

Group wants to open teen center in Shoals

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Leslie Bauer went before the commissioners at their meeting Tuesday night, September 30 to request support for a teen center in Shoals. Bauer explained to the commissioners that the center is to be named S.H.O.P. (Strength, Honor, Overcome, Persevere). She told commissioners that after talking with other community members she feels this is something that is desperately needed. She added that there is nothing currently in the community like what she wants to do.

Commissioner Dan Gregory asked Bauer if it was an organization or certain people that were trying to get the teen center. Bauer replied that there are several who are working on the project. After the meeting, Bauer said that the current board of directors for S.H.O.P. are herself as president, Ed Farhar as vice president, Misty Tharp as treasurer, Cindy Bates as secretary, Christy Farhar as at-large member, and Teresa Lundy as fundraising committee leader.

She told commissioners that the group signed off Monday on sharing 501(c)3 non-profit status with the Power House Youth Center in Washington. She said they are

using the Power House's non-profit status for six months until they can get their own and they are currently looking for a building and are considering the old barber shop/Laundromat building but are open to other options. She said she has been around to area businesses with letters looking for support and as of yet, she has received no opposition to the project.

She said that they plan to be open by November 26 and be open Friday nights after the boys' varsity basketball games, home and away, from 8 or 8:30-11 p.m. She said next spring they plan on being open one more day a week also after school.

She said they have applications for volunteers to work at the center. She added that they have had donations of TVs, DVDs, game consoles, and furniture. They also received a donation of JayC gift cards from USG, Bauer said after the meeting.

Commissioner Gregory asked how big the potential building is they plan to use. Bauer replied that she was not sure. Gregory asked if there would be any issue with having 20 or more teenagers in the building at the same time and if that would violate any laws with the fire marshal. Bauer replied that she didn't (See 'CENTER' continued on page two)

Staggering Statistics: How Low-Level Skills Impact Economic Prospects.

- In 2013 the poverty level for a family of 4 was \$23,550. The poverty rate in Martin County is 13.2%.
- Employment and earnings are directly tied to skill levels. Almost 18% of Martin County adults do not have a high school diploma or equivalent.
- Only 44.5% of adults without a high school diploma or equivalent participate in the labor force.
- At age 25, for those without a high school diploma or equivalent, life expectancy for white adults has actually declined in recent years.
- Medical expenses are four times higher for low-level skill families – almost \$14,000 annually compared to \$3,500 for higher skilled families.

Educational Attainment	Weekly Earnings	Unemployment Rate
Less than High School	\$472	11.0%
High School Grad, No College	\$651	7.5%
Some College or AA Degree	\$752	6.4%
Bachelor's Degree and Higher	\$1,387	3.7%

SOAR hosts Bridges out of Poverty

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

The focus during the last half of Literacy Month has been on the economic impact of low-level skills. Poverty is defined as "the extent to which an individual does without resources." Generational poverty occurs when poverty exists for two or more generations. Generational poverty can be caused by and result in low-level skills which affect job prospects, health, families, youth, and children. "The statistics in the sidebar

paint a bleak picture," said Beverly McIntosh, program director for Martin County SOAR, an adult tutoring service. "We wanted to bring other service organizations together to discuss the problem and solutions. The Indiana Nonprofit Resource Network connected us with the Vectren outreach program. We found out that a certified Bridges out of Poverty workshop facilitator was available right in our back yard."

The Bridges out of Poverty workshop focuses on the culture of poverty, analyzing (See 'SOAR' continued on page two)

Hopkins hired as boys' basketball coach at LHS

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The Loogootee School Board voted last Thursday night, September 25 in a special meeting to hire Mike Hopkins as the new varsity boys' basketball coach to replace Mike Wagoner who recently resigned. Hopkins is currently the girls' varsity basketball coach at Washington Catholic High School and has coached there for two years. He graduated from Barr-Reeve High School. Hopkins contract is only for one year. The committee that hired Hopkins consisted of High School Principal John Mullen, Athletic Director Josh Mullis, Superintendent Joan Keller, and School Board Member Shawn Howell. At the vote last Thursday, Board Member Scott Hall voted against hiring Hopkins with Howell, Tim Bradley and Nancy Summers voting in favor. Board Member Larry Craney was not present for the meeting. (See 'HOPKINS' continued on page two)

Mullen takes leave

As of Monday, Loogootee High School Principal John Mullen is taking a paid leave of absence for the remainder of the semester. According to Dr. Keller, Mullen is using accumulated vacation days and his position is being filled internally for the rest of the semester.



-Photos by Misty McKibben

Shown above are the award winners from the Robert Peoples "Run for Hope". Shown below is Dee Sanders who was the winner in the 60+ category. More photos on page 10.



Local residents compete in "Run for Hope"

The 2nd Annual Robert Peoples "Run for Hope" was a huge success this year with 64 participants and organizers exceeded their goal of raising over \$6,000 to be donated towards research to cure PSP, progressive supranuclear palsy. Organizers thank everyone that helped with the event and note it would not have been possible without the support of local businesses and the community. The 5K was held at the Shoals Community Schools Track and Cross Country area.

This year's winners were:
Overall Female: Jessica Stephan
Overall Male: Mar Sango
Girls 12 and Under- Vivian Goetze
Boys 12 and Under- 1st Henry Miller, 2nd Eli Host
Boys 20-29 - 1st Elliot Sweat, 2nd Caleb Moffatt
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know. Gregory told her the question will come up by someone when the center is open.

Bauer said they do have liability insurance which she said comes automatically with the 501(c)3.

Commissioner Paul George asked what Bauer would like from the commissioners.

"Help," she said. "Any type of help you can give us."

Gregory said that maybe that was something the recycling center across from the courthouse could do if it was only a few nights a week.

Bauer said she has had members of her group who are aligned with churches offer to use the churches they attend as a place to bring in the teenagers. Bauer said that is not her goal though, because it is just another youth group or Bible study and it's not what she is looking for. She said more at-risk teenagers would not be likely to go to the church to hang out.

Commissioner Gregory asked again what form of help she was requesting of the commissioners. She said money because she is unable to purchase anything without financial backing. She said she feels this is a community problem and not just a few people's problem.

Commissioner Gregory asked Bauer how much she would need to do the center one night a week for a few hours if she used an already established facility that she didn't have to buy.

Bauer replied that if she didn't have to pay a rent or mortgage she would need money to buy groceries and possibly give money to whatever church or organization as a gratuity.

Gregory told Bauer that he thinks she should crawl before she walks and walk before she runs. He said he thinks she is on the right track by using an already established building to get going and get the name out there. He said once it is going in an already existing building, she can see what kind of

turn out she gets with teenagers, how the volunteers do and what kind of response she gets from the community. He said he thinks her request is more of an issue for the county council.

Auditor January Roush said she is the one that told Bauer to come to the commissioners first so that she could get their support and backing before she went to the council.

Commissioner George said he didn't have any problem with what Bauer is trying to do. Gregory and Boyd agreed. They all agreed that she had a long way to go.

Commissioner George suggested Bauer have a number in mind when she goes to the council because they are going to want to know. Commissioner Gregory asked her if \$5,000 would get her going through the winter and she replied that she thinks it would. She said they owe \$250 to the Power House right now for using their non-profit status.

In the end Gregory said he would speak to Bauer after the meeting and see if he could get something taken care of to get them going through the winter. Roush asked if she should put the project on the council's agenda for Monday night and he replied that it should wait to see if he can get it taken care of on his own.

After the commissioners' meeting last night, Bauer said that the idea for the team center came about in early August of this year. She said an informal meeting was held on August 8 to discuss ideas and then a board was established at a meeting on August 12. The president of Power House Youth Center in Washington attended that

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the hidden rules of class, resources, family structure, and language. Mark Ellis, SOAR president and volunteer tutor, said, "The turnout for the workshop was good with a diverse cross section of organizations represented. We look forward to working with these groups to increase the literacy rate in Martin County and assist in reducing generational poverty."

Emily Baxter, an outreach facilitator from Vectren Corporation, facilitated the workshop. One participant said, "Emily's stories, especially her mother in church, made the hidden rules of class real." Comments from participants highlighted the ways different economic classes use available resources, and many found the hidden rules of each class to be particularly insightful.

The Vectren Foundation provided the funding to cover workshop expenses, including a copy of the Bridges out of Poverty book for each participant in the workshop. Karen Whorrall, SOAR vice president and volunteer tutor, said, "I came home and started reading the book right away. I really think the workshop was a fine introduction to the book. The book reinforces what I learned in the workshop and reading it has given me some time to think further about the topics covered. It then goes into detail about what organizations and communities that deal with people in poverty can do to make their organizations more effective, such as work together, give the clients a single point of contact, have a unified mission, and many more ideas."

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Women 30-39 - 1st Dana Gilbert, 2nd Katie Hoffman

Men 30-39- 1st Ryan Gibson, 2nd Ross Miller

Men 40-49 - 1st Erin Goetze

Men 50-59 - 1st Chris Jones, 2nd Mark Trambaugh

Women 60+ - Dee Sanders

Men 60+ - Wally Hendrix

meeting and provided information to the group. She said that fundraising has just now begun for the project with the first fundraiser being aluminum can collection at the recycling center. She said they also plan to sell discount cards with deals from area businesses for \$10 each. The group currently has no money collected for the project so far.

In other business, the commissioners approved reappointing Auggie Bauer as the fifth member of the property tax assessment board of appeals (PTABOA).

The commissioners received a request from the highway department to change their hours starting October 20 to 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. due to winter and less daylight hours. The commissioners decided to change the hours but to 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. instead.

The commissioners discussed purchasing three dump trucks for the highway department for \$171,000. They also discussed how many years they wanted to finance the trucks. Commissioner George said he would like to pay them off in three years but Auditor Roush said she wasn't sure if the highway department's budget could handle that. The commissioners asked Roush to look at the numbers and they would finance either three years or five years depending on what Roush found out.

The highway department recommended hiring Brian Tow full-time to fill a CDL driver position starting today, October 1. The commissioners approved.

