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Wood Street fire -Photos by Courtney Hughett

Last Thursday, a fire broke out in a home on Wood Street in Loogootee, near the elementary school. According to the home's occupant who had recently moved out, there was no electricity in the home. The former occupant did have some property remaining in the house that was destroyed. The state fire marshal's office is investigating the fire and despite repeated attempts to find out the cause of the blaze, phone calls and emails were not returned by publication time. Foul play has not been ruled out. Shown on the left are Loogootee Firefighters dragging the water hose down the street to the nearest hydrant.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Middle Way House of Martin County wants to remind the public of their services to assist victims of domestic violence. WHO WE ARE: Middle Way House, Inc. WHAT WE DO: Assist Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Victims WHEN: Anytime!! Martin County Office: (812) 295-2993 24-hr Crisis Line: (812) 336-0846 National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233

www.middlewayhouse.org How they can help:

*24-hr crisis intervention and support

manent housing

*On-scene advocacy for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence

- *Legal Advocacy
- *In-house children's programs

*Assistance with achieving your goals WHY: Their mission is to end violence, both structural and interpersonal, in the

lives of women and children. There is always HOPE!

City election Tuesday

The City Municipal Election will be held next Tuesday, November 3. The polls are open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. for precincts Perry 1, 2, 3 and 4. There is only one contested race in the city election and that is the City Council At-Large seat between Republican Marty Tarrh and Democrat Roger Downey. Republican Tim Lukomski dropped out of the City Council District Two race against Democrat Ruth Smith so she is now unopposed. Other uncontested seats are for Loogootee Mayor that has been retained by Noel Harty (D), City Clerk-Treasurer retained by Nancy Jones (D), City Council District One won by Teresa Nolley (D) in the Primary, and City Council District Four won by Tim "Biggin" Lawrence (D) also decided in the Primary. There were no Republicans that filed after the Primary Election in the uncontested races.

Jug Rox Adult Boosters to host Fall Festival Saturday

The Shoals Jug Rox Adult Booster Club auction. will host the annual Fall Festival on Saturday, October 31 at the Shoals High School gymnasiums. Doors will open at 6 p.m. Admission is \$1, or free admission if in costume.

There will be games and inflatables including a slide, bounce house and an obstacle course. 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 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: 0-3 years, preschool-kindergarten, 1st to 3rd grade, 4th to 6th grade and 7th grade to adult.

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of Martin County and the

The 2015 Fall Festival Queen and King Crowning will be held at 8 p.m. The royalty candidates this year are: 4th grade-Kylie Murray and Carson Shaw; 5th grade-Logan Davis and Nicholas Spurgeon; and 6th grade-Summer Fromme and Zeke Wells.

The coloring contest winners will be announced and their pictures will be displayed. There will be a drawing for kid's free door prizes at 8:45 p.m. and you must be present to win.

Martin County jobless rate at 3.6 percent for September

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT Martin County Journal Publisher

Martin County's unemployment rate dropped again in September to 3.6 percent, down from 3.8 percent in August. The county ranked 31st for lowest jobless rate in the state for September, tied with eight other counties.

In September, the county had 4,997 residents in the workforce with 179 of them without jobs. In August, there were 5,116 residents able to work and 192 of them were unemployed. In September of last year, Martin County's jobless rate was 4.7 percent with 4,914 residents in the workforce and 229 of them without jobs.

Daviess County's unemployment rate also dropped just slightly, from 3.4 percent in August to 3.2 percent in September. The county had the seventh lowest jobless rate in the state for September, tied with Hendricks and Tipton counties.

In September, the county had 15,418 residents in the workforce with 501 of them unemployed. In August, there were 15,688 residents able to work and 540 of them without jobs. In September of last year, Daviess County's jobless rate was 4.2 percent with 15,207 residents in the workforce and 633 of them were unemployed.

Dubois County's unemployment rate moved from 3 percent in August to 2.8 percent in September. The county had the lowest jobless rate in the state for September.

In September, the county had 22,684 residents in the workforce with 628 of them unemployed. In August, there were 23,123 residents able to work with 684 of them without jobs. In September of 2014, Dubois County's unemployment rate was 3.7 percent with 21,966 residents in the workforce and 808 of them were unemployed.

Orange County's unemployment rate also fell slightly from August to September, from 5.3 percent to 5 percent. The county had the 10th highest jobless rate in the state for September, tied with Blackford and Starke counties.

In September, the county had 8,379 residents in the workforce and 419 of them were unemployed. In August there were 8,630 residents able to work and 456 of them were without jobs. In September of last year, the county's jobless rate was 6.7 percent with 8,471 residents able to work and 568 of them unemployed.

Lawrence County's unemployment rate dropped from 5.9 percent in August to 5.3 percent in September. In September, the county had the sixth highest jobless rate in (See 'RATE' continued on page 2)

*Emergency shelter, transitional and per-

Loogootee Halloween Parade

Bring the little ones out for a fun time on Friday night, October 30 starting at 5 p.m. Organizers will line up the little ghost and goblins at city square and walk to Kavanaugh Gym (parade route: Main Street, to First Street, turn on Church Street to Kavanaugh Gym) where judging will be held in the Gym for Scariest, Most Original, Prettiest, and Best Family Group. (In case of bad weather participants will meet at the gym.)

The city has designated that evening as trick-or-treat night in Loogootee from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. so after the judging, fun in the neighborhoods can begin and ghost and goblins can make their rounds. Parents are welcome to walk with the children or meet them at the gym.





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The Loogootee Lady Lions became Class 1A regional champs last night, October 27 against Wood Memorial. The girls won in four sets, 25-18, 25-12, 24-26, and 25-22. The varsity record moves to 26-10 on the season and the Lions move on to semi-state this Saturday against Indianapolis Lutheran at 11 a.m. The semi-state championship will start at 7 p.m. on Saturday.

Kylie Hall led in points with 18 and in digs with 11. Emily Brookshire contributed 17 points and nine digs, and Calli Wininger had eight points. Jody Seals had a teamhigh 21 assists followed by Breigh LaMar with 16. LaMar also added six digs. Mya Hedrick finished with 16 kills, Julianne Bell had 14 and Emily Bateman contributed eight.

The Loogootee girls defeated North Daviess on Saturday to take home the sec-

win, 25-17, 25-9, and 25-10. Tyanna Graber led in points with 11 followed by Wininger with 10, and LaMar

with eight. LaMar also had 21 assists. Brookshire finished with nine digs, Hedrick had 14 kills, Bell had 10 kills and Bateman had seven kills.

tional title. The Lady Lions had a three set

In round one of the sectional, the Lady Lions defeated Vincennes Rivet in four sets, 23-25, 25-21, 25-19, and 25-19.

Hall led in points with 14 followed by Wininger with nine, and Hedrick and LaMar with eight each. LaMar also contributed 14 assists and six digs and Hedrick added 20 kills.

Seals finished with 20 assists, Bateman had 13 kills and Graber had nine. Brookshire led the team with 25 digs while Hall added 18.

(Continued from page one) the state.

In September, the county had 20,367 residents able to work and 1,075 of them were unemployed. In August, there were 20,409 residents in the workforce and 1,212 of them were without jobs. In September of 2014, Lawrence County's unemployment rate was 7 percent with 20,443 residents in the workforce and 1,426 of them unemployed.

The top ten spots in the state for the highest jobless rate for September were: Vermillion County at 6.2 percent, Greene County at 5.8 percent, Lake County at 5.7 percent, Sullivan County at 5.6 percent, Fayette County at 5.4 percent, Lawrence County at 5.3 percent, Vigo County at 5.2 percent, La-Porte and Owen counties at 5.1 percent, and Blackford, Orange and Starke counties at 5 percent.

The top ten spots in the state for the lowest jobless rate for September were: Dubois County at 2.8 percent, Hamilton County at 2.9 percent, Bartholomew County at 3 percent, LaGrange, Boone and Adams counties at 3.1 percent; Tipton, Hendricks, and Daviess counties at 3.2 percent; and Wells, Steuben, Gibson and Decatur counties at 3.3 percent.

Indiana's seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate declined 0.1 percent again last month and now stands at 4.5 percent. September marked the lowest rate of unemployment in the Hoosier State since July 2007. Additionally, Indiana's labor force made further gains last month and continues to be a Midwest leader, adding 84,000 individuals since January 2013. At 63.5 percent, Indiana's labor force participation rate remains more than a full percentage point above the national average.

Private sector employment increased by 6,600 in September and is now 9,200 jobs above March 2000 peak employment levels. Gains were concentrated in the Private Educational & Health Services (+3,000), Leisure and Hospitality (+2,900), Construction (+1,700) and Manufacturing (+500) sectors.

"In September, Indiana experienced another decrease in unemployment due to strong levels of reemployment and labor force gains," said Steven J. Braun, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. "Indiana continues its robust economic recovery with consistent growth in private sector jobs, wages and labor force participation that are all above the national average."

Braun also noted weekly claims for unemployment insurance in Indiana continue to be at their lowest levels in more than a decade.

