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# Loogootee School continues building improvements

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT

Martin County Journal Publisher

The Loogootee School Board met Thursday, September 22.

Superintendent Chip Mehaffey reported that Hoosier Business Machines of Jasper installed new copy machines in the office and teacher workrooms. He said the condition of the copy machines was one of the first complaints he heard from teachers when he arrived two years ago. He said the new equipment will save the school \$60,000 over the next five years.

Mehaffey also gave the board an update on improvements being done at the schools. He said the roof is complete everywhere except the area above the kitchen in the cafeteria. After that

the crews have to do the gutter work and a few other minor details. He said that four change orders have been submitted on the roof project, totaling around \$10,000 and they don't expect many more.

Mehaffey said they are comfortable about there being money left over from the bond to do some more improvements. They will also receive the rebates for the new lighting that was installed.

Window replacement in the elementary was to begin Monday and is expected to be done by the end of fall break. The middle school windows will then go in after fall break and they expect to have that done by the end of Thanksgiving break. Teachers will be (See 'IMPROVEMENTS' on page 2)



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The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday night, September 27.

The commissioners approved the book-in ordinance the sheriff presented several months back. The ordinance allows \$50 to be added to the court costs of anyone who is sentenced to serve time due to a criminal offense. The fees would be used for jail equipment and supplies and jail training purposes.

Dan Gregory asked if this ordinance would generate a lot of money. County Attorney Dave Lett said he didn't believe it would because many court costs are already hard to collect.

It was also noted that Martin County is one of the only counties with this ordinance in place.

The commissioners approved Larry R. Fellers and Susan Brewer to serve on the PTABOA (Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals).

Attorney Lett had provided the commissioners with a revised version of the county's animal control ordinance, at their last meeting. He asked the commissioners Tuesday night if they had time to go over it. Commissioner Paul George and Commissioner Dan Gregory both said they only wanted the ordinance to pertain to dogs and cats. He didn't want any farm animals or livestock included in the enforcement. Gregory noted that he doesn't want an animal control officer using his enforcement to tell people how to keep their livestock.

Terri Alcorn, who was in the audience, asked whether horses would be (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 2)



**Beauty over Boggs** 

-Photo by Sarah Mullen

Photographer Sarah Mullen captured this beautiful sunset over West Boggs Lake recently.



## Mural project

-Photo provided

Bill Whorrall is one of many volunteers and students working on a mural at Shoals Community Schools. Susan Daley, from Fort Collins, Colorado, was enlisted through an Indiana Artrs Commission grant to work with Linda Sherfick, the art teacher at Shoals. Daley has 40 years of experience in mural work.

## And the word is . . .

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

As Family Literacy Week ends and Literacy Month winds down, our focus this week is on vocabulary – yes, those dreaded word lists you remember from your school days that you were expected to copy, spell, define, use in sentences, etc. The English language contains more than 600,000 words. We have a spoken vocabulary that is a very small

curriculum. Families are encouraged to supplement the curriculum at home by completing family reading activities. They earn an entry for each activity completed. At the end of the term, a family will win the reading chair. The Head Start parents met Mr. Kip and the reading chair earlier this month when SOAR gave every family an A is for Apple book and a brochure full of tips to build their child's pre-reading vocabulary.

#### Vocabulary is easy!?

She did not **object** to the **object**.

He could **lead** if he would get the **lead** out.

Since there is no time like the **present**, she thought it was time to **present** the **present**.

The dump was so full that it had to **refuse** more **refuse**.

The farm was used to produce produce.

The bandage was wound around the wound.

The soldier decided to  $\mbox{\bf desert}$  his  $\mbox{\bf dessert}$  in the  $\mbox{\bf desert}.$ 

subset of this total. Our reading vocabulary is larger than our spoken vocabulary. The goal with new and emerging readers is to build their vocabularies.

Our reading vocabulary includes sight words – words that our brains recognize without have to think about them. 220 words make up 50-75 percent of all written materials. And, only 600 words make up 90% of all written materials. If a reader can master these sight words, they can read most of what they will encounter. The goal with early readers is to increase their sight word vocabulary so that these words become automatic. This is why it is so important that children are exposed to lots of written material to learn these words early.

SOAR has a reading chair project with Head Start. Bill Whorrall creates a chair that Kip Trotter uses every week when he becomes Mr. Kip, the Storyteller, and reads to Head Start children. He chooses a book that fits into that week's

In addition to sight words, we use phonics when we read to sound out unknown words. Hopefully the sound will match a word we have heard, and we will then recognize that word and continue reading the passage. If the word is not recognized through phonics, other strategies

and tools are used to comprehend the word. As an example, it is fairly easy to sound out the word "concatenate" using phonics. However, if you haven't heard that word before, the sound won't have meaning to you and your phonics skills haven't really helped. The goals with emerging readers to give them tools and strategies to comprehend these words.

SOAR provides free dictionaries to all 3rd graders and thesauruses to all fourth graders in Martin County. SOAR volunteers teach the 3rd graders how to use the dictionary to look up the meaning of words and how to use the definitions. Volunteers with SOAR also teach the 4th graders how to use their new thesauruses to look up a word and find other words with similar meanings and words that have opposite meanings.

SOAR provides free and confidential adult tutoring in reading, writing, math, work & life skills, and HSE (formerly

(See 'LITERACY' on page 2)

## **IMPROVEMENTS**

(Continued from page one) moving around classrooms until the windows are finished.

Mehaffey also reported that the baseball field was re-seeded.

High School Principal Andrea Huff told the board that she recently went to a seminar in Indianapolis for two days to learn about an early college program the school plans to implement. The program is aimed toward first generation college students and low-income students.

Elementary Principal Dara Chezem reported that due to the struggles students are having with the new math program, two teachers have elected to stay after school to tutor students Monday through Thursday.

The board accepted the resignation of Jill Toy as girls' tennis assistant coach due to having a baby.

The board approved the following new hires:

-Josh Mullis and Kent Chezem for the intern/job shadow program

-Will Walker as fifth grade boys' basketball coach

-Todd Baker as junior high basket-ball volunteer

-Amy Farhar as junior varsity girls' basketball coach

-Elizabeth Christmas and Brad Christmas as elementary basketball volunteers

-Jill Toy as volunteer tennis coach
The board held a second reading an

The board held a second reading and approved the field trip policy.

The board held a first reading of the civility policy. The policy was created to "remind people that this is a culture investments."

of respect," said Superintendent Mehaffey. He added that the policy gives the school "teeth" to prevent people who are not respectful to be kept off the school property.

The board approved adopting the 2017 budget.

Eric Thomas, with the Loogootee Fire Department and Tony Holt, with the health department spoke to the board about donating an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) to the school, using grant funds from the health department.

Holt said he would like to do a walkthrough of the building to see how many they currently have and where they are located. This would allow him to find the place where another is needed. Mehaffey said he's not sure where they are all at either.

The board asked Holt about training that would go with the devices. Holt replied that the devices talk you through the steps and anyone who has had CPR training knows how to use one.

Chris Baugh, building maintenance, said that there are three current defibrillators, one at JFK Gym, on in the East gym and one in Jack Butcher Arena.

Mehaffey said that he would work with Holt to find the best location to put another unit.

Superintendent Mehaffey told the board that former resident and Loogootee graduate Ryan Biggs has donated to the entrepreneurial class. He would like to make this donation annually. Mehaffey said the donation would allow students to learn how to make investments.

### **COMMISSIONERS**

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Commissioner George replied that they would not, only dogs and cats.

Alcorn replied that as a resident it's not fun to watch a horse starve to death, something she has had to do because nothing was done to the owners.