The commissioners also approved a resolution opposing the federal government's expansion of control of the Clean Water Act. Surveyor Nathan Hoffman said that the federal government wants control of any body of water that drains into the White River and ultimately then drains into the ocean. He said this includes ditches.

The commissioners approved \$780 to install a fire alarm system in the old courthouse. Auditor Roush said that old county documents are still being stored in the building which is why the historical society requested the county's help. The historical society will pay the monthly fee associated with the alarm system.

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In other business the board voted to bring back Ernie Martin, who recently retired, part-time to fill the position vacated by Jon Casper in the construction technology classes. Martin will come back at the salary he left with and work half days in the mornings for the rest of the school year. Martin will also co-coach the intramural basketball team with Mr. Riley.

Dr. Keller thanked the teachers for working out their contracts for the 2014-15 school year. Bill Riley and Dave Smith served as representatives of the teachers' association. She said some changes were made to the health insurance on policies offered and how it's paid. There is also a grant from the state based on the school's performance as far as graduation rate and test scores. Dr. Keller said they are unsure how much the grant will be but is supposed to be arriving by December 5. That money will be divided evenly among teachers who are evaluated as "effective" or "highly effective" and employed at least 120 days during the 2013-14 school year. She said unless there are other stipulations from the state on how the money can be distributed, they plan to divide it that way. She said teachers' salaries will remain the same as last year but teachers who were evaluated as "effective" and "highly effective" will move up on the salary scale. Teachers who have reached the top of the salary scale will receive a stipend.

The board also approved a change to the contract with Hoosier Uplands for the former Elementary East building. Hoosier Uplands was originally going to put up a wall about halfway down the hallway that leads to the gymnasium, that will still be used by the school. They now would like to block off the gymnasium right at the double doors leading into the gymnasium.

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HUGE MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE, Friday and Saturday, October 3rd & 4th - 8 a.m.-4 p.m., 1349 State Road 550, Loogootee. (from St. John's Church, go one mile on left just past "The Street's") Clothing all sizes (baby, children, teens and adults), kitchen utensils, skillets, China dinnerware sets, glasses, etc. Sheet sets, throw rugs, curtains and travis rods. Roll top desk, entertainment center, book shelves, TV's/ monitors, framed pictures and more. Baby stroller and car seat. Extension cords, small tools, cables and connectors. Disney Children's Classic VHS movies. Lots of children's books, clean stuffed animals and toys. Some antiques. Monitors, computer and assorted electronic equipment. Xmas ornaments, lights, and much, much more. All items from non-smoking homes and clean. Phone: 812-296-0303.

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The Martin County Highway Department is now accepting applications for a Highway Superintendent. Applicants must have a CDL license, be at least 21 years of age, able to pass a drug screening and have knowledge in road maintenance and repair.

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.

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DELORES KIEFNER

Delores LaVerne Kiefner died at 6:31 p.m. Wednesday, September 24, 2014 at the Indiana University Hospice House in Bloomington. A resident of Loogootee, she was 81.

She was born August 24, 1933 in Daviess County; the son of Roy and Ethel (Bledsoe) Pennington. On August 24, 1951 she married Herbert E. Kiefner and her preceded her in death.

She was a member of the Loogootee United Methodist Church and was a retired secretary for the Loogootee Community School Corporation. She was a 1951 graduate of Loogootee High School. LaVerne was a member of the Super 60's and she enjoyed working in her yard, quilting, following IU Basketball and being with her

grandchildren.

She is survived by one daughter, Debra Kay and husband, Kip Smith, of Bloomington; one sister, Norma and husband, Herman Senger, of Shelby Township, Michigan; two grandchildren, Stacey Smith of Bloomington and Jason Smith and wife, Adrienne, of Santa Barbara, California; and three great grandchildren, Mikayla and Mack Smith and Madilyn Murphy.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Ethel (Bledsoe) Pennington; her husband, Herbert E. Kiefner; one daughter, Diane Kiefner; one son, Donnie Kiefner; a brother, Robert Pennington; and two sisters, Wilma Ledgerwood and Patricia Warren.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 27 at the Loogootee United Methodist Church. Burial followed in

Goodwill Cemetery in Loogootee.

Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee was in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Loogootee United Methodist Church or to the charity of choice.

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

ELIZABETH JOHNSON

Elizabeth Ann Johnson passed away at 5 a.m. Friday, September 26, 2014 at her home. A resident of Indianapolis, she was 77.

She was born July 4, 1937 in Washington; the daughter of Charles and Doris (Denny) Watts. She married Arthur Johnson in 1952 and he preceded her in death.

She was a self-employed seamstress and was a former member of the Shoals Church

of The Nazarene.

She is survived by her mother, Doris Garinger of Shoals; five children, Anthony Johnson, Arthur Johnson Jr., Matthew Leon Johnson, Stacy Johnson, and Lisa Johnson of Indianapolis; six grandchildren, Daniel Johnson, T.J. Johnson, Stacey Johnson, Hannah Lewis, James Melsheimer and Elizabeth Ann Johnson; several great-grandchildren; and one brother, Leon Watts of Clearwater, Florida.

Visitation will be from 4-8:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 1 at the Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, October 2 at the funeral home. Burial will be in Spring Hill Cemetery in Shoals.

Condolences may be made to the family at www.queenlee.com.

Indiana Youth Institute announces keynote speaker for WestGate Academy event

Kem Hawkins, President of Cook Group Incorporated, will be the keynote speaker at the Indiana Youth Institute's Postsecondary Pathways event being held at WestGate Academy October 2.

Postsecondary Pathways is a regionally based discussion among K-12 educators, state and regional government agencies, corporations, and youth-serving professionals about how best to connect Hoosier students with the education and careers that fit their skills and interests. "Postsecondary Pathways: Connecting Education to Careers for Student Success," was developed in partnership with Indiana employers, the Center for Excellence in Leadership of Learning (CELL), the Educational Workforce Innovation Network (EWIN), the Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County, NSWC Crane, Radius Indiana, and the Indiana Youth Institute.

Through panel discussions, keynote presentations, and group networking, attendees will be connected to resources to enhance their ability to educate and train students to successfully pursue postsecondary careers within the region and state.

"All Indiana children need to be aware of all their education and career options, especially the opportunities in their own local region," said IYI President and CEO Bill Stanczykiewicz. "IYI is glad to be invited by local leaders to present this training session for school counselors and youth workers who will become more aware of the real and practical academic and career possibilities for the students they serve."

A panel discussion addressing workforce development concerns particular to the region will include panelists Dan Peterson, Vice President, Industry & Government Affairs for Cook Group Incorporated, Matt Weinzapfel, Vice President of Engine Manufacturing at

Jasper Engines, Jai Perumal, Plant Manager at GKN Sinter Metals, and Melanie Hart, CEO, Tsuchiya North America and President, TASUS Corporation.

Attendees will have the opportunity to engage directly with local business to learn more about the opportunities available for the future workforce, as well as the types of education and training needed to build careers with these companies. Companies represented include NSWC Crane, Cook Pharmica, French Lick Resorts, Kimball, Smithville Digital, Metal Technologies, General Motors, Boston Scientific and many others.

"Business and postsecondary education have found a common cause in the preparation of a highly skilled workforce to build economic opportunity," said Tina Peterson, President/CEO of the Monroe County Community Foundation. "Events such as this assist students in aligning their educational path with a fulfilling future career."

This year, Postsecondary Pathways will also include an optional tour of the facilities at National Warfare Center Crane. Crane employs over 5,500 government and contract employees, with a \$1.5 billion business base that pumps over \$2 million a day into the Indiana economy. The tour will allow attendees to see a sophisticated, technologically advanced manufacturing facility, learn more about the types of jobs available and how students can prepare for those jobs.

"Future economic prosperity in the Radius Indiana region relies squarely on our ability to deliver a highly educated, skilled, and motivated work force," said Becky Skillman, President/CEO of Radius Indiana. "Events such as Postsecondary Pathways provides an opportunity to improve the economic environment of the community, leading to the creation of a legacy of leadership for our future."

Recycling center sets fall cleanup dates

The Martin County Solid Waste Management District will host a fall clean-up at the recycling center in Loogootee Friday, October 24 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday, April 25 from 8 a.m.-11:30 p.m. This event is for all Martin County residents and businesses only and is an opportunity for everyone to clean out the garages, attic, and homes of unwanted trash, and junk that plagues everyone.

The center will accept items such as mattresses, indoor and outdoor furniture, carpeting, bagged garbage and other bulky items.

The recycling center asks that you separate materials for recycling from the trash. What can be recycled: all scrap metals, such as TV towers, metal fence, and appliances, newspaper, magazines and catalogues, plastic bottles, tin cans, aluminum cans, cardboard, hardback books, paperback books, phone books, plastic film such as grocery sacks, and dry cleaning bags. Never throw away your junk mail or any personal records that contain your name. The recycling center has a shredder for you to use.

A truck load will be \$10; tires, auto and small pick up truck size are \$2 each, rims add

one dollar; tractor and semi tires are \$15 each; paint and paint products are \$1 each, if you have larger than gallon size the prices is \$1 per gallon; appliances with Freon are \$10 each; computer monitors are \$5 each; TVs are \$5 and up, depending on size. If you cannot afford the fees, call the recycling center and arrangements will be made for you to dispose of your stuff. According to the recycling center, there is no reason that any property in Martin County should be an eye sore with piles of trash and junk lying around.

Anyone with questions can call 295-4142.



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Shown above from left to right are Scott Hickman, Bill Trambaugh and Steve Trambaugh from the American Legion Post 120, who helped provide lunch at the Chamber of Commerce and Alliance Golf Scramble held September 21.

Chamber and Alliance hold golf scramble

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce and Martin County Alliance played host to their annual golf scramble on September 21 at Lakeview Golf Course.

The event started with lunch prepared by the Loogootee American Legion at noon followed by eleven teams taking to the links at 1 p.m.

