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Deer in the roadway causes two-vehicle crash with injuries

A Tuesday evening crash on US 50 in Martin County was the result of a deer crossing the roadway.

At 6:09 p.m. Tuesday, November 15, Trooper Andrew Beaver was patrolling US 50 and had turned to initiate a traffic stop for a speeding violation. As he turned around to face west, he observed a two-vehicle crash that had just happened. As he pulled up to the scene, Trooper Beaver found a pick-up truck on its side and an SUV in the roadway.

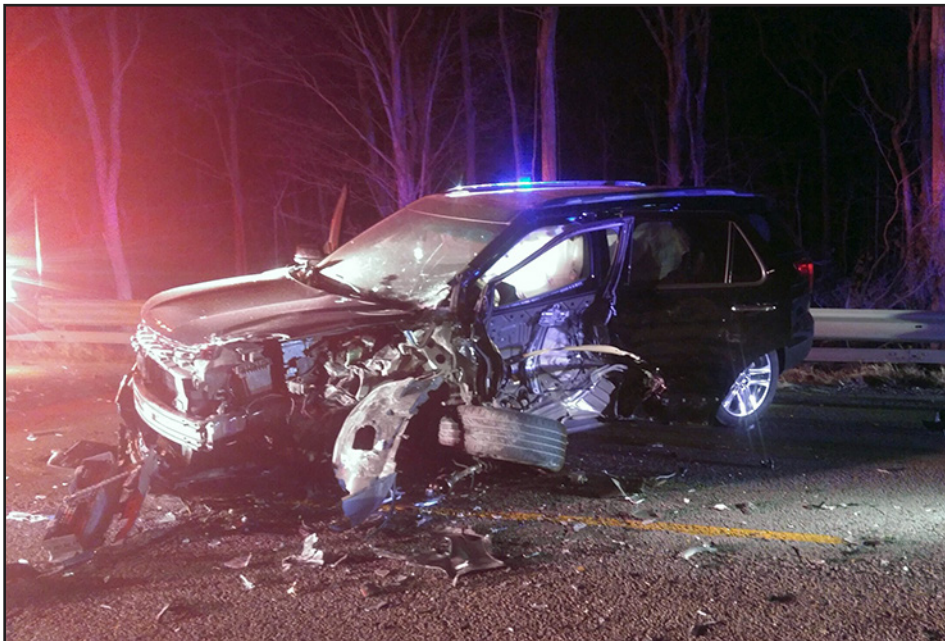
The investigation showed that 41-year-old Deanna Smith, of Shoals, was driving westbound on US 50 when a deer entered the roadway, standing near the center line. At the same time, Jason Robbins, of Shoals, was driving eastbound towards Smith and the deer. Both Smith and Robbins swerved to miss the deer, but each swerved towards the center line. Impact from the collision caused Robbins' truck to overturn onto its passenger side, trap-

ping him inside the vehicle.

Robbins was cut from the truck by Martin County Civil Defense and the Loogootee Fire Department. He was transported to Memorial Hospital in Jasper with complaints of pain to his ribs and legs. Smith was treated at the scene for minor injuries.

Both drivers were wearing their seatbelts at the time of the crash, greatly reducing the extent of injuries to each driver.

The Indiana State Police would like to remind motorists that, particularly during deer season, drivers should not swerve to avoid deer in the roadway. Evasive maneuvers in which a motorist drives off the roadway or leaves their lane poses a greater risk of having a severe crash as opposed to colliding with the animal. In this crash, even though both drivers attempted to avoid the deer, the deer was still struck prior to the vehicles crashing into each other.



Beautiful fall sky

-Photo by Sarah Mullen

Good ole Indiana weather is the one place in the U.S. where you can run your air conditioner and furnace in the same 24-hour period. According to the 10-day forecast, daily high temps will remain in the 50s.

Martin County's jobless rate at 3.7 percent for October

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

Martin County's unemployment rate fell from 4.1 percent in September to 3.7 percent in October. The county had the 39th lowest jobless rate of the 92 Indiana counties for October, tied with seven other counties.

In October, the county had 5,131 residents in the workforce with 190 of them without jobs. In September, there were 5,172 residents able to work and 212 of them unemployed. In October of last year, the county's jobless rate was also 3.7 percent with 4,977 residents in the workforce and 185 of them without jobs.

Daviess County's unemployment rate also fell slightly to 3 percent for October, down from 3.2 percent the month before. The county had the third lowest unemployment rate in the state for October, tied with Adams and Hamilton counties.

In October, the county had 15,981 residents in the workforce with 475 of them unemployed. In September, there were 16,021 residents able to work and 512 of them without jobs. In October of last year, Daviess County's jobless rate was 3.4 percent with 15,732 residents able to work and 538 of them unemployed.

Dubois County's unemployment rate also fell just a bit to 2.8 percent in October, down from 3 percent in September. The county held on to the top spot in the state for the lowest jobless rate for October.

In October, the county had 23,225 residents in the workforce with 643 of them out of work. In September, there were 23,342 residents able to work with 696 of them unemployed. In October of 2015, Dubois County's unemployment rate was 3.1 percent with 22,321 residents able to work and 687 of them without jobs.

Lawrence County's jobless rate fell

from 5 percent in September to 4.7 percent in October. The county had the ninth highest unemployment rate in the state for October, tied with Sullivan County.

In October, the county had 20,687 residents in the workforce with 977 of them without work. In September, there were 20,851 residents able to work and 1,052 of them without jobs. In October of last year, Lawrence County's unemployment rate was 5.8 percent with 20,472 residents able to work and 1,183 of them without jobs.

The top ten spots in the state with the lowest jobless rate for October were Dubois County at 2.8 percent, Bartholomew County at 2.9 percent, Well, Hamilton, Daviess, and Adams counties at 3 percent; and LaGrange, Gibson, Decatur, Brown, and Boone counties at 3.1 percent.

The top ten spots in the state with the highest jobless rate for October were Greene and Lake counties at 5.4 percent, Fayette County at 5.1 percent, Newton and Vermillion counties at 5 percent, LaPorte County at 4.9 percent, Crawford and Fountain counties at 4.8 percent, and Lawrence and Sullivan counties at 4.7 percent.

Indiana's unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 percent to 4.4 percent in October. The national unemployment rate for October is 4.9 percent. The state's labor force, a measure of Hoosiers employed or seeking employment, has increased by 83,409 (2.5 percent) over the year. Indiana's total labor force stands at over 3.3 million and the state's 65.0 percent labor force participation rate remains above the national rate of 62.8 percent.

"While Indiana's low unemployment rate is a positive economic indicator, it has also created a challenge for Hoosier businesses to find skilled workers, particularly in fields like information technology and advanced manufacturing," (See 'RATE' continued on page 2)



Health department inspects food service establishments

The following restaurant inspections were done by Julia Albright, of the Martin County Health Department. The information listed is verbatim from the inspection report and all were routine inspections, unless otherwise noted. Violations that were seen again from one inspection to the next are noted with "(Repeat violation)" after the entry.

OCTOBER 21

Lark Ranch, 3145 Killion Mill Road, Loogootee

One critical violation:

-Eggs stored above ready-to-use cider in Snack Shack refrigerator. (Repeat violation)

One non-critical violation:

-Food service area doors have no self-closing device. Bathroom in Corn Cob Crib has no self-closing device. (Repeat violation)

OCTOBER 28

Celtic Garden Herbs, 15184 County Farm Road, Shoals

Items packaged in certified kitchen at Shoals Senior Center, Capital Avenue, Shoals.

No violations noted.

OCTOBER 31

Shoals Community School, 11741 Ironton Road, Shoals

No violations noted.