Attorney Lett said that in the case of horse neglect, police officers would report that directly to the prosecutor to file animal neglect charges.

Alcorn noted that is has been reported to law enforcement.

Attorney Lett told the commissioners he will bring a finished version of the ordinance to the next meeting for their approval.

Jim Hamby, with the Shoals Fire Department, wanted to know about the highway department buying chainsaws for the fire department.

He wanted the commissioners to know that the fire department does not get paid to cut trees. He added that they have cut 56 trees off the county highways this year. He said he didn't know if the commissioners were aware that they were not paid for runs, they only get reimbursement for fuel and clothing. Commissioner George said they were not aware of that and thanked Hamby for coming to the meeting to let them know.

The commissioners approved the purchase of the chainsaws.

# My Point of View

By Courtney Hughett Martin County Journal Publisher



I have been covering and reporting on government meetings for about 18 years now - about half of those in Martin County. One thing I have discovered is that many local elected officials tend to vote on things based on whether they directly affect them or not, not based on what their constituents would want. Granted I am not inside their minds to know what they are thinking but after watching and listening to them for nine years, I pretty much know how each one is going to vote on a specific issue before they vote on it. And I am not saying it's ALL of the elected officials but it's many of them.

Let me give you an example of what I am talking about. Everyone is pretty aware that I am heavily involved in animal-related issues in our county. I've been rescuing animals all of my adult life, not just since I've been involved in the humane society. So, going by what I said above, if I were one of these elected officials and something came before me that would be "pro-animal", I would vote in favor of it. If it were "anti-animal", I would vote against it. As an elected official, I should be basing my decision on what everyone in my district would want, based on conversations I SHOULD be having with them on a regular basis, not what affects me personally.

To me, if you choose to run for a seat on a board, you have to throw all of your personal feelings out the window. You were elected to sit on that board because the people in your district wanted you to be their voice. The word "I" should not be in your explanation right before you vote, it would be "my constituents". Whether it be related to farming, economic development, tourism, high school sports, etc.

I know how it feels to try and keep personal feelings about of a decision. I do it every single week when I write sto-

#### LITERACY.

(Continued from page one)

GED prep). Anyone interested in free tutoring or becoming a tutor can call or text the SOAR office at 812.709.1618 to get more information. Improve your skills, improve your life!

The childhood literacy programs mentioned above are funded by the Martin County Community Foundation and the Duke Energy Foundation.

ries for this publication. It is very, very hard not to input my personal feelings on a decision, it's my job not to. If I have an opinion, I put it in this column only.

This November, when you go to vote, ask yourself if the person you are voting for will be looking out for you or making decisions based on how they feel personally. I will be doing Q&A with the candidates right before the election, so read their answers, read about their background, their current job, what organizations and clubs they work with. It will give you a good idea on how they may vote on future issues.

You should also pay attention to the stories I write about government meetings. Or even better, go to meetings and ask questions. It may sound cliché, but it is our duty as citizens to keep our elected officials in check. We do pay them with our tax dollars after all.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

'I wanted to do something to help him and the rest of the family'

To the editor of the Martin County Journal,

The original idea behind the golf scramble held recently was to raise funds for the Harvest Festival. However, after my friend's mom was diagnosed with terminal brain cancer, I wanted to do something to help him and the rest of the family. After talking to the other parties involved with the festival, they agreed to take whatever profit we made from the scramble and donate it to her cancer fund, which is the "Ann Jones Burch Tennis Scholarship." It was very successful as we raised and donated \$2,000. We would like to thank the following sponsors of the scramble: Bradley's Bar & Grill, Greene's Body Shop, Ader's Inflatables, Midwest Satellite, Edward Jones, Midwestern Engineers, Crane FCU, Martin County Alliance, Wabash Foodservice, GFS, Visionary Wealth Creation, Loogootee K of C, Dr. James Poirier, Doc & Maggie, Loogootee VFW, Dairy Master, Schnitz Brewery & Pub, and Hometown IGA.

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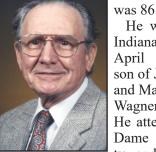


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#### DANNY BROSNAN

Danny Brosnan passed away September 22, 2016 in his home. A resi-

dent of Shoals, he was 86.



He was born in Indianapolis on April 18, 1930; son of Joseph John and Margaret Rose Wagner Brosnan. He attended Notre Dame University and graduated

from Butler Uni-**BROSNAN** versity. He was the widower of Anne

He was a pharmacist at CVS for several years retiring in 1995. He was a member of the Faith Community Baptist Church in French Lick and was a U.S. Navy Veteran.

Survivors include his brother, Joe Brosnan (Becky); sisters, Joann Hutchinson and Donna Monahan; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife and sisters, Janet Brosnan, Margie Rieser and Mary Jane Owens.

Funeral services were held September 26 at Hall-Baker Funeral Home in Plainfield with Reverend Dan Baker officiating. Burial, with military rites, was held in Maple Hill Cemetery, Plainfield.

LAVADA MARLEY

Lavada June (Hamilton) Marley

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passed away Friday, September 23, 2016 at Daviess Community Hospital. A resident of Loogootee, she was 72.

She was born December 7, 1943 in Martin County; daughter of the late John Hamilton and Dollie (Terrell) McCauley.

Lavada enjoyed crossword puzzles

She was preceded in death by her parents; one great-grandchild, Jase Jernigan; and two half-brothers.

Lavada is survived by her children, Belinda (Bennie Ray) Jernigan of Lyons, Georgia; Bonnie Marley (Brian Brinegar) of Odon and Buddy Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Dean (Natalie) Marley of LaQuinta, California; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and half siblings, Marcella Moore and Harold Hamilton.

She will be cremated and a family memorial service will be held at a later date. Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

### Falls are leading cause of injury and death in older Americans

Every second of every day in the United States an older adult falls, making falls the number one cause of injuries and deaths from injury among older Americans.

In 2014 alone, older Americans experienced 29 million falls causing seven million injuries and costing an estimated \$31 billion in annual Medicare costs, according to a new report published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in this week's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR).

The new numbers are being released in conjunction with the 9th Falls Prevention Awareness Day, sponsored by the National Council on Aging (NCOA). The observance addresses the growing public health issue and promotes evidence-based prevention programs and strategies to reduce the more than 27,000 fall deaths in older adults each year.

"Older adult falls are increasing and, sadly, often herald the end of independence," said CDC Director Tom Frieden, M.D., M.P.H. "Healthcare providers can make fall prevention a routine part of care in their practice, and older adults can take steps to protect themselves."

With more than 10,000 older Americans turning 65 each day, the number of fall-related injuries and deaths is expected to surge, resulting in cost increases unless preventive measures are

At each visit, healthcare providers

Ask patients if they have fallen in the past year, feel unsteady, or worry about falling.

Review medications and stop, switch, or reduce the dose of medications that could increase the risk of

Recommend vitamin D supple-

Reduced muscle strength, increased inactivity, more severe chronic health conditions, and increased use of prescription medications are risk factors for falls among older Americans. Fall injury rates are almost seven times higher for older adults with poor health

than for those with excellent health.

Older adults also can take simple steps to prevent a fall: Talk to your healthcare provider

about falls and fall prevention. Tell your provider if you've had a recent fall. Although one out of four older Americans falls each year, less than half tell their doctor.

Talk to your provider or pharmacist about medications that may make you more likely to fall.

Have your eyes checked by an eye doctor once a year. Update eyeglasses as needed.

Participate in evidence-based programs (like Tai Chi) that can improve your balance and strengthen your legs. Contact your local Council on Aging for information about what is available in your community.

Make your home safer by getting rid of fall hazards.

