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County council raises income tax to 2.5 percent

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Martin County Council voted on Monday night, September 14, to raise the income tax rate by .75 percent. The new rate will be 2.50 percent, effective at the start of next year. A person making \$30,000 a year will pay \$750 a year in local tax, starting next year. Prior to the increase, that individual was paying \$525.

40 residents were in attendance at Monday night's public hearing, several of which were county employees.

Prior to the start of the public hearing, the council, in their regular monthly meeting, voted to approve a tax abatement request for WestGate 8, owned by Dale Ankrom, that will soon house ManTech. The new building will cost \$2.765 million and the company will be hiring 40 employees once in operation, paying \$2 million in salaries. Some members of the audience questioned why the council would approve a tax abatement and then turn around and raise income taxes on Martin County residents. Council Member Warren Albright replied that if the county wants to bring in business, they have to offer incentives. If not, companies would choose to land in Daviess or Greene counties, in their portion of the WestGate Tech Park.

The abatement, for real property of \$2.765 million, would be in effect for 10 years. The company would start out pay-

ing zero taxes on the property and then each year, that would go up by 10 percent.

Judge Lynne Ellis, who was in the audience, asked how much tax that the county would be losing over the 10-year period. Council Member Albright replied that they county would lose none because if they didn't do the abatement, the company would not settle in Martin County. Judge Ellis responded saying that this was not the question she asked and again wanted to know how much tax would be lost at the end of the 10 years. The council members did not know. It was mentioned, however, that any taxes taken in from the property would go into a TIF district fund that can only be used to improve that area of WestGate. The county council set up the TIF district several years ago. The property tax money does not go into the regular county coffers.

County Attorney Dave Lett said the employees hired would be paying local income taxes into the county. This prompted a debate with Lett and members of the audience. Rhonda Sanders, county recorder, noted that the only income tax Martin County would receive would be from employees who were residents of the county. Lett disagreed saying that the worker pays income taxes based on where they work, not where they live. County Auditor Bobbie Abel was asked to settle the dispute. Abel said that in-

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Shoals School Board makes several staff changes

The Shoals School Board met last Thursday, September 10. Board members in attendance were Drexel Turpin, Eva George, Jenell Hoffman, and Jerry Braun. Staff in attendance were Dr. Candace Roush, Amanda Heckard, and Tina Sullivan. There were no patrons.

The Superintendent presented the 2021 budget hearing for information only.

The board approved the following personnel recommendations:

-Louton Hager for the position of custodian team leader

-Kacey Jones for the open SPED position

-Hannah Smoot as a substitute teacher

-Dennis Elliott for substitute custodian

-Jill Holt and Cammie Sanders as the COVID online coordinators

-Stacey Fox as the high ability coordinator

-Charlie Rollins as 5th grade girls' basketball coach

-Alisha Asbell as varsity assistant girls' basketball coach

-Megan Hawkins as JV girls' basketball coach

-Cindy McNabb as 6th grade girls' basketball coach

-Jessica Hert and Molly Tharp as varsity cheer coaches

-Nicki Key and Audrey Gibson as volunteer cheer coaches

-Raysha Winger as varsity dance coach and 7th and 8th grade cheer coach

-Michael Archer and JD Trupin as 5th

and 6th grade boys' basketball coaches

-Sam Perry as boys' basketball volunteer coach

-Tim Sorrells as freshman boys' basketball coach

-Jon Perry as JV boys' basketball coach

-Sandra Hovis as elementary Spell Bowl sponsor

-Lindsey Douglas and Mimi Hawkins as Robotics Lego League sponsors

-SonBlossom Ping Summerton and Kyra Wright as substitutes for homebound

The board approved resignations from Jessica Wagler and Tracey Jones.

Ann Stewart requested FMLA beginning August 6, 2020 for 12 weeks. The board approved.

The board approved the high school and middle school soccer team to sell t-shirts. The anticipated funds will be used for equipment and outreach needs.

The high school construction/ag class requested to build and sell picnic tables, sandboxes, shooting benches, tables, and a variety of other wood products for the community. They also requested to raise hogs and chickens along with growing and selling from the school garden. The board approved.

The board also approved the girls' basketball team to sell cookie dough in the fall and Merkley meat in the spring and the FACS Class to sell various dishes that are not needed. The money will be used

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Martin County Sheriff's Office K9 Spike has received donation of body armor

Martin County Sheriff's Office K9 Spike has received a bullet and stab protective vest thanks to a charitable donation from non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. K9 Spike's vest was sponsored by Don and Misty Fike, of Galesburg, Illinois, and embroidered with the sentiment "Honoring those who served and sacrificed".

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc., established in 2009, is a 501(c)(3) charity whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States. This potentially lifesaving body armor for four-legged K9 is U.S. made, custom fitted, and NIJ certified. Since its inception, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. has provided over 4,004 vests to K9s in all 50 states at a value of \$6.9 million, made possible by

both private and corporate donations.

The program is open to U.S. dogs that are at least 20 months old, actively employed and certified with law enforcement or related agencies. K9s with expired vests are also eligible to participate. There are an estimated 30,000 law enforcement K9s throughout the United States.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. accepts tax-deductible contributions in any amount, while a single donation of \$960 will sponsor one vest. Each vest has a value of \$1,744-\$2,283, weighs an average of 4-5 lb., and comes with a five-year warranty. For more information, or to learn about volunteer opportunities, please call 508-824-6978. Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provides information, lists events, and accepts donations at www.vik9s.org, or you may mail your contribution to P.O. Box 9, East Taunton, MA 02718.

City council approves paying for StatFlight for residents

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The Loogootee City Council met Monday, September 14 and again heard from Jill Spaulding, with Stat Flight. Spaulding came back to the council to see if they would like a county-wide membership to cover any household in Martin County, if they need a medical helicopter flight. The cost is \$6 per household, and with 4,198 households in the county, the total would be \$25,188. Loogootee residents' portion would be \$7,488.

The service would cover any Martin County resident flown from Martin or any county adjacent to Martin County. Residents have an option to upgrade their membership at a cost of \$35 to be covered in any other location.

Spaulding was asked what would happen if another medical helicopter company was called and handled the flight. Spaulding said it would not be covered.

Council Member Teresa Nolley questioned whether people who have coverage with Air Evac or Lifeline will cancel their service now and potentially cause an issue with those companies.

Spaulding said they do what is right for the patient and recommends residents keep their coverage with other services because they can't guarantee they would be first call. She said that Stat Flight will be moving a base to Huntingburg in 2021 but that

doesn't mean they will always be the closest to respond if dispatched.

Spaulding said the bill for a medical flight can be "catastrophic" due to how much it costs and residents need to consider getting covered by all companies that could be called.

Mayor Noel Harty said the county's trustees were approached about helping cover the cost. A meeting was held and trustees or representatives from Lost River, Mitcheltree, Rutherford, Center, and Hamblen township attended, along with representatives from Crane and Shoals. The only one not in attendance was Perry Township Trustee Jason Hennette. The mayor said after that meeting, all entities were on board to help cover their residents in the contract. Perry Township, he said, is up in the air.

