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City discusses giving tax money to housing project

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty told the city council at their meeting Monday, September 11, that they had received a letter from Hoosier Uplands and Milestone Ventures, Inc. about the possibility of the city donating \$29,700 toward the renovation of the former Elementary East building into senior apartments – to be known as Eagle Place Apartments.

Mayor Harty read the letter to the council where Hoosier Uplands and Milestone said they had received grant funding for the project however due to \$2.2 million in construction costs, they were going to fall short in funds. They need an additional \$200,000. They want to have a community room in the apartment building to hold birthday parties and other gatherings for residents. The cost of the room would be \$27,100 plus \$2,600 for furniture. They wanted the City of Loogootee to pay for this room.

The total square footage of the former East building is 29,258 and the cost to

renovate each square foot is \$75. Mayor Harty told the council that Eagle Place Apartments will be providing 20 units of senior housing and that the apartment building is quite an investment for Loogootee. Harty also noted that Hoosier Uplands and Milestone have already managed to get construction costs cut to \$2.2 million from the original \$2.7 million.

The work is set to start on the building in November.

Council Member Tim Lawrence asked where the money would come from in the budget, if the council approved the donation. Mayor Harty replied that it would come from EDIT (economic development income tax).

Clerk-Treasurer Nancy Jones said she is not sure the city can use EDIT money, which is taxpayer money, to donate to a project like this. She said the city attorney will have to do some research.

Jones added that riverboat money can be used for donations however that fund is currently depleted.

Milestone Ventures was hired to help

Hoosier Uplands with the renovation project. Milestone Ventures is a development consulting company that works with non-profits on housing developments. They are based in Indianapolis. Hoosier Uplands is a non-profit organization based in Southern Indiana that works to provide services to the poor, elderly and disabled.

The council decided to table the discussion until next meeting so the city attorney could look into whether the city could use EDIT funds toward the project.

In unfinished business, Council Member Teresa Nolley asked what was the current status of the credit card and check scanning equipment for the utility office because it was not listed in the unfinished business category of the agenda. She said according to the minutes from last month's meeting, Utility Clerk Nancy Spaulding had given the city attorney the contract to look over so the issue was tabled. Spaulding was not present at the meeting and Mayor Harty said he was unsure what was planned

with that issue. He said, since the last meeting, German American Bank had come forward wanting to offer a quote as well. It was noted by Superintendent Bo Wilson that since the city does their banking with Old National, he is not sure how that would work with German American. Mayor Harty replied again that he was not sure what the plan was. City Attorney Isha Wright-Ryan said she had emailed Spaulding to let her know that she found no issues with the contract presented. Mayor Harty said he would have to speak to Nancy Spaulding.

Council Member Roger Downey said he agreed with Nolley that unfinished business needed to be included on the agenda each month until a decision was made. He said without it being on the agenda, things get overlooked or forgotten about and that causes them frustration. Mayor Harty replied that he is sorry that Downey is frustrated. Downey replied that the mayor is causing his frustration. The mayor then asked if anyone else had anything to add. Clerk-Treasurer (See 'PROJECT' continued on page 2)

Council to hold public hearing about raising income taxes

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Martin County Council decided at their special meeting Monday night, September 18, to increase the economic development income tax by a quarter of a percent. A special meeting will be held Monday, October 16 at 6 p.m. in the commissioners' room of the courthouse to hear public comment on the proposed increase.

At budget hearings, back on September 5 and 6, the council struggled to find cuts totaling the needed \$700,000. After each department head presented their budget, including raises for their employees, the council debated whether to continue to deny raises and find cuts or increase the tax rate.

Many of the department heads returned Monday night for the follow-up discussion and Sheriff Travis Roush was the main part of that discussion. Roush had wanted to add a patrol

deputy, increase the pay of two of his most underpaid employees by \$5,000 each and provide a 25-cent raise for all other employees. Roush had explained to the council that by adding 18 additional beds to the jail, he would now be bringing in an estimated additional \$127,000 to the county each year by taking inmates from overcrowded jails around Indiana. The added work along with the increase in arrests and the jail being a maximum capacity, Roush said his employees deserved to make more money. The council had originally verbally agreed to go forward with the plan to add the 18 beds to the jail and housing out-of-county inmates. Roush had provided the council with a PowerPoint presentation several months ago outlining the additional income but had also included the additional burden on the jail staff. At budget hearings, the council explained to Sheriff Roush that they just didn't see a way to follow through with their original agree-

ment to the plan because they were not aware of the cuts that were going to be needed to the 2018 budget.

Also at budget hearings, the department heads had gathered to express their grievances to the council and had asked them to be more involved in the day-to-day operations of the departments and what each department was faced with. Tensions were high at the budget hearings which prompted County Council President Rich Summers to address the department heads Monday night. Summers said that he understood that he had hurt the feelings of a few employees and he said he had gone around to each department head and spoke to each privately. He agreed that the council needed to be more involved and said that although there may be some remaining hard feelings, he wanted everyone to move forward for the betterment of the county.

The three-hour meeting Monday night allowed department heads to ex-

press their thoughts and ideas on what could be done to improve the county and the council to also talk about different issues that they feel need to be addressed. Council Member Randy Winger spoke about the county's population and the fact that it has not grown since he was in school. He said that the goal, ultimately, would be to get as many high school and college graduates as possible to remain in Martin County to live and work. Ideas were then thrown around on how that could be done. The council and audience discussed a wide array of issues from drug addiction to STEM education.

Hazel Fuhrman, who was in the audience, questioned the council on why the township trustees had so much excess money in their accounts and why the council could not get access to it. She said the townships have close to \$1 million in their accounts and it could be used to help the county. Auditor (See 'TAXES' continued on page 2)

County's unemployment rate stood at 3.5 percent for August

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Martin County's unemployment rate rose to 3.5 percent in August, up from 3 percent the month before. The county had the 17th lowest jobless rate of the 92 Indiana counties for August, tied with five other counties.

In August, the county had 5,135 residents in the workforce with 180 of them without jobs. In July, there were 5,207 residents in the workforce with 158 of them unemployed. In August of last year, Martin County's jobless rate was 4 percent with 5,193 residents in the workforce and 206 of them without jobs.

Daviess County's unemployment rate also went up a half a percentage point in August to 3.3 percent. The county had the seventh lowest jobless rate in the

state for August, tied with Hamilton, Steuben and Whitley counties.

In August, the county had 16,125 residents in the workforce with 536 of them unemployed. In July, there were 16,269 residents able to work and 449 of them were without jobs. In August of 2016, Daviess County's unemployment rate was 3.5 percent with 15,979 residents in the workforce and 554 of them unemployed.

Dubois County also had a slight increase in their unemployment rate from July to August, moving from 2.6 percent to 3 percent. The county had the lowest jobless rate in the state for August, tied with Elkhart County.

In August, the county had 23,719 residents in the workforce with 722 of them unemployed. In July, there were 24,068 residents able to work and 625 of them without jobs. In August of last

year, Dubois County's jobless rate was 3.1 percent with 23,579 residents in the workforce and 742 of them unemployed.

The top ten spots in the state for the lowest unemployment rate for August were Elkhart and Dubois counties at 3 percent, LaGrange and Bartholomew counties at 3.1 percent, Kosciusko and Adams counties at 3.2 percent, and Whitley, Steuben, Daviess and Hamilton counties at 3.3 percent.

The top ten spots in the state for the highest unemployment rate for August were Vermillion County at 5.8 percent, Lake County at 5.6 percent, Fayette County at 5.2 percent, Delaware and Newton counties at 5.1 percent, Owen County at 5 percent, LaPorte and Lawrence counties at 4.9 percent, and Grant and Jasper counties at 4.8 percent.

Indiana's unemployment rate stands at 3.5 percent for August and remains lower than the national rate of 4.4 percent. With the exception of one month when it was equal (October 2015), Indiana's unemployment rate now has been below the U.S. rate for four full years. The unemployment rate is a U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) indicator that reflects the number of unemployed people as a percentage of the labor force. Indiana's labor force increased by 4,615 over the previous month due to an 8,007 decrease in employment and a 12,622 increase in unemployment. Indiana's total labor force stands at nearly 3.34 million, and the state's 64.4 percent labor force participation rate remains above the national rate of 62.9 percent.

