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-Elmhurst College photo

2012 LHS Grad Bryant Ackerman starts his third year as an Elmhurst Bluejay on November 15.

## Ackerman starting third year as Elmhurst Bluejay

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher

2012 Loogootee High School Graduate Bryant Ackerman is in his third year at Elmhurst College in Illinois and will soon be starting his third year as a guard for the Bluejays' basketball team. The team's first game is November 15 against Westminster.

Bryant has played in 25 games over the past two years and is the sec-

ond highest scorer on the team averaging 9.8 points per game. He also leads the team in three pointers. Bryant was a member of the Class 1A State Champion Loogootee team in 2012. Bryant landed in the record book last season at Elmhurst by tying with five other players for the second most three pointers scored in a game at seven. Eight is the record.

Bryant said Elmhurst has been great for him and he has made lifelong friends, "I couldn't be happier," he said. Elmhurst College is just 15 miles from Chicago but Bryant said oftentimes he doesn't even notice.

Bryant doesn't get home to Loogootee often and said he maybe got back to the city seven times through the school year. He said his season starts in mid-October which (See 'ACKERMAN' cont. on page two)

## Martin County's jobless rate at 4.5 percent for August

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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Martin County's jobless rate went unchanged from July to August, staying at 4.5 percent. The county was bumped out of the top ten in the state, however, for lowest jobless rate and sat in 12th, tied with Knox, Johnson, Jackson and Hancock counties.

In August, the county had 5,291 residents able to work with 240 of them unemployed. In July, there were 5,371 citizens in the workforce with 241 of them without jobs. In August of last year, Martin County's jobless rate stood at 5.8 percent with 5,191 residents able to work and 301 of them without jobs.

Daviess County's unemployment rate dropped just slightly to 4.1 percent in August, down from 4.4 percent in July. The county sat in 4th place in the state for lowest jobless rate, tied with Wells County.

In August, Daviess County had 15,457 residents able to work and 630 of them were without jobs. In July, there were 15,625 citizens in the workforce and 689 of them unemployed. In August of 2013, Daviess County's unemployment rate was 5.3 percent with 15,040 residents able to work and 802 of them without jobs.

Dubois County's unemployment rate also dropped just a bit from 3.9 percent in July to 3.7 percent in August. The county held the top spot in the state for lowest jobless rate in August.

In August, the county had 22,124 residents in the workforce with 826 of them unemployed. In July, there were 22,511 citizens able to work and 872 of them without jobs. In August of 2013, Dubois

County's unemployment rate was 5.0 percent with 21,605 residents in the workforce and 1,078 of them without jobs.

Orange County also saw a slight decrease in their jobless rate from July to August, moving from 5.9 percent to 5.7 percent. The county had the 30th highest unemployment rate in the state in August, tied with Putnam, Newton, Marion, Franklin, and Benton counties.

In August, the county had 10,026 residents able to work and 572 of them without jobs. In July, there were 10,148 citizens in the workforce and 603 of them unemployed. In August of last year, Orange County's unemployment rate was 7.8 percent with 10,158 residents able to work and 792 of them without jobs.

Lawrence County's unemployment rate moved up from 7.1 percent in July to 7.2 percent in August. The county had the fourth highest unemployment in the state last month, tied with Vigo County.

In August, the county had 21,502 residents able to work and 1,538 of them without jobs. In July, there were 21,499 citizens in the workforce and 1,524 of them unemployed. In August of 2013, Lawrence County's jobless rate was 9.1 percent with 21,317 residents able to work and 1,930 of them unemployed.

The top ten spots in the state with the lowest jobless rate for August went to Dubois County at 3.7 percent, Hamilton and Bartholomew counties at 4 percent, Wells and Daviess counties at 4.1 percent, Pulaski, Kosciusko and Boone counties at 4.2 percent, LaGrange County at 4.3 percent, and Hendricks and Adams counties at 4.4 (See 'RATE' continued on page two)

	Aug. 2013	July 2014	Aug. 2014	Monthly Change
Indiana	7.5%	5.9%	5.8%	-0.1%
U.S.	7.2%	6.2%	6.1%	-0.1%
Illinois	9.2%	6.8%	6.7%	-0.1%
Kentucky	8.4%	7.4%	7.1%	-0.3%
Michigan	9.0%	7.7%	7.4%	-0.3%
Ohio	7.5%	5.7%	5.7%	0.0%



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

## LHS Fall Chorus Concert

The Loogootee High School Chorus held their first concert of the year Monday night, September 22 under the direction of new teacher, Nicholas Drew Gray. The high school chorus sang three songs, the Star-Spangled Banner, The Awakening and Shut De Do. Members of the high school choir are Patrick Allbright, Brandon Armstrong, Taiya Armstrong, Sara Bailey, Sydney Blakenbaker, Mariah Bridgewater, Emily Brookshire, Moriah Bussinger, Anaya Carrico, Chase Carrico, Candice Clark, Carly Combs, Joshua Cook, Monica Cowin, Brandon Eckerle, Alex Graber, Adam Greene, Kylie Hall, Jacy Harper, Heather Harshaw, Cora Hedrick, Mya Hedrick, Jamison Hennette, Alex Hughett, Eden Jenkins, Ariel Jones, Dylan Jones, Jonathon Jones, Matty Jones, Marina Lents, Lindsey Lukens, Kaleb Lyon, Savannah McAtee, Trenton Neely, Kristin Norris, Brianna Price, Ashlee Raney, Brycen Reinhart, Katlyn Rogers, Leighton Seals, Jacob Simmons, Katie Sims, Megan Street, Shania Swigler, Kayla Taylor, Taylin Trambaugh, Kaitlyn Wagoner, Waylee Wagoner, Abbie Williams, and Mikayla Wolf. Sixth grade and junior high photo on page nine.

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# ACKERMAN

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means he will only be home a few days for Thanksgiving and around five days for Christmas.

Bryant said the Bluejays have a lot of returning players this year and he is really excited to get the season started and see how well he and his teammates improved over the summer. He hopes the team can improve on their 14-11 record from last season and win their conference. Elmhurst is a Division III school and is one of 18 schools in the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (CCIW).

Bryant has started in 11 games as guard at Elmhurst. He averages 20.3 minutes per game, 2.8 rebounds per game and 1.6 assists. He scored a season-high 28 points in the Bluejays 102-100 overtime win against North Park in his first season and 29 points in last season's game against Lawrence University – his highest scoring game of the 2013-14 season. He scored a total of 226 points last season in 508 minutes played, had 41 assists, was 62-78 from the free throw line, and made 26 of 91 three pointers. The Bluejays got a new coach last season, John Baines, replacing Mark Scherer who coached the team for 17 years. Elmhurst went 6-19 Bryant's first season and 14-11 last season – the team's first winning season since 2008-09. Elmhurst placed sixth in the CCIW Conference last year.

On August 13, Bryant was chosen to join other players to go on the Global Sports Academy's Goodwill Tour to Belgium, England and Holland. Bryant said their hotel was in Mechelen, Belgium and they also visited Brussels, Bruges, Luik, and Leper. Global Sports Academy is a nonprofit organization created to arrange athletic competition between equally matched teams at all levels and to promote international goodwill. Along

with sightseeing, Bryant participated in seven games in six days which included games against Nivelles, Waregem, ZZ Leiden, Ninane, and Bavi Vilvoorde. Bryant said the trip was "truly unforgettable life experience that I am lucky to have been able to be a part of."

Bryant said he does not plan to stay in the Chicago area after he graduates and he would like to move to Indianapolis or southern Florida if that is possible. He said it all depends on what employment offers he receives but is hoping to have a job lined up before he graduates.

Bryant said the support he has received from Loogootee has been incredible. "It's amazing how proud Loogootee is of their basketball," he said. He added that he can't remember too many games where it was just his family in attendance – he said there is almost always a Loogootee fan that drove the five hours to watch him play. He said he knows many must watch him online too because he will get texts after the games from people talking about the game and telling him he did a good job. Bryant said he cannot express how much it means to him and he can never say thank you enough to everyone in Loogootee that continues to support him. "Even though I wear blue and white for my school colors now, I will always be a Lion and bleed black and gold," he said.

Bryant is the son of Eric and Susan Ackerman, of Loogootee.

Fans of Bryant can visit [www.bluejaytv.com](http://www.bluejaytv.com) to access the live broadcasts and audio streams of the games. Live broadcasts and previously recorded broadcasts can also be accessed at [www.bluejaytv.com](http://www.bluejaytv.com). A schedule of games is listed in this article. For more information on Elmhurst Athletics, visit [www.elmhurstbluejays.com](http://www.elmhurstbluejays.com).

# County collects 145k in delinquent property taxes

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, September 16. Commissioner Dan J. Gregory was unable to attend the meeting.

Auditor January Roush updated the commissioners on the recent tax sale. There were 140 properties certified with a total amount due of \$167,971.58. There was \$134,347.91 collected prior to the sale with 12 properties being offered the day of the sale. Of the 12 properties offered, nine were sold totaling \$11,038.34. The commissioners decided that a commissioners' sale was not needed for the remaining three properties.

Rex Knight, SIDC, opened an informational public hearing regarding a community development planning project. Martin County will partner with Daviess, Knox, Greene and Lawrence counties. This project will be funded by mostly from the Environmental Protection Agency. The funds will be used to do an inventory of Brownfield sites to clean up. A committee will be formed with two members from each county represented. The committee will make of inventory of potential sites and prioritize. The primary purpose of the project is to allow abandoned properties that can pose as a threat, to be cleaned up and used for other purposes. If anyone has any questions or would like to add a list of properties to the inventory, they need to contact SIDC at 812-295-3701.

Cameron Wolf, civil defense/EMA, updated the commissioners on recent activities.

Terri Alcorn, highway clerk, submitted the two-week work schedule. The commissioners approved the superintendent help wanted ad for the newspaper. Applications/resumes must be submitted to the highway department or auditor's office by October 3, 2014 by noon.

Alcorn updated the commissioners on several pieces of equipment. The road work being done on Mt. Olive Road is complete. They will start on 800 North tomorrow. President George and Mechanic Garrick Cooper will inspect three new trucks the department is looking to purchase from a vendor in Fort Wayne. The department will be financing the trucks therefore, Alcorn is to check on interest rates with local banks.

Attorney J. David Lett submitted ordinance 2014-20, ordinance for floodplain management in Martin County. This ordinance is needed to make the county eligible for flood insurance. The ordinance follows the federal guidelines. The commissioners approved the ordinance.

