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County council approves income tax increase

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT

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Around 60 people attended the public hearing of the Martin County Council Monday night, October 16 to speak out about the proposed .25 percent increase in the local income tax (LIT).

Prior to the start of the meeting, Auditor January Roush laid out rules for the public hearing that included three-minute time limits on speakers, no profanity or belligerent behavior, and no speaking more than once on the same topic.

When Council President Richard Summers called for the first speaker, no one spoke up right away. Council Member Summers then explained to the audience that the council is seeking the tax increase due to a funding shortfall for the next budget year. The county is short around \$300,000, even after cuts were made to each department.

Auditor January Roush explained that

the increase was to the CEDIT (county economic development income tax) portion of the LIT (local income tax). LIT is broken down into four categories. The council chose to go with increasing the CEDIT, for one, so that property taxes are not affected; two, so that township governments are not part of the funding since they are not in need of funding; and three, so that the money could be used for a variety of things per the state board of accounts. The extra tax would bring in around \$375,000 for the county. The City of Loogootee and Towns of Shoals and Crane would also receive extra money.

Roush said the extra tax money, if the council approved, would mostly go to paying employees' health insurance. This confused the crowd. What Roush was trying to relay is that the health insurance would be paid regardless, but most of the money is taken from the (See 'INCREASE' cont. on page 3)

Mistake forces 18 elected officials to repay 2014 raises

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT

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An Indiana State Board of Accounts Audit completed this past April showed that due to an error, Martin County's 18 elected officials received a raise that was against the state's statute. According to Auditor January Roush, after the county's budget was completed for 2014, the council, who had turned down a raise at budget time, had extra money to give employees a one-time bonus instead of a permanent raise. Auditor Roush had told the council that

elected officials could not change their salaries mid-year however they could receive a one-time deposit into their heath savings accounts. The council, at that time, decided to give bonuses equal to five percent of their salaries. The state board of accounts came back this year and said that this cannot be done as it violated the salary and wage ordinance passed at the end of 2013. The state said the employees had to pay back the money – totaling \$13,873. Regular county employees were able to keep their increase.

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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

The following article was submitted by Middle Way House of Martin County

Did you know? Domestic violence, also known as abuse, comes in many different forms. Physical, financial, emotional, mental, verbal, and/

sexual abuse are a few different ways that one individual in a relationship (the perpetrator) uses to



control the other individual in a relationship (the victim/survivor).

Did you know? Domestic violence occurs not only in romantic relationships, but other types of relationships as well. Sibling, roommate, friendship, parental, and teen dating relationships are just a few examples, among many others, of the types of relationships where abuse can hap-

Did you know? Abuse is all about power and control. The perpetrator uses some sort of power that they possess to control the victim/survivor. Examples of power, among many others, include a physical power difference, emotional power, social status, sharing children with the perpetrator, and manipulation.

Did you know? Abuse typically happens in a cycle, although the behaviors and types of abuse can look very different in each relationship. A cycle can occur anywhere from a day, to weeks, to months, or even years.

The honeymoon stage is the beginning stage where things seem "normal", or good, within the relationship. Eventually, however, things will start to build into a stage of tension. In this stage tensions may seem minimal at first, but intensity eventually es-

calates where the tens i o n w i 1 1 then turn into an incident of explosion,

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the third stage. This stage of explosion is the peak of the tension. The explosion stage looks different in every relationship and may include acts of intimidation, withholding finances or affection, various threats, verbal abuse and often turns physically violent in many relationships. Following the explosion, the abuser typically tries to rekindle the relationship. This is known as the denial stage. This is the stage where the abuser shifts responsibility away from themselves, often blaming the victim. The abuser will often state that they will get help and promise that the abuse will never happen again. Denial of abuse altogether occurs as well.

Did you know? Even healthy relationships have cycles that can look similar to the cycle of violence. The difference between a healthy cycle and a cycle of violence is the power and control aspect; where one person is holding all the power and con-(See 'OCTOBER' cont. on page 2)

Shoals School Board makes staff changes; accepts donations, teacher contract

The Shoals School Board met October 12.

The board approved the following personnel actions:

-Resignation of Reuben Montgomery from the position of technology director.

-Zachary Mosier for the position of technology director.

-A separation of employment for Andrea Qualkenbush was submitted and approved.

-Michelle Roush for the 28-hour position of assistant cafeteria manager/ cafeteria treasurer

-Joshua Neideffer as elementary-only substitute

-Travis Butler as fifth grade boys' basketball coach

-Tanner Sorrells as boys' basketball volunteer

The superintendent recommended a switch in healthcare agents to Richard Sutton and Associates. The board approved.

The board held a first reading of a proposal for the non-certified voluntary insurance and annuity open enrollment policy. The policy will only allow for benefit changes to be made during set open enrollment periods with the exception of detailed life events. There will be a second reading in November.

The board accepted the 2018 budget, capital projects fund plan, and school bus replacement plan.

The 2018-2019 school calendar was given for information only and will be voted on at the November meeting. This calendar would adjust Fall Break back to the third week of October to come in to alignment with joint services in Bedford.

Donations were given from the following sponsors for the following groups: \$200 for the nurse from the VFW Auxiliary Post 8589; \$100 from Bailey Bros, \$250 from Crane Credit Union, \$500 from US Gypsum and \$200 from Loughmiller Machine Tool & Design for the robotics teams; \$150 from Jones and Sons, \$150 from White River Outfitters and \$40 from Hawkins Healthcare for the Rockettes dance

Due to laws that have changed in Indiana, the school is now required to have and implement a new expanded criminal history policy that will ensure that all background checks for employees renew after five years. This is a first reading of the policy and will be voted on in November.

A revised pay scale was presented to the board. The scale is a move to a 20-year breakdown with even rate increases yearly. The board approved the

The Teachers Association Master Contract was presented to the board for approval. The contract will be for two years and include a salary schedule for teachers and the average increase will be approximately \$800. There is also a \$10,000 increase to the life insurance amount, and an option for adoption leave. The amount of days that can be taken from the sick leave bank was lowered and the corporation's health savings account contribution was decreased. The board approved the changes.

Miranda Beaver submitted an FMLA request starting November 1, 2017 and ending approximately December 15, 2017 pending a doctor's release. The board approved the request.

The board approved the following fundraiser requests:

-Elementary Principal Shannon

Wagoner requested the bi-annual fundraiser from Paragon. They provided the brochures and select the misc. items included.

-Miranda Beaver, the Rockettes Dance Coach, submitted a request to sell Cooper Hill Candles for the Christmas season to raise competition fees.

Kindra Hovis, high school principal, reported on the following:

-The September office referrals are down 65 percent and tardies saw an 81 percent decrease from last September.

-Mrs. Gibson's classes are participating in Socktober. They are collecting donations of new socks for the home-

-Pep Club is way up due to the club

-There is an early college high school meeting with the school and VU on November 17 to discuss another form of dual crediting. The board asked if this would affect the current program teachers. Hovis said that VU is willing to take the credits from Oakland City and Ivy Tech Dual Classes that we already have in place. More will be discussed on this program after the meet-

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-Teacher evaluations have begun and are going well.

Shannon Wagoner, elementary principal, reported on the following:

-All grades have completed the anti-bullying videos

-College Go Week was a success. Myrna Greene was in the library everyday engaging with the kids about the importance of career choices and how to reach their goals.

-Red Ribbon Week will be led by Mimi Hawkins and Linda Sherfick

-Sheriff Deputy Andy Burkhartdt will be starting the Smart Choices Program for 5th grade on October 23. He will meet with them every other Monday on the importance of making Smart Choices regarding drugs and alcohol.

-The teachers' teams have been meeting weekly. While attending a recent professional development day, the teachers came back with new ideas are ready to makes some positive changes.