Jay C #52, 201 S. High Street, Shoals

Two non-critical violations:

-No self-closing device on men's toilet room door. (Repeat violation)

-Several light bulbs throughout milk, meat, juice cases have no shield over bulb. (Repeat violation)

NOVEMBER 4

Biggin's Place, 109 Hill Street, Loogootee

One critical violation:

-Potato salad on salad bar at 45.6 degrees; ham at 44 degrees. (Repeat violation)

One non-critical violation:

-Range hood filters have build-up of grease/dust. (Repeat violation)

The Lodge of Loogootee, 302 W. Williams Street, Loogootee

One critical violation:

-Temperature of items on salad bar above 41 degrees: cottage cheese 44.8 degrees, potato salad 45 degrees, coleslaw 45.4 degrees (Repeat violation)

One non-critical violation:

-Wiping cloths in kitchen not stored in sanitizer between use.

Pizza Junction, 301 JFK Avenue, Loogootee

One non-critical violation:

-Pepsi machine fountain nozzles have build-up of black substance.



Dodging the bucks

-Photo by Bill Whorrall, www.billwhorrallart.com

As many hunters are aware, it's breeding season for whitetail deer. Female deer, called does, give birth to one to three young at a time, usually in May or June and after a gestation period of seven months. A deer's home range is usually less than a square mile. Deer collect in family groups of a mother and her fawns. When a doe has no fawns, she is usually solitary. Male bucks may live in groups consisting of three or four individuals, except in mating season, when they are solitary.

Tri Kappa looking for scholarship applicants

The state organization of Tri Kappa will award a variety of scholarships to college students throughout Indiana in the spring. Each state scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$1,000. Tri Kappa has provided scholarship awards since 1914 acknowledging students on the local, province and state levels. Chapters, provinces and the state organization combined, currently give nearly \$500,000 annually honoring academic achievement.

The state scholarship chair is currently seeking applicants for the following:

-Twelve \$1,000 Academic Scholarships will be awarded and additional At-Large scholarships could be awarded dependent upon the funds available. To apply students must be currently enrolled in a baccalaureate or graduate program, having completed at least one academic year. Criteria used by the Tri Kappa selection committee are academic achievement, strong goals, extracurricular activities, work experience and volunteer service. (One Scholarship per Province, Loogootee-Shoals is Province III)

-Two \$1,000 Key Scholarships are available to students throughout the state. These are directed to those students who have no previous degree beyond high school and have had a lapse in their education for at least 5 years. Any student enrolled in an accredited school offering an associate or baccalaureate degree, who has completed at least one semester, may apply. Criteria used by the Tri Kappa selection committee are strong goals, work experience and volunteer service since high school.

-Two \$1,000 Fine Arts Scholarships will be awarded statewide to students majoring in art, dance, drama, or music. To apply, students must be currently en-

rolled in an accredited baccalaureate or graduate degree program, having completed at least one academic year.

-The \$1,000 Twanette Nutter Fleming Music Award stipulates that the applicant must be enrolled in a fully accredited course of study leading to a degree to teach music in a private, public, or parochial school, having completed at least one academic year.

Our area has numerous college students who are talented and would qualify for these scholarships. Tri Kappa is hopeful that those students will be brought to their attention so they may begin the process of submitting an application for State Tri Kappa scholarships. Students wishing to apply for any of these scholarships are encouraged to contact Audrey Robinson at 812-296-1924.

Local deadline to submit scholarship applications to Delta Tau Chapter of Tri Kappa is Friday, January 20, 2017. That will provide the committee time to vote on the applications, put the packages together and submit to the state scholarship committee by the state deadline of February 1st, 2017.

The Tri Kappa State Scholarship Committee will meet in early spring to select the recipients of the above-mentioned Scholarships.

In addition to the state scholarships, the Loogootee-Shoals, Delta Tau Chapter of Tri Kappa also provides two local scholarships in the amount of \$500 each; one to a graduating Loogootee High School Student and one to a graduating Shoals High School Student with proof of college enrollment for the 2016-17 Fall Semester. Applications for those high school scholarships can be obtained from your high school counselor or by contacting Audrey Robinson 812-296-1924.

WestGate Tech Park to add new facility, caps off 10th anniversary year with new 10-year lease.

During Tuesday's monthly WestGate Authority Board meeting at WestGate Academy Conferencing & Training Center, one WestGate@Crane Technology Park property owner and developer shared some great news. WestGate@Crane Development Company owner Dale Ankrom announced there would be an addition in the Tech Park with scheduled completion in November of 2017.

WestGate@Crane Technology Park buildings are organized numerically. The new building will be a storage facility at WestGate Building 7 (WestGate 7).

Ankrom says WestGate 7 will be home to Alion, a current Tech Park Tenant that will expand from not only being office tenants, but also storage facility tenants as well. He adds the 40,000-square-foot outdoor storage facility will be self-contained within six acres and located in the Daviess County portion of the Tech Park.

"[Alion has] signed a ten-year lease, so they look to be at WestGate for a long period of time. The structure will be a steel structure between 20 and 24 feet on the inside. We hope to get other kinds of warehouse industries [in the Tech Park]."

Phil O'Haver and Natalie Smith are both Daviess County WestGate Authority Board members.

O'Haver explains why this growth

means more jobs for the region and will help further develop the Tech Park.

"For the WestGate Authority Board [this] is great news because our funding is determined based on taxes paid by employees. So, it's good for WestGate Authority, it's good for the Tech Park and it should lead to more development. It also gives us some opportunities now that we have another building [being constructed]."

Smith says this year has had its difficulties for the Tech Park, but this news means a positive economic boost for Daviess County, the Tech Park, and for the I-69 Corridor.

"We've had a lean year this year and we've made it through. To hear this news is very exciting."

WestGate 7 will be located this time next year at the intersection of 1400 and WestGate Drive. WestGate 7 will be just south of WestGate Academy. The last construction that took place in the Tech Park was a child care facility in 2013.

Founded in 2006 and located just outside of Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division, WestGate@Crane Technology Park is the only tri-county certified technology park in Indiana, is home to nearly 40 tenants with size ranging from small business to Fortune 500 companies, and has a monthly economic impact in salaries alone of \$3M.

the year. He added that initial unemployment insurance claims remain at the lowest point in over 30 years.

Employment by Sector

Indiana experienced across the board growth in September, included in the Private Education & Health Services (3,600), Trade, Transportation & Utilities (800) and Leisure & Hospitality (400). Gains were partially offset with losses in the Professional & Business Services (-700), Manufacturing (-600) and Financial Services (-400) sectors.

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said Steven J. Braun, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD). "Fortunately, local WorkOne Career Centers can assist unemployed and underemployed Hoosiers in attaining the in-demand skills required to fill the thousands of good-paying jobs currently available across the state."

Commissioner Braun also noted that private sector employment increased 3,400 over the month and 26,900 over

~ THANK YOU! ~

I would like to thank everyone who voted for me and supported me in my re-election for Martin County Commissioner.

I look forward to serving as your commissioner for the next four years.

-Kevin Boyd-

-Paid for by Kevin Boyd for Martin County Commissioner

Obituaries

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NORMA DICKMAN

Norma L. Dickman passed away at 1:50 a.m. Sunday, November 20, 2016



at the Loogootee Nursing Center. A longtime resident of Circle Drive in Shoals, she was 87.

Funeral services will be Monday, November 28, at 11 a.m. at the Shoals Christian

Church with Rev. Matt Sullivan officiating. Burial will be in the Springhill Cemetery.

Visitation will be held at the Queen-Lee Funeral Home on Sunday, November 27 from 4-8 p.m. and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made in lieu of flowers to the Shoals Christian Church.

VIOLA KNEPP

Viola (Miller) Knepp passed away at 4 a.m. Monday, November 21, 2016 at Daviess Community Hospital. A resident of Loogootee, she was 63.

She was born July 2, 1953 in Washington; daughter of the late Elmer and Mary Edna (Kemp) Miller.

She was a servant of God and in her last days she reminded her family that even through tough times, we must hold onto Him.

She was a member of Berea Menno-

nite Church. She was a CNA for 20-plus years. She loved her grandchildren and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Larry Knepp of Loogootee; children, Donna Faye Combs of Loogootee, Laura Mae (Fred) Graber of Montgomery, Rita Kaye (Brent) Shake of Loogootee and Kenneth Jay (Amber) Knepp of Loogootee; grandchildren, Jaylon Combs, Noah Truelove, Davy, Adam, and Ashley Graber, Kristina, Katie, and Kyndra Shake, Brooklyn and Ava Knepp; siblings, Joyce

3rd Annual CTE Summit boasts largest attendance to date

Haas Automation (Haas), in association with the Region 8 Works Council (R8WC) and the local Career Centers/Cooperative hosted this year's CTE Summit Friday, November 18, 2016 at WestGate Academy Conferencing & Training Center. More than 520 students were in attendance, making the third Summit the largest yet.