In addition, Indiana's initial and ongoing unemployment insurance claims are at historical lows.

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er Jones said she would find out more information and report back to the council.

Superintendent Bo Wilson presented the council with a quote to eliminate bats from the annex building. He said tenants are complaining about the bats but mostly about the bat dung being left in the building. Wilson said he had spoken to Chris Baugh, who does maintenance at the school, and Baugh had recommended this company whom the school had hired to get bats out of the JFK Gym. The company would seal off any holes where the bats were entering the building and clean up any dung. The quote from the company was \$4,500. The company also required that the city provide a lift to get up and down the sides of the building but Wilson said he had not had time to check to see how much that would cost. Wilson also noted that bats are a protected species so they cannot be killed. The city workers have also tried to find the holes where the bats have been entering but have been unsuccessful. The council voted to approve the quote for \$4,500 and it was estimated that the cost to rent a lift would be an additional \$1,200. They also asked Wilson to see if a lift could be borrowed from a local contractor.

The estimated \$5,700 would have to be transferred from the city building improvement account, which contains \$19,000, and moved to the pest control account that is currently in the negative. It was noted that the cost of the new windows in the annex building would

also be coming out of the \$19,000 in the building improvements fund but it was only expected to be around \$9,000.

The council also requested that SIDC, who has an office in the annex building, be approached about contributing to the cost of the bat removal.

The council voted to have trick or treat night on Halloween, Tuesday, October 31, from 6-8 p.m. A parade will also start at St. John's Center at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Harty presented a bill from the Overall residence for a tree removal. He said that the trees removed were partly on the city's right-of-way. The total cost was \$800 and the Overalls asked that the city pay half. Mayor Harty said they will table a decision until next month since he didn't receive the bill until the morning of the meeting.

Council Member Nolley said that the council had discussed it before but residents are required to get at least two quotes for tree removal and get the council's approval for paying a bill prior to having the work done. She said she will not approve payments unless that policy is followed.

Superintendent Wilson wanted to remind everyone that the city's brush pile on North Oak Street may be used by residents but not used by tree cutting companies or any other paid contractors. He said that some contractors who are paid to cut trees from properties are using the city's dump pile to unload the debris. He noted that this requires city man hours to take care of and it shouldn't be happening.

TAXES

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Roush said that the townships have budgets and tax levies that have nothing to do with the county and the county cannot take money from them. The council agreed that it would be helpful if the townships could give up some of their excess however none are aware of how to get that done. Fuhrman said it is something that needs to be addressed with the state.

Tim Kinder, economic development director, gave the council information on a program through Purdue that helps train government officials. He said that he contacted Purdue and they can get a program together tailored to Martin County. The council members all expressed interest in participating in the training and Auditor Roush said she would set it up.

Kinder also spoke to the council about what had been said about him during budget hearings. Kinder said it got personal when where he lived was discussed. He told the council that he has family buried in Martin County and a long line of ancestors from Martin County.

He gave the council a packet of information about the work he has done during his tenure as economic development director for the past 8 years and said that many of the things he works on are confidential and he is unable to talk about it with anyone. He added, holding up the front page of the Martin County Journal, that when companies outside Martin County read negativity

about Martin County, they won't relocate here and the council needs to keep that in mind and get along.

In the end the council decided to let the public decide on whether or not to increase the taxes. It was discussed that if they did not increase the income tax, they would not only be unable to give raises, they would also have to find another \$300,000 in cuts from next year's budget.

The economic development income tax currently sits at .20 percent. The increase would bump it to .45 percent. Auditor January Roush said this would bring in an additional \$375,000 to the county and would eliminate the budget shortfall. Putting the increase in EDIT allows more flexibility on how funds can be spent.

Council Member Warren Albright said that if they did increase taxes, he didn't want the budget next year to be inflated because everyone felt there was extra money to work with. He said that this was supposed to get Martin County back to even.

The council decided to add 25 cents for each employee, across the board and add the additional \$5,000 each for the two sheriff's department employees. The raises are contingent on the council passing the tax increase. If they decide not to pass the tax increase, due to public opposition, they will work on October 16, after the public hearing, to figure out where to cut the additional money needed for the state to approve the 2018 budget.

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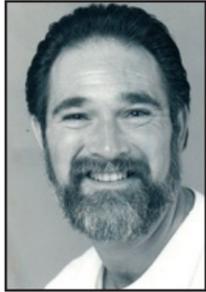
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DR. JAMES GRACE

Dr. James H. Grace passed peacefully into the arms of his Lord and Savior at home surrounded by loved ones on Sunday, September 17, 2017 at 12:25 p.m. A resident of Loogootee, he was 64.



He was born April 29, 1953 in Evansville; son of the late Jesse and Rachel (Littlepage) Grace. On December 28, 1977, he married Renee Jackson and she survives.

He was a graduate of South Hopkins High School, Murray State University, University of Louisville Kent School of Social Work and Bethany Theological Seminary, Dothan Alabama with a PhD in Christian Counseling. He retired from the Pennyroyal Center in Hopkinsville, Kentucky in 2008. He was active in the State of Kentucky working with the formation of DUI laws and on the testing board for those seeking credentials as a Chemical Dependency Counselor. He was a responder with the Crisis Response International and served in Iraq as a humanitarian worker in the Syrian and Mosul Refuge Crisis. He enjoyed sky diving and had a black belt in karate. Dr. Grace was a United States Army veteran and served during the Vietnam era.

The most important thing to James was his relationship with Jesus Christ. He was always eager to share how his life was transformed and loved teaching others how to live a deeper life. He was a member of the Loogootee United Methodist Church and the Men's Bible Study Fellowship in Bloomington. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Renee Grace; children, Gabriel Grace of Nashville, Tennessee and Joy Grace of Loogootee; grandsons, Jacob Harrison and Phoenix Ringer; and faithful canine companions, Harley and Tripp. He leaves behind many in the family of God that have been touched by his life and work.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Isaac Moore and sister, Wanda Bergman.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m. EST Saturday, September 30 at the Loogootee United Methodist Church. A private burial will be held at Goodwill Cemetery at a later date.

Visitation will be held Saturday, September 30 from 9 a.m. until the time of service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Crisis Response International at www.criout.org.

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

MARY KAY PATTERSON

Mary Kay Patterson passed away at 8 p.m. Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at Loogootee Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. A resident of Loogootee, she was 80.

She was born June 14, 1937 in Loogootee; daughter of the late Glenn and Helen (Soeder) Morgan.

Mary Kay was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church where she was a team leader for the funeral dinner committee. She also volunteered at St. Vincent De Paul. She retired from Duke Energy in 1996 as a customer service representative.

She had a talent for many crafts from sewing, quilting, refinishing furniture and turning a thrift store bargain into something beautiful and treasured by

family and friends.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, George B. Patterson, Jr. of Loogootee; children, Gail Myers of San Diego, California; Morgan Patterson of Noblesville, Alice (Paul) Smith of Roswell, Georgia; Julia (Jim) Day of Bloomington, Georgia (Randy) Templin of Hagerstown, Amy (Jeff) Williams of Crestwood, Kentucky, and Neil Patterson of Indianapolis; grandchildren, Ericka Myers, Chanel (Noah) Kincaid, Will (Becca) and Brian (Josey) Butcher, Janice and Jace Day, Anna (Matt) Nistler, Alex and Bret Templin, Andrew and Grant Williams and Maya and Amina Patterson; great-grandchildren, Moshe and Adelina Kincaid; siblings, Ruth (Ken) Dupps, Jane (Truman) Hedrick, Mona Harrison, Ted (Cheryl) Morgan and Tana (Fred) Porter; sisters-in-law, Gloria Hart and Sandy Morgan.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Glenn and Helen (Soeder) Morgan; brother, Carl "Bus" Morgan and brother-in-law, William "Bill" Hart.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by the Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker Saturday, September 16 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Vincent De Paul Society in Loogootee, and send directly to Blake Funeral Home, 300 Church St., Loogootee, IN 47553.