Superintendent Candace Roush reported on the following:

-The Veteran's Day program will be held on November 10. Please plan to attend, Charlene Breidenbagh does an amazing job.

-The school is still waiting to hear back on the insurance rates for this upcoming year.

-There is some progress being made from the Indiana Department of Education regarding different pathways to obtaining a high school diploma such as passing the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) and taking a certain number of vocational classes.

-Both the elementary and high school received a B letter grade. This is a first for the high school and they are very proud of their efforts.

-The state is going to start grading schools on their subpopulations such as free/reduced lunch students and special needs students and minority groupings. Many schools are worried this will have a negative impact on them if they have a high number of students in these populations. At this time, President Dianna Ragsdale took a question from public attendee Lorna Troutman. Ms. Troutman asked if this was the state or the federal government that is implementing this action. Superintendent Roush answered that the state was the one submitting the request to use this practice to the federal government.

-The next early release day is November 3, 2017.

-The school is going to be having a 5K on November 4. You can find information regarding this on the school website.

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(Continued from page one) trol, while the other person has none. A healthy relationship shares equal power and control and does not involve one

partner exerting control over the other. Did you know? There are many different barriers that keep a victim from leaving. Examples of barriers, among others, are emotional barriers, involvement of children, isolation of victim from the outside world, financial obstacles, and for many relationships it can literally be lethal to leave right away. It takes a victim an average of 7-11 times to leave an abusive relationship due to barriers such as these.

Did you know? The only person who is responsible for abuse in a relationship is the perpetrator, it is never the victim's fault. No one deserves to be, or wants to be abused.

Do you, or someone you know, need help? Middle Way House is here to help. Middle Way House is a local office in Martin County that serves survivors of domestic violence, as well as those who are survivors of sexual violence and human trafficking. Services are free and confidential for all clients. Please call the Martin county office for more information at 812-295-2993 or call the 24/7 crisis line any time at 812-336-0846.

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The elected officials affected were the clerk, auditor, treasurer, recorder, sheriff, assessor, surveyor, coroner, seven council members and three commissioners that were in office in 2014. Most of the elected officials have already paid back what is owed. The county employees who opted out of being on county insurance received an extra paycheck as opposed to the HSA deposit. County council members had to repay \$197, commissioners had to pay back \$389, the coroner had to pay \$251, the treasurer, recorder and assessor had to pay \$1,104; the clerk had to pay \$1,374, the auditor had to pay \$1,390, the surveyor had to pay \$1,550, and the former sheriff owes \$3,450.

The audit report was forwarded to the Indiana Attorney General's office.

ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



The animal shelter has over 30 cats! Adoption fee is \$40. The animal shelter is open Monday and Wednesday 5-7 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The shelter is located at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. To see all available animals, visit www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org.

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Obituaries

DELBERT STOLL

Delbert W. Stoll, 72, of Loogootee, passed away on Tuesday October 17,



DELBERT STOLL

2017 at 2:45 a.m. at IU Health and Rehabilitation Center in Indianapolis. A resident of Loogootee, he was 72.

He was born on April 17, 1945 in Rugby, North Dakota; son of the late John H. and Minnie (Ashton) Stoll.

Delbert was a known "Jack of all Trades", he enjoyed his family, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. He loved music and could play any instrument. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle, woodworking, golf, and vacationing in Florida. He worked as a maintenance supervisor for over 30 years at Loogootee Community Schools.

He was a pastor at Shoals United Methodist Church for nine and a half

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy "Dot" (Gingerich) Stoll, whom he married on February 22, 1964 and they had 53 happy years together; his children, Karry (fiancé Michelle) Stoll of Montgomery and Tina (Charlie) Blackwell of Evansville; his grandchildren, Andrea Jones, Robin Stoll, Tyler Stoll, Chelsea Blackwell, Laicee Blackwell, and Jonathan Blackwell; his great- grandchildren, Liam Richard Mundy and Kade Emmett Cooper; his siblings, Zetta (Joe) (Graber) Lengacher of Loogootee, Howard (Mary) Stoll of Montgomery, Ruby (Paul) Miller of Montgomery, and Don (Debbie) of Chelsea, Michigan; and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and his siblings, Chuck Stoll, infant brother, Frank Stoll; Bob Stoll, Dorothy (Zook) Berkey, Jim Stoll, and John D. Stoll.

A funeral Service will be conducted on Friday, October 20 at 10 a.m. at the Loogootee United Methodist Church. Burial will follow in Providence Mennonite Cemetery in Montgomery.

A Visitation will be held Thursday, October 19 from 4 until 8 p.m. at the Loogootee United Methodist Church, and again on Friday from 9 a.m. until time of service.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Loogootee United Methodist Church Building Fund.

Arrangements provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

Online condolences can be made at www.blakefuneralhomes.com

IRENE SUMMERS

Irene B. Summers died Saturday, October 14, 2017 at St. Vincent Hospital in Evansville. A resident of Evansville, she was 94.

She was born January 3, 1923, in Montgomery; daughter of Cal C. and Laura (Chestnut) Morgan. She had worked in food service at Barr-Reeve Community Schools for 26 years. She was a member of Montgomery Christian Church, Rebekah Lodge since 1941, and volunteered with R.S.V.P. and the Red Cross at the hospital.

She is survived by a son, Allen Summers of Evansville; a granddaughter, Lisa (Roberto) Vega of Evansville; a sister, Ilene Everman of Loogootee; and great-grandchildren, Gabriella Vega-Boswell and Roberto "Jahir" Vega.

Her husband, Walter Summers, preceded her in death on January 10, 1980. Also deceased are a daughter, Versa Boswell; two sisters, LaVada and Ruth Morgan; and four brothers, Tom, Everett, Russell and Joe Morgan.

The funeral will be held today, Wednesday, October 18 at 3 p.m. at Poindexter-McClure Funeral Home, Washington Chapel, with Bro. Mike Francis officiating. Burial will be in Bethany Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2 p.m. until service time Wednesday at the funeral home.

WILLIAM PARKE

William W. Parke passed away at 10:15 a.m. Saturday, October 14 at Scenic Hills Nursing Home in Ferdinand. A resident of Taswell, he was 77.

He was born December 24, 1939 in Taswell; son of the late Joseph Daniel and Anna Faye (Mock) Parke.

He is survived by his children, Donna (Jim) Tennent of Jasper and Timothy Daniel Parke of French Lick; his grandchildren, Lindsey Newlin of Orleans, Katie Parke of Loogootee, Amy Parke of French Lick, Cody Parke of French Lick, and Kyanna Parke of French Lick; step- grandchild, Destiny Shipman of Paoli; four great- grandchildren, siblings, Russel (Dotty) Parke of Taswell, Randall (Ruth) Parke of Taswell, Clifford (Rosemary) Parke of Paoli, and Mary Francis Wheeler (Troy); one aunt, Lola Brown of Fountain City and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Anna Faye Parke.

A funeral service will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Thursday, October 19 officiated by Pastor Tim Kramer at Denbo Funeral Home in English, Indiana. Burial will follow in Poplar Grove Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until time of service on Thursday, October 19 at Denbo Funeral Home.

Arrangements provided by Denbo Funeral Home in English, Indiana.

Online condolences can be made at www.denbo-dillmanfuneralhomes.com.

ROBERT SLOAN

Robert E. Sloan age passed away at 12 a.m. October 1, 2017 at his home. A resident of Shoals, he was 84.

He was born on October 27, 1932 in Lawrence County; son of Lester and Della Sloan.

He attended Mitchell High School, retired from the B and O Railroad and was a veteran of the United States

He is survived by his daughter, Debbie (Jessy) Blackerby of Mitchell; a sister, Dorothy Sears; and a brother, Charles Sloan.

He is preceded in death by his parents and sisters, Mary Ball and Louise Stepp.