Auditor Roush will survey the courthouse to see who is interested in having Daviess Community Hospital come on site to do flu shots.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

# RATE

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percent.

The 10 counties with the highest jobless rate for August were Lake County at 7.7 percent, Fayette and Sullivan counties at 7.4 percent, Lawrence and Vigo counties at 7.2 percent, Vermillion County at 7.1 percent, Greene and LaPorte counties at 7 percent, Owen County at 6.8 percent, and Clay County at 6.6 percent.

Indiana's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped by 0.1 percent in August to 5.8 percent. Over the past year, unemployment in the Hoosier State has decreased by 1.7 percent, which is one of the largest rates of decline in the United States. Over this same period, Indiana's labor force has increased by more than 51,000 workers, also ranking the state near the top in the nation.

Despite the decrease in unemployment, Indiana's private sector shed 2,600 jobs in August, led primarily by the Private, Educational & Health Services sector, which declined by 4,100 over the month. Losses were somewhat offset by a growth of 900 jobs in the Manufacturing sector, which has added more than 20,000 jobs over the past

year. Since July 2009, the low point of employment in the state, Indiana has added over 84,000 manufacturing jobs and the private sector as a whole has expanded by 244,000 workers, both of which rank the state near the top in the United States.

"Indiana's unemployment rate has decreased 1.7 percent over the past year, while the labor force has expanded by more than 51,000 workers, which is quite remarkable," said Scott B. Sanders, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. "During the same period, the Hoosier State has also added more than 56,000 private sector jobs. Together, these figures stand in stark contrast to our Midwestern neighbors."

Sanders also noted initial claims and continued claims for unemployment insurance benefits remain at levels not seen since 2000.

Employment by Sector  
Sectors showing gains in August include: Professional & Business Services (1,000), Manufacturing (900), Financial Activities (300), and Construction (100). Sectors showing declines in August include Private Educational & Health Services (-4,100), Trade, Transportation & Utilities (-500), and Leisure and Hospitality (-300). Total non-farm employment increased in August (3,400).

ELMHURST COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL				
2014-2015				
DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
<b>NOVEMBER</b>				
<i>CCIW/SLIAC CHALLENGE</i>				
15	SAT	WESTMINSTER	ELMHURST, IL	7:00 PM
16	SUN	GREENVILLE	ELMHURST, IL	5:00 PM
19	WED	TRINE	ANGOLA, IN	7:00 PM EST
25	TUE	FONTBONNE	ST. LOUIS, MO	6:00 PM
30	SUN	OLIVET	OLIVET, MI	2:00 PM EST
<b>DECEMBER</b>				
03	WED	LDRAS	DUBUQUE, IA	7:00 PM
06	SAT	ALBION	ALBION, MI	5:00 PM EST
13	SAT	DUBUQUE	ELMHURST, IL	4:00 PM
17	WED	ADRIAN	ADRIAN, MI	7:00 PM EST
19	FRI	ST. JOHN'S (MN)	ELMHURST, IL	3:00 PM
30	TUE	KALAMAZOO	ELMHURST, IL	7:00 PM
<b>JANUARY</b>				
03	SAT	*WHEATON	ELMHURST, IL	4:00 PM
07	WED	*AUGUSTANA	ROCK ISLAND, IL	7:00 PM
10	SAT	*MILLIKIN	DECATUR, IL	7:00 PM
14	WED	*CARTHAGE	ELMHURST, IL	7:00 PM
17	SAT	*NORTH CENTRAL	NAPERVILLE, IL	7:00 PM
21	WED	*NORTH PARK	CHICAGO, IL	7:00 PM
24	SAT	*ILLINOIS WESLEYAN	ELMHURST, IL	4:00 PM
28	WED	*AUGUSTANA	ELMHURST, IL	7:00 PM
31	SAT	*MILLIKIN	ELMHURST, IL	4:00 PM
<b>FEBRUARY</b>				
04	WED	*CARTHAGE	KENOSHA, WI	7:00 PM
07	SAT	*WHEATON	WHEATON, IL	7:00 PM
11	WED	*NORTH PARK	ELMHURST, IL	7:00 PM
14	SAT	*NORTH CENTRAL	ELMHURST, IL	4:00 PM
21	SAT	*ILLINOIS WESLEYAN	BLOOMINGTON, IL	7:00 PM

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# OBITUARIES

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## MARCIA ALLEN

Marcia Kay Allen passed away at 3:23 p.m. Thursday, September 18, 2014, at Indiana University Health Bloomington Hospital. A resident of Bedford, she was 58.

She was born September 9, 1956, in Indianapolis; the daughter of Harry B. and Ruth C. (Atkins) Allen.

She was a qualified medical assistant. She was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge No. 654 and Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge No. 801.

She is survived by her companion, Danny "Bones" Spires of Bedford; two daughters, Jill Bradley of Owensburg and Annetta Wells of Bedford; grandchildren, Austin Bradley, Jordan Roller, Kristin Roller, Kayla Roller, Tiffany Alexandra Wells, Andrew Wayne Wells, Travis Allen Fueslar, Micah Ruth Pulliam; four great grandchildren; siblings, Dee Canter of Greenwood; Carol Arthur of Fortville, Bill Blevins of Morgantown; and Betty Blevins and Marsha Allen, both of Indianapolis.

She is preceded in death by her parents; grandson, Benjamin Fuesler; and brother, Johnny Blevin.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, September 23, at Springville Christian Cemetery. The ladies of the Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge No. 801 conducted a memorial service.

Chastain Funeral Home & Cremation Center was in charge of arrangements.

## JERRY BRADLEY

Jerry "Foxy" Bradley died at 11:30 a.m. Monday, September 22, 2014 at the Loogootee Health Care and Rehab Center in Loogootee. A resident of Loogootee, he was 81.

He was born September 7, 1933 in Martin County; the son of Phillip and Helen (Naylen) Bradley. On November 10, 1956 he married Wanda (Taylor) Bradley and she survives.

He was a 1951 graduate of Loogootee High School and was a member of St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee. He was also a US Army Veteran.

He was retired from NSWC Crane and he enjoyed fishing, hunting, reading, watching the Indianapolis Colts and war movies. He was also a great conversationalist.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda

Bradley; three sons, Martin Joseph Bradley and wife, Mary, of Loogootee, Robert Bradley, and wife, Diana, of Raglesville, and Brian Bradley and wife, Heather, of Camby; one sister, Barbara Stevens of Loogootee; one brother, James Bradley of Loogootee; seven grandchildren, Brett Bradley of Jasper, Jason Bradley and wife, Amber, of Indianapolis, Stephen Bradley of Indianapolis, Matt Bradley of Raglesville, Max Bradley of Jasper, Tori Bradley of Camby, and Jon Bradley of Camby; and one great granddaughter, Adalyn Bradley of Vincennes.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Phillip and Helen (Naylen) Bradley.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by the Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at 10 a.m. Thursday, September 25 at St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial will follow in St. John Catholic Cemetery in Loogootee. There will be graveside military rites conducted by the Loogootee American Legion and VFW.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m.-8 p.m. Wednesday, September 24 at the Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

Online condolences may be made at [www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com).

## JANEL FUHRMAN

Janel A. Fuhrman passed away at 9:45 p.m. Monday, September 22, 2014 at her home. A resident of Loogootee, she was 45.

She was born November 7, 1968 in Jasper; the daughter of Kenneth and Dorothy (Krodel) Fuhrman.

She was a 1987 graduate of Loogootee High School and a graduate of Indiana University with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Finance. She worked at DC Broadcasting.

She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Haysville and enjoyed singing and playing the piano, and she loved to read.

She is survived by her parents, Dorothy and Kenneth Fuhrman of Loogootee; three sisters, Kim Olry, and husband, Martin, of Fishers; Tammy Dianovsky, and husband, Rick, of Chicago, Illinois; and Deanna



**JANEL FUHRMAN**  
graduate of Indiana University with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Finance. She worked at DC Broadcasting.

Baur, and husband, Charles, of Holland, Indiana; one brother, Nathaniel Fuhrman of Jasper; and seven nieces and nephews, Kyle and Matthew Olry, Miranda and Victor Dianovsky, and Emma, Lauren Grace, and Lauren Taylor Okesson.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Shannon Okesson and one brother, Simon Fuhrman.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, September 27 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Haysville with burial to follow in the church cemetery.

Friends may call from 2-8 p.m. Friday, September 26 at the Becher-Kluesner North Chapel in Jasper, and one hour before services at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church or to a favorite charity.

Online condolences may be made at [www.becherkluesner.com](http://www.becherkluesner.com).

## DONALD SHAW

Donald Leland Shaw passed away Thursday, September 18, 2014. A resident of Radcliff, Kentucky, he was 83.

He was born May 17, 1931 in Shoals; the son of Leland Leonard and Grace (Hall) Shaw. He married Linda Sue Fahr on May 27, 1956, and she survives. He was a graduate of Shoals High School, Class of 1948.

He served over 30 years on active duty in the US Armed Forces, first for 17 years in the US Air Force as an Office of Special Investigations (OSI) Agent attaining the rank of Master Sergeant and then he branch transferred to the US Army as a Military Intelligence Warrant Officer attaining the rank of Chief Warrant Officer Three. He retired in 1978. He served in both the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Among his awards, he received the Legion of Merit and Bronze Star Medal. He continued in government service as a civilian employee working for several military intelligence agencies at Fort Knox, Kentucky, finally retiring in 1994.

He was a member of the Shoals United Methodist Church, and was very active in the Masonic Lodge as well as local government service. He was the 1995-96 National President of the Sojourners. He was a 33rd degree Mason. His memberships include Camp Knox Lodge #919 F.&A.M. and National Sojourner Chapter #134 both of Radcliff, Kentucky, the Scottish Rite of Evansville, Military Order of World Wars, The Retired Officers Association, and he had memberships in numerous other Masonic and Sojourner Chapters. He has been a member of the Radcliff, KY City Council for over 19 years.

Along with his wife Linda, he is survived by one brother, Bill Shaw of Shoals; two sons, Donald Shaw II and Donna of Pueblo, Colorado, and Kent Shaw and Robin of Clarksville, Tennessee; one daughter, Lisa Holmes and Ronald of Flat

## VU Jasper Campus Open House is October 2

Vincennes University's Jasper Campus will host a three-part open house on October 2 starting at 4 p.m. (EDT). The public is invited to the free event which is sponsored by the VUJC Foundation, the Jasper Arts Commission, and the Jasper Chamber of Commerce.