Employment by Sector

Sectors showing gains in September include: Private Educational & Health Services (3,000), Leisure and Hospitality (2,900), Construction (1,700), and Manufacturing (500). The Professional & Business Services (-1,900), Trade, Transportation & Utilities (-500), and Financial Activities (-200) sectors declined in September. Total nonfarm employment decreased in September (-4,100).





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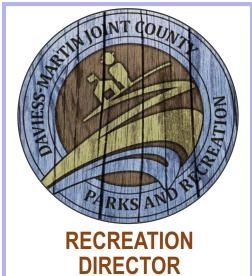
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 Collaborate with leadership team to develop and market programs, special events, promotional offers, and community outreach programs.

· Hiring, scheduling, and managing staff to facili-

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ANIMAL SHELTER Pets of the Week



KITTENS! The Martin County Humane Society Animal Shelter has several kittens looking for a home. The shelter hours are Wednesday 5-7 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m. or by appointment another day. The adoption fee for kittens/cats is \$40 and includes spay/neuter, vaccinations and a free bag of Hill's Science Diet food. tate programs and ensure customer service representation.

• Coordinating associated needs for the implementation of programs and customer service with maintenance and housekeeping personnel.

• Prepare evaluations to assist with further development of programs, events, activities, promotional incentives, and visitor activity.

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UBITUARIES Wednesday, October 28, 2015 ~ Martin County Journal

of

CARROLL LEDGERWOOD

Carroll Marvin Ledgerwood passed away at 9:46 a.m. Friday, October 23, 2015, at Daviess Community Hospital. A resident of Washington, he was 80.

He was born October 10, 1935 in Loogootee; son of the late Arrin Frank and Lou Vella (Parsons) Ledgerwood.

He was a graduate of Loogootee High School. He then served his country in the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged. After his military service he worked for the U.S. Postal Service in Cincinnati.

He enjoyed painting scenery and still life. He played in bands at area nursing homes.

He is survived by his brother, Terry (Dianna) Ledgerwood of Columbia, Missouri; niece, Martha (Walter) Bagot of Fishers; nephew, Ron (Pat) Daugherty of Loogootee; sisters-in-law, Rosemary Ledgerwood of Fishers and Mary Ledgerwood of Loogootee; and additional nieces and nephews in other states.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arrin Frank and Lou Vella (Parsons) Ledgerwood; siblings, Arnold Ledgerwood, Blanche Jeselnik, Herman Ledgerwood, Ruth Axsom, Virginia Daugherty and Vance Ledgerwood.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 27 at Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial followed in South Martin Cemetery.

Condolences may be made online at brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com.

JOHN MARNER

John Marner went home to be with the Lord at 8:15 a.m. Saturday, October 24, 2015, ending his battle with cancer. A resident of Montgomery, he was 66.

He was born May 7, 1949 in Daviess County; the son of Ralph and Katie (Eicher) Marner.

He was a member of Mt. Olive Mennonite Church. He was a lifelong truck driver and knew the roads of America.

He is survived by his wife, Betty (Lengacher) Marner, whom he married April 6, 1969; three sons, Ronald (Gloria) Marner, Raymond (Mary) Marner and Perry Marner; two daughters, Renee (Travis) Wagler and Norma (Marvin) Graber; mother, Katie Marner; four brothers, Lester (Sylvia) Marner, Wilbur (Mary Kathryn) Marner, Daniel (Lou Ella) Marner and Marvin (Mattie) Marner; three sisters, Rosann (Jake) Knepp, Lorene Swartzentruber and Carolyn (Marvin) Graber; 18 grandchildren and sister-in-law, Barbara Marner.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ralph Marner; brother, Eugene Marner and brother-in-law, Alvin Jay Swartzentruber.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 27 at Mt. Olive Mennonite Church in Montgomery. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

ters, Annabelle and Eunice; and brother, Chapel in Jasper. Robert.

A funeral service was held today, Wednesday, October 28 at 1 p.m. at the Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. Burial will follow in the Port Williams Cemetery. American Legion Post #61 will accord military graveside rites.

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

RITA DORSAM

Rita J. Dorsam passed away at 1:38 p.m. on Monday, October 26, 2015 at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper.

resident Haysville, she was 54.

She was born in Columbus on May 2, 1961; daughter of Clain and Clara (Andrews) Casey, and after their death she was raised by her adoptive parents,

RITA DORSAM Homer and Betty Casey.

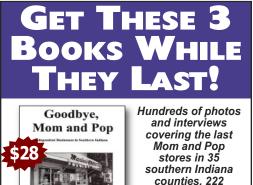
She worked for Stens Corporation. She enjoyed spending time with family, especially her grandchildren.

She is survived by two daughters, Amber Coates, and her husband, Cleveland "Bear", of Conway, South Carolina and Janie Cunningham, and her husband, Matthew, of Charlestown; one son, Sebastian Dorsam of Jasper; one step-daughter, Angela Dorsam of Loogootee; one step-son, Kurt Dorsam of Haysville; seven grandchildren, four step grandchildren, companion, Russell Dorsam of Haysville; adoptive parents, Homer and Betty Casey of Lexington; one sister, Lisa Bricker, and her husband, Dwight, of Pekin; and two brothers, Gregory Andrews, and his wife, Tammie; and James Casey, and his wife, Melissa, both of Clarksville.

Preceding her in death are her parents, Clain and Clara Casey.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, October 30 at Christ Lutheran Church in Haysville with burial to follow in the church cemetery.

Friends may call from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, October 29 at the Becher-Kluesner North



Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family. Online condolences may be made at www.becherkluesner.com.

LARRY TRAMBAUGH

Larry E. Trambaugh passed away Monday, October 26, 2015 at Daviess Community Hospital. A resident of Washington, he was 69.

He was the son of the late Edward Trambaugh and Ruth Hunt Trambaugh.

He was a graduate of Loogootee High School, former member of St. John's Lutheran Church, an avid Nascar and Jeff Gordon fan. He was the produce manager at Jay-C's store until his retirement.

He leaves behind his loving wife, Janet dolence at gillsince1872.com.

Trambaugh; children, Lisa Arvin (Mike), Troy Trambaugh, Chasity Carrico (Jon), Ryan Padgett (Heather), Anthony Padgett; grandchildren, Allyson Lengacher (Landon), Adalyn Arvin, Tyler Trambaugh, Tanner Trambaugh, Tia Trambaugh, Zackery Stephens, Ciara Padgett, Brieanna Honeycutt, Tyler Taylor, Kailyn Padgett, Allie Padgett, Hanna Padgett, Alexis Padgett, Layla Padgett; and one brother, Ronnie Trambaugh (Donna).

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Richard Trambaugh.

There will be a Celebration of Life at Saint Martin's Parish Center in Whitfield from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 31.

You may leave the family an online con-

LIFT and Vincennes roll out Right **Skills NOW training for vets**

(LIFT) and Vincennes University (VU) last Thursday announced the Right Skills NOW program for machinist training. In partnership with LIFT, VU will roll out a CNC Machinist program designed to prepare veterans to transition to civilian jobs as skilled employees with upward mobility potential. The accelerated program of study features national credentials from the National Institute for Metalworking Skills [NIMS] based on skills needed for a career in advanced manufacturing.

"LIFT's partner companies need highly trained workers to move their new technology developments forward," said Larry Brown, executive director, LIFT. "Veterans are an untapped talent resource that can be quickly trained to fill gaps for many employers."

In Indiana nearly 500,000 separating military personnel will need to find work in the coming year. The Right Skills NOW program is well-designed for veterans because they are able to quickly gain hands-on experience, enhance their skills and enter full-time employment.

"Training returning veterans will provide employers with reliable and highly skilled talent that they need," said Emily Stover De-Rocco, Workforce and Education Director, LIFT. "With so many separating military men

Lightweight Innovations for Tomorrow and women expected and already in Indiana, we have a ready and able workforce that just needs some in-demand skills to get started. The Right Skills NOW program is the perfect solution."

> Veterans participating in the Right Skills NOW program will train at the newly built Gene Haas Training Center, just 25 miles from downtown Indianapolis. This state-ofthe-art, 23,000 square foot center will leverage resources to more than double the number of veterans trained for advanced manufacturing jobs. Partner companies connect with trainees ahead of time and mentor them through the training. Graduates from the program are immediately placed in positions once the program is completed.

> "Employer partners are important for this project," said Chuck Johnson, interim President Vincennes University. "Our goal is to increase the supply of technically capable workers for companies and the Right Skills NOW framework makes that possible. We are excited to host this program at Vincennes and train our returning veterans."

> For more information on the Vincennes Right Skills NOW program for veterans and other LIFT education and workforce development initiatives, please visit www.lift.technology or contact LIFT Workforce & Education Director, Emily DeRocco, at ederocco@lift.technology.



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Brocksmith-Blake & Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be made online at

brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com.

JOHN SMITH. SR.

John D. Smith Sr. of Huron, Indiana passed away at 4 p.m. Saturday, October 24, 2015 at IU Health in Bedford. A resident of Huron, he was 76.

He was born January 17, 1939 in Indianapolis; the son of the late Everett and Edna (Sims) Smith. He married Linda Hoyt in 1982 in Indianapolis and she survives.