The Summit was developed by R8WC in partnership with Indiana Region 8 employers and educational institutions so students learn career pathway options available, engage in active thinking around regional opportunities, and are enlightened of Career and Technical Education opportunities.

Hoosier Hills Career Center of Bloomington is part of R8WC. Hoosier Hills Career Center Assistant Director Christi McBride says this event



VIOLA KNEPP

She was preceded in death by her parents, Elmer and Mary Edna (Kemp) Miller; sister,

(Abe) Knepp of Loogootee, Leroy (Carolyn) Miller of Odon, Dennis (Rosanna) Miller of Loogootee, Marilyn Brady of Plainville, and Delbert (Darlene) Miller of North Carolina.

Katherine Miller; brother, Joseph Miller; and brother-in-law, Leland Brady.

Funeral services were conducted at 10 a.m. this morning, Wednesday, November 23 at Berea Mennonite Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Berea Mennonite Church.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Arrangements were provided by Blake & Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery.

helps students understand there are options available close to home.

"The focus is to regionally acknowledge what we have and to try to create an opportunity for a lack of a brain drain to happen. And to have something fun for kids."

Bloomington High School South Junior Emily Brown was representing Project Lead the Way Biomedical Innovation at the Summit. She says she was excited to meet peers with similar interests.

"I thought it was really interesting running the booth and interacting with the kids that came up and finding people that are actually really interested in biomedical studies. It was a lot of fun to actually connect with people."

McBride says she receives positive feedback from students and vendors

and that each Summit is a success.

"I heard from a lot of students they enjoyed hearing about [the job opportunities] and actually seeing the reality of what they can do with where they want to go with their lives."

Twelve high schools (from Region 8 listed below) brought more than 500 students to this year's Summit. More than 40 vendors had informational booths and sessions educating students, focusing on the eight career clusters (Information Technology, Engineering & Defense, AgriBusiness/Food Science, Hospitality & Human Services, Biomedical, Construction Technology, Automotive Technology/Logistics, Advanced Manufacturing-CNC) highlighted in Region 8 (consisting of Owen, Monroe, Brown, Greene, Daviess, Martin, Lawrence, and Orange counties).

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

1:27 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Civil Defense and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to IU Health in Bedford.

5:18 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on US 231, south of Loogootee. Deputy Salmon responded.

7:00 a.m. - Received report of a car-deer accident on US 231, north of Loogootee. ISP responded.

8:05 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:35 a.m. - Captain Dant assisted a motorist near Shoals.

12:00 p.m. - Received an alarm call near Loogootee. Loogootee Chief responded and all was okay.

12:25 p.m. - Jail Commander on station with one inmate for court.

2:03 p.m. - Captain Dant performed a vehicle identification check near Loogootee.

4:11 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

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

5:02 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

6:27 p.m. - Deputy Shinn performed a vehicle identification check near Loogootee.

7:35 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver east of Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

8:26 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check east of Shoals. Deputy Shinn, Loogootee Officer Baker, and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

4:08 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:08 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Loogootee. Deputy Salmon responded.

7:30 a.m. - Jail Commander took one inmate back to the Branchville Correctional Facility.

10:44 a.m. - Captain Dant performed a vehicle identification check north of Loogootee.

11:30 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

2:30 p.m. - Captain Dant took four inmates to court.

2:40 p.m. - Loogootee Chief Rayhill performed a vehicle identification check in Loogootee.

2:48 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:08 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 50, east of Loogootee. ISP Trooper Beaver, Major Burkhardt, Loogootee Fire, Martin County Civil Defense, and Martin County Ambulance responded. One subject was transported to the Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:58 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to the Jasper Memorial Hospital.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

9:30 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee

Chief Rayhill and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

12:15 p.m. - Received a report of a break-in in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

3:36 p.m. - Sheriff Roush assisted a motorist in Shoals.

5:17 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic in Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

6:31 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

8:30 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic in Loogootee. Major Burkhardt and Loogootee Police Department responded.

11:35 p.m. - Received a report of a prowler near Loogootee. Deputy Shinn responded.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

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

5:56 a.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene and Deputy Shinn responded.

7:00 a.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 231, south of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene, Deputy Shinn, Loogootee Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. Air Evac was contacted to air lift one subject to an Evansville hospital.

1:59 p.m. - Received a report of a brush fire south of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire responded.

7:42 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Loogootee. Major Burkhardt, Deputy Salmon, and Deputy Reed responded.

11:28 p.m. - Received a report of threats in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

12:09 a.m. - Received a prowler complaint near Loogootee. Deputy Salmon, Town Marshal Eckert, and Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.

5:15 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

10:00 a.m. - Major Burkhardt took two inmates to court

10:25 a.m. - Jail Commander Abel took two inmates to the Indiana Department of Corrections.

12:50 p.m. - Received a report of a line across 231 near Boggs Lake. Major Burkhardt and Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

12:54 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Crane Village. Major Burkhardt responded.

12:59 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

4:27 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle east of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

5:20 p.m. - Received a report of an accident with injuries west of Shoals on Hwy 50. Major Burkhardt, Chief Deputy Greene and ISP Trooper Beaver responded. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance assisted. Martin County Ambulance transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital and ATM towed the vehicle.

6:04 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across the road on Hwy. 231 in front of Stoll's restaurant. Civil defense re-

sponded.

6:38 p.m. - Received a report of spotlighting and shooting east of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

7:23 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on Hwy. 231 North. Deputy Reed and ISP Trooper responded.

8:00 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle fire on Crane base. Notified Crane dispatch.

8:06 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle blocking the road in Shoals. ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

8:12 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across Hwy 150. Shoals Fire responded.

8:22 p.m. - Received a report of a tree limb across Hwy 50, east of Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

8:23 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle that hit a tree limb on Hwy 50, east of Shoals. Deputy Reed responded.

8:31 p.m. - Received a report of a tree leaning across the road east of the fairgrounds on Hwy 50. Civil defense responded.

8:32 p.m. - Received a call of a tree in the road east of Max Warren's Curve on Hwy 50. Deputy Reed and Shoals Fire responded.

11:15 p.m. - Received a report of loud music in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Norris responded.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

12:35 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle driving left of center on Hwy. 231 South. All Martin County Units advised.

12:38 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on Hwy 550. Loogootee Fire and Deputy Reed responded. Vehicle was towed by G&M.

12:45 a.m. - Received a report of an attempted break-in south of Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

3:45 a.m. - Received a report of a possible drunk driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Norris responded.

6:38 a.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Dant responded.

7:35 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:11 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across Lilly Pond Road. Advised county highway department.

9:47 a.m. - Received a request for a golf cart inspection in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Dant responded.

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10:23 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:44 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

6:20 p.m. - Received a report of a car vs deer north of Loogootee. Deputy Shinn responded.

7:40 p.m. - Received a request for an officer in Crane Village for a vandalism report. Deputy Shinn responded.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

1:25 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital

2:47 p.m. - Received a request for an officer in Shoals for a domestic dispute. Captain Dant And ISP Trooper Lents responded.

7:05 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Sheriff Roush ISP Trooper Weir and Deputy Shinn responded.

Catch the latest edition of "The Indiana State Police Road Show"

Catch the latest edition of the "Indiana State Police Road Show" radio program every Monday morning at your convenience.

This week's show features Indiana State Police Superintendent Doug Carter and Pierre Twer, president and founder of Bolt for the Heart. Superintendent Carter and Mr. Twer discuss the Bolt for the Heart 5K run/walk and the donation of AED's to equip ISP patrol cars. A link to view the program is available at <http://boltfortheheart.com/events/virtual-race-5k/>.