From 4-6 p.m. the Chamber will sponsor "Time Out from Business." Beginning at the Ruxer Center on the VU Jasper Campus, visitors may enjoy a self-guided walking tour showcasing features of the Campus and the Jasper Arts Center's Krempp Gallery. Special tour cards may be punched at each station to qualify for door prizes.

Also from 4-6 p.m. will be an observance of "National Manufacturing Day" at the Center for Technology, Innovation, and Manufacturing. Visitors will see just how important manufacturing is to the local, national, and global economies by experiencing the high-technology labs designed for training and seeing demonstrations of advanced manufacturing processes. Students

Rock, Illinois; four grandchildren, Benjamin Shaw of Clarksville, Tennessee; Mark Shaw of Oak Grove, Kentucky; and Jason Randall and Shannon Carter, both of Radcliff, Kentucky; and three great-grandchildren, Kylie Shaw of Clarksville, Tennessee; Christopher Anshutz, of Radcliff, Kentucky; and Aubrey Shaw of Oak Grove, Kentucky.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his brothers, Roland and Gene; and his sister, Doris (Nigg).

A funeral service was held Monday, September 22 at Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. Burial followed in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Condolences may be made to the family at [www.queenlee.com](http://www.queenlee.com)

## GARY WILLIAMS

Gary W. Williams died at 6:35 a.m. Thursday, September 18, 2014 at Good Samaritan Hospital in Vincennes. A resident of Loogootee, he was 68.

He was born February 4, 1946 in Daviess County; the son of Walter G. and Vera (Thorne) Williams. On July 18, 1969 he married Roberta Ann (Toy) Williams and she survives.

He was a 1964 graduate of Washington High School and he attended Vincennes University, Indiana State University in Terre Haute and Indiana Central College in Indianapolis.

He was a member of St. John Catholic Church and was retired from NSWC Crane and had owned and operated Ramco radiator and machine shop in Loogootee.

He enjoyed genealogy, photography, fishing, gardening and woodworking. He was a Purdue basketball and football fan and was active in coaching little league and soccer.

He is survived by his wife, Roberta Ann Williams; one daughter, Jacqueline and husband, Brian Esch, of Loogootee; two sons, Brain Williams and wife, Jennifer, and Brent Williams and wife, Carrie, both of Loogootee; 10 grandchildren; Abbie Elise Williams, Garrett Andrew Williams, Cassidy Anne Esch, Drew Thomas Williams, Madison Elizabeth Esch, Luke Michael Williams, Noah Robert Esch, Evan James Williams, Lila Marie Williams, and Bailey Marie Esch.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter G. and Vera (Thorne) Williams and his in-laws, Robert and Virginia Toy.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by the Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker on Monday, September 22 at St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial followed in St. John Catholic Cemetery in Loogootee.

Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home, in Loogootee, was in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be made at [www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com).

## ~LETTER TO THE EDITOR~

### 'September Is Fall Prevention Awareness Month'

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

During the month of September, Generations, Area 13 Agency on Aging & Disability joins forces with the National Council on Aging to educate the public and support evidence-based programs and interventions that help older adults and their families fight back against falls.

According to the Indiana Fall Prevention Coalition, falls are Indiana's leading cause of emergency department visits (1,901 per 100,000), hospital admissions (163 per 100,000), and for Hoosiers 65 and older, death from traumatic injury (795 from 2007-2009).

These simple steps can keep all of our residents healthy, active members of our community.

-Begin a regular exercise program that include strength and balance training.

-Lack of exercise leads to weakness and increases the chance of a fall.

-Ask your doctor or health care worker about the best exercises for you.

Have your medications checked by a professional.

-Make sure they check all medicines, even those purchased over the counter.

-As you get older, the way some medicines work in your body can change.

-Some medicines, or combinations of medicines, can make you drowsy or light-headed, which can lead to a fall.

Have your vision checked by an eye doctor.

-You may be wearing the wrong glasses or have a condition such as glaucoma or cataracts that limits your vision.

-Poor vision can increase your chances of falling.

Make your home as safe as possible.

-Remove things you can trip over (such as papers, books, clothes, and shoes) from stairs and places where you walk.

-Remove small throw rugs or use double-sided tape to keep the rugs from slipping.

-Keep items you use often in cabinets you can reach easily without using a step stool.

-Have grab bars put in next to your toilet and the tub or shower.

-Use non-slip mats in the bathtub and on shower floors.

-Improve the lighting in your home. As you get older, you need brighter lights to see well. -Lampshades or frosted bulbs can reduce glare.

-Have handrails and lights on all stairs.

-Wear shoes that give good support and have non-slip soles. Avoid going barefoot, wearing slippers and athletic shoes with deep treads.

For additional information about fall prevention or programs in our community, contact Generations at 1-800-742-9002 or 812-888-5880.

Laura A. Holscher  
Executive Director, Generations,  
Area 13 Agency on Aging & Disability  
Assistant Vice-President,  
Vincennes University

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

10:45 a.m. - Received a report of a vandalism in Shoals.

11:08 a.m. - Received a request for an

### Loogootee Police Department log

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

7:59 a.m. - Caller reported harassment.  
11:50 a.m. - Received a report of school personnel having issues with a student.

1:00 p.m. - Chief Rayhill completed a vehicle identification check.

1:05 p.m. - First responders were requested on SW 2nd Street for a medical call.

3:35 p.m. - A male came on station to report harassment.

5:58 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a business alarm.

6:05 p.m. - Caller reported a male soliciting for money.

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

7:02 a.m. - Caller reported a possible trespasser.

4:14 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance on Park Street.

5:29 p.m. - Caller advised of a 911 hang-up on Elm Street.

11:14 p.m. - First responders were requested on East Broadway Street for a medical call.

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:14 a.m. - Caller reported a semi had lost some pipe on Broadway Street.

9:58 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the Indiana State Police with a search warrant on US 231.

10:50 a.m. - Female caller requested a welfare check on her daughter.

1:15 p.m. - An employee at Dollar General advised they had a shoplifter detained. Chief Rayhill responded and will file charges on a female.

5:47 p.m. - Officer Nolan responded to a business alarm.

6:00 p.m. - Female caller reported a violation of a protective order.

7:21 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person on Broadway Street.

ambulance in Loogootee.

11:18 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

11:05 p.m. - Caller reported a trespasser on North Line Street.

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

3:40 a.m. - Caller reported someone was trying to break into her house. Officer Nolan and Deputy Greene responded.

8:45 a.m. - Caller reported a burglary on Queen Street.

10:50 a.m. - Caller reported suspicious people on East Main Street.

12:20 p.m. - Caller reported an elderly female driving reckless on Broadway Street. Officer located and transported the female to her residence.

10:35 p.m. - Caller reported two people trying to break into the Methodist church. One male juvenile was arrested and charged with burglary, escape, criminal mischief, trespass and battery on a juvenile detention employee. Subject was transported to Southwest Regional Youth Village. Officer Nolan was the arresting officer.

5:43 p.m. - First responders were requested on East Broadway Street for a medical call.

9:40 p.m. - Caller reported a violation of a protective order.

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

5:05 a.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

8:00 a.m. - Caller reported having problems with her son.

4:36 p.m. - First responders were requested for lifting assistance on Cedar Street.

6:59 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

7:49 p.m. - Caller reported a possible violation of a protective order.

9:14 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance on Sheridan Street.

9:44 p.m. - Caller reported harassment.

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

6:20 a.m. - Caller reported property damage.

5:11 p.m. - Captain Akles assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a fight in Scenic Hill.

7:20 p.m. - Caller reported possible child abuse.

10:19 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on Church Street.

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

12:03 a.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on Grant Street.

12:39 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 50.

6:26 p.m. - Caller reported a theft.

### State police seeking info into Elnora homicide

The Indiana State Police are asking for the public's assistance regarding the recent homicide in Elnora.

On Saturday, September 13, Aaron Byers of Elnora was found murdered along County Road 300 East, one quarter mile south of State Road 58, just west of Elnora. Detectives and investigators have been working relentlessly pursuing leads and conducting interviews; however, are asking for the public's assistance with the case. Anyone with information or a possible tip is asked to contact the Indiana State Police Jasper Post by calling 1-812-482-1441. Any information provided has the potential to be critical in solving this case.

Other details concerning the cause of death and the autopsy results are being withheld at this time, due to investigators still using that information within their investigation. No specific timetable has been set for that information to be released.

1:08 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

6:16 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 150.

5:10 p.m. - Received a request for a lock out in Loogootee.

5:25 p.m. - Received a request for a lock out in Shoals.

8:20 p.m. - Received a request for a lock out in Shoals.

9:10 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 231 and Inman Cemetery Road.

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

4:11 p.m. - Received a report of an aggressive dog in Shoals.

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

12:00 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals.

4:41 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

11:56 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down and across the roadway on Deep Cut Lake Road.

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

5:05 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

1:52 p.m. - Received a report of a propane tank explosion in Cale.

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

10:00 a.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals. Sgt. Keller took the call.

11:55 a.m. - Received a report of mailbox vandalism on Friends Creek Road. Sgt. Keller is investigating.

12:40 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS responded.

3:23 p.m. - Received a report of theft of money out of a wallet in Shoals. Sgt. Keller is investigating.

5:06 p.m. - Received a report of a break-in that happened earlier on Chicken Farm Road. Deputy Harmon is investigating the incident.

5:13 p.m. - Received a report of a fight on Scenic Hill Road in Loogootee. Deputy

Harmon and Capt. Akles responded.

6:19 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Haysville First Responders responded.

6:19 p.m. - Received a report of a white male going door to door trying to sell detergent. Deputy Harmon responded.

11:21 p.m. - Received a loud noise complaint. Deputy Harmon responded.

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

9:50 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals First Responders responded.

11:49 a.m. - Subject came on station to report vandalism to his vehicle. Sgt. Keller investigated.

1:45 p.m. - Received an alarm call on US 50. Sgt. Keller responded.

5:27 p.m. - Received a report of a child custody dispute in Shoals. Deputy Harmon responded.

7:59 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock. Deputy Harmon completed the detail.

8:45 p.m. - Received a report of a broken down vehicle on US 50. Deputy Harmon was unable to locate.

## Jail bookings

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

10:59 a.m. - Jonathan Dant, of Loogootee, was arrested by Indiana State Police Trooper Wilson on preliminary charges of possession of paraphernalia, possession of methamphetamine, possession of a controlled substance, and unlawful possession of a syringe.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

1:28 a.m. - Juan J. Ramos, 21, of Jasper, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Nolan and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated. He was transported to the Martin Co. Security Center.