The top three teams were:
1st Place: Terry Butcher, Wes Muessig, Colin Padgett and Rob Sterling
2nd Place: Dave Wininger, Travis Brett, Joe Allen and Scott Arthur
3rd Place: Mike Seals, Chad Wade, Rob Blackwell and Karry Stoll.

The event organizers would like to thank

the following for their support of this event.

A special "thank you" to Loogootee American Legion Post 120 for their help with lunch. Also to Daviess - Martin REMC, German American Bank, Martin County Co-Op Credit Union, Nonte and Company CPA, Kemper CPA Group, Springs Valley Bank and Trust, Loughmiller Tool and Die, Crane Federal Credit Union, Hawkins Health Care, Old National Bank, Builders Best, Stimulus Engineering, The Body Shop, Edward Jones - Brent Courter, Farm Bureau Insurance - Chad Wade, Mayor Noel Harty, Midwestern Engineers, Loogootee K of C, Jones Oil Company, Lonnie Hawkins and the staff at Lakeview Golf Course.



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COPS & COURT

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:28 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Loogootee Health Care and Rehab. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

9:57 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Park Street in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Good Samaritan Hospital, Vincennes.

8:57 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. Deputy Baker responded.

10:45 p.m. - Received a report of a broken down vehicle on US 50 at Buffalo Bottoms. Deputy Harmon responded.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

7:19 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Loogootee Nursing Center. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

12:05 p.m. - Received a call from White River Co-Op in reference to a drive off. All on-duty officers in the county were notified.

1:00 p.m. - Received a call advising of an active alarm at the Martin County Learning Center. Sgt. Keller responded and found the building secure, employees on scene.

4:10 p.m. - Received a request for a VIN check on East River Road. Sgt. Keller responded and completed the detail.

5:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS, Capt. Hennette, Sgt. Keller, ISP Troopers Sexton and D. Miller responded.

8:00 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle off of the side of the road on US 231 south of Beard Road. Corporal Greene notified.

8:40 p.m. - Received a report of a speeding vehicle in Crane Village. Corporal Greene notified.

9:43 p.m. - Received a report of a gas leak on Larrimer Street in Crane Village. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

6:31 a.m. - Received a report of three tri-axle trucks that went left of center on State Road 450. Chief Deputy Dant notified.

9:30 a.m. - Chief Deputy Dant transported one inmate to court.

12:47 p.m. - Received a report of vandalized garden tools. Sgt. Keller spoke with the complainant.

1:00 p.m. - Chief Deputy Dant and Major Burkhardt transported four inmates to court.

1:30 p.m. - Sgt. Keller transported one inmate to court.

2:30 p.m. - Major Burkhardt transported two inmates to court.

2:30 p.m. - Received a report of a patient-home health nurse issue. Chief Deputy Dant is investigating.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

6:51 a.m. - Received a report of a semi against a guardrail on US 50 near Isaacs Road. Chief Deputy Dant and ISP notified.

7:32 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane Village. Martin County EMS and Crane Fire Department responded.

7:43 a.m. - Received a report of an electric pole on fire on US 50 near Zehr Lane. Loogootee Fire Department and Duke Energy responded.

11:22 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Good Samaritan in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Good Samaritan in Vincennes.

11:40 a.m. - Received a report of a two-vehicle crash on Elliot Cemetery Road. ISP responded.

2:43 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

3:22 p.m. - Received a request for an am-

bulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Good Samaritan, Vincennes.

4:21 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

4:46 p.m. - Major Burkhardt investigated a child case with the department of child services.

5:38 p.m. - Received a report of an aggressive dog on State Road 550. Major Burkhardt notified.

9:50 p.m. - Received a report of a skunk in a yard. Deputy Harmon and South Region notified.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

4:55 a.m. - Received a report of a coyote that had been hit by a car and was still alive on US 231 north of Beard Road. Deputy Harmon responded.

6:05 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash on Progress School Road. The vehicle is on its side and no one is around.

7:30 a.m. - Received a report of a broken down vehicle on US 231 at Ragslesville Road. Major Burkhardt responded.

9:45 a.m. - Received a report of individuals living in a tent near the railroad property in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

1:51 p.m. - Received a report of a broken down vehicle on US 50 near Peeks Road. Major Burkhardt responded.

2:03 p.m. - Received a report of a juvenile runaway. Deputy Baker notified.

3:43 p.m. - Received a request for an am-

bulance in Crane Village. Martin County EMS and Crane Fire Department responded.

7:34 p.m. - Received a report of a residential burglary in Shoals. Deputy Baker responded.

8:50 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Daviess Community Hospital, Washington.

9:05 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic disturbance north of Shoals. Deputy Baker responded.

10:08 p.m. - Received a report of a type unknown crash with a vehicle on its side in a ditch on Sherfick School Road. Deputy Baker, Martin County EMS, Shoals Fire Department responded.

10:40 p.m. - Received a report of a possible intoxicated person in Shoals. Deputy Harmon was advised.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

2:54 a.m. - Officer Nolan requested an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

9:15 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on US 231 north of the Haysville Bridge. Major Burkhardt responded.

10:20 a.m. - Received a report of illegal dumping on Brickyard Road. Major Burkhardt responded.

1:10 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle all over the roadway on US 50 westbound. Major Burkhardt and Capt. Akles notified.

3:36 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation north of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

3:40 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper. Loogootee Fire Department assisted.

4:55 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle losing its load on US 231 just north of the Haysville Bridge. Major Burkhardt was notified.

6:21 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver westbound on US 50. Corporal Greene was notified.

6:46 p.m. - Received a report of goats in the highway on US 150. Corporal Greene responded.

7:40 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash involving a deer on US 50 near Buffalo Bottoms. Corporal Greene responded.

8:37 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash involving a deer on US 50 near Buffalo Bottoms. Corporal Greene responded.

Martin County real estate transfers

Amzy Wagler and Verna Wagler to Indiana Municipal Power Agency, an Indiana joint agency, part of the south half of the southwest quarter of Section 1, Township 4 North, Range 5 West of the second principal meridian in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 4.966 acres, more or less.

William I. Feagans, Jr. and Janice S. Feagans, of Martin County, Indiana to **Joseph C. Lannan**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: A portion of the southeast quarter of Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 1 acre. Tract II: A part of the

southeast quarter of Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 1.53 acres.

Monty L. Gregory and Brooke Gregory, of Martin County, Indiana to **Timothy E. Lawrence**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 14 and the south one-half of Lot Number 15 in Risacher's Fourth Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Todd Wisner and April Wisner, of Martin County, Indiana to **Thomas G. Marks**, of Martin County, Indiana, a tract of land in Loogootee, Indiana.

Cameron L. Sheetz, of Martin County, Indiana to **Charles G. Sheetz and Alice K. Sheetz**, a life estate interest; remainder interest to Cameron L. Sheetz and Carmon Popp, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of Section 20, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 0.332 acres, more or less.

Cameron L. Sheetz, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jon M. Kiesling and Leslie Marie Stevens**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the north half of the southwest quarter of Section 20, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, of the second principal meridian in Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 7.535 acres, more or less, except .6 of an acre and .332 acres.

Fred M. Doyle and Frances A. Doyle, of Martin County, Indiana to **Roy D. Holland and Shirley J. Holland**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West containing 0.45 acre, more or less.

Coyeville Belcher, of Martin County, Indiana to **Leanna G. Potts**, of Martin County, Indiana and **Darrin G. Belcher**, of Clermont County, Ohio, Lots Numbered 114, 115, 116, and 117 in Chenoweth's Extension to the Town of West Shoals, now Shoals, Indiana.



The veteran service officer has an office in the Martin County Courthouse. The hours are Monday through Thursday from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. An appointment isn't needed but suggested as there are times I am out of the office meeting with or visiting veterans in the community.

DRIVERS NEEDED for the veteran's van. I am aware that we all have very busy lives and very little free time which is why I am looking for drivers to add to my call list. I am looking for **VOLUNTEERS** that are willing to transport a veteran possibly one trip a week to medical appointments in the surrounding area. This is not a paid position but I am able to provide \$10 a trip as long as there is money in the "Thank the Driver Fund". You must have an Indiana license and a clean driving record. If interested, please contact me at 812-247-2210 or martincountyvso2013@yahoo.com.

I want to thank Jeff Prew, Mike Staab and everyone involved in the four-wheeler ride for all the time they invested to make it such a success. I want to thank the four-wheelers for coming out and supporting this event.

I want to thank the Sons of the Legion, Legion Riders, Gamma Iota chapter of Psi Iota Xi as well as the patrons of the American Legion Post 61, the American Legion Post 120 and the VFW Post 9395 for the donations they have made to the 'Thank the Driver Fund'.

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Martin County Court News

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed September 18

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Ronald Frye, civil collection.

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Retha Hert, Jr., civil collection.

September 19

Nationstar Mortgage, LLC vs. Mitzie O. Pickett, USA Secretary, Housing & Urban Development; USA Department of Treasury, State of Indiana Department of Revenue Collection Division, John R. Hunt, and James R. Taylor, mortgage foreclosure.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

September 24

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Old National Bank and against the defendant Richard B. Allen, for mortgage foreclosure in the amount of \$50,534.81.

September 25

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Melinda M. Burris in the amount of \$11,182.13.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

September 24

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Bert E. Astleford, owner County Muffler Services, in the amount of \$5,072.08.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Alberto Barrios in the amount of \$978.30.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane

Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Joshua R. Christmas in the amount of \$658.47.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Jayquan M. Gray in the amount of \$810.37.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Suzanne M. Hale in the amount of \$768.94.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendants Robert L. and Jamie L. Thompson in the amount of \$651.31.

September 29

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Rachel D. Howard in the amount of \$2,201.13.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant William D. Ingle in the amount of \$2,355.47.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendants Aaron M. and Jennifer H. Williamson in the amount of \$6,104.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Warner R. Wilson, Jr., in the amount of \$4,552.92.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

September 29

Jon Michael Kiesling of Loogootee and Leslie M. Stevens of Loogootee.