For more information on the NCOA, see www.ncoa.org/.

For more information on CDC's STEADI initiative, see www.cdc.gov/

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# COPS&COURT MARTIN COUNTY JOURNAL Wednesday, September 28, 2016 Martin County Sheriff's Department log

#### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

6:55 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on SR 150 near SR 550. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

7:43 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

11:33 p.m. - Received a report of cows out near Shoals. The owners were contacted.

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

10:00 a.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to court.

12:20 p.m. - Received a complaint of equipment blocking a roadway in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

2:00 p.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to court.

3:00 p.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to court.

4:06 p.m. - Jailer Emmick on station with one inmate from the Rockville Correctional Facility.

5:34 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

5:42 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire responded. The subject was transported to the hospital by personal vehicle.

7:19 p.m. - Received a report of cows out near Shoals. The owner was contacted.

8:09 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Sergeant Keller, Loogootee Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

9:18 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 231, south of Loogootee. ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

10:30 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person near Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

11:38 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person near Shoals. Corporal Baker responded.

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

5:34 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident in Crane. Corporal Baker responded.

8:00 a.m. - Sheriff Roush took one inmate to court.

9:00 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

1:00 p.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

1:55 p.m. - Jailers' Abel and Emmick on station with one inmate from the Madison Correctional Facility.

2:30 p.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

4:45 p.m. - Jailer Abel took one inmate to the doctor.

5:31 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

7:32 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism near Shoals. Corporal Baker responded.

9:50 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin Coun-

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#### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

9:21 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospi-

10:00 a.m. - Sheriff Roush took two inmates to court

12:00 p.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted with a livestock welfare check south of Loogootee.

2:33 p.m. - Received an alarm call near Loogootee. Deputy Shinn responded. All was okay.

2:42 p.m. - Received a report of an impaired driver on US 231, south of Loogootee Chief Rayhill and Deputy Shinn responded.

3:39 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Deputy Shinn, Sheriff Roush, Sergeant Keller, and Shoals Fire responded.

10:16 p.m. - Received a noise complaint in Crane. Corporal Baker responded.

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

2:59 a.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Corporal Baker responded.

3:39 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

7:10 a.m. - Deputy Shinn and Jailer Emmick transported one inmate back to the Rockville Correctional Facility and also one inmate to the doctor.

8:45 a.m. - Major Burkhardt and K9 Officer Asher made an appearance at a preschool in Loogootee.

10:15 a.m. - Received a report of cows out south of Loogootee. Contacted the owners to take care of the cows.

11:00 a.m. - Sheriff Roush took one inmate to court.

1:00 p.m. - Sheriff Roush took two inmates to court.

1:50 p.m. - Received a report of threats being made in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Dant responded.

2:00 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene transported one inmate to the prosecutor's office.

3:53 p.m. - Received a report of a car blocking a drive in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Dant responded.

4:46 p.m. - Received a report of two vehicles parked in a bad location east of Shoals. Deputy Salmon and Sheriff Roush responded.

4:50 p.m. - Jailer Abel transported one inmate to the doctor.

8:30 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

9:04 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled car east of Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

9:43 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled car east of Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

12:16 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down on SR 150, east of Shoals. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

1:31 a.m. - ISP requested K9 Officer assistance with a missing subject in Daviess County, Corporal Baker and K9 Officer Virka responded.

1:43 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

8:12 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50 near Shoals.

ty Ambulance responded but did not Chief Deputy Greene and ISP Trooper Lents responded.

> 9:45 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

> 11:30 a.m. - Received a report of debris on the roadway east of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

> 12:06 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette, Loogootee Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

> 5:06 p.m. - Received a report of a lawn mower fire east of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire responded.

> 5:44 p.m. - Received an alarm call north of Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

> 6:48 p.m. - Received a report of a light pole hit in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

> 8:10 p.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Loogootee. Deputy Shinn and Deputy Salmon responded.

> 9:31 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation north of Loogootee. Deputy Salmon and Deputy Shinn responded.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25** 

2:25 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

8:19 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:07 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Williams Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

1:11 p.m. - Captain Dant assisted a motorist in Shoals.

2:56 p.m. - Received multiple reports of theft east of Shoals. Captain Dant and ICO Mann responded.

3:20 p.m. - Received a report of a small fire in Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

6:05 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baker responded.

7:39 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

## **ARRESTS**

#### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

9:44 p.m. - Nikki Williams, 20, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Floyd and charged with battery. She is being held without bond. Sergeant Keller assisted in the arrest.

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

12:27 p.m. - Heather Way, 36, of Shoals, was arrested by Captain Dant on a Martin County Warrant and is being held without bond.

6:25 p.m. - Kimberly Kyger, 52, of Loogootee, was arrested by Major Burkhardt on a Martin County warrant and is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond.

9:00 p.m. - Rikenkumer Patel, 31, of Ferdinand, was arrested by ISP Trooper Johnson and charged with operating while intoxicated, resisting arrest, and possession of marijuana. He is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond.

#### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

2:41 a.m. - Dustin Joy, 23, of Jasper, was arrested by Town Marshal Eckert and charged with intimidation, DUI refusal, possession of meth, possession of a syringe, and resisting law enforcement. He is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest were Corporal

## Real estate transfers

Graber Bros. Remodeling and Construction, LLC, of Martin County, Indiana to Hwy. 550 Farm, LLC, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 5, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, and lying in Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 5.247 acres, more or less.

Hwv. 500 Farm, LLC, of Martin County, Indiana to Letterman Farms, LLC, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 5, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, and lying in Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 5.247 acres, more or less.

Mary Beth Lagle, of Martin County, Indiana to Gregory P. Bateman and L. Lynn Bateman, of Martin County, Indiana, one-quarter acre, more or less, in Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West.

Baker with K9 Verka and ISP Trooper Beaver.

#### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

5:26 p.m. - Thomas Eshbach, 49, of Bedford, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with maintaining a common nuisance, operating while intoxicated, neglect of dependents, and possession of marijuana. His bond has been set at \$25,000 10%. Assisting with the arrest were Loogootee Captain Hennette and K9 Officer Roxy.



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#### **CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS** & SENTENCING

#### September 1

Miranda N. Houston, convicted of possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor and false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 118 days in the Martin County Security Center with 0 days suspended and credit for 59 actual days previously served plus 59 Class A credit days.

William A. Randolph, convicted of possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 180 days in the Martin County Security Center with 122 days suspended and credit for 29 actual days previously served plus 29 Class A credit days. Defendant received 4 months of probation.

#### **CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED** September 1

Miranda N. Houston, maintaining a common nuisance, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

#### **CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed** September 19

Jonna D. Gerkin vs. Ryan R. Gerkin, petition for dissolution of marriage.

#### **Innovation Crossover** to transform regional collaboration

Radius Indiana joins stakeholders from the region and the state for a newly created technology innovation conference called "Innovation Crossover: The Shape of Things to Come" October 12-13 at the Bloomington/Monroe County Convention Center.

Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division is sponsoring the conference, which brings together defense, industry, and academia in an unprecedented forum to accelerate an innovation ecosystem in southwest central Indiana and across the state.

Speakers include Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb, Dr. Chris Fall, White House Office of Science & Technology Policy, and Dr. Walter Jones, Office of Naval Research, in addition to leaders from Indiana University, Purdue University and University of Southern Indiana.

NSWC Crane worked with the IU. Purdue and USI as well as Cook Medical, Indiana Office of Defense Development and Radius Indiana to develop the agenda and set the vision for the event, which will focus on key technology clusters identified as part of a 2014 regional economic development strategy.