Council Member Nolley said that with the amount of money the trustees have in

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COVID-19 testing

COVID-19 testing is available this week at the Martin County Community Building at 2668 US Hwy 50, Loogootee, on the fairgrounds, through Friday, September 18, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily and Saturday, September 19, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

The drive-thru clinic is free and confidential for anyone over the age of 2 years. Testing is done by the Indiana Department of Health.

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come tax is paid to the county were the employee lives, not where they work.

Council Member Buck Stiles asked if there was a way to have the company hire at least 50 percent Martin County residents. Attorney Lett replied that this would not be possible at this stage. Council Member Albright noted that Indian Creek Quarries had a stipulation in their abatement that they would hire a percentage of county employees however they couldn't get Martin County residents to apply. The quarry, therefore, couldn't hold up their agreement in the abatement.

After more discussion, the council unanimously approved the abatement request.

Other questions were asked by the audience including whether the county council had a plan for how to proceed with tax money if the increase was approved. Judge Ellis said that a few years ago, when the county increased the income tax last time, department heads requested the council do incremental increases in the income tax to avoid a big hit all at once. They had also suggested the council come up with a long-term plan, but it was never done. She also questioned why the council continuously votes down implementing a wheel tax, which she said is much needed. She added that she has been waiting for 30 years to have a drivable road to her residence and she has yet to get one.

The council was also asked if they could put a sunset clause into the tax increase resolution so that once the county gets past the shortfall due to COVID, they could reduce the taxes back down. The council never made a decision on the sunset clause.

In the end, Council Member Buck Stiles made a motion to approved the

tax increase at .75 percent with Council Member Randy Winger seconding the motion. Council Members Barb McFeaters, Richard Summers and Sherri Bowling also voted in favor. Council Members Keith Gibson and Warren Albright voted against. Albright said he was in favor of a .50 percent increase but not .75 percent.

Also during the regular monthly meeting, the council approved the following additional appropriation requests:

-\$6,000 for the coroner's office to do autopsies

-\$4,000 for the jail's janitorial expenses including a water softener for \$1,521

-\$20,000 to cover the contract to provide medical service to inmates. Auditor Abel said the contract was underbudgeted for this year.

-\$42,000 for the sheriff's department as a transfer from funds received for providing dispatch services for the City of Loogootee for the past three years so the department could pay for another vehicle for the department. Council Members Buck Stiles and Sherri Bowling voted against this appropriation however it passed 5-2. Council Member Bowling said the sheriff's department has purchased five new vehicles this year and she felt it was excessive as she drives an 11-year old vehicle.

-\$300,000 from the MVH (Motor Vehicle Highway) fund to the cumulative bridge fund to cover bridge work including \$104,000 for erosion repair of Brooks Bridge. Residents in the audience questioned why the council would approve paying that much money to repair a bridge that was rumored to be closing. Auditor Abel replied that the bridge was rehabbed with federal aid a decade ago and the county is contractually obligated to keep it repaired, regardless of whether it remains opened or closes.

SHOALS

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for classroom items

The board approved the online Medical Terminology dual credit course through the school's partnership with Orleans and Mitchell. They have three Shoals students who will be enrolled.

The board approved the custodian team leader job description, the COVID online school coordinator job description and the high ability coordinator job description.

The robotics team requested to recycle the old 3D printer to use for parts. The board approved.

The Martin County Auditor requested to use the school cafeteria on September 14 for a county budget hearing. The board approved.

The professional growth and evaluation plan was presented to the board for the first reading.

Superintendent Dr. Roush reported on several grants that the school has received in the past few months including a grant from Duke Energy for the band department, three grants from the Martin County Community Foundation for

COVID expenses, hot spots, and a grant for the band department. The school also received the Indiana Secured Schools Safety grant for \$31,000 to help pay for the school resource officer and \$71,000 from the Governor's Emergency Education Fund to help cover technology costs.

Dr. Roush was excited to share that all students will receive free breakfast and lunch until December 31 due to a grant from the USDA.

Dr. Roush reported that Shoals will be offering a joint dual credit course with Mitchell and Orleans. The course is called Medical Terminology and is offered virtually to nursing students from all three corporations. Dr. Roush said this collaboration is groundbreaking across the state and truly something to be proud of and will set an example for many other corporations.

Finally, Roush reported, the school plans to hold a vaping convocation in November for middle school and high school students as well as a parent session in the evening.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

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surplus, she would think they would help. The mayor agreed saying Perry Township has \$270,000 in surplus funds.

The council approved \$7,488 to come out of the LOIT (Local Option Income Tax) public safety fund to cover City of Loogootee residents.

The council decided to hold off on Superintendent Bo Wilson's request to purchase a new 60-inch zero turn mower for \$9,549.96, to replace the Cub Cadet Wilson said they have had for 15 years. Council Member Rick Norris said mowing season is almost over this year and the city has two working mowers so he thinks it should wait until next year since the city has just raised water and sewer rates.

Wilson then said the park board offered to purchase the mower.

They also decided against purchasing a new utility truck, at Wilson's request to replace their current 2003 model. The quotes ranged from \$43,000-\$44,800 for the utility truck which includes a snowplow, safety light and a back-up alarm.

Council Member Norris again said they need to hold off on purchases since they just raised water and sewer rates and they need to discuss salaries and take care of the employees first. The rest of the council agreed.

Three residents came back to the board of works and council to request the use of fourwheelers in the city. The residents felt they should not be ticketed for driving their ATV to the county line, where ATVs are allowed. Police Chief Kelly Rayhill said he doesn't mind residents driving their ATVs to the county line or to get gas but doesn't want them driving them around the city recreationally. Council Member Rick Norris asked how this would be enforced and if there would be an age restriction. Chief Rayhill replied that ATV drivers have to be licensed, but the police department doesn't have the time to monitor all fourwheeler owners. The council decided to allow the new rules and see how it goes although many expressed concern.

John Holland, an asphalt consultant and estimator, talked to the council about services he provides. He currently provides services to the City of Washington and his rate is \$30 per hour. The council decided to think over his proposal. Bo Wilson said he thinks it would be a beneficial service as Holland is very knowledgeable about road ratings.

Staci Dunn, with Matrix Integration, provided a proposal to the board of public works to provide cybersecurity and other upgrades to the town hall computer system. The cost of the upgrades is \$4,015.59 and the cost to purchase new equipment would be \$1,113.43. The board decided to table a decision until next month.

Clint Roos, with Midwestern Engineers, reported that the city passed the environmental compliance needed to start street and stormwater improvement projects related to the Community Crossings grant. He said they had to get the plans approved by CSX since some work will be done within the railroad's right of way. CSX wanted \$72,000 initially for work to be done in their right of way, however they were negotiated down to \$41,220 which Roos said is comparable to the amount paid on other projects they have worked on. CSX also charged an application review fee of \$4,700 and a protective liability fee of \$3,600. The council approved all the fees.