Indiana re-launches 'See Something Say Something' campaign

In light of heightened tensions following air strikes in the Middle East, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) and the Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center are re-launching the "See Something Say Something" campaign.

The campaign uses public service announcements, posters, partnerships, social and broadcast media, websites and more, to ask citizens to watch for suspicious activity and report it to authorities.

Local food service establishments inspected

The following restaurant inspections were done by Julia Albright, of the Martin County Health Department. The information listed is verbatim from the inspection report and all were routine inspections.

SEPTEMBER 18

Elk Ridge, 8799 Ridge Road, Shoals
No violations noted.

Highland House Bed and Breakfast
14370 E. River Road, Shoals
No violations noted.

Carla's Catering and Creations
12547 West River Road, Shoals
No violations noted.

Shoals Community School Corporation,
11741 Ironton Road, Shoals
No violations noted.

"We want all Hoosiers who see something to say something," said Governor Mike Pence. "If you identify what you think is suspicious activity, let those who are trained respond, but be their eyes and ears so they can better protect you and your loved ones."

To report suspicious activity, contact local law enforcement or security, or the Fusion Center at 877.226.1026 or iifc@iifc.in.gov. If danger is imminent, call 911. IDHS encourages everyone to program contact information for the Fusion Center and other public safety agencies into their phones so it will be easily accessible if needed.

For more information about the "See Something Say Something" campaign, go to getprepared.in.gov and click on the "terrorism" link.

Purdue graduate's social media app helps users connect with friends and find new music through smart phones

BY CYNTHIA SEQUIN
Purdue University News Service

Caktus Music Inc., a social music startup, has developed a mobile app program that allows people to explore new music, share what they are listening to and connect with friends using an integrated music player available free through the App Store.

The app allows users to share their music in real time on a map-based interface with friends, makes following favorite bands and discovering new music easier.

"When a person opens the Caktus app and plays a song, a pin is automatically dropped on a map so Facebook and Twitter friends can see what the person is listening to," said Keith Williams, a Purdue University alumnus and co-founder of Caktus. "Users can then tap on their friends' pins to play previews and purchase songs."

Williams said Caktus gives users direct access to their iTunes library, local media files, and in the next update, SoundCloud tracks as well, all through the Caktus music player.

"This multi-platform integration gives users the ability to create custom playlists with music from multiple sources played through Caktus," he said. "We see it as part of a music ecosystem. When users play music, the app identifies those tracks and provides that information to the in-app map and social network, which then presents that music to other users who might tap on that pin and listen to it through Caktus, which starts the system over again. It's a musical

circle of life."

Williams said the app is a strong resource for the music industry as well.

"The app gives bands and music labels a global stage where they can promote songs, albums, concerts and merchandise directly to users," he said. "Caktus is a great opportunity for both existing and up-and-coming talent to connect with listeners and music labels, and a source for fan demographics from around the world."

Other Caktus co-founders are Dane Regnier and Chase Acton, and the company continues to grow with several more employees joining the team in the past few months.

The app's next big addition in the works is Spotify integration, where users would be able to access their Spotify library alongside the iTunes and SoundCloud tracks, all through Caktus' in-app music player.

Caktus Music is receiving assistance through the Purdue Foundry, a startup and commercialization hub in Purdue's Burton D. Morgan Center for Entrepreneurship that helps Purdue innovators create and grow successful new businesses.

"I am a proud Purdue alumnus and we have several other Purdue alumni working on various parts of the company. We have received a tremendous amount of support and guidance through the Purdue Foundry," Williams said. "They not only have connected us with clients and investors, but have also been a great sounding board for our business plan, marketing work, and networking efforts."

In-person absentee voting begins October 7

Indiana Secretary of State Connie Lawson reminds Hoosiers that Monday, October 6 is the deadline to register to vote in the November 4 General Election. She is also making a special plea to the families of military and overseas voters to connect their loved ones with an absentee ballot request. Hoosiers can begin voting by in-person absentee ballot otherwise known as early voting on October 7.

"Our new full service app makes it easier for Hoosiers to connect with the voting process," said Secretary Lawson. "It only takes a few minutes to register to vote and ensure your voice will be heard in the upcoming election. The deadline is right around the corner. If you are registered already, make sure you are registered at your current address. I encourage everyone who is not registered to register today to make your vote count."

Hoosiers can register to vote online by using the new Indiana Voters app, or by visiting IndianaVoters.com, and can submit an application to register in person at their local county clerk's office or any Bureau of Motor Vehicles license branch. Voters who choose to mail their registration must have a postmarked date of October 6 or before. Registrations postmarked after this date will not be processed until after the November 4 election.

The new Indiana Voters app also allows Hoosiers to 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 ap-

plication or provisional ballot information and contact local election officials. It is a full service application designed to make voting easy for Hoosiers by making election information accessible from anywhere.

"If you are unable to make it to the polls on Election Day, I encourage you to vote early," said Secretary Lawson. "You can do this by visiting your county clerk's office any business day between October 7 and noon November 3 or by requesting an absentee ballot by mail. These are great options to ensure everyone who wants to vote gets the opportunity to do so."

Military families are encouraged to remind those serving overseas to register and request an absentee ballot. Active duty military members and their spouses, as well as Hoosiers working overseas, should register to vote and apply for an absentee ballot by completing the Federal Post Card Application to ensure they receive their absentee ballot on time. The application can be completed online at www.fvap.gov.

"Many military members are serving far away from home on Election Day," said Secretary Lawson. "We are calling on those here at home to remind their loved ones serving overseas to register to vote and to apply for an absentee ballot."

Hoosiers who are not sure if they are registered can confirm their registration information online at www.indianavoters.com or through the Indiana Voters app. Voters may also request an absentee ballot and verify their polling location through the Indiana Voters app and on www.indianavoters.com.

Loogootee Post Prom HOLIDAY CRAFT/VENDOR FAIR

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Pat and Kaitlyn Bruner, of Loogootee, are all smiles after successfully completing the hunter education class held recently at Faith Baptist Church.

26 students complete hunter education course

On September 20, 26 students successfully completed a two-day hunter education class at Faith Baptist Church in Loogootee. During the 10-hour course, students learned about outdoor topics such as firearms safety, hunter ethics, wildlife conservation, archery, survival and first aid. The course was instructed by Indiana Conservation Officers Eric Doane, Keirsten Forbey, and Blake Everhart and also certified volunteer hunter education instructors, Jerry Lindauer, Mark Gelhausen, and Harold Bleemel.

Food and snacks were provided by West Boggs Park and Faith Baptist Church.

For those interested in taking an Indiana Hunter Education course, please go to: www.passitonindiana.com and check for a nearby course in your area.

Indiana law requires that all hunters born after December 31, 1986 must successfully complete a DNR offered hunter education course to purchase a hunting license.

Plant in Posey County listed as federally endangered

A rare plant only known to exist in Indiana on a roadside in Posey County has been listed as endangered by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Short's Bladderpod, a member of the mustard family, was already on Indiana's endangered plant list and now will be protected under the federal Endangered Species Act.

According to state botanist Mike Homoya, the existence of Short's Bladderpod in southwest Indiana is a mystery to scientists. The nearest populations of the plant are more than 200 miles away in the Bluegrass Region of Kentucky and around Nashville, Tenn., where it grows on exposed limestone bedrock along streams.

"But the population in Posey County doesn't fit that pattern," Homoya said. "It's just growing on clay."



-Photo provided

Indiana Volunteer Instructor Jerry Lindauer, of Loogootee, is shown as he demonstrates proper handling of a handgun.

Short's Bladderpod was first found in Posey County in 1941 by Charles Deam, Indiana's first state forester.

The Posey County population is growing along a gravel road on land managed by the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife.

The DNR encourages growth of Short's Bladderpod by clearing away other vegetation in the area and raking the ground, allowing seeds that are in the ground to germinate and grow.

"The population has fluctuated from thousands of plants to a handful," Homoya said. "It depends on whether the other vegetation is cleared off."

Short's Bladderpod is the third plant in Indiana to be listed as federally endangered. The others are Short's goldenrod and running buffalo clover.

Indiana farm fatalities continue downward trend

BY KEITH ROBINSON
Purdue University News Service

Eighteen farm-related fatalities were documented in Indiana in 2013, down from 26 the previous year and reflecting a trend of fewer deadly accidents on the farm, a Purdue University report shows.

The 2013 Indiana Farm Fatality Summary data show there have been fewer than 30 documented deaths from farm-related accidents each year since 1996. Before then, deaths of well more than 30 people each year were common going back to at least 1970, with two years having at least 50.

There also has been a continued decline in the number of farm fatalities involving children and other young people under the age of 21. Only one documented victim in 2013 was under the age of 21, a 15-year-old boy who died when a tractor overturned on him in Elkhart County.

"Achieving zero incidents may be an unrealistic goal, but the record clearly shows that something is working and that many tragic incidents have been prevented during the same time as Indiana farmers have become more productive and efficient than at any time in history," wrote co-authors Bill Field, Purdue Extension safety specialist, and agricultural and biological engineering graduate research assistant Yuan-Hsin Cheng.

Contributing to fewer fatalities, the authors said, are a decline in the number of Indiana residents who live and work on farms; advancements in the safety, durability and productivity of agricultural equipment; reduced dependency on youth labor; increasing expectations for safer and healthier workplaces; and continued efforts to increase awareness of the importance of managing risks in agriculture.

Advancements in medical care, including that provided by emergency services, also have contributed to lower fatality rates by increasing the probability of victims surviving injuries that once were deadly, according to the report.

The authors said the fatalities count, compiled by the Purdue University Agricultural Safety and Health Program, might not be comprehensive because of the lack of consistent reporting requirements, Indiana residents dying at medical facilities in neighboring states, and victims dying from related medical complications well after an accident. The count was tallied through a variety of sources, including news reports, Web searches, voluntary reporting from Purdue Extension educators and individuals, and personal interviews.

