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Supermoon

-Photo by Tonya Sheetz

The supermoon lit up social media on Monday. It is called the “super” moon because it’s the closest full moon to Earth since 1948. When the moon is full as it makes its closest pass to Earth it is known as a supermoon. We won’t see another moon like this until 2034.

Sheriff tells council the jail is understaffed

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

Sheriff Travis Roush spoke to the Martin County Council at their meeting Monday night, November 14 about a jail staff analysis he had done recently. The analysis based on 56 inmates states that the jail should have a total staff of 19 – including dispatch, jailers and cooks. Currently he has five dispatchers, four jailers and two cooks, for a total of 11 staff members.

Sheriff Roush told the council that in 2012, the jail averaged 28 inmates. Over the past year-plus, the jail has had double that amount but there has been no increase in staff. He said that this is a safety issue along with a liability issue for the county. “We are understaffed,” he said.

Roush said he was not looking for the council to do anything at the meeting but he wanted to bring it to their attention. He’d like to discuss it again at next month’s meeting.

Roush also noted that his jail commander and regular jailers help out in dispatch when they can and that the jail commander essentially serves as a jailer. He said it would be nice to have the jail commander to do jail commander work. Roush also told the council that he is supposed to have two dispatchers at all times but that is not the case much of the time. “We’re falling short liability wise,” he said.

Six other counties were contacted to show a comparison to Martin County. Roush told the council that Crawford County has 50 inmates and eight full-time jailers and six part-time. Brown County has an average of 50 inmates and they have 12 full-time jailers. Pike County averages 65 inmates and has eight full-time jailers. Rush County has seven full-time jailers and 55 inmates.

Council Member Lynn Gee said that depending on how each county’s jail is set up is how many jailers they have. Roush said he will call the other counties to see how their jails are set up.

In other business, Council Member Warren Albright asked if there is a policy that requires an officer to stay on at the department for a certain time period before leaving to take another job. He said that if the county is paying for the training, they shouldn’t be allowed to leave right away. He said people can come for the free training and go work somewhere else.

Council Member Randy Winger asked if a policy like that would deter people from applying.

Sheriff Travis Roush said that a lot of vetting is done in the hiring process and he uses top business people from the community as consultants.

Albright said that there could be an incentive if an officer stays on for a certain period of time.

Roush said it was something he would look into.

Bill Greene, with the Martin County Historical Society, spoke to the council about the former courthouse, now the Martin County Museum. Greene had come to the council at previous meetings looking for help repairing the old courthouse’s bell tower that is falling apart. He said the wood is rotted and the bracing to stabilize the tower, which was done several years ago, is no longer intact. At previous meetings, the council had requested that Greene get quotes from more than one company to do the repairs.

At Monday night’s meeting, Greene said he wasn’t able to get more than two quotes. The first quote was to just patch the bell tower to prevent more leaks at a cost of \$37,000. This would (See ‘JAIL’ continued on page 3)

Loogootee Pool ends five-month season with \$15,000 loss

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Loogootee City Council met Monday night, November 14. One main topic of discussion was the outcome of the first year of the new city pool being in operation. Previous reporting, in another publication, said the pool made around \$17,000 in profit this past season. According to the final report handed out in September, the pool had actually lost \$15,000 from May through September – or \$3,000 a month on average.

City Council Member Roger Downey had requested a final report on the pool and said he didn’t understand why the monthly reports given to the Loogootee Park Board showed the pool was making money month after month and then the final report showed a \$15,000 loss.

Clerk-Treasurer Nancy Jones said that she didn’t understand why there was confusion.

Downey asked why the pool manager

was not keeping track of the pool’s income and expenses so that it could have been adjusted accordingly. Mayor Harty said that he didn’t believe the pool manager was told to track that information.

For the five months the city pool was open this year, \$19,487 was taken in for admission and season passes. Another \$7,650 was collected for private pool parties for a total of \$27,137 collected. A total of \$26,210 was paid out in salaries to the pool manager, lifeguards and concession staff – an average of \$5,242 per month.

The council also questioned why \$7,030 was spent on stocking the concession stand but only \$9,821 was collected – netting \$2,791 in profit. Council Member Teresa Nolley asked why the concession stand was not making more money than that. She added that if this is all the concession stand can profit, maybe a concession stand isn’t needed.

A total of \$36,959.18 was made at the (See ‘POOL’ continued on page 2)

Loogootee moving forward with zoning

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

After the regular business of the Loogootee City Council meeting Monday night, November 14, the council spent a little bit of time talking about the plans to implement zoning regulations in the city. It was also mentioned that the city plans to extend the zoning two miles around the perimeter of city limits, known as a “buffer”. Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty said that a buffer is common when zoning is added to any city or county. He said that the two-

mile buffer would have to be approved by the commissioners but anyone within that two-mile buffer would have to follow the same zoning guidelines set forth by the new ordinance.

The council also discussed the zoning map that was originally made showing which areas of the city would be zoned residential, commercial or industrial. It was noted that some areas on the map are being adjusted and new maps would be handed out to city council members soon. It was explained that anyone wanting to build in a zone that (See ‘ZONING’ continued on page 2)



Loogootee Water Office changes location

The City of Loogootee Water Office has recently moved to the annex building behind City Hall. According to Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty, since the absorption of the West Boggs Sewer District, the Loogootee Water Clerk and West Boggs Water Clerk have been working in separate locations. Due to the size of the water office inside the municipal building, both clerks could not work within that space. The new offices accommodate both water clerks and also have space for Public Works Superintendent Bo Wilson. (Photo by Josh Hughett)

ZONING

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is not designated to suit their construction would have to come to the zoning board to request a variance.

Council Member Roger Downey said that anything outside of the ordinance that someone may want to do, would have to come to the zoning board to make a special request. He said those requests may be approved or denied, depending on the situation.

Also discussed were the new requirements for mobile homes. Council Member Teresa Nolley asked what would happen if a property has a mobile home and the owner would like to move in a newer mobile home. She wanted to know if the change would require the property owner to follow the new regulations on mobile homes, as laid out in the ordinance. It was noted that the ordinance states that anything that currently exists, prior to the ordinance being passed, would be grandfathered in. However, if any changes are made to existing properties, the ordinance would have to be followed. According to the ordinance, mobile homes set up after the zoning rules go into place, have to be permanently affixed to a foundation.

The council discussed the need to move forward with the ordinance. The next step is to turn over the proposed ordinance to City Attorney Isha Wright-Ryan to handle the legal aspect. Then, once the ordinance is finalized, a public hearing will be scheduled to get any citizen comment.

In other business of the city council, Public Works Superintendent Bo Wilson presented a mock-up policy for employees to donate accumulated paid leave to other employees who need it for medical issues. After a brief discussion, the council approved the policy.

Wilson also presented information on changes in employees' health insurance. Wilson said a committee was formed consisting of the mayor, city employees and a resident who used to be in the insurance business, to look at insurance options. Council Member Downey asked Wilson why none of the city council members were asked to be a part of the committee. He said he felt like this was something they should be involved in. Mayor Harty replied that they were not aware the council would want to be a part of the committee but will ask them in the future.

Wilson said if the city stuck with the platinum plan they currently have through Federated Insurance, the cost of premiums would increase by just over 23 percent. He said they looked at other plans and decided on stepping down to the gold plan at a 6.8 percent increase. He added that employees would still have the option to stay in the

platinum plan but they would have to pay the increase themselves. Also, employees have the option to step down to a lesser plan, to save on their portion of the premiums which would also save the city on the portion they pay.

After more discussion, the council approved going with the committee's recommendation to step down to the gold plan and allow employees to choose which plan they wanted.

The council approved two building permits. The first was for a mobile home concrete pad for John Day on SW First Street and the second was for a front porch and side stoop on Walker Street for Jim Crays.

The council approved Public Works Superintendent Wilson to spend \$8,000 to purchase equipment to allow his employees to make repairs to the grinder pumps. Wilson said that the cost to hire someone to make repairs to the pumps is \$70 per hour roughly, and he has employees that can do that work. He said the training is online and is free. The council approved buying the equipment.