The council also approved a \$30,600 change order for requirements needed to continue with the project.

The council approved a contract with Midwestern Engineers to do design, permitting and bidding on the upcoming water and sewage projects. For sewage works, the total fee would be estimated at \$702,700. This includes a preliminary engineering report, asset management plan, system wide smoke testing along with de-

sign, bidding, general observation of construction and project representative inspection services for all projects in the sewage works BAN. The fee for water projects would be around \$449,000. This includes a preliminary engineering report, asset management plan along with design, bidding, general observation of structure and project representative inspection services for all projects in the water works BAN.

The council approved paying Jameson Hibbs, director of West Boggs Park, \$5,000 to update the city's park and recreation master plan. In order to qualify for grants, the plan has to be updated. The mayor said he asked SIDC and Midwestern Engineers and they were not interested in doing it. The mayor said that updating the plan is not the park board's responsibility since they are volunteers. The money will come out of the park and rec funds.

The council approved increasing salaries for next year for all city employees by 50 cents. Council Member Nolley said they only received next year's budget that night and would like to have time to look at it. The council went ahead and voted to approve the 50-cent raise with Council Members Nolley and Tim Lawrence voting against.

The council approved renewing the contract with the humane society for 2021 for \$6,000.

The mayor said that trick or treating will be held on Halloween, Saturday, October 31, from 6-8 p.m. and a parade will start at 5 p.m.

Tim Hudson asked what is to be done about residents who have trash accumulation on their properties and tall grass. He said there have been numerous complaints about the city failing to do anything. The mayor said the issue is the city doesn't have a contract with any companies to go in and clean up the properties as needed. The property owner is sent a letter and given five days to clean up. They are fined for each day the issue is not corrected thereafter, however Hudson said many do not pay or cannot afford to pay. The fines are put on as a lien to the property.

The mayor suggested meeting with Hudson the next morning and going over the properties in question and coming up with some companies to contact. Hudson said there are nine properties, right now, that are in pretty serious condition.

The following building permits were approved since the last meeting

-Haley Burch on High Street for a privacy fence

-Martin County Humane Society on North Oak Street for a building addition and sign

-Raymond and Tina Chesser on East Main Street for a front stoop

-Marie Truelove in Sunset Trailer Court for the addition of a mobile home

-Kenny Greenwell on North Line Street for a demolition

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OBITUARIES

MILDRED "MIM" DIVINE

Mildred A. "Mim" Divine went home to be with Jesus on September 9, 2020 at 2:45 p.m. A resident of Loogootee, she was 91.

She was born at home on November 29, 1928 in Rutherford Township, Martin County; the daughter of Orville and Mabel (Hembree) Divine.

Mim was "floor lady" at Reliance Manufacturing which later became Perfect Fit and was a member of the Trinity Gospel Tabernacle in Loogootee. Mim spent her life serving others unselfishly. She was dearly loved by her family and her legacy will live on for generations to come.

Survivors include two sisters, Clara J. Smith of Shoals and Dorothy S. (Arthur) Snyder of Washington; and several nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, and one brother-in-law, Norbert Smith.

Private services are planned for the family with burial in the Goodwill Cemetery.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral have been entrusted with the arrangement.

MARIETTA JOHNSON

Marietta Johnson, formerly of Terre Haute, passed away at the St. Charles Health Campus in Jasper on Friday, September 11, 2020, surrounded by her daughters. A resident of Jasper, she was 90.

She was born in Ohio on June 16, 1930, and raised in Natrona Heights, Pennsylvania. It was there she met the love of her life, Richard H. Johnson. They were mar-



MARIETTA JOHNSON

ried on February 14, 1953. He preceded her in death on June 6, 1997.

Marietta attended Mary Washington College in Virginia and New Kensington Commercial School in Pennsylvania. She worked as a receptionist at both WBOW Radio and The Crossroads of America Council of the Boy Scouts in Terre Haute.

She was an avid bridge player. Her hobbies included counted cross-stitch and using a computer. Marietta was a devoted wife and mother, known for her quick wit and sense of humor.

Surviving are two daughters, Linda Sherfick (Larry) of Shoals and Mary Johnson of Norfolk, Virginia; two grandchildren, Elise Hasenstab of Norfolk, Virginia, and Augustus Sherfick of Austin, Texas; niece, Janet Caryll (Sam) of Glenshaw, Pennsylvania; and nephew, Bob Johnson (Lisa) of Racine, Wisconsin.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Charles and Blanche McKnight.

A private graveside service will be held at the Highland Lawn Cemetery in Terre Haute.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that, in Marietta's words, "Do something nice for yourself."

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

MARGIE MADDEN

Margie J. Madden passed away Sep-

tember 1, 2020. A resident of Indianapolis, she was 86.

Margie was born in Shoals on June 7, 1934; the daughter of the late Odest and Ethel (Hart) Lundy. On December 23, 1952 Margie married William Madden who preceded her in death in 2000. Together, they went on to raise six children, Ron, Brenda, Mike, Lynn, Cathy, and Keith. Margie enjoyed sewing, working in the yard, and most of all she enjoyed spending time with her growing family.



MARGIE MADDEN

Margie is survived by her children, Ron Madden (Jenny), Brenda Pool, Mike Madden (Tina), Lynn Benne, Cathy Trefz (Larry), Keith Madden (Beth), as well as her grandchildren, Eric, Mike, Angie, Jason, Jenny, Jessica, Brian, Robbie, and Kristin. She is also survived by her great grandchildren, Stephen, Jaycie, Tyler, Ally, Amayah, Aleah, Megan, Bradley, Alex, Morgan, Garrett T., and Garrett J.; and siblings, Dale Lundy, and Wilmer Lundy (Alice).

Margie is preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

A funeral service was held Saturday, September 5 at Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service & Crematory, Greenwood Chapel. Burial followed at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

DAVID QUALKENBUSH

David Wesley Qualkenbush passed away September 11, 2020 in Washington at the Daviess County Hospital. A resident of Shoals, he was 62.

He was born January 25, 1958; the son of James R. and Wilma (Sorrells) Qualkenbush. He was previously employed at the Red Door Industries in Loogootee.

David is survived by his mother, Wilma Qualkenbush of Shoals; and brothers, Michael (Debbie) Qualkenbush, Brad (Sandy) Qualkenbush and Shawn



DAVID QUALKENBUSH

Qualkenbush, all of Shoals; nieces, Karen Baker, Kellie Shaw and Lindsay Qualkenbush; nephews, Lance (Vonda) Mountford, Kevin Qualkenbush, C.J. Qualkenbush, Aaron Qualkenbush and Andrew Qualkenbush; aunts, Jeanne Edwards of Bedford, Marilyn Hardwick of Shoals and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, James R. Qualkenbush; grandparents, Oscar and Bernice Sorrells and James and Vina Qualkenbush; a sister, Sherry Emmick; aunts, Hazel Moore, Helen Payne, Ruth Stout; and one uncle, Gene Qualkenbush.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 15 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with burial in the Pleasant Valley Cemetery.