Accidents were documented in the following counties in 2013: Bartholomew (2), Dearborn, Dubois, Elkhart, Fountain, Franklin, Fulton, Hancock, Hendricks, Howard, Kosciusko, Lake, LaPorte (2), Lawrence, Marshall and Posey.

Accidents included suffocation in a grain bin; falling from a tractor and a concrete silo; an overturned mower, tractor and all-terrain vehicle; and being struck by farm equipment, among other causes. There were three instances in which victims died from being hit by a falling tree.

The age of the victims ranged from 15 to 78 and averaged 61.4. All were males.

The authors noted a "dramatic decline" in the number of children and young adults reported as dying in agricultural workplaces. There have been only three reported deaths of people under the age of 18 in the past three years, the lowest number of such victims in a three-year period since at least beginning in 1994.

"It is believed that the changing expectations of parents and the general public toward having children and youth employed in some types of farm work, considered especially hazardous, has had a significant influence on the declining trend in fatalities involving this group," the authors said. "The introduction of larger, more complex and expensive equipment has also made many producers less comfortable using inexperienced workers to operate it."

The full report is available at www.farm-safety.org.

Bicentennial Nature Trust (BNT) update

By Becky Skillman and Lee Hamilton
On December 11, 2016, Indiana will celebrate 200 years of statehood. The Bicentennial Commission is planning a suite of activities to commemorate the occasion throughout 2016, but already the celebration is making an enormous and lasting statewide impact through the Bicentennial Nature Trust (BNT).

The BNT was launched in 2012 to preserve and protect important conservation and recreation areas throughout Indiana by matching donations of land or dollars. Property acquired with this fund will become part of the public trust to ensure that the land is protected for future generations of Hoosiers to use and enjoy.

The idea has enjoyed tremendous buy-in. The state seeded the program with a \$20 million commitment, and the Lilly Endowment generously contributed \$10 million to the effort. The Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust granted funds to underwrite administrative costs of the program. Matching funds for individual projects have come from 86 unique organizations, including many of our state's county-level Community Foundations.

Ninety-one individual land acquisition projects have been approved to date, covering 48 counties. Half of these projects are complete, resulting in more than 8 square miles of land set aside for conservation and recreation.

Each BNT project is unique, ranging from large tracts of hardwood forest, important wetland habitats, and local parks and trails intended for passive recreation.

In June, Gov. Pence announced the pur-

chase of the Peoria & Eastern Trail corridor in Speedway. Acquisition of this 1.3 mile multi-use recreational trail represents a big step toward completion of a planned 5-mile loop through the town.

In Allen County, the BNT assisted ACRES Land Trust with the purchase of 87 acres known as Blue Cast Springs. The property features 30-foot bluffs overlooking the Maumee River and a mile-long walking trail open to the public.

Working with Sycamore Land Trust, Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge and Ducks Unlimited, the BNT helped secure public access for the 1,043-acre reclaimed Columbia Mine in Gibson and Pike counties. The site features forested wetlands, upland tree and prairie plantings, and several lakes.

Conservation was a cornerstone of the Centennial in 1916, which saw the creation of a new state park system beginning at McCormick's Creek and Turkey Run. The Bicentennial Commission is proud to renew that tradition by making land preservation a cornerstone of our 200th birthday celebration. It's hard to think of a more impactful long-term legacy.

It's not too late for your community to take advantage of this opportunity. For more information about the BNT, please visit www.in.gov/naturetrust.

Becky Skillman and Lee Hamilton are co-chairs of the Indiana 2016 Bicentennial Commission. They serve along with 14 other distinguished Hoosiers to plan and develop activities appropriate to commemorate Indiana's statehood and encourage all Hoosiers to participate in activities that highlight the bicentennial.

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

Fall-blooming plants are important in the garden. While many think of foliage as the source of color in the fall, plants that bloom play an important role in nature. In the summer, flowers provide generous nectar for hummingbirds, butterflies and other creatures that consume nectar. However, many plants slow or stop producing flowers in the fall just as the hummingbirds and monarch butterflies need to have a ready source of nutrition to supply energy for their migrations.

Over the past few weeks, we have been taking a look at some of the important fall-blooming plants available. This week, we will look at my personal favorite fall bloomers, the sedums.

Sedums are succulent plants, capable of storing water in their leathery leaves. There are more than 600 species of sedum around the world, several of which are hardy in southern Indiana and farther north. They range from groundcover types to upright varieties that are virtually sub-shrubs.

It is the tall sedums that provide the important fall flowers.

My grandmother called the tall sedum that grew outside the kitchen window of the old house at Sandhill Gardens "houseleek". That term is also applied to a variety of other succulent plants, including the popular hens and chicks. The name comes from

the fact that such plants were often grown on the roofs of houses. Indeed, in recent years, architects and others have once again used this practice of living roofs to insulate buildings and provide a place for oxygen-producing plants in cities.

Once sedum is established, one is likely to have it for many years. That clump my grandmother planted when she moved to Sandhill 90 years ago on October 1 is still growing well. Many starts have been shared with family and friends over the years, yet the clump continues to grow.

As with most succulent plants, sedum can survive periods of drought. You may need to provide some moisture to get a clump established, but there is little need for watering in later years. In extreme drought, the leathery leaves may shrivel, but they will plump back up when rain comes. Sedums prefer to grow in full sun, but most will tolerate light shade. The groundcover varieties will take more shade than the tall sedums.

About the only soil requirement is that the area drains well. Sedums will not tolerate long wet periods. They prefer sandy soil or loam, but will grow in clay as long as it is not too wet. If you want to ensure good growth, put sedums in a raised spot, away from ponding water. Sedums are great for planting on banks, where other plants may have difficulty getting enough water.

While the flowers are very important, many people think of sedums as more of a foliage plant than a flower. The leathery leaves of sedum provide interest in form, texture and color throughout the growing season. The old sedums found on homesteads throughout the Hoosier Hills had leaves of a light gray-green. However, varieties available today sport foliage ranging from chartreuse to deep purple, with shades of green and burgundy in between. There are also many patterns of variegation. However, I must caution that some of the variegated varieties I have planted have reverted to just green after a couple of years. If you want a good variegated variety, I recommend "Frosty Morn" as a plant with staying power and nice green and white foliage. "Matrona" is a nice burgundy-green variegation with sturdy stalks and deep burgundy flower clusters.

As we noted before, the flowers of sedum are an important source of nectar. Individual flowers are star-shaped, often sporting 10 or more stamens. Flowers occur in large clusters, forming nearly flat umbrels, favored by butterflies. "Autumn Joy" and "Autumn Flame" are varieties with great flower production. "Neon" sports brighter pink flowers. The old fashioned variety from Grandma Hooten has mostly white flowers with some very light pink shadows. The

flower clusters will turn brown and make for good winter interest in the garden. They are also good for use in dried arrangements.

Sedum has few problems and most of the drawbacks occur only when the plants are in too much shade or in a wet spot. The older varieties do tend to flop over in the fall, but that can be ameliorated by cutting them back in early July to about 4 inches tall. The cut-back will result in sturdier plants and will delay blooming by a few weeks.

It is easy to get more plants. When cutting them back in July, put those cuttings in a light potting mix and most will take root and provide more plants.

Sedum is very hardy in southern Indiana. If you do not get your new plants in the ground immediately, do not fret. I have actually had clumps of sedum survive winter above ground with no protection. I do not recommend doing this on purpose, but they really are low-care plants. While other perennials planted in the fall may die due to heaving through the winter, one does not need to worry about the survival of sedum. Sedum has a place in nearly every garden.

Congratulations to Rhonda Cole for achieving her status as a Silver Advanced Master Gardener. The Master Gardener program advancement is based on advanced education and the number of hours one has spent "helping others grow".

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State issues annual medical errors report

The Indiana State Department of Health Tuesday released the 2013 Indiana Medical Error Reporting System annual report. Reports of stage three or four pressure ulcers acquired after admission increased from 30 in 2012 to 45 in 2013. Pressure ulcers, also known as bed sores, have been the most reported incident seven of the eight years the report has been compiled and average approximately 32 incidents a year.

"The purpose of the Medical Error Reporting System is to identify sources of significant opportunities to improve quality of care for Hoosiers," said State Health Commissioner William VanNess, M.D. "This is part of the Indiana State Department of Health's continuing efforts to improve health and care for Hoosiers."

The annual report is based on the National Quality Forum's 28 Serious Adverse Events. A total of 293 hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, abortion clinics, and birthing centers were surveyed.

A total of 111 incidents were reported in 2013. The most reported incidents in 2013 were:

- 45 stage three or four pressure ulcers ac-

- quired after admission to the hospital
- 27 incidents of a foreign object retained in a patient after surgery

- 18 surgeries performed on the wrong body part
- 12 falls resulting in a death or serious disability

In 2006, Indiana became the second state to adopt the National Quality Forum's reporting standards. The reporting standards are not intended as a comprehensive study of medical errors, but rather as representing a broad overview of health care issues. Prevention of medical errors generally requires a system-based approach. By focusing on a few fundamental prevention activities and an organized prevention system, errors can be prevented.

The 2013 Medical Error Reporting System report may be found on the Indiana State Department of Health website at www.StateHealth.in.gov.

Visit the Indiana State Department of Health at 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.

Additional cases of enterovirus-D68 identified in Indiana; now at 19

State health officials announced Tuesday that there are now 19 cases of enterovirus D68 (EV-D68), a respiratory illness which can be serious in infants, children and individuals with underlying medical conditions, such as asthma.

The Indiana State Department of Health is working with local health departments and hospitals to conduct surveillance for additional cases of EV-D68 in the state. Surveillance of hospital emergency department chief complaints indicates that statewide respiratory activity has returned within normal limits.

"The best way to prevent the spread of EV-D68 is through washing your hands with soap and water frequently, covering your cough and staying home when you're sick," said State Health Commissioner William VanNess, M.D. "This virus can be quite serious and potentially even fatal. These measures are currently our best defense."