He retired as an LMS mechanic for the United States Postal Service in Indianapolis. He attended Indianapolis Schools and was a veteran of the United States Army serving during the Korean War.

He was an avid collector of trains and was a ham radio operator.

In addition to his wife Linda of Huron, he is survived by two sons, John Smith, Jr. of Paoli and James D. Smith of Bloomington, numerous grandchildren, nieces, nephews and the mother of his children, Linda Sturgeon.

He is preceded in death by his parents, sis-



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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

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2:50 a.m. - Deputy Salmon assisted a motorist north of Loogootee.

5:54 a.m. - Deputy Salmon assisted a motorist south of Loogootee.

6:25 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver west of Shoals. Captain Dant took the call.

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

12:08 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

12:11 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

2:36 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Sheriff Roush, Captain Dant, Haysville 1st Responders, Martin County Ambulance, and AirEvac responded. The subject was transported to Deaconess Hospital in Evansville.

4:06 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism near Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

5:11 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, Loogootee Officer Baker, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

7:26 p.m. - Received a report of a cardeer accident south of Loogootee. Sgt. Keller responded.

7:49 p.m. - Loogootee Officer Baker assisted a motorist east of Loogootee.

7:55 p.m. - Received a report of illegal spotlighting near Shoals. Sgt. Keller and Indiana Corrections Officer responded. **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20**

7:45 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism near Loogootee. Captain Dant was advised.

8:55 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill and Martin County Ambulance responded.

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

11:00 a.m. - Sheriff Roush took two inmates to court.

11:55 a.m. - Received a report of a grass fire near Loogootee. Captain Dant, Martin County Civil Defense, and REMC responded.

1:00 p.m. - Deputy Salmon took two inmates to court.

2:25 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene checked on an abandoned vehicle north of Loogootee. A wrecker was called. 2:30 p.m. - Received a report of intimidation north of Shoals. Sheriff Roush was dispatched. 3:00 p.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court. 3:12 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded. 6:07 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital. 8:42 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baker responded.

lance and Shoals Fire Department responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:23 p.m. - Major Burkhardt assisted a motorist on US 50 near Loogootee.

4:13 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Loogootee. Deputy Salmon responded.

5:09 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

5:50 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department was notified.

7:28 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic disturbance in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Nolan, Deputy Salmon, Sgt. Keller, Major Burkhardt, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

11:11 p.m. - Sgt. Keller assisted two motorists in Shoals.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

6:49 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:25 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:58 a.m. - Received a report of animal cruelty near Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

12:50 p.m. - Deputy Salmon transported one inmate to court.

2:35 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:40 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Dubois County transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:47 p.m. - Received a report of a fire in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Loogootee Police Department Chief Rayhill, Martin County Ambulance, Sgt. Keller, and Deputy Salmon responded.

4:31 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

6:07 p.m. - Received a report of an alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Keller responded.

11:26 p.m. - Received a report of a fire south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire Department, Martin County Ambulance, Corporal Baker, and Loogootee Officer Keller re-

mate to court.

1:45 p.m. - Major Burkhardt had a speaking engagement at Loogootee Schools.

3:44 p.m. - Received a request for fire department support by Haysville Fire Department. Lost River Fire Department assisted.

6:43 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Nolan responded and all was okay.

6:43 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

7:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

2:53 a.m. - Received a noise complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Nolan responded.

3:43 a.m. - Received a report of possible shots fired in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Nolan investigated.

4:59 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department, Martin County Ambulance, Sheriff Roush, and Corporal Baker responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:24 a.m. - Received an alarm call north of Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded and all was okay.

10:33 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231. All Martin County units were advised.

2:35 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

2:40 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

2:59 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Sheriff Roush was dispatched.

10:10 p.m. - Received a dog complaint ing officer. Safety tips for traffic stops

Every day in Indiana there are hundreds if not thousands of traffic stops that are performed by legitimate law enforcement officials performing their sworn duty. On a very rare occasion, a person impersonating a police enforcement officer comes to the attention of law enforcement and the public after performing a bogus traffic stop or falsely representing themselves as a public servant. Indiana code 35-44.1-2-6 states: A person who falsely represents that the person is a public servant, with intent to mislead and induce another person to submit to false official authority or otherwise to act to the other person's detriment in reliance on the false representation, commits impersonation of a public servant, a Class A misdemeanor. However, a person who falsely represents that the person is:

in Shoals. Marshal Eckert took the call. **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25**

6:48 a.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

12:19 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

12:40 p.m. - Captain Dant assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

1:14 p.m. - Received a report of bridge vandalism near Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

3:17 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

9:12 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

9:25 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

10:48 p.m. - Received a report of a fight in Loogootee. Loogootee Sgt. Norris responded.

Accident reports

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

9:47 p.m. - Jayce Graber, of Shoals, was operating a 1996 Dodge in the LHS parking lot. At this time, Graber backed into a 2000 Hyundi owned by Jessica Lampert, of Shoals. Captain Akles was the investigating officer.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

8:55 a.m. - Eleanor R. Smith, of Loogootee, was operating a 1997 Buick on Broadway Street when she turned into the path of a 2013 Chevy operated by Judith A. Taylor, of Washington. Chief Rayhill was the investigating officer.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

9:15 a.m. - John Simmons, of Loogootee, was operating a 2004 Ford in the McDonalds parking lot when he backed into a 1979 Ford owned by Jared Wittmer, of Montgomery. Captain Akles was the investigating officer.

officer cannot make a traffic stop for a traffic infraction in an unmarked vehicle unless
they are in full uniform. A law enforcement
officer can make a traffic stop for traffic infractions in civilian clothes only if they are
operating a fully marked police car.

The following are some tips if you are questionable about the person attempting to stop you:

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

2:02 a.m. - Received a report of a cardeer accident near Shoals. Sgt. Keller took the call.

4:41 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baker, Sgt. Keller, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

7:21 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to the doctor.

8:55 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

9:18 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County AmbuFRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

12:27 a.m. - Received a report of a stolen vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Keller and Corporal Baker responded. The vehicle was located in Lawrence County, Illinois.

2:11 a.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals. Corporal Baker responded.

6:10 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

7:20 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver east of Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles was dispatched.

7:30 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50 near Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles was dispatched

9:15 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

10:45 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

10:50 a.m. - Received report of a dog complaint near Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene took the call.

11:45 a.m. - Received request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department Captain Akles responded.

1:00 p.m. - Major Burkhardt took one in-

-a law enforcement officer; or

-an agent or employee of the department of state revenue, and collects any property from another person; commits a Level 6 felony

Remember, in Indiana, a law enforcement

stop you:

-Stop in a well-lighted and populated area -Lock all doors and only roll your window down enough so you can communicate (one or two inches)

-Ask for the officer's identification (even if they are wearing something that has "police or sheriff' on it)

-Do not leave your vehicle unless you are sure the person is a legitimate police officer -Call 911 and give the dispatcher your location

-If you don't feel you should stop, drive the speed limit, with the emergency flashers on to attract attention. Proceed safely to location where you feel comfortable or until you observe a second police car



Loogootee Police log

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

1:03 a.m. - Female caller reported harassing text messages.

5:46 p.m. - A caller reported a theft of fuel from Chuckles.

8:23 p.m. - A caller reported property damage on SW 3rd Street.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

5:15 p.m. - First responders were requested on Reinhart Road for a medical call.

5:30 p.m. - A caller reported someone burning debris.

6:30 p.m. - A caller reported a hit-and-run accident in the IGA parking lot.

7:14 p.m. - A caller reported a reckless driver on Broadway Street. Officer Baker located the vehicle and spoke with the driver.

7:43 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to a vehicle fire on NW 1st Street.

7:54 p.m. - Officer Baker located a broken down vehicle on Hwy 50.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

9:50 a.m. - A caller reported a broken down semi on US 231.

6:25 p.m. - Officer Nolan assisted with a male having suicidal thoughts.

8:30 p.m. - A caller reported a dog complaint.

8:46 p.m. - A caller reported vandalism. 10:18 p.m. - A caller reported a female trying to gain entry into her home. Officers were unable to locate.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

10:55 a.m. - Male came on station to request a vehicle identification check.

4:35 p.m. - A caller requested a welfare check on a female.

4:42 p.m. - A caller reported a possible intoxicated driver. Officers were unable to locate.

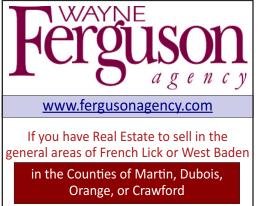
5:55 p.m. - A caller reported a dog complaint.

6:13 p.m. - A caller reported a possible theft from his residence.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

10:56 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

3:00 p.m. - Chief Rayhill cited a male into court for driving while suspended with



a prior conviction.

3:47 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to a house fire on Wood Street.

6:10 p.m. - Officer Keller responded to a residential alarm.

7:45 p.m. - A caller reported harassing text messages.

8:11 p.m. - Received a report of an intoxicated person on SW 1st Street.