The council approved the same street closings as last year for the Christmas Parade and Stoll to be held on December 4. It was also mentioned that there were issues with the Martin County Clerk's Office closing Kentucky Avenue during the General Election last Tuesday. Mayor Noel Harty said that he did not grant permission for the clerk's office to close the road and they did not come to a city council meeting to make that request. Several council members commented that they should not have done this without permission and that it caused issues throughout the day. It was also noted that barriers were put up but workers moved the barriers to let people through at certain times during the day which defeated the purpose of closing off the street. Mayor Harty said he would have to speak to Clerk Gerald Montgomery about the issue.

During the board of public works and safety meeting, prior to the city council meeting, the board received a quote from Area One Protection for \$1,600 to have security cameras installed at the police department. According to Police Chief Kelly Rayhill, police cars have been damaged multiple times in the lot, nails have been thrown in the lot, and the lot has been increasingly used for child custody exchanges. He said the quote includes outside cameras and also a hallway camera for free. The board requested that Chief Rayhill get a few more quotes before they make a decision.

Chief Rayhill also requested permission to advertise for a part-time dispatcher, as one of his current dispatchers took another job. The board approved.

County health insurance going up 14.4 percent

The Martin County Commissioners met Wednesday, November 9.

David Welch, Federated Insurance, came before the commissioners to discuss the health insurance renewal. The loss ratio for 2016 to date is 137.5 percent. The county has paid in roughly \$400,000 in premiums and Federated has paid over \$550,000 in claims. Premiums for the county will increase 14.4 percent. In 2016, the employees' insurance was \$2,000/\$4,000 deductible with co-pay and the county paying 90 percent of the premium. Open enrollment began November 1, 2016 and ends December 15, 2016. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the renewal with Federated Insurance with the county paying 90 percent of the insurance premium and the employee be given the choice of three different plans with the county's 90 percent remaining the same throughout the three plans. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. Federated Insurance will be at the courthouse on Tuesday, November 15, for employees wishing to make changes or ask questions.

Kristina Terry, Martin County EMS, gave a current year-to-date report. They will be presenting quarterly reports from here on out.

Tim Kinder, Martin County Alliance, announced that the NSA Joint Land Use Study will be meeting Wednesday, November 16 from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. at the WestGate Academy.

Leo Padgett, highway superintendent, submitted his two-week work schedule. Superintendent Padgett updated the commissioners on several road repairs. A discussion on bridge damage on Jones Lane followed. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to allow up to \$1,820 for treated lumber to repair the Jones Lane Bridge. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

An engineering firm offered to do the Road Asset Management Plan for \$15,000-\$20,000.

The lights in the highway department garage are in need of replacement. Superintendent Padgett would like to go to LED lighting. The roof will be replaced at the highway department next week.

Spout Springs Bridge is under construction.

Brent Roberts, BF&S, updated the commissioners on bridge #11 and showed them pictures taken during the

construction process. Roberts made the commissioners aware of the RFQ's going out for county-wide bridge inspections due November 18. He submitted a bid on behalf of BF&S.

County Attorney Lett opened the highway supply bids for 2017. The following bids were received: St. Regis Culvert, Civilcon, E3 Bridge and Erosion Resources & Supply for culvert supplies and Rogers Group, Mulzer Crushed Stone, US Aggregates, Indian Creek Quarries and Cave Quarries for asphalt materials. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to take the bids under advisement until the next meeting. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Garrick Cooper thanked Superintendent Padgett for all his work at the highway department. He also recommended the commissioners hire a part-time mechanic to assist with everyday work.

Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the second reading of the Animal Control Ordinance with no changes from the previous meeting. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. The ordinance will be published two times and be in full force January 1, 2017.

President George reminded everyone that the courthouse will be closed on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25 for Thanksgiving.

President George thanked all veterans for their service.

POOL

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pool from May to September. A total of \$51,980 was spent. With salaries being half of the expenses, another \$5,000 was spent on repairs and maintenance to the facility or equipment. \$1,700 was spent on liability and property insurance and \$5,136 was paid for electricity, telephone and water/sewer. The cost for chemicals for the pool was \$4,338, \$1,195 was paid out for printing costs and office/janitorial supplies and \$152.83 was paid for swimsuits for lifeguards. The pool also paid out \$1,250 in sales tax.

Councilman Downey said that if the park board had been aware of the deficit as the season progressed, they could have made adjustments to save money or make money. He said that finding out about a \$15,000 loss, after the season is over, doesn't help.

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I would like to thank everyone who cast their ballot for me for Martin County Treasurer. I truly appreciate all the support and I look forward to serving you in the treasurer's office!

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Obituaries

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MARY "PEGGY" LEE

Mary Louise "Peggy" Lee passed away at 7:22 p.m. Friday November 11, 2016 at the Loogootee Nursing Center. A resident of Shoals, she was 99.



She was born December 8, 1916 in Martin County; daughter of Jasper and Gertrude (Lundy) Hotz. She was raised by Jack and Bessie Grafton. She married Harry E. Lee on December 17, 1939 at her home and he preceded her in death in 1980.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Shoals United Methodist Church, Order of the Eastern Star #368-Rebekah Lodge, Women's Study Club and the Homemakers Club.

She is survived by one daughter, Nancy (Roy) Pannell of Loogootee; a brother-in-law, Larry Parker of Sarasota, Florida; seven grandchildren, Mike (Michelle) Pannell of Montgomery, Nanette (Aaron) Hembree of Loogootee, Angela Dillon of Odon, Cori (Tim) Lukomski of Loogootee, Diana (Ed) Sexton of Bradenton, Florida; Kurt Parker of Indianapolis and Rusty (Martha) Parker of Fairfield, Ohio; ten great grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a daughter, Carolyn Parker; two

sisters, Grace Lutes and Ethel Edwards; two brothers, Clyde and Clifford Hotz; and a great granddaughter.

Funeral services will be held Friday November 18 at 11 a.m. at the Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals with Rev.

Josh Sanders officiating. She will be laid to rest in Springhill Cemetery in Shoals.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday and until time of service Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made in lieu of flowers to the Shoals United Methodist Church and the Martin County Humane Society.

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

Thanksgiving closings could have unintended consequence

BY HOWARD W. HEWITT
Purdue University News Service

A Purdue University retail expert says the flurry of retailers announcing Thanksgiving Day closings may be hurting business despite the altruistic intent. Mall of America and retailers like hhgregg Inc. were among the first to announce stores would remain closed on Turkey Day, citing the opportunity to allow employees to share the day with family.

Richard Feinberg, a professor of retail management and interim head of the Department of Consumer Science, said the move could hurt business.

"While it may seem like a family-friendly and 'nice' thing to do for employers to close or reduce hours, it is short-sighted and may have unintended negative side effects," Feinberg said.

He said if the cost of opening the store exceeds profit then perhaps the move is wise. He believes there is ample research to suggest the contrary.

"Many employees actually like working the extended hours and re-

ally like the extra money they can make," Feinberg said. "Our research at Purdue suggests this might apply to more than 50 percent of the employees."

Feinberg said opening on Thanksgiving in recent years may have been more about protecting market share than profit.

"If a customer is forced to spend their money someplace else they may find that someplace else has more stuff, better stuff, better price, better experience than 'you' do, and you may never see them again," he said. "Or when they think of something else to buy two weeks later they may go to that other place first."

Feinberg offers another warning to retailers who have online competitors. "Closing the store forces consumers to go to Amazon or some other site they find after they go to Google."

A growing list of national retailers have announced they will close Thanksgiving Day, including Home Depot, Costco, T.J. Maxx, Lowe's, Staples, Sam's Club, Neiman Marcus, Barnes & Noble, Hobby Lobby, Dil-

lard's, Ikea, PetSmart, and Bed Bath & Beyond among others.