Indiana is one of several states affected in this multi-state outbreak, which includes the surrounding states of Illinois, Kentucky and Ohio. Enteroviruses are very common, with more than 100 strains and between 10 and 15 million cases in the United States each year. Most enterovirus infections in the U.S. occur seasonally during the summer and fall, and enterovirus outbreaks tend to occur in several-year cycles.

Typically, EV-D68 causes upper respiratory illness, such as low-grade fever, cough, runny nose, sneezing and body/muscle aches. Infected individuals generally recover on their own without incident by treating symptoms. However, some individuals, es-

pecially infants, children and those with weakened immune systems or underlying medical conditions, such as asthma, may experience severe complications and require hospitalization. There is no vaccine or treatment for EV-D68, but hospitals can provide supportive therapy.

EV-D68 is spread through close contact with infected people. State health officials recommend the following tips to protect you and your family:

- Clean: Wash your hands frequently with warm soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- *Alcohol-based hand sanitizer is not effective in preventing the spread of EV-D68.

- Cover: Cover your cough with your sleeve or a tissue when you cough or sneeze.

- Contain: Prevent spreading illness to others by staying home if you are sick.

- Avoid close contact and sharing cups or eating utensils with those who are ill.
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces.

Individuals experiencing cold-like symptoms and trouble breathing should contact their healthcare provider right away.

For more information about EV-D68, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at www.cdc.gov/non-polio-enterovirus/about/ev-d68.html or the Indiana State Department of Health at www.in.gov/isdh/26487.htm.

For EV-D68 updates in Indiana, follow the Indiana State Department of Health on Twitter at @StateHealthIN and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/isdh1. Visit the Indiana State Department of Health at www.StateHealth.in.gov for important health and safety information.

The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative
Mark Messmer



Keeping Indiana's education system on the right path

As a state, our future relies upon the next generation. That is why as state leaders, one of the most significant things we can do to make a real, lasting impact on our state is to keep our education system strong and growing stronger.

Throughout my time in the House Republicans, education has consistently been a top priority. In the past two years alone, we have not only increased K-12 education funding by \$390 million, thus exceeding pre-recession funding levels, but we have also established a preschool pilot program to provide more opportunities for low-income families to receive a high quality education. While these are significant examples, they are just two of many.

Another important part of keeping our education system on the right path is maintaining an open line of communication between policymakers, teachers and parents. Today, in an effort to do just that, I would like to share with you a recent change to education policy in Indiana and how it is impacting Hoosiers across the state.

At the end of August, the state was notified that the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) had granted our waiver request in regards to the federal dollars that Hoosier schools receive. This waiver is part of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act and essentially allows schools to spend the funds they receive based on their own individual needs as opposed to being told by the federal government how that money should be spent.

While this is an obvious victory for Indiana, it was not always immediately apparent whether or not our waiver would be granted. In fact, in May, our waiver was placed on a conditional status due to what the federal government viewed as educational deficiencies here at home. This forced Indiana to appeal that status and make a case for all of the work that was done during the most recent legislative session.

For instance, we passed legislation to help prepare students for college and their future careers by incentivizing partnerships between local schools and businesses. The goal was to make it mutually beneficial for schools and businesses to work together to provide students with opportunities for internships in high-wage, high-demand fields. In addition, we decided to take a critical look at Indiana's current high school diploma requirements in order to gain a better understanding of how prepared our students really are for life after high school, regardless of what path they take once they graduate.

I am pleased that the USDOE has approved our waiver request and acknowledged the strides we are making for a better Indiana. I am proud that our state leaders were not afraid to stand up for what was best for Hoosier children, and I hope to be a resource to my constituents as we start the next phase of this journey. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 317-232-9620.

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

Indiana receives nearly \$1.5 million for the state's unemployment insurance technology enhancements

The US Department of Labor (USDOL) announced last week that the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD) received nearly \$1.5 million in federal grant dollars for significant unemployment insurance technology initiatives. The grant from USDOL will help Indiana bolster program integrity and system improvement activities, including those aimed at combating fraud. Indiana's share was among the more lucrative of the total disbursement.

To qualify for the funding, states had to have implemented or committed to implement a set of required integrity activities. Indiana currently leads the nation in implementing such programs. This grant is a key piece to continuing DWD's efforts to have the most technologically advanced, efficient and effective unemployment insurance system in the U.S.

"This grant allows us to fully implement upgrades that will enhance our unemployment insurance program," said Scott B.

Sanders, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. "These dollars are crucial to our goal of making Indiana's unemployment insurance system the most efficient and effective in the nation."

The total amount awarded by the USDOL to the Program Integrity Project fund was nearly \$66.2 million, which was dispersed amongst 47 states and Washington D.C., Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Along with having to either have implemented or committed to implementing a set of required integrity activities, states also received funding for the implementation and expansion of the State Information Data Exchange System, an enhanced National Directory of New Hire cross-match strategy, Unemployment Compensation for Ex-service members automation, SIDES Monetary and Potential Employer Charges Data Exchanges, as well as other optional strategies identified by the department.

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AG Zoeller offers legislative proposals to combat top consumer complaints

Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller announced a series of legislative proposals to strengthen consumer protection laws in Indiana. The proposals aim to address some of the most common consumer complaints being reported by the public to the Attorney General's Office.

As the state's consumer protection agency, the Indiana Attorney General's Office receives and investigates consumer complaints and has authority to take legal action against offenders. The Attorney General's Office also proposes, recommends or supports legislation that protects the public and consumers.

"Bad actors are finding new ways to defraud, scam and victimize consumers every day," Zoeller said. "The Consumer Protection Division in my office works tirelessly to shut these criminals down and educate the public about how to avoid scams. We have been able to identify common fraud patterns and areas in which consumers are particularly vulnerable, and this year's legislative package hopes to address these top concerns."

Zoeller is recommending the Indiana General Assembly consider the following proposals to enhance the state's Deceptive Consumer Sales Act in a few key areas during the 2015 legislative session.

Home Repair and Construction

One of the top issues identified by the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division based on number of complaints includes home repair and construction scams. In 2013, the AG's Office received 923 complaints on this topic, making it the third-largest consumer complaint category.

Zoeller said scam contractors often prey on a homeowner's misfortune such as the need for timely home improvements due to a natural disaster or seasonal storm damage, charging inflated prices and delivering poor or incomplete workmanship.

Zoeller is proposing the creation of a voluntary registration system for home improvement contractors administered by the Attorney General's Office and available to the public online. To be listed on the registry, a contractor would be required to post a performance bond to cover customers should the contractor violate Indiana's Home Improvement Contract laws or the Indiana Deceptive Consumer Sales Act.

"The registry would offer Hoosiers a free resource to access and determine whether a contractor with whom they plan to do business has opted into a voluntary registry and purchased insurance which serves to protect consumers from contractual violations or deceptive acts," Zoeller said.

He said reputable home improvement

contractors would benefit from having their company's name listed as registered with the Attorney General's Office and as having protections in place to safeguard customers.

Debt Collection

Consumer complaints against debt-collection practices rank among the top five consumer complaint categories. The Attorney General's Office received 787 debt collection-related complaints in 2013.

Zoeller said consumers often complain that illegal or unfair debt-collection practices are a source of frustration - especially when the debt isn't legitimate. Complaints allege harassing calls from debt collectors who threaten arrest and jail time.

Zoeller aims to improve transparency in the debt-collection process and weed out potential scams by expanding the federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA) at the state level.

The proposal would provide greater state protections beyond the federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, including requiring debt collectors to disclose the details of the debt upon initial communication with a consumer. Under the FDCPA, a debt collector has the option to provide the details of the debt in a written notice within five days after the initial communication with a consumer.

Additionally, Zoeller is proposing new state-specific protections not covered under the FDCPA, including requiring debt collectors during the initial communication with a consumer to:

Immediately identify themselves as a debt collector.

Immediately disclose from whom the debt was purchased, if applicable.

Zoeller said these suggested changes will reduce confusion in the debt-collection process and allow members of the public to understand why it is they are receiving the contact that they are.

Enhanced Consumer Protections for Veterans, Disabled

In 2013, Zoeller supported the Senior Consumer Protection Act to provide additional consumer protections for senior citizens, who are often targeted by and tend to be more vulnerable to scammers.

Under the Act, the Attorney General's Office is able to seek stiffer penalties for those who prey on these individuals.

This year, Zoeller hopes to expand these extra protections to veterans, spouses of deceased veterans, and the disabled.

To become law, the proposals announced by Zoeller today must be approved by the Indiana General Assembly. The next legislative session convenes in January.

Indiana Department of Workforce Development expands call center services

The Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD) announced Tuesday that it has added web chat and Sunday call center hours to its comprehensive approach to customer service. The changes are a result of upgrades in technology and are designed to coincide with the first opportunity Hoosiers have to file a weekly unemployment claim for benefits, which is Sunday.

"We understand that most of our customers are dealing with the stress of unemployment and with the new Sunday hours and web chat, we will be able to quickly assist with all re-employment questions," said Scott B. Sanders, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. "We continue to look for new ways to offer the highest level of customer service possible for Hoosiers."

Sunday hours for the call center and web chat are from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Both will remain available Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Web chat is a way for a claimant to communicate in real-time with a trained DWD customer service representative. This secure format can be found by going to www.in.gov/dwd and clicking on the "WorkOne Web Chat" link on the left side

of the screen.

DWD began to modernize its call center in 2013 by routing calls directly through its computer system, which allows customer service representatives to view a claimant file and assist them in real-time. For more information, visit DWD's website, www.in.gov/dwd.



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Robert G. Jones, president and CEO of Old National Bancorp, thanks donors at the Vincennes University Foundation dinner for helping solve the greatest problem facing area companies - finding qualified workers.

Helping VU helps our economic future

Communities throughout Indiana want what Vincennes University provides - graduates ready to make a competitive difference in a wide variety of fields.

A well-trained workforce is our single biggest economic issue, according to Robert G. Jones, president and CEO of Old National Bancorp, the state's largest bank. Speaking at the 45th Annual Vincennes University Foundation dinner on Sept. 24, Jones thanked a large audience for their support of VU.