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

LINDA TRAMBAUGH

Linda Trambaugh passed away Friday, September 15, 2017 at the home of her dear friend Carrie Brett. A resident of Loogootee, she was 66.

She was born in Washington on April 24, 1951; daughter of Charles and Bernice (Strange) Burch. She was a 1969 graduate of Barr Reeve High School. She worked at Leeds Manufacturing in Ireland, Indiana for 35 years. She enjoyed riding her golf cart and playing cards with her friends and family. Linda was a devoted member of the Knights of Columbus - since 1996, VFW- since 1995, the Eagles - since 2013, and the American Legion - since 1984.



She is survived by her husband, Steve Trambaugh of Dover Hill; her children, Jaymie Moss and husband, Mike, of Knightstown; Michelle Doyle and husband, Alan, of Batesville; Bryant Trambaugh and wife, Amy; her grandchildren, whom she so loved, Danielle, Ashley, Samantha, Brandon, Kayla, Emilee, Adam, Carson, and Coen; her great-grandchildren, Kollins and Kolbi Dawn; her sisters, Joyce Conlon, Karen Doyle, and Shirley Bridges; her brothers, Glen Burch (Patti) and Bernie Burch; her sister-in-law, Noreen Trambaugh; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister, Evelyn Fullbeck; and her brother, Wayne Burch.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, September 23 at 1 p.m. at the American Legion Country Club in Loogootee. Memorial contributions can be made to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Department 41831, P.O. Box 650309 Dallas, TX 75265 or <http://ww5.komen.org/Donate/Donate>.

html. Online condolences can be made at www.blakefuneralhomes.com

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IDA MAE SWARTZENTRUBER

Ida Mae Swartzentruber passed away at 5:05 a.m. Saturday, September 16, 2017 in Evansville. A resident of Montgomery, she was 86.

She was born in Daviess County on March 22, 1931; daughter of the late Peter R. and Mary (Knepp) Wagler. She married Daniel Swartzentruber on July 2, 1949, and they had six sons, and three daughters.

She was a charter member of Providence Mennonite Church in Montgomery and also attended Bahia Vista Mennonite Church in Sarasota, Florida. Ida Mae was a devoted Christian and mother, faithful wife and a friend to all that knew her.

She is survived by her children, Elvin Dale (Debbie), Gary Wayne, Sharon Ruth (Terry) Lengacher, Regina

Joy (Greg) Chaney, all of Montgomery; Kenneth Eugene (Clara Mae) of Elnora, Daniel Ray (Peg) of Goshen, Edward Lee (Coleen) of Washington, Shirley Ann (Dale) Gerkin of Loogootee, and Mark Alan (Janet) of Sarasota, Florida; 25 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren, four great-great grandchildren, and her siblings, Rosa (Herman) Graber, Annie (John) Yoder, Leah (Harvey) Graber, Henry (Sarah Catherine) Wagler, Leroy (Clara) Wagler, Peter R. Jr. (Barbara) Wagler, Wilbur (Virginia) Wagler, Mary Ruth (Alva L.) Knepp, and Delilah Jean (Jacob) Graber.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Daniel Swartzentruber; her parents, and her brothers, Homer and Raymond Wagler.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, September 19 at Providence Mennonite Church with Kevin Swartzentruber officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Arrangements were provided by Blake and Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery.

CLASSIFIED ADS

YARD SALES

YARD SALE Saturday, September 23, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Martin County Humane Society Animal Shelter, 507 N Oak Street, Loogootee. Tons of items. Donation only. All proceeds go to the care of the shelter dogs and cats.

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Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or bidder's bond in the amount equal to 10% of the bid price. Bids shall be submitted on forms prescribed by the State Board of Accounts with a non-collusion affidavit signed and notarized. The Martin County Board of Commissioners reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

10:18 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. Crane Fire and Ambulance responded and transported the subject to IU Health in Bloomington.

12:28 p.m. - Sergeant Keller took two inmates to court.

2:30 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

4:06 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

6:00 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals. Sergeant Keller and Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

6:49 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

7:03 p.m. - Sergeant Keller on station with a female juvenile. She was picked up and transported to Southwest Juvenile Facility.

9:13 p.m. - Received a report of a break-in north of Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

10:50 p.m. - Jail Commander Abel transported one inmate to the hospital.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

12:31 a.m. - Received a fire alarm call near Loogootee. Loogootee Fire, Martin County Ambulance, and Deputy Reed responded. All was okay.

1:44 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee on US 231. Deputy Reed, Loogootee Sergeant Norris, and ISP Trooper Nolan responded. The subject was stopped and all was okay.

7:45 a.m. - Deputy Reed assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

8:45 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took four inmates to court.

8:45 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded. All was okay.

1:00 p.m. - Sergeant Keller took four inmates to court.

1:15 p.m. - Received a report of a theft north of Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

2:26 p.m. - Sheriff Roush performed a vehicle identification check near Loogootee.

2:00 p.m. - Received a report of a break-in north of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

4:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

11:14 p.m. - Received a report of someone trying to break in a house in Loogootee. Deputy Salmon and Loogootee Sergeant Keller responded.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

7:40 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Crane Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

7:43 a.m. - Received a report of an injured deer near Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

8:40 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

9:18 a.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a female trying to get home that had fled Florida due to Hurricane Irma.

8:33 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver east of Shoals. Martin

County units were advised.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

4:45 a.m. - Received a report of a deer in the roadway near Loogootee. Deputy Salmon responded.

7:44 a.m. - Received a report of a possible natural gas odor near Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene and Shoals Fire responded. All was okay.

8:44 a.m. - Received a report of an accident on SR 150, east of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene and Shoals Fire responded.

9:52 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:35 a.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

12:17 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

3:16 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to IU Health in Bedford.

4:39 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless semi on US 50, near Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

5:05 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled semi on US 50. Major Burkhardt responded.

5:15 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless vehicle on US 50, near Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

8:11 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

10:29 p.m. - Received a medical alarm call north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

10:50 a.m. - Sheriff Roush assisted an elderly person in Shoals.

1:08 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Fire, Loogootee Officer McBeth, and Major Burkhardt responded. The Martin County Coroner was notified.

1:17 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:01 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Crane. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

2:10 p.m. - Major Burkhardt assisted a motorist south of Loogootee.

4:20 p.m. - Received a report of a fight in progress south of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

6:08 p.m. - Reserve Deputy Harmon assisted a motorist west of Shoals.

6:55 p.m. - Town Marshal Eckert assisted a motorist near Shoals.

7:30 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals. Reserve Deputy Harmon responded.

9:12 p.m. - Received a report of harassment near Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert and ISP Trooper Nolan responded.

9:36 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on US 231, south of Loogootee. Reserve Deputy Harmon, Deputy Salmon, and Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

7:28 a.m. - Received a report of a

car-deer accident just west of Loogootee. Captain Dant and Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

9:12 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:20 a.m. - Received an odor complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

10:39 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth, Martin County Ambulance, and Loogootee Fire responded. Two subjects were transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:21 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth, Major Burkhardt, and ICO Doane responded. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:47 p.m. - Reserve Deputy Harmon assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

Martin County real estate transfers

Linda S. Shaw, of Hardin County, Kentucky to **Gary L. Sims and Carla D. Sims**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 15, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 4 acres, more or less, except a section containing 2 acres, more or less.

Linda S. Shaw, of Hardin County, Kentucky to **Kent R. Shaw**, of Martin County, Indiana, 27 acres in Section 16, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, except a section containing 0.985 acres, more or less.

Dwight C. Dorsey and Kimberly J. Dorsey, of Martin County, Indiana to **Joseph J. Hall**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 2, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 19.05 acres, more or less.

Robert E. Force, of Martin County, Indiana to **Robert E. Force and Lois Brett**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Numbered 169, 170 and fractional Lots 187 and 188 and all that part of what

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

2:53 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:58 a.m. - Received a report of illegal hunting near Shoals. South Region Conservation was contacted.

12:39 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231, near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded and stopped the vehicle.