JAIL

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just put a band-aid on the issue until more funding could be found. He also provided another quote for \$145,000 to totally restore the bell tower. He noted that no work could be done now until spring.

Greene told the council that he is working with Phil Todd to apply for grants and they are also checking with large companies to seek donations. Council Member Gee suggested collecting items from local businesses and holding an auction fundraiser.

Greene said that he is also working toward repairing the masonry work on the outside of the building to help stabilize it. They are also planning to have volunteers do painting and other improvement work on the inside of the building.

Greene said he would return to the council at the first of the year to give them an update on where they stand as far as donations and grants.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

6:10 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:28 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:42 a.m. - Received a report of a break-in in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

12:05 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

1:10 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller and Loogootee Captain Hennessee responded.

1:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:10 p.m. - Captain Dant arrested James Bernard of Loogootee for

2:46 p.m. - Sheriff Roush took one inmate to court.

3:00 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist north of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller and Loogootee Captain Hennessee responded.

3:22 p.m. - Received a report of domestic situation in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill and Sergeant Keller responded.

4:39 p.m. - Jailer Emmick took one inmate to the doctor.

5:08 p.m. - Received a report of an overturned semi on SR 450, east of Shoals. Sergeant Keller, Martin County Ambulance, and Shoals Fire responded. No one was transported.

6:20 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on US 50 in Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

7:25 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance west of Shoals. Deputy Shinn, Sergeant Keller, Loogootee Captain Hennessee, and K9 Officer Roxy responded.

10:30 p.m. - Deputy Salmon assisted a motorist near Shoals.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

6:45 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on US 231, south of Loogootee. Sheriff Roush and Chief Deputy Greene responded.

7:30 a.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill and Captain Dant responded.

8:32 a.m. - Received an animal complaint north of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

9:44 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

2:04 p.m. - Jail commander on station with Dawn Graber, from Knox County, for court.

5:16 p.m. - Received a report of debris on US 231, south of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

8:42 p.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

9:49 p.m. - Town Marshal Eckert performed a welfare check near Shoals.

11:30 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded and all was okay.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

5:28 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50, west of Shoals. Deputy Reed responded.

7:02 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on SR 450. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

8:33 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

10:46 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

11:40 a.m. - Received a dog complaint near Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

2:15 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:45 p.m. - Major Burkhardt took one inmate to court.

3:10 p.m. - Major Burkhardt performed a vehicle identification check near Shoals.

4:40 p.m. - Jail Officer Emmick took one inmate to the doctor.

5:25 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:38 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on US 231, north of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

7:31 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

9:17 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

11:10 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. Sergeant Keller, Deputy Salmon, and Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

8:55 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took two inmates to court.

9:10 a.m. - Jail Officer Emmick took one inmate back to the Rockville Correctional Facility.

10:15 a.m. - Sheriff Roush took one inmate to court.

10:55 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took two inmates to court.

12:53 p.m. - Sheriff Roush and Chief Deputy Greene took four inmates to court.

12:59 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennessee responded.

2:15 p.m. - Received an alarm call near Loogootee. ISP Trooper Lents responded and all was okay.

2:50 p.m. - Received a report of trucks blocking a driveway in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennessee responded.

4:05 p.m. - Jail Commander Abel and Jail Officer Emmick took one inmate to the Greene County Jail.

7:02 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 150, east of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

7:15 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

9:20 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

11:30 a.m. - Received an alarm call north of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt and Loogootee Officer Dant responded. Everything checked out okay.

4:40 p.m. - Jail Officer Emmick took one inmate to the doctor.

6:50 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:48 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50, east of

Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

11:27 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

2:36 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris, Deputy Shinn, and Deputy Reed responded. All was okay.

9:35 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231, near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Dant responded.

11:53 a.m. - Received a report of someone dumping trash near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Dant responded.

12:56 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Dant responded and all was okay.

3:45 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

5:03 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Deputy Shinn, and Williams Fire responded. The subject was transported to IU Health in Bloomington.

5:45 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Loogootee. Deputy Shinn responded.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

9:10 a.m. - Received a report of cows out east of Loogootee. The owners were contacted.

9:56 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:49 p.m. - Received a report of a break-in in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennessee responded.

9:40 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baker, Deputy Shinn, and Deputy Salmon responded. All was okay.

10:21 p.m. - Received a report of a possible prowler near Loogootee. Deputy Salmon and Loogootee Officer Baker responded.

Accident reports

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Time unknown - Tristan A. Jones, of Loogootee, was backing a vehicle in the high school parking lot when he backed into a 2010 Chevy owned by Rodney Hedrick, of Loogootee.

7:16 p.m. - Donna Harder, of Loogootee, was backing her 1998 Chevy from a parking spot at Dairy Master when she backed into a 1997 Chevy owned by Jeremy D. Breeden, of Jasper. Officer Baker investigated.

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COURT NEWS

Persons listed on criminal charges are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING September 20

Joanna M. Hurst, convicted of maintaining a common nuisance, a Class 6 Felony and resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 1 year at the Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 63 actual days previously served plus 63 Class A credit days.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED September 20

Joanna M. Hurst, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 5 Felony, dismissed; two counts of neglect of a dependent, Class 6 Felonies, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS November 3

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff National Collegiate Student Loan Trust and against the defendant Crystal Bentley in the amount of \$17,483.88.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS November 4

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Isha E. Wright-Ryan, Attorney at Law and against the defendant Lori Mattingly in the amount of \$3,130.32.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

9:15 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

10:07 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a business alarm.

12:15 p.m. - Chief Rayhill filed charges on a male juvenile for residential entry and criminal mischief.

12:26 p.m. - Caller reported a male at IGA begging for money.

1:10 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted the county with vehicle accident.

1:15 p.m. - Caller reported property damage on Sheridan Street.

2:00 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on Church Street.

2:02 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted child protective services.

3:22 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on Church Street.

4:56 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231. Officers were unable to locate.

7:58 p.m. - Female requested an officer assist her with getting personal belongings.

8:20 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted the county with a traffic stop.

9:21 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute in Bowling Trailer Court.

10:05 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a juvenile.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

6:05 a.m. - Caller reported occupants throwing cans out the window near St. Mary's Road.

7:30 a.m. - Caller reported a domes-

tic dispute on Church Street.

9:45 a.m. - Caller reported property damage in the St. John's parking lot.

10:35 a.m. - Caller reported a semi all over the road. Chief Rayhill located the vehicle and the driver stated he was tired.

3:19 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on Church Street.

3:37 p.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

7:20 a.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on Church Street.

2:00 p.m. - Chief Rayhill called in a broken down semi on JFK Avenue.

9:45 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

12:55 p.m. - Caller reported a theft from Shaded Estates.

5:51 p.m. - Caller reported a theft on JFK Avenue.

6:00 p.m. - Caller reported he was bit by a dog while trying to place the dog in a fenced area.

7:35 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle in the high school parking lot.

8:00 p.m. - Caller reported a loose dog in Country Court.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

12:20 p.m. - Caller reported a road closed due to tree trimming.

2:15 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

10:15 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

4:04 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a child.

4:24 p.m. - Caller reported locating a suspicious item.

9:58 p.m. - Caller reported a shoplifter at IGA.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

11:15 a.m. - Caller reported having problems with her daughter.

5:28 p.m. - Officer Baker assisted the county with a child custody issue.

7:00 p.m. - Caller reported juveniles throwing things at vehicles in the high school parking lot.

9:48 p.m. - Officer Baker responded to a business alarm.

When do vehicle crashes happen? This interactive site will tell you

If you've ever wondered is it possible to predict when and where a vehicle crash may occur, the answer to that question is "Yes". The Indiana State Police engaged the services of the Management Performance Hub, commonly referred to as the MPH, to create an interactive website for the public and media to help the public make informed road travel decisions.

The result of the collaborative efforts of the Indiana State Police and the MPH was development of the Indiana Daily Crash Prediction map. This interactive map can be found on the Indiana State Police website at this location: www.in.gov/isp/3268.htm.