8:59 p.m. - A caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on Broadway Street.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

12:27 a.m. - A caller reported a vehicle theft from Dewey Street. Vehicle was later located in Lawrence County.

7:30 a.m. - A caller reported a vehicle making bad passes on Hwy 50.

10:45 a.m. - A caller reported property damage.

11:45 a.m. - A caller requested a welfare check on a male.

5:07 p.m. - A caller reported a female dragging a young male to her vehicle. Captain Akles located the vehicle and spoke with both parties. Vehicle was impounded for no insurance.

6:46 p.m. - Officer Nolan responded to a residential alarm on US 231.

7:02 p.m. - First responders were requested on Dover Hill Road for a medical call.

8:02 p.m. - Caller requested extra patrol. 9:43 p.m. - A caller reported an unknown female going thru items in her vehicle on South Oak Street. Female fled the area. A description was given.

10:06 p.m. - A caller reported a verbal argument between a male and female on JFK Avenue.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

2:53 a.m. - Received a report of a disturbance on Church Street.

3:43 a.m. - A caller reported hearing possible gunshots on Dogwood Hill Street. Officers were unable to locate anything.

8:47 a.m. - A caller reported a lost wallet.

9:24 a.m. - Captain Akles responded to a residential alarm.

2:35 p.m. - Received a report of property damage on Bloomfield Road.

6:30 p.m. - First responders assisted on an escort.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

1:13 a.m. - Caller requested extra patrol. 12:19 a.m. - Captain Akles responded to a business alarm.

3:17 p.m. - A caller reported a theft from his storage shed.

3:45 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231.

4:28 p.m. - A caller reported a dog complaint. 10:48 p.m. - A caller reported a fight in

the Dairy Queen parking lot.

Real estate transfers

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Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, of Washington D.C. to Eyapaha Solutions, LLC, Lot Number 6 in Roger's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana. More commonly known as 413 SW Third Street, Loogootee, IN 47553.

Eyapaha Solutions, LLC to **Monty L. Gregory,** Lot Number 6 in Roger's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana. More commonly known as 413 SW Third Street, Loogootee, IN 47553.

Frank T. Wininger, of Martin County, Indiana to **Frank T. Wininger and Kayla Wininger**, of Martin County, Indiana, property in Section 5, Township 2 North, Range 3 West.

Jay M. Smith and Cynthia M. Smith, of Martin County, Indiana to Jeramey R. Osborn, of Martin County, Indiana, twenty feet of even width off of the east side of Lot Number 11 in Cray's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Emily A. Wickman, n/k/a Emily A. Johnson, of Martin County, Indiana to Sara A. Waggner, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing 0.30 acres, more or less. Also, a part of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing 0.14 acre, more or less. More commonly known as 226 Nobles Court, Loogootee IN 47553.

Travis D. Resler and Sue E. Resler, of Martin County, Indiana to **Stephen Hoffmeister and Sarah Hoffmeister,** of Grafton County, New Hampshire. Tract I: A part of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 31 and a part of the southwest quarter of Section 32, Township 4 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 8.000 acres, more or less. Tract II: A part of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 32, Township 4 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 5.304 acres, more or less.

Michael D. Elliott, Jr., of Martin County, Indiana to Mark Strange and Nancy Strange, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 24, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.49 acres.

Eric Kamradt and Theresa Kamradt, of Martin County, Indiana to Larry W. Wagler, of Martin County, Indiana, 36 2/3 acres in Section 6, Township 4 North, Range 4 West. Also, Tract I: A parcel of land at a point on the north line of Section 6, Township 4 North, Range 4 West, containing 18 acres, more or less. Tract II: A part of the south half of the northeast quarter of Section 6, Township 4 North, Range 4 West, containing 13 1/3 acres, more or less. Tract III: The west half of the northwest quarter of Section 6, Township 4 North, Range 4 West, containing 40 acres,

Court News

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed October 16

Nationstar Mortgage, LLC vs. Mitze O. Pickett and USA Department of Housing and Urban Development, mortgage foreclosure.

October 19

Capital One Bank vs. Darlene A. Lauders, civil collection.

Loretta Swigler and Larry Swigler vs. Brandon Hough, civil tort.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT New Suits Filed October 15

Carol S. Harlow vs. Bernard L. Burch, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Eva J. Flores, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Amy L. Denniston, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Debbie S. Long, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Audery A. Burgess, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Miranda K. Beaver, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Kimberly Blackwell, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Glenn Houchins, complaint.

MARRIAGE LICENSES October 27

David W. Whorrall of Shoals and Jesica N. Lomax of Shoals.

JAIL BOOKINGS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

1:25 a.m. - James D. Abel, 54, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Nolan and charged with operating vehicle while intoxicated refusal and driving while suspended. Abel was transported to the Martin County Security Center.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

9:59 a.m. - Ronald Collins, 55, of Shoals, was arrested by Captain Dant on a Delaware County warrant.

1:28 p.m. - Sharon Craig, 64, of Crane, was arrested by Captain Dant on a writ of attachment and bond is \$803.78.

4:22 p.m. - Billy Roberts, Jr., 27, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents on a warrant. His bond is set at \$50,000 10%.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

6:16 a.m. - Robert Holt Jr., 58, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Baker on a Lawrence County warrant and is being held without bond.

7:53 p.m. - Kevin Holt, 54, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Nolan and charged with criminal confinement, intimidation, and disorderly conduct. His bond was set at \$25,000 10%.

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Stanley D. Young and Mary J. Young, of Martin County, Indiana to Zackary W. Brown and Ericka D. Brown, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the east fractional Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2.854 acres, more or less. To be known as Lot 26, Sawmill Ridge Section II.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

10:20 a.m. - Adam Couch, 29, of Bedford, was arrested by Sheriff Roush on a Martin County writ of attachment. He was being held on a \$500 bond

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

4:20 p.m. - Richard Dooley, 19, of Ferdinand, was arrested by Sheriff Roush for possession of paraphernalia, possession of marijuana, and possession of alcohol. He is being held without bond.



FARMING&OUTDOORS

Wednesday, October 28, 2015 ~ Martin County Journal

In the Garden By Ralph Purkhiser

Purdue University Master Gardener

The past week has been a busy week for me, even though I was on vacation. The weather forecast forced me to complete that dreaded chore of bringing plants into the house for the cold season. I now have my indoor jungle in place and will be picking up leaves that fall from many of the plants. This is normal for many plants. As soon as they acclimate to their new surroundings, they will stabilize and may actually put on new growth. Even if new growth does not occur, it is likely that the plant is entering a form of dormancy and will begin growth again in the spring.

On Saturday, I was a speaker at a Master Gardener event in Princeton. The Gibson County Master Gardeners put on this event every other year. I was one of five speakers. Actually, my contribution was a demonstration of the art of sandcasting, in which one captures the shape of a leaf in a concrete birdbath or butterfly feeding station. The event was fun and educational.

I then traveled to Branson, Missouri, where I spent the remainder of the week relaxing, enjoying the beauty of the Ozarks and attending a variety of shows. As always, the hotels, resorts, businesses and public places were beautiful. They have not yet had a killing frost in the area, and fall gardens were at peak beauty. One especially attractive garden is the Veterans' Garden, which graces a hillside along the Highway 76 strip. The garden was ablaze with salvias, celosias and ornamental grasses. It is situated so that one sees most of the garden when driving past the park.

Another peaceful garden get-away is the Shrine of the Holy Spirit. The gardens consist of four stone raised beds filled with roses, under-planted with low perennials and some annuals. The simple plantings echoed the simple beauty of the shrine.

I also came upon an interesting garden sponsored by the Salvation Army. The collection of raised beds behind the Salvation Army building just off the busy strip offers residents a place to grow vegetables and flowers. The beds were well maintained and while not as beautiful as the parks and shrines, the gardens expressed the determination of the growers to supply their families with healthy vegetables.

A theater production took me to the College of the Ozarks. This unique institution charges students no tuition. Instead, students earn their education by working in one of the industries operated by the university. Among the possibilities for the work-study program are programs in horticulture. The college maintains orchards, greenhouses and gardens, all tended by students. Produce from the college gardens is sold to area restaurants and to the public, as well as used in the college cafeteria. The school also has a vast collection of orchids and one may purchase plants at the campus store.

There are plenty of places to explore the natural beauty of the Ozark Mountains. Two state parks in the area offer nature trails. The trees in the Ozarks were just beginning to show fall colors. Gardens at an interpretive center and a fish hatchery offer plantings of native grasses and wildflowers. While past peak bloom, the seed heads of the wildflowers were certainly being enjoyed by the birds.

I took a side trip to Eureka Springs, Arkansas to see the famous outdoor Passion Play. The grounds of that outdoor amphitheater also offer beautiful gardens. Much of the area is built to resemble Jerusalem in the time of Jesus, but there are also areas where statues and fountains are surrounded by carefully landscaped gardens. I heartily recommend visiting for both the play and the landscape.

On the trip back to Indiana, my fellow travelers and I visited the beautiful and historic Missouri Botanical Gardens in St. Louis. I will have more to say about that wonderful place next week.