A memorial service was held at 1 p.m. today, Wednesday October 18 at the Bride of Christ Church in Mitchell, with burial in the Mitchell Cemetery. Pastor Jerry Allen is officiating.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes was in charge of the arrangements.

JOANNA WILLIAMS

Joanna R. (Hawkins) Williams passed away Thursday, October 12, 2017, at Garden Villa, Bedford. A resident of Bedford, she was 88.



She was born January 5, 1929, in Bedford; the daughter of Zelbert B. and Helen (Dalton) Hawkins.

She married Kenneth C. Williams, Jr. on April 5, 1948 and he preceded her in death on Feb-

JOANNA WILLIAMS

ruary 11, 2016. She was a graduate of Shawswick

High School. She was a homemaker. Joanna was a member of the 39th Street Christian Church.

Surviving are children, Peggy (Anthony) Wildman of Shoals, Curtis (Butch) Williams and Zelbert Williams, both of Williams; daughter-inlaw, Cyndy Williams; grandchildren, Lorie (Wildman) Canada (Mike Curry), Jeffery David (Kristi) Williams, and James Kurtis (Terri)Williams; great-grandchildren, Jordan (Jenn) Canada, Jacob Canada, Tyler Williams, Kelton Williams, Jim Curry, Kaylea Mulder, Ryan Mulder, Madison Burkhead, MacKenzie Allbright. and Logon Wagler; five great-great grandchildren; brother-in-law, Doug Kidwell of Brownstown; sister-in-law, Gloria Hawkins of Bedford, Carolyn Hawkins of Bedford, Vivian Spencer of Terre Haute, and Ruth Compton; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Kenneth; son, James R. Williams; brothers, George C. Hawkins, Zelbert Hawkins, and Mike Hawkins; sisters, Lois Hardwick and Mary Kidwell; and brother-in-law, Robert Hardwick.

Funeral services were held Saturday, October 14 at the Ferguson-Lee Chapel of Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes, with Pastor Mike Hawkins officiating. Burial followed in Old Union Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Old Union Cemetery or the 39th Street Christian

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general fund. With the extra tax money in CEDIT, the health insurance could be transferred to that account thus freeing up funds in the general fund to be spend on a variety of things. For instance, if the extra tax money was added to the public safety local option income tax, it could only be used for fire, police and ambulance – items

that protect the public. Freeing up the money in the general fund, allows the county to pay for each department's expenses and is not limited to specific departments.

Bruce Hawkins, from the audience, spoke about how Martin County compares to like-sized counties on income tax rates. He said of the 11 he researched, Martin County is pretty much average with half of the counties having a higher income tax rate and half having a lower income tax rate. He also spoke about the importance of the work currently being done by the sheriff's department and requested that the sheriff get the extra staff he has requested. He noted that by adding 18 beds to the jail to house out-of-county inmates, the sheriff's department would potentially be adding \$120,000 a year to the general fund, from payments for housing those inmates.

A few members of the audience asked the council why they did not increase the tax rate half of a percent instead of a quarter of a percent. It was noted that if the quarter of a percent only gets Martin County out of the hole, a half a percent could allow for "rainy day" money. Council Member Summers explained that the council was hesitant to even ask for the quarter of a percent because they didn't want to raise taxes at all. He said he supposed it would have been a good idea to just go for a half a percent now and make everyone mad at once as opposed to coming back next year or the year after looking to add another quarter of a percent. He added that the council was also under a time constraint and the budget has to be certified by November 1. The tax increase has to be advertised 10 days prior to a vote and there is no time to change it now. Summers said the council plans to take a much more proactive approach in the future to watching the income and expenses for operations of county government and not let it get this bad again.

Another resident asked if the county would be required in the future to bail out the Loogootee Pool because they continue to operate at a loss. He said that the county did use economic development funds to give the pool \$150,000 (over five years), and wondered if the county would give them more money from that fund if the tax increase went through. No answer was given by any member of the council.

Other residents asked if the sheriff would now receive the staff and pay increases he has asked for, for his department. Council Member Summers said that yes, if the tax increase passed, the county could afford those extra ex-

After around an hour of only positive feedback on the tax increase, the council voted unanimously to increase the CEDIT income tax from .20 percent to .45 percent effective at the beginning of 2018. Martin County's total income tax, with all four subsections, will go from 1.5 percent to 1.75 percent.

The increase will amount to \$125 a year for someone who makes \$50,000 or \$175 a year for someone making \$75,000. The tax increase only affects those who work a job and pay in taxes and only Martin County residents, regardless of which county they work in.



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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

12:17 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Sergeant Norris and Martin County Ambulance responded.

6:34 a.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Loogootee on US 231. Deputy Reed, Loogootee Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

9:30 a.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Shoals. Lawrence County Sheriff's Department and Ambulance was dispatched.

10:00 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. REMC was contacted.

10:00 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:11 p.m. - Received a report of speeding rock trucks on SR 450.

4:14 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

10:30 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

2:38 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance re-

4:14 a.m. - Received a report of an incident in Shoals. Deputy Reed, Sheriff Roush, and ISP Trooper Sexton re-

5:38 a.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

8:12 a.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

8:40 a.m. - Received a report of counterfeit money passed at a business in Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

9:00 a.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

10:15 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took two inmates to court.

10:25 a.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

12:30 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across US 50 near the state forest. Major Burkhardt, Shoals Fire, and Martin State Forest personnel respond-

2:45 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance east of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

3:05 p.m. - Captain Dant and the Lawrence County Sheriff's Department assisted a motorist north of Shoals.

4:48 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

6:41 p.m. - Received a report of a fire near Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded.

7:44 p.m. - Received a report of a fire north of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire responded.

8:01 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

10:23 p.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert, Sergeant Keller, Martin County Ambulance, and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:48 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire

and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:59 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic at Boggs Lake. Deputy Reed responded.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

8:00 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

10:00 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

10:19 a.m. - Received a report of debris on US 50, near Shoals. Sergeant Keller removed the debris.

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

2:12 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless vehicle on US 50, east of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

2:19 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee Officer Floyd and Deputy Salmon responded. All

10:00 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took four inmates to court.

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

1:50 p.m. - Jail Officer Wehinger took one inmate to the hospital.

1:54 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

2:08 p.m. - Captain Dant took four inmates to court.

4:15 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

5:00 p.m. - Major Burkhardt performed a vehicle identification check

7:05 p.m. - Received an animal complaint south of Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

7:29 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Crane. Reserve Deputy Harmon responded.

11:03 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident south of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

12:03 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd, Deputy Salmon, and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

6:00 a.m. - Received an alarm call south of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth and Deputy Salmon responded. All was okay.

11:59 a.m. - Received a report of abandoned cars in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

12:20 p.m. - Major Burkhardt assisted the department of child services with a welfare check near Shoals.

7:00 p.m. - Received an alarm call north of Loogootee. Deputy Salmon

10:20 p.m. - Received a noise complaint north of Shoals. Deputy Salmon responded.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

1:57 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Flovd responded and all was okay.

8:10 a.m. - Loogootee Officer Dant performed a vehicle identification check in Loogootee.

9:15 a.m. - Loogootee Officer Dant assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

10:30 a.m. - Loogootee Officer Dant and Major Burkhardt assisted with a motorcycle ride going through Loo-

11:10 a.m. - Received an alarm call near Loogootee. Major Burkhardt re-

2:48 p.m. - Received a medical alarm call in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not trans-

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

12:39 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute north of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd, Deputy Reed, and Reserve Deputy Harmon responded.

3:08 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Norris and Deputy Reed responded.