The media and the public are encouraged to visit the website to read a brief overview of how the interactive map works and also view a short three minute video with more detailed information. With the winter driving months fast approaching it is the hope and desire of the Indiana State Police that this new tool will offer Hoosiers another way to help plan their commute for work, pleasure or daily errands.

More About the Map:

The interactive map predicts the current three-hour time window, but users can select an alternate period of time for that current day. The map updates

Indiana looking for conservation officer candidates

Indiana Conservation Officers are currently searching for candidates who are interested in working as a specialized law enforcement officer. Successful candidates are willing to participate in a hiring process consisting of written testing, physical agility testing, background investigation, formal interview, psychological testing, polygraph, Core Values training, Indiana Law Enforcement Academy and essentials training.

The job of an Indiana Conservation Officer is complex and crosses quickly from natural resource enforcement, response and education, to criminal and traffic law enforcement.

Successful candidates must be willing to work in the environment under extreme conditions and learn to operate a variety of patrol vehicles.

The minimum requirements needed to begin the hiring process are being at least 21 years of age before the graduation date of the fall 2017 Law Enforcement Academy (November 2017), possess an Associate Degree or 60 credit hours completed toward a Bachelor Degree from an accredited college or university or 4 years active and concurrent military service.

All interested candidates must pass an online pre-screening test on or before November 30, 2016 to be considered for this hiring process.

The website may be accessed at DNRLAW.in.gov and by clicking "Becoming an Indiana Conservation Officer."

"If you believe that you have the qualities that we are looking for we want to hear from you", stated Danny L. East, DNR Law Enforcement Director. "The profession of Conservation Law Enforcement is one of challenge, hard work and discipline and we are searching for those candidates who possess those qualities."

ARREST

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

9:08 p.m. - Ashley Harris, 19, of Bedford, was arrested by Deputy Shinn and charged with possession of a synthetic drug and driving while suspended. Her bond has been set at \$20,000 10%. Assisting with the arrest were Sergeant Keller, Loogootee Captain Hennette, and K9 Officer Roxy.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

2:02 a.m. - Christopher Ketterer, 19, of Greenville, was arrested by Deputy Shinn and charged with possession of marijuana. His bond has been set at \$10,000 10%. The arresting officer was Deputy Salmon.

3:07 a.m. - Jeremy Gauwitz, 19, of Greenville, was arrested by Deputy Salmon and charged with possession of marijuana and operating while intoxicated. His bond has been set at \$10,000 10%. Deputy Shinn assisted with the arrest.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

5:33 p.m. - Nicholas Dant, 34, of Loogootee, was arrested by Sergeant

Keller and charged with intimidation. He is being held without bond. Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, and Major Burkhardt assisted with the arrest.

Thursday, November 10

12:01 a.m. - Christopher Senne, 38, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Office McBeth and charged with intimidation. He is being held on a \$20,000 10% bond.

12:01 a.m. - Caroline Johnson, 55, of Salem, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene on a Greene County warrant. She is being held without bond.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

1:35 p.m. - Cory Turpin, 26, of Mitchell, was arrested by Major Burkhardt and charged with driving while suspended prior and is being held without bond. Sheriff Roush and Chief Deputy Greene assisted with the arrest.

4:50 p.m. - Jason Weaver, 40, of Mitchell, was arrested by Major Burkhardt on a warrant and is being held without bond.

Martin County real estate transfers

Cassie N. Hopkins, of Martin County, Indiana to **Shelby D. Bridgewater**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 26 and 28 feet of even width off of the east side of Lot Number 25 in Oliver and Taylor's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Martin County, Indiana.

Anthony C. Quinn, of Dubois County, Indiana to **Lost River Poultry, LLC**, and Indiana Limited Liability Company, of Dubois County, Indiana, part of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter; and also a part of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter, all in Section 3, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Lost River Civil Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 5 acres.

Brent and Jennifer Walton, of Martin County, Indiana to **East Fork Water, Inc.**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of Section 15,

Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.948 acres, more or less.

Geraldine E. Pendley, of Martin County, Indiana to **Darin W. Pendley and Shera L. Pendley**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 26, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.864 acres, more or less.

Louis M. Hart, of Martin County, Indiana to **Louis M. Hart and Rachael M. Hart**, of Martin County, Indiana, the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 20, containing 39.50 acres, more or less, also, all that part of the south half of the northeast quarter of Section 20, containing 184.21 acres, more or less.

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More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



The way you carry yourself in the days following this election says way more about you and your will for the country than the vote you cast. Just sayin'.

DUI - TEXAS STYLE

Only a person in Texas could think of this. From the county where drunk driving is considered a sport, comes this true story.

Recently a routine police patrol parked outside a bar in Austin, Texas. After last call the officer noticed a man leaving the bar so apparently intoxicated that he could barely walk.

The man stumbled around the parking lot for a few minutes, with the officer quietly observing. After what seemed an eternity in which he tried his keys on five different vehicles, the man managed to find his car and fall into it.

He sat there for a few minutes as a number of other patrons left the bar and drove off.

Finally, he started the car, switched the wipers on and off--it was a fine, dry summer night, flicked the blinkers on and off a couple of times, honked the horn and then switched on the lights.

He moved the vehicle forward a few inches, reversed a little and then remained still for a few more minutes as some more of the other patrons' vehicles left.

At last, when his was the only car left in the parking lot, he pulled out and drove slowly down the road.

The police officer, having waited patiently all this time, now started up his patrol car, put on the flashing lights, promptly pulled the man over and administered a breathalyzer test. To his amazement, the breathalyzer indicated no evidence that the man had consumed any alcohol at all!

Dumbfounded, the officer said, I'll have to ask you to accompany me to the police station. This breathalyzer equipment must be broken.

"I doubt it," said the truly proud Redneck. "Tonight I'm the designated decoy."

WHAT IS BUTT DUST? What, you ask, is 'butt dust'? What do you do or say, when an innocent child asks you something so innocent and they are so serious? Read on and you'll discover the joy in it! These have to be original and genuine. No adult is this creative!!

1. MELANIE (age 5) asked her Granny how old she was. Granny replied she was so old she didn't remember any more. Melanie said, "If you don't remember you must look in the back of your panties. Mine say five to six."

2. STEVEN (age 3) hugged and kissed his Mom good night. "I love you so much that when you die I'm going to bury you outside my bedroom window."

3. BRITTANY (age 4) had an ear ache and wanted a pain killer. She tried in vain to take the lid off the bottle. Seeing her frustration, her Mom explained it was a child-proof cap and she'd have to open it for her. Eyes wide with wonder, the little girl asked: "How does it know it's me?"

4. SUSAN (age 4) was drinking juice when she got the hiccups. "Please don't give me this juice again," she said, "It makes my teeth cough."

5. DJ (age 4) stepped onto the bathroom scale and asked: "How much do I cost?"

6. MARC (age 4) was engrossed in a young couple that were hugging and kissing in a restaurant. Without taking his eyes off them, he asked his dad: "Why is he whispering in her mouth?"

7. JAMES (age 4) was listening to a Bible story. His dad read: "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city but his wife looked back and was turned to salt." Concerned, James asked: "What happened to the flea?"

8. This particular Sunday sermon... "Dear Lord," the minister began, with arms extended toward heaven and a rapturous look on his upturned face. "Without you, we are but dust..." He would have continued but at that moment my very obedient daughter who was listening leaned over to me and asked quite audibly in her shrill little four-year-old girl voice, "Mom, what is butt dust?"

Make someone smile today!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, November 17 at 5 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. The meeting is open to the public.

Democratic meeting notice

The Martin County Democratic Party will meet Wednesday, November 16 at 6 p.m. in the council meeting room of Loogootee City Hall. The party will be electing a female vice chair. If you are female and are interested in this position, contact Roger Downey, 72 hours prior to the meeting on the 16th, at 812-639-8106 or email rsdbench@hotmail.com.