4:52 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:21 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

10:40 p.m. - Deputy Reed performed a vehicle identification check near Shoals.

was known as Sterling Street commencing at the southeast corner of Lot 68 and the northwest corner of Lot 189 and ending at 2nd Street in Dougherty's Addition to the Town of West Shoals, now Shoals, Indiana.

Phoenix Resource Holding Co., Inc., an Indiana Corporation to **West Boggs Eagle Point, LLC**, an Indiana Limited Liability Company. Parcel One: A part of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 1, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 17.206 acres, more or less. Also, a part of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 1, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.40 acres, more or less.

Mitchell Mathias, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jeremy R. Holland**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, more commonly known as 404 SW 3rd Street, Loogootee, Indiana.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

2:37 p.m. - Cecorra Holt, 19, of Shoals, was arrested by Sheriff Roush and charged with possession of marijuana and maintaining a common nuisance. She is being held without bond. Chief Deputy Greene assisted with the arrest.

3:10 p.m. - Ryan Bengel, 26, of Shoals, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene and charged with possession of marijuana, and visiting a common nuisance. He is being held without bond.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

5:34 a.m. - Matthew Chastain, 33, of Bedford, was arrested by Deputy Reed and charged with possession of meth and possession of a syringe. He is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest was K9 Officer Yirka.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

10:40 p.m. - Russell Cook III, 31, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Nolan and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated, driving while suspended prior, and operating while intoxicated neglect of a dependent. He is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond. Reserve Deputy Wright assisted with the arrest.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

4:22 a.m. - Zane Sanders, 18, of Bedford, was arrested by Deputy Reed and Reserve Deputy Wright and charged with operating while intoxicated, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia, and resisting arrest. He is being held without bond.

Accident reports

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

10:40 a.m. - Lisa A. Allen, of Loogootee, was operating a 1998 Chevy and attempting to pull onto Broadway Street when she pulled into the path of a 2015 GMC operated by Rene L. Wagler, of Shoals. Officer McBeth investigated.

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COURT NEWS

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed September 8

Fifth Third Mortgage Company vs. Dylan Lewis, Vontrecia Lewis, IMC Credit Services, LLC; Carroll Crossing Homeowners Association; Ransberg Housing, First Franklin Realty Group for Oak Group Blue's Auto Sales, Inc.; Accounts Recovery Bureau, Inc.; Governor's Pointe Homeowner's Association, mortgage foreclosure.

September 11

Automotive Finance Corporation vs. North Motor Sports, Inc.; Michael R. Bellisle, Todd M. Bellisle and North Honda Powerhouse, civil collection.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS September 8

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Carl E. Wiscaver, Sr. and against the defendants Craig A. Cain and Benny L. Cain for mortgage foreclosure in the amount of \$38,013.65.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT New Suits Filed September 11

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Gale W. May, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Danny L. Krodel, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Ethan M. Lechner, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Clinton H. Burgess, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Julia S. Dosch, complaint.

September 12

Isha E. Wright-Ryan Attorney at Law vs. Joshua Yarbrough, complaint.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

September 15

Nicholas Stephen Petit of Loogootee and Sarah Nicole Yager of Loogootee.

September 18

William Lee Hopkins, II, of Loogootee and Romona Angelique Crossen of Loogootee.

Credit card skimmer found in Loogootee; what to do to protect yourself

Two credit card skimmers were found at a Loogootee business Thursday, and the Indiana State Police wants to pass on tips and advice on how to protect yourself.

At 3:12 p.m., last Thursday, Trooper Adam McBeth responded to the Chuckles Gas Station on Broadway Street in Loogootee. Employees reported that two skimming devices had been removed from their gas pumps. Trooper McBeth and state police detectives are actively investigating the case, tracking leads and following up on information.

At this point, detectives and gas station employees do not know how long the skimmers were installed.

Many questions have been asked in regard to how you can protect yourself or what to do if you see an actual skimming device before using your credit card. Here are some important tips to follow to keep from becoming a victim of credit card fraud:

- Monitor your online banking and credit card accounts on a daily basis. If you see a charge that you are not familiar with or did not authorize, contact your bank or credit card company immediately.

- Protect your card, card numbers, and pin numbers (when you must enter them into a keypad) as if someone is watching over your shoulder. Cover the keypad as you enter those important numbers.

- Before using a card reader at a gas pump, for example, touch the opening of the card reader and try to wiggle it to see if it is temporarily placed in the machine. ATMs and card readers are built solidly and should not have loose parts.

- Aside from focusing directly on the credit card reader, check the machine or display as a whole. Does it look like it was cracked or forced open? Do decals appear to have been broken or misaligned? Do labels or stickers not appear straight or look to be tampered with? If so, report the machine to employees and use a different unit.

- If you suspect that you have found a skimming device, take it into the location that the device was placed and notify employees. Even though the place of business will likely call law enforcement, please feel free to report the incident yourself, as we want to make abso-



-Photos provided by ISP

The above photographs are online image examples, NOT an image of the seized card scanner. The actual scanner was placed into evidence prior to getting a photograph.

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Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

11:05 a.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint. Animal Control was contacted.

4:06 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism to a vehicle.

5:15 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

8:20 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

10:09 p.m. - Caller reported a traffic light not working correctly.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

12:31 a.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to a fire alarm on Cherry Road.

1:44 a.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on US 231. Driver checked okay.

6:10 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

9:05 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

10:30 a.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

11:14 p.m. - Caller requested extra patrol.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

3:04 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person on SW 3rd Street.

9:15 a.m. - Caller reported having problems with a male.

1:00 p.m. - Captain Hennette and K-9 Roxy conducted a random vehicle search at the high school.

6:09 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

9:01 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident in the IGA parking lot.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

11:30 a.m. - Captain Hennette and K-9 Roxy assisted ISP with a traffic stop.

12:15 p.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

7:04 p.m. - Caller reported a possible scam.

10:44 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

1:08 p.m. - First responders were requested on Walker Street for a medical call.

1:17 p.m. - First responders were requested on Brooks Bridge Road for a medical call.

2:15 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on Park Street.

4:20 p.m. - Officer McBeth assisted the county with a domestic dispute.

9:40 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

1:30 a.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on Broadway Street.

3:02 a.m. - Caller reported a trespasser on in her residence.

7:00 a.m. - Caller requested an officer check on a male sleeping in his vehicle at IGA. Male checked out fine.

7:28 a.m. - Officer McBeth assisted Daviess County with a property damage accident.

9:20 a.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

4:20 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male. Male was later transported to Jasper Memorial.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

12:39 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on US 231.

3:30 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person in Family Dollar.

5:22 p.m. - First responders were requested on North Line Street for a medical call.

7:32 p.m. - Caller reported a possible scam.

8:20 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody issue.

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Making A Difference
MARTIN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
By Curt Johnson
MCCF Executive Director



-- BENJAMIN FRANKLIN --

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

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

-- CLASSROOM GRANTS --

The Martin County Community Foundation (MCCF) has taken to heart the words of Benjamin Franklin. For several years we have funded small in-class projects in the Loogootee and Shoals school systems that have an educational benefit and are creative, innovative, and stimulate student learning.

Grants of \$50 to \$300 may be awarded to these projects that might not have a typical funding source. The MCCF Classroom Grants program is a resource to help enable our students to learn, grow and aspire as set by the example of one of our Founding Fathers.

-- DUE DATE --

The deadline for teachers to have grant applications submitted to the MCCF is Wednesday, October 18. In case some teachers haven't seen the application yet, it can be found on the MCCF website under the "Grants & Scholarships" page. The application process is competitive with many unique ideas and approaches. We fund as many as we can. Be creative!

