but it died due to the lack of a second. Council Member Carroll Rayhill made a motion to go with Kern's Insurance.

Jay Mcnece, with Benefits 7, the city's current health insurance agent, said the city has a dedicated claims representative who always answers the phone and makes sure the city is paying what they are supposed to. He said he's saved the city \$51,000 over the past two years.

The mayor said he is torn because they have had excellent service from Benefits 7, but Kern's Insurance is local, and they are always promoting shopping lo-

cal. Mcnece said he's from Washington which is only 15 minutes away.

Council Member Nolley then seconded Rayhill's earlier motion to go with Kerns and it passed with Tim Lawrence and Ron Gilbert voting in favor and Norris voting against.

Miles Olson and Joe Henning, who live in the Southpoint community, approached the council about paving recently done on their road. Olson said at their annual meeting they decided to do milled asphalt on their mile and a quarter road and got a quote from Mark Arvin for around \$63,000. They asked the 39 property owners in the community to contribute \$2,000 toward the paving. The City of Loogootee owns property on the road where they have a lift station. Olson said they would like the city to contribute \$2,000 as well. If any money is left over after the paving, they plan to have another meeting to decide if it needs to go back to the people or toward maintenance. It was noted that the road is private, not on the county inventory and is in Daviess County. The city currently pays \$200 a year for their annual property owner dues. The council approved the \$2,000.

Don Greene, who was in the audience, said he talked to the clerk-treasurer about why money from a fundraiser held at the pool was not put in the park board's donation fund and was instead put in the pool fund. He said everything was donated and there were no costs to hold the fundraiser. Clerk-Treasurer Roger Downey said that there were costs associated with the event, but he is not going to talk to Greene about it because he is not the park board president. He said the fundraiser was for the pool, so the money went to the pool.

Park Board President Karen Slaven then spoke and said anytime they do a fundraiser it needs to go into their donation fund. Downey said he talked to Superintendent Wilson, and he agreed with him that it should go into the pool account.

Greene said the fundraiser, selling pulled pork, was outside the fence and was separate from the pool. The pool was open and the admission fee was one dollar. He said the concession stand at the pool was also open, but all that money went to the pool funds. Council Member Nolley asked if they discounted the entrance to the pool that day. Greene said they did because it was a special event.

Downey asked if they made \$500 by selling pork with no separate donations. Greene said they did. He said volunteers raised the money, not pool employees.

The mayor interjected and said they will have to meet to discuss it.

Greene asked why the clerk-treasurer gets to decide where the money goes. Downey replied that he is the one that has to answer to the state board of accounts. He said that the park board president has never spoken to him about this issue and neither has the mayor, it's only been Greene. Downey asked if a member of the park board has the authority to tell the city clerk-treasurer what to do. "Is that what you're saying because I want to get that on record. Because that's what I just heard," said Downey.

Downey then agreed that the issue needed to be discussed later.

A resident in the audience asked if some of the American Recovery Act funds could be used to make the city businesses ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant. The mayor said he would look into it. Another resident asked when the fountain for the city square will be delivered. The mayor replied that it was supposed to be shipped from New York this week. A resident asked why this fountain was chosen and if the city paid for it. The mayor said there are not a lot of companies who make fountains, so the choic-

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OBITUARIES

Theresa Roach

Theresa Ellen Roach entered into eternal rest on September 8, 2021 at her home with her family gathered around her. A resident of French Lick, she was 71.

She was born in French Lick on August 21, 1950; daughter of Carl Ronald and Waunita (Lewis) Lysinger.

Theresa married Randall Roach on August 17th, 1968, and they recently celebrated their 53rd anniversary. She graduated as Valedictorian of her class from Shoals High School in 1968.

When her children were in school, she enjoyed volunteering as a teacher's aide for elementary students. After her children were grown, she worked at Walmart for 20 years, where she made many treasured friends. One of her greatest joys was spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Theresa's faith and love for God, along with the support of her loving family, helped her face cancer with courage and dignity.

She was preceded in death by her father, Ronny Lysinger and her grandparents, Carl and Dorothy Lysinger and John and Ada Lewis.

She is survived by her mother, Waunita Lysinger of French Lick; husband, Randall Roach of French Lick; son, Stephen Roach (Kendra) of French Lick; daughter, Lisa Chaplin (Billy) of French Lick; brother, Craig Lysinger (Bethy) of Lafayette; sister, Kathy Lagenour of French Lick; five grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

A funeral ceremony was held Saturday, September 11 at Brosmer-Kemple Funeral Home with burial following at Emmons Ridge Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Emmons Ridge Cemetery, c/o Kathy Kalb, 2494 Hillham Road, French Lick, IN 47432.

Arrangements are in the care of Brosmer-Kemple Funeral Home in French Lick, Indiana 47432. Condolences may be made on their Facebook page at Brosmer-Kemple Funeral Home or at their website www.brosmer-kemplefuneral-home.com.

Lacy Williams

Lacy Ann Williams passed away at 7:21 a.m. Friday, September 10, 2021, at her home. A resident of Loogootee, she was 36.

She was born May 15, 1985, in Jasper; daughter of the late Dennis and Jacqueline (Emmick) Huff.

Lacy married Keith Williams on April 15, 2010, and he survives. Lacy was a great stay-at-home mom and loved her family. She loved her children and grandchildren dearly.