Merit board meeting

The Martin County Sheriff's Merit Board will meet Monday, November 21 at 5 p.m. at the sheriff's department.

Odon Christmas Parade

Odon Business Alliance's Lighted Christmas Parade will be December 5 at 6:30 p.m. in downtown Odon. Please register your float for the Odon Business Alliance Christmas Parade by email to director@parkview-village.org or call 812-636-3000 and speak to Gina Wagler. Please do not throw candy. Candy will be available when the children visit Santa at the park or uptown on Main Street during the parade. Lineup will be at 5:45 p.m. on December 5 on John Poindexter Street.

Digital mammograms at Parkview

St. Mary's Hospital, will be doing digital mammograms at Parkview Village Christian Care on November 29. For more information or to make an appointment, please call 812-485-5725.

Attention Senior Citizens

The Loogootee Senior Citizen Center, located in the Annex building attached to JFK Gym on JFK Avenue in Loogootee provides activities for seniors every Monday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon. For \$5 a year, seniors can participate in Euchre tournaments, games, puzzles, etc., with other local seniors. Anyone interested is welcome to stop by, there are no age or residency requirements to participate.

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.

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!

Humane society meetings

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

Solid waste board

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

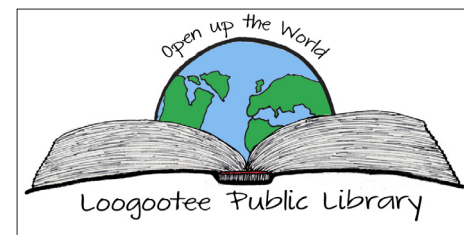
public and anyone is invited to attend.

Tourism meetings

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

Soil and Water meetings

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



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The library will be closed Thursday, November 24, for Thanksgiving Day.

New Books:

Mystery Fiction: "The Sleeping Beauty Killer" by Mary Higgins Clark, "Chaos" by Patricia Cornwell, and "Turbo Twenty-Three" by Janet Evanovich.

Fiction: "No Man's Land" by David Baldacci and "Odessa Sea" by Clive Cussler

Juvenile Fiction: "Dork Diaries: Tales from A Not-So-Friendly Frenemy" by Rachel Renee Russell.

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.

City accepting entries for Christmas Parade

Time is fast approaching for the 3rd Annual Festival of Lights Christmas Parade. The parade will be held on Sunday December 4 along with the downtown stores being open for Christmas shoppers as the Christmas Stroll will start at 5 p.m. The parade will proceed through downtown at 6 p.m.

The Theme for the parade is "Christmas 200 Years Ago" to honor Indiana's Bicentennial celebration this year.

Entries are being accepted by calling the Mayor's office at 295-4770 or stopping in for an entry form.

Santa will again pay a visit during the parade and candy will be passed out to the young ones in attendance.

There will be lighted floats for you to enjoy along with marching bands and Christmas carolers will perform on the square at 7 p.m.

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Parkview veterans ceremony -Photos provided

Second Mount Olive Church blessed the veterans at Parkview Village Christian Care with a very nice program and gave each veteran a gift bag and expressed their appreciation for their service. In the front row, from left to right, are Paul Retseck, Camden(Lee)Wolf, George Hammer, and Robert Ellis. In the back row, from left to right, are Ray Hart, Charles Thompson, Bruce Poindexter, James Upton, Charles Maryfield, Leo Laughlin, Bob Apple, and Glen Apple. Not available for the photo were Leon Baker, Jack McRoberts, Bob Henning, Don Laughlin, and Lewis Wallace.



Art class offered by Bill Whorrall and SOAR

Do you want to draw and draw well? Improve your art skills? Drawing is the foundation to painting; learning to draw and improving your drawing skills help in every other area. It is also fun and satisfying to overcome hurdles and develop skills in any area; in other words - enjoyable skill building!

Art for Teenagers and Adults is a new class for you. Martin County SOAR and Bill Whorrall are offering Introduction to Drawing at the Community Learning Center beginning November 19.

Bill has conducted hundreds of these classes in 30 years of teaching at schools, universities, and the Jasper Arts Center. SOAR is excited to announce that they are teaming up with him to offer this class in Martin County. No experience required - no materials needed - just bring yourself. Bill has agreed to provide all the art supplies for each class.

This is a class for beginners. If you would like to learn how to draw land-

scapes and still life, this class will be fun and helpful. If you are experienced, this class will challenge you as well. Students will learn how to make objects look three dimensional and how to use shading to enhance the image. A variety of materials and projects will be available.

Classes will be held November 19, 26 and December 3, 10, 17 from 2-4 p.m.

All classes will be held at the community learning center on the fairgrounds.

The cost for each session is \$15, cash or checks only. The class is open to anyone age 13 and older.

Call Bill Whorrall at 812-388-6639 or the SOAR office at 812-709-1618 to register or for more information. You can email him at whorrallbill@gmail.com. Checks for class fees can be mailed to Bill Whorrall, 13669 Rama Dye Rd., Shoals, IN 57581 or brought to each class. You only pay each time for the classes you want.

Tri Kappa 75th Anniversary celebration held Sunday

BY JUDY TREFFINGER
Chapter Historian

On Sunday afternoon, November 13 the 75th anniversary celebration of the Loogootee-Shoals Delta Tau Chapter of Kappa Kappa Kappa was hosted by members at the Martin County Community Building.

Chapter President Barb McFeaters welcomed everyone and introduced special guests including Loogootee Mayor Noel D. Harty, Council President Diana Trout-Cummins of Franklin, Council Secretary Dianna Simkins of New Harmony, and Province III Officer Autumn Baughman of Mitchell.

To begin the celebration members of the Loogootee High School Jazz Choir under the direction of Misty Mosby provided musical entertainment.

Loogootee Mayor Harty then read his proclamation designating November 13, 2016 as Loogootee-Shoals Delta Tau Chapter of Tri Kappa Day. He made complimentary comments about the chapter and the contributions made to the community including the \$4,000 donation toward the renovation of the Loogootee swimming pool.

Council President Diana gave an informative talk about events of 1941 when the

Loogootee-Shoals chapter was installed. She read what had been written about the chapter in 1942 by Barbara Brooks for Cross Keys which is Tri Kappa's magazine for members. Diana congratulated the chapter on their 75th anniversary and spoke of various projects of the chapter. She concluded her remarks by presenting a certificate signed by all members of Council (state officers) to Barb in recognition of the chapter's 75th anniversary.

Province III Officer Autumn echoed the compliments and spoke highly of the chapter following her recent review she had conducted with the officers. She recognized the only two members of Delta Tau chapter who have served as Province Officer, Beth Lett and Faryl Armstrong. Beth served from 1979-81 and Faryl Armstrong served the 2003-05 term. She added that Faryl was appointed Memorial Fund Secretary the following two-year term. Autumn also

commended the chapter for sponsoring a state academic scholarship winner this spring, Rachel Harder of Shoals.

Barb then introduced the members of the 75th Anniversary Celebration planning committee. Kristi Ausbrooks served as chairman of the committee which included Beth Lett, Kathy Lingenfelter, Audrey Robinson, Pam Summers and Judy Treffinger. Barb closed the presentation by stating Delta Tau is a strong chapter with 40 active, seven sustaining and one college members. She concluded by stating "Here's to the next 75 years!" and thanked everyone for coming to this special milestone celebration of the local Tri Kappa chapter.

A decorated cake by Heather Arvin was served along with refreshments provided by chapter members. Scrapbooks and memorabilia items were on display as well as the large birthday cake which decorated the chapter's award winning entry in the Loogootee SummerFest parade. Guests and members enjoyed the celebration while seated at tables decorated with black and white cloths, black lanterns and bouquets of white carnations - the flower of the sorority. Decorations were provided by Jolene's Event Coordinating and Decorating.