-- A PLACE FOR INSPIRATION --

Past classroom projects have spanned a variety of subject areas with as many different approaches to engage and inspire the students. These have provided enhanced learning for the arts, reading, rocketry, robotics, botany/plants including hydroponics (growing plants without soil), entomology/insects, history, physical fitness, ecosystems, other fields of science, technology, design processes (i.e., the "Engineering" in STEM), and math. The only limit is the teachers' imagination and what they can accomplish within the \$300 grant



Bradley's to host golf scramble

Bradley's Bar & Grill is hosting their 2nd annual golf scramble at Lakeview Golf Course in Loogootee on Saturday, September 23rd at 9 a.m. This year they selected the Martin County Humane Society to receive the proceeds from the scramble. Last year, around \$3,000 was donated to the Ann Burch Scholarship Fund. The cost is \$60 per player (\$50 for course members). Lunch will be provided on site after the scramble. For questions or to register a team, contact Collin Padgett at 812-582-8803, Brad Williams at 812-223-9585 or Lakeview Golf Course at 812-295-5678.

maximum and guidelines.

-- REFLECTION --

The students' involvement with the any of these projects have, and will again, complement that quote from earlier:

"Involve me and I may learn."

-- MORE INFORMATION --

For more information about the MCCF, please contact the Executive Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org.

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

LMS Track results

The Loogootee Middle School Track Teams competed against Jasper on Monday, September 18. The varsity Lions were defeated, 2-3 while the reserve team also lost, 2-4.

Varsity results

#1 Singles Max Sternberg (J) defeated Luke Nonte 8-3

#2 Singles Peyton Bledsoe (L) defeated Justin Schultz 9-7

#3 Singles Noah Schue (J) defeated Reece Tippery 8-3

#1 Doubles Noah Hanneman/John Kempker (J) defeated Rory Tippery/Drew Walker 8-4

#2 Doubles Leighton Jeffers/Isaac Waggner (L) defeated Tre Gutsgell/Luke Hopf 8-1

Reserve team results

#1 Singles Carson Bauer (J) defeated Brandon Bledsoe 6-3

#2 Singles Joel Levy (J) defeated Reis Whitney -1

#3 Singles Caleb Schnarr (J) defeated Euan Graves -2

#4 Singles Reis Whitney (L) defeated Cole Lampert 6-1

#1 Doubles Andrew Powell/Jacob Lengacher (L) defeated Eli Flick/Aiden Schue 7-6 (4)

#2 Doubles Nolan Villiwok/John Green (J) defeated Sam Graber/Brady Taylor 6-3

The LMS teams faced off against Washington last Thursday, September 7. The varsity won, 4-1 and the reserve team also won, 3-1.

Varsity results

#1 Singles Peyton Bledsoe (L) defeated Jiles Mason 8-1

#2 Singles Luke Nonte (L) defeated Brody Wilson 8-2

#3 Singles Reece Tippery (L) defeated Brant Neidigh 8-0

#1 Doubles Rory Tippery/Leighton Jeffers (L) defeated Caleb Armstrong/Brycen Neidigh 8-7 (6)

#2 Doubles Ashton Otsby/Jaylyn Rook (W) defeated Andrew Powell/Jacob Lengacher 8-3

Reserve team results

#1 Doubles Brandon Bledsoe/Drew Walker (L) defeated Drew Walls/Hayden Tomey 6-1

#2 Doubles Reis Whitney/Isaac Waggner (L) defeated Austin Clarke/Alton Otsby 6-0

#3 Doubles Brody Wilson/Brant Neidigh (W) defeated Sam Graber/Euan Graves 6-2

#4 Doubles Brandon Bledsoe/Brady Taylor (L) defeated Drew Walls/Hayden Tomey

4-H NEWS

By Stacy Brown

Martin County Purdue Extension Educator



4-H Enrollment begins October 1st!

Believe it or not it's already time to enroll in 4-H for the 2017-2018 year. Beginning October 1, simply log in to 4honline.com and re-enroll your 4-Hers. If you will be a new 4-Her, please call the Extension Office at 812-295-2412 for assistance in enrolling. Currently enrolled volunteers must also re-enroll before the deadline on January 15. Enrolling early is important in receiving all the latest news and information from Purdue Extension.

Extension Office Offers Programs for Classrooms and Other Youth Organizations

The Martin County Extension Office offers programs for classrooms and other youth organizations in STEM subjects, the arts, and leadership. This year's National Youth Science Challenge is Incredible Wearables. Students get the chance to build a wearable fitness device that tracks heartrate, steps, and other functions. Other programs offered are Captain Cash, a grade school program focused on money manage-

ment; Makers, activities related to science, technology, engineering, and math; and Arts Management, a high school program focused on the business side of working in the arts. If you are interested in bringing any of these programs to your classroom or group, please contact Stacy at (812) 295-2412.

Horse and Pony Club Tack Auction

The Martin County 4-H Horse and Pony Club will be hosting a tack auction on Saturday, October 28 at 6:30 p.m. The sale will take place at the Martin County Community Building at the 4-H Fairgrounds. Tack will be provided by Jimmy Sorrells and Jerry Sidebottom will be the auctioneer. All funds raised will go to the horse and pony club.

Upcoming Events

Jolly Jug Rox Meeting - October 24 at 6 p.m. - Hindostan Church

Jolly Jug Rox Meeting - November 13 at 6 p.m. - Hindostan Church

Horse and Pony Meeting - September 25 at 6 p.m. - Martin Co. Learning Center

Loogootee Boys' Tennis results

The Loogootee High School Boys' Varsity Tennis Team won the LHS Invitational last Saturday, September 16. The Lions defeated Barr-Reeve in the championship match, 4-1.

Semi-final matches

Loogootee 5 - Linton-Stockton 0

#1 Singles - Max Christmas (L) defeated Dane Witty (LS) 6-4, 6-3

#2 Singles - Jalen Wildman (L) defeated Kyle Anderson (LS) 6-3, 6-0

#3 Singles - Sebastian Toy (L) Jakob Goodwin (LS) 6-0, 6-0

#1 Doubles - Sheldon Christmas and Jordan Wildman (L) defeated Sammy Robbins and Silas Robbins (LS) 6-2, 6-2

#2 Doubles - Bailey Dearwester and Jayden Wagoner (L) defeated Cory Anderson and Caleb Frady (LS) 6-1, 6-4

Barr-Reeve 4 - Bloomfield 1

#1 Singles - Turner Royal (B) defeated Gage Wilson (BR) 7-6(5), 6-4

#2 Singles - Brycen Graber (BR) defeated Wyatt McIntosh (B) 6-4, 7-5

#3 Singles - Logan Graber (BR) defeated Gage Lowry (B) 6-0, 6-3

#1 Doubles - Tommy Kidwell and Nick Parsons (BR) defeated Peyton Davis and Graysen Medina (B) 6-0, 6-2

#2 Doubles - Garrett Blake and Nate Hunt (BR) defeated Patrick Beard and Donovan Cosgrove (B) 6-1, 6-0

Championship results

Loogootee 4 - Barr-Reeve 1

#1 Singles - Gage Wilson (BR) defeated Max Christmas (L) 6-2, 6-7(7), 1-0(7)

#2 Singles - Jalen Wildman (L) defeated Brycen Graber (BR) 6-3, 6-2

#3 Singles - Sebastian Toy (L) defeated Logan Graber (BR) 6-4, 6-4

#1 Doubles - Sheldon Christmas and Jordan Wildman (L) defeated Tommy Kidwell and Nick Parsons (BR) 6-0, 6-4

#2 Doubles - Bailey Dearwester and Jayden Wagoner (L) defeated Garrett Blake and Nate Hunt (BR) 7-5, 6-1

Consolation

Linton-Stockton 4 - Bloomfield 1

#1 Singles - Dane Witty (LS) defeated Turner Royal (B) 6-1, 6-4

#2 Singles - Kyle Anderson (LS) defeated Wyatt McIntosh (B) 6-2, 6-1

#3 Singles - Gage Lowry (B) defeated Jakob Goodwin (LS) 7-5, 6-0

#1 Doubles - Sammy Robbins and

Silas Robbins (LS) defeated Peyton Davis and Graysen Medina (B) 6-0, 6-0

#2 Doubles - Cory Anderson and Kaleb Crane (LS) defeated Patrick Beard and Donovan Cosgrove (B) 6-1, 6-2

Last Thursday, the Lions varsity and junior varsity teams defeated Barr-Reeve. The varsity won 4-1 and the junior varsity 3-1.