LACY WILLIAMS

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dennis and Jacqueline (Emmick) Huff and mother-in-law, Charlet Williams. She is survived by her husband, Keith of Loogootee; children, Christian (Brittany) Williams of Dubois, Sam Carpenter, Brianna Williams, Jayden Huff-Williams, Rylei Huff-Williams and Liam Huff-Williams, all of Loogootee; grandchildren, Noahh Gallas, Phoenix Goldsberry and Oliver Morley; siblings, Rodney Edwards of Montgomery, Jason (Kris) Kunkler of Doolittle Mills, Toby Kunkler of Bristow and Mindi Edwards of Montgomery; and father-in-law, Cary Williams of Loogootee.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, September 16 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial will follow in Sugarland Memory Gardens.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, September 15 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

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

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee is honored to serve the family of Lacy Williams.

Joseph Earl

Joseph Eugene Earl passed away on September 7, 2021, at his home. A resident of Loogootee, he was 42.

He was born June 13, 1979, in Council Bluffs, Iowa; son of Joseph C. and Valerie K. (Eustice) Earl.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Richard and Betty Eustice; his aunts, Karen May and Ellen Mantle; and his uncles, Mike Mantle, Richard Eustice, Fred Kyle and Jim Seely.

He is survived by his parents, Joseph and Valerie Earl; his siblings, Thomas Earl, Andrew (Vanessa) Earl and Stephanie Earl; his aunts, Ruth Ann Kyle, Theresa (Fred) Courtier, Nancy Eustice; his nephew and niece, Zephaniah and Jordyn Earl; and many cousins, and great nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Condolences can be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee, Indiana is honored to serve the family of Joseph Eugene Earl.

Carl Combs

Carl Dean "Red" Combs passed away Sunday, September 12, 2021, at Daviess County Hospital, Washington. A resident of Loogootee, he was 58.

He was born October 6, 1962, in Letcher County, Kentucky; son of Alex (Edna Mae) Combs and Brenda (Sergent) Combs.

He married Jacqueline Wiscaver on April 28, 1984, and she survives.

Surviving are his wife, Jacqueline; two sons, Carlton and William Combs; three daughters, Deanna Asbury, Carly Moss, and Sheena Combs; seven grandchildren; sisters, Vivian Ann Gabriel, Sondra Emmons, Nancy Asbell, Jenny Bates, and Frances Cook; brothers, Wayne Combs, Bobby Combs, Jim Combs, Charlie Haulk, Mark Combs, Alex Ishamel Combs, Fee Bates, Shannon Combs, and Bud Bates; and special friends, Jonas and Owen Graber, and Brian Wagler.

Dean was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Rene.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, September 16 at the Queen-Lee Chapel of Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes, with Pastor Jim Lily officiating. Burial will be in Goodwill Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, September 15 and from 11 until the service hour on Thursday at the funeral chapel.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family to set up a trust fund for future expenses. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.queenlee.com.

Barbara Schmucker

Barbara Nell Schmucker passed away September 4, 2021, in Jasper. A resident of Shoals, she was 66.

She was born April 1, 1955, in Chelsea, Massachusetts; daughter of Harry F.

and Betty L. (Suter) Heath. She married Steven Schmucker on October 16, 1998, and he survives.

She attended Woodrow Wilson High School in Portsmouth, Virginia and was a retired process engineer for an electronics firm.

Survivors include her husband, Steven; daughter, Carey (Brad) Bowling; step-daughter, Amanda (Nunzio) Iadevaia; one grandson, Nevan Schmucker; four granddaughters, Ivy Rose Iadevaia, Anna Lee Iadevaia, Cassidy Brooke Bowling and Addison Jordan Bowling; six siblings, Audrey Ramsey, James Heath, Joe Heath, John Heath, Jeff Heath and Jason Heath; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Cremation was chosen.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes has been entrusted with the arrangements.

HINDOSTAN

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Doctor Ezekiel Porter bought land near Whitfield in December 1817. In 1820, he was appointed associate judge by Governor Jennings. He was a licensed tavern keeper and paid \$15 for his license. He cared for Laura and Thomas Prentiss for three years. He also bought land near Trinity Springs and built a mill dam 15 feet high over the river there. He died in 1823.

Daniel Hewes, a grocery retailer from New Albany, moved to Hindostan in 1820. He purchases lots 21-22-170 from John Meriam. He also opened a General Mercantile Store in Hindostan. He bought a sawmill and a ferry from Frederick Sholts. He became ill in 1820 and had a will written. It said he was of 'sound mind, but weak body.' As written in the Probates: Daniel Hewes had \$40 worth of goods at Nathaniel Wills home in Louisville that was sold in order to help defray the freight bill of bringing

goods up the river from 'Orleans.' We assume this is 'New Orleans.' Daniel also had six children who were to receive \$50 each. His wife was Mary Ann Hewes, was appointed administrator of Daniel's estate. It appears Daniel died in 1826.

Jessie Shelmire, an original Proprietor, came from Philadelphia where he owned a store. He came to Hindostan in 1819 and opened a store there. He was a member of the first grand jury of Martin County. He died in the fall of 1820, leaving five children. In March 1824, Lewis Brooks was appointed administrator of Jessie Shelmire's estate. His widow was Elizabeth, and she was appointed guardian of her children. Dr. Porter was also appointed guardian of her children. The children were named Bedford, Jan, Ann, Catherine, and Clarissa Shelmire, and all were under the age of 14. The courts ordered the inventory of Jessie Shelmire's estate on May 24, 1821.



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Celebration of Life for Roger Willis

A Celebration of Life for **Roger D. Willis** will be held Sunday, September 26 at 1:30 pm at the **Loogootee United Methodist Church at 208 West Main Street in Loogootee**

Roger passed away on August 31, 2020. He was well known as a beloved Art Teacher, Christian speaker, devoted member of his family and loving supporter of Israel and the Jewish People. He visited Israel eleven times.

Please join us as we celebrate and honor Roger's life.

Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

1:35 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:13 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:17 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:13 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded.