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

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We would like to thank the Loogootee Police Department, the First responders, the Martin County EMS for their assistance. For the Queen Lee Funeral Home for the arrangements and for all of our friends and family that have been there for us through this difficult time. We appreciate the love you have given us through your visits, food, cards and gifts.
-The family of Marvin "Butch" Bailey.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

8:50 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

9:20 a.m. - Received a report of a juvenile locked in a vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

9:40 a.m. - Received a request for assistance in locating an emergency vet. Dispatch advised due to the holiday they are unaware of anyone available in our area. The caller should notify an animal hospital out of town.

11:00 a.m. - Received a request for animal control to pick up a stray dog. Animal Control Officer Hughett was advised.

12:30 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle check near Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan responded.

1:00 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock near Loogootee. Caller advised to disregard they were able to unlock the vehicle.

1:22 p.m. - Received a report of a trailer fire near Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene, Deputy Flanagan, Shoals Fire Department, Martin County Civil Defense, and Martin County Ambulance, and the State Fire Marshal responded.

3:15 p.m. - Received a report of a field fire near Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene, Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded.

3:20 p.m. - Received a request for extra patrol in Shoals. All Martin County deputies were advised.

4:10 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:24 p.m. - Received a request for a lift assist only in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

6:40 p.m. - Received a request for a lift assist only in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

2:21 a.m. - Received a request for assistance in locating a subject wanted by the West Baden Police Department. Deputy Seymour and Loogootee Officer Means responded. One subject was transported to Orange County.

4:01 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Officer Means responded. One patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:22 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Shoals. Major Keller responded.

11:58 a.m. - Received a report of a stray dog near Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was advised.

1:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Major Keller responded.

1:55 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded. One patient was transported to I.U. Health Bedford by Seals Ambulance Service.

2:05 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Daviess County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

2:09 p.m. - Received a report of a field fire south of Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense, Loogootee Fire Department, and Major Keller responded.

3:00 p.m. - Received a request for a

welfare check near Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

3:05 p.m. - Received a request for a deputy in reference to fraud. Deputy Gibson responded.

3:55 p.m. - Received a request for a deputy near Shoals in reference to identity theft. Deputy Gibson responded.

4:17 p.m. - Received a request for assistance with an animal issue near Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was advised.

4:28 p.m. - Received a report of a two-vehicle accident without injuries in Loogootee. Loogootee Dispatch was advised.

5:10 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check south of Loogootee. Deputy Gibson responded.

6:08 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Loogootee. Deputy Gibson responded.

7:43 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Shoals. Deputy Gibson and Martin County Ambulance responded. One patient was transported to Good Samaritan Hospital in Vincennes.

8:15 p.m. - Received a request for an officer in reference to a domestic dispute. Sgt. Reed, Deputy Gibson, and Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

8:47 p.m. - Received a report of a one-vehicle accident with a deer near Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

9:30 p.m. - Received a report of a burglary alarm at a business north of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Means responded.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

4:07 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near the Daviess County line. Daviess County Dispatch was advised.

7:43 a.m. - Received a report of a two-vehicle accident in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Fire Department, and Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded. No one was transported.

8:36 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

9:01 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee. ISP Trooper Beaver and Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

9:15 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Chief Rayhill and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one transported.

10:17 a.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn south of Loogootee. Major Keller responded.

11:36 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle inspection near Shoals. Major Keller responded.

12:04 p.m. - Received a request for animal control near Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was advised.

12:12 p.m. - Received a report of an Amazon internet scam. Dispatch advised the appropriate security measures.

5:41 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. One patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

4:18 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Daviess County. Advised Daviess County Sheriff's Office.

5:09 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire responded.

5:48 a.m. - Received a request for an

officer. Deputy Barnett responded.

7:45 a.m. - Received a report of a brush fire near Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

7:50 a.m. - Received a request for back up Loogootee for a domestic dispute. Major Keller responded.

8:05 a.m. - Received a request for an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

8:50 a.m. - Received a report of a phone pole hit. Frontier responded.

10:00 a.m. - Sheriff Roush was out investigating a trash dump site.

2:40 p.m. - Received an animal complaint. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

3:25 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle. US Hwy 50 was closed then reopened. Deputy Gibson and Shoals Fire responded.

3:35 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

5:00 p.m. - Received a request for an officer. Loogootee Police responded.

6:15 p.m. - Received a request for a deputy. Deputy Gibson responded.

6:18 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver. Advised Loogootee Police.

6:36 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire responded.

7:07 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute. Deputy Gibson, Loogootee Sergeant McBeth, and ISP Trooper Nolan responded.

9:14 p.m. - Shoals Town Marshal Eckert assisted a motorist in Shoals.

9:18 p.m. - Received a request for officer assistance. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

9:33 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert and Martin County EMS responded.

10:17 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Advised Loogootee Police.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

6:34 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance. Martin County EMS, Shoals Fire, and Deputy Barnett responded.

2:05 p.m. - Received a request to speak to an officer. Deputy Lents responded.

2:50 p.m. - Received a report of a trespasser.

4:15 p.m. - Received a request for an officer. Deputy Lents responded.

4:37 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person. Deputy Lents responded.

7:14 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle accident. Advised Loogootee Police.

7:35 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver. Advised Loogootee Police.

9:17 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance. Martin County EMS and Lost River Fire responded.

10:14 p.m. - Received a request for an officer. Advised Loogootee Police.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

12:40 a.m. - Received a report of a disturbance. Deputy Gibson, Deputy Barnett, Reserve Deputy Dorsey, and Loogootee Officer Means responded.

7:42 a.m. - Received a report of livestock out. Deputy Lents, Loogootee Captain Hennette and the owners responded.

9:00 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check. Deputy Lents responded.

10:23 a.m. - Received a request for a deputy. Deputy Lents responded.

10:59 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance. Martin County EMS responded.

11:30 a.m. - Received a request to speak to a deputy. Deputy Lents responded.

11:54 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check. Advised Loogootee Police.

12:00 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock. Deputy Lents responded.

4:30 p.m. - Received a report of a threatening message. Deputy Lents responded.

4:56 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire responded.

7:49 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance. Deputy Seymour responded.

8:25 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance. Deputy Seymour responded.

Sunday, September 13

1:59 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire responded.

2:33 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance. Martin County EMS responded.

3:52 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance. Martin County EMS responded.

3:57 p.m. - Received a request for animal control. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

7:27 p.m. - Received a report of a theft. Deputy Barnett responded.

8:08 p.m. - Received a report of a gas line on fire. Shoals Fire and Vectren responded.