Varsity results

#1 Singles - Max Christmas (L) defeated Gage Wilson (BR) 6-4, 3-6, 6-3

#2 Singles - Jalen Wildman (L) defeated Nate Hunt (BR) 6-2, 7-5

#3 Singles - Brycen Graber (BR) defeated Sebastian Toy (L) 6-4, 6-4

#1 Doubles - Sheldon Christmas and Jordan Wildman (L) defeated Tommy Kidwell and Nick Parsons (BR) 6-3, 6-2

#2 Doubles - Bailey Dearwester and Jayden Wagoner (L) defeated Garrett Blake and Logan Graber (BR) 6-3, 6-4

Junior varsity results

#1 Singles - Noah Bradley (BR) defeated Lawson McCloskey (L) 8-2

#2 Singles - Jayden Leatherman (L) defeated Noah Bradley (BR) 8-1

#1 Doubles - Jake Carrico and Cole Harmon (L) defeated Joshua O'Brian and Owen Jarrett (BR) 8-0

#2 Doubles - Max Blackwell and Bryant Eckerle (L) defeated Joshua O'Brian and Owen Jarrett (BR) 8-0

Last Tuesday, the varsity boys defeated Vincennes Lincoln 4-1. The junior varsity tied, 1-1.

Varsity results

#1 Singles - Brayden Seger (VL) defeated Max Christmas (L) 6-3, 6-2

#2 Singles - Jalen Wildman (L) defeated Isaac Lane (VL) 6-3, 6-2

#3 Singles - Sebastian Toy (L) defeated Sam Corrona (VL) 6-4, 5-7, 6-2

#1 Doubles - Sheldon Christmas and Jordan Wildman (L) defeated Blake Bobe and Trevor Stenger (VL) 6-2, 6-2

#2 Doubles - Bailey Dearwester and Jayden Wagoner (L) defeated Dustin Altstadt and Kyle Stenger (VL) 4-6, 6-1, 6-3

Junior varsity results

#1 Singles - Lawson McCloskey (L) defeated Quentin Seger (VL) 8-2

#1 Doubles - Monty Fleck and Nate Yang (VL) defeated Jayden Leatherman and Wyatt Street (L) 8-3

More Neat Stuff



I love it when people tell me that they read and enjoy this article. Dr. Poirier, I hope these make you smile:

1. Brenda made an appointment to see her doctor, because she is worried about her husband's bad temper.

Doctor Thomas asks: "What's the problem?"

Brenda says: "Doctor, I don't know what to do. Every day my husband Jimmy seems to lose his temper for no reason. It's beginning to scare me."

The doctor says: "I have a cure for that. When it seems that Jimmy is getting angry, just take a glass of water and start swishing it in your mouth. Just swish and swish but don't swallow it until he either leaves the room or calms down."

Two weeks later, Brenda returns to the doctor looking fresh and happy. Brenda says, "Doctor that was a brilliant idea! Every time my husband started losing it, I swished with water. I swished and swished, and he calmed right down! How does a glass of water do that?"

Dr Thomas says, "The water itself does nothing. It's keeping your mouth shut that does the trick."

2. Allan, a mechanic, was removing a cylinder head from a Harley-Davidson motorbike, when he spotted a world-famous heart surgeon in his garage. The heart surgeon was waiting for the service manager to come and take a look at his bike.

Allan shouted across the garage, "Hey, Doc, can I ask you a question?"

The famous surgeon, a bit surprised, walked over to Allan. Allan straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, "So, Doc, look at this engine. I also can open hearts, take valves out, fix 'em, put in new parts and when I finish this will work just like a new one. So how come I work for a pittance and you get the really big money, when you and I are doing basically the same work?"

"Try doing it with the motor running."

THINK ABOUT THESE:

*How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?

*Some people are like Slinkies ... not really good for anything, but you can't help smiling when you see one tumble down the stairs.

*A bank is a place that will lend you money, if you can prove that you don't need it.

*I thought I wanted a career, turns out I just wanted paychecks.

*Never, under any circumstances, take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.

*I didn't fight my way to the top of the food chain to be a vegetarian.

*A computer once beat me at chess, but it was no match for me at kick boxing.

*The shinbone is a device for finding furniture in a dark room.

*Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?

*God must love stupid people. He made SO many.

*Some people say, "If you can't beat them, join them." I say, "If you can't beat them, beat them," because they will be expecting you to join them, so you will have the element of surprise.

*Laugh at your problems, everybody else does.

*Never get into fights with ugly people, they have nothing to lose.

*We have enough gun control. What we need is idiot control.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Merit board meeting

The Martin County Sheriff's Merit Board will meet Thursday, September 21 at 5 p.m. at the Martin County Jail.

Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, September 21 at 5 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. The meeting is open to the public.

LUMC Tenderloin Fundraiser

The Loogootee United Methodist Church will be hosting a tenderloin fundraiser on Saturday, September 30 from 4-7 p.m. The menu will consist of hand-breaded tenderloin, baked potato, green beans, homemade desserts, and drink for \$10. 10 and under \$5. Tenderloin sandwiches may be purchased for \$5 and desserts \$1. Carry-out will also be available. Proceeds from this event will go towards the LUMC building fund.

Health Steps program

"Healthy Steps for Older Adults", a program to prevent falls, will be presented by the RSVP Volunteer Center on Tuesday, October 17 and Thursday, October 19, from 9 a.m. to noon each day. You must attend both days and there is no charge to attend. Reservations are required by calling 812-254-1996. The program will be held at St. John Catholic Church at 408 Church Street in Loogootee.

AL-ANON meetings

AL-ANON, a support group for those impacted by substance abuse, meets every Thursday at 8 p.m. at Loogootee Redemption Church.

Free lunch for kids

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

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Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Loughmiller Machine, 12851 E 150 N, Loogootee. The public is invited to attend.

Soil and Water meetings

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

Attention Senior Citizens

The Loogootee Senior Citizen Center, located in the annex building attached to JFK Gym on JFK Avenue in Loogootee provides activities for seniors every Monday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon. For \$5 a year, seniors can participate in Euchre tournaments, games, puzzles, etc., with other local seniors. Anyone interested is welcome to stop by, there are no age or residency requirements to participate. Seniors are also offered lunch at the Loogootee Senior Center every Monday and Thursday. A free-will donation is requested. Call 812-295-3130 to make a reservation, so enough food is prepared.



The veteran service officer has an office in the Martin County Courthouse. An appointment is necessary. For assistance, call 812-247-2210; transportation needs, call 812-247-2450 and leave a message or e-mail martincountyvso2013@yahoo.com. Calls are returned on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

During the month of August, the veteran service officer assisted 11 veterans, had four meetings and visited the Legion's and VFW's in Crane, Loogootee and Shoals. The veterans' van took nine trips transporting 10 veterans to VA medical centers and clinics.

DRIVERS NEEDED for the veterans' van. I am aware that we all have very busy lives and very little free time which is why I am looking for reliable drivers to add to my call list. I am looking for VOLUNTEERS that are willing to transport a veteran possibly one trip a week to medical appointments at VA hospital and clinics in the surrounding area. This is not a paid position. You must have an Indiana license and a clean driving record. If interested, please contact me. The veterans' van only transports to appointments at VA hospitals and clinics. You must contact me for transportation needs. Do NOT contact the drivers directly, they do not have the van schedule. The veterans' van is not a part of the DAV program. It is funded by Martin County taxpayers so we only transport Martin County residents.

Veterans enrolled in the VA Health Care System can get a flu shot at Walgreens free. For questions or more information about the program call 866-964-1812. The Veterans Crisis Line provides confidential help for Veterans and their families. Call at 1-800-273-8255 (PRESS 1) for help.

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

All plant and garden lovers are invited to a party. This is the 500th In the Garden column and that is cause to celebrate. It is time to divide perennials, so a fall plant exchange is in order. This exchange will be held at Sandhill Gardens on Saturday, September 23 at 10 a.m. Bring starts of shrubs, trees, perennials, houseplants and bulbs to trade. You may also bring gardening tools and accessories, books and magazines and garden décor. I cannot think of a better way to celebrate this milestone.