2:40 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire, Deputy Hawkins, Deputy Shaw, Chief Deputy Greene, Air Evac, and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

4:16 p.m. - Loogootee Officer Means assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

4:16 p.m. - Received an alarm call near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Means responded, and all was okay.

5:10 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Officer Means responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:20 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Means responded.

7:52 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

ARRESTS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

8:56 a.m. - Blake May, 24, of Bedford, was arrested by Deputy Wells and charged with operating while intoxicated, operating while intoxicated endangerment and operating while intoxicated controlled substance. His bond has been set at \$15,000 10%.

11:39 a.m. - Jordan Huff, 34, of Owensboro Kentucky, was arrested by Loogootee Chief Floyd on a Floyd County warrant and is being held without bond.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:09 p.m. - Heather McBride, 35, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Shaw and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated refusal, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangerment, and neglect of a dependent. Her bond has been set at \$15,000 10%.

11:30 p.m. - Jessica Perez-Alvarado, 32, of Jasper, was arrested by Deputy Shaw and charged with driving while suspended prior. Her bond has been set at \$10,000 10%.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

11:24 p.m. - Dakota Hauger, 18, of Sullivan, was arrested by Deputy Shaw and charged with driving a vehicle without being licensed. Her bond was set at \$3,000 10%.

5:45 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious man walking up US 231 in Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

7:18 a.m. - Deputy Hawkins assisted a motorist near Shoals with a vehicle identification check.

7:45 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious man in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Floyd responded.

8:26 a.m. - Received a report of a car fire near Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene and Shoals Fire responded.

11:30 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene, Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Fire, and the Martin County Coroner responded.

12:00 p.m. - Corporal Seymour took one inmate to court.

12:03 p.m. - Deputy Hawkins assisted a motorist in Shoals with a vehicle identification check.

12:16 p.m. - Deputy Hawkins assisted a motorist with three vehicle identification checks in Shoals.

1:19 p.m. - Corporal Seymour took one inmate to court.

2:00 p.m. - Corporal Seymour took one inmate to court.

6:03 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving east of Shoals. Deputy Hawkins responded.

9:29 p.m. - Deputy Wells assisted a motorist in Shoals with a vehicle unlock.

11:45 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance east of Shoals. Martin County Civil Defense and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

6:10 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle on US 50, east of Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

11:21 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:15 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231, south of Loogootee. ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

2:20 p.m. - Corporal Seymour took one inmate to court.

2:30 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:56 p.m. - Corporal Seymour took one inmate to court.

3:39 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 50, east of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Sergeant Gibson, Corporal Seymour, Loogootee Chief Floyd, Loogootee Fire, and Air Evac responded. The subject was transported to U of L hospital in Louisville.

10:13 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 231, south of Loogootee. Deputy Shaw responded.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

6:10 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Deputy Shaw, and Loogootee Chief Floyd responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial

Hospital.

11:02 a.m. - Received a report of debris on US 231 near Boggs. The state highway responded.

11:05 a.m. - Corporal Seymour took two inmates to court.

1:00 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

1:30 p.m. - Corporal Seymour took two inmates to court.

2:24 p.m. - Corporal Seymour took two inmates to court.

6:55 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle north of Loogootee on US 231. Deputy Shaw and Loogootee Sergeant McBeth responded.

10:41 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle south of Loogootee on US 231. Deputy Shaw and Loogootee Sergeant McBeth responded.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

6:27 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Martin County Civil Defense, Deputy Shaw, and Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

11:34 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded.

1:00 p.m. - Corporal Seymour took one inmate to court.

4:42 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Means responded.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

9:21 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Police responded.

1:45 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour and Deputy Hawkins responded. All was okay.

3:45 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

4:56 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

7:31 a.m. - Received a report of cows out north of Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

9:14 a.m. - Received a report of an ATV fire east of Shoals. Deputy Wells, Loogootee Officer Seymour, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

9:57 a.m. - Received a report of trespassing in Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

10:29 a.m. - Received a report of trespassing in Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

4:50 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

6:30 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.



By Shoals Town Council President Cary D. Albright

Councilman's Corner

Update on projects your councilman is working on. On August 13, I received correspondence from Congressman Larry Bucshon's office stating he would be in Jasper on August 19. I immediately requested a meeting time with the congressman. A few days later, I was made aware I would be able to see him, and I scheduled the meeting. I invited our elected town clerk-treasurer Sierra Rutledge and our appointed local economic development officer Angie Risacher.

On August 19, after attending a Hindostan Days planning meeting we headed straight for Jasper. Our clerk-treasurer collected Jug Rox swag courtesy of Shoals School and handmade items by a local business. We present them to Congressman Bucshon. The main topic of conversation was our aging and ailing water/wastewater system. I showed him pictures of our forced main (The waste line running across the White River East Fork bridge) I explained to him the temporary status of this line since 1991. This is a non-insulated line that is severely UV deteriorated and held on only by wires. I expressed to him the environmental impact this will have if and when it busts and it will break and dump 60 to 110 thousand gallons of raw sewage into White River East Fork. The congressman was very open to listening to our concerns. He did offer us additional resources to look at and promise to look into it further. He is looking for grants, not loans for us to take care of part of this 1.9-million dollar forced main, lagoon screen project. He also advised us he would be talking to state officials on our behalf.

We continue to push forward with this project pursuing several angles of funding. The Town of Shoals is facing reoc-

curing daily problems with our current wastewater system. The most current example is lift station at the lagoons. This is a pump that lifts all of our waste from Shoals to our ponds so the sediment can be processed, and clean drinking water can be released back into Beaver Creek that eventually runs back into White River. During hot weather, this pump continually throws week electrical breakers and constantly overheats, that's shutting down the whole system and we must restart it manually. The easiest way for me to explain this (using an analogy) is we bought a nice new semi in the 1960s we continually use this semi 24 hours a day seven days a week! Yet we have not properly updated it. Now 55 plus years later without updating the parts, it is just worn out.