"The single greatest thing you can do is what you are doing today - supporting Vincennes University. Because the winners in the economic development world - the states that will come out ahead - are the ones that have figured out how to leverage great institutions such as Vincennes, for therein lies the key for our competitive future," Jones said.

As he travels throughout Indiana and other Midwestern states, Jones said the single greatest problem his bank's clients talk about is the growing need for more trained workers. Citing 400 job openings due to expansion at Toyota's plant in Gibson County, Jones said, "If it wasn't for the great work of President Dick Helton and all of you at Vincennes University, I'm not sure they could do it."

Jones called on companies to help lead the way in supporting higher education, a goal he said is good for both communities and the companies themselves. "There is study after study that show that socially responsible corporations, over time, have better performing stock than those with just a short-term focus."

A shining example of that spirit is Helen Seirp, president of ONB's Vincennes Region, who has long been a leader in supporting multiple major projects and community organizations, including serving on the VU Foundation Board. "If I had 2,800 Helen Seirps, they wouldn't need me and our stock would do just fine," Jones said.

Building on Jones' theme, George Rehnquist, chair of the VU Foundation Board, said VU is preparing the workforce needed but needs continued support of donors to expand those efforts. "You are our lifeblood because the money that you donate, the scholarships you provide, the people that you talk to about VU - that's the way we are going to help those students who so badly

need education," Rehnquist said.

Bumper Hostetler, president of the VU Foundation, said partnerships are the key for the future of colleges, communities, and companies. "It is a compliment to President Helton and his team of administrators that they are developing major partnerships, like the one with the Haas Foundation, which is providing \$1.5 million for a project to provide instruction in Lebanon, Indiana. It is exciting to consider the impact that will have on central Indiana and the reputation that it is going to provide for Vincennes University."

Citing other partnerships statewide, Hostetler said, "There is a magic that has been put together on this campus, particularly in the technology area, and in the two-, three-, and four-year programs. And that magic is what other communities want. Fortunately, it has been built here and now can be delivered both here and statewide."

Hostetler thanked donors for a significant growth in scholarship donations over the past decade. "It makes us very proud that we have had that kind of support. But there has also been a very significant growth in students who need scholarships," Hostetler said.

He said that nine years ago, the VU Foundation received 900 scholarship applications. That has grown to more than 2,500 currently - up 500 from just last year - and is only 15 applications away from a new all-time record, with many months to go before next fall.

"We know there is a demand and we know there is a need. We appreciate any help you can give us to meet that need," Hostetler said.

Calling on the audience to continue investing in higher education, Jones said local donors are the key. "This has to be driven locally. You can't sit and wait for the federal or state governments. If it is going to happen, it starts with you. You all have the greatest job right now in terms of what we want to accomplish for our future," Jones said.

In 2013 and 2012 Old National was the only bank in the U.S. to be recognized as one of the World's Most Ethical Companies by the Ethisphere Institute. The bank was also a 2012 recipient of the Employee Volunteer Program of the Year presented by VolunteerMatch.

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Shown above and below are participants in the recent Robert Peoples "Run for Hope" to raise money for PSP. Above are Waylee Wagoner, Lauren Bowling, Jordan Divine and Kailye Robbins. Below, from left to right, are Chrissy Miller, Misty McKibben, Becky Host, and Sharon Peoples.



Calendar of Events

Talk to a lawyer clinic

The next talk to a lawyer telephone clinic will be held on Thursday, October 2 from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. CST (5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. EST). Volunteer lawyers will be available to answer general legal questions during that time, with the only requirement being that the question involve Indiana law. To access the telephone clinic, use telephone numbers (812) 618-4845 or 888-594-3449. Talk to a lawyer is co-sponsored by Volunteer Lawyer Program of Southwestern Indiana, Indiana Bar Foundation and the Evansville Bar Foundation.

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.

5K run/walk to benefit pool

The Loogootee Park Board is looking for participants for their Spooky Splash Dash 5K to be held Friday, October 24. Registration begins at 4:30 p.m. in front of the former Loogootee Elementary East building on Church Street with the walk/run starting at 5:30 p.m. Entry fee is \$20 before October 17 and \$25 after. Children in strollers are free to participate. Shirts will be provided to those pre-registering. All proceeds will go toward the City of Loogootee Pool Fund. To pick up a registration form, stop by the

Loogootee Mayor's Office in the municipal building. A fall festival will be held in Lee Kavanaugh Gym following the 5K, from 6-9 p.m. There will be games, food, and inflatable bounce houses. For more information, contact the mayor's office at 812-295-4770.

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.

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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 or call at 295-3149.

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Ollie came into the shelter at three months old and had never seen a human before. He is seven months old now and has come a long way but is still in need of a very patient family that will work with him. He is a sheltie/foxhound mix, is neutered and up to date on his shots. He needs to go to a home with no young kids as they tend to overwhelm him. Adoption fee is \$60. 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.

SOAR seeks volunteer tutors

Reading is something that most people take for granted. Yet millions of adults in the U.S. can't read well enough to handle daily life, and many live in Martin County.

SOAR is a volunteer-based non-profit adult tutoring program devoted to improving literacy skills in Martin County. SOAR offers free and confidential tutoring in reading, writing, English, math, and work/life skills. Tutors work one-on-one with adult learners to help open a world of missed opportunities. Helping others improve their skills will change their lives—and yours.

SOAR needs more tutors to work with these students. Free tutor training will be held on Tuesday, October 7, and Thursday, October 9, at the Martin County Community Learning Center. The training covers characteristics of adult learners, strategies for teaching various aspects of literacy, and practice using the materials. Hands-on lesson planning is also included. All materials, for both the tutor and the student, are free.

For more information or to register for these free classes, call the SOAR office at 812-709-1618 or email martincountysoar@hotmail.com.

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LHS Tennis Team starts sectional tonight

The Loogootee High School Boys' Tennis Team took on Bedford North Lawrence this past Saturday, September 27. The varsity boys were defeated 2-3 but the junior varsity tied, 4-4.

Head Coach Rick Graves said after the match, "We really had a good match today despite the outcome for us. Both teams were pretty evenly matched but BNL came through in two of the three-setters. I was pleased to see us make a comeback however. We started very slowly at both our doubles spots. Hayden and Jordan were over hitting early on. Once they got in control of what they were doing and starting placing the ball rather than trying to kill it they played much better. Landon and Landon played a nice second set but couldn't keep their momentum in the third."

Graves added that he is glad they were able to get this match rescheduled, from September 2, before sectional because the boys would have had a long break before sectional.

Sectional begins this afternoon at 4:30 in Loogootee with the first match between Barr-Reeve and Paoli. The second match, Loogootee vs. Northeast Dubois is scheduled at 6 p.m. The championship will be held Thursday night at 5:30 p.m.

The varsity team will go into section with a 8-9 overall record and 1-2 in the Blue Chip Conference. The junior varsity finished 6-6-1 overall and 0-2 in the conference.

Varsity results

Bedford North Lawrence 3, Loogootee 2
 #1 Singles - Gabe Nolley (L) defeated Johnny Underwood (BNL) 6-1, 6-1
 #2 Singles - Zach Tran (BNL) defeated Landon Bell (L) 6-1, 6-1
 #3 Singles - Logan Treaner (BNL) Wyatt Wade (L) 2-6, 6-1, 6-3
 #1 Doubles - Hayden Bell and Jordan Berry (L) defeated Clayton Brown and Cole Kruse (BNL) 3-6, 6-2, 6-2
 #2 Doubles - Brandt Callahan and Jarod Deckard (BNL) defeated Landon Diamond and Landon Wittmer (L) 6-0, 4-6, 6-3

Junior varsity results

Loogootee 4, BNL 4
 #1 Singles - Carson Rayhill (L) defeated Corbin Bushey (BNL) 8-6
 #2 Singles - Michael Underwood (BNL) defeated Cole Harmon (L) 8-2
 #3 Singles - Bryce Gilbert (BNL) defeated Carson Rayhill (L) 6-0
 #4 Singles - Chris Brown (BNL) defeated Cole Harmon (L) 6-0
 #5 Singles - Jorge Aura' Camarena (L) defeated Kaleb Figg (BNL) 6-2
 #1 Doubles - Pace Siedl and Jordan Smith (BNL) defeated Trysten Booker and Gavin Wittmer (L) 8-3
 #2 Doubles - Jorge Aura' Camarena and Brandon Eckerle (L) defeated Ian Dillman and Alex East (BNL) 8-6
 #3 Doubles - Trysten Booker and Gavin Wittmer (L) defeated Jaden East and Isaac Titche (BNL) 6-0

The varsity team soundly defeated Paoli last Thursday, 5-0. "It was nice getting a win against a potential sectional opponent. Paoli was short a man due to injury so naturally that helped us out. I thought overall we played well. We have a tendency at times to lose some focus and that was a bit of a factor tonight. Come tournament time we'll have to be more focused and try to play a little sharper. Gabe's win tonight puts him in special company at Loogootee being only the second player in school history to win 70 matches. I hope before the season is over he'll be able to add a few more wins to that total. He's been a very special player for us the last four years," said Coach Graves.

Results

Loogootee 5, Paoli 0
 #1 Singles - Gabe Nolley (L) defeated Jeff Kenney (P) 6-1, 6-0
 #2 Singles - Landon Bell (L) defeated Kyle Street (P) 6-3, 6-4
 #3 Singles - Wyatt Wade (L) defeated Paoli Default
 #1 Doubles - Hayden Bell and Jordan Berry (L) defeated Mason Deaton and Austin

Longest (P) 6-2, 6-2

#2 Doubles - Landon Diamond and Landon Wittmer (L) defeated Adam Engleking and Kyle Marshall (P) 6-1, 6-2

The teams also swept Linton last Thursday night, September 24. The varsity Lions went 5-0 with the junior varsity winning 3-0.