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# Martin County Court News

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED September 12

James R. Brim, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed September 11

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Amber Ross, civil collection.

## September 12

Jennifer L. Carrico vs. Donald R. Carrico, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Amber R. Cramer vs. Dustin A. Cramer, petition for dissolution of marriage.

## September 16

Kristina Williams vs. Jeffrey Williams, petition for dissolution of marriage.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

## September 15

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC, and against the defendant Jermaine A. Thornton in the amount of \$178.

## September 19

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff FIA Card Services and against the defendant Richard B. Allen in the amount of \$2,753.28.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Capital One Bank and against the defendant Retha D. Hert in the amount of \$2,268.

## September 22

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midland

Funding, LLC and against the defendant Mary Owen in the amount of \$1,864.79.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT New Suits Filed September 11

Katy-Did Traylor Park vs. Bobby Joe Robbins, complaint.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS September 16

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Misty R. Sanders a/k/a McKibben in the amount of \$460.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES September 17

Ethan J. Graber of Loogootee and Charisse C. Chestnut of Loogootee.

Ronald L. Flick of Shoals and Darla J. Shipman of Shoals.

## September 18

Clint D. Hoffman of Shoals and Amber D. Cook of Shoals.

Zachary D. Madley of Loogootee and Jessica J. Strange of Loogootee.

Iamur Judge Wright of Williams and Caitlin Renee Wright of Williams.

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Billy Joe Combs of Loogootee and Hannah Jo. McClure of Loogootee.

Stephen Robert Witt of Shoals and Hillary Diane Jones of Shoals.

Daniel L. Steward of Loogootee and Samantha D. Sergent of Loogootee.

## 200 Indiana consumers report IRS scam

If you receive a call from someone claiming to be with the IRS and demanding immediate payment, hang up immediately. It is most likely a scam. More than 200 Indiana residents have reported these fraudulent calls to the attorney general's office this year, with many occurring in recent days. Here's a common scenario to watch out for: You receive a call from someone claiming to be from the IRS or U.S. Department of Treasury. The caller tells you that you owe tax money, due immediately. If it is not paid, the caller threatens, a warrant will be issued for your arrest. You are then told to put the money on a pre-paid debit card and give the caller the number.

Don't fall victim to this scam that has cost consumers a total of \$5 million nationwide. The IRS will never initiate contact over the phone. You will always be contacted first through official correspondence by mail. Additionally, the IRS will never ask you for credit card, debit card or prepaid card information over the phone.

Warning: Scammers may be able to recite

the last four digits of a victim's Social Security number. They also may be able to spoof the IRS toll-free number on Caller ID to make the call look legitimate.

If you think you've been targeted by this scam, call the IRS at 1.800.829.1040 yourself to confirm it is fraudulent. Then, report the scam to the Indiana Attorney General's Office by filing a consumer complaint online at [www.indianaconsumer.com](http://www.indianaconsumer.com) or calling 1.888.834.9969.

You can also report the scam to the U.S. Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 1.800.366.4484 or go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and type "scam" in the search box to report the incident online.

## Clerk's office notice on marriage licenses

The Martin County Clerk's Office will not be issuing or recording marriage licenses between October 8, 2014 and October 20, 2014 due to Clerk Julie Fithian being on vacation. Fithian is the only person in the clerk's office now that issues marriage licenses. If you will be getting married before October 20, 2014 you must call 247-3651 to make appointment before October 7.

## Real estate transfers

**Ragsdale Family Trust by Darren Ragsdale**, of Orange County, Indiana to **Joan L. Keller**, of Martin County, Indiana, one acre in Section 20, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, in Martin County, Indiana. More commonly known as 8318 US Hwy 50, Shoals IN 47581.

**Thelma J. Smith**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Cindy Nicholson, Chad Nicholson, and Betty Roach**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West containing .07 acre, more or less.

**Nickolas Ryan Sanders**, of Monroe County, Indiana to **Dora D. Sanders**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the west half of the southwest quarter of Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 3 West containing .42 acres, more or less.

**Paul D. Sanders**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Dora D. Sanders**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the west half of the southwest quarter of Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 3 West containing .3 acres, more or less.

**Adam E. Greene**, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Michael J. Guy**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 33 in Roger's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

# Loogootee man arrested on multiple charges including kidnapping

Wesley T. Yokem, 28, of Loogootee, is being held in Daviess County Jail on preliminary charges of criminal confinement; kidnapping; battery; battery resulting in bodily injury; criminal mischief; and residential. Yokem is being held on \$125,000 bond.

Yokem's arrest stemmed from an incident on September 16 when he had allegedly bound his girlfriend to a chair with duct tape and battered her on suspicions that she had stolen his safe, according to a probable cause filed Daviess County Sheriff's Deputy Keith Hinderliter.

Hinderliter said as he and another deputy were leaving Daviess Community Hospital, they were approached by Ryan Downs who appeared to have been in an altercation. The male explained Yokem and his girlfriend had kicked in the door to his home on Van Trees Street in Washington. He noted his wife and kids were in the home.

Washington Police Officer Stephen Mize was already with Yokem by this time, and the girlfriend was located across the street at a neighbor's house.

A separate probable cause filed by WPD Officer Collin Cornelius stated the Washington Police were dispatched to another Van Trees Street residence, where Yokem's girl-

## ISP partners with the DEA in Drug Take-Back Day

This fall, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) offers residents a chance to get rid of pills, cough syrup, and other unwanted medications that have been piling up around their homes during the eighth National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day.

Held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, September 27, the event is one of the few days of the year where residents can drop off expired or unused prescription medications without having to wonder whether they will be accepted—even controlled substances, such as ADHD drugs, are taken. This program WILL NOT ACCEPT NEW OR USED NEEDLES. The collection is intended for liquid and pill medications only.

Past Take-Back Day events have been hugely successful, collecting more than 324 tons of prescription medications nationwide last October alone. Citizens wishing to par-

friend had gone to ask for help. Cornelius noted the girlfriend appeared to be in distress and had visible marks on her body.

The girlfriend explained they had gone back to Yokem's house in Loogootee, where he approached her about a missing safe. She alleged Yokem began hitting and yelling at her, then duct taped her to a lawn chair and poured water on her in an attempt to get information from her.

The girlfriend convinced Yokem to go back to Washington to ask Downs if he had a knife that had been in the safe. When Yokem confronted Downs at his residence, an altercation ensued.

During a later interview, Yokem admitted to the confrontation with his girlfriend. He also advised he put duct tape on her feet and taped her arms to the chair, but "he only put one strand of tape on her and she was able to break free right away".

According to the reports, the girlfriend had marks on her face, back, bruises on both upper arms and scuffed knees. A search warrant executed at the barn where the girlfriend alleged she was confined showed evidence consistent with her story, including a chair, several strips and wads of duct tape and empty rolls of duct tape.

participate in this program may drop off their prescription drugs for disposal at any Indiana State Police Post throughout the state (except the Toll Road). This includes the Jasper and Evansville Posts on Saturday, September 27, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Dubois County will host two additional sites: The Huntingburg Fire Station, 501 East 1st Street, Huntingburg and the Ferdinand Fire Station, 2065 Main Street, Ferdinand. These two sites will be open from 10 a.m. until noon.

Also accepting drugs for disposal in Daviess County are the Odon Police Department at 401 S. Grove Street in Odon and the Washington Fire Department at 200 Harned Ave, Washington.

To locate the state police post closest to your home or business, click this link: [www.in.gov/isp/2382.htm](http://www.in.gov/isp/2382.htm).

To find other locations participating in the Drug Take Back initiative, use this link to the DEA: [www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/NTBI/ntbi-pub.pub?\\_flowExecutionKey=\\_c6796A07F-8015-147E-1B9E-8230988179C2\\_kFB2D2F77-1E74-95C9-F1F1-02553A852983](http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/NTBI/ntbi-pub.pub?_flowExecutionKey=_c6796A07F-8015-147E-1B9E-8230988179C2_kFB2D2F77-1E74-95C9-F1F1-02553A852983).

## Assault in Shoals leads to arrest

On September 22 at approximately 12:30 a.m. the Martin County Sheriff's Department received a 911 call from Timothy Witt, 45, of Shoals, stating that Randy Baker, 34, of Shoals, was inside his residence assaulting him with a ball bat. The victim also stated that Baker had stabbed him. Deputy Lucas Harmon, Loogootee Police Officer Steve Nolan, and Indiana State Police Trooper Andrew Watson responded to the call. Due to Witt's injuries, he was transported by Martin County EMS to Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper, and later flown to a hospital in Evansville. The suspect had left the scene before law enforcement arrived.

After an investigation, on September 22 at 1 p.m., Randy J. Baker was arrested on charges of aggravated battery by Martin County Sergeant Keith Keller.

Martin County EMS, Shoals Fire units, Indiana State Police Crime Scene Technicians all responded to the scene.



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## October weather outlook: More seasonal - for a change

BY KEITH ROBINSON  
*Purdue University News Service*

After an unusually cool and wet summer, Indiana might very well see a return to more normal conditions as autumn sets in.

Temperatures are expected to rebound to near-normal and then normal for the rest of September and develop into a warmer-than-normal trend for October, according to the Indiana State Climate Office, based at Purdue University. Precipitation should be about normal in October.

The relative warm-up would be the result of a "positive" Arctic Oscillation that is expected to keep cooler air out of the region and a jet stream that is likely to shift more east to west than north to south.

The outlook is "a broad climatology of expectations," said Dev Niyogi, state climatologist.

"This appears to be a season where we will have to keep a close eye to see how things are evolving every month, with no major drivers dominating our seasonal outlook," he said.

## Cover Crops Field Guide for farmers expanded, update

BY EMMA HOPKINS  
*Purdue University News Service*

Farmers interested in planting cover crops to improve soil health now have an updated and expanded resource in the second edition of the Midwest Cover Crops Field Guide.

The pocket guide, released Monday, September 22, is produced by Purdue University and the Midwest Cover Crops Council.

Growers plant cover crops for a variety of reasons and possible benefits. Cover crops can trap nitrogen left in the soil after cash-crop harvest, scavenging the nitrogen to build soil organic matter and recycling some nitrogen for later crop use. They also can prevent erosion, improve soil physical and biological characteristics, suppress weeds, improve water quality and conserve soil moisture by providing surface mulch.

The first cover crops guide was released in February 2012. The updated guide is in response to the increasing interest in cover crops in the Midwest and to requests for additional information.

"All this new information will help farmers better choose appropriate cover crops for their situation and better manage the

### Deadline is October 31 for Big Tree Register submissions

The 2012 drought and other circumstances have knocked some of Indiana's state champion trees out of contention for the 2015 Big Tree Register.