We returned home to find the Hoosier Hills ablaze with fall color. Sunday morning, I stood on the steps of the West Baden United Methodist Church, where I am the pastor, and marveled at the beauty of the hillside behind the West Baden Springs Hotel dome. The morning sun made the reds, yellow and oranges of the trees glow, while the white bark of the sycamores provided vivid exclamation points for the foreground. Surely we live in a beautiful area.

Dry weather key to soybean recovery

BY DARRIN PACK Purdue University News Service

Indiana's soybean harvest was proceeding ahead of schedule with few complications, wrapping up an eventful growing season that began with record rains and flooding but which appears to be ending with nearnormal yields and drier-than-normal conditions, a Purdue Extension soybean specialist says.

"Beans have definitely been a shining star," said Shaun Casteel. "It just shows how the plants can compensate for stresses."

The primary reason for the recovery has been better weather.

"We've had a beautiful harvest season," Casteel said. "Over the past few weeks we've had nice, warm temperatures and little rain. The soil has dried out and the crop has matured fast."

According to the latest U.S. Department of Agriculture Crop Progress Report, issued Monday, October 19, 80 percent of Indiana's soybeans had been harvested as of October 18, compared with a five-year average of 60 percent for the same date. Last year at this time, only 30 percent of the crop had been harvested.

Experts forecast a yield of 51 bushels per acre this year, in line with the three-year av-

erage of 50.5.

"After struggling early, the crop has recovered very well," Casteel said. "We've got good pod retention and the seed fill is pretty good."

About 15 inches of rain fell in June and July in Indiana, making it the secondwettest two-month period on record for the state, according to the Indiana State Climate Office, based at Purdue. Conditions have since moderated, with August and September drier than normal through most of the state.

Unlike last year, when cool, wet weather late in the season delayed the harvest across many parts of the state, drying the crop has not been a problem so far this year. The USDA reported that the state average moisture content for soybeans is 12 percent so far. Beans are typically sold with a moisture content of 13 percent.

Chris Hurt, Extension agricultural economist, said farmers should not wait for the moisture content to get too low.

"It is common this year for individuals to report moisture levels of 10 percent or lower in some fields," Hurt said.

When the moisture content falls below 13 percent, the market weight decreases, which means lower prices for the crop. In addition, dry beans are more brittle and more susceptible to shattering, which could mean greater losses during harvest.

DNR will improve fish habitat in new program with aid from partners

A new DNR partnership will build fish habitat in reservoirs where natural structure is lacking.

The Reservoir Aquatic Habitat Enhancement Program (RAHEP) will start in the winter of 2016 with improvements at Sullivan Lake, a 451-acre reservoir in Sullivan.

Partners include Jones and Sons Concrete, Bass Unlimited, Sullivan County Parks and Sullivan County Jail.

Inmates from the Sullivan County Jail will cut lumber for fish cribs. These structures are made from green poplar and look like a small log cabin, creating refuge for fish. Inmates will work with Sullivan County Parks and Lake staffers during winter to prepare materials and assist with building.

Other structures will include brush piles, Georgia Cubes (a PVC cube with corrugated pipe wound inside) and black bass nesting platforms. Jones and Sons Concrete in Bloomfield has donated 200 cinder blocks. Bass Unlimited, a non-profit angling group based in Terre Haute, has pledged materials and volunteers to help with structure construction.

"Because Bass Unlimited is funded by anglers and conservationists, it is a natural fit to partner with Indiana DNR and assist in this type of project," Bass Unlimited president Wil Newlin said.

Newlin believes the new program will enhance aquatic biodiversity and therefore improve recreational fishing experiences, which is part of Bass Unlimited's mission.

Sullivan Lake was chosen as the program's first lake because it holds little aquatic vegetation and has been awarded a grant for shoreline stabilization project through the Indiana Lakes and Rivers Enhancement Program (LARE). "There are a lot of positive things going on at Sullivan Lake, and these improvements will make fishing better," said Sandy Clark-Kolaks, DNR southern fisheries research biologist. "We hope to put more than 100 structures into Sullivan Lake in 2016, and it will take many hands to build them all." Most of Indiana's reservoirs were built in the 1950s and 1960s. Over the years, the trees, logs and roots that provided cover for fish have degraded and decomposed. Anglers and the public can help during a work day in spring 2016. A date is yet to be determined. Volunteers will likely help assemble structures from ready materials.



Parhelion

-Photo by Bill Whorrall, www.billwhorrall.com

Martin County Photographer Bill Whorrall captured the above sun dog last Tuesday. According to Wikipedia, sun dogs, mock suns or phantom suns, scientific name parhelia (singular parhelion), are an atmospheric phenomenon that consists of a pair of bright spots on either side on the Sun, often co-occurring with a luminous ring known as a 22° halo. Sun dogs are a member of a large family of halos, created by light interacting with ice crystals in the atmosphere. They can be seen anywhere in the world during any season, but they are not always obvious or bright. Sun dogs are best seen and are most conspicuous when the Sun is close to the horizon.

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(USDA) announced that beginning Monday, nearly one half of the 1.7 million farms that signed up for either the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs will receive safetynet payments for the 2014 crop year.

"Unlike the old direct payments program, which paid farmers in good years and bad, the 2014 Farm Bill authorized a new safetynet that protects producers only when market forces or adverse weather cause unexpected drops in crop prices or revenues," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "For example, the corn price for 2014 is 30 percent below the historical benchmark price used by the ARC-County program, and revenues of the farms participating in the ARC-County program are down by about \$20 billion from the benchmark during the same period. The nearly \$4 billion provided today by the ARC and PLC safety-net programs will give assistance to producers where revenues dropped below normal."

The ARC/PLC programs primarily allow producers to continue to produce for the market by making payments on a percentage of historical base production, limiting the impact on production decisions.

Nationwide, 96 percent of soybean farms, 91 percent of corn farms, and 66 percent of wheat farms elected the ARC-County coverage option. Ninety-nine percent of long grain rice and peanut farms, and 94 percent

The U. S. Department of Agriculture of medium grain rice farms elected the PLC option. Overall, 76 percent of participating farm acres are protected by ARC-County, 23 percent by PLC, and 1 percent by ARC-Individual. For data about other crops, as well as state-by-state program election results, final PLC price and payment data, and other program information including frequently asked questions, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc.

> Crops receiving assistance include barley, corn, grain sorghum, lentils, oats, peanuts, dry peas, soybeans, and wheat. In the upcoming months, disbursements will be made for other crops after marketing year average prices are published by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Any disbursements to participants in ARC-County or PLC for long and medium grain rice (except for temperate Japonica rice) will occur in November, for remaining oilseeds and also chickpeas in December, and temperate Japonica rice in early February 2016. ARC-individual payments will begin in November. Upland cotton is no longer a covered commodity.

> The Budget Control Act of 2011, passed by Congress, requires USDA to reduce payments by 6.8 percent. For more information, producers are encouraged to visit their local Farm Service Agency office. To find a local Farm Service Agency office, visit http://offices.usda.gov.

> The Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage programs were made possi

historic economic gains in rural America over the past six years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for taxpayers. Since enactment, USDA has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk

ble by the 2014 Farm Bill, which builds on management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/farmbill.

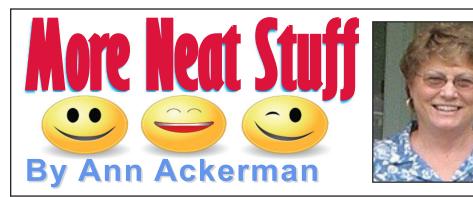


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A sixteen year-old boy came home with a new Chevrolet Avalanche and his parents began to yell and scream, "Where did you get that truck?!"

He calmly told them, "I bought it today."

"With what money?" demanded his parents. They knew what a Chevrolet Avalanche cost.

"Well," said the boy, "This one cost me just fifteen dollars."

So the parents began to yell even louder. "Who would sell a truck like that for fifteen dollars?" they said.

"It was the lady up the street," said the boy. I don't know her name - they just moved in. She saw me ride past on my bike and asked me if I wanted to buy a Chevrolet Avalanche for fifteen dollars."

"Oh my Goodness!" moaned the mother, "she must be a child abuser. Who knows what she will do next? John, you go right up there and see what's going on."

So the boy's father walked up the street to the house where the lady lived and found her out in the yard calmly planting petunias!

He introduced himself as the father of the boy to whom she had sold a new Chevrolet Avalanche for fifteen dollars and demanded to know why she did it.

"Well," she said, "this morning I got a phone call from my husband. I thought he was on a business trip, but learned from a friend he had run off to Hawaii with his mistress and really doesn't intend to come back." "He claimed he was stranded and needed cash, and asked me to sell his new Chevrolet Avalanche and send him the money. So I did."

THINGS TO MAKE YOU SMILE

 Hold your wife's hand in the mall because if you let go she'll start shopping. It looks romantic, but it's actually economic.
 If being in my pajamas by 7 p.m. is wrong, then I don't want to be right. 3. If pigs could fly, just imagine how good

their wings would taste.4. I may not be that funny or athletic or

good looking or smart or talented. I forgot where I was going with this.