6:19 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Shoals. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

8:43 a.m. - Received a report of a motorist near Shoals.

theft near Shoals. Captain Dant re-

9:46 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

11:04 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

1:06 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:21 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:30 p.m. - Captain Dant assisted a

Martin County real estate transfers

Sherry Lynn Hillenburg, Janice Gail Jeffers, Karen Kaye Murray and Kathryn Ann Lythgoe to Dorothy S. Bough. Tract I: A tract of land in the northeast quarter of Section 20, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 0.116 acres, more or less. Tract II: A tract of land in the northeast quarter of Section 20, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 2 acres, more or less. More commonly known as 12810 Hart Road, Loogootee IN 47553.

Donna Sue Wolfe, of Martin County, Indiana to **Brooke Gregory**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing 1.0969 acres, more or

Hollis A. Cecil, of Madison County, Alabama and Sarah M. Anderson, of Martin County, Indiana to **Bradley M.** Christmas and Elizabeth A. Christmas, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Numbered 88 in Campbell and Breen's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Paula Pifer, of Martin County, Indiana to Robert L. Hager and Susan **R.** Hager, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the east half of the northwest quarter of Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 5 West of the Second Principal Meridian lying in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.606 acres, more or less.

Adin L. Knepp and Miriam I. **Knepp,** of Martin County, Indiana to Michael R. Walls and Nancy L. Walls, of Martin County, Indiana, that portion of the west half of the east half of the northeast quarter of Section 1, Township 4 North, Range 5 West of the Second Principal Meridian, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 10 acres, more or less.

Adin L. Knepp and Miriam I. Knepp, of Martin County, Indiana to Fred D. Winklepleck and Theresa J. Winklepleck, of Daviess County, Indiana, that portion of the northeast quarter of Section 1, Township 4 North, Range 5 West of the Second Principal Meridian, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 11.7383 acres, more

Robert McNabb and Cindy Mc-Nabb, of Owen County, Indiana to Harvey J. Graber, of Daviess County, Indiana, a portion of the northwest quarter of Section 1, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.08 acres, more or less.

Ruth Ann Willyard, of Martin County, Indiana to George W. Payne, of Martin County, Indiana, the west 40 feet of Lots Number 31 and 32 in Keck's Addition to the City of Loogootee,

Casey Rice, of Martin County, Indiana to James Hardin, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 92 in the Original Town of Crane, Indiana.

Neil Strange, of Martin County, Indiana to **Benjamin P. Lindsey**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 16 and the west one-half of Lot Number 17 in Summers Cannon and Crane Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

ARRESTS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

5:36 a.m. - Ashton Pottorff, 20, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Reed and charged with minor in consumption and is being held on a \$10,000 10% bond. Sheriff Roush assisted with the arrest.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

3:28 a.m. - Amanda Boyd, 28, of Shoals, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Floyd and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangerment. She is being held without bond.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

4:14 a.m. - Mitchell Colvin, 34, of Washington, was arrested by Deputy Reed and charged with invasion of privacy and is being held without bond.

1:54 p.m. - Beau Russell, 25, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lubbers on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

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Bicknell (812) 735-3545

Jasper (812) 634-2222

Washington (812) 254-2540

Bloomfield (812) 384-4453

Linton

(812) 847-4494



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

check on a male on US 231.

reckless driver on Hwy 50.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

a medical call on Mulberry Street.

quested on US 231 for a semi wreck.

9:15 a.m. - Caller reported a speeding

12:16 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted

2:20 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare

9:25 p.m. - Received a report of a

12:17 a.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted with

6:34 a.m. - First responders were re-

4:16 p.m. - Caller reported a male

mistreating a dog in Country Court. An-

Trooper Lents with a disturbance on

vehicle on West Washington Street.

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING September 12

Darren K. Holt, convicted of domestic battery, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 457 days suspended and credit for 45 actual days previously served plus 45 Class A credit days. Defendant received 33 months of probation.

September 21

Kevin M. Qualkenbush, convicted of invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 92 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 46 actual days previously served plus 46 Class A credit days. Also, convicted of maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 547 days suspended. Defendant received 18 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED September 12

Darren K. Holt, domestic battery, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; intimidation, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; intimidation, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

September 21

Kevin M. Qualkenbush, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

October 10

Sean A. Kiser, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed October 4

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Joni Blaker, civil collection.

Tiffany M. Allen vs. Tony K. Allen, petition for dissolution of marriage.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS October 4

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC and against the defendant Donna Combs in the amount of \$772.44.

October 6

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midland Funding, LLC and against the defendant Amanda Dillon in the amount of \$514.93.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midland Funding, LLC and against the defendant Chelsy Fraley in the amount of \$1,087.46.

October 11

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Richard D. Barber in the amount of \$8,865.08.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Dillion J. Baugh in the amount of \$4,636.35.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendants Clarence Crawford and Teresa Crawford in the amount of

\$11,162.37.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS September 25

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Family Dental Care and against the defendant Travis Campbell in the amount of \$422.44.

October 4

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Bailey P. Harmon in the amount of \$930.76.

MARRIAGE LICENSES October 13

Tony Lee Ivey of Bedford and Pamela Rene Bratton of Shoals



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This was the first time in its 75-year history that NSWC Crane has ever hosted a Commandant of the Marine Corps. Senators Donnelly and Young, as well as Indiana Congressman Larry Bucshon, M.D. (IN-08), accompanied General Neller and his staff on the visit.

"I appreciate what you're doing to support the Marines, and I thank you for inviting us here to Crane," General Neller said in front of a group of NSWC Crane employees and military personnel.

During the visit, General Neller and his staff took in-depth tours of NSWC Crane's three mission areas – Expeditionary Warfare, Electronic Warfare and Strategic Missions. General Neller had the opportunity to see and use a few of the many products NSWC Crane has either developed or is in the process of developing for the Marine Corps.

"This visit provided us an excellent opportunity to introduce General Neller to the men and women of Crane that are working every day to support the Marine Corps," said NSWC Crane Commanding Officer, Capt. Mark Oesterreich. "We were able to show him specific examples of ways in which we are supporting his Marines today, and discuss additional opportunities in the future. I would like to thank Senators Donnelly and Young as well as Congressman Bucshon for their support of this visit and of Crane."

NSWC Crane is the largest warfare center provider to the Marine Corps and has been for the last decade. Crane currently supports 11 of 15 Marine

Corps Program Managers across Marine Corps Systems Command (MCSC) and PEO-Land Systems (PEO-LS).

"It was a privilege to host Marine Commandant General Neller at Crane," said Senator Donnelly, who serves on the Senate Armed Services Committee. "Crane is one of our nation's most critical military laboratories, and I am pleased the Commandant could see firsthand the incredible work Hoosiers do every day at Crane to support our service members and protect our national security. I will continue working to ensure our military leaders take full advantage of these hardworking Hoosiers and help Crane grow its mission."

General Neller, the 37th Commandant of the Marine Corps, previously served as the Commander, Marine Forces Command from July 2014 to Sept. 2015, and Commander, Marine Forces Central Command from Sept. 2012 to June 2014. General Neller was first commissioned in 1975 and has served as an infantry officer at all levels

"I was proud to host the Commandant of the United States Marine Corps at NSWC Crane and Crane Army Ammunition Activity," said Senator Young. "General Neller was impressed by the skilled workforce at Crane and all they do for the Marine Corps, the Department of Defense, and our national security. The Commandant's visit will help ensure that Crane and its workforce continue to play an essential role in supporting our warfighters for decades to come."

Added Congressman Bucshon: "This is a big deal. The Commandant was impressed by all you are doing here, and I hope it will lead to more opportunities for Crane to work with the Marine Corps. All the work that is done here is critically important to the warfighter and the safety and security of the American people. I greatly appreciate that."

4:54 p.m. - Female reported harassment

7:43 p.m. - Caller reported subjects fighting on North Street. Officer was unable to locate anyone.