Published every five years, the register is a list of the largest known native trees in the state, known as state champion trees.

The DNR is accepting nominations for the 2015 Big Tree Register through October 31.

The loss of several champions is an opportunity for other trees to move up and take their place. If you think you have the largest or even the second largest please nominate your tree — it could be the next state champion for its species.

The application requires three measurements of a tree: total circumference, in inches, at 4.5 feet above the ground; total height, in feet; and average crown spread, in feet.

The total size of a tree is calculated using a points system. The tree of each species with the highest total is Indiana's largest.

Each tree nominated is verified for species and size before acceptance in the register.

More information, the online directory of

From now to the end of October in the far northern counties, daily high temperatures normally fall from 70 degrees Fahrenheit to 55 and lows from 50 to 40. In extreme southwest Indiana, the highs normally cool from 78 degrees to 64 and the lows from 54 to 42.

Total October precipitation normally ranges between 1.7 and 1.9 inches across the state. October usually is one of the driest months of the year in Indiana.

With autumn's return, attention shifts to the question of when Indiana will have its first frost. The average earliest first-frost dates are more than three weeks away.

For most of Indiana, the first killing freeze of 28 degrees or lower typically has occurred during of period of October 23-29. Scattered portions of the state, mostly in some of the central and northern counties, have had their first frost October 17-23.

Most southern counties have experienced their first frost October 29 to November 17.

A map of Indiana's average first-frost dates is available at [www.iclimat.org/images/toolbox/Fall28.jpg](http://www.iclimat.org/images/toolbox/Fall28.jpg).

cover crops they grow - all for greater potential benefit for their soils and cash crop growth," said Eileen Kladivko, Purdue professor of agronomy.

The updated guide features seven new topics:

- \* Getting started in cover crops.
- \* Rationale for fitting cover crops into different cropping systems.
- \* Suggested cover crops for common rotations.
- \* Cover crop effects on cash crop yields.
- \* Climate considerations including winter hardiness and water use.
- \* Adapting seeding rates and spring management based on weather.
- \* "Up and coming" cover crops.

There also is more information about herbicide carryover, manure and biosolids applications, and crop insurance issues.

Four states have been added to the new guide to round out information for cover crops in the Midwest. They are Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and South Dakota.

The guide's second edition is available at Purdue Extension's The Education Store at [www.the-education-store.com](http://www.the-education-store.com). Search by the name of the publication or product code ID-433.

Indiana big trees, the nomination form, and directions on how to make tree measurements is at [dnr.IN.gov/forestry/8169.htm](http://dnr.IN.gov/forestry/8169.htm).

For more information about nominating a tree for the register or to receive a nomination form, contact district forester Janet Eger at (812) 247-2479 or [jeger@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:jeger@dnr.IN.gov).

## Indiana State Police unveil new electronic firearms application process

Last Thursday, the Indiana State Police unveiled a new electronic firearms application process that will be in effect beginning October 1.

The new process will remove the "paper" application and after October 1 only electronic applications will be accepted. Firearms permits issued after October 1 will also be hard plastic, as opposed to the paper permit currently issued.

"The new electronic application is designed to streamline the application process for both the applicant and law enforcement officials" said Assistant Chief of Staff Major Mike White, Communication and Information Systems. "This system is de-

## Purdue economist suggests corn growers consider keeping their crops close to home

BY DARRIN PACK  
*Purdue University News Service*

With a record amount of corn likely headed to market in the next few weeks and corn prices still very low, a Purdue University agricultural economist is advising growers to consider storing their crop on their own property if they can.

The alternatives are to pay a premium for space in a commercial storage facility or to sell for prices far below what many farmers expected at the beginning of the season, said associate professor Corinne Alexander.

None of these three options is particularly appealing, Alexander says, but keeping the crops in on-farm bins, elevators or silos and waiting for market conditions to improve makes the most financial sense.

"If you don't have storage on your farm, your next best choice might be to sell even if you have to take less than you wanted," she said. "It's a complex equation and there are no easy answers."

Typically, the key variable in determining whether to store or sell crops is the "opportunity cost," Alexander said. That is, farmers should calculate whether they would earn more by depositing the proceeds of an immediate sale or by storing their crops and hoping for higher prices later.

But historically low interest rates right now mean farmers probably won't lose much, if anything, by keeping their grain in silos instead of money in the bank, Alexander said.

Farmers also should consider that this year's corn glut is likely to quickly fill up the region's grain storage units, making space harder to find and more expensive, Alexander said.

"Indiana has done a good job in recent years of adding more storage space," she said. "But with so much corn coming in at once it will be difficult to find room for it all."

Alexander envisions a situation where excess corn could be "sitting around in piles" while producers and buyers try to figure out what to do with it.

But Indiana is unlikely to experience the types of transportation logjams facing farmers in the Dakotas. Analysts from the public and private sectors say the state has enough rail cars and barges to move the grain.

The questions are where will the buyers be found, at what prices and when?

With such a large surplus, Alexander said, corn prices are unlikely to recover their relatively high levels of the past two years anytime soon.

Corn prices have been battered since mid-summer when it became apparent that cool, wet weather would provide ideal conditions for a bumper crop.

The latest U.S. Department of Agriculture crop production report, issued September 11, projected a record national corn output this year of 14.4 billion bushels, up 3 percent from 2013. Indiana farmers also were expected to produce a record crop.

As a result, the December corn contract, the most actively traded in the futures market, peaked at \$5.10 per bushel in mid-May and has since slid to its lowest level in four years. Prospects for the basis price - the cash value farmers receive for the immediate sale of their crop at the time of harvest - are equally bleak because of the massive amount of grain up for sale.

Meanwhile, global demand for corn has plateaued, at least for the short term, due in part to a healthy wheat harvest in Europe that reduced their need for American grain imports and record or near-record production in other corn-growing countries.

Domestic demand is limited by barriers to growth in the ethanol and livestock feed sectors, two of the most important destinations for Indiana corn. Ethanol producers are using about all the corn they can for the foreseeable future, and livestock operators are just now beginning to increase their herds after several down years, Alexander said.

The good news, Alexander said, is American consumers might pick up some of the slack.

"If corn is cheap," she said, "people will find ways to use it."

## Indiana citizens can help put an end to poaching

Indiana Conservation Officers are encouraging citizens to partner with the Turn in a Poacher (T.I.P.) program and become active in putting an end to poaching.

T.I.P. is a non-profit organization that originated in 1983 for the purpose of paying rewards to promote public involvement and assistance to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement effort. TIP is administered by a citizen's advisory board consisting of members that represent many different sportsmen organizations.

"Concerned citizens are the main reason why Indiana TIP has been successful in fighting against poaching and bringing justice to those who violate Fish and Wildlife

laws", said TIP citizen's advisory board President Joe Cales. "Poaching affects us all".

Since 2011 TIP has received 1,388 tips and has paid \$13,100 in rewards for tips that have led to the arrest of a suspect. TIP was instrumental in funding the beginning of the nationally recognized K-9 resource protection program for the Indiana DNR Law Enforcement Division.

"The Turn in a Poacher organization and its members continue to be a great supporter of the mission of the DNR Law Enforcement Division", said Director Danny East. "Our success is greatly increased by the support of our citizens and sportsmen organizations".

Interested citizens may join TIP by visiting their website at [www.in.gov/dnr/lawenfor/2745.htm](http://www.in.gov/dnr/lawenfor/2745.htm). To report Fish and Wildlife violations and remain anonymous citizens are encouraged to use the TIP line by calling 1-800-TIP-IDNR.

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# In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser  
Purdue University Master Gardener

If mums are the queen of the late summer and early fall garden, then asters must surely be princesses. The very name means "star" and they certainly star when it comes to color.

Asters are somewhat puzzling, even to professional horticulturalists. At one time, the genus numbered in the thousands. However, with modern DNA research, the genus was split, and the term aster now applies only to a group of plants native mostly to Europe and Asia, with only one native North American aster. However, while our native plants have now been assigned to a new genus by the scientists, they still are labeled as asters in most garden centers.

The confusion is further advanced by the fact that the different species of asters cross easily, and it is difficult to actually find species asters. However, I would not complain, as those hybrids really have a lot to offer. The flowers range in color from white to pink, lavender and deep violet. Asters range in size from about six inches to over six feet, so there is a variety that will fit anywhere in a border. Most asters are hardy in our climate and will self-seed to the point that some gardeners consider them to be weeds. I only wish that all of the

weeds were that beautiful.

The tall New York asters have also been criticized because they tend to fall if we get strong winds. Like mums, splitting and falling of asters may be prevented by cutting them back in early summer. The result will be sturdier, thicker plants. This may delay the bloom time by a few weeks, but I consider that to be another benefit, stretching the flower time into autumn. If you have several clumps of asters, you may cut some of them earlier in the summer and cut others later, resulting in flowers over a more extended period.

Of course, the above information is of little use this time of the year. Like mums, the asters that are available in many garden centers tend to be less hardy than the spring-planted asters and the seedlings that volunteer in gardens. If you want to increase the chance that your asters will survive the winter, buy plants that have more buds than blooms and get them in the ground as soon as possible. Asters do not like wet feet, so make sure to plant them in areas where no water stands in the winter time. Raised beds offer prime locations for asters. Once the flowers are killed by frost, you may cut the plants back to prevent the

winter winds from tearing the plants. However, I recommend leaving about six inches of the stalks to protect the crown of the plant from winter snows, which may cause the crown to rot. Mulch around the new plant after the ground freezes.

Asters are susceptible to powdery mildew, so plant them where they will get plenty of air circulation. As with all fungal diseases, the best cure is actually prevention. If you have any disease on your plants, be sure to clean up the residue and make sure it is destroyed or disposed of away from the garden. Do not put that plant material in your compost bin. The fungal problems rarely kill asters, but the foliage may be unattractive.

Asters are wonderful nectar plants for bees and butterflies. The insects are attracted by the bright colors and the flower shape, which allows easy access to the nectar. Many asters have little scent, but others may have a scent that is more herbal than floral. In fact, the tall asters grown by one of my garden mentors, Aleta Kerby, had such a strong herbal scent that she referred to them as "camphor flowers". Many years ago, an errant bulldozer operator wiped out the start of those asters that I had been

given in my youth and I have searched a new start of the camphor flowers for many years. They say that scents provoke the strongest memories, and while I have smelled of many asters, I have not found one that emits the distinct camphor scent of those tall asters, which Miss Kerby had in mauve, light purple and deep violet. I continue my search. Whenever I see a garden with tall asters, I stop to admire the color and seek that memorable scent from my youth.