9:13 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance. Martin County EMS, Loogootee Officer Means, Deputy Seymour, and the Martin County Coroner's Office responded.

10:39 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver. Advised Deputies Seymour and Barnett.



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COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS

September 4

Jace Brynne Ross, convicted of resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 10 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 5 actual days previously served plus 5 Class A credit days.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

September 2

Brian M. Conley, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Sasha L. Pottorff, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

September 4

James C. Gingras, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

September 3

Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC vs. Patricia Paul, civil collection.

Belinda Smith Rose vs. Larry A. Rose, petition for dissolution of marriage.

September 4

Adriana Bittorf vs. Ryan Bittorf, petition for dissolution of marriage.

September 8

James E. Wilson vs. Melanie D. Wilson, petition for dissolution of marriage.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

September 2

Greene's Body Shop, Inc. vs. Troy Arvin, complaint.

Greene's Body Shop, Inc. vs. Alan P. Williams, complaint.

Greene's Body Shop, Inc. vs. Tom Fischer, complaint.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

September 11

Craig M. Burch of Loogootee and Samantha J. Hogan of Loogootee.

ARRESTS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

1:20 p.m. - Rayna Moffitt, 35, of Loogootee, was arrested by Major Keller and charged with six counts of theft. She is being held on a \$10,000/10% bond.

3:46 p.m. - Brad Coleman, 44, of Shoals, was arrested by Major Keller on a Martin County warrant for three counts of theft. He is being held without bond.

4:17 p.m. - Cody Waid, 25, of Loogootee, was arrested by Major Keller on a Martin County warrant for three counts of theft. He is being held on no bond.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

7:44 p.m. - John Mattingly, 42, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Sergeant McBeth and charged with invasion of privacy. He is being held without bond. ISP Trooper Nolan assisted with the arrest.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

7:35 p.m. - Brain Asbell, 52, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Seymour and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated. He is being held on a \$3,000 10% bond.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

9:22 a.m. - Chief Rayhill completed a welfare check on a child in Lion Country Court.

11:30 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted Indiana State Police with a shoplifting that occurred at the Dollar General Store.

2:58 p.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted with an eviction notice.

4:09 p.m. - First responders were sent to a medical call on Westwood Drive.

6:37 p.m. - First responders responded to a medical call on Walnut Street.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

4:01 a.m. - Officer Means assisted the ambulance with a medical call on South Kentucky Avenue.

1:30 p.m. - Received a call in reference to a civil matter.

2:07 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a field fire on Wallace Lane.

4:31 p.m. - Officer Means responded to a property damage accident on US 50 at the US 231S junction.

6:03 p.m. - Officer Means assisted Martin County with a report of a reckless driver on US 231 North.

9:30 p.m. - Officer Means responded to a business burglar alarm.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

7:45 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a report of a property damage accident at US 231 North and Williams Street.

9:00 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the Indiana State Police with a traffic stop.

9:14 a.m. - First responders were sent to a medical call on John C. Strange Street.

11:10 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department and Indiana State Police at the scene of a traffic accident at US 231 and 100S.

12:35 p.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with an arrest.

4:13 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver.

4:40 p.m. - Sgt McBeth assisted a stranded motorist on Broadway Street.

8:32 p.m. - Sgt McBeth responded to a report of juveniles on the railroad tracks.

9:06 p.m. - Sgt McBeth assisted a stranded motorist at Chuckles Convenience Store.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Martin County real estate transfers

Michael R. Meiring, of Martin County, Indiana to **Carletta R. Fowle**, a part of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 12, Township 1 North, Range 5 West, containing 10.49 acres, more or less. Also, a part of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 12, Township 1 North, Range 5 West, containing 0.16 acre, more or less. More commonly known as 2199 US Highway 231, Loogootee.

Todd D. Harding, of Martin County, Indiana to **Teresa D. Hewitt, Tamara D. Jones, and Tawni D. Ridgley**, of Indiana, a part of the south half of the southeast quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.27 acre, more or less.

Mary Sue Bowman Horst, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Tyler Divine and Kenedi Divine**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 6, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, in Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1 acre, more or less.

Teresa D. Hewitt, Tamara D. Jones and Tawni D. Ridgley, of Indiana to **Todd D. Harding**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing one-half acre, more or less, except a section containing 0.27 acre, more or less.

Richard Gerald Hall, of Monroe County, Indiana to **Vincent Hunter**

7:50 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a domestic dispute on SW 3rd Street.

3:31 p.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to assist with traffic congestion at Wood Street and JFK Avenue.

6:46 p.m. - First responders were sent to Lion Country Court on a medical call.

7:07 p.m. - Sgt McBeth responded to a report of a battery occurred in Lion Country Court.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

7:18 p.m. - Officer Means and Loogootee Fire Department assisted with a semi-truck that was off the roadway and in a ditch on US 231 North and Williams Street.

10:21 p.m. - Officer Means responded to a report of threats being made by phone.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

12:40 a.m. - Officer Means assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department and Indiana State Police on a call of a domestic dispute on Butcher Boulevard.

7:45 a.m. - Received a report of cattle on the roadway on Church Street. Owner was contacted.

9:39 a.m. - Captain Hennette assisted Martin County Sheriff's Department with an emergency detention.

12:38 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a report of erratic driving on 231 South nearing Loogootee.

4:56 p.m. - First responders were sent to Walnut Street on a medical call.

5:56 p.m. - Captain Hennette and Officer Means responded to a report of suspicious people at the industrial park that were illegally dumping.

7:20 p.m. - Officer Means spoke with an employee at Family Dollar in reference to a person that had been banned from the business and has returned.

7:25 p.m. - Officer Means assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with an arrest.

7:45 p.m. - Officer Means assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a domestic dispute on US 231 North.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

2:52 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a business burglar alarm.

9:12 p.m. - Officer Means responded to a report of an unresponsive person on Lincoln Avenue.

Romero and Phyllis Jenell Moffatt, of Daviess County, Indiana, Lot Number 1 in the original Town of Crane.

Randall L. Kaiser and Linda K. Kaiser, of Martin County, Indiana to **Alexis D. Wagler and Myron J. Knepp**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: A part of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 31, Township 4 North, Range 4 West, in Martin County, Indiana, containing five acres, more or less. Tract II: A part of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 31, Township 4 North, Range 4 West, in Martin County, Indiana, containing four acres, more or less.

Stanley D. Young and Mary J. Young, of Martin County, Indiana to **James S. Mundy**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Numbered 28 and 31 in Section II of Sawmill Ridge.



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More Neat Stuff

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THINGS I'M SUPER GOOD AT by I Might be Funny (Sent by Ken Blad)

1. Forgetting someone's name 30 seconds after they tell me.
2. Running...Late, that is.
3. Making plans...then regretting making plans.
4. Thinking of a great comeback – an hour later.
5. Digging through the trash for the food box I just tossed, because I already forgot the directions.
6. Adding items to online carts. Then deleting.
7. Googling my ailments. Then panicking.
8. Leaving laundry to wrinkle in the dryer.
9. Forgetting why I walked into the room.
10. Calculating how much sleep I'll get if I can just "fall asleep right now."