5. I'm sorry, and by sorry, I mean get over it.

6. I'm going to be very busy in the AF-TERLIFE. The list of people I'm going to HAUNT grows every day. HAPPY HAL-LOWEEN

7. Why can't the house clean itself? It seems to get dirty by itself.

8. My favorite thing about camping is when I don't.

9. I'm not old! I'm 25 plus shipping and handling.

10. Those who stir the poo pot should have to lick the spoon.

11. The pinky toe has 3 main functions:

- a. grow mutant toenail
- b. fall off sides of flip flopsc. dresser corner scout

12. I end a lot of my sentences with "just saying" because ending the sentence with "dumb butt" would probably be considered offensive.

13. Attempting to tan and realizing that your skin has two color settings: Tomato and Albino.

14. My "get up and go" looked around, said "seriously?" and sat right back down.

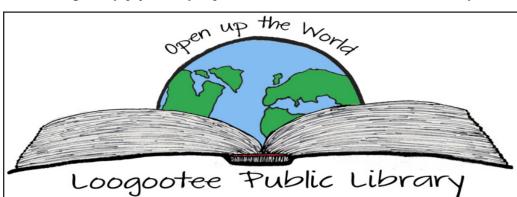
15. Exercise? I thought you said, "Extra fries."

16. Why does toilet paper need a commercial? Who is not buying toilet paper?

17. Shot my first turkey today . . . Scared the crap out of everyone in the frozen food section. It was awesome.

18. I'm just going to flip this omelet here, aaaannnndd, I'm having scrambled eggs.

Make someone smile today!







Honor Flight

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-Photos provided

Above, students from Mrs. Wagoner and Mr. Sanders's 6th grade classes at Loogootee Middle School wrote letters and made cards for WWII Veteran John W. "Bill" Bowling who traveled to Washington D.C. on an Honor Flight October 24. United States Marine Veteran Bowling received his letters and cards during mail call on the flight. Andrew and Annalise Powell, great-grandchildren of, Bowling are 6th grade students in Mrs. Wagoner's class. In the photo on the left is Bill Bowling after the Honor Flight in Washington, holding a photo of himself when he was in the military. An Honor Flight is conducted by non-profit organizations dedicated to transporting as many United States military veterans as possible to see the memorials of the respective war(s) they fought in Washington, D.C. at no cost to the veterans.

Calendar of Events

Commissioners executive meeting

The Martin County Commissioners will meet in executive session on Wednesday, October 28, at 5 p.m. in the commissioners' room of the courthouse in Shoals. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss personnel records classified as confidential by state and federal statutes as authorized by I.C. 5-14-1.5-5.1 (b)(7). The meeting is closed to the public.

Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet in executive session tonight, Wednesday, October 28 at 5 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. The purpose of the meeting is to receive information about and interview prospective employees. The meeting is closed to the public per Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5).

Talk to a lawyer clinic

The next talk to a lawyer telephone clinic will take place Thursday, November 5 from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. DST (5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. EST). With the holidays fast approaching, have those legal answers ready for when the family plays trivial pursuit. Volunteer attorneys will be available to talk to the general public and give out free legal advice, guidance and answer general legal questions regarding Indiana law. To contact talk to a lawyer, the telephone numbers are: (812) 618-4845 and 888-594-3449. Since 2002, thousands of callers have participated. This event is free and takes place the first Thursday of every month.\

Equivalency, college prep for placement tests, employment skill test prep, and classes for the free Work Indiana training programs. Anyone interested may call Vicki Conrad at 812-936-2881 or the local Work One office at 812-295-2722.

Free lunch for kids

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

Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts

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

SOAR Tutoring

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

BY DARLA WAGLER Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The library will be open from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, October 30, for area trick-ortreaters. Children dressed in their Halloween costume will receive candy plus a new hardback copy of a book in the "If You Give" series. Middle school kids will receive a paperback chapter book.

With the holidays approaching, a great gift idea is a library card gift certificate for \$33. If a person you know, in Daviess County or Shoals, resides in a township that doesn't support the library it costs \$33 for a full-service library card. With a Loogootee Public Library card, the patron can access the Heritagequest genealogy database, download eBooks and periodicals, check out two movies for seven days (free), and check out books and audio CDS. This is a gift that keeps on giving throughout the year plus the patron has fun picking out the books and movies.

The library subscribes to the The Shoals News, Loogootee Tribune, The Washington Times Herald, and USA Today. We invite you to stop in to read these issues in-house. New Books

Mystery Fiction: "Corrupted" by Lisa Scottoline, "Depraved Heart" by Patricia Cornwell, "The Theory of Death" by Faye Kellerman, and "Playing With Fire" by Tess Gerritsen.

Fiction: "Christmas Bells" by Jennifer Chiaverini, "Shopaholic to the Rescue" by Sophie Kinsella, and "Bittersweet Dreams" by V.C. Andrews.

DVDs: "Jurassic World".

Children's Books: "Chick-n-Pug" by Jennifer Sattler, "Win or Lose I Love You" by Lysa Terkeurst, Judy Moody & Stink: The Wishbone Wish" by Megan McDonald. "Frog and Friends: Frog's Flying Adventure" by Eve Bunting, "Pete the Cat and The Bedtime Blues" by Kimberly Dean, and "Gaston" by Kelly Dipucchio.

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.

County council meeting change

The Martin County Council meeting scheduled for Monday, November 2 at 6 p.m. has been rescheduled for Monday, November 9 at 6 p.m. The change is due to the Community Foundation Annual Dinner.

HSE Classes

High School Equivalency Classes are in Loogootee at the Work One office on Monday and Thursday from 1:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. Prospective students should show up at the beginning of class and plan to stay for 2.5 to 3 hours to register and begin assessment testing. There is no preregistration. Registration paperwork is filled out on the first day of class. This class offers High School

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, email mchs@frontier.com.

Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Shoals Public Library. The public is invited to attend.

Soil and Water meetings

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

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Indiana, 23 other states challenge EPA's overreach on existing power plants rule

filed a legal challenge to a new EPA rule that would require existing power plants to make costly technological changes to reduce carbon dioxide emissions. The challenge contends the Environmental Protection Agency has greatly exceeded the authority Congress granted it under the Clean Air Act by imposing a burdensome rule that would force states to reorganize their energy generation and distribution systems.

The EPA's Section 111(d) rule took effect today when it was published in the Federal Register. The multistate coalition including Indiana immediately filed a petition in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in Washington D.C., asking the court to review the rule's legality. The plaintiff states also filed a motion asking the court to stay the rule so EPA cannot enforce it until the court decides the case.

"The states' challenge is that EPA has vastly overstepped its bounds by imposing on states an intrusive regulation that Congress did not authorize or intend. We are mindful of environmental concerns, but Indiana and other states have an obligation to question the federal agency's economically harmful actions by asking the court to review them," Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller said.

The states previously had filed a pre-publication challenge to the proposed Section 111(d) rule, but the court declined to hear it, finding that such a challenge was premature until the EPA actually published the rule in the Federal Register. Upon its publication today – a procedural trigger that causes the rule to go into effect – the issue is ripe for judicial review.

The EPA final rule would require Indiana power plants to reduce their carbon dioxide emissions by between 30 percent and 38 percent below 2005 levels by the year 2030, even though such a reduction could require costly equipment installation that would increase electricity-production costs. In their motion for stay, the states contend that EPA's attempt to reorganize each state's sources of electrical power through setting of emissions targets is not authorized under Section 111(d) of the Clean Air Act, and violates the sovereignty of state governments. The states argue that EPA cannot use Section 111(d) to regulate carbon dioxide emitted from power plants because CO2 already is regulated under another section of the Clean Air Act, and the law does not permit EPA to regulate it further. The group of 24 petitioner states is led by West Virginia. Besides Indiana, the other states are Texas, Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, Ohio, South Carolina, South Dakota, Utah, Wisconsin and Wyoming. The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality also is a member of the coalition. Most of the legal work on behalf of the 24 state petitioners is being handled by the West Vir-

Indiana and 23 other states last Friday ginia Attorney General's Office, and Indiana is not being charged any additional legal fees and is not using outside counsel. Indiana's share of work on the case is assigned to two deputy attorneys general in the Indiana AG's Office who are salaried employees and do not charge billable hours.

The coalition of states also plan at a later date to file a separate legal challenge to a related rule EPA is implementing pursuant to another portion of the Clean Air Act: Section 111(b). Whereas the Section 111(d) rule applies to existing power plants already operating and generating electricity, the Section 111(b) rule would impose similar CO2 limitation requirements on any newly-constructed coal-fired power plants that might be built in the future. Zoeller noted the greater urgency to challenge the Section 111(d) rule now given the sticker shock that regulation could inflict upon utility ratepayers, both at the consumer and industrial levels.

"Pushing back against EPA's overstepping its bounds is an essential role of state governments, which under our system of federalism are uniquely positioned to question the federal agency's actions in court," Zoeller said.

In an earlier case, Michigan et al. v. EPA, a group of states including Indiana had challenged EPA's regulation of mercury emissions without considering economic costs. The United States Supreme Court on June 29 ruled in favor of the states and found that EPA had improperly overstepped its authority.