Members of the community, inactive Tri Kappas and several past presidents attended the celebration. The past presidents attending were Lenora Larkin (1964-65), Dorothy Albright (1968-69), Faryl Armstrong (1974-75), Rachel Doyle (1975-76), Beth Lett (1976-77 and 2002-03), Joan Keller (1981-82), Stephanie McAtee (1985-86), Judy Treffinger (1986-87), Judy Kluesner (1988-1990), Brenda Strange (1992-94 and 2003-04), Pamela Summers (1996-97), Carla Hoffmann (1999-2000), Audrey Robinson (2008-11), Christina Crane (2011-13), Lisa Brittain (2013-15) and the current President Barb McFeaters.

Over the past 75 years the Loogootee-Shoals chapter has accomplished so much due to the strong support of the community. When conducting a fundraiser, the utmost support is received as it is known throughout Martin County that the proceeds from these Tri Kappa projects will be returned to benefit those living in our community.

RSVP honors Martin, Daviess county volunteers

The RSVP Volunteer Center held their annual Recognition Dinner on Monday, November 7 at the Gasthof Restaurant in Montgomery. DeWayne Shake, of WAMW radio, was the Master of Ceremonies and 277 people were in attendance.

In the previous 12 months, 416 volunteers contributed 93,444 hours of service all over Daviess and Martin counties. They worked in food pantries, schools, nursing facilities, hospitals, animal shelters and many other organizations where help is needed. They take people to the prepare food for the hungry, and visit the homebound. RSVP Volunteers can be found everywhere in our communities.

and Daviess counties were awarded the Gold Level Service award for contributing over 500 hours of service in the previous 12 months.

Emma Silcock, from Montgomery, was presented the Volunteer of the Year Award from RSVP President Jan Smith. She has been a volunteer for 19 years and has served over 26,000 hours in that time. She has worked in nearly every project RSVP supports, including veterans' projects, the Pen Pal Project, Feed My Sheep, Day of Caring, Angelworx, care, and the Daviess Community Hospital Auxiliary.

Mayor Noel Harty from Loogootee and Mayor Joe Wellman from Washington praised the volunteers for the work they do in the community.



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Frost finally came to Sandhill Gardens Sunday morning. It was not a hard freeze, but it did end the growing season for tender plants and resulted in a lot of falling leaves.

Those leaves are a gift of nature for our gardens. While some people do not like to rake up the leaves, they really are a great source of organic matter for the garden. They have many uses. If you have a lawn area, the fallen leaves can smother grass, so they must be removed. If the leaf carpet is not too heavy, you may be able to just run over them with a lawn mower, reducing them to fine pieces that will decompose over the winter. However, thick layers of even chopped leaves can smother out grass, so remove them and add them to a compost pile or use them as mulch around the base of trees and shrubs. At Sandhill Gardens, the leaves of the maple trees in the yard mostly fall into the perennial beds beneath the trees, where they will decompose and add nutrients to the soil. I will run the lawnmower in the lawn areas and blow the rest of the leaves back into the beds.

If you do not have a bagger for the lawnmower, you may want to use a leaf vac to pick up leaves. Many of the vacuums have a chopper in them that reduces the leaves to fine shreds. As with all compostable materials, the smaller

the particles, the faster they will break down. Mix leaves with your vegetable waste to have a supply of great compost next spring.

There is even a use for bagged leaves. One may place bags of leaves over root crops and continue to harvest roots for most of the winter. Most people say that parsnips actually are better when they are harvested in winter from under the leaf bags.

If you have neither a lawnmower nor a mulching vac to shred your leaves, you may do it with a string trimmer. Rake or blow leaves into a pile and them fill a metal garbage can or barrel about half full of leaves. Lower the string trimmer into the can and work it around until the leaves have been thoroughly shredded.

If you have raised beds for vegetables or are planning to make some for next year, the shredded leaves are a great way to begin filling them. Just pour leaves into the beds and wet them to keep the wind from scattering them. You may turn them during the winter when we get some nice days, but even without turning, they will be well on their way to a nice leaf mold by springs. In the spring, adding topsoil or other compost to fill the beds, the remaining decomposition will soon take place.

Shredded leaves also make a good winter mulch. The freeze-thaw cycles that typify Hoosier winters result in the roots of many fall-planted plants being heaved out of the ground. The best way to prevent this is to surround the plants with a generous amount of mulch, thereby insulating the soil from the temperature fluctuations that cause the heave. The leaves will ultimately rot in place and enrich the soil around the plant. In the spring, you may want to mulch with something a little more decorative.

With all of these options, there is no need to bag leaves and take them to landfills. Burning of leaf piles is also a waste of great organic material. If you do not want your leaves, bag them and give them to a friend who is a gardener. Most gardeners will be excited to receive them. It is like getting free bags of organic fertilizer.

New rates established at West Boggs Park

West Boggs Park has announced that it is decreasing the mobile home rental and boat launching rates beginning November 8, 2016.

The daily mobile home rental rate will decrease from \$116 per day to \$99 per day. In addition, the weekly mobile home rental rate will decrease from \$696 per week to \$495 per week.

The current fee to launch a boat for campers and the public at West Boggs Park is \$10 per day for each day that the boat is launched. For those camping at the park, this fee will become a one-time \$10 fee for the full length of your stay, whether it be one day or seven days. The daily launch fee for those

not camping in the park will remain \$10 per day. Seasonal boating passes can be purchased for \$66 per pass. Boating is permitted for the duration of the year.

The Daviess-Martin County Joint Parks Department approved these changes in an effort to better serve their guests and increase campers in the park!

Please feel free to contact the park office at (812)-295-3537 with any further questions or inquiries concerning park rates.

West Boggs Park (www.westboggs.com) is at 16117 US 231 Loogootee, IN 47553.

Southwest Indiana Crop Seminar

The Southwest Indiana Crop Seminar on November 22 will focus on manure and nutrient management to maximize crop production while reducing environmental and community impacts.

The seminar runs from 12-3:15 p.m. (EST) at the Dubois County 4-H Fairgrounds Clover Pavilion located six miles south of Jasper on IN162, and is geared towards farmers, private applicators and crop advisors.

Speakers will include Barry Fischer, USDA, on manures as part of a cropping system; Dr. Brad Joern, Purdue Agronomy Department, on improving manure and nutrient efficiency; Ben Wicker, Indiana Pork, on community

relations with manures; and Matt Pearson, OISC and Ken Eck, Purdue Extension, on manure rules and regulation.

The seminar counts as one of three meetings required for private fertilizer (private Category 14) or private pesticide applicator (PARP) recertification, with a fee for PARP credit at \$10, and attendees must also bring their pesticide or fertilizer card and attend the entire program. Commercial Category 14 CEU and Certified Crop Advisor CCH credits are also available in the area of nutrient management.

More information and flyer at: <https://extension.purdue.edu/Dubois/Pages/article.aspx?intItemID=20872>.

Indiana Horticultural Congress set for January 10-12

Commercial and private growers can learn more about production practices, pest and disease control, agritourism, food safety and other topics at the annual Indiana Horticultural Congress and Trade Show.

The event, hosted by Purdue Extension, will be held January 10-12, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day, at the Marriott East Hotel, 7202 East 21st St., Indianapolis.

Workshop sessions include fruit and vegetable production, wine grapes, flowers, organics, farm marketing and business management.

During the trade show, participants will have an opportunity to talk with vendors of irrigation supplies, plant protection products, seeds, processed foods and equipment.

Special events include:

- * Indiana Wine Reception and Awards Banquet.
- * Cider judging contest.
- * Silent auction.
- * Pesticide core exam.
- * Pesticide applicator recertification.
- * Social hour.

Students and educators are eligible for free admission. Three-day and one-day registration packages are available. Cost of the three-day registration is \$100 and \$75 for additional participants from the same organization. Cost of the one-day registration is \$75 for the first member and \$55 for additional



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attendees.

Accommodations are available at the special rate of \$131 per night if rooms are reserved before December 9.