THOUGHTS

*You know when you buy a bag of salad and it gets all brown and soggy? Cookies don't do that.

*In the Midwest, we don't say, "I'm leaving." We slap both hands on our knees and say, "Well, I spouse" and then continue talking for 30 more minutes.

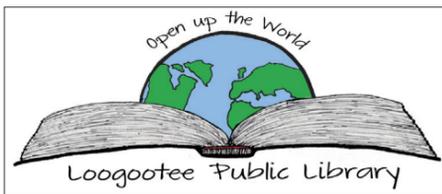
*When I get a dog, I'm going to name him Five Miles so I can say I walk five miles every day.

*Refusing to go to the gym counts as resistance training, right?

*You don't need a parachute to go sky diving. You need a parachute to go sky-diving twice.

*I have all the money I'll ever need – if I die by 3:00 p.m. this afternoon.

A curious mom uses her new iPhone to



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Assistant Librarian Carolyn Parsons-Downey will begin a book club beginning in October at the library. The first book will be "Where the Crawdad Sings" by Delia Owens. A sign-up sheet is available at the library. COVID-19 guidelines will be followed. More information will be available soon.

Friends of Loogootee Library (FOLL) changed the book sale to an ongoing book sale for now. There is a large cart inside the library with nice hardbacks, paperbacks, Children's books, DVDs and audiobooks. Bring your money and choose your books then put in container provided.

New Books:
Mystery: "Total Power" by Vince Flynn.
Fiction: "The Lake Wobegon Virus" by Garrison Keillor and "Chance of a Lifetime" by Jude Deveraux.

Inspirational Fiction: "Airborne" by Diann Mills, Librarian of Boone's Hollow by Kim Vogel Sawyer.

DVDs: "Hallmark: My Type", "Love, Romance, and Chocolate", and "Just Mercy".

The library 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.

text her daughter to ask a very important question. The text reads: What does IDK, ILY, TTYL mean?

Before long, the daughter texts back, "I don't know. I love you. Talk to you later" to which the mom responds, "It's okay. Don't worry about it, I'll ask your brother. Love you, too."

PUNS

*As a scarecrow, people say I'm outstanding in my field. But hay, it's in my jeans.

*I was a bookkeeper for 10 years. The local library wasn't too happy about it.

*I wrote a song about a tortilla. Well, actually, it's more of a wrap.

*A boiled egg is hard to beat.

*Velcro – what a rip-off!

*The first time I got a universal remote control, I thought to myself, "This changes everything."

*As the shoe said to the hat, "You go ahead. I'll follow you on foot."

*Writing with a broken pencil is completely pointless.

*Don't trust atoms. They make up everything.

*I, for one, like Roman numerals.

*When a clock is hungry, does it go back four seconds?

Make someone smile today!

High school students invited to compete in national poetry contest

The National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation present Poetry Out Loud™ in partnership with the Indiana Arts Commission. This national arts education program encourages the study of great poetry by offering free educational materials and a dynamic recitation competition to high schools across the country. This program helps students master public speaking skills and build self-confidence, while also learning more about both classic and contemporary poetry.

During the 2020/21 school year, schools are invited to participate in classroom and school wide contests (virtual or in-person), advancing to a state competition in March 2021. State champions will advance to the national finals, to take place in April 2021, where \$50,000 in awards and school stipends will be distributed.

Since the program began in 2005, more than 3.8 million students and 60,000 teachers

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Loogootee School Board meeting
The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, September 17 at 5 p.m. in the LHS Media Center. The meeting is open to the public.

Solid waste meeting
The Martin County Solid Waste Board will meet Tuesday, September 22, at 5 p.m. at the Martin County Courthouse in the commissioners' room. The meeting is open to the public.

Mustering Elm Park meeting
The September meeting for the Trinity Springs Mustering Elm Park will be Monday, September 21 at 7 p.m. at the Park instead of September 14.

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

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 6 p.m. at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

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

conduct their own contests using the online resources. Contact Stephanie Haines at shaines@iac.in.gov or visit poetryoutloud.org for more information.

Each state champion will receive \$200 and an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, DC, to compete for the national championship. The state champion's school will receive a \$500 stipend for the purchase of poetry materials. The first runner-up in each state will receive \$100, with \$200 for his or her school library. Poetry Out Loud will award a total of \$50,000 in cash and school stipends at the national finals, including a \$20,000 award for the Poetry Out Loud National Champion. The Poetry Foundation provides and administers all aspects of the monetary prizes awarded and travel arrangements to the Poetry Out Loud National Finals.

For further information on Poetry Out Loud, visit www.in.gov/arts/2560.htm.

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As summer winds down and the weather begins to cool, it is easy to spend a lot of hours in the garden. It may be one of the best times of the year to just sit and enjoy the cool evening breezes and watch a sunset. Of course, for me, my favorite venue for doing that is the top of the cliff and my moon garden. The white flowers in that garden really do stand out in the dim light of the evening and as the dusk gives way to darkness, the lights of the solar light fountain come on. It really is an enchanting way to end a day.

Many plants mature at this time of year. The goal of every flower is to make seed to create more plants. That is true of weeds as well. To prevent weeds next year, it is important to get the weeds out of the garden before they begin to drop seeds. Do not put such plant material in your compost bin, as those seeds may not be killed if the compost is not hot enough.

Decisions must be made concerning many other plants in the garden. Perennials, such as phlox and coneflowers, will self-seed if allowed to stand. Birds may carry seeds to other areas around the garden. If that is not a problem for you, my advice is to allow those plants to stand. They will provide some winter interest and will be a source of nourishment for the birds. If you do not want such plants to self-sow, you need to remove the spent flowers and dispose of them.

Shrubs have also put on a lot of new growth over the summer, and I have had several people who have asked me about trimming the shrubs. Actually, it is time to oil up the trimmers and put them away for the year. The only trimming that should be done now is to cut out any damaged material. There are several reasons that it is a bad time for pruning. One is that many plants set their flowers on the wood the plant produced the previous year and pruning now will take off the flowers for next year. This is especially true of shrubs that flower

in early spring. Another reason is that pruning serves to produce new growth. At this time of the year, that new growth will not have enough time to harden off before cold weather arrives and will likely be damaged by freezing temperatures. Such damage could permanently harm the plant, resulting in a misshapen shrub or even leading to the death of the plant. The next opportunity for pruning will come after we have had a killing frost. At that time, shrubs other than those that flower early in the spring may be trimmed and shaped.

To be completely honest, I did tell one reader to go ahead and trim a shrub. The shrub about which he asked was a burning bush, which is an invasive plant. I advised him to trim it down to the ground.