"I thought we bounced back nicely from last night's match. We played well throughout the lineup with the exception of a few mental lapses here and there. It was especially nice for our seniors to finish their last home match with a win. They've contributed a lot to our program over the last four years and deserve to go out with a win. We have two more matches to play before sectional so I'm hoping we can regain the form we had a little earlier in the season and have some momentum going into the tournament," said Coach Graves.

Varsity results

Loogootee 5, Linton 0
 #1 Singles - Gabe Nolley (L) defeated Zach McGill (Linton) 6-0, 6-0
 #2 Singles - Landon Bell (L) defeated Andrew Woods (Linton) 6-0, 6-2
 #3 Singles - Wyatt Wade (L) defeated Brayden Allen (Linton) 6-1, 6-0
 #1 Doubles - Hayden Bell and Jordan Berry (L) defeated Zach Hall and Alex Wilson (Linton) 6-0, 6-0
 #2 Doubles - Landon Diamond and Landon Wittmer (L) defeated Dane Kanen and Dalton Van Patten (Linton) 6-0, 6-3

Junior varsity results

Loogootee 3, Linton 0
 #1 Singles - Seth Wagler (L) defeated Zander Hall (Linton) 8-0
 #2 Singles - Jorge Aura' Camarena (L) defeated Bryce Myers (Linton) 8-2
 #1 Doubles - Trysten Booker and Gavin Wittmer (L) defeated Zander Hall and Bryce Myers (Linton) 8-0

Lady Lions take on Barr-Reeve, compete in Jasper Invitational

The Lady Lions Volleyball Team took on rival Barr-Reeve last Friday night at home. The Lady Vikings upset Loogootee in three sets, 10-25, 16-25, and 21-25.

Breigh LaMar led in assists with 10 and also had three points. Kylie Hall finished with eight assists and five points, Waylee Wagoner had 15 digs and two kills, Lauren Bowling had nine digs and three points, and Emily Bookshire had eight digs and five points.

Mya Hedrick, Julianne Bell, Emily Bateman and Kailye Robbins each had two kills. The girls competed in the Jasper Invitational on Saturday.

In the match against North Posey, the Lady Lions were defeated in three sets, 20-25, 25-16, and 20-25. LaMar led in assists with 16 followed by Hall with 14. Hall also had eight points and eight digs. Wagoner finished with nine digs and six points, Bowling had eight digs, and Brookshire had eight points.

The team defeated Evansville Memorial in three sets, 21-25, 25-18, and 25-20. Hall had 17 assists, 14 digs, and six points; LaMar had 15 assists and five points, Robbins had 13 points and 10 digs, and Brookshire had 12 digs and five points. Bell finished with nine points and Mya Hedrick and Bateman had six kills each.

The Lady Lions were defeated by Castle in two sets, 14-25 and 8-25. LaMar finished with five assists and four points, Robbins had five digs followed by Brookshire and Wagoner with four each. Bateman contributed three kills, Bell had two and Bowling finished with two points.

The Lions were defeated by Evansville Central in three sets, 25-19, 20-25, and 18-25. LaMar finished with 15 assists and Hall had eight along with six points. Robbins contributed 12 digs followed by Bowling with eight digs and seven points and Wagoner with eight digs, nine points and four kills. Hedrick and Bateman each had six kills and Bell finished with four kills.

Shoals Jr.-Sr. High School Honor Roll

Term 1 - Grading Period 1

SEVENTH GRADE

All A's: Bryce Baker, Zetta Gore, and Cassidy Shaw

Distinguished Honor Roll: Delani Armstrong, Max Fischer, and Dalton Roush

Honor Roll: Clay Brett, Jocelyn Davis-Berger, Hunter Hightower, Maggie Shaw, and Chloe Spencer

EIGHTH GRADE

All A's: Lori Albright, Caleb Belcher, Joshua Tanner Doane, Ryan Hawkins, Nicholas MacKinnon, Olivia Stoll, John Sukup, and Klayton Tichenor

Distinguished Honor Roll: Jarod Waggoner, Evan Wagoner, and Ruth Wright

Honor Roll: Aryonna Braun, Kayla Conley, Amber Fields, Jordan Fromme, Madelyn Gaines, Serenity Hammack, Melanie Hawkins, Rose Holt, Kyle Montgomery, Tristan Peterson, Joshua Richardson, Katrina Sipes, Lillian Thacker, Jeffrey Troutman, and Daniel Wright

NINTH GRADE

All A's: Suzanna Scott and Abigail Stoll

Distinguished Honor Roll: Jeffrey Crowder

Honor Roll: Benjamin Clymer, Kaitlin Cooper, Haylee Davis, Dylan Hembree, Colin Hoffman, Brittany James, Gabrielle McCarty, Mitch McKibben, Graham Montgomery, Zhenya Salmon, Justin Sanders, Joanna Schnarr, Hope Self, Caleb Tanksley, Phillip Troutman, Craig Tuttle, and Macey Way

TENTH GRADE

All A's: Ashley Mullins and Alex Tedrow

Distinguished Honor Roll: Aulbrey Schlaegel and Eli Scott

Honor Roll: Makaya Hope Baylis, Rusty Bonham, Allison Boyd, Ashley Boyd, Kenady Bratton, Chistopher Cushman, Shane Enlow, Jace Erwin, Kelsie Graves, Megan Lampert, Jessica Montgomery, Edmundson Neeley, Joshua Neideffer, Kaci Norman, Mykaela Peterson, Tanner Terry, Keylee Tow, Emilee Wagler, Dylan Way, and James Way

ELEVENTH GRADE

All A's: Allison Albright, Jasmine Gates, Corbyn Sipes, and Reva Troutman

Distinguished Honor Roll: Britney Cooper, Julie Dorsey, Logan Harker, Megan Hawkins, Victoria Mills, Ashley Phillips, Jessica Ryan, Alex Winger, and Dawn Wright

Honor Roll: Taylor Atkison, Tyrell Brett, Kaden Butler, Landon Clark, Steven Hammack, Damion Hart, Austin Hembree, Carmen Houchins, Jordan Hughes, David Qualkenbush, Tianna Sanders, Michael Sorrells, and Aundie Tinkle

TWELFTH GRADE

All A's: Logan Albright, Austin Jones, Ashley Montgomery, and Josey Waggoner

Distinguished Honor Roll: Brittany Bauernfiend, Kyle Courtright, Kyle Hardwick, Eilis Haviland, Jordan Haviland, Michael Hawkins, Grady Key, Ashley McDonald, Audrey Sanders, Holly Self, Donald Stoner, and Akela Rose Wells

Honor Roll: Ashton Allbright, Johnny Arnett, Amber Bessey, Haylie Brace, Kirstie Bradley, Meshelle Davis, Charles Luke Dawley, Tyler George, Dakota Newkirk, Brandon Pendley, Ashley Price, Enoch Redman, Cassandra Sanders, Kelsey Sellers, Qiying Song, Tanner Sorrells, and Tyler Williams



LOOGOOTEE ELEMENTARY

Breakfast

Thursday, October 2

Waffle sticks, pears

Friday, October 3

Pop Tart, orange

Monday, October 6

Cereal, string cheese, banana

Tuesday, October 7

Whole grain biscuit and gravy, pears

Wednesday, October 8

Donut, pineapple

Lunch

Thursday, October 2

Subs, cottage cheese, carrots, pineapple, milk

Friday, October 3

Breaded tenderloin, scalloped potatoes, peas, mixed fruit, milk

Monday, October 6

Sloppy Joe, French fries, peaches, milk

Tuesday, October 7

Chicken Alfredo, salad and carrots, tomatoes, pineapple, breadstick, milk

Wednesday, October 8

Taco salad, refried beans, lettuce and cheese, applesauce, milk

LOOGOOTEE INTERMEDIATE AND JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL

Lunch

Thursday, October 2

Subs, pizza or chef salad; cottage cheese, pineapple, carrots, milk

Friday, October 3

Breaded tenderloin, pizza or chef salad; scalloped potatoes, peas, mixed fruit, milk

Monday, October 6

Sloppy Joe, pizza, or chef salad; French fries, peaches, milk

Tuesday, October 7

Chicken Alfredo, pizza, or chef salad; French fries, peaches, milk

Wednesday, October 8

Taco salad, pizza or chef salad; refried beans, lettuce and cheese, applesauce, milk

SHOALS SCHOOLS

Breakfast

Thursday, October 2

Breakfast burrito, salsa, juice, milk

Friday, October 3

Cereal, donut, fruit, juice, milk

Monday, October 6

Cereal, breakfast bar, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, October 7

French toast, sausage link, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, October 8

Cereal, string cheese, raisins, juice, milk

Lunch

(Grades 4-12 have a choice of daily entrée, whole grain nacho tray, chef salad or deli sandwich)

Thursday, October 2

Quesadilla, brown rice, refried beans, pineapple, milk

Friday, October 3

Bosco sticks with marinara, broccoli salad, mixed fruit, milk

Monday, October 6

Pizza burger, baked fries, juice, orange smiles, milk

Tuesday, October 7

Corn dog, green beans, mandarin oranges, milk

Wednesday, October 8

Twisted Chicken Alfredo, broccoli, pears, garlic bread, milk

LHS Cross Country competes in Jasper Invite

The Loogootee High School Cross Country Team competed in the Jasper Invitational last night Tuesday, September 30. Teams competing were Boonville, Forest Park, Heritage Hills, Jasper, Mt. Carmel, North Daviess, Northeast Dubois, Perry Central, Southridge, Washington Catholic, South Spencer, Vincennes Lincoln, and Princeton. Loogootee placed ninth. Coach Adam Tompkins said, "I was proud of the guys and their performance." He added that they got starting running later than what they are used to.

The following Lion runners placed: Jordan Kaiser in 20th with a time of 19:24.13; Jake Simmons in 34th with a time of 20:24.45; Jonathan Krezsniak in 42nd with a time of 20:45.68; Chase Wilcoxon was in 60th with a time of 21:59.65; Mac Osborne came in 64th with a time of 22:46; Nick Reinhart was in 75th with a time of 24:34.60 and Tristan Jones came in 80th with a time of 32:06.35.