Download the program from the Network Indiana public websites at www.networkindiana.com. Look for the state police logo on the main page and follow the download instructions. The ISP Road Show can also be viewed via YouTube.

Go to www.youtube.com/channel/UCu5Bg1KjBd7H1GxgkuV3YJA or visit the Indiana State Police website at www.in.gov/isp/ and click on the YouTube link. This 15-minute talk show concentrates on public safety and informational topics with state wide interest.

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- F. Deadline for applications is December 2, 2016

Applications can be picked up at City Hall, 401 JFK Avenue, Loogootee.

COURT NEWS

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

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed November 9

Synchrony Bank vs. Amy Baesel, civil collection.

November 14

Larry W. Troxel vs. Tiffanie E. Troxel, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Darrin W. Silvers vs. Paul M. and Mary Davis, civil plenary.

November 15

McKenzie L. Shultz vs. Nathan G. Shultz, petition for dissolution of marriage.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS October 26

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff LNV Corp. and against the defendant Rhonda L. Hardwick for mortgage foreclosure in the amount of \$141,065.81.

November 7

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff U.S. Bank National Association and against the defendant Gregory Sanders and Misty Sanders for mortgage foreclosure in the amount of \$38,079.27.

November 9

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Donald Keller in the amount of \$7,939.10.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT New Suits Filed November 14

Medical of Dubois vs. Kimberly D. Wade, complaint.

Medical of Dubois vs. Latrisha Sharp, complaint.

Medical of Dubois vs. Jared M. Sheetz, complaint.

Medical of Dubois vs. Larry E. Gilbert, complaint.

Medical of Dubois vs. Ginger and Ryan Tolbert, complaint.

Medical of Dubois vs. Merideth and Derek Sipes, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS October 28

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Medical of Dubois and against the defendant James E. Brim in the amount of \$411.33.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Medical of Dubois and against the defendant Rachel D. Gardner in the amount of \$309.96.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Medical of Dubois and against the defendant Bryce J. Wilson in the amount of \$404.26.

November 18

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Wade A. Carlson in the amount of \$582.06.

November 22

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Cecil Quinn and against the defendant Kathleen Parke in the amount of \$667.30.

MARRIAGE LICENSES November 15

Ryan J. Fuhrman of Loogootee and Michelle D. Epperson of Loogootee.

November 21

James C. Edwards of Loogootee and Kelsey A. McPherson of Loogootee.

2nd Annual Martin County Safe Community Campaign event

The 2nd annual Martin County Safe Community Campaign Event will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2016 at the Martin County Community Building. This event is a way that the community and its police officers can come together for a day of fun and information sharing.

As a way to further help and unite the community, officers are again teaming up with the Martin County area food banks for a food drive during the event. Food bank volunteers will be accepting food items and monetary donations throughout the day. Approximately 9,000 food items as well as monetary donations were donated at last year's event.

This second annual community event will feature officers and informational displays from the Martin County Sheriff's Office, Indiana Conservation Officers, Indiana State Police, Indiana Excise Police, Community Corrections, Shoals Police Department, and the Loogootee Police Department. Several law enforcement vehicles will be on display as well as other tactical and rescue gear.

The event will be free to the public and will feature several law enforcement speakers and programs as well as food and door prizes. Please make plans now to show your support for area law enforcement and our community.

Martin County real estate transfers

Kristina M. Lewis, of Dubois County, Indiana and **Terry D. Lewis**, of Lawrence County, Indiana to **Kenneth R. Boyd**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: A tract of land in the southeast quarter of Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 5 acres, more or less. Tract II: A tract of land in the southeast quarter of Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 5 acres, more or less.

Adam Greene to **Ethan M. Lechner** and **Anna C. Joest**, a part of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter and the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.538 acres, more or less.

Leona Stowe, of Martin County, Indiana to **Colton W. Lengacher** and **Daryn B. Lengacher**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: A portion of the west half of the southwest quarter of Section 32, Township 5 North, Range 4 West, Mar-

tin County, Indiana, containing 3.383 acres. Tract II: A portion of the west half of the southwest quarter of Section 32, Township 5 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2.19 acres. Tract III: One lot in the town of Kecksville, Indiana, all in Section 32, Township 5 North, Range 4 West.

Mark A. Jones and **Mary Jane Jones** to **William Lee Lagenour** and **Bonny Sue Lagenour**, all that part of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 12, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, all lying in Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.89 acres, more or less except a tract containing .44 acres, more or less.

William R. Shaw, of Martin County, Indiana to **Larry G. Shaw** and **Beverly A. Shaw**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of Section 15, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.11 acres, more or less.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

10:00 a.m. - Male caller reported a domestic dispute. Charges were filed with the prosecutor's office.

12:01 p.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a residential alarm.

4:54 p.m. - Caller reported an out-of-control juvenile.

6:53 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on North Line Street.

8:26 p.m. - Officer Baker assisted the county with a possible suicidal subject.

9:27 p.m. - Caller reported a parking complaint.

9:29 p.m. - Received a call of a suspicious vehicle in Eastgate.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

11:05 a.m. - Female came on station to request a vehicle identification check.

10:15 a.m. - Caller reported a possible theft.

4:05 p.m. - Female requested a vehicle identification check.

6:07 p.m. - First responders were requested on Hwy 50 for a vehicle accident.

6:23 p.m. - Caller reported a deer in the road on US 231.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

12:30 p.m. - Caller reported someone had broke into their garage on Queen Street.

4:43 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody issue.

5:12 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on SE 1st Street.

6:33 p.m. - First responders were requested on Crane Street for lifting assistance.

8:30 p.m. - Received a report of a dispute on SE 1st Street.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

3:20 a.m. - Male caller requested an

officer assist in removing a female from his residence.

7:20 a.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a vehicle accident.

6:31 p.m. - Caller reported a dispute in the IGA parking lot.

8:02 p.m. - Caller requested officers be on the look-out for a possible suicidal subject.

9:20 p.m. - Caller reported a dispute.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

10:06 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

2:15 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

7:23 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231.

11:15 p.m. - Caller reported a loud music complaint on SW 1st Street.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

12:35 a.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on US 231.

12:38 a.m. - First responders were requested on State Road 550 for a vehicle accident.

7:50 a.m. - Caller reported a traffic hazard on Hwy 50.

10:57 a.m. - Caller requested an officer do a welfare check on a female.

12:23 p.m. - Caller reported a dispute on Ackerman Drive.

2:30 p.m. - Caller requested extra patrol.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

1:05 a.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

5:27 a.m. - Officer Baker responded to a business alarm.

10:44 a.m. - Caller reported a dispute on North Oak Street.

9:45 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

ARREST

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

12:31 p.m. - Brian Padgett, 41, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Chief Rayhill and charged with domestic battery in the presence of a minor. His bond has been set at \$25,000 10%.

2:35 p.m. - Josie Souerdike, 19, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents on three Martin County warrants and is being held without bond.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

9:50 p.m. - Jahiah Gosney, 35, of Ohio, was arrested by ISP Trooper Johnson and charged with possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. He is being held on a \$10,000 10% warrant. Major Burkhardt assisted in the arrest.

10:10 p.m. - Julian Kassis, 30, of Iowa, was arrested by ISP Trooper Johnson on a warrant and is being held without bond.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

3:55 p.m. - Andrew Ford, 41, of Columbus, was arrested by ISP Trooper Johnson and charged with operating while intoxicated prior and driving while suspended prior. His bond has been set at \$25,000 10%.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

12:17 p.m. - William J. Moffitt, 39, of Shoals, was arrested by Chief Deputy

Greene and charged with possession of marijuana and maintaining a common nuisance. Bond set at \$25,000 10%

1:00 p.m. - Gloria Cagle, 38, of New Albany, was arrested on a warrant for failure to appear. No bond was set.

1:47 p.m. - Amy Moffitt, 41, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with maintaining a common nuisance and possession of marijuana. Bond set at \$25,000 10%.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

1:23 a.m. - Devin Byers, 26, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Reed and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, possession of a controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia and operating a vehicle while intoxicated. Bond set at \$25,000 10%.