Patoka Lake hosts 'Wheelin' IN the Fish'

Patoka Lake's 18th annual "Wheelin' IN the Fish" will be held at Osborn boat ramp on Saturday, September 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This free fishing event promotes the accessible features of Patoka Lake for people with disabilities and their families.

The event will have free fishing, free boat rides and free lunch. Everything needed to participate will be provided, from fishing poles to tackle and refreshments, including a free lunch. Certificates and door prizes will be awarded to all participants.

The DNR, Patoka Bass Anglers, and Southern Indiana Center for Independent Living (SICIL) host this annual event. Bring lawn chairs and sunscreen to enjoy the day at Patoka Lake.

Osborn boat ramp is located off State Road 145 two miles north of S.R. 164 and 14 miles south of French Lick. For more information call the Patoka Lake Nature Center at 812-685-2447.

Patoka Lake (on.IN.gov/patokalake) is at 3084 N. Dillard Road, Birdseye, IN 47513.

NRC expands nature preserve

The Natural Resources Commission (NRC), during its bi-monthly meeting on Tuesday, approved the addition of 57.12 acres to Elkhart Bog Nature Preserve in Elkhart County, adding to the existing 159 acres previously dedicated.

This action expands the area of protected bog and associated rare species by adding bog habitat as well as dry forest and restored sand prairie.

Elkhart Bog is a large wetland formed on top of an old glacial lake. A mat of sedges and sphagnum moss grew across the top of the lake, creating a floating mat of peat, plants, and plant roots. Flora of interest includes purple pitcher plants, bog rosemary, green adder's mouth orchids, and winterberry holly. Sandhill cranes, spotted turtles, Blanding's turtles, and marsh wrens are native to the area.

In other action, the NRC:

-Approved the Hearing Officer's report regarding the Petition for the Establishment of the Turkey Creek Dam and Dike Conservancy District in Kosciusko County.

-Granted final adoption concerning amendments to 312 IAC 9, biennial wildlife rulemaking package; LSA #20-069(F); Administrative Cause No. 19-042D, which makes changes to rules addressing several licenses and permits but most significantly adds ruffed grouse to the list of state endangered species of birds and approves for the deer firearms hunting season the use of air rifles and air bows that meet certain specifications.

-Granted final adoption for amendments to 312 IAC 9-6, 312 IAC 9-7, and 312 IAC 9-9, biennial fisheries rulemaking package; LSA #20-081(F); Administrative Cause No. 19-037D. Included in this package are the addition of a variety of definitions for sport fishing equipment such as trotlines, and the addition of cisco and Western sand darter and removal of Northern brook lamprey from the endangered list. Also included are amendments addressing the bag, possession and size limits for black bass taken from Bixler,

Henderson, Little Long and Round Lakes in Noble County and for saugeye taken from Glenn Flint Lake in Putnam County. Additionally, the package includes amendments addressing equipment for sport fishing on the Ohio River and changes to the daily bag limit, possession limit and size limit for walleye, sauger and saugeye taken from the Ohio.

-Approved final readoption of 312 IAC 5, providing standards for the use of a boat on public waters of Indiana; LSA #20-355(F); Administrative Cause No. 20-LE-003.

-Approved readoption of 312 IAC 9.5, providing standards for article that establishes an option to request an in-lieu fee to mitigate adverse impacts to fish, wildlife, or botanical resources for activities authorized in permits issued; LSA #20-410(F); Administrative Cause No. 20-FW-006.

-Approved readoption of 312 IAC 10, providing standards for the delineation and regulation of floodplains to decrease existing flood damages, mitigate future flood damages, and promote the health, safety, and welfare.

The final NRC meeting for 2020 will be held Nov. 17 in Indianapolis.

More details on all actions taken by the NRC and supporting documents can be found at nrc.IN.gov/2354.htm.

The NRC is an autonomous board that addresses topics pertaining to the DNR and the NRC Division of Hearings.

NRC members include the DNR director, heads of three other state agencies (Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Indiana Office of Tourism Development, and the Indiana Department of Transportation), six citizens appointed by the governor on a bipartisan basis, the chair of the DNR's advisory council, and the president of the Indiana Academy of Science. The Academy of Science president and the agency heads, other than the DNR director, may appoint proxies to serve the commission in their absences.

Celebrate National Public Lands Day

National Public Lands Day is Saturday, September 26, and during that weekend Hoosiers can celebrate by supporting their favorite DNR property by doing volunteer work or simply visiting.

National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest single-day volunteer effort involving public lands. State park properties will have programs for visitors to volunteer as individuals or as part of many events across Indiana, but they can also choose to visit and just enjoy their favorite areas.

Outdoor enthusiasts can also combine visiting and volunteering by grabbing a bucket and taking on the five-gallon challenge, www.facebook.com/groups/1655438817928032/

September 26 is also National Hunting and Fishing Day, an opportunity to celebrate the role of hunting, recreational shooting, trapping, and fishing in conservation. In addition to participating in volunteer activities, sportsmen and sportswomen can take along someone

new as they enjoy the last Free Fishing Day of the year (dnr.IN.gov/fishfree) or share their passion with youth by participating in Youth Deer Season (wildlife.IN.gov/9323.htm).

On Sunday, September 27, Indiana State Parks, Indiana State Forests, and State Recreation Areas will offer free admission where entrance fees are normally charged.

The entire weekend serves as a reminder that public lands are places for outdoor recreation, conservation, and making memories with families and friends. Events include hikes, pioneer activities, crafts, Learn to Fish events (on.IN.gov/learn2fish), and live bird shows.

For a complete list of programs, see calendar.dnr.IN.gov. Information about how to be a DNR volunteer can be found at on.IN.gov/dnrvolunteer.

For more information on National Public Lands Day, see PublicLandsDay.org.

For more information on National Hunting and Fishing Day, see nhfd.org.

CLASSIFIED ADS

YARD SALES

GARAGE SALE Franklin Residence, 13223 Mt. Calvary Road, Loogootee. Thursday, September 17, 3-7 p.m. and Friday, September 18, 2-6 p.m. This garage sale does not have clothing. Lots of men's stuff, gas weed eater, leaf blower, new heater (never used), tools, electronic items, etc. Some furniture, women's bicycle with child seat on back, old stuff, kid's toys and lots of miscellaneous. Not responsible for accidents.

HELP WANTED

Economic Resiliency Coordinator

Job Title: Economic Resiliency Coordinator

Status: Full-time; 35 hours per week

The Southern Indiana Development Commission (SIDC), a regional council of governments, seeks a talented and dynamic Economic Resiliency Coordinator to facilitate regional economic recovery and resiliency planning efforts in Daviess, Greene, Knox, Lawrence, and Martin counties. The ER Coordinator will help lead a regional planning effort to respond to the economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic. The selected candidate will report directly to the Executive Director and be primarily responsible for administering the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Recovery Assistance grant for the SIDC region. Duties will transition after the grant completion in July 2022 to economic and community development responsibilities of SIDC which has a number of services for local governments including project development, grant writing, housing assistance, blighted properties redevelopment, administrative services, transportation, planning and other services as required.