Over the years, this column has been a lot of things. It has not been a Q&A column, but I have tried to answer questions when readers have contacted me. I have endeavored to provide information that will help you to garden better. I have hoped to introduce you to new methods, new plants and new tools.

This column has also chronicled my travels. Most of my trips have involved flower shows or visiting special gardens. I have shared my perceptions of venues in several states. Together we have visited some of the greatest botanical gardens in this country and have toured many private estates. I have been fortunate to have traveled with other master gardeners to Great Britain and France and those trips resulted in multiple columns about historic gardens, European landscape practices and unusual plant palettes. The trips took me to gardens of kings and to modern landscape parks. I also visited some small family farms and toured a winery operated by the same family for 500 years.

I have also encouraged you to visit gardens and natural areas right in this vicinity. Indiana and our neighbors have many wonderful gardens to explore and places to learn more about nature. The natural wonders are un-ending. One may visit a park or garden many times and still find new things to see in every season.

I have also used this column to encourage responsible gardening practices. While I do not claim to be an organic gardener, I do believe that the use of chemicals should only be as a last resort and done sparingly. I have encouraged you to plant native plants and to avoid plants that have proven to be invasive.

We have also spent time discussing ways to attract wildlife to the garden, especially birds and butterflies. Sand-

hill Gardens is a certified wildlife habitat and I have urged my readers to also use their gardens to provide food, water and shelter for wildlife. After all, we share this planet and depend on each other in many ways. Our food supply depends on protecting pollinators and it behooves us to know which insects are beneficial in the garden.

I have also shared my life with you. I have written tributes to friends and family who have affected the way I garden. I have shared my custom of planting special memorial plants, either in my garden or in some public place. I have written about those who have taught me gardening methods and whose gardens have influenced the way I garden. I have also written about the art of gardening and have hoped to help you arrange plants and garden art to make a garden that, above all, pleases you.

This column has been the major source of volunteer hours I have needed to exceed the requirements for the Gold-level Master Gardener certification. The purpose of the master gardener program is to help others grow. I hope that this column has helped you to learn something that has enriched your life. Come celebrate with me on Saturday. Sandhill Gardens is located at 3061 N. County Road 810 W (Sandhill Road) in West Baden Springs. I hope this column continues to educate and entertain you.

In search of mushrooms

Join James Brenneman, professor emeritus of biology at the University of Evansville, on Saturday, September 30 at 9 a.m. CT (10 a.m. ET) as he walks the trails of the Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge in search of mushrooms and other fungi. With his background in botany, plant physiology, environmental science, and mycology (the study of fungi), Dr Brenneman will identify and talk about the various forms of fungi that are found along the trail. Hiking shoes and insect repellent are recommended.

The walk will begin at the Boyd's Trail parking lot in the Snakey Point complex. To get to the mushroom walk take SR 64 east through Oakland City. Look for the brown Refuge sign just outside of town directing you to Snakey Point. Follow the brown signs until you get to the parking lots on either side of the road.

Patoka Lake 2017-18 special waterfowl hunt dates

Patoka Lake wildlife management staff have selected the 2017-18 special waterfowl hunt dates for the property's waterfowl resting areas (WRAs).

Patoka contains three WRAs, including waters east of Walls Boat Ramp, the Allen Creek area, and the Sycamore Creek area.

The Sycamore Creek area will remain a closed waterfowl resting area from Nov. 1, 2017, to Feb. 1, 2018. The Sycamore Creek area will be closed to waterfowl hunting, fishing, trapping and all boating.

Waters east of Walls Boat Ramp, and the Allen Creek area will be open to waterfowl hunting, fishing, trapping and boating on select days from November 1, 2017, to February 1, 2018. The open dates are:

- September 9-24: Special teal.
- September 9-17: Early geese.
- October 28-29: Youth waterfowl hunting days (ducks, geese, mergansers and coots).
- November 4, 5, 11 and 12: Southern zone ducks, geese, coots and mergansers.
- November 22, 23 and 24: Southern zone geese.

-December 2, 5, 8, 11, 18, 24, 28 and 31: Southern zone ducks, geese, coots and mergansers.

-January 3, 6, 9, 12, 20 and 21: Southern zone ducks, geese, coots and mergansers.

-January 24, 27, 28 and 31: Southern zone geese.

Patoka Lake lies within Indiana's "south zone" for waterfowl hunting. Hunters must use the self-service hunter check stations around Patoka Lake. Hunter check-in cards must be turned in daily, even if no birds are harvested.

Special regulations, state and federal game stamps and licenses, and non-toxic shot are all required by law to hunt migratory waterfowl. Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Maps for check stations, maps of the waterfowl resting areas and other information about Patoka Lake are available at the Patoka Lake main office. For more information, call (812) 685-2464 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Patoka Lake (stateparks.IN.gov/2953.htm) is at 3084 N. Dillard Road, Birdseye, IN 47513.

NRC approves new nature preserve

The Natural Resources Commission (NRC) approved Pond 'Lil Nature Preserve in LaGrange County as a new nature preserve during its regularly scheduled meeting today at Fort Harrison State Park. The move increases to 281 the number of state-designated sites protected by the Nature Preserves Act, which is 50 years old this year.

Pond 'Lil Nature Preserve comprises 94.67 acres in the Northern Lakes Natural Region, within Dallas Lake County Park. Pond 'Lil illustrates the early stages of bog development. The shoreline is ringed by a floating mat of sphagnum moss and plant roots. Many typical bog plants grow on the floating mat, including tamarack trees, orchids, and insectivorous pitcher plants and sundews. Over time, perhaps hundreds of years, the floating mat will likely expand toward the center of the pond. But for now, Pond 'Lil will remain more pond than bog.

The nature preserve includes swamp and upland woods, and a prairie restoration that protect the watershed of the pond. Fauna of interest includes nest sites for sandhill crane and star-nose mole (state special concern) as well as Eastern massasauga (state endangered) rattlesnake. An ADA-accessible trail circles the pond and a trail runs along the northern portion of the preserve.

It is owned by LaGrange County Board of Parks and Recreation and the County Commissioners, and is under the administration of the LaGrange County Department of Parks and Recreation.

In other action, the NRC gave final adoption to a number of fisheries-related rule changes. The rule changes must still be approved by the Attorney General's Office and Governor's Office before taking effect. In addition to a number of changes regarding commercial fishing, the package includes these changes to sport fishing rules:

- Increasing the daily bag limit for lake trout taken from Lake Michigan.
- Increasing the size limit for Northern pike.
- Changing the size limit for largemouth bass taken from lakes on Shakamak State Park and Hoosier National Forest.

Prohibiting the use of cast nets, seines or other devices from collecting minnows at a location extending from a dam downstream 500 yards on inland waters.

Adding a tagging requirement for fishing equipment or devices left unattended for both sport and commercial fishing.

The NRC also preliminarily adopted a number of amendments to 312 IAC 9, which governs wildlife-related rules. This action simply starts the rule-change process; therefore, none of these amendments will be in effect this year. The NRC will begin accepting public comments and conduct at least one public hearing on these proposed amendments later this year.

Proposed amendments include: Allowing the hides and carcasses of legally harvested furbearers taken during the season to be kept year-round by hunters and trappers without a special authorization or permit.

Authorizing a bobcat hunting and trapping season in a restricted number of counties in southern Indiana with a bag limit of one per person and a statewide quota.

Adding several bats and the rufa red knot (a federally endangered bird) to the state's endangered species list.

Removing the osprey and several muskels from the state's endangered species list.

Adding three counties to the fall wild turkey firearms hunting season (Elkhart, Kosciusko and Noble).

Requiring the euthanasia of raccoons, opossums and coyotes taken under the nuisance wild animal control permit.

The NRC also gave final adoption to a recodification of administrative rules governing oil well and gas well activities by adding 312 IAC 29 and repealing 312 IAC 16. Before this package received preliminary adoption in May 2016, the rules had not been comprehensively reviewed for 25 years. The new rules aim to provide oil and gas production professionals with a clear and certain understanding of their responsibilities. Many of the requirements in the recodification have already been practiced for years in Indiana.