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## Duke Energy \$1.87 billion infrastructure replacement plan: Consumer comments on proposed rate increases invited

The Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC) is inviting written comments from Duke Energy customers on the utility's \$1.87 billion plan for electric transmission, distribution and storage system improvements. This includes Duke Energy's request for incremental electric rate recovery of the costs as the projects proceed, through a new semi-annual rate adjustment mechanism (or "tracker").

The OUCC – the state agency representing consumer interests in cases before the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) – is reviewing the utility's plan and has not yet taken a position in the pending case. The OUCC is scheduled to complete its review and file testimony on November 12, 2014.

Duke Energy has filed its request under a 2013 Indiana law (Senate Enrolled Act 560).

The law allows an investor-owned electric or natural gas utility to seek IURC approval of a seven-year infrastructure improvement plan.

If the plan is approved, the utility may then adjust rates every six months, subject to OUCC review and IURC approval, to recover project costs as they are incurred.

The rate adjustments – under a new Transmission, Distribution, and Storage System Improvement Charge (TDSIC) mechanism – may not exceed two percent of the utility's total retail revenues each year.

Recovery of 20 percent of the costs must be deferred until the utility's next base rate case, which must be filed before the end of the seven-year period.

Duke Energy's testimony and exhibits in IURC Cause No. 44526 state that:

The proposed projects throughout its Indiana service territory would be built from 2015 through 2022.

Projects would include automated metering and communications devices, breaker and relay replacements, replacement of aging infrastructure (including transformers, substations, poles, and lines), vegetation management, and other proposals.

Duke Energy plans to file its first semi-annual TDSIC rate increase request in September 2015.

If the seven-year plan is approved by the IURC, Duke Energy's first TDSIC rate increase of approximately 0.9 percent would take effect in 2016. The estimated rate increases from 2017 through 2022 would vary annually, ranging from 0.8 percent to 1.3 percent each year. The estimated average annual percentage increase over the seven-year term is 1 percent.

Under the law's timing requirements, the IURC must issue a final order no later than March 27, 2015.

The new tracker rate increases requested in this case are in addition to Duke Energy's current Indiana base rates, which were approved in 2004, and also in addition to various other trackers through

which the utility currently adjusts its rates subject to OUCC review and IURC approval. All Indiana investor-owned electric utilities use trackers, with Duke Energy using them to recover costs for generating fuel, environmental compliance, regional transmission, energy efficiency programs, critical infrastructure protection, its integrated gasification combined cycle (IGCC) generation plant at Edwardsport, and other costs.

A number of additional parties have formally intervened in this case and are also expected to file testimony on November 12, 2014. They include the Citizens Action Coalition of Indiana and several of Duke Energy's industrial customers (Nucor Steel, Steel Dynamics, Inc., Eli Lilly and Company, Haynes International, Inc., Marathon Petroleum Company, LP, Tate & Lyle Ingredients Americas, Inc., and USG Corporation).

An IURC technical evidentiary hearing in this case is scheduled to start on December 18, 2014 at the PNC Center (101 W. Washington St.) in Indianapolis. While evidentiary hearings are open to the public, participation is typically limited to attorney and Commission questioning of expert witnesses who have filed technical testimony on behalf of the case's formal parties.

For more information on this case and the 2013 law, please visit [www.in.gov/oucc/2802.htm](http://www.in.gov/oucc/2802.htm).

Consumers who wish to submit written comments may do so via the OUCC's Website at [www.in.gov/oucc/2361.htm](http://www.in.gov/oucc/2361.htm), or by mail, email or fax:

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Written comments the OUCC receives by November 5, 2014 will be filed with the Commission and included in the case's formal evidentiary record. Comments should include the consumer's name, mailing address, and a reference to "IURC Cause No. 44526."

Consumers with questions about submitting written comments can contact the OUCC's consumer services staff toll-free at 1-888-441-2494.

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## The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative  
**Mark Messmer**



### Remembering the Constitution every day of the year

Did you know that this year marks the 227th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution? This is the oldest and shortest written Constitution of any major government in the world, but is also one of the most important documents ever penned.

The Constitution was written to guarantee the freedoms which American colonists fought, sacrificed and died to establish. Once America gained her independence, the Constitution was designed to deter the abuses of power that they had grown accustomed to from occurring in their new country.

Each year during this week, proud patriots across our country celebrate Constitution Week. The tradition of Constitution Week was started in 1955 when the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) petitioned Congress to set aside the week. It was later adopted and signed into Public Law on August 2, 1956 by then President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Throughout this week, the Dubois County DAR have arranged to have displays set up in Jasper, Huntingburg, Dubois and Ferdinand Public Libraries to educate citizens about the Constitution.

As the descendant of Captain John Waller and the son of Linda Messmer, DAR Regent for Dubois County, celebrating Constitution Week has been a way of life for me. Captain Waller was born in Virginia and enlisted in the Continental Army as a sergeant. He fought in the Battle of Brandywine and was commissioned Captain by General George

Washington. Later, he founded the city of Falmouth, Kentucky.

Through my mom's participation in DAR, I have also been able to become a member of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). I believe it is very important to remember our family heritage and the sacrifices that our ancestors made to ensure our freedom today. This is something I instill in my children each and every day.

Often times I have wondered, as our founding fathers gathered to create the framework for America's new government, did they have any idea what a lasting impact this document would have? Could they have even imagined the beacon of hope it would symbolize for people around the world? Did they know that what they were creating was unlike anything the world had ever seen before - something we would still be praising 227 years later?

Although it was written centuries ago, the groundbreaking contents of the U.S. Constitution have remained a symbol of freedom throughout times of war and peace, depression and prosperity, to mold our country into the place it is today. While on occasion it has required some amendments, at its core, the underlying principles of the U.S. Constitution transcend time.

This year, let us all celebrate Constitution Week by resolving to be better-informed and responsible citizens of America. After all, these timeless words will eventually lose their value if we do not know what they are.

*Rep. Messmer (R-Jasper) represents portions of Daviess, Dubois, Pike and Martin counties.*

## New mobile voter registration app launched

Indiana Secretary of State Connie Lawson announced a new mobile voter registration app in conjunction with National Voter Registration Day (held September 23). The app allows Hoosiers to register to vote, along with many other services, via their smart phone.

"The Indiana Voters App is the next phase of this office embracing technology to improve customer service and citizen engagement," said Secretary Lawson. "I encourage all Hoosiers to take advantage of this new app and check their registration today."

The new app will allow Hoosiers to register to vote or confirm their voter registration, look up their polling place, get driving directions to their polling location, find out who's on their ballot, track their absentee ballot application or provisional ballot information and contact local election offi-

cial. It is a full service application designed to make voting easy for Hoosiers by making election information accessible from anywhere.

Apple users can access the application via iTunes from a mobile device or tablet by searching "Indiana voters." Android users can access the application via their mobile app store by searching "Indiana Voters."

"Indiana now offers several convenient ways for Hoosiers to get registered or confirm information. If you cannot download the Indiana Voters app, our customer-friendly IndianaVoters.com is available on any desktop," said Secretary Lawson. "Once Hoosiers get registered, I hope they will learn more about our vote in honor of a vet program so they can cast their ballot in honor of a military member who has affected their life."

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## LHS Fall Chorus Concert

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Members of the sixth grade and junior high choruses at Loogootee also participated in the fall chorus concert held Monday night. Members of the sixth grade chorus are Austin Brittain, Cody Carrico, Julius Castro, Caden Chandler, Samantha Cook, Bryant Eckerle, Emily Gingerich, Camden Godwin, Ashlyn Holt, Karissa Hunt, Abigail Lindsey, Camden Long, Jatelin Nicholson, Sirena Nugent, Zach Perkins, Shianne Ritter, Aspen Salmon, Wyatt Sheetz, Tatiana Stinson, Devan Stoll, Cody Stone, Brayden Sutton, Karoline Tedrow, Tristan Tinkle, Aaron Todd, Kallin Trambaugh, Makenzie VanHoy, Stanley Wagler, Tyler Wagoner, Brittany Walker, Jaelyn Walker, Billy Wetter, Jalen Wildman, Jordan Wildman, and Anna Wilson. Members of the junior high chorus include Danielle Abel, Ayden Aiman, Michael Arford, Jacob Arvin, Chris Ashby, Hannah Bailey, Kendall Berry, Mallory Berry, Max Blackwell, Alex Bowling, Cruse Bridgewater, Kalli Britton, Jessica Browder, Lucas Burch, Courtney Burch, Liz Burch, Keyton Campbell, Aspyr Carrico, Essie Craig, Sydney Davis, Grace Earley, Ashley Epperson, Cassie Esch, Tristain Forbes, Daniel Gingerich, Ariana Gomez, Nathaniel Hart, Conner Hedrick, Samantha Hembree, Jacob Hollihan, Trinity Howell, Mackenzy Hudson, Lauren Kain, Alexis Long, Marcus Lukens, Konner Lyon, Kendra Lythgoe, Taylor Mattingly, Stephanie Otto, Brittany Potts, McKenzie Rain, Lindsey Rasico, Lindsey Robinson, Rachel Robinson, Jessie Stoll, Chelsie Sutton, Tyler Swartzentruber, Emily Thomas, Melaina Tippary, Sebastian Toy, Emily Wade, Madisyn Wade, Sarah Wagler, Jayleigh Wagoner, Madison Wagoner, Kealy Wetter, Rikki Wetter, Garrett Williams, Calli Winger, and Olivia Winger.

## Loogootee Boys' Tennis Teams struggle with losses

The Loogootee High School Boys Tennis Team fell to Evansville Memorial last night, Tuesday, September 23. The varsity was defeated 0-5 and the junior varsity 2-3.

Head Coach Rick Graves said after the matches, "Memorial is definitely one of the strongest teams we've played this season but I thought we did a good job against them, especially our singles. Gabe had a chance in his match. He was broken in the 12th game and it seemed to take the wind out of his sails. Shots he was making earlier he couldn't quite hit in the second set. I was pleased to see Landon and Wyatt play well, also. They both hit the ball well and at times had their opponents frustrated. Memorial's experience was the biggest difference tonight. We have good athletes but they have guys who are good tennis players as well as being good athletes. It's a tough combination to overcome."

The varsity moves to 6-8 on the season and 1-2 in the Blue Chip Conference. The junior varsity is 5-6 on the season and 0-2 in the conference. The teams will play Linton tonight at home at 4:30 p.m.