From the very first water/sewage bill that was collected, there should've been a few cents put back for updating/replacing equipment. This has not been done in a timely matter due to lack of money. This is why we are where we are today. We just increased the basic water/wastewater bill by an average of eight dollars. (The first of this type in 10 years) It is a start to get us out of the red (spending more money than we collect) we have operated in for years now. We held two public meetings and had engineers and accountants at these public meetings to explain why we need this moderate increase. Our water/wastewater bill is in the bottom five percent in Indiana. At both meetings, to my dismay, we had no attendance from the public. These meetings were advertised far beforehand.

Shop Shoals, visit our local American Legion Post 61. This organization contributes so much to the wellbeing of our community.

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Loogootee Police log CITY

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

3:36 p.m. - Captain Hennette completed a welfare check on a subject at a local business.

4:12 p.m. - Officer Means assisted a citizen with a dog that was locked in a vehicle.

4:25 p.m. - Officer Means responded to an alarm at a local business.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

11:00 a.m. - Chief Floyd assisted with a funeral procession.

11:34 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on US 50.

11:50 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a report of a gas line that had been hit.

4:14 p.m. - Officer Means completed a vehicle check.

6:55 p.m. - Officer Means took a report from a complainant of a possible theft.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

10:03 a.m. - Chief Floyd responded to a property damage accident.

12:22 p.m. - Chief Floyd spoke with a complainant regarding damage done by a utility company.

2:10 p.m. - A caller reported a gas line hit near Pine Street.

3:39 p.m. - Chief Floyd and first responders were dispatched to a personal injury accident on US 50 at Loogootee Dover Hill Road.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:05 a.m. - Chief Floyd responded to a commercial burglar alarm.

9:15 a.m. - Chief Floyd completed a vehicle check.

11:09 a.m. - Chief Floyd responded

to a report of a traffic hazard on West Broadway Street.

12:57 p.m. - Chief Floyd assisted Martin County EMS with a medical call on Redbud Street.

5:12 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a report of a ruptured gas line on Clark Street.

10:41 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a stranded motorist on US 231 South.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

11:54 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to an illegal burn on US 231 North.

2:37 p.m. - Captain Hennette spoke with a complainant regarding a vehicle that has been left at a local business for several days.

4:42 p.m. - Officer Means responded to a property damage accident in IGA parking lot.

5:13 p.m. - Officer Means completed a welfare check.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

1:48 p.m. - Officer Seymour assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with locating a youth that had left her residence.

2:39 p.m. - Officer Seymour assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a possible suicidal subject.

3:46 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call at the Marathon station.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

9:14 a.m. - Officer Seymour assisted Martin County with an ATV fire near a residence.

Martin County real estate transfers

Norma Lee Fendley, of Marion County, Indiana to **DH8, LLC**, of Hendricks County, Indiana, the west half of the northeast quarter of Section 5, Township 1 North, Range 3 West. Also, the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 32, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing 40 acres, more or less.

Ronald L. Roach, of Martin County, Indiana to **Betty Jo Roach**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 5, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing 2.26 acres, more or less.

Jay M. Smith and Cynthia M. Smith, of Martin County, Indiana to **Boggs Creek Properties, LLC**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, containing 1.48 acres, more or less.

Clara Smith, of Martin County, Indiana to **Stewart E. Blake and Mary Ellen Blake**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number Two in Campbell & Breen's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Lisa R. Miller f/k/a Lisa R. Ader, of Martin County, Indiana to **Richard Lyon and Whitney Wagoner**, of Martin County, Indiana, three-tenths of an acre in Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West. Also, a part of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 24,

Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.410 acre, more or less.

John K. Taylor and Ruth Taylor, of Martin County, Indiana to **Catrina Goldsberry**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 27 in Roger's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Rebecca A. Harbison n/k/a Rebecca A. Harris, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jeffrey Kidwell**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Servus, Inc., of Indiana to **Bell Indiana, LLC**, of Delaware, a part of factory site number 3 in the Loogootee Land Company's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana, containing .95 of an acre, more or less.

Ronald G. Coleman and Deatrice L. Coleman to **Joshua W. Mullis and Elizabeth P. Mullis**, a part of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 20, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2 acres, more or less.

James Isaacs and Sandra Isaacs, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jim Graber Logging, LLC**, a portion of Section 20, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, of the second principal meridian lying in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 14.139 acres, more or less.

(Continued from page 2)

es were limited. He said the fountain was paid for with a grant for \$20,000 from the community foundation and \$12,000 from Hoosier Uplands and the city paid for the rest. The total cost of the fountain, which includes replacing the sidewalks around the square was \$74,526. The city agreed to pay \$50,000 of the cost from EDIT (Economic Development Income Tax) funds to purchase the fountain, back in February this year. The fountain itself cost \$39,526.

Police Chief Jim Floyd recommended hiring Patrick Albright as patrolman for the city. Albright is a Loogootee native and graduated from Loogootee High School in 2015. He said he's worked with the Martin County Sheriff's Department for two and a half years and the Daviess County Sheriff's Department for two and a half years. He also served in the military for a few months before suffering an injury. The board of works approved hiring Albright.

The board of public works also approving hiring Dylan Stoll for the public

works department. He previously worked for the city for three years.