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More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



My lifelong friend, Angie, sent me the following and I wanted to share it with you. I hope it makes you think. That 'ole Angie was always very wise.

THE BUZZARD

If you put a buzzard in a pen that is 6 feet by 8 feet and is entirely open at the top, the bird, in spite of its ability to fly, will be an absolute prisoner. The reason is that a buzzard always begins a flight from the ground with a run of 10 to 12 feet. Without space to run, as is its habit, it will not even attempt to fly, but will remain a prisoner for life in a small jail with no top.

THE BAT

The ordinary bat that flies around at night, a remarkable nimble creature in the air, cannot take off from a level place. If it is placed on the floor or flat ground, all it can do is shuffle about helplessly and, no doubt, painfully, until it reaches some slight elevation from which it can throw itself into the air. Then, at once, it takes off like a flash.

THE BUMBLEBEE

A bumblebee, if dropped into an open tumbler, will be there until it dies, unless it is taken out. It never sees the means of escape at the top, but persists in trying to find some way out through the sides near the bottom. It will seek a way where none exists, until it completely destroys itself.

PEOPLE

In many ways, we are like the buz-

zard, the bat, and the bumblebee. We struggle about with all our problems and frustrations, never realizing that all we have to do is look up! That's the answer, the escape route and the solution to any problem...just look up! Sorrow looks back, Worry looks around, But faith looks up!

Live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly, and trust in our Creator, who loves us.

Share this with a friend... I just did.

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

1. Some days I amaze myself. Other days I forget my name.
2. Other days I put my keys in the refrigerator.
3. Just because I can't sing doesn't mean I won't sing.
4. I just did a week's worth of cardio after walking into a spider web.
5. My bank account balance is a constant reminder that I'm safe from identity theft.
6. Maybe if we tell people the brain is an app they'll start using it.
7. The human body is 90% water. We're basically cucumbers with anxiety.
8. Every morning is the dawn of a new error.
9. At the root of every gray hair there is a dead brain cell.
10. TEENAGERS: Tired of being harassed by your stupid parents? ACT NOW!!! Move out, get a job, pay your own bills while you still know everything.
11. Shananiator: (noun) a person who instigates shananigans.
12. What do you call a person who is happy on Monday? Retired.
13. I have a condition that prevents me from going on a diet. I get hungry.
14. When you are dead, you don't know you're dead. All of the pain is felt by others. The same thing happens when you are stupid.
15. Pro tip: Keep cake moist by eating it all in one sitting.
16. Talking to an 18-year-old is like talking to a fence post with an owl on top rolling its eyes.
17. You know you are old when you go to bed at the time you used to go out.
18. One minute of anger weakens your immune system for 4-5 hours. One minute of laughter boosts your immune system for over 24 hours.
19. Remember that moment when your mom tries to yell out your name but she calls every other family member's name before she gets to yours.

Make someone smile today!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LHS Girls' Bball Soup Supper

The Loogootee Girls' Basketball Teams will be hosting a goodwill soup supper on Saturday December 17 prior to the boys' game against Springs Valley at Jack Butcher Arena. The soup supper will be in the high school cafeteria starting at 5 p.m. and concluding at approximately 8 p.m. The girls' basketball teams will be serving and your choices will be chili or chicken noodle soup with cheese, crackers, a drink and your choice of dessert. Donations will be accepted and appreciated.

Chamber meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce will meet Wednesday, December 14 at noon at Bradley's Bar & Grill. Anyone interested in learning about the Chamber is invited to attend.

Spirit of Christmas in Odon

Spirit of Christmas in Odon will be held December 4-6. A tree lighting ceremony will be held Sunday, December 4 at 7 p.m. at the Park. A lighted Christmas Parade will take place on Monday, December 5 at 6:40 p.m. Christmas at the Park will be held Monday, December 5 and Tuesday, December 6, from 6-8 p.m. There will be music, refreshments, the North Daviess Elementary Choir, and drawings for bicycles.

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

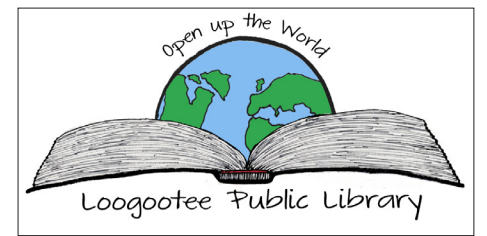
The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

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.

Coffee and Coloring has started back up on Monday and Tuesday evenings. This is a free program for anyone 18 years old or older. We provide the coloring pages, markers, colored pencils and coffee or tea.

New Books:

Mystery Fiction: "Cross the Line" by James Patterson.

Fiction: "I'll Take You There" by Wally Lamb.

Juvenile Fiction: "Bad Kitty Does Not Like Snow."

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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Purdue expert: Holiday sales should increase, profits will be flat

Holiday retail sales should increase 2 to 4 percent over last year but retailers should not be expecting a similar profit boost. Purdue University retail management expert Richard Feinberg expects retailers will lose pricing power due to online competition.

National holiday shopping revenue is expected to be close to \$850 billion, with \$17 billion in Indiana. But growing online sales will keep pressure on storefronts as internet sales are expected to have another a double-digit increase (10 to 15 percent) over last year.

"While internet retailing has attracted significant popular attention," Feinberg said, "most consumers do not buy from the internet all of the time but they may research specific stores or search for products before shopping."

Feinberg said approximately half of all consumers will use the internet, and specifically mobile devices, before deciding where to buy. About the same number of consumers will look for better prices online before buying in person.

Feinberg forecasts continued struggles for traditional department stores with discount stores ruling the holiday season. He stressed the need for retailers to have a dynamic web presence. "For the first time since Purdue has been tracking consumer sentiment and holiday shopping, more than 50 percent of shoppers prefer internet holiday shopping," he said. "Local retailers must communicate something special or a good deal when consumers find their business on the web. Retailers need a 'good deal' to attract consumers to their stores."

Another retail lure, Feinberg said, is free shipping. Purdue research shows 90 percent of consumers will actually spend more for a product if shipping is free.

Subaru of Indiana Automotive Inc. and VU partner to train more precision machinists

Students will receive a boost entering the high-demand field of precision machining, thanks to a new partnership between Subaru of Indiana Automotive Inc. and Vincennes University.

Under terms of the agreement, the partners will work to "solve the shortage of skilled precision machining technicians." The new Machinist Internship Program (MIP) is a cooperative education model for employing and training the next generation of technicians.

Beginning in January, Subaru will employ and mentor new workers while simultaneously supporting their education at VU. In addition, graduates will be prepared to continue their education through Purdue Polytechnic, if they wish.

"Subaru is encouraged by the innovative opportunity to develop our future tool and die workforce. VU has an excellent Precision Machining program that prepares students for limitless career opportunities in advance manufacturing. The ongoing partnership between Subaru and VU affords students with a strong work-and-learn pathway that leads to postsecondary accomplishments and high-paying careers," said Subaru Assistant Senior Manager Brad Rhorer.

The goals of the Subaru/VU partnership are to share resources to recruit, screen, employ, and mentor a cohort group of trainees who will work part-time and pursue an associate degree at VU. The MIP courses at VU will be structured to support internship sched-

Cluser to home, retailers need to give consumers a reason to visit since the internet means the world is their mall. "Just screaming we are a locally-owned and locally-operated business is not compelling to most consumers."

If retailers don't have a smooth and attractive internet presence they may be pushing consumers to outlets like Amazon. "Driving consumers to the internet because a store is out of stock, doesn't have the right size, color, or merchandise, costs store-based retailers billions of dollars during the season," Feinberg said.

And all of those Thanksgiving store closings in recent news reports is music to online retailers' ears. "People at Amazon are cheering every time they hear of a retailer not opening extended hours or over Thanksgiving," he said. "Anything a retailer does to make it difficult for consumers means that buyers are forced to go to Amazon and the internet to buy gifts."

Feinberg on other holiday shopping trends:

- * Facebook and Pinterest are significant in influencing consumers on what and where they purchase.