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On Thursday, a Navy EA-6B Prowler aircraft was formally dedicated to Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane) employees, who have provided 50 years of unwavering support, in a ceremony held at Naval Support Activity Crane. (Photo by NSWC Crane Public Affairs)

EA-6B Prowler aircraft dedicated as permanent display at Crane

Last Thursday, a Navy EA-6B Prowler aircraft was formally dedicated to Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane) employees, who have provided 50 years of unwavering support, in a ceremony held at Naval Support Activity Crane.

The plane is now a permanent memorial display and symbolizes Crane's Electronic Warfare (EW) roots dating back to 1971.

"The EA-6B Prowler had a distinguished history in the Navy and Marine Corps as the premier EW platform," said NSWC Crane's Commanding Officer Capt. Mark Oesterreich. "This aircraft has seen action in almost every theater and, over the last decade, it is impossible to count the number of lives saved by the EA-6B during operations in Iraq and Afghanistan."

NSWC Crane employees have provided over 46 years of technical support to the Prowler's ALQ-99 Tactical Jamming System (TJS). The ALQ-99 TJS provides offensive electronic attack capabilities that enable the Prowler to shut down enemy air defenses and communications systems by jamming signals within the Radio Frequency (RF) electromagnetic spectrum. NSWC Crane has the highest concentration of EW experts within the Department of Defense (DoD) and is responsible for research, development, engineering and maintenance of EW weapons systems.

Prowlers have been a part of every military conflict involving U.S. and coalition aircrafts since 1971. The EA-18G Growler is the Navy's replacement for the Prowler and will be the mainstay of the DoD Airborne Electronic Attack (AEA) capability into the 2030s, with NSWC Crane responsible for keeping the aircraft's AEA systems effective and available.

"Crane's connection to the EA-6B goes back to 1971, when we first began to repair high power microwave traveling wave tubes for the ALQ-99 TJS," said NSWC Crane Electronic Warfare spokesman. "NSWC Crane has a proud legacy of airborne EW support and the future looks bright as we work with industry to develop the next generation of Airborne EW systems, such as the ALQ-249 Next Generation Jammer."

Oesterreich noted that the dedication and display of the Prowler are important to Crane's workforce – past, present and future, "This is more than 40 years of our heritage," he said. "We're proud of this milestone in Crane's history."

NSWC Crane is a naval laboratory and a field activity of Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) with focus areas in Electronic Warfare, Strategic Missions and Expeditionary Warfare. The Warfare Center is responsible for Multi-domain, Multi-Spectral, full life cycle support of technologies and systems enhancing capability to today's Warfighter.

Equifax breach affects around 3.8 million Hoosiers

Attorney General Curtis Hill advised Hoosiers to take immediate steps to protect themselves in the wake of a data breach affecting customers of Equifax, including up to 143 million Americans nationwide and 3.8 million Indiana residents.

Equifax, one of the largest consumer credit reporting agencies in the United States, divulged Thursday that a cyberattack has compromised such personal customer information as names, addresses, birthdates, Social Security numbers and driver's license numbers. The Atlanta-based company discovered July 29 that it had been hacked, according to media reports, before publicly disclosing the breach more than a month later.

The Office of Attorney General maintains a website -- <http://www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/2891.htm> -- at which Hoosiers can request a freeze of their credit. There is no charge for this service.

Equifax also has a website at which individuals can check to see if they have been affected -- equifaxsecurity2017.com -- and which allows people to sign up for free credit monitoring.

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Bicentennial Torch Relay documentary wins coveted spot in Heartland Film Festival

"Everlasting Light: The Story of Indiana's Bicentennial Torch Relay" has been selected for screening at the 2017 Heartland Film Festival in Indianapolis. Hoosiers can relive the memorable moments of the Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay with a documentary produced by the Department of Telecommunications at Ball State University, which was commissioned by the Indiana Office of Tourism Development (IOTD).

The relay was developed by IOTD as one of the major commemorative events of the 2016 Bicentennial celebration. The torch traveled through 260 cities and towns across all 92 Indiana counties. The torch was carried a total of 3,226 miles by 2,242 torchbearers. The torch relay culminated at the Indiana Statehouse, where the Hoosier Homecoming celebration was held. An art sculpture titled Lux Aeterna located on Bicentennial Plaza now holds the everlasting light.

"We are honored to have the documentary selected for the film festival," said Mark Newman, IOTD's executive director. "Looking back on the torch relay now, nearly one year since it concluded, I continue to be amazed by the positive impact it has had on our state. The way that it brought people and communities together has been a great reward."

The film will screen three times during the festival:

Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 7:45 p.m. @ AMC Castleton Square 14 (Castleton)

Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 12 p.m. @ AMC Castleton Square 14 (Castleton)

Friday, October 20, 2017 at 5:15 p.m. @ AMC Showplace Traders Point 12 (Traders Point)

You can purchase a DVD of the documentary at www.in.gov/ibc/files/Everlasting%20Light%20DVD%20Order%20Form.pdf.

IOTD was recently received a Mercury award for best Public Relations Campaign for the Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay by the U.S. Travel Association at the 2017 ESTO conference, held in Minneapolis.

IOTD is also being honored by the Indiana Historical Society for the Bicentennial Torch Relay. It was chosen as one of the winners in the Outstanding Bicentennial Collaborative Project category. A ceremony will be held in November.

During the five week relay, students from Ball State University worked with the Indiana Office of Tourism Development to produce daily videos, photos, articles, and social media related to the relay. The team worked the same material into the 36-minute documentary Everlasting Light.

This is the ninth honor for the film, which has won eight awards including a Gold Aurora Award, a Society of Professional Journalists award, two awards from the Indiana Association of School Broadcasters, and four Accolade Awards of Merit. In addition to the Mercury Award, the entire media project also won a Summit Emerging Media Award, and two ADDY's.

About Indiana Office of Tourism Development:

Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch oversees the Indiana Office of Tourism Development. Mark Newman serves as the agency's executive director. IOTD is dedicated to enhancing the economic vitality of Indiana through leadership and resource support to the Indiana travel industry. The tourism and hospitality industry is directly responsible for 155,200 jobs, generates over \$1.4 billion in tax receipts and contributes \$11.5 billion in revenue to Indiana businesses. For more information: www.VisitIndiana.com.

AG Hill joins 37 states, territories in fight for non-opioid alternatives

Attorney General Curtis Hill has joined a coalition of 37 states and territories urging health insurance companies to examine financial incentives that contribute to the opioid crisis.

The bipartisan coalition announced last Monday a two-step strategy intended to identify problematic policies and encourage reforms to spur increased use of non-opioid alternatives for treatment of chronic, non-cancer pain.

"States must attack opioid addiction from every conceivable angle," Hill said. "As part of this effort, we must eliminate any and all incentives that encourage physicians to prescribe opioids as a strategy of first resort when other treatment options may prove just as effective and pose fewer risks."

Describing opioid addiction as "the preeminent public health crisis of our time," the 37 attorneys general will send a letter to industry trade groups and major insurance providers nationwide. It urges insurers to review their coverage and payment policies as the starting point in a coalition-initiated dialogue focused on incentive structures across the insurance industry.

"We have witnessed firsthand the devastation that the opioid epidem-

ic has wrought on our states in terms of lives lost and the costs it has imposed on our healthcare system and the broader economy," Attorney General Hill joined the coalition in writing. "As the chief legal officers of our States, we are committed to using all tools at our disposal to combat this epidemic and to protect patients suffering from chronic pain or addiction."

The attorneys general, in acknowledging the important role insurance companies play in reducing opioid prescriptions, hope to assess the positive and negative impacts incentive structures have on the opioid crisis. They contend incentives that promote use of non-opioid techniques will increase the practicality of medical providers considering such treatments, including physical therapy, acupuncture, massage, chiropractic care and non-opioid medications.

Increased reliance on these alternatives will combat a significant factor contributing to the crisis – the over-prescription of opioid painkillers. The letter notes the number of opioid prescriptions have quadrupled since 1999, despite Americans reporting a steady amount of pain.