All questions should be directed to:
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Making A Difference

By Curt Johnson
MCCF Director



-- PPE FOR MARTIN COUNTY --
I've talked before about the Martin County Community Foundation's (MCCF) Emergency Relief Fund (ERF) and how the United Way of South Central Indiana (UWSC) and the MCCF have used this fund to help with COVID-19 relief efforts in Martin County.

Our nonprofit partners serving Martin County have an understanding of the ramifications of the healthcare crisis and the impact upon people in our community. The ERF is to help these organizations

meet their increasing and unplanned needs. We have a "Rapid Response" application and process on our webpage to facilitate, review and approve applications as quickly as we can.

-- FOR 4-H, LAW ENFORCEMENT --
A part of these grant funds went to provide face masks and hand sanitizer to some of our organizations in need. We've already distributed some of this Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to volunteer fire departments, recovery groups, and food pantries in the county. This week I'm glad to share

that we've also been able to distribute PPE to the Martin County 4-H, Martin County Sheriff, Shoals Police Department, and Loogootee Police Department.

-- MORE INFORMATION --
For more information about the MCCF and how we can help you give back to your community, please contact the MCCF Di-

rector, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org.

You are also welcome to visit our webpage at www.cfpartner.org, follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/MartinCountyCF, and "like" the MCCF Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mccommunityfoundation.

Loogootee HS Boys' Tennis still undefeated

The Loogootee High School Varsity Boys' Tennis Team swept Wood Memorial, 5-0, last Friday, September 11. The team remains undefeated at 15-0. No junior varsity matches were played.

Varsity results
#1 Singles Jalen Wildman (L) defeated Paxton Schwomeyer 6-0, 6-2
#2 Singles Bryant Eckerle (L) defeated Lucas Gress 6-0, 6-0
#3 Singles Isaac Waggner (L) defeated Nathan Lee 6-1, 6-2
#1 Doubles Luke Nonte/Peyton Bledsoe (L) defeated Alton Falls/Alex Poe 6-0, 6-0
#2 Doubles Rory Tippery/Drew Walker (L) defeated Gentry Clark/Anthony Gress 6-1, 6-0

The boys took on North Daviess last Tuesday, September 8. The varsity won 4-1 and the junior varsity also took the win, 5-1.

Head Coach Mike Tippery said after the matches, "It was great to see Jalen set the school record for wins today. I know this has been a goal of his as far back as last season. With COVID-19 looming, I am just glad he has had the opportunity to play this year and perform at a high level. Pretty much every guy that came off the court today complained they couldn't feel their legs. The three matches we played this weekend took a lot out of us. I am just

glad we mustered enough strength and played well enough to beat a good North Daviess team."

Varsity results
#1 Singles Jaylen Mullen (ND) defeated Jordan Wildman 6-3, 6-3
#2 Singles Jalen Wildman (L) defeated Colin Kemp 6-3, 6-1
#3 Singles Bryant Eckerle (L) defeated Devin Collins 6-3, 6-2
#1 Doubles Peyton Bledsoe/Luke Nonte (L) defeated Brooks Helms/Markus Brittain 6-4, 6-4
#2 Doubles Rory Tippery/Drew Walker (L) defeated Brecklin Byrer/Cam Sassano 6-1, 6-1

Junior varsity results
#1 Singles Isaac Waggner (L) defeated Max Toy 8-2
#2 Singles Leighton Jeffers (L) defeated Brycen Skinner 8-4
#3 Singles Dominic Schelutz (ND) defeated Brady Taylor 6-2
#1 Doubles Reece Tippery/Austin Brittain (L) defeated Bodey Mullis/Aiden Pridemore 8-1
#2 Doubles Brandon Bledsoe/Luke Lengacher (L) defeated Max Hastings/Ryan Wittmer 8-0
#3 Doubles Jacob Lengacher/Wyatt Sheetz (L) defeated Max Hastings/Ryan Wittmer 6-4

Lady Lions Volleyball win Loogootee Invitational

The Loogootee Varsity Volleyball team won the Loogootee Invitational on Saturday, September 12. The Lady Lions defeated Paoli 25-6 and 25-13, Borden 25-1 and 25-7, and Bloomfield 25-22, 26-28 and 15-8. The girls move to 12-2 on the season.

Makenzie VanHoy led the team in points for the day with 31 with 14 aces. She also led in assists with 38 and had 14 kills. Kylie VanHoy led in kills with 21 and contributed 21 assists. Jocelyn Strange led the team in digs with 26 and added 15 points. Sara Street finished with 16 kills, Asia Crim had 22 digs for the day and Brooklyn Summers finished with 12 assists.

The varsity girls defeated Forest Park last week in three sets, 25-10, 25-9, and 25-19.

Kylie VanHoy led in kills with 15 and also finished with 11 assists. Makenzie VanHoy led in assists with 20 and also contributed a team-high eight digs, a team-high 12 points (with four aces) and nine kills. Grace Lingenfelter finished with 11 points and five aces and six digs. Asia Crim also had six digs.

The junior varsity Lady Lions also defeated Forest Park in two sets, 25-21 and 25-20. The JV move to 5-2 on the season.

Brooklyn Summers and Lindsey Nolan led the team in points with six each followed by Mallorie Sutton and Kyleigh Courter with five each. Madison McAtee led in kills with seven followed closely behind by Sutton and Courter with six each. Brooklyn Summers led the team in assists with 20 and in digs with 15. Courter added 14 digs and Sydnee Wittmer had 11.

The varsity girls defeated North Daviess last Tuesday in three sets, 25-14, 25-5, and 25-16. Kylie VanHoy led in kills with 13 and also contributed 11 assists. Makenzie VanHoy had a team-high 22 assists and finished with seven kills and seven digs. Asia Crim led in points with 19 followed by Grace Lingenfelter with 14. Lingenfelter also had eight digs. Jocelyn Strange led the team in digs with 12. Abbey Fuhrman and Sara Street each contributed five kills.

The junior varsity Lady Lions also defeated North Daviess in two sets, both 25-10.

Mallorie Sutton led in points with 12 and had six kills and three digs. Brooklyn Summers finished with a team-high 14 assists and had eight points and four digs. Sydnee Wittmer finished with five kills and Madison McAtee had three digs.



Pictured is Garry Smith (MCCF Vice-President) presenting face masks and hand sanitizer to Melissa Sorrells (Martin County Security Center Jail Commander).



Pictured is Chief Kelly Rayhill (Loogootee Police Department) receiving face masks from Curt Johnson (MCCF Director).



Pictured is Officer Todd Eckert (Shoals Police Department) receiving face masks from Jerry Braun (MCCF Board member) with Sierra Rutledge (Town of Shoals Clerk-Treasurer) assisting.



Pictured is Curt Johnson (MCCF Director) presenting face masks to Dena Held (County Extension Director/Educator and 4-H Youth Development).