The regional strategy is aimed at fostering new growth and capitalizing on existing assets for those technology clusters in the southwest central Indiana with the greatest potential for growth and advancement, including Department of Defense Technologies, Advanced Manufacturing, IT/Cyber and Life Sciences.

During the conference, participants will learn about innovation challenges and capability gaps across the region, and then work with subject matter experts to uncover collaboration opportunities in facilitated technology tracks that align with the region's key technology clusters.

Conference organizers hope to vastly speed the development of collaborative relationships, public-private partnerships, foundations and infrastructure to deliver advanced capabilities for the

For registration information, please Cran InnovationCrossover. fct@navy.mil.

#### **CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS** September 12

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midland Funding, LLC and against the defendant Sandra Kline in the amount of \$1,038.62.

#### **SMALL CLAIMS COURT New Suits Filed** September 16

Medical of Dubois vs. Jeana Wallisa and Chris Parsons, complaint.

Medical of Dubois vs. Deborah Vandermel, complaint.

White River Co-Op vs. Larry Leinenbach and Leland Mackey, complaint.

White River Co-Op vs. Ben Mason, complaint.

White River Co-Op vs. Carrie Arvin, complaint.

White River Co-Op vs. Jason Quinn, complaint.

White River Co-Op vs. Henry R. Graber, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Samantha H. Boyd, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Toni E. Rodman and Brent E. Fisher, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Amanda L. Fiddler, complaint.

#### SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS September 12

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Personal Finance Company, LLC and against the defendants Richard Ivey and Charla Ivey in the amount of \$5,095.12.

#### September 19

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Medical of Dubois and against the defendant Joseph R. Mumma, Jr. in the amount of \$440.

# Loogootee Police log

#### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

8:00 a.m. - Caller reported a disturbance on JFK Avenue.

5:19 p.m. - Received a report of a 911 hang-up at CVS.

6:45 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on Elm Street.

7:33 p.m. - Received a report to be on the look-out for a stolen vehicle from Huntingburg.

7:48 p.m. - Male caller reported a male refusing to leave his property on North Line Street.

#### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

8:30 a.m. - Captain Hennette tagged an abandoned vehicle on Clark Street.

12:20 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle blocking a drive in Shaded Es-

5:44 p.m. - First responders were requested in Country Place Apartments for a medical call.

8:07 p.m. - First responders were requested on Howard Street for a medical call.

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

10:39 a.m. - Caller reported having problems out of a student at the high school.

3:35 p.m. - Female came on station to report a civil matter.

9:50 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance on Sheridan Street.

#### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

8:00 a.m. - Caller reported property damage on Butcher Boulevard.

11:00 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted

with a funeral procession. 1:00 p.m. - Caller requested extra

less vehicle on US 231. Vehicle was located.

8:33 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was dispatched to a kitchen fire at Bradley's. 10:28 p.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted the county with report of shots fired. Lat-

#### er learned it was fireworks. FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

12:20 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on US 231. Officers were unable to locate.

4:17 p.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted child protective services.

4:43 p.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a business alarm.

8:15 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute in Bowling Trailer Court.

8:55 p.m. - Caller reported a theft.

10:50 p.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a business alarm.

#### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

9:45 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver in the high school parking lot.

12:16 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident on Broadway

5:04 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to a tractor fire on Reinhart Road.

5:49 p.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a residential alarm.

7:49 p.m. - Caller reported someone burning a stump on West Washington Street.

#### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

9:10 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

6:11 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

6:30 p.m. - Caller reported a possi-2:42 p.m. - Caller reported a reck- ble intoxicated driver on Hwy 50.

## Quick action can prevent rabies

On a global scale, rabies continues to be a major health threat to people and pets, with some 59,000 human deaths reported worldwide each year. However, in the United States, the threat of rabies gets little attention because of the wide availability of vaccine for pets and control programs.

With World Rabies Day on September 28, the Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH) reminds pet owners to vaccinate their pets and be diligent in recognizing that the disease is still a threat here at home.

Do you know what to do if a pet or family member is exposed to a potentially rabies-infected animal?

Veterinarian Craig Johnson, DVM of Parkside Animal Hospital knows exactly what to do. He recently helped a client who faced an uncertain situation with a bat—a bat that ultimately proved to have rabies.

Over the years, Dr. Johnson has submitted his share of animals for testing at Indiana's official rabies laboratory, because a person or pet has been exposed to a bite or scratch from a wild or unvaccinated animal. Dr. Johnson recognizes some risk is always present and testing is the prudent thing to do.

When one of his clients, a Carmel, resident, called over an August weekend to inquire what to do about a bat bite, Dr. Johnson told the client to icedown the now-dead bat and bring it to his Fishers clinic for submission to the state rabies laboratory.

Daytime contact with a bat is not the norm, as these creatures are active nighttime insect hunters. Unfortunately, this creature had taken refuge in some footwear stored in the garage. The bat bit the client on the foot when he tried to put on his boots. After the bat was submitted for testing, Dr.

Johnson recommended an immediate visit to a healthcare provider to discuss post-exposure treatment.

Likewise, Dr. Johnson reviewed the vaccination records for the family dog, which could have unknowingly been exposed to the bat in the garage environment. Fortunately, the dog's rabies vaccination—which is required by Indiana law for all dogs, cats and ferrets-was up-to-date. So the family pet was protected.

The real surprise to Dr. Johnson came with the test results from the bat: Rabies positive. This was a first in his 16 years of private practice. And certainly unexpected for the Hamilton County community. Based on past experience, Dr. Johnson really did not expect anything to come of the test. "Rabies is not only a rural disease," he said, "It exists in the heart of suburbia."

What to do if you are bitten by a bat (or other unvaccinated animal)

Dr. Sandra Norman, a veterinarian for the Indiana State Board of Animal Health, said this scenario is not uncommon. In an average year, more than a dozen bats will test positive for rabies in Indiana. She offers advice on what to do if a pet or family member has been bitten by a bat or other wild animal:

Safely capture the bat/animal in a box or bag.

Wash the wound under running water for 10 minutes.

For people: Seek medical attention immediately for guidance on treatment for rabies exposure. By law, bites must be reported to the health department.

narian, even if the pet's vaccination is current. A booster may be necessary.

Take the bat/animal to the local

For pets: Take the pet to a veteri-

health department or a veterinarian. Either can submit the animal to Indiana's rabies testing laboratory.

When the animal cannot be tested (i.e., it was destroyed or escaped) medical/veterinary care should be given right away.

Prevent rabies

Preventing the disease in animals continues to be the best means of protection to humans. Protect dogs and cats from rabies by vaccinating regularly. In Indiana, only a licensed veterinarian can administer the rabies vaccination. Frequently, exposure will happen to a family pet—even indoors-only cats—that catches a bat.

While the number of bats with rabies is not high—only about one in nine carry the virus—they are the most likely species to be infected in Indiana.

Although, raccoons, skunks and foxes can also carry the disease. The virus is present in the saliva and nervous tissue of rabid animals. The disease is most often transmitted when a rabid animal bites another animal or

For more information about rabies and how to handle a possible exposure, visit the BOAH web site at: www.in.gov/boah/2337.htm



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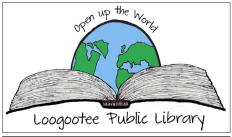
For those of you who watch what you eat, here's the final word on nutrition and health. It's a relief to know the truth after all those conflicting nutritional studies.

- 1. The Japanese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than
- 2. The Mexicans eat a lot of fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than Amer-
- 3. The Chinese drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.
- 4. The Italians drink a lot of red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.
- 5. The Germans drink a lot of beer and eat lots of sausages and fats and suffer fewer heart attacks than Amer-

CONCLUSION: Eat and drink what you like. Speaking English is apparently what kills you.