### Varsity results

Evansville Memorial 5, Loogootee 0  
 #1 Singles - Michael Koch (EM) defeated Gabe Nolley (L) 7-5, 6-0  
 #2 Singles - Nick Johnson (EM) defeated Landon Bell (L) 6-1, 6-3  
 #3 Singles - Griffin Bitter (EM) defeated Wyatt Wade (L) 6-3, 6-3  
 #1 Doubles - Chase Throop and Colin Throop (EM) defeated Hayden Bell and Jordan Berry (L) 6-1, 6-0  
 #2 Doubles - Jackson Jennings and Joe Simon (EM) defeated Landon Diamond and Landon Wittmer (L) 6-0, 6-0

### Junior varsity results

Evansville Memorial 3, Loogootee 2  
 #1 Doubles - Chris Clark and Ross Effinger (EM) defeated Carson Rayhill and Seth Wagler (L) 8-1  
 #2 Doubles - Spencer Johnson and James Vincent (EM) defeated Trysten Booker and Gavin Wittmer (L) 8-1  
 #3 Doubles - Lucas Cooley and Dylan Klipsch (EM) defeated Jorge Aura' Camarena and Cole Harmon (L) 8-3  
 #4 Doubles - Carson Rayhill and Seth Wagler (L) defeated Evansville Memorial 8-2  
 #5 Doubles - Trysten Booker and Gavin

Wittmer (L) defeated Evansville Memorial 6-2

The varsity team hosted the Loogootee Invitational this past Saturday, September 20. Bloomfield ended up taking the championship with Barr-Reeve in second and Loogootee in third.

Coach Graves said, "While we had two losses today I can't say I was really displeased with the way we played overall. I was really disappointed in our play last Thursday but today we were much more competitive and showed more focus. We had opportunities today but couldn't find a way to capitalize on them."

With Bloomfield being undefeated Coach Graves said he thought the Lions had a chance to beat them and nearly pulled it off. "I told our guys you can be happy with the way you played but don't be satisfied with the outcome," he said.

Coach Graves congratulated Gabe Nolley for moving into second place for career wins at Loogootee. Gabe now has 68 wins, which puts him behind Alan Toy, who has 78. "In the last week or so Gabe has passed some great players in Loogootee tennis history. We have a few matches left in the regular season so hopefully he'll be adding to that total," said the coach.

### Results

Barr-Reeve 3, Loogootee 2  
 #1 Singles - Gabe Nolley (L) defeated Colten Lottes (BR) 6-0, 6-0  
 #2 Singles - John Cangelosi (BR) defeated Landon Bell (L) 6-2, 1-6, 1-0(5)  
 #3 Singles - Wyatt Wade (L) defeated Trent Graber (BR) 6-3, 6-1  
 #1 Doubles - Zach Graber and Jonathon Walker (BR) defeated Hayden Bell and Jordan Berry (L) 7-6(6), 7-5  
 #2 Doubles - Wyatt Helms and Blake Hoover (BR) defeated Landon Diamond and Landon Wittmer (L) 4-6, 6-4, 1-0(9)  
 Bloomfield 4, Barr-Reeve 1  
 #1 Singles - Del Carter (B) defeated Colten Lottes (BR) 6-3, 6-1  
 #2 Singles - Conner Dowden (B) defeated John Cangelosi (BR) 6-3, 4-6, 1-0(7)  
 #3 Singles - Trent Graber (BR) defeated Jackson Stone (B) 4-6, 6-2, 1-0(6)  
 #1 Doubles - Alex Chestnut and Hunter Heaton (B) defeated Zach Graber & Jonathon Walker (BR) 6-1, 6-1  
 #2 Doubles - Evan Fuller and Brennan Hughes (B) defeated Wyatt Helms and

Blake Hoover (BR) 6-2, 6-4

Bloomfield 3, Loogootee 2

#1 Singles - Gabe Nolley (L) defeated Del Carter (B) 6-1, 6-0

#2 Singles - Conner Dowden (B) defeated Landon Bell (L) 7-6(5), 7-6(5)

#3 Singles - Wyatt Wade (L) defeated Jackson Stone (B) 6-4, 6-0

#1 Doubles - Alex Chestnut and Hunter Heaton (B) defeated Hayden Bell and Jordan Berry (L) 6-4, 6-3

#2 Doubles - Evan Fuller & Brennan Hughes (B) defeated

Landon Diamond & Landon Wittmer (L) 6-1, 6-4

The Lions took on Barr-Reeve last Thursday, September 18. The Vikings defeated the Lions varsity squad 3-2 and the junior varsity 4-0.

Coach Graves said after the matches, "This was a very disappointing loss for us. I just didn't feel like we showed up tonight. That being said I think Barr-Reeve played very well. They hit the ball well and just played better than us. We'll be facing Barr-Reeve again this weekend and also a very good Bloomfield team in our Invitational so our level of play has got to improve in a

hurry."

### Varsity results

Barr-Reeve 3, Loogootee 2

#1 Singles - Gabe Nolley (L) defeated Colten Lottes (BR) 6-0, 6-0

#2 Singles - John Cangelosi (BR) defeated Landon Bell (L) 2-6, 7-5, 6-0

#3 Singles - Trent Graber (BR) defeated Wyatt Wade (L) 6-0, 6-3

#1 Doubles - Hayden Bell and Jordan Berry (L) defeated Zach Graber and Jonathon Walker (BR) 6-3, 6-4

#2 Doubles - Wyatt Helms and Blake Hoover (BR) defeated Landon Diamond and Landon Wittmer (L) 6-1, 6-1

### Junior varsity results

Barr-Reeve 4, Loogootee 0

#1 Singles - Stephan Lang (BR) defeated Seth Wagler (L) 9-7

#2 Singles - Nick Parsons (BR) defeated Carson Rayhill (L) 8-5

#1 Doubles - Trent Lengacher and Mitch Wagler (BR) defeated Trysten Booker and Gavin Wittmer (L) 8-3

#2 Doubles - Cole Butler & Noah Ross (BR) defeated Jorge Aura' Camarena and Cole Harmon (L) 8-6

## Loogootee Volleyball Team defeats Washington, Shoals, North Knox

The Lady Lions Volleyball team took on Washington last night, Tuesday, September 23 and were defeated in four sets, 20-25, 25-16, 19-25, and 21-25.

Lauren Bowling led in points with 12 followed by Waylee Wagoner, Kylie Hall and Kailie Robbins with eight each and Emily Brookshire with three. Wagoner also had 11 digs and six kills; Robbins had 11 digs, Hall contributed 14 assists; and Brookshire had 10 digs.

Mya Hedrick finished with 14 kills followed by Julianne Bell with seven and Paige Walton with six. Breigh LaMar had 21 assists.

The varsity moved to 14-4 on the season. The junior varsity won their matches, 25-13 in both sets.

Last Friday, September 19, the varsity Lions defeated Shoals in three sets, 25-10, 25-7, and 29-27.

LaMar led in assists with 24 and also had five digs; Hall finished with 13 assists and

three digs. Hedrick ended with 14 kills followed by Julianne Bell with 10 and Emily Bateman with four. Brookshire had 11 digs, Wagoner had five digs and seven points, and Robbins had five digs and 11 points. Bowling finished with 12 points and three digs.

The junior varsity team also defeated Shoals in two sets, 25-10 and 25-23.

Last Thursday, the girls also defeated North Knox in three sets, 25-16, 25-16, and 25-23. Hall finished with 17 points and eight assists followed by LaMar with 14 assists and six points. Hedrick and Paige Walton finished with six kills each, Bateman had five and Bell ended with four. Brookshire contributed 11 digs and seven points, Robbins had seven digs and six points, Wagoner had seven points and Bowling finished with five.

The junior varsity girls defeated North Knox in three sets also, 25-12, 13-25, and 15-4.





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Shown above from left to right are Gerry Huelsman, Tom Peter, Chris Peter, Barb Holder and Betty Huelsman, RSVP Volunteers who are also with the Bramble St. Vincent DePaul Conference.

## RSVP program helps food pantries

On September 16, 25 RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) volunteers from Daviess and Martin counties met to prepare and package 1,000 chicken noodle soup mixes for area food pantries in both counties.

The goal of this project is to provide nutritious, appetizing and easy-to-prepare meals to families with low food security.

This project is part of a national movement to engage persons age 55 and better in meaningful service to their communities through the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. There will be three more packaging events in the coming months.

A majority of the funding for this project came from the generosity of the St. Vincent DePaul conference of St. Joseph Church at Bramble, with funds supplied by the St. John Church conference of St. Vincent DePaul. They provided 1,000 cans of chicken for the soup mixes. Other funding sources include the Daviess County Community Foundation, the Martin County Community Foundation, the Perdue Foundation, Toyota Motor Manufacturing, and the Walmart Foundation.

For more information on the RSVP Volunteer Program, contact Kim Herbertz, Executive Director at 812-254-1996.



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Shown above are RSVP volunteers preparing the chicken noodle soup mixes for area food pantries.

## Lange-Fuhs Cancer Center sponsors "Fun Day"

The Lange-Fuhs Cancer Center is sponsoring "Fun Day," a day for all cancer patients, cancer survivors, their families and guests of all ages to come together for a time of entertainment and companionship. This free event will be held at Memorial Lodge, 2590 South Newton Street in Jasper, from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 11.

Included in the day's events will be The Red Nose Society Clowns (10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.), games, face painting, temporary tattoos, and fun photo booth (10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.), group workout and walk (10:45-11:15 a.m.), bouncy ball races (11:15-11:45 a.m.), picnic lunch (11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.), prize giveaway and Peppermint Patty and Giggles Skit (11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.), and Grandview Junction Band (1:00-1:30 p.m.). All events are free of charge.

The Lange-Fuhs Cancer Center, established in 2007 by Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center, offers comprehensive medical and radiation oncology services to cancer patients in southwestern Indiana. The Center is affiliated with IU Simon Cancer Center, which provides clinical, research, and educational components. It is accredited by the Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons.

Pre-registration is required by October 6 for the Fun Day event and can be made by calling the Lange-Fuhs Cancer Center at 996-0626.

## Humane Society featured pet



As part of "Less Adoptable Pets Week", September 21-27, the Martin County Humane Society is discounting adoption fees to \$20 for the "less adoptable" dogs in the shelter. Shown above is Shay, a mix breed that has been in the shelter for almost two years. She is part of the special this week being offered during open hours only. If interested in adopting, stop by the shelter at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. Shelter hours are Monday and Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by appt. any day except Sunday. The shelter is currently not accepting any dogs or cats.