10:23 p.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a medical call.

10:30 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Wood Street.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

Loogootee Police log

2:35 a.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted the county with a traffic stop.

6:05 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless semi on US 231.

8:45 a.m. - An employee at Circle K reported receiving a counterfeit bill.

9:40 a.m. - Male came on station for a vehicle identification check.

6:44 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to an electrical fire at the Co-op.

7:47 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to a stove fire on State Road 645. 8:10 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare

check on a male.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

1:45 p.m. - Female came on station to report harassment.

10:10 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a child.

4:29 p.m. - Caller reported an illegal burn. Loogootee Fire was paged out.

5:30 p.m. - Officer McBeth assisted child protective services.

10:19 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute in Sunset Trailer Court.

11:15 p.m. - Female requested extra patrol.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

2:19 a.m. - Officer Floyd responded to a business alarm.

12:05 p.m. - Male came on station to report a scam.

1:30 p.m. - Female brought in a lost dog. Dog was transported to the humane society.

1:35 p.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted child protective services.

1:54 p.m. - First responders were requested at the post office for a medical call.

3:43 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious activity on Hwy 50. Male checked out okay.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

12:03 a.m. - Caller reported a possible domestic dispute on JFK Avenue.

6:00 a.m. - Officer McBeth responded to a business alarm.

9:30 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

11:59 a.m. - Caller reported abandoned vehicles in Redwing Trailer Court.

5:38 p.m. - Officer McBeth responded to a business alarm.

10:45 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

1:57 a.m. - Officer Floyd responded to a business alarm.

9:15 a.m. - Caller reported a broken-down semi on Broadway Street.

10:30 a.m. - Officer Dant assisted with a traffic escort.

11:40 a.m. - Caller reported suspicious males on North Line Street.

8:47 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle making bad passes on Hwy 50.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

12:39 a.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted the county with a domestic dispute on US 231.

3:08 a.m. - Caller reported a dispute on North Oak Street.

9:46 a.m. - Female requested an officer assist in removing another female from her residence.

1:06 p.m. - First responders were re-

quested on South Oak Street for a medical call.

4:15 p.m. - Officer McBeth responded to a business alarm.





-- ENDOWMENTS --

What exactly is an endowment, and why would a person or group want to start one? The Martin County Community Foundation (MCCF) was established to assist citizens and groups in starting endowments, which are similar to savings accounts, generating interest returns for particular causes. These endowments are simply cash, stocks, IRAs, insurance, real estate, or bequests that are donated for these causes.

-- BENEFITING CAUSES --

Endowments may be to benefit charitable causes or organizations that have done good things and deserve to be funded, or for scholarships in honor of loved ones or for general education purposes. Those benefiting from the endowments must be a church, governmental entity, accredited education institution, or other tax-exempt non-profit organization having a 501(c)3 status.

-- WHY START ONE? --

Almost any good cause would benefit from having an endowment started that can fund it far into the future. Usually endowments are started when someone like you feels compelled enough to begin a permanent fund for something that is important to them. Founding donors want to put their money where their hearts are. You may do this on your own, or encourage a group to begin an endowment. Either way, it takes someone with foresight to appreciate the power of this "forever funding", and then to follow through on starting





an endowment.

-- THE MCCF'S ROLE --

The MCCF serves as the caretaker of these funds. Part of what the MCCF does is to receive the donation(s), guard that principal so that it continues to grow, and to provide the continuity to administer these funds, forever. Those assets, the endowments, are invested and professionally managed and over time will grow to provide stable income for the beneficiaries or causes to which they are dedicated.

--MCCF ENDOWMENTS --

The MCCF has over 50 endowments that give back to our community in several ways. There are several types of endowments to do this. They are (1) the unrestricted funds that address the changing and emerging needs of Martin County, (2) the scholarships for a wide variety of educational choices, (3) the designated funds to provide support to specific charitable organization, (4) the field of interest funds that address broadly defined areas of concern, and (5) the donor advised funds that allow donors to recommend grants that address those changing and emerging needs in the community.

-- STARTING AN ENDOWMENT

If you or someone you know is interested in an endowment, please contact the Executive Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

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

Salvation Army needs bell ringers, coordinator

The Salvation Army Service Extension of Martin County needs LOCAL volunteer bell ringers. Did you know Red Kettle funds support your local communities?

Money raised here stays here, helping provide emergency assistance to Martin County residents. The Emergency Assistance Program provides direct financial assistance for utilities, lodging, rent, transportation, medical needs, food, clothing, disaster assistance, and other emergency needs.

The Salvation Army is now preparing for the upcoming Red Kettle Campaign and Martin County needs a kettle coordinator to oversee this year's campaign. The Red Kettle Campaign Kickoff starts November 17 and runs until December 23.

If you are willing to help The Salvation Army of Martin County, please call Nancy at 812-295-3049.

Advertise in the Martin County Journal

Email courtney@ martincountyjournal.com

4-H NEWS

By Stacy Brown

Martin County Purdue Extension Educator

4-H Enrollment Has Begun!

Believe it or not, it's already time to enroll in 4-H for the 2017-2018 year. Did you know that 4-H is more than agriculture and home economics? We have a robotics club open to grades 3-12, a tractor club, a shooting sports club, and so much more. If you have an interest in writing, cake decorating, teaching, home design, or baking, you need to join 4-H! Are you looking to do more community service in Martin County? Then Junior Leaders is the club for you. Are you hoping to earn scholarships for college or present confidence at your first job interview? 4-H can help with that as well. You just need to join!

Enrolling is easy, just go to www.4honline.com and follow the prompts to re-enroll if you are renewing your membership as a 4Her. If you have any questions, please call the office. If you will be a new 4-Her, please call the Extension Office at 812-295-2412 for assistance in enrolling. Currently enrolled volunteers must also re-enroll before the deadline on January 15. Enrolling early is important in receiving all the latest news and information from Purdue Extension.

2017 4-H Achievement Banquet

The 4-H Extension Board will be hosting the 2017 4-H Achievement Banquet at the Martin County Community Building on October 22 at 2 p.m. All 4-Hers, 4-H families, and volunteers are welcome to come to this event. Many 4-Hers will be awarded for their hard work throughout the past year. You won't know if you have won anything until the banquet, so be sure to join us. Light refreshments will be provided.

Incredible Wearable Program at Shoals Public Library

The Extension Office will be working Shoals Public Library to present Incredible Wearables on Tuesday, November 7 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. This program is open to youth ages 8-13 and teaches them how to build a fitness tracker and record body functions for better health. There is no cost for the program. Please call the library at 812-247-3838 to reserve your spot.

Junior Leader Call Out

Interested in strengthening your leadership skills? Want to help out in the community? Do you like to have fun? If you answered yes to any of these questions, Junior Leaders is for you! Any 7th- 12th grader may sign up to be a Martin County 4-H Junior Leader. The club meets at least once a month at the Martin County Learning Center.

As a Junior Leader you perform acts of community service such as bingo with nursing homes and helping with the Christmas Toy Store. You also serve as a youth leader for younger 4-Hers by doing demonstrations on projects, camp counseling, and running kid related events at the fair. All

of this helps you build life and leadership skills. It also looks great on college and job resumes. Junior Leaders also have a lot of fun. Each year the club has some meetings while eating out, playing miniature golf, or bowling. To celebrate there is a completion trip at the end of year.

If you are ready to join or just want to learn more, come to our next meeting on Sunday, October 22 at 3:30 p.m. at the learning center. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office at (812) 295-2412.