A group of states including Indiana currently are challenging EPA's "Waters of the United States" or WOTUS Rule. The EPA seeks to regulate the activities of farmers and landowners regarding streams, wetlands and drainage ditches on their properties that flow into tributaries of navigable rivers. Violations of the WOTUS Rule such as agricultural runoff without a permit could result in civil penalties to property owners of \$37,500 per day. The states contend EPA has exceeded its authority under the Clean Water Act by imposing a regulation that would inflict economic harm on agriculture. The U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals on October 9 issued a stay, blocking EPA from enforcing the WOTUS rule nationwide, pending further litigation.

In last Friday's legal challenge and motion for stay on the Section 111(d) rule on C02 emissions, the 24 state petitioners asked the DC Circuit to expedite court proceedings and rule soon.

Indiana earns top 10 business ranking from Forbes

eighth in the nation in Forbes' tenth annual Best States for Business ranking, breaking into the top 10 for the first time. In addition, the state ranked second for its regulatory environment and sixth for quality of life.

According to Forbes, the ranking evaluates 40 data points across six categories, which include quality of life, business costs, labor supply, regulatory environment, economic climate and growth prospects. The publication sites Indiana's reduced regulations, triple-A bond rating and right-to-work status as benefits of doing business in the Hoosier State.

"Today, more Hoosiers are going to work than at any time in our state's history because Indiana has worked tirelessly to create a business-friendly climate that allows companies to grow and create jobs with confidence," said Governor Mike Pence. "Since day one of this administration, we have made job creation job one. By balancing our budgets, cutting costs, reducing burdensome regulations and investing in our workforce and in our communities, we have dedicated our efforts to supporting Hoosiers statewide and have sent a clear message that Indiana is a state that works."

Indiana's business climate ranked record-breaking economic news in Indiana. This summer, the state surpassed its all-time record for private sector employment while Indiana's unemployment rate now stands at 4.5 percent – an eight-year low. Earlier today, Governor Pence announced that Indiana will temporarily advance funds to eliminate the state's outstanding federal unemployment loan, saving Hoosier businesses \$327 million in taxes or \$126 per employee.

> So far this year, nearly 300 companies have committed to creating 23,904 new Hoosier jobs in the coming years with average salaries topping the state's average wage. Indiana's continued investments in workforce development and the Indiana Regional Cities Initiative's focus on talent attraction are working to ensure that quality, skilled Hoosiers will be available to fill those jobs.

Earlier this year, Indiana was ranked as the best state in the nation for small business growth by the non-profit, non-partisan think tank The Pacific Research Institute, based on the state's streamlined regulatory environment. This year Indiana also ranked as the top state in the Midwest and sixth state nationwide for doing business by Chief Executive magazine. In June, CNBC ranked Indiana No. 1 for cost of doing business and No. 8 for its economy in its annual business scorecard.

This ranking comes on the heels of

Statistics available from Indiana trial courts

Over 1.3 million new cases were filed in ber 31, 2014) Indiana trial courts in 2014 according to the Indiana Judicial Service Report. Details on court operations at the county and appellate level for 2014 are available in the Indiana Judicial Service Report and the Indiana Probation Report which can be found online at http://courts.in.gov/admin/3289.htm.

The following is just some of the information available (calendar year 2014):

Over 1.3 million new cases were filed in Indiana trial courts

1,169 civil and criminal jury trials were held statewide

228,570 cases included an individual who went to court without a lawyer

271 murder cases were filed in trial courts

19,486 mortgage foreclosures were filed in the state

14,227 Child In Need of Services (CHINS) cases were filed

An interpreter was used in 11,374 trial ourt cases

Cities, towns, townships, counties, and the state spent \$459 million to operate the courts

Filing fees, court costs, user fees, and fines generated \$173 million in revenue

The Indiana Judicial Service Report and Indiana Probation Report are produced annually by the Supreme Court's Division of State Court Administration as required by Indiana statute (IC-33-24-6-3) and Supreme Court administrative rules.



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"A Call to Devotion" Revival

New Beginnings Church (Pastor Ernie Canell) & Maranatha Tabernacle Church (Pastor Duane Smith) have joined together for revival - "A Call to Devotion" THURSDAY - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 30, 31 AT 7 P.M. AND SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 AT 10:30 A.M.

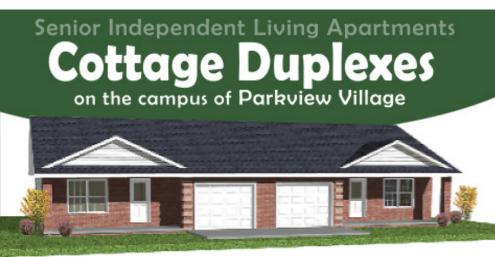
The services will take place at Maranatha Tabernacle Church, 13111 Hwy. 231 N, Loogootee IN (1/2 mile North of Loogootee Municipal Building). David Frazier (davidandkimfrazier.com) will be the speaker for each service. David is the author of 180 Days behind the Curtain: A Deeper Life Daily Devotional, which has been endorsed by Kyle Idleman, author of Not a Fan.

For additional information contact Pastor Ernie Canell at 812-709-0258 or Pastor Duane Smith at 615-319-1939.

All services are open to the public. A love offering for David Frazier will be taken Thursday evening and Sunday morning.

4,267 cases were referred to Alternative **Dispute Resolution**

121,649 adults were under supervision by court probation departments (as of Decem-



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MARTIN COUNTY JOURNAL Page 10 Wednesday, October 28, 2015 CDC releases combined summary of notifiable infectious, noninfectious diseases

Beginning with the October 23, 2015, Supplements to Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR), CDC will publish the summaries of all notifiable conditions – infectious and noninfectious – at the same time. Together, these two reports provide official statistics for all nationally notifiable conditions in the same MMWR volume.

Notifiable diseases and conditions are those for which regular, frequent, and timely information is necessary for prevention and control. Monitoring this data gives CDC and other public health authorities the ability to detect and respond to sudden changes in the occurrence and distribution of health threats. State and local health departments voluntarily submit the data to CDC.

"Tracking and responding to infectious and noninfectious diseases is a major part of CDC's mission to protect America's health," said CDC Director Tom Frieden, M.D., M.P.H. "These annual summaries let us take the nation's pulse and see where we are succeeding and what we need to do better."

The reports being released are the Summary of Notifiable Infectious Diseases and Conditions — United States, 2013, and the Summary of Notifiable Noninfectious Conditions and Disease Outbreaks — United States. Together, the reports are referred to as the Summary (Infectious and Noninfectious). The reports were prepared by CDC and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE).

The Summary (Infectious) summarizes data on dozens of nationally notifiable diseases and conditions in the United States. Highlights include:

West Nile virus (WNV) — In 2013, 47 states and the District of Columbia reported 2,469 cases of WNV disease – including 1,267 cases of WNV meningitis, encephalitis, and acute flaccid paralysis. There were 119 deaths. WNV disease incidence was similar to that during 2004-2007 but was higher than during 2008-2011.

Chlamydia — In 2013, about 1.4 million cases of this sexually transmitted disease were reported - decrease of 1.5 percent from 4.46.6 to 453.3 cases per 100,000 population. This is the first time since national chlamydia reporting began that the overall rate declined - largely due to decreases among women. It is not clear whether the decrease is due to fewer chlamydia infections or to a drop in chlamydia screening.

Valley fever (coccidioidomycosis) — This fungal infection caused by inhalation of spores present in the dry soil of the southwestern U.S. and California was recently detected in Washington State, far outside its usual range. The 9,438 reported cases in 2013 are a 47 percent decrease from 2012. Cases decreased by 55 percent in Arizona, which reports the most cases of any state,

decrease, valley fever remains a major source of illness in affected areas.

Cyclosporiasis — This intestinal illness is caused by a microscopic parasite lurking in contaminated food and water. In 2013, the largest number of outbreak-associated cases of cyclosporiasis - 784 — was reported to CDC since 1997. At least two outbreaks were linked to fresh produce imported from Mexico (bagged salad mix and cilantro). But the vehicle of infection for more than two thirds of reported cases could not be determined. CDC is working to develop advanced molecular detection methods to link cases to specific sources of infection.

Dengue — Spread by mosquitoes, dengue is a potentially serious viral infection. In 2013, dengue outbreaks occurred in Florida, Texas, and Puerto Rico. Epidemics in the Caribbean and in Central and South America resulted in 794 travel-associated cases more than in previous years.

Gonorrhea — U.S. cases of this sexually transmitted bacterial infection increased 8.8 percent from 2009 to 2012, but decreased slightly (by 0.6 percent) in 2013 to 106.1 cases per 100,000 population. Nationwide, the gonorrhea rate increased 4.3 percent among men and decreased 5.1 percent among women. Treatment for gonorrhea is complicated by the bacteria's growing resistance to antibiotics.