## Calendar of Events

### Loogootee School Board special meeting

The Loogootee School Board will hold a special meeting tomorrow night, Thursday, September 25 in the meeting room off the superintendent's office at 5:30 p.m. One purpose of the meeting is to hire a new varsity boys' basketball coach to replace Mike Waggoner who recently resigned. The meeting is open to the public.

### Election public test

Public testing in preparation of the 2014 General Election will be held Friday, October 3 at 1 p.m. in the commissioners' room of the Martin County Courthouse located at 129 Main Street, Shoals. This test is open to the general public, Indiana Code (IC3-11-13-22).

### Haysville FD Open House

The Haysville Volunteer Fire Department will hold their annual open house on Sunday, October 19 from 10:30 a.m. to p.m. at the fire station. BBQ chicken dinners are being pre-sold only and can be picked up! Dinners are complete with German fries, green beans, and bread for \$10. Contact any fire department member by October 5 to purchase.

### SAT preparation classes

SAT preparation classes for college-bound high school students are scheduled for October 8, 15, 22, and 29, from 7-9 p.m. at the Martin County Learning Center. Karen Whorral teaches these classes to help students improve their chances of getting into the college of their choice and prepare themselves for a career. The cost is \$25, payable the first night. Please sign up with your guidance counselor. These classes are sponsored by the counseling departments of the Shoals and Loogootee High Schools and Martin County SOAR, the adult tutoring program. Class will be repeated in January. For further information, call Karen at 812-388-6639.

### Boy Scouts

Boys interested in Boy Scouts, call 295-6652 or 854-7837 for information on joining.

### Cub Scout meetings

Cub scout meetings are held at Loogootee United Methodist Church on the first, third, and fourth Monday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Bryan Adams at 812-854-7837.

### SOAR Tutoring

Need Skills? SOAR tutors can help! Free and confidential. Call or text Beverly 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.

### Humane society meetings

The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 7 p.m. Members of the humane society are invited to attend. To find out how to become a member, call the shelter at 812-295-5900 or email mchs@frontier.com.

### Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Martin County Community Learning Center on the fairgrounds.


### 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](http://www.martinswcd.com) or call at 295-3149.

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# REMC donates bottled water to area schools

Once again, spectators buying bottled water at high school sporting events in the Daviess-Martin County REMC service area are part of a unique marketing effort.

The REMC donated 252 cases of bottled water to local high schools to help in concessions fundraising.

Each bottle is labeled with the co-op name and phrase, "Committed to community."

"We saw in this program a special way to connect not only with our current members

but with young people who are our members of tomorrow," said Janet Chestnut, Manager of Communications/Member Relations at the REMC. "This is a great opportunity to further our pledge to education and enhance the Touchstone Energy value of commitment to the community."

The schools will retain all proceeds from the sale of the water and have the potential to raise over \$1,500 each. This is the eleventh year the REMC has donated the bottled water to the schools.



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Washington Catholic Schools - Standing with Washington Catholic eighth grade students in the front, far left, is Karie Craney, principal and far right, Bob Wilson, manager of finance at DMREMC.



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Shoals High School - from left to right are Ken Frye, DMREMC general manager; Austin Hembree, Tyler Mullins and Kyle Courtright.



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Barr-Reeve High School - Standing with Barr-Reeve senior classmen on the far left is Theresa Showalter, DMREMC administrative assistant and far right is Tim Swartzentruber, senior class sponsor.



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Loogootee High School - from to right are Josh Mullis, athletic director; Nate Duvall, Nolan Walker, Kendall Bratton, and John Crays, manager of operations at Daviess-Martin County REMC.



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North Daviess High School - In the front row standing with North Daviess eighth grade students in the back, far left is Janice Sellers, senior billing clerk at DMREMC and in the back on the far right is Brent Dalrymple, coach/athletic director.



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Mitchell High School - from left to right are Ann Perkins, DMREMC service coordinator assistant; Peyton Morris, Garrett Moody and, Danny Reynolds, athletic director.





## SOAR teams with Vectren -Photo provided

In cooperation with the Indiana Nonprofit Resource Network, SOAR gathered community leaders throughout Martin County together to analyze the causes of generational poverty and its effect on the community at the Bridges out of Poverty Workshop held September 18. Vectren provided a certified Bridges out of Poverty facility as well as funding to support the workshop and family literacy projects. Martin County is celebrating literacy month during September. SOAR encourages you, your family, and your friends to read every day – any time – any place – just for fun – or – to learn something new. To find a tutor or become a tutor, email [martincountysoar@hotmail.com](mailto:martincountysoar@hotmail.com) or call or text 812-709-1618. Shown above, from left to right, are Beverly McIntosh, SOAR program director; Karen Whorrall, SOAR vice president; Mark Ellis, SOAR president; Emily Baxter, Vectren Outreach; and Jeremy Myers, Vectren Operations.

## “Be Disaster Aware, Take Action to Prepare” during National Preparedness Month

September is the start of football season and coaches and players know how important it is to be prepared. It’s also National Preparedness Month. Take a lesson in preparedness from your favorite team and be ready in the event of an emergency or natural disaster.

Disasters don’t come with a playbook. The best way to cope with one is to be prepared to feed, shelter and protect your family in advance.

The 2014 National Preparedness Month theme is “Be Disaster Aware, Take Action to Prepare.”

It encourages Americans to take steps to prepare for any emergency in their homes, businesses, schools and communities. Many resources are available to help you and your family prepare for a disaster, including: tips and advice about what to do with pets, how to prepare children, what the elderly and people with functional needs should do, and how business can help in any potential emergency.

Visit [www.Ready.gov](http://www.Ready.gov) for more information.

This year, a new preparedness campaign has launched to help individuals and families prepare specifically for natural disasters. “America’s PrepareAthon!” is a national, community-based campaign for action that focuses on increasing emergency preparedness through hazard-specific drills, group discussions and exercises.

Family members are often not together when a disaster strikes so it is important to plan a few things in advance, such as: how you will get to a safe place, how you will contact one another, how you will get back together and what you will do in different situations. More information about America’s PrepareAthon! can be found here: <http://www.community.fema.gov/connect.ti/AmericasPrepareathon>.

Ideally, individuals should be prepared to be self-reliant for three days without utilities and electricity, water service, access to a supermarket or local services, and without response from police, fire or rescue.

Follow the tips below to get you and your family prepared:

- Be informed about emergencies that could happen in your community and identify sources of information in your community that will be helpful throughout an emergency.

- Make a plan for what to do in an emergency.

- Build an emergency supply kit.

- Get involved by finding opportunities to

support preparedness in your community.

Preparedness is a shared responsibility and it takes a whole community to be effective.

To learn more about National Preparedness Month, visit: [www.cdc.gov/phpr/preparedness\\_month.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/phpr/preparedness_month.htm).

Visit the Indiana State Department of Health at [www.StateHealth.in.gov](http://www.StateHealth.in.gov) for important health and safety information or follow us on Twitter at @StateHealthIN and on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/isdh1](http://www.facebook.com/isdh1).

# Loogootee and Shoals SCHOOL MENUS

## LOOGOOTEE ELEMENTARY

**Breakfast**  
**Thursday, September 25**  
 Egg patty, sausage patty, wheat toast, mixed fruit, bread and butter

**Friday, September 26**  
 Cereal, sausage link, apple

**Monday, September 29**  
 Cereal, string cheese, apple

**Tuesday, September 30**  
 Omelet, wheat toast, pears

**Wednesday, October 1**  
 Cereal bar, string cheese

**Lunch**  
**Thursday, September 25**  
 Soft taco, lettuce, corn, applesauce, milk or juice

**Friday, September 26**  
 BBQ pork, baked beans, chips, mixed fruit, milk or juice

**Monday, September 29**  
 Breaded tenderloin, French fries, green beans, peaches, milk or juice

**Tuesday, September 30**  
 Corn dogs, tomatoes/lettuce, salad, carrots, mixed fruit, milk or juice

**Wednesday, October 1**  
 Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread and butter, peaches, milk or juice

**LOOGOOTEE INTERMEDIATE AND JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL**

**Lunch**  
**Thursday, September 25**  
 Soft taco, pizza or chef salad; lettuce, corn, applesauce, milk

**Friday, September 26**  
 BBQ pork, pizza or chef salad, baked beans, chips, mixed fruit, milk

**Monday, September 29**  
 Breaded tenderloin, pizza or chef salad; French fries, green beans, peaches, milk

**Tuesday, September 30**

Corn dogs, pizza or chef salad; tossed salad, tomatoes/cheese, carrots, mixed fruit, milk

**Wednesday, October 1**  
 Country fried steak, pizza or chef salad; mashed potatoes, green beans, bread and butter, peaches, milk

**SHOALS SCHOOLS**

**Breakfast**  
**Thursday, September 25**  
 Cinnamon roll, sausage patty, fruit, juice, milk

**Friday, September 26**  
 Cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk

**Monday, September 29**  
 Cereal, granola bar, fruit, juice, milk

**Tuesday, September 30**  
 Sausage biscuit, fruit, juice, milk

**Wednesday, October 1**  
 Cereal, graham crackers, fruit, juice, milk

**Lunch**  
**Thursday, September 25**  
 Beefy nacho dip with whole grain tortilla chips, chef salad or deli sandwich; refried beans, peaches, milk

**Friday, September 26**  
 Turkey and cheese sandwich, whole grain nacho tray or chef salad; pretzels, fresh vegetables, orange smiles, milk

**Monday, September 29**  
 Chicken strips, chef salad, whole grain nacho tray or deli sandwich; California-blend vegetables, pears, roll, milk

**Tuesday, September 30**  
 Baked macaroni and cheese, chef salad, whole grain nacho tray or deli sandwich; green beans, peaches, breadstick roll, milk

**Wednesday, October 1**  
 Country fried steak, chef salad, whole grain nacho tray or deli sandwich; mashed potatoes, frozen fruit smoothie, roll, milk

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## YARD SALE

**POLE BARN SALE**, rain or shine, Friday, September 26, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday, September 27, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Located at the Arvin residence in Green Acres on the corner of Clark and Grant streets. Name brand clothes - toddler through adult, toys, electronics, games, movies, home decor, and miscellaneous. Nice, clean, new items.

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Applications and a full job description may be picked up and submitted at the Martin County Highway Department, 10753 Sherfick School Rd, Shoals, Indiana. Inquires call 812-247-2666.

*Deadline to submit applications will be Friday, October 3, 2014 by 12:00 p.m.*



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