#### PHYLLIS DILLERISMS...

1. Whatever you may look like, marry a man your own age. As your beauty fades, so will his eyesight.



#### BY DARLA WAGLER Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The library is fortunate to have two volunteers and this week I will discuss our first high school volunteer. Chase Salmon from Loogootee is the son of Larry and Tamara Salmon and is a senior at Barr-Reeve High School. Chase started volunteering in August of 2015 on Monday and Tuesday evenings. He has read to kids, assisted the Children's Librarian, chaperoned on field trips, photographed programs, covered books, made crafts, set up electronics, and has graciously finished every task delegated to him. His future plans include attending a medical school to study to be a psychologist. Chase plays percussion in the high school band and is on the academic bowl team. He loves books and remembers his mom and dad reading to him at a young age. Chase has been a huge asset to the library and the community.

New Books:

Mystery Fiction: "Christmas Caramel Murder" by Joanne Fluke" and "Woman of God" by James Patterson. Inspirational Fiction: "A Sister's Wish" by Shelley Shepard Gray".

DVDs: "The Letters: The Untold Story of Mother Teresa".

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

- 2. Housework can't kill you, but why take a chance?
- 3. Cleaning your house while your kids are still growing up is like shoveling the sidewalk before it stops snowing.
- 4. The reason women don't play football is because 11 of them would never wear the same outfit in public.
- 5. Best way to get rid of kitchen odors: Eat out.
- 6. A bachelor is a guy who never made the same mistake once.
- 7. I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford. Then I want to move in with them.
- 8. Most children threaten at times to run away from home. This is the only thing that keeps some parents going.
- 9. Any time three New Yorkers get into a cab without an argument, a bank has just been robbed.
- 10. We spend the first twelve months of our children's lives teaching them to walk and talk and the next twelve years telling them to sit down and shut
- 11. Burt Reynolds once asked me out. I was in his room.
- 12. What I don't like about office Christmas parties is looking for a job the next day.
- 13. The only time I ever enjoyed ironing was the day I accidentally got gin in the steam iron.
- 14. Old age is when the liver spots show through your gloves.
- 15. My photographs don't do me justice -they just look like me.
- 16. Tranquillizers work only if you follow the advice on the bottle - keep away from children.
- 17. I asked the waiter, 'Is this milk fresh?' He said, 'Lady, three hours ago it was grass.'
- 18. The reason the golf pro tells you to keep your head down is so you can't see him laughing.
- 19. You know you're old if they have discontinued your blood type.

#### **SERIOUS THOUGHTS:**

- 1. Good friends help you find important things when you have lost them . . . things like your smile, your hope, and your courage.
- 2. In one lifetime you will love many times but one love will burn your soul
- 3. Sometimes you just have to turn around, give a little smile, throw a match, and burn that bridge.
- 4. Good friends are like stars...You don't always see them, but you know they are always there.
- 5. Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can. -Arthur Ashe
- 6. You either get better or you get bitter. It's very simple. You take what life dealt you and allow it to make you a better person or allow it to tear you down. The choice is not up to fate. The choice is all yours.
- 7. When you hang out with the wrong people in the wrong places you will soon do the wrong things.

Make someone smile today!

## **Shop and Taste of Martin** County to be held October 17

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce announces the 2016 Shop and Taste of Martin County will take place on Monday, October 17 from 5-7:30 p.m. at the Martin County Community Building located on US Hwy 50, between Shoals and Loogootee.

Everyone is invited attend and meet local business owners and enjoy samples from local food establishments. Admission is \$10 in advance or at the door.

Tickets are available at the chamber office, Old National Bank in Shoals and Loogootee, The Candy Mill and at the mayor's office in Loogootee.

Food vendors include Subway, Wendy's, The Candy Mill, The Lodge, Bradley's, Papa John's Pizza, Stoll's Lakeview, IGA deli, The Mill Street Grille and Carla's Catering.

Non-food vendors include Running with Scissors, Isha E Wright-Ryan, Middle Way House, Jamberry Nails, Maranatha Tabernacle Church, Kizzior & Young, VFW Post 9395, Paparazzi Jewelry, Younique Makeup, Ron Gilbert's Scentsy, SOAR, Hawkins Health Care, and West Boggs

Sponsors for the event are Old National Bank, Hollie's Eats and Treats, German American Bank, Martin County Alliance, Crane Federal Credit Union, The Lodge, Daviess Community Hospital-Daviess-Martin Medical Center, Daviess Martin County REMC and Mayor Noel Harty.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Flu shots

The Martin County Health Department has received part of their flu shot order will begin giving shots on Wednesday, September 28 from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Please call 812-247-3303 to check that they have the dose you need before you come. Flu shots will be given on a first come-first served basis every Wednesday until they run out.

#### **Loogootee School Board** special meeting

The Loogootee School Board will hold a special meeting Friday, September 30 at 8:30 a.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. The purpose of the meeting is the ratification of the tentative certified employee contract for the 2016-17 school year. The meeting is open to the public.

#### Public testing of election equipment

Notice is hereby given that the public testing of Accu-Vote OS Tabulators and Accu-Vote TSX units to be used in the 2016 General Election will be conducted in the commissioners' room of the Martin County Courthouse located at 129 Main Street Shoals, IN 47581 on Wednesday, October 5 at 11 a.m. This test is to insure all equipment is tallying votes correctly and working properly. This public test is open to the public in accordance to (IC 3-11-13-22).

#### Fish fry

A fish fry by John Davidson will be held Friday, October 28, from 5-8 p.m. at Parkview Village Christian Care. All proceeds go to support Parkview's activity department. Judith Montgomery will perform from 6-7 p.m.

#### **Attention Senior Citizens**

The Loogootee Senior Citizen Center, located in the Annex building attached to JFK Gym on JFK Avenue in Loogootee provides activities for seniors every Monday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon. For \$5 a year, seniors can participate in Euchre tourna-

ments, games, puzzles, etc., with other local seniors. Anyone interested is welcome to stop by, there are no age or residency requirments to participate.

#### Free lunch for kids

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

#### **SOAR Tutoring**

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#### **Humane society meetings**

The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 5:30 p.m. Members of the humane society are invited to attend.

#### Solid waste board

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

#### **Tourism meetings**

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

#### Soil and Water meetings

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

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## Food donation

United States Gypsum Company, Shoals Plant delivered over 1,225 pounds of food to St. Vincent de Paul of Martin County on Tuesday, September 13. Shown above, from left to right, are Jonah King, Teresa Lundy, Jamie Beedie, Connie Boyer, Pat Burgi, Mike Yuodzukinas, and Jordan Triplett. St. Vincent de Paul would also like to acknowledge activity team members Scott Wade, Zack Brown, Jason Bauer, Elizabeth Hite, Pat Burgi, and Connie Boyer and also to all plant employees.

## Purdue, State of Indiana receive \$24.5 million grant to help Hoosier students prepare for college success

BY BRIAN L. HUCHEL Purdue University News Service

A multi-million-dollar federal grant awarded to Purdue University and the Indiana Commission for Higher Education (CHE) will help more Indiana students stay on track from middle school to postsecondary education. The statewide effort aims to strengthen academic preparation, college readiness and career guidance with a special focus on students in Indiana's 21st Century Scholars program.

"There's no learning more important to the individual and collective future of Hoosiers than science and math, but currently there's no other area in which we are coming up so short. It's hard to think of another project that fits Purdue's mission and the needs of our state like this one," said Purdue President Mitch Daniels.