Superintendent Wilson presented quotes from two companies to purchase a mini excavator. He said the council had put in \$65,000 in next year's budget for the purchase. The quotes were from Hopf Equipment and Boyd Equipment, both for around \$49,600. The excavator comes with grader and excavating buckets, a pivot for ditching, 36-inch brush cutter for banks and ditches, and an auger for digging. Wilson said that after it's ordered, it could be 30 days to a year before it arrives. Council Member Norris asked if the city has a trailer to haul the excavator and an employee who has a CDL to pull it. Wilson replied that they have a trailer but no one with a CDL to pull it. He said this goes along with the incentives he requested to provide to employees who get their CDL.

The council approved buying the excavator from Boyd Equipment and using funds from this year's budget instead of waiting until next year.

CLASSIFIED ADS

HELP WANTED

Shoals Varsity Baseball Coach

Post Date: September 8, 2021

Position: Varsity Baseball Coach

Location: Shoals High School

Job Expectations/Qualifications: Our baseball coach will be able to do the following tasks:

1. Be knowledgeable on all aspects of baseball as a sport.
2. Create an environment of positivity and support for our athletes and our programs.
3. Plan and set up all aspects of practices and meet management.
4. Maintain an inventory of all equipment, warm-ups, and uniforms for practice and competition.
5. Schedule practices and create and distribute expectations for the team.
6. Work fundraising events through the Athletic Department.
7. Communicate with parents/guardians about expectations, consequences, and other important information.
8. Communicate with Athletic Directors about results, team management, and goals for team improvement.
9. Model professional behavior both with the team and within the community.
10. Uphold and know all rules and regulations of the IHSAA, NFHS, and Blue Chip Conference in regards to baseball.

Compensation: Stipend position

Apply To: Bryson Abel & Danielle Cornett- Athletic Directors; Shoals Community Schools, 7900 US HWY 50, Shoals, IN-47581; (812)-247-2090, athletics@shoals.k12.in.us. Include Letter of Interest, Resume and Non-Certified Application

Closing Date: Until filled.

Shoals Varsity Softball Coach

Post Date: September 8, 2021

Position: Varsity Softball Coach

Location: Shoals High School

Job Expectations/Qualifications: Our softball coach will be able to do the following tasks:

1. Be knowledgeable on all aspects of softball as a sport.
2. Create an environment of positivity and support for our athletes and our programs.
3. Plan and set up all aspects of practices and meet management.
4. Maintain an inventory of all equipment, warm-ups, and uniforms for practice and competition.
5. Schedule practices and create and distribute expectations for the team.
6. Work fundraising events through the Athletic Department.
7. Communicate with parents/guardians about expectations, consequences, and other important information.
8. Communicate with Athletic Directors about results, team management, and goals for team improvement.
9. Model professional behavior both with the team and within the community.
10. Uphold and know all rules and regulations of the IHSAA, NFHS, and Blue Chip Conference in regards to softball.

Compensation: Stipend position

Apply To: Bryson Abel & Danielle Cornett- Athletic Directors; Shoals Community Schools, 7900 US HWY 50, Shoals, IN-47581; (812)-247-2090, athletics@shoals.k12.in.us. Include Letter of Interest, Resume and Non-Certified Application

Closing Date: Until filled.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

More Neat Stuff

By Ann Ackerman

After having dug to a depth of 10 feet last year outside of New York City, New York scientists found traces of copper cable dating back 100 years. They came to the conclusion that their ancestors already had a telephone network more than 100 years ago.

Not to be outdone by the New Yorkers, in the weeks that followed, a Los Angeles, California archaeologist dug to a depth of 20 feet somewhere just outside Oceanside. Shortly after, a story in the LA Times read: "California archaeologists report a finding of 200-year-old copper cable, have concluded that their ancestors already had an advanced high-tech communications network a hundred years earlier than the New Yorkers."

One week later, a local newspaper in Baton Rouge, Louisiana reported the following: "After digging down about 30-feet deep in his pasture down the bayou, Boudreaux, a self-taught archaeologist, reported that he found absolutely nothing. After consulting with his best friend, Thibodeaux, Boudreaux and Thibodeaux therefore concluded that 300 years ago, Louisiana had already gone wireless."

RIDDLES:

1. What did the ocean say to the other?
2. What do you call an alligator in a

Notes from the WIC Nutritionist

BY ELIZABETH WHITE
Martin County WIC Nutritionist

Fruits and vegetables are high in fiber and contain essential vitamins and minerals. Replacing fruits and vegetables with higher calorie foods can help you maintain a healthy weight. Fruits and vegetables can make meals more appealing due to their many colors, shapes, and textures. Children need to eat a variety of fruits and vegetables. To make it easy to know how many fruits and vegetables to eat, the USDA recommends making **half** your plate fruits and vegetables. USDA also recommends choosing **whole** fruits over juice for your daily fruit servings. myplate.gov

Myplate.gov is a great resource for your whole family's nutritional needs.

If any WIC client has questions about how to use their fruits and vegetables benefit, please call the WIC clinic.

A special note to breastfeeding moms about COVID-19: It is recommended to continue breastfeeding when you are having COVID-19 symptoms or have tested positive for COVID-19. Wash your hands before allowing baby to latch or pumping and wear a mask while baby is breastfeeding. It is also recommended to continue breastfeeding if you have received the COVID-19 vaccine. This information comes from Indiana State WIC, CDC, and other qualified resources.

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 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Please call 247-3303 to make an appointment.

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3. What do you call pastors in Germany?
 4. What do you call a snake that's exact-ly 3.14 meters long?
 5. Where does an animal go if it loses its tail?

THOUGHTS

*Two antennas met on a roof and fell in love. The wedding wasn't much, but the reception was awesome.

*The school phoned me today and said, "Your son's been telling lies." I replied, "Well tell him he's very good as I don't have any kids!"

*I don't really rise and shine. I caffeinate and hope for the best.