- * Retailers need to pay attention to online review sites. In-store experience must be pleasant, leading to positive reviews.

- * Retail loyalty clubs have become increasingly important in communication and capturing consumers.

- * Black Friday is no longer king. The Saturday or Sunday just before Christmas have been the biggest shopping days the past five years.

- * For the past year gasoline prices have been a boost to retail spending. Gas prices have increased in recent weeks and could be an impediment to retail spending and could make the difference in overall holiday spending.

uling at Subaru.

The plan is to also expand the internship partnership next fall to include other companies that have the same need for precision machinists, developing a sustainable organization to ensure ongoing programming.

"This partnership is another great example of how employers, working with educational institutions, can address important workforce needs in our vital manufacturing sector. It also helps attract additional students to Vincennes University's Precision Machining program, which is recognized as one of the best in the country, boosting our efforts to meet the state's workforce needs," said VU President Chuck Johnson.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the number of workers learning to be machinists is expected to be smaller than the number of job openings arising each year as experienced machinists retire or leave the occupation for other reasons. Adding to that demand is the expansion of Indiana industries, such as the automotive sector, and the demand is even higher.

Employment of machinists nationally is projected to grow 10 percent from 2014 to 2024, faster than the average for all occupations. And with Indiana being the nation's leader in manufacturing, growth here is expected to be even greater.

For more information about the MIP, contact Donna Taylor Bouchie, director of InternPLUS at VU, 812-888-4811.



The Martin County Veteran Service Officer has an office in the Martin County Courthouse. An appointment is necessary as I am out of the office transporting veterans to medical appointments, meeting with or visiting veterans in the community.

During the month of September, the veteran service officer assisted six veterans, had five meetings, and visited the Legion's and VFW's in Crane, Loogootee and Shoals. The veterans' van took eight trips transporting eight veterans to VA medical centers and clinics.

During the month of October, the veteran service office assisted seven veterans, had five meetings, and visited the Legion's and VFW's in Crane, Loogootee, Shoals as well as one funeral walk through. The veterans' van took seven trips transporting seven veterans to VA medical centers and clinics.

DRIVERS NEEDED for the veterans' van. I am aware that we all have very busy lives and very little free time

Tri Kappa holds monthly meeting

BY RENEE STREET

Tri Kappa Recording Secretary

On Tuesday, October 25 a meeting of the Delta Tau Chapter of Tri Kappa was held at the Loogootee United Methodist Church. Hostesses for the evening were Terry Swayze, Nancy Whitman, and Linda Kaiser. The "little kindness" was food pantry items.

The group's special guest, Stacey Brown, the new Martin County Extension Agent, spoke about the Martin County 4-H program.

President Barb McFeaters called the meeting to order. Renee Street, recording secretary, called the roll with members saying their favorite 4-H project. Members received the September minutes via email. They were asked if there were any corrections. Minutes were approved as corrected. The treasurer's report was given by Dena Lyon.

Province III Officer Autumn Baughman, of Mitchell, attended the meeting after a review of records meeting with the Delta Tau officers at Lakeview Restaurant.

Brenda Strange noted that in the Washington Times Herald, Linda Sherfick was recognized for the mural she painted in the Shoals School.

Historian Judy Treffinger discussed what was done for the 50th Anniversary celebration. The Shoals News mentioned Tri Kappa's Golden Anniversary. She reported that our Chapter has seven members with 25 years or more. She also noted that we have sustaining members with over 40 years.

Maggie Schnarr reminded us that November is Diabetes Awareness month. She encouraged us to get health screenings, watch our diets, and exercise.

Beth Lett sent out three birthday cards to nursing home residents at Martin County Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center, Peggy Mattingly sent out two cards to nursing home residents at Loogootee Nursing Center and Dena Lyon sent out one card to one of the men at ResCare.

Judy Kluesner announced nuts are in. She will not be reordering.

Audrey Robinson sent state scholarship application information to all three Martin County newspapers and to the Loogootee and Shoals guidance counselors. She also sent local scholarship

which is why I am looking for reliable drivers to add to my call list. I am looking for VOLUNTEERS that are willing to transport a veteran possibly one trip a week to medical appointments at VA hospital and clinics in the surrounding area. This is not a paid position. You must have an Indiana license and a clean driving record. If interested, please contact me. I want to thank Stephanie Hoffman, Robert Bleemel and Dale Albright for driving the veterans' van.

I have been getting calls from veterans requesting transportation to medical appointments that aren't at a VA facility. The veterans' van only transports veterans to appointments at VA hospitals and clinics. The Veterans Crisis Line provides confidential help for veterans and their families. Call at 1-800-273-8255 (PRESS 1) for help.

For assistance call 812-247-2210, transportation needs, call 812-247-2450 and leave a message or e-mail martin-countyvso2013@yahoo.com.

applications to the schools to be put on the school's website.

Kristi Ausbrooks has planned a Kappa and Kanvas for members on November 4, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. The instructors for this event will be Kathy Collins and Linda Sherfick. This will be held at Dena Lyon's house. The proceeds for this will go into the general fund to help with chapter expenses and sending officers to state and province conventions.

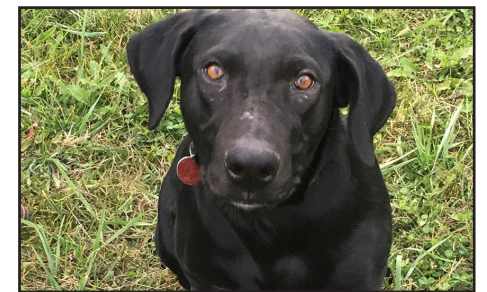
Nancy Whitman reported that the Birthday Calendar project has gone very well this year and should be available at the November meeting.

Judy Treffinger has been writing articles for the newspapers on the 75th Anniversary Celebration the last four weeks. One hundred and eighty invitations were mailed or hand carried. Heather Arvin is making our cake.

Barb McFeaters turned the meeting over to Province III Officer Autumn Baughman. She presented us with a certificate from Karen Kerby, of Brown County, for our scholarship entry. Autumn gave a presentation and told us about herself. She spoke of past Delta Tau province officers and gave the state history of Tri Kappa. She reported that the 62nd State Convention will be held on April 21st through 23rd.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on November 22, 2016, at the Loogootee United Methodist Church.

ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



Greta is a female lab mix, 8 months old, very sweet, gets along with kids, other dogs and cats. She is spayed and up to date on shots. Adoption fee is \$80. The animal shelter is open Monday and Wednesday 5-7 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m. To see all the dogs and cats available, visit www.humanesociety-ofmartincounty.org. The shelter is located at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee.



Cold weather has effectively ended the growing season in Southern Indiana, though there is still plenty of work to be done in the garden. This week, we will celebrate a holiday dedicated to showing our gratitude for the blessings we have received. As I look back over this growing season, the blessings have been many.

We had the longest spring season we have had for many years. That meant that the spring flowers stayed around for longer than usual. At Sandhill Gardens, the daffodils bloomed beginning the last week of February and the cool spring temperatures lengthened the daffodil season into early May. Of course, that was because we have several varieties of daffodils, but the seasons overlapped, giving the appearance of three months of continuous blooms. The blooms of most other spring flowers also stayed around for extended periods, thanks to cool temperatures lasting into May.

The hellebores also had a banner year. The blooms began in mid-February and some of the blooms were still hanging on the first week in July. The clumps thrived, some doubling in size during the season.

The cool spring did delay some of the warm-season garden crops, but that meant extended harvest time for greens and other cool-season crops. For those of us who waited and planted late gardens, the fall harvest was good. I actually just picked the last of the tomatoes and peppers last week. It is not often

that one can have home-grown fresh tomatoes at Thanksgiving. That is a reason to be thankful.

Summer temperatures were warm, but not extreme for extended periods. The drought predicted for August did not materialize, so we had adequate moisture through the hot spells. We have had drought conditions late in the season, but it is not as devastating at this time as it would have been in August.

I usually try to grow the “perennial plant of the year” to see if I agree with the accolades. That plant was an anemone called “Honorine Jobert” this year. It was slow to bloom, but the blooms were wonderful and worth the wait. I hope it over-winters well, as I look forward to enjoying those autumn blooms for many more years.