The \$24.5 million Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) grant from the U.S. Department of Education will be led by Carla C. Johnson, associate dean for engagement and global partnerships in the College of Education, in collaboration with campus partners from the colleges of Agriculture and Science, Purdue Polytechnic Institute, and Student Success at Purdue.

Indiana's GEAR UP grant program closely aligns with the goals of the state's 21st Century Scholars program, an early-promise scholarship which has helped more than 70,000 low-income students go to college since it was established in 1990. In 2011 with support from the Indiana General Assembly, CHE created the Scholar Success Program, a set of required activities designed to keep students on track for high school graduation and college completion. The requirements take effect beginning with high seniors graduating in spring 2017.

"We firmly believe that the Scholar Success Program provides a clear roadmap for all college-bound students," said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers. "Our GEAR Up partnership with Purdue will help us ensure that more Hoosier students, both Scholars and non-Scholars alike, reap the benefits from completing this essential preparation.'

Indiana's GEAR UP project is a seven-year partnership with CHE and other key stakeholders, including the

Indiana governor's office, Indiana Department of Education, Conexus, and several Indiana school corporations, that promises to have a statewide reach and significant long-term implications.

"This project will potentially impact thousands of Indiana children," said College of Education Dean Maryann Santos. "We are committed to helping deliver the best education for all students especially in the area of P-12 STEM education. GEAR UP is a way for us to create long-term partnerships with teachers and communities that will make a noticeable difference in the state of Indiana."

The program is designed to include academic facets and college knowledge; both identified by research as key components of college readiness programs. In addition, the funding will support research on the impact of the interventions on student success. The College of Education will research students from seventh grade through high school to better understand STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) learning, literacy, persistence and entry into postsecondary study and careers.

Other College of Education faculty and staff involved in the grant are Signe Kastberg, associate professor of mathematics education, and Kerry Hoffman, director of the Center for Literacy Education and Research (CLEAR).

The preliminary partnering schools and school corporations are the Purdue Polytechnic Indianapolis High School, Community Schools of Frankfort, Crawford County Community Schools, Gary School Corporation, Greater Clark County Schools, Indianapolis Public Schools, Kokomo School Corporation, Lafavette School Corporation, Maconaquah School Corporation, MSD of Warren Township and Muncie Community Schools. The college will partner with Indiana's nine educational service centers to make resources available to other schools across the state.

These partnerships will expand the depth and breadth of services, supports and experiences for Indiana K-12 students to ensure they graduate high school and are highly prepared to attend postsecondary education. Researchers in the College of Education will administer the program and conduct research on the impact of the interventions on student success.

## Chamber holds monthly meeting

BYCAROLYN PARSONS-DOWNEY Chamber of Commerce Secretary

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce met September 21 at Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant in Loogootee. Present for the meeting were representatives from the following businesses: Overlook & American Tree Experts-Marie Hawkins and Rodney Wright, The Candy Mill-Carolyn Parsons-Downey, Old National Bank Shoals-Joy Gibson, SOAR-Beverly McIntosh, Hollie's Eat & Treats and Martin County Humane Society-Theresa Abney, City of Loogootee- Mayor Noel Harty, Teresa Nolley, Ma-Tabernacle-Duane Smith, Martin County Community Foundation-Curt Johnson, Daviess-Martin Joint Park-Jamison Hibbs, Loogootee Public Library-Darla Wagler, Memorial Hospital-Luke Buchta, Hoosier Uplands Head Start-Deb Terry, West-Gate Academy-Samantha Nelson, SERVPRO-Tammy May, German American-Ann Wagler, Daviess Community Hospital-Angie Steiner, Loughmiller Machine-Pam Loughmiller, Alliance-Tim Kinder, Martin County Auditor-January Roush, Martin County Assessor-Carolyn McGuire, Martin County Recorder-Rhonda Sanders, Martin County Probation-Lisa Brittian and Dru Fromm.

The treasurer's report was given by Carolyn Parsons-Downey in the absent of Susan Arthur. Membership dues are still coming in, Carolyn got this out later this year, and booth rental plus sponsorship for the Shop & Taste. The Chamber did receive the \$2,500 from the City of Loogootee for the county video that is in the works. With no further discussion, Marie Hawkins made the motion to accept the report, Theresa Abney seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The secretary's August report was given by Carolyn Parsons-Downey. The report was emailed out prior for everyone to review before the meeting, Theresa Abney made a motion of accept the minutes, Marie Hawkins seconded the motion, and all were in

Marie Hawkins gave a wrap up on the Bi-centennial. Everything went very good, about 150 people were at the

celebration at the community building, the band did a great job. The trailer the state had on site was a great addition, with the state history. The photographer took about 2000 pictures and will be getting those completed soon for the runners, and Marie will share on facebook with everyone. The food that was left over was donated to the food bank. Marie stated the Martin County Bicentennial is 2020.

Nomination for 2017 officers will be in November, if anyone wants to hold one of these positions please contact that office by phone or email, and if you want to nominate someone please do the same, but make sure you check with that person to see if they want and will hold the position. Open positions include president, vice-president, treasurer and secretary. Names must me turned in by October 11, 2016.

SOAR-Beverly McIntosh-they have new posters for people to put up in their businesses. She mentioned that people really do see those, after the fire in Loogootee calls went down, but after everyone got rebuilt and poster back up, their calls also went back up.

Navy Ball - Marie Hawkins gave information on this event; she and Rodney have attended for several years, and they enjoy it very much. This year is at French Lick on October 14, you can sign up online, tickets are \$65 and the hotel for this event is \$83.

Theresa Abney gave an update on the Shop & Taste of Martin County, as of right now we have about 35 booths, everyone has not paid yet, so will take first money in is guaranteed space.

The Annual Dinner will be March 15, 2017, Noel has been in contact with Carolyn Gudger from Tennessee, (where she was a school resource officer who held a gunman at bay until the police showed up); as the guest speak-

Loogootee Public Library-Darla Wagler will be hosting an active shooter program at the library either October 2 or November 2. If you are interested in attending, please contact the library or the chamber office. This will be done by the Indiana State Police.

The next chamber meeting will be October 19 at Loogootee City Hall.

Marie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Theresa, all in favor.

## Comedian Willie Barcena to perform at VU on October 1

The Red Skelton Museum of American Comedy's Entertainment Showcase will feature a performance by 1, 7:30 p.m. (EDT), at Vincennes University's Red Skelton Performing Arts

General admission tickets cost \$30 for the public and \$25 for VU employ-

Tickets can be purchased by contacting the museum at 812-888-4184, or online at redskeltonmuseum.org.

ABOUT WILLIE BARCENA

Barcena is a 20-year comedy veteran who never shies away from a challenge.

His talent garnered him 12 appearances on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno more than any other Latino comedian in the history of the show, and Leno also invited him to perform for the troops in Afghanistan.

A variety of jobs, including stints as a security guard, plumber, roofer, and limo driver, have given Barcena a background for his humor about everyday life. After years of stand-up road

work Willie is now ready for new chal-

In addition to being a comedy road comedian Willie Barcena on October warrior, Barcena has appeared on many TV shows, including Moesha and The Wayans Brothers, and he was chosen to be the host of the popular Si-Tv production Latino Laugh Festival -The Show.

> He's made multiple appearances on tours and his first one-hour Comedy Central special earned rave reviews. Barcena will also appear in an upcoming Netflix special.