Certified private pesticide applicators may attend a recertification session January 11. There is a small additional fee to attend the session and participants must know their private applicator license number to receive recertification credit. Licensed commercial applicators in Category 1 may attend sessions for continuing certification hours.

To sign up, go to www.inhortcongress.org. For more information, contact Peter Hirst at 765-494-1323, hirst@purdue.edu; Lori Jolly-Brown at 765-494-1296, ljollybr@purdue.edu or Tristand Tucker at ttucker@purdue.edu.

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LHS students compete at State Beta Convention

Loogootee High School's Beta Club traveled to the French Lick Hotel to attend the 26th Annual Indiana State Beta Convention. While at the convention, students from Loogootee participated in numerous academic tests, talent, quiz bowl and art competitions, STEM activities, and other ventures against other Beta Clubs from around the state. Cora Hedrick ran for state office and did a wonderful job of representing the community.

Many students placed in academic and STEM activities. Those placing first at the state level include Max Christmas in Poetry and Math, Claire Kunovic in French, Nolan Lottes in Agriculture, and Shania Swigler in German.

Those placing second include Hannah Bailey in Oratory, Garrett Williams in Social Studies, and the LHS Beta Officers (Hannah Bailey, Breanna Hollaway, Eden Jenkins, Tristan Jones, Shania Swigler, Clayton Thomas, and Abbie Williams) in Spotlight Your Service.

Third place finishes consist of Dylan Arthur in Science, Eden Jenkins in Special Talent, Beta Build (Kendra Lythgoe, Tyler Harrison, Trinity Howell,

Rachel Robinson, and Jessie Stoll), Fresh Look at Beta (Alex Bowling, Chris Jones, Jayden Leatherman, and Wyatt Street), and Quiz Bowl (Sarah Bailey, Eden Jenkins, Kaleb Lyon, Jake Simmons, Shania Swigler, and Clayton Thomas).

The LHS club also performed in the Show Choir competition lead by Matty Jones and Jake Simmons and placed third. Those Show Choir members include Alicja Ackermann, Hannah Bailey, Julianne Bell, Kashten Burch, Liz Burch, Chloe Carrico, Cassidy Esch, Leonna Hedrick, Trinity Howell, Eden Jenkins, Matty Jones, Tristan Jones, Kaleb Lyon, Konner Lyon, Rachel Robinson, Katie Sims, Jesse Stoll, Shania Swigler, Melaina Tippery, Madison Wade, Elly Wagler, Sarah Wagler, Cade Wilcoxon, Abbie Williams, Calli Winger, and Olivia Winger.

Cora's campaign skit placed third at the state level. Those students that wrote and performed in the skit include Alicja Ackermann, Julianne Bell, Kashten Burch, Anaya Carrico, Eden Jenkins, Claire Kunovic, Kaleb Lyon, Jake Simmons, Katie Sims, Madison Wade, and Olivia Winger.

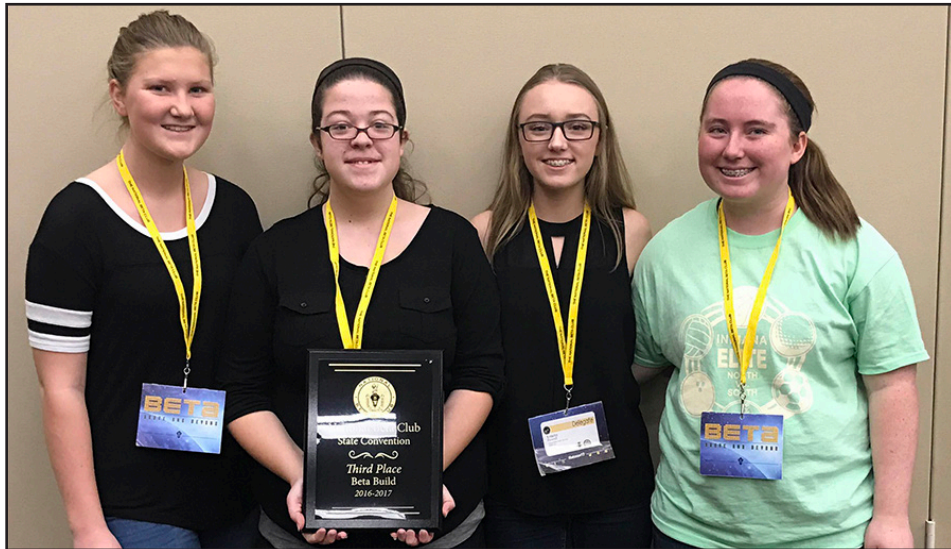


-Photos provided

Shown above is the Show Choir that place third at the State Beta Convention. In the front row, from left to right, are Liz Burch, Trinity Howell, Calli Winger, Sarah Wagler, Elly Wagler, Chloe Carrico, and Cassidy Esch. In the second row are Shania Swigler, Hannah Bailey, Abbie Williams, Alicja Ackermann, Katie Sims, Julianne Bell, Rachel Robinson, Melaina Tippery, and Kashten Burch. In the back row are Matty Jones, Sara Bailey, Cade Wilcoxon, Konner Lyon, Tristan Jones, Jake Simmons, Kaleb Lyon, Eden Jenkins, Jesse Stoll, Olivia Winger, Madisyn Wade, and Leonna Hedrick.



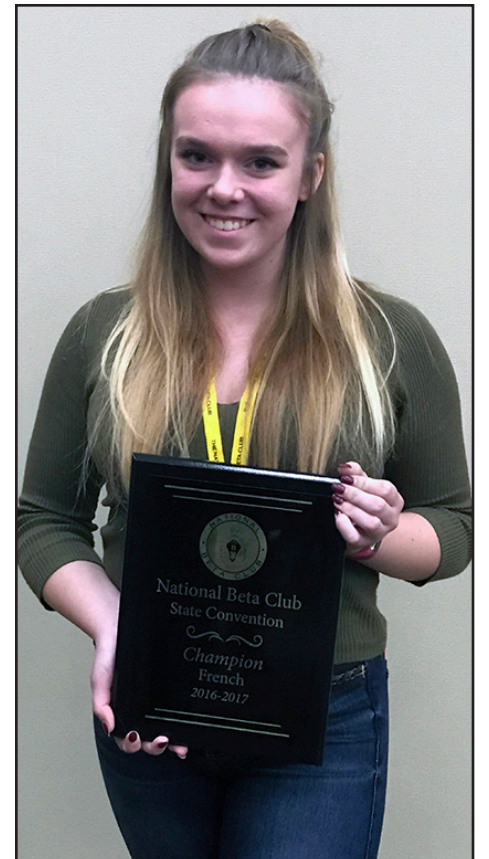
The Quiz Bowl team placed third at the convention. From left to right are Shania Swigler, Eden Jenkins, Clayton Thomas, Sara Bailey, Kaleb Lyon, and Jake Simmons.



The Beta Build group placed third at the convention. From left to right are Rachel Robinson, Jesse Stoll, Trinity Howell, and Kendra Lythgoe. Not pictured is Tyler Harbison.



Dylan Arthur placed third in the science category at the State Beta Convention.



Claire Kunovic placed first in the French category at the State Beta Convention.



Nolan Lottes placed first in Agriculture at the State Convention.




Shania Swigler received first place in German at the State Convention.

More Beta photos continued on page 10.

THANK YOU

I want to thank everyone who voted for me for Martin County Recorder in last Tuesday's election. I vow to do the job to the best of my ability and I appreciate the opportunity to continue to serve you as recorder!

~Rhonda Sanders



-Paid for by Rhonda Sanders for Martin County Recorder

NOTICE TO MEMBERS
OF EAST FORK WATER, INC.

Nominations for new directors for North Rutherford, West Perry, South Center, and Lost River townships will be accepting until December 12th at the East Fork office located at 213 S. Main Street in Shoals, Indiana. Fifteen or more members may make nominations for new directors in writing, by certified mail, or personal delivery. The annual meeting will be held January 30th, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. and nominees will be voted upon at that meeting. All members are invited to attend.