Even now, as the garden slips into dormancy, a walk through the garden still makes me thankful that I am allowed to grow things in such a beautiful setting. I am thankful for the generations of my family that have cared for this bit of ground over the years. I will think of my grandmother, Bertha Hooten, whenever I smell the lilacs she planted nearly a century ago. I am thankful for deep roots, both for the plants and for me. I am thankful that my grandmother and mother instilled such a love for the garden in me. It is true that I feel nearer God’s heart in the garden than anywhere else on earth.

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you. Enjoy the bounty of the gardens that adds so much to our feasts.

#OptOutside on Black Friday with free admission to state parks

Indiana State Parks is offering a Black Friday discount unlike any other sale you’d find at big-box retailers.

Admission is free November 25, the day after Thanksgiving. The one-day, 100-percent deduction is part of a partnership to get people outside on a day that is traditionally associated with chasing deals and frustrating shopping experiences.

The offer applies to state parks, state reservoirs and state forest recreation areas.

Visitors can come after they are done shopping and decompress, or avoid stores altogether and hit the outdoors.

Outdoor gear retailer REI started the #OptOutside initiative in 2015, announcing it would close its stores on Black Friday to encourage people to experience nature instead of long lines at cash registers.

This year, Indiana State Parks, the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation, and the nationwide organization America’s State Parks are partnering with REI to promote the concept. State parks offer plenty of recreation opportunities in the late fall. Visitors can hike trails, take a bike ride, picnic, camp, or visit the restaurant at one of seven state park inns for lunch.

Indiana State Parks is inviting visitors to take a selfie at a recognizable location at the property they visit and post it on the division’s Facebook page, tagged with #OptOutside or #OptOut-

sideIN.

The Indiana State Parks Facebook page is [facebook.com/INdnrstateparksandreservoirs](https://www.facebook.com/INdnrstateparksandreservoirs).

Everyone who posts a photo will be entered in a drawing for a “hiking package” valued at \$200, courtesy of the Castleton REI store, and for drawings for state park camping gift cards and state park annual entrance passes for 2017. The REI hiking package is a set of trekking poles, a water bottle, a day pack and a pair of wool socks, plus an Indiana State Parks annual entrance pass for 2017. The camping gift cards are courtesy of the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation.

For more information, visit rei.com/opt-outside.

Spring Mill invites you to Holiday in the Village

The annual Holiday in the Village celebration will take place on Friday, December 2 from 5-9 p.m., and on Saturday, December 3 from 1-9 p.m.

Visitors are invited to stroll through the Pioneer Village as reenactors craft holiday decorations, bake cookies, and prepare to celebrate a late 1800s Christmas.

Stop in the Grist Mill and make an ornament to take home or place your ornament on the mill tree. Follow the luminaries to find Father Christmas and tell him your Holiday wish.

Carolers will be strolling about the village singing carols for your en-

Winter weather outlook: After warm autumn, La Nina could bring more seasonal conditions

BY DARRIN PACK
Purdue University News Service

After an unusually mild autumn, a weak La Nina system could bring more seasonal conditions to much of Indiana this winter, according to the latest long-range outlook from the Indiana State Climate Office based in the Department of Agronomy at the Purdue University College of Agriculture.

La Nina and its opposite phase El Nino are part of the natural climate system that affects regional weather patterns. Because La Nina occurs slowly over months during the transition, forecasters are calling for statistically equal chances of above, normal, or below normal temperatures through February. Normal Indiana daily high temperatures are near 39 degrees in December, 35 degrees in January, and 40 degrees in February. Daily low temperatures each month average near 23 degrees, 19 degrees, and 22 degrees.

“Reviewing the temperatures in regions north and west of us, we believe the potential for severe cold in Indiana could be limited as well,” said Dev Niyogi, professor of agronomy and state climatologist.

The precipitation outlook is always more difficult to determine compared to temperature and is more uncertain, he said.

“Southern Indiana has an outlook for equal chances of above, normal or below amounts and will likely stay within the below-normal rain pattern if we follow the persistence of the current dry conditions there,” Niyogi said. “Northern and central Indiana may be wetter than normal. The upper wind pattern associated with La Nina along with the dry soils in states south of Indiana figure into the specific tendency for Southern Indiana.”

Normal winter precipitation in Indiana is about 2.9 inches in December,

Indiana Conservation Officers enter a new dimension of search and rescue

Indiana Conservation Officers have added Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (SUAS) to their search and rescue capabilities. The DNR Law Enforcement Division is the first state emergency response agency to receive official endorsement to utilize these devices for the purpose of search and rescue operations.

“The SUAS machines will greatly enhance our ability to bring quick resolve in finding lost children, hikers, hunters,

joyment; wassail and cookies will be served to the public in the village tavern both evenings, starting around 6:30 p.m. until the supply is gone. Wildflowers and Weeds will be performing in the Grist Mill on Saturday evening at 6:30 p.m.

Park admission during the event is \$7 per vehicle for in-state residents and \$9 per vehicle for out-of-state residents. 2017 Annual Entrance Passes are also available.

For more information on this and other upcoming events contact Coletta Prewitt at (812) 849-3534 or springmillstatepark@dnr.in.gov.

2.2 inches in January, and 2 inches in February. This includes normal melted snowfall equivalent amounts. Normal snowfall can vary widely from just 10 inches in extreme southwest Indiana to more than 70 inches in the South Bend area where the lake effect is greatest.

State climatologists say there is about a 70 percent chance that a La Nina system will arrive yet this autumn. Forecasters believe the system will be relatively weak and short-lived. Neutral conditions are expected to return by spring.

A short, weak La Nina system could help limit extremes in temperature and precipitation this winter, said Ken Scheeringa, associate state climatologist.

“After El Nino ended in late spring, neutral conditions controlled summer weather,” Scheeringa said. “The neutral period was supposed to be quickly replaced by a strong La Nina bringing drier conditions to the state during the peak growing season in August and September, but that forecast went bust.”

Instead, precipitation remained near normal in the northern half of the state, alleviating moderate drought conditions in northeast Indiana counties and setting the stage for near-record grain harvests. Southern Indiana, however, received far less precipitation than normal as a drought along the Gulf Coast intensified and spread north. By the middle of November, 16 southern Indiana counties were in moderate drought conditions. Six southwest Indiana counties had declared bans on open burning.

“Central and southern Indiana generally have received only about 10 percent of normal November rainfall to date,” Scheeringa said. “Moderate drought continues to inch northward in Indiana. We will continue to monitor the situation in coming weeks.”

outdoor enthusiasts and injured people”, said Captain Keith Dinn, Support Services Assistant Commander. “The training and expertise our certified pilots have received gives me confidence that our officers and other emergency responding agencies will have a much higher rate of success in locating citizens in need with a much quicker response time.”

Currently, five Indiana Conservation Officers have become certified pilots of the SUAS machines and will be prepared for statewide response. The DNR Law Enforcement Division has two SUAS units with future goals of adding more to the fleet.

Along with the ability to locate lost citizens, the SUAS will map out the obstacles for the emergency response personnel and provide knowledge of dangers before encountering the obstacle.

“I could not be more proud of our agency as we make this innovative and futuristic step forward to enhance our search and rescue response capabilities to reach our citizens in need”, stated Danny L. East, DNR Law Enforcement Director.

4-H NEWS

By Stacy Brown
Martin County Purdue
Extension Educator



Become a Volunteer

Volunteers for 4-H have the unique opportunity to grow true leaders in our community. Volunteering can be as active as leading a 4-H club or just helping out at fair time. Volunteers learn educational programs to take out to community youth. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please call the Purdue Extension Martin County office at (812) 295-2412.

Enrollment for 4-H 2016-2017 Is Here

The end of summer marks the beginning of next 4-H season. Open enrollment began on October 1. If you are interested in 4-H or know someone who is now is the time to start planning to join us for another great year in Martin County. Any child grades 3 through 12 may join 4-H. We also have a future 4-H program for kids in grades K-2. While most 4-Hers concentrate on projects for the fair, the program is about much more than exhibits. 4-H teaches leadership, community service, independence, confidence, and many other life skills.