Scholarship and Resume Workshop Offered to High School Students

There will be a two-day scholarship and resume workshop offered to youth in grades 9-12 on December 2 and 9 from 1-4 p.m. at the Martin County Learning Center. Day one of the workshop will be reviewing successful resumes, preparing for interviews, and scholarships offered through 4-H. The second day participants will submit resumes for proofing and participate in a mock interview. Please register by November 27 as space is limited. The workshop is free to youth who enroll in 4-H before November 27. There is a \$15 fee for all non-4-Hers. Please call the Extension Office at 812-295-2412 for more information and to register.

Extension Office Offers Programs for Classrooms and Other Youth Organizations

The Martin County Extension Office offers programs for classrooms and other youth organizations in STEM subjects, the arts, and leadership. This year's National Youth Science Challenge is Incredible Wearables. Students get the chance to build a wearable fitness device that tracks heartrate, steps, and other functions. Other programs offered are Captain Cash, a grade school program focused on money management; Makers, activities related to science, technology, engineering, and math; and Arts Management, a high school program focused on the business side of working in the arts. If you are interested in bringing any of these programs to your classroom or group, please contact Stacy at (812) 295-2412.

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

Upcoming Events

Horse & Pony meeting, October 23 at 6 p.m. at the MC Learning Center Jolly Jug Rox meeting, October 24

at 6 p.m. at Hindostan Church

Jolly Jug Rox meeting, November 13 at 6 p.m. at Hindostan Church

FALL CLEAN -UP

Friday, October 20 - 9 am - 5 pm & Saturday, October 21 - 8 am - noon

at the Loogootee Recycling Center only

500 Industrial Park Drive • 295-4142 • Martin County Residents Only!

If you cannot afford the fees, please call Director Laura Albertson at the recycling center

While dining at Lakeview Restaurant recently, our waitress was the newlywed, Dorothy, and she told me that her family liked More Neat Stuff. Since most of her family live and work on farms, I thought a few more farmer jokes would be appropriate. Enjoy, my

*Why shouldn't you tell a secret on a farm? Because the potatoes have eyes and the corn has ears!

*What do you get when you cross a robot and a tractor? A transfarmer.

*What day do potatoes hate the most? Fry-day!

*What farm animal keeps the best time? A watch dog!

*If a cow laughed really hard.... would milk come out of her nose?

*Why did the cow jump over the moon? The farmer had cold hands.

*What kind of pigs know karate? Pork chops!

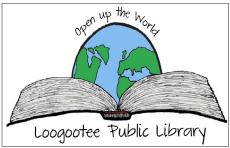
*What is a Happy Farmers favorite candy? A Jolly Rancher.

*What new crop did the farmer plant?

Beets me! *What grows under your nose? Tu-

*Where do farmers send their kids to grow? Kinder-garden.

*Who tells chicken jokes? Comedi-



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Last week, Donna Parsons Walker and Jonna owners of JD Shirt Designs (formerly Martin County Video) donated over 1,050 DVD movies, 14 TV series DVDs, and a VMI CD/DVD Buffer (original value \$18,880) to the library. Library employee Pete Bruner helped box them up and transport them to the library. What a generous donation to the library and the community. Currently, we own over 1,680 DVD movies and with the additional donated DVDs we are sure to have something for everyone. You can check out the movies with your library card which is a free service the library offers. My plan is to sort the movies and catalog a few for now then store the others because we are busting at the seams and do not have shelving room. My staff and I appreciate your generous donation and paying-it-forward.

NEW BOOKS:

DVDs: "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales", "Girls Trip", "PBS's Poldark: Second Season", "The Book of Henry", and "Maudie".

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

HALLOWEEN HUMOR:

Q: What do goblins and ghosts drink when they're hot and thirsty on Halloween? A: Ghoul-aid!!!

Q: What did one ghost say to the other ghost? A: "Do you believe in peo-

Q: Where does a ghost go on Saturday night? A: Anywhere where he can

Q: What does the papa ghost say to his family when driving? A: Fasten vour sheet belts...

Q: Why can't a ghost win a race? A: Because it's always dead tired.

Q: What do you get when you cross Bambi with a ghost? A: Bamboo

Q: Why did the ghost go into the bar? A: For the Boos.

Q: What does a ghost do when he's hungry? A: Go ghost-ry shopping.

It seems as if I'm always eating out, and the other day I ran across two "old" colleagues from Loogootee High School. Greg and Carolyn introduced me to a very personable pastor from Loogootee Christian Church. I promised to find some preacher jokes and dedicate them to him, so here goes Reverend Frost:

An elderly woman walked into the local country church. The friendly usher greeted her at the door and helped her up the flight of steps. "Where would you like to sit?" he asked politely.

"The front row please." she an-

"You really don't want to do that," the usher said. "The pastor is really boring."

"Do you happen to know who I am?" the woman inquired.

"No," he said.

"I'm the pastor's mother," she replied indignantly.

"Do you know who I am?" he asked. "No," she said.

"Good," he answered.

Three friends decided to go deer hunting together. One was a lawyer, one a doctor, and the other a preacher.

As they were walking, along came a big buck. The three of them shot simultaneously. Immediately the buck dropped to the ground and all three rushed up to see how big it actually was.

Upon reaching it they found out that it was dead but had only one bullet hole. Thus, a debate followed concerning whose buck it was.

A few minutes later, a game officer came by and asked what the problem was. The doctor told him their reason for the debate. The officer told them he would take a look and tell them who shot it.

Within a few seconds, the game officer said with much confidence, "The pastor shot the buck!"

They all wondered how he knew that so quickly. The officer said, "Easy. The bullet went in one ear and out the oth-

Make someone smile today!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Domestic Violence Task Force

The Martin County Domestic Violence Task Force will meet Wednesday, October 18 from 4:30-6 p.m. at the Martin County Community Corrections office, 211 SE 1st Street, Loogootee. For more information, contact Middle Way of Martin County at 812-295-2993. Everyone in the community is welcome to attend.

Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, October 19 at 5 p.m. in the board room off the superintendent's office. The meeting is open to the public.

Loogootee Council special meeting

The Loogootee City Council will meet Tuesday October 24 at 6 p.m. in the council room of Loogootee Municipal Building. Items on the agenda include the salary ordinance, rehab cost share of the West Boggs lift station, paving at city hall, and the council's appointment to the Loogootee Zoning Appeals Board. The meeting is open to the public.

Fall Harvest Festival

The Loogootee United Methodist Church, at 208 West Main Street, will host their annual Fall Harvest Festival on Tuesday, October 31 from 6-8 p.m. The event will include games, face painting, prizes, food, and story time. Children through sixth grade must be accompanied by an adult.

Food pantry hours

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

Hobby/craft show

The Shoals Parent Association (SPA) is hosting a Hobby/Craft Show on Saturday, November 4 at the Shoals High School from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. There is vendor space, 10x10, available for \$25. If you are interested or have questions, contact Bobbi Turpin at 812-709-9234, Ann Stewart at 812-709-9338 or Lorna Troutman at 812-388-6757. Space must be reserved by October 17.

Health Steps program

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

AL-ANON meetings

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

Free lunch for kids

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

SOAR Tutoring

Need Skills? SOAR tutors can help! Free and confidential. Call or text Karen at 812-709-1618 to learn more. Located in the Martin County Community Learning Center Improve Your Skills, Improve Your Life!

Tourism meetings

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

Humane society meetings

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

Solid waste board

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

Soil and Water meetings

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

Attention Senior Citizens

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



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Farming & Outdoors Wednesday, October 18

initiative to help Hoosiers better understand risks

BY DARRIN PACK

Purdue University News Service

Purdue University's Climate Change Research Center is leading a new statewide initiative to compile the latest scientific research into a series of reports designed to provide Indiana decision makers with accessible, understandable and timely information about climate change impacts.

"In recent years there has been an exponential increase in the amount of climate change research," said Melissa Widhalm, project manager for the Indiana Climate Change Impacts Assessment. "Our goal is to share this information with the widest possible audience and help Hoosiers better understand climate change-related risks so they can prepare for challenges and capitalize on opportunities."