Influenza-associated pediatric deaths — From December 30, 2012, to December 28, 2013, CDC received reports of 161 deaths among people under the age 18 years -amore than three-fold increase compared with 2012, and a two-fold decrease compared with the pandemic year 2009. There were 69 pediatric deaths from seasonal influenza per calendar year during 2005-2012 and 358 pediatric deaths reported during the 2009-2010 flu pandemic.

Measles — There were 10 measles outbreaks in 2013, accounting for three-fourths of reported cases. The three largest outbreaks accounted for more than half of cases. In each outbreak, measles spread after a U.S. resident who caught measles abroad introduced the extremely contagious viral infection into communities with pockets of people unvaccinated because of philosophical or religious beliefs.

Meningococcal Disease — In 2013, U.S. rates of meningococcal disease continued to be at historic lows. However, there were serogroup B outbreaks at two universities one in California and one in New Jersey resulting in 13 cases and one death.

Novel flu viruses — In 2013, there were 21 cases of human infection with variant flu viruses in the U.S. - all associated with direct or indirect contact with swine. There were no human-to-human transmissions. Any public health laboratory that receives a suspicious specimen of flu virus – one that cannot be subtyped using standard methods — immediately submits that specimen to CDC for further testing. Whooping cough (pertussis) — Reported pertussis cases decreased from 2012 to 2013. However, cases continue to exceed those reported during the 1990s and early 2000s. Salmonellosis — Salmonella causes an estimated 1.2 million illnesses per year in the U.S. The largest multistate outbreak in 2013 was traced to contaminated chicken. Other notable outbreaks were linked to live poultry, tahini sesame paste, cucumbers, and small pet turtles. Hepatitis C (HCV) — After receiving reports of about 800 to 1,000 cases of acute HCV infection per year from 2006-2010, there was an increase of 73.9 percent to 2,138 cases in 2013. Investigations show a marked increase in the number of acute cases of HCV among young, nonminority people who inject drugs, many of whom also abuse oral prescription opioid drugs. The Summary (Noninfectious) summarizes data that has been added to the list of nationally notifiable conditions in the United States. Highlights in the 2015 report include:

in collaboration with the Council of State and by 27 percent in California. Despite the states [California, Florida, Iowa, Louisiana, Michigan, North Carolina, New Mexico (2007-2008 only), New York, Oregon, Texas, and Washington] reporting this data to the CDC's Sentinel Event Notification System for Occupational Risks (SENSOR). Rates of illness and injury among agricultural industry workers (18.4/100,000) were 37 times greater than the rates for nonagricultural workers (0.5/100,000). Rates were highest in Washington.

> Elevated blood lead levels (BLLs) in adults. In U.S. adults, most lead exposures are occupational. In 2012, the vast majority of elevated BLLs were in men. The overall prevalence of elevated BLLs declined from 2010 to 2012.

> Childhood blood lead levels (BLLs). Permanent neurological damage and behavioral disorders in children have been linked to lead exposures at 5 μ g/dL. The most common source of exposure in children is lead paint, which is easily inhaled or ingested by children when lead-based paint deteriorates into flakes, chips, or dust. In 2007, 38 states and New York City reported childhood BLL data to CDC; by 2012 that number was reduced to 29 states and New York City. Among states reporting this data for the entire period 2007-2012, the number of children with confirmed BLLs at or above 10 µg/dL declined. A summary of childhood lead exposure in 2013, the most recent year for which data are available, is available at www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead.

> Foodborne disease outbreaks. During 1973-2012, CDC received reports of 29,429 foodborne disease outbreaks with 729,020 confirmed illnesses. An average of 736 outbreaks were reported each year. A summary of foodborne disease outbreaks in 2013, the most recent year for which data are available, is available at www.cdc.gov/foodsafety/fdoss/data/annual-summaries/index.h tml.

> Waterborne disease outbreaks. During 1971-2012, CDC received reports of 1,901 waterborne disease outbreaks with 639,949 associated illnesses. An average of 45 waterborne outbreaks are reported each year. CDC publishes detailed summaries of waterborne disease outbreaks - including those associated with recreational water and those associated with drinking water - at www.cdc.gov/healthywater/surveillance/sur veillance-reports.html.

> The MMWR Summaries of Nationally Notifiable Diseases is available at www.cdc.gov/mmwr/mmwr nd/index.html

> The Official List of NNCs is available at: https://c.ymcdn.com/sites/cste.siteym.com/resource/resmgr/CSTENotifiable-ConditionListA.pdf

Indianapolis firefighter to speak about 9/11

A Shameless and Unprecedented Veto

The following op-ed was penned by the Republican members of the Indiana House Congressional Delegation

We are in unprecedented times.

The Middle East is in chaos. Russia is exerting influence around the globe. China is asserting itself in Asia, as demonstrated by its island-building campaign in the South China Sea. Yet, in the midst of all this, President Obama is setting the military adrift.

Only one week after announcing the continued deployment of American services members to Afghanistan, the President – the Commander in Chief of the U.S. Military – vetoed the very legislation that authorizes the funding for their mission in an attempt to gain leverage for his increased domestic spending demands. Let's be clear. The president using our military as a political pawn and putting America at risk over a demand that can't be met in any defense authorization bill. That's reckless and irresponsible.

The bipartisan National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) is a vital tool to provide for our national security, setting defense policy and spending for the next year. The NDAA helps our men and women in uniform by increasing their pay and reforming benefits to allow for more flexible and market-based options to a larger number of service members. It expands employment opportunities for those exiting the military. It removes barriers that prevent access to medical care for members of the armed services. It protects Americans by keeping terrorists secured in the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay. Hoosiers know the vital importance of defense spending, not only because it protects our national security but also because it creates jobs. In each of our districts, we count on businesses small and large to provide nothing short of the best for our service members. Hardworking Hoosiers help to make military vehicles, jet engines, and other quality equipment. Additionally, we have military installations across the state that are integral to our national security and support thousands of good-paying jobs. Hoosiers also have an incredible legacy of service to our nation. Since the terrible attacks of September 11, 2001, over 14,000 from the Indiana Army National Guard and over 3,200 from the Indiana Air National Guard have deployed in support of combat operations overseas. Today, Hoosier Guardsmen and women continue to put their civilian lives on pause, leave their loved ones behind, and risk their lives for our country. While we celebrate and express our gratitude for their brave and selfless service, we must also follow through on our commitment to ensure they are provided with the tools they need to succeed when our nation calls. That starts with the NDAA.

For 54 consecutive years, the NDAA has passed Republican and Democrat Congresses and been signed by Republican and Democrat presidents. Unfortunately, President Obama scheduled a photo-op this year so the whole world could watch him veto this vital bipartisan bill. His veto reveals a shameless prioritization of a political agenda over the needs of our service members.

Our men and women in uniform fight for our nation and defend our freedoms. The least we can do is ensure that the Commander in Chief does not stand in the way of providing for their needs. It is our hope that Congress can come together once again on this staple of bipartisanship to override the President's veto.

> Rep. Susan Brooks (IN-05) Rep. Larry Bucshon (IN-08) Rep. Luke Messer (IN-06) Rep. Marlin Stutzman (IN-03) Rep. Todd Rokita (IN-04) Rep. Jackie Walorski (IN-02) Rep. Todd Young (IN-09) Republican members of the Indiana House Congressional Delegation

Early bird registration underway for Wills, Trusts, and Ethics Institute

Early bird registration is now underway for the Vincennes University Foundation's 17th Annual Wills, Trusts, and Ethics Institute which will be held December 4 at VU's Indiana Center for Applied Technology.

Registrations received by November 25 qualify for the early bird rate of \$185 per person. The regular fee is \$210 per person.

The speakers are noted professionals in Indiana in such areas as estate tax planning, conflict of interests, and family trusts and estates. The annual institute has provided a continuing education opportunity for area attorneys, CPAs, bank trust officers and certified financial planners who specialize in creating or managing estate wills and trusts. Continuing Education Units (CEU) approval has been received from the Indiana Commission for Continuing Legal Education and the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Inc.

Online registration, along with details about topics and speakers, is available at http://alumni.vinu.edu/wtei. To register by credit card, call the Foundation at 812-888-4510 or toll free at 877-300-6992.

Acute occupational pesticide-related illness and injury. During 2007–2010, a total of 2,014 cases were identified in the 11

recovery efforts

What was it like during the 9/11 recovery effort in New York City? Indianapolis Fire Department Captain Mark Rapp will give his personal account on November 3, 11 a.m. (EST), at Vincennes University's Shircliff Theatre. The public is invited to attend the presentation that is sponsored by the VU Fire Science program.

Rapp was part of Indiana Task Force One which responded to the rescue and recovery efforts on September 11. Now a stage four lung cancer survivor, Rapp will also speak about the importance of using proper protective equipment, based on his 9/11 experience.

Rapp spent ten days at Ground Zero in New York City while toxic smoke rose from the site. Rapp notes that while firefighters today have sophisticated, self-contained breathing devices, the problem is that some take them off, a mistake based on his experience.

More information about Rapp's story is available www.wthr.com/story/28314837/firefighters-battle-cancer-more-than-most.

VU's Shircliff Theatre is in the Shircliff Humanities Center located at the corner of First and Harrison streets.