*My mind still thinks I'm 25. My body thinks my mind is an idiot.

*New research suggests drinking coffee in the morning helps others live longer.

*NASA put a bunch of cows into orbit. They call it the herd shot around the world.

ANSWERS

1. Nothing. It just waved
2. An investigator
3. German Shepherds
4. A πthon
5. A retailer

SERIOUS ISMS

*You cannot see your reflection in boiling water. Similarly, you cannot see the truth in a state of anger. When the waters calm, clarity comes.

*It's called reading: It's how people install new software into their brains.

*The soul would have no rainbows if the eyes had no tears.

*Children see magic because they look for it.

Make someone smile today!

Daviess/Martin County Retired Teachers meet

The Daviess/Martin County Retired Teachers Association met at Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant on Friday, September 10. President Alice Jones led the members in the pledge and conducted the meeting. The minutes from the August meeting and the treasurer's report were read and approved.

Lawana Hand presented the Community Service Report. David Lennen reported that the IRTA Southern Indiana Reconnecting Workshop which was to be held on September 21 at Spring Mill Inn in Mitchell has been cancelled. Money was collected for the Pennies from Heaven Project and members voted on how the money will be used for the 2021-2022 school year.

The winner of the First Year Teacher award was chosen and will be announced at a later date.

Door prizes were provided by Linda Strosnider and were won by Arlene Owens, Vicky Bauernfiend and Linda Strosnider. After the blessing, the meeting was adjourned for lunch.

Members attending were Linda Strosnider, Vicky Bauernfiend, Aggie Cooper, Marilyn Read, Ramona Lennen, Lawana Hand, Nancy Adams, Alice Jones, Arlene Owens, Donna Keller, Pat Brochin and David Lennen.

The next meeting will be held November 12 at Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant at 11:30 a.m. All Daviess and Martin county retired teachers are invited to attend.

Loogootee School Board meeting
The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, September 16 at 5 p.m. in the high school media center. The meeting is open to the public.

St. Vincent Food Pantry
The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, on Park Street in Loogootee, is open the fourth Thursday of the month except November and December when they are open the third Thursday. The hours are 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m.

LUMC Food Pantry
The Loogootee United Methodist Church Food Pantry is open every Thursday (except the fourth Thursday) from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Mental Health Task Force
The Martin County Mental Health Task Force meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 1-2 p.m. at the Community Learning Center on the Martin County Fairgrounds.

Celebrate Recovery meetings
Celebrate Recovery meetings will be held every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Redemption Church in Loogootee. This is a Christ-centered recovery program and anyone is welcome to attend.

Local recovery meetings
Wednesdays-Alcoholic Anonymous, Martin County Community Corrections Building at 8 p.m.; Thursdays-Narcotics Anonymous, Redemption Church

Loogootee at 8 p.m.; Fridays-Alcoholic Anonymous, Loogootee Municipal Building Loogootee at 8 p.m.

Free lunch for kids
New Beginnings Community Church will be offering a free lunch to all school age children every Saturday. Lunches can be picked up at the fellowship hall of the church, located at 105 Wood St, Loogootee no later than 10:30 a.m. Deliveries will begin between 10:30 and 11 a.m. Saturdays.

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

Solid waste board
The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

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

Fish Fry

- and -

Silent Auction

(Fish Fried by John Davidson)

At Parkview Village Christian Care

September 24, 2021

4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Menu

Fish
Baked Beans
Cole Slaw
Dessert

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ONLINE SILENT AUCTION

Items will be listed on Sept. 27

Parkview Village Christian Care



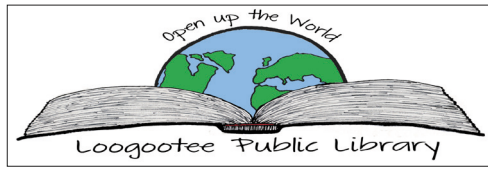
In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser,
Purdue University Master Gardener

Where, O where is little Miss Nellie?
Away down yonder in the paw paw patch.

Paw paw season is here. That native fruit that has drawn little attention is now creating quite a stir, as the locavore craze urges people to eat foods that are grown locally. That is really a necessity when it comes to paw paws. The fruits do not store well once they are ripe and definitely do not hold up under shipping. If you want to eat fresh paw paws, you really have to live close to where they grow. The fruits, when ripe, have a custard consistency and taste somewhat like a banana, earning the nickname of Indiana banana. Actually, several other states also call them by their respective names, but be honest, Kentucky banana and Missouri banana just do not have the rhythm of Indiana banana.

The paw paw is the largest edible tree fruit that is native to North America. It is one of the most common plants found in the forests of Eastern North America, and is actually becoming even more common. The reason for this is that paw paw leaves, bark and fruit contain an insecticidal neurotoxin, known as annonacin, which makes them unpalatable to deer and oth-



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Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

September is National Library Card Sign-up month. Individuals that sign up for a new library card are eligible to be entered into a prize drawing. If you don't have a library card, this is a good time to get one. If you live in Perry or Rutherford Townships, your card is free. If you child attends Loogootee schools, he/she can get a free library card.

New Books:

Mystery: "Enemy at the Gates" by Vince Flynn.

Inspiration Fiction: "The Healing of Natalie Curtis" by Jane Patrick, "A Christmas in the Alps" by Melody Carlson, "Matched and Married" by Kathleen Fuller, "The heart of Splendid Lake" by Amy Clipston, and "The Wish Book" by Lynn Austin.

Children's: "Pugtato Babysits the Snouts" by Sophie Corrigan and "Chairs on Strike" by Jennifer Jones.