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## By Ralph Purkhise **University Master Gardener**

It is time for some bargain hunting for the garden. While some locally-owned nurseries will over-winter some of the potted perennials, shrubs and trees, the chain stores will soon be trying to clear out nursery stock to make room for Christmas trees. Once the first of October gets here, successive mark-downs usually come in quick succession. Of course, with each mark-down, the selection and the quality usually also go down. If you have been waiting for a markdown on a particular plant, it is best to buy it in the first round. However, if you are just looking for bargains that you can use for a project, visit your local garden center often to watch for the lowest prices of

My landscape design training tells me that this is not the way to shop for plants. A good designer sets the design and makes a list of the plants needed to complete the plan, then goes to the nursery to buy the exact plants chosen. While I do try to use good landscape practices at Sandhill Gardens, I must admit that I am more of a plant collector than a strict garden designer, and I just cannot pass up a bargain, especially if it is a plant that I really like and know I can work it into my rough design.

I especially like to look for native plants and cultivars of native plants in the late plant sales. I like to add to the ornamental plants that naturally grow at Sandhill Gardens, and the native plants can be worked in. While we are a little farther north than normal rhododendron, azalea and laurel range, there are many cultivars of these beautiful plants that will survive here if planted in the right locations. Last year, I was able to purchase several such plants, which I added to the wooded area at Sandhill Gardens. The rock outcroppings on Sandhill offer a perfect environment for rhododendrons. The rock stores heat that will help the plants through cold periods. While I do not have a strict planting plan for the woods, I do envision a pathway through the woods lined with beautiful flowers in the spring.

I also look for perennials to add to my wildflower meadow. The native asters and other prairie plants are usually late-comers to the chain stores and often there are some left at the end of their sales year. When those plants go on clearance, I buy them up and add them to the meadow. I try to plant in drifts in the meadow, so getting several of the same plant at an affordable price is cause for excitement. (As you can see, I am easily amused.)

The bulb rack will also have some bargains. As long as the ground is not frozen, spring-flowering bulbs may be planted. I actually planted daffodil bulbs on New Year's Day a few years ago and they have been flowering every spring since then. The selection of bulbs will not be great, but when the stores decide they want to get rid of their inventory to make room for the Christmas decorations, some bargains are sure to be found. When I can find a large quantity of bulbs, I use them to naturalize an area. While daffodils are not native to Indiana, they have grown here since the first settlers arrived and have colonized areas around old homesteads. You can mimic this look by planting three to five bulbs together and staggering the clusters throughout an area. Since many of the spring bulbs flower before deciduous trees have leafed out, naturalizing a wooded hillside is a great use of the cheap bulbs. It is advisable to check to see which bulbs are deer and squirrel resistant. Planting tulips in a wooded area would most likely be a waste of money and time. Tulips are like candy to deer and the squirrels will carry away many of the bulbs before they get a chance to

The seed rack is also a place to find bargains late in the season. Seeds are packaged for sale during a given year, but some seeds are viable for longer periods if properly stored. In general, the bigger the seed, the longer it is viable. Small seeds, such as herb seeds and most greens will lose viability quickly, but you will likely get some germination next spring. Larger seeds, such as beans and corn, may be good for several years. If you buy seeds on clearance, store them in a cool, dry place. I have successfully saved seeds in a jar in the vegetable crisper of my refrigerator. If you have a cold frame or hot bed, there is still time for planting some fall greens, which often provide salads well into the winter. That makes the seeds a double bargain.

I have already seen Christmas decorations in the garden centers of some stores. That means good news for bargain-shopping gardeners.



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## Patoka Lake 2016-17 special waterfowl hunt dates

Patoka Lake's waterfowl resting areas (WRAs) east of Walls Boat Ramp and the Allen Creek finger are only open to waterfowl hunting and boat traffic on select days during the year.

The days that they will be open for hunting and boating during the 2016-2017 waterfowl season are:

-October 22-23: Youth waterfowl hunting weekend.

-October 29-31: Ducks and geese.

-November 5-6 and November 27: Ducks and geese.

-December 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, 17, 21, 24, 28 and 31: Ducks and geese.

-January 2, 5, 8, 11 and 14: Ducks and geese.

-January 21, 22, 28 and 29: Geese.

Sycamore Creek WRA is closed to waterfowl hunting and boating at all times between November 1 and February 1.

Patoka Lake lies within Indiana's south zone for waterfowl hunting.

Non-toxic shot is required by law. Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Hunters must use the self-service hunter check stations daily. Maps for check stations can be picked up at the Patoka Lake Headquarters.

Lake (stateparks.IN-Patoka .gov/2953.htm) is at 3084 N. Dillard

Road, Birdseye, IN 47513.

4-H NEWS **By Stacy Brown** Martin County Purdue Extension Educator



National Tractor Driving Contest

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

Enrollment for 4-H 2016-2017 Fast Approaching

The end of summer marks the beginning of next 4-H season. Open enrollment begins on October 1. If you are interested in 4-H or know someone who is now is the time to start planning to join us for another great year in Martin County. Any child grades 3 through 12 may join 4-H. We also have a future 4-H program for kids in grades K-2. While most 4-Hers concentrate on projects for the fair, the program is about much more than exhibits. 4-H teaches leadership, community service, independence, confidence, and many other life skills. There are clubs and projects that focus on livestock judging, shooting sports, robotics, and junior leadership. Each year there are dozens of opportunities for youth to attend workshops, conference, and camps focusing on career choices, diversity, and cooperation. 4-H is a great way to meet new friends and learn to make the best better.

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

Opportunities to Help 4-H Grow in Martin County

Almost everyone in Martin County has either been involved in 4-H or knows someone who has been a part of this great youth organization. Over the years, 4-H has helped to develop life skills, teach responsibility, offer opportunities, award scholarships, and much more to Martin County youth. The program has been growing true leaders since its inception and many 4-Hers have gone on to become actual leaders of the community. As 4-H continues to grow in the 21st Century, the cost of maintaining the space needed for pro-

gramming also grows. Now is your chance to give back to an organization that has given so much to the young people in the area. The Martin County 4-H Council has launched a fundraising campaign for the upcoming year. Businesses that donate will have their names listed on a plaque in the Community Building. Donations of \$5000+ will receive a platinum status, \$1000-\$4999 will receive a gold status, \$500-\$999 will receive a silver status, and donations of \$100-\$499 will receive a bronze status. Individuals may donate as well and any donation is appreciated. We also have a 4-H recipe book containing all the recipes submitted to the 2016 fair. They are \$5 and available at the Purdue Extension-Martin County office. All donations will go toward maintaining the fairgrounds and buildings so future 4-Hers and the community can continue to benefit from programming. To donate please contact the Purdue Extension Office at 812-295-2412.

Tree Seedlings Available to Order

DNR tree seedling order forms are available at www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/3620.htm or at the Martin County Purdue Extension Office. Any questions can be directed to Vallonia Nursery at (812) 358-3621.

## ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



Lucky is a female shepherd mix, three years old, very friendly, isn't fond of small dogs, a little shy sometimes before she gets to know you. She is spayed, up to date on shots and tested negative for heartworms. Her adoption fee is \$80. The animal shelter is open Monday and Wednesday 5-7 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m. To see all the dogs and cats available, visit www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org. The shelter is located at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee.

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The Loogootee High School Boys' Tennis Teams matched up against Wood Memorial on Monday afternoon. The varsity swept the Trojans, 5-0 as did the junior varsity, 2-0.

The varsity will compete in Sectional action tonight at home. Match one will be Barr-Reeve vs. Paoli at 4:30 p.m. and then match two will be Loogootee vs. Northeast Dubois at 6 p.m. The championship matches will be held Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

Head Coach Rick Graves said, "It was nice to end the regular season with a solid team win. I thought we got good performances out of everyone tonight. Wood Memorial is rebuilding their program after not having a team for a few years. Experience is a huge factor and for us that was the biggest difference. Our players have had more tennis experience than Wood Memorial and that showed. I do want to acknowledge our lone senior Landon Bell who concluded his final regular season. Landon has been a four-year starter for us and has willingly taken on the role of playing our number one position. I really appreciate all he has contributed to our program over the years."