Each report will focus on a single industry or theme - agriculture, climate, ecosystems, energy, health, infrastructure, tourism and recreation, and water resources. The topics were chosen during a series of 10 feedback sessions held throughout the state in 2016.

"We've met with city planners, landuse managers and representatives from farming and agribusiness to find out what questions they have and what issues are especially important to them," Widhalm said. "We had a lot of one-onone conversations with business leaders, nonprofits, NGOs and state agencies. Whenever we have a chance, we are going out and talking to people about the assessment.

Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard stressed the need to focus on environmental and sustainability initiatives.

"It is important that cities and communities around the globe realize that the small changes they can make can have significant impact," Brainard said. "One example in Carmel is that the installation of more than 110 roundabouts in our roadway network has reduced fuel consumption. Each roundabout saves an average of 272 tanker trucks of fuel per year. Cities can find many ways to reduce negative impacts to the environment. Regardless of one's politics, there is a universal need and desire for clean water and clean air."

Tomás Díaz de la Rubia, chief scientist and executive director of Discovery Park at Purdue, said, "The climate is changing, and it's important that we respond. With this assessment, the Purdue Climate Change Research Center is helping Indiana prepare for the future."

During the feedback sessions Widhalm and her colleagues at the center - director Jeff Dukes and managing director Rose Filley - determined that a major priority for the project would be to increase dialogue about climate change throughout the state.

"We found that even though people were interested in climate change, they weren't really talking about it," Widhalm said. "There was a perceived lack of useful information and few opportunities to have these types of discussions."

Many of the people interviewed during the feedback sessions have since volunteered to contribute to the assessment as researchers, writers or reviewers. So far, more than 100 experts representing about 25 organizations, are serving on

the technical working groups that are producing the reports.

Participating organizations include the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Indiana State Department of Health and Indiana Water Resources Association, as well as Purdue Extension, Indiana University and the University of Notre

"The response has been tremendous," Widhalm said. "A lot of very busy people are volunteering their time and expertise in service to the state."

Planning for the assessment has been underway for several years, with the center's team studying climate change responses of other states to learn what approach would be most effective.

"What we found was that in many places, climate change efforts were the result of legislative action," Widhalm said. "Our approach is different, to build consensus from the bottom up and get stakeholders involved from the begin-

Throughout the process, she said, project organizers continually asked themselves, "How do we translate climate change into something that is meaningful to the average citizen? Because climate change represents a shift in weather patterns over a number of years, different groups experience it in different ways."

The first report is expected to be released in late 2017 with a new report to follow about every month, Widhalm said. Each technical report will be accompanied by a plain-language version. Both versions will be available to the public. These assessment reports will provide baseline historical data and future predictions for key climate and water variables. This information will allow communities, business sectors and the state to determine vulnerabilities, and it will help people develop action plans for the future.

"This assessment is a service that the climate change research center is planning to provide the state for years to come. We want this to be a continuing effort," Widhalm said. "We are building a network of experts and stakeholders to support knowledge sharing so our state can be a leader in responding to the challenges and opportunities of climate change."

Purdue leads climate change | Important corrections to Indiana Hunting & Trapping Guide

Indiana deer and waterfowl hunters need to be aware of two important changes in the print version of the 2017-2018 Hunting & Trapping Guide.

Due to recent legislation passed this year by the Indiana General Assembly, hunters can no longer use rifles when hunting deer on public land. "Public land" includes both state and federal property.

Before the change, the use of rifles on public land had been legal.

It remains legal to use a muzzleloader, shotgun or handgun when hunting deer on public land in accordance with deer hunting regulations.

The waterfowl correction is that the daily bag limit for black ducks is two. The printed Hunting and Trapping Guide mistakenly states the bag limit

The online Indiana Hunting & Trapping Guide has been updated with these corrections. You can view the updated guide at wildlife.IN.gov/2343.htm

For more information on rifle requirements for deer hunting on private land, visit wildlife.IN.gov/7389.htm and click on "Equipment."

For up to date information on waterfowl seasons, visit: wildlife.IN-.gov/3569.htm.

Residents reminded to get building permits for construction located in floodplain

Residents of Martin County are reminded that construction activities located in the floodplain will require a local building permit from the Martin County Auditor's Office as required by the Martin County Local Floodplain Ordinance. Proper permitting in the floodplain is one of the requirements that Martin County must meet to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program.

The National Flood Insurance Program enables residents in participating communities to purchase flood insurance to protect against flood losses. The permit process is only for residents outside the city/town limits.

Before any construction is started in Martin County, a check should be completed to determine if the construction site is located in the floodplain. Failure to obtain the necessary permits can result in fines up to \$500 per day.

In addition, depending on a property's location, a permit may be required from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources prior to the start of any construction activity.

For more information on the permitting process, contact the Martin County Auditor's Office at the Martin County Courthouse, 812-247-3731.

Ag. conference to explore GMOs, economic outlook

Farmers, agribusiness operators, and financial professionals can learn about current subjects impacting local farm operations at a conference presented by Purdue Extension and Dubois

The Southwest Indiana Agriculture Economic Summit will be held November 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. EDT at the Center for Technology, Innovation & Manufacturing Building Theatre, Vincennes University Jasper Campus, 961 College Avenue, Jasper. The event is free and open to the public, although registration is required.

Session topics will include anticipated weather challenges, national issues facing farmers and agribusinesses, and local farm production issues, as well as federal programs available for conservation and soil health.

Peter Goldbrough, Purdue Botany Department, will explore uses and short-comings of genetically modified organisms, or GMOs, and Purdue agricultural economist Chris Hurt will present a long-range outlook on the futures of the agricultural and livestock sectors during the lunch session. Other speakers will be from Purdue Extension, The Nature Conservancy, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Steckler Grassfed Dairy.

The summit is sponsored by German American Banking | Insurance | Investments, Superior Ag Resources Co-op, Dubois REC, and Hopf Equipment.

To register for the summit or for more information, contact Dubois Strong at 812-482-9650 or success@ duboisstrong.com. Registration is open until November 6.

Does Indiana have the best fall colors?

Last year, Michigan took the title of having the most photogenic locations to see fall colors, as determined by a nationwide crowd-sourced campaign.

With its wide variety of state parks, state lakes and their surroundings, and state forests, this year could be Indiana's turn at the title.

The campaign kicked off October 12. You can view and upload entries at Facebook (http://bit.ly/2ydTL4U), Twitter (http://bit.ly/2xBBlLZ) and Instagram (http://bit.ly/2ycMfY7).

Many competitors share their photos with designated hashtags for their states to boast why their state should be recognized as the best. To enter your photo for Indiana, tag it with #Nikon-FallIN.

Results will be tallied by Nikon USA, which runs the campaign, until November 3. The company will announce the winning state during the week of November 13.



Hours: Wed. & Thurs. 7 am to 9 pm; Fri.-Sat. 7 am to 10 pm; Sun. 8 am to 2 pm; Closed Monday & Tuesday

Jug Rox Adult Booster Club to host Fall Festival on October 28

Club will host the annual Fall Festival on Saturday, October 28 in the Shoals High School gymnasiums. Doors will open at 6 p.m. Admission is \$1, or free admission if in

There will be games and inflatables including a slide, and a bounce house. There will also be a costume contest, a cake auction, a haunted house, lots of delicious food, and much more.

Many door prizes, donated by local businesses, will be raffled off throughout the evening.

The cake auction, sponsored by the varsity and junior varsity volleyball teams, will start at 6:30 p.m. The athletes will provide homemade

The Shoals Jug Rox Adult Booster cakes and sweet treats. Akles Auction Service will be in charge of the

> The costume contest will be held at 7:15 p.m. Costume categories for all ages are funniest, most original, scariest, best costume, and best group. Age divisions are as follows: 0-11 months, 1-3 years, preschool-kindergarten, 1st to 3rd grade, 4th to 6th grade and 7th grade to adult.