Library hours: Monday 10-7, Tuesday 10-5, Closed on Wednesday, Thursday 10-7, Friday 10-5, and Saturday 9-1. The library phone number is 812-295-3713 and check out the website www.loogootee.lib.in.us or like us on Facebook.

er foragers, and even protects them from most insect pests. While other understory plants are being consumed by the deer population, paw paws are moving into areas where the deer have cleared out the competition.

Still, anyone who has gone looking for the fruits knows that they are far from plentiful. While the plants themselves may be safe from the common foragers, there are many animals that will eat the sweet fruit. Many will eat them before they are fully ripe, so even fruits observed earlier in the year may be gone by the time one goes back for them when they should be ripe.

The other reason there are few fruits for the amount of trees found is that paw paws are self-incompatible, meaning that pollination cannot be effective when the pollen comes from the same plant as the flower being pollinated. That does not appear to be a major problem, as anyone who has seen paw paws knows—they grow in patches. Actually, what appears to be a patch of several small trees is really one plant. Each of the perceived trees is actually an upright stem from a single root system, so the trees in a patch are not able to pollinate one another. Therefore, the flies and beetles that pollinate the maroon spring flowers have to travel to other paw paw patches to complete pollination.

With the paw paw's new-found popularity, the search is on for new paw paw varieties and improved pollination. The University of Kentucky has the only full-time paw paw research department, but many other universities are doing studies aimed at improved cultivation. Farmers are establishing paw paw patches using two or more of the new varieties that have been developed at U of K.

Meanwhile, the short-term solution is to process the pulp into frozen or canned pulp. The pulp can be used to make breads, cookies and other confections. It is not exactly getting fresh paw paws to consumers, but it has developed a new cash crop for some farms.

Indiana is definitely in the heart of the paw paw belt. There is an unincorporated community known as Paw Paw in Miami County and both DeKalb and Wabash Counties have Paw Paw Townships.

I have some paw paws growing in the gardens here at Sandhill Gardens, but they are not mature enough to produce a crop. I am hoping that they will be able to be pollinated from the wild paw paws in the woods near my house and that I can enjoy some fresh fruits in the future. In the meantime, I will have to search way down yonder in the paw paw patch.

Residents of all counties can resume feeding birds

Hoosiers in all Indiana counties can now resume feeding birds, DNR announced last Friday.

DNR had recommended a statewide moratorium on bird feeding earlier this summer to slow the spread of a still-undetermined illness that is killing birds across the state. Biologists identified more than 750 possible cases in 76 counties that involved a specific set of clinical signs, including crusty eyes, eye discharge, and neurological issues.

The actions of many Hoosiers significantly helped the DNR's work related to the disease outbreak. By taking down their feeders and submitting more than 4,300 reports, residents enabled DNR staff track the disease, detect regional differences, and provide updated recommendations for feeding birds. The DNR appreciates the efforts and actions of Hoosiers statewide.

Residents throughout Indiana may again put out their feeders if they are comfortable doing so and are not observing sick or dead birds in their yards. DNR strongly encourages residents who

do so to clean seed and suet feeders at least once every two weeks by scrubbing feeders with soap and water, followed by a short soak in a 10 percent bleach solution. Cleaning feeders helps keep birds healthy and helps prevent the spread of disease. Feeders should be thoroughly rinsed and dried before being filled with birdseed. Hummingbird feeders should be cleaned at least once a week with a 10 percent bleach solution and rinsed thoroughly.

DNR biologists also encourage Hoosiers to continue reporting any sick or dead birds they find to on.IN.gov/sick-wildlife. Reports help DNR staff continue to track this outbreak and identify new disease events and reoccurrences.

The USGS National Wildlife Health Center's avian disease experts and other scientists are continuing their investigative work on the unidentified bird disease. Indiana DNR has provided samples to the laboratory to aid with its testing.

For more information and to sign up to receive updates, visit on.IN.gov/song-birddeaths.

Monroe Lake's Earth Science Week highlights geology

Monroe Lake will offer daily programming on local geology from Sunday, October 10 through Saturday, October 16 during its annual Earth Science Week.

The program schedule includes activities that require advance registration (with limited space available) and others that are open to everyone without registration, plus two virtual programs that will air on Facebook Live.

Detailed program descriptions, registration links for programs requiring advance signup, and viewing links for the virtual programs are at bit.ly/earthscience2021.

October 10, Geology Story Beads from 2 to 3:30 p.m., Paynetown SRA, no registration required

October 11, Facebook Live: Rocks Tell a Story, The Geology of Monroe Lake at 8 p.m., virtual program

October 12, Crinoid Fossil Bed Hike at 10 a.m., Allens Creek SRA, free but limited to 20 people, advance signup required

October 13, Facebook Live: Monroe County Geology "Hot Spots" at 10 a.m., virtual program

October 14, Monroe Lake Geology Driving Tour at 8 a.m., \$20 per person

and limited to 20 people, advance signup required

October 15, Digging for Fossils from 10 to 11:30 a.m., Paynetown SRA, no registration required

October 15, The Fossilization Game from 5:30 to 7 p.m., Paynetown SRA, no registration required

October 16, Hoosier Gems from 10 to 11:30 a.m., Paynetown SRA, no registration required

October 16, Plaster Cast Fossils from 2 to 3:30 p.m., Paynetown SRA, no registration required

October 16, Rock Pendants from 5:30 to 7 p.m., Campground Playground at Paynetown SRA, no registration required

For programs at Paynetown State Recreation Area, the daily entrance fee of \$7 per vehicle with Indiana license plate and \$9 per vehicle with out-of-state license plate applies. Indiana State Park Annual Entrance Permits are also accepted.

Questions about Earth Science Week programming should be directed to Jill Vance, Monroe Lake's Interpretive Naturalist, at jvance@dnr.IN.gov or 812-837-9967.