Varsity results

Loogootee 5, Wood Memorial 0

#1 Singles - Landon Bell (L) defeated Walker Nurrenbern (WM) 6-0, 6-0

#2 Singles - Max Christmas (L) defeated Parson Bartley (WM) 6-2, 6-2

#3 Singles - Nathan Seals (L) defeated Jalen Doerner (WM) 6-1, 6-3

#1 Doubles - Sheldan Christmas and Sebastian Toy (L) defeated Lathan Falls and Trent Holder (WM) 6-0, 6-1

#2 Doubles - Bailey Dearwester and Jayden Wagoner (L) defeated Brayden Bell and Isaiah Norrick (WM) 6-0, 6-2 Junior varsity results

Loogootee 2, Wood Memorial 0

#1 Doubles - Constantin Cordes and Jayden Leatherman (L) defeated James Gates and Cody Goodall (WM) 8-0

#2 Doubles - Lawson McCloskey and Garrett Williams (L) defeated James Gates and Cody Goodall (WM) 8-0

Last Thursday, the Lions took on Paoli. The varsity boys won 4-1 and the junior varsity defeated Paoli 3-0.

"This was a good match for us this time of the season with sectional just around the corner. Paoli has a good, young, competitive team. All of our matches were close and required us to really focus and put together a lot of good shots. Landon and Sheldan did a great job in their matches. Landon jumped out to a nice lead but Ashton fought back to force the tiebreak. It seemed like Landon was a totally different player in his second set. His movement improved and it seemed he was able to put more pressure on his opponent. Max stayed mentally strong and won some big points at just the right times. Our doubles were pushed quite a bit tonight. Paoli was aggressive and hit the ball well at those positions. Our guys did a nice job of coming into the net and being equally aggressive. Paoli has a young team that will be tough to deal with in the future. I'm really pleased to get this win," said Coach Graves.

Varsity results

Loogootee 4, Paoli 1

#1 Singles - Landon Bell (L) defeated Ashton Minton (P) 7-6(3), 6-2

#2 Singles - Max Christmas (L) defeated Dawson Long (P) 7-5, 7-5

#3 Singles - Noah Magner (P) defeated Nathan Seals (L) 6-3, 7-6(3)

#1 Doubles - Sheldan Christmas and Sebastian Toy (L) defeated Adam Engleking and Kyle Marshall (P) 7-6(5),

#2 Doubles - Bailey Dearwester and Jayden Wagoner (L) defeated Wyatt Ashley and Mason Buchanan (P) 6-2,

Junior varsity results

Loogootee 3, Paoli 0

#1 Singles - Constantin Cordes (L) defeated Marcus Stroud (P) 8-0

#2 Singles - Cole Harmon (L) defeated Kainan Youther (P) 8-2

#2 Doubles - Logan Jacobs and Wyatt Street (L) defeated Tanner Coe and Jacob Cox (P) 6-2

The teams played against Linton Stockton last Wednesday afternoon. The varsity Lions won 5-0 and the junior varsity were defeated 2-1.

Coach Graves said after the matches, "Our singles played really well tonight. I thought Landon and Max hit the ball about as well as they have all season. Nathan played very consistently and did a good job of moving the ball around to keep his opponent off balance. It was great to see our guys play with that kind of confidence. Our doubles struggled some tonight but were still able to pull out wins. Sheldan and Sebastian made a huge comeback being down 1-5 in the first set. They were a bit lethargic, but once they got going they played well. Bailey and Jayden were a little sluggish and error prone in their first set as well but they got on a nice roll to finish their match. Linton is a much improved team so I'm very pleased with this win."

Varsity results

Loogootee 5, Linton-Stockton 0

#1 Singles - Landon Bell (L) defeated Brayden Allen (LS) 6-2, 6-0

#2 Singles - Max Christmas (L) defeated Dane Witty (LS) 6-0, 6-1

#3 Singles - Nathan Seals (L) defeated Cory Anderson (LS) 6-1, 6-0

#1 Doubles - Sheldan Christmas and Sebastian Toy (L) defeated Sammy Robbins and Silas Robbins (LS) 7-6(4),

#2 Doubles - Bailey Dearwester and Jayden Wagoner (L) defeated Kyle Anderson and Evan Slover (LS) 6-3, 6-0

Junior varsity results

Linton-Stockton 2, Loogootee 1 #1 Singles - Constantin Cordes (L) defeated Caleb Frady (LS) 8-2

#2 Singles - Jakob Goodwin (LS) defeated Jake Carrico (L) 8-7(1)

#2 Doubles - Kaleb Crane and Brady Smith (LS) defeated Conner Hedrick and Garrett Williams (L) 8-3

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## Loogootee Tennis results | Lady Lions' Volleyball has tough past week

This past Saturday, the Loogootee points. Mya Hedrick finished with 26 Volleyball Team competed in the Jasper Tourney. The girls defeated Evansville Memorial in three sets, 19-25, 25-23, 26-24 but lost to Sullivan in two sets, 8-25 and 15-25; Castle in two sets, 12-25 and 21-25; and Evansville Harrison in two sets, 25-18 and 25-15.

Emily Brookshire led in digs with 46 and also in points with 22. Julianne Bell had a team-high 26 kills and contributed 12 points.

Breigh LaMar led in assists with 40 followed by Kylie Hall with 35. Hall also added 29 digs and LaMar had 12 and five points.

kills and Olivia Wininger had 22. Shelby Graber contributed 20 digs.

The team's record stands at 18-6.

Last Friday, the varsity went up against Barr-Reeve and were defeated in three sets, 17-25, 16-25, and 24-26.

Brookshire led in digs with 21 and had five points. Bell finished with eight kills followed by Olivia Wininger with six and Hedrick with five.

LaMar had a team-high 13 assists and contributed five digs. Hall had five assists and Calli Wininger had five digs

## Division of Financial Aid reminds families of FAFSA changes

To receive priority consideration for federal, state and university-based financial aid, all current and newly admitted students planning to attend Purdue University West Lafayette in the fall of 2017 may file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as early as October 1, but no later than Purdue's priority filing date of March 1, 2017.

"Instead of waiting until January and February and reporting personal and family income using previous year tax data, the 2017-18 FAFSA will look two years back and use 2015 tax data," said David Reseigh, assistant director of outreach services at Purdue's Division of Financial Aid.

"This change should allow most families to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (IRS DRT) to complete the FAF-SA with their already completed 2015 IRS tax return information. But families with students currently attending college will be using the same tax data two years in a row."

Students and families can visit https://fsaid.ed.gov to create a Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID and www.fafsa. gov/ to file the 2017-18 FAFSA using the IRS DRT.

Indiana families can get free FAFSA filing help from financial aid experts at one of two College Goal Sunday events on November 13 or February 12, 2017, starting at 2 p.m. local time. Families can find a complete list of the participating sites around Indiana and additional event information at www. collegegoalsunday.org/.

Families new to Purdue should use the CollegeBoard Net Price Calculator to receive a financial aid package estimate that includes an estimated "net price" (estimated costs less anticipated need-based scholarship and grant aid) at www.purdue.edu/dfa/cost/estimator. html.

The Division of Financial Aid provides financial aid information to students and families through community outreach, via email and online at www. purdue.edu/dfa.

The Division of Financial Aid can be reached by calling 765-494-5050 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EDT Monday through Friday, or by emailing facontact@purdue.edu.

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