> The 2017 Fall Festival Queen and King Crowning will be held at 8

> The coloring contest winners will be announced and their pictures will be displayed. There will be a draw-

ing for kid's free door prizes at 8:45 p.m. and you must be present to win. Celebrating 18 years of Service **Annual Dinner** MARTIN COUNTY

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION / Doors Open 5:30 pm. Dinner at 6:00 pm.

Monday, November 6

The Martin **County Community Foundation** welcomes guest speakers





BRENT COURTER

We are very pleased and honored to have Brent Courter (Edward Jones) and Joy Gibson (retired after 50 years of service to Old National Bank) as the keynote speakers for the Martin County Community Foundation Annual Dinner. The event will be held in the Martin County Community Building.

Brent and Joy both have a long history of serving the county, not the least of which is being founding board members for the Martin County Community Foundation. Since then, they have time and again shown that they care about Martin County. Each will have a story and a perspective to tell that may give us an insight of how we, too, can make a difference and improve the quality of life for those around us.

Tickets will not be sold at the door!

Tickets (\$20) must be purchased by Wednesday, November 1st, and are available at: German American Bank, The Shoals News, The Loogootee Tribune, Old National Bank (both Shoals and Loogootee), or MCCF Board Members: Vicky Bauernfiend, Jerry Braun, Liz Chattin, Melissa Courter, Brian Esch, Dan Gregory, Terry Hasler, Alan Lagree, Candace Roush, Phillip Smith, Annette Taylor, and Curt Johnson

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Silent/live auction items include:

Lakeview Golf Course - (2) passes for 9 holes with cart Country Oaks Golf Club - (2) passes for 18 holes with cart Sultan's Run Golf Club - (2) passes for free round of golf Mill Street Grille - (1) plate lunch per week for one year The Lodge - (2) \$100 certificates Serenity Inn - one night stay French Lick Springs Hotel - one night stay for two people West Boggs Park - 2 nights camping

Reversible 3' canvas fall/ snowman decoration Wood sign with "Blessed" verse French Lick - \$50 gift certificate Salsa basket with \$25 Los Bravos gift certificate Canvas sign - "Love You to the

Moon and Back" Wood sign about raising a "Hunting Buddy" (2) Barn-wood signs Early Literacy / Early Learning

basket Food basket with baked goods

Silpada sterling silver 18" necklace Coach purse (pink) Fall picture with a pumpkin bowl \$50 gift card from Terry Hasler **Key Realty Agent** thirty-one bag large utility tote with a stand tall insert "The Essence of Survival" lion and gazelle picture For Raven's Sake: Custom Tattoos - \$100 Gift Certificate West Boggs Park - 2018 Annual **Park Pass**

Treffinger wins first place in Tri Kappa art competition

Tri Kappa Province III Convention and Officer Training was held September 30 at Sherwood Oaks Christian Church in Bloomington. It was hosted by Province Officer Stephanie Oyler and the members of the Tri Kappa Alpha Chapter from Bloomington.

Tri Kappa is a philanthropic organization existing only within Indiana. Membership totals nearly 9,000 in 144 active and 113 associate chapters. Tri Kappa members donated over \$1.5 million every year to the endeavors of charity, culture, and education within their own communities and through state projects.

Officers and members attending from the Loogootee-Shoals Delta Tau Chapter were: President Audrey Robinson; Vice President Katie Milligan; Treasurer Kristi Ausbrooks; Recording Secretary Megan Richer; Corresponding Secretary Kathy Lingenfelter and Pledge Trainee Judy Treffinger.

The province officer opened the general session. State reports were given. Training sessions then were held for all chapter officers and scholarship representatives. Following a luncheon from BuffaLouie's, the Fine Arts committee representative presented a report and awards were presented to winners of the Fine Arts competition. Judy Treffinger, of the local Delta Tau chapter, won first place in the scrapbook divi-



sion. Her project will represent province III at state convention.

Recognition certificates were given by various state chairs for sponsoring scholarship applicants and for donations to philanthropic endeavors. The Delta Tau Chapter was recognized for being in the top two chapters with individual members signed-up with The Riley Cheer Guild.

The convention was then concluded with the keynote address by Council President Lynn Payne from Anderson Xi Chapter.

Chamber holds monthly meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce met September 20 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Loogootee, with Daviess Community Hospital sponsoring the meal. Present for the meeting were representatives from the following businesses: Overlook & American Tree Experts-Marie Hawkins, The Candy Mill-Carolyn Parsons-Downey, Old National Bank -Loogootee-Susan Arthur, SOAR-Karen Slaven, Hollie's Eat & Treats and the Martin County Humane Society-Theresa Abney, City of Loogootee-Mayor Noel Harty, Maranatha Tabernacle-Duane Smith, Martin County Community Foundation-Curt Johnson, Memorial Hospital-Luke Buchta and Melanie Powell, Hoosier Uplands Head Start-Deb Terry, WestGate Authority Purdue@Westgate-Samantha Nelson and Jason Salstrom, SERVPRO-Tammy May, German American-Ann Wagler and Rita Denson, Daviess Community Hospital-Angie Steiner and Scott Sell, Carolyn's Piano Tuning-Carolyn Farmer, Dubois-Martin Equestrian Center-Rochelle Peterson, ESolve Solutions-Rick Roll and Joe Lannan, Priority Communications-Fred A Emory, Bowling Manufacturing-Keith Peacock, Purdue Extension-Stacy Brown and Kerns Insurance-Ed Kerns.

The treasurer's report was given by Susan Arthur. Membership dues are still coming in and golf scramble money is still coming in with a profit of about \$530 once the money all comes in. Marie Hawkins made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Deb Terry, all were in favor.

The secretary's August report was given by Carolyn Parsons-Downey. There was one correction under the Martin County Alliance, the wording on Westgate being managed by Purdue. The report was reviewed and Theresa Abney made a motion to accept the secretary's report with the change, and seconded by Marie Hawkins.

Jason Salstom, with Purdue@West-Gate, talked about southwestern Indiana having a 21st Century economy and business and skills are changing very quickly all around. They need to keep with the change or better yet, keep ahead of the changes. The first Tuesday of each month at WestGate, they have a social event "The Spirited Entrepreneur" from 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. It's very important for the community to be involved. They want to make sure the young people want to continue to live here or come back here and keep the resources here.

Stacy Brown, Purdue Extension, reported that 4-H open enrollment starts October 1. There is a fee of \$15 for each child.

Shelly Bosico-Peterson with Harlee, who was adopted from the Martin County Humane Society about a year ago, talked about how she has trained Harlee to be use as a therapy dog. She has, in the past, used dogs in nursing homes and now wants to be able to use them in businesses. The local school systems are now starting to use dogs for therapy and building up morale. Shelly wants to do that for businesses. She said animals just make people smile and help relieve tension. You can set up appointments for weekly, monthly or a trial period.

Richard Roll and Joe Christmas consultants and have partnered with Loogootee Community School this year and have worked with 11 districts this year, from Indianapolis to Evansville. They have been working with Regional Opportunity Initiative, an organization that has received a Lilly Grant to help develop quality of life and economic development in the region. With this grant, they are able to work with the school and local leaders to work on pathways for their students. This is a year-long grant. They will develop programs to help get kids in either workforce or secondary education. They are looking for community partners, with teachers, parents and other community leaders. They have information on their handout to fill out and sign up.

Deb Terry, with Head Start, reported she is still looking for one bus driver.

Eagle Place Apartment is coming to Loogootee East School and will have 20 apartments. They are looking to raise \$25,000 for their community room.