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Jennifer Divine Sparks is the wife of Todd Sparks and the mother of two children, ages 16 and 11. Jennifer is the daughter of Doug and Rheta Divine of Loogootee. Her husband, Todd, is the son of Randall and Hilda Sparks of Odon. Jennifer has worked in the long-term care community for the past 18 years as an LPN caring for others. Earlier this year, Jennifer started having many health issues. She has been diagnosed with spondyloarthritis and peripheral spondyloarthritis. She has been unable to work since March 2nd. Due to Jennifer having lived 20-plus years in each of the communities of Loogootee and Odon, we will be holding an event in each community. The funds collected will be used for medical bills, utility bills and travel expenses to Cleveland Clinic.



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Senator visit

On Thursday, September 2, various Martin County community leaders had the opportunity to meet with US Senator Mike Braun at Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant. Senator Braun spoke to the group about various subjects and also allowed an opportunity for the leaders to ask questions. Shown above are Noel Harty (Mayor of the City of Loogootee), Angie Risacher (Director of Martin County Alliance for Economic Development), Danielle Murphy (Director of Martin County Community Corrections), Jessica Potts (Southern Indiana Development Commission), Mike Braun (US Senator), William Alvarez (special guest), Dr. William Alvarez and Samantha Alvarez, Sierra Rutledge (Town of Shoals Clerk-Treasurer), Travis Roush (Martin County Sheriff), Jameson Hibbs (Superintendent of West Boggs Park), James Williams (Director of Martin County Recycling), Dr. Candace Roush (Superintendent Shoals Community School Corporation), Jim Floyd (Chief of Police of the City of Loogootee), Barb McFeaters (Martin County Council), Michael Fritch (Martin County Prosecutor's Office), and Mikki Harper Bradley (Secretary of the Martin County Chamber of Commerce).

LHS Volleyball wins own Invitational, defeats Forest Park

The Loogootee High School Volleyball Team won the Loogootee Invitational this past Saturday by defeating Eastern Greene 25-11 and 25-13, Boonville 25-8 and 25-12 and Bloomfield 29-27 and 25-16. The girls' record is now 10-3.

Sydnee Wittmer led the team in serving points for the day with 16 followed by Jocelyn Strange and Grace Lingenfelter with 14 each. Strange led the team in digs with 32 with Kyleigh Courter contributing 17 and Brooklyn Summers with 16. Summers had a team-high 48 assists and Kylie VanHoy added 10. Haylie Mathies led in kills with 16 followed by Ashlynn Gilbert with 15, Abbey Fuhrman with 12 and Mallorie Sutton with 11.

The varsity Lady Lions defeated Forest Park last week in three sets, 25-18, 25-23, and 25-12

Abbey Fuhrman led the team in serving points with 13 and along with Sydnee Wittmer in kills with eight each. Grace Lingenfelter led in digs with nine and also contributed 10 serving points. Jocelyn Strange finished with seven serving points and eight digs. Brooklyn Summers finished with 16 assists and Kylie

VanHoy contributed 13. Ashlynn Gilbert finished with seven kills, Mallorie Sutton had three blocks and Kyleigh Courter added seven digs.

The junior varsity Lady Lions also defeated Forest Park in two sets, 25-20 and 25-21. The junior varsity record stands at 2-3.

Abigail Nonte led in serving points and assists with seven of each. Lindsey Nolan contributed six serving points while Cacia Wilcoxon added five. Wilcoxon also led in kills with seven followed by Alana Hedrick with five. Vitoria Zoia led the team in digs with 13

Loogootee Boys' Tennis still undefeated

The Loogootee High School Boys' Varsity Tennis Team defeated Wood Memorial last Friday, September 10, 5-0. No junior varsity matches were played. The varsity team stands at 10-0 on the season.

Head Coach Mike Tippery said after the matches, "After almost a week layoff it was good to get back on the court today to play a match."

Varsity results
#1 Singles Isaac Waggner (L) defeated

followed by Nolan with 10 and Breanna Courter with six. Courter also had five assists.

The Loogootee C team lost to Forest Park in two sets 22-25 and 22-25. Their record stands at 1-2.

Chrislynn Holland led in serving points with 10 and also in digs with six. Cacia Wilcoxon finished with six kills and six serving points. Ashley Green led in assists with 10 followed by Addy Lengacher with seven Lengacher also contributed three serving points and three kills. Ava Fuhrman finished with four kills and Jada Farhar had four digs.

Alton Falls 6-2, 6-0
#2 Singles Leighton Jeffers (L) defeated Carter Miller 6-1, 6-0
#3 Singles Brandon Bledsoe (L) defeated Lucas Gress 6-0, 6-0
#1 Doubles Luke Nonte/Peyton Bledsoe (L) defeated Anthony Gress/Carter Less 6-0, 6-0
#2 Doubles Rory Tippery/Drew Walker (L) defeated Lathan Maikranz/Jacob Henry 6-0, 6-0

Midwestern welcomes two new hires, promotes Trey Kidwell

Midwestern Engineers, Inc. announces the promotion of Trey Kidwell to project engineer. Recently, Kidwell received his registration as a professional engineer in the State of Indiana. He holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Southern Indiana. Trey specializes in structural engineering and has 12 years of industry experience designing buildings, foundations, steel structures, and utility plants. Trey and his family reside in Loogootee.



TREY KIDWELL

Adding to the technical team in both their Loogootee and Indianapolis offices, Midwestern is proud to announce the hiring of Ed Peters and Ed Marcheselli. Both are 2021 graduate engineers of Purdue University. Marcheselli specializes in mechanical engineering, working and residing in Indianapolis. A Spencer County native, Peters holds a degree in construction engineering and management and works from the Loogootee office.

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