BETA CONVENTION



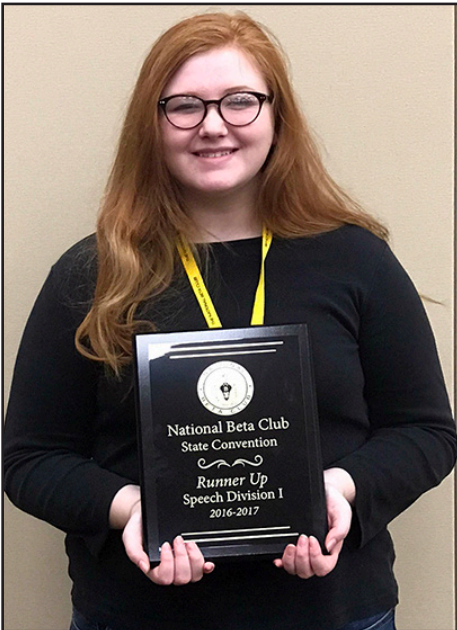
The Fresh Look at Beta team placed third at the State Beta Convention. From left to right are Jayden Leatherman, Wyatt Street, Chris Jones, Alex Bowling.



Shown is the Spotlight Your Club group at the State Beta Convention. From left to right are Shania Swigler, Tristan Jones, Breanna Hollaway, Eden Jenkins, Sara Bailey, and Abbie Williams.



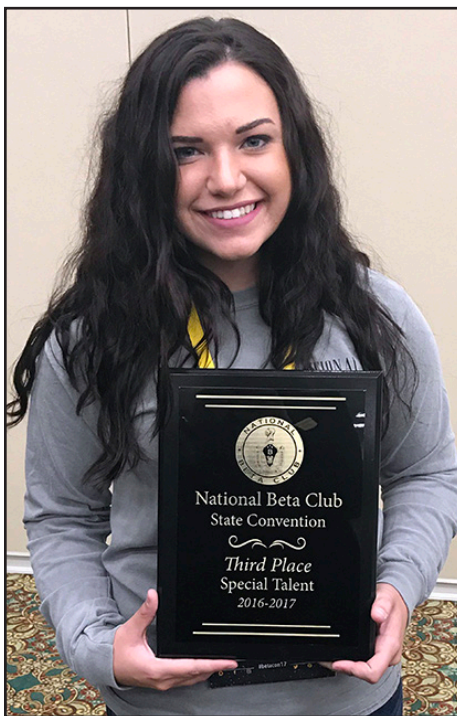
The campaign skit group placed third. In the front row, from left to right, are Claire Kunovic, Alicja Ackermann, Katie Sims, Anaya Carrico, Kashten Burch, Madisyn Wade, and Kristin Norris. In the back row are Cora Hedrick, Kaleb Lyon, Eden Jenkins, Jake Simmons, Julianne Bell, and Olivia Winger.



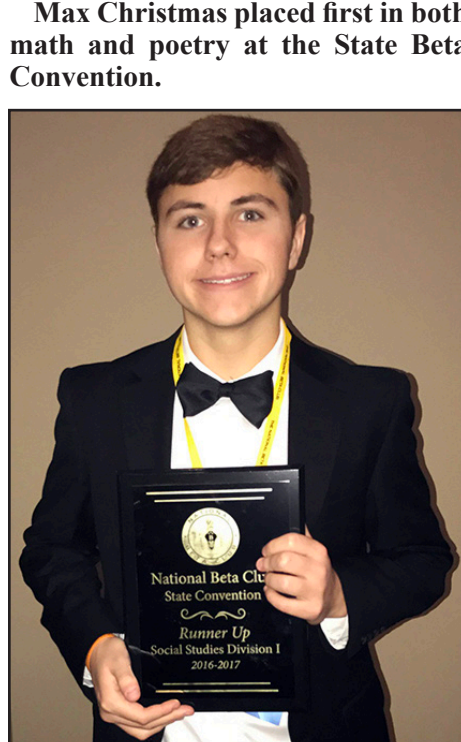
Hannah Bailey placed second in the oratory category at the State Beta Convention.



Max Christmas placed first in both math and poetry at the State Beta Convention.



Eden Jenkins placed third in the special talent category at the State Beta Convention.



Garrett Williams won second place in the Social Studies category.

VU will host All-District Honor Band November 19-20

The Vincennes University Department of Music and Theatre will host the southwest region Indiana Bandmasters Association 2016 “All-District Honor Band” on November 19-20 at VU’s Red Skelton Performing Arts Center. VU is one of eight sites throughout the state that will be hosting this event.

The Vincennes site will feature student musicians from 16 area high schools including Barr-Reeve, Boonville, Heritage Hills, Loogootee, North Daviess, North Knox, North Posey, Pike Central, Princeton, South Knox, Southridge, Sullivan, Tecumseh, Vincennes Lincoln, Washington, and Terre Haute West Vigo.

The 67-piece ensemble, under the direction of guest conductor Rick Granlund, will rehearse all day Saturday and part of Sunday, then will present a concert on Sunday afternoon, 4 p.m. (EST), at the Skelton Center. Admission to the performance is free, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

ABOUT THE GUEST CONDUCTOR

Rick Granlund serves as director of bands and Performing Arts Department Chair at North Central High School in Indianapolis. He has held similar positions at Perry Meridian High School, Morris Community (Illinois) High School, Delphi Community High School, and Caston Jr./Sr. High School.

Granlund earned his undergradu-

ate degree in music education from Ball State University where he was a Pressler scholar. He completed his Master of Arts degree at the University of Indianapolis and completed additional master’s coursework at VanderCook College of Music in Chicago, Illinois, Indiana University, Purdue University, and Illinois State University.

Bands and individual students under the direction of Granlund have earned numerous honors, awards, and distinctions at state and local festivals and competitions. Granlund has served as a conductor for both the Indiana Bandmasters Association All-Region and All-District Honor Bands on many occasions. He has also served as an adjudicator for the Indiana State School Music Association organizational festivals and a clinician and state chair for the Indiana Music Educators Association Non-Competitive Festival.

Granlund served as president of the Indiana Bandmasters Association from 2007-09 and is the past president of the Indiana State School Music Association.

Granlund was awarded the Indiana Music Educators Association Outstanding High School Music Educator Award in 2011. His professional memberships include Indiana Bandmasters Association, Phi Beta Mu, Indiana Jazz Educators Association, Indiana Music Educators Association, and National Association for Music Education.

3rd Annual CTE Summit to be held for more than 600 high school students

Haas Automation (Haas), in association with the Region 8 Works Council (R8WC) and the local Career Centers/Cooperative will host this year’s CTE Summit Friday, November 18, 2016 at WestGate Academy Conferencing & Training Center. The Summit was developed by the R8WC in partnership with Indiana Region 8 employers and educational institutions to educate students to the career pathway options available, engage students in active thinking around regional opportunities and enlighten all who attend as to the power of Career and Technical Education.

Students from Region 8 CTE Centers will present their skills alongside post-secondary and industry representatives in Linear Presentations designed to connect the Indiana Department of Education Career Pathways to future jobs at local companies. Attendees will also have opportunities to participate in mock interviews and attend

breakout sessions.

“With overwhelmingly positive responses following the first two, and our third becoming the largest summit yet, we expect to continue to help students explore careers and gain soft skills relevant to local industry requirements,” said Christi McBride, Assistant Director of Hoosier Hills Career Center. “We love seeing the positive work focused on the students and industry in our region.”

“The Gene Haas Foundation and the Haas Factory Outlet are excited to support the CTE Summit, as part of our continued commitment to manufacturing education in the state of Indiana,” stated Tim Taylor, Vice President of Haas Factory Outlet, Chicago – A Division of Midwest Machinery Resources. “We look forward to a long-term relationship that extends beyond this year’s event.”

The CTE Summit will take place Friday, November 18 from 9 a.m. to 1:40 p.m. Eastern Time.