There are clubs and projects that focus on livestock judging, shooting sports, robotics, and junior leadership. Each year there are dozens of opportunities for youth to attend workshops, conference, and camps focusing on career choices, diversity, and cooperation. 4-H is a great way to meet new friends and learn to make the best better.

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

Opportunities to Help 4-H Grow in Martin County

Almost everyone in Martin County has either been involved in 4-H or knows someone who has been a part of this great youth organization. Over the years, 4-H has helped to develop life skills, teach responsibility, offer opportunities, award scholarships,

and much more to Martin County youth. The program has been growing true leaders since its inception and many 4-Hers have gone on to become actual leaders of the community. As 4-H continues to grow in the 21st Century, the cost of maintaining the space needed for programming also grows. Now is your chance to give back to an organization that has given so much to the young people in the area. The Martin County 4-H Council has launched a fundraising campaign for the upcoming year. Businesses that donate will have their names listed on a plaque in the Community Building. Donations of \$5,000+ will receive a platinum status, \$1,000-\$4,999 will receive a gold status, \$500-\$999 will receive a silver status, and donations of \$100-\$499 will receive a copy.

bronze status. Individuals may donate as well and any donation is appreciated. We also have a 4-H recipe book containing all the recipes submitted to the 2016 fair. They are \$5 and available at the Purdue Extension-Martin County office. All donations will go toward maintaining the fairgrounds and buildings so future 4-Hers and the community can continue to benefit from programming. To donate please contact the Purdue Extension Office at 812-295-2412.

Upcoming Area Programs Offer Great Educational Experiences

BoilerMaker Blast!

Join us for an interactive day of tinkering, building, and designing. This program offers a chance for youth grades 6-8 to learn how to use 3D pens, 3D printers, robots, Kiva Planks, and more. The event is on Saturday, February 11 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the Alcoa Building, Warrick County 4-H Center, 133 East DeGonia Road, Boonville. This event is free and lunch is provided. No experience necessary and enrollment in 4-H is not required. Please register online at <http://bit.ly/2cVmRgp> or contact Cheven May at maycm@purdue.edu for a paper.

Nominations sought for Trails Advisory Board

The DNR is seeking nominations for five openings on the state's Trails Advisory Board (TAB).

The openings are for representatives of the following trail-user or interest groups: environmental groups, hikers, mountain bikers, trail support groups and users with disabilities.

Nominees should be involved with a local or statewide trails-oriented organization. If selected to be on the board, members are expected to serve a three-year term starting March 1, 2017, and attend quarterly meetings.

TAB meetings are held on the first Thursday of March, September and December, and the last Thursday in June. All meetings start at 3 p.m., and locations vary throughout the state.

The 15-member voluntary TAB advises DNR director Cam Clark on trails-related issues. Members are also encouraged to report on news from their user groups and share pertinent trail information with their constituents.

Nominations will be accepted by the DNR Division of Outdoor Recreation from December 1-30.

Having a TAB is required for Indiana



Red-shouldered Hawk

-Photo by Bill Whorrall,
www.billwhorrallart.com

Red-shouldered Hawks soar over forests or perch on tree branches or utility wires. They hunt small mammals, amphibians, and reptiles either from perches or while flying. Red-shouldered Hawks return to the same nesting territory year after year. One Red-shouldered Hawk occupied a territory in southern California for 16 consecutive years.

Illiana Vegetable Growers Symposium set for January 5

This year's Illiana Vegetable Growers Symposium will include sessions on new pollinator regulations, pumpkin and other cucurbit diseases, mineral nutrition for vegetable crops and an update on food safety regulations.

The symposium, a collaboration of the Purdue and University of Illinois Extension services, will be held 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (CST) January 5 at Teibel's Restaurant, 1775 U.S. 41, Schererville.

"This is a great event to network with other growers and get the latest information on growing vegetables, updated control practices for insects, and which diseases to watch for in the upcoming season," said Nikky Witkowski, Purdue Extension educator in Lake County and one of the symposium organizers.

Presenters include specialists from the Purdue and University of Illinois Extension services. A representative from Lanes End Farm will share results from an on-farm trial using biochar.

This year, an additional session will be offered where participants can

choose either a presentation on hydroponics or pest management in organic vegetable production.

Indiana private applicator recertification credits are available for a \$10 fee. Indiana commercial pesticide applicator continuing certification hours and certified crop adviser continuing education units also are available.

Registration in advance costs \$30 and should be postmarked by December 16 or completed online by December 22. Participants can also register at the door for \$35, but they will not be guaranteed lunch.

Registration is available online through Purdue's The Education Store at www.edustore.purdue.edu/wk_rules.asp?item_number=CW-CES-2 or by printing the registration form available at <http://tinyurl.com/ivgs2017> and mailing it in.

For more information, contact Witkowski at 219-755-3240, nikky@purdue.edu, or Liz Maynard at 219-548-3674, emaynard@purdue.edu.

Indiana Hunter Education Class at Dubois County 4-H Fairgrounds

An Indiana Hunter Education Course is slated for January 14 and 21 at the Dubois County 4-H Fairgrounds.

Classes will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on January 14 and from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on January 21. Participants must attend both days to complete the course.

All Indiana residents are invited to complete this FREE course. All instruction will be by Indiana conservation officers and certified Indiana volunteer hunter education instructors. Certification is required for anyone born after December 31, 1986, who wishes to purchase an Indiana hunting license.

The course will cover ethics, safety, laws, survival and safe handling practices for archery, black powder and firearms. Lunch will be provided for participants and attending family members on both days for \$5/person/day.

To sign up, visit www.passitonindiana.com. There is a 150-student limit for the class and pre-registration is required. This course is being sponsored by the Dubois County Shooting Sports Instructor Council and Dubois County Sportsmen. For questions, call (812) 639-0573.

Patoka Lake (stateparks.IN.gov/2953.htm) is at 3084 N. Dillard Road, Birdseye, IN 47513.

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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.

The Mayor's Den

By Loogootee Mayor
Noel Harty

The month of October started with the vintage camper rally at West Boggs Park. The display of a variety of campers of yesteryear was a very unique experience. "Thank you" to West Boggs Park and Jim and Donna Stoughton of Highland House Bed and Breakfast for holding the rally. In the evening was the First Annual Martin County Harvest Festival at the Martin County Fairgrounds. The musical entertainment never stopped and there was also a great variety of food, making this first festival successful and an incentive to have the Harvest Festival as an on-going yearly event. A special "thank you" to Brian Ader of Ader's Inflatables, Adam Greene of Greene's Body Shop, and Collin Padgett and Brad Williams of Bradley's for investing their time, money, and enthusiasm into the event. Sunday October 2nd was the first official choir concert of the year at LHS. A 1:30 and 4:30 show were offered so all could enjoy "A Night at the Grand Ole Opry." Both shows were huge successes with grades 6-12 participating. Monday the 3rd and Tuesday the 4th I spent mostly in the office. Wednesday the 5th I had the privilege of meeting with Marilyn Padgett (Youth Minister of the Loogootee United Methodist Church) and Hannah Martin and Amanda Miller of Redemption Church at Stoll's Lakeview to discuss community events. It was very nice meeting with individuals who clearly live out their faith and want to share it with others. In the evening was the final planning meeting for Fall Festival, coming up on Friday October 28th at Lee Kavanaugh Gym. Again this year, the Spooky Splash and Dash 5k Walk and Run; prince, princess, king and queen contest; along with games for the kids will be the main events. Special thanks to the elementary school staff and our park board for sponsoring this fun event again this year.

Thursday the 6th was customer appreciation day at German American Bank, who served up pulled pork sandwiches and ice cream for all. That evening, I headed to Jack Butcher Arena to watch our Lady Lions Junior Varsity and Varsity host the Stars of Bedford North Lawrence. The evening was symbolic of recognizing our seniors for their years of dedication to the program. Congratulations to Emily Brookshire, Mya Hedrick, Kylie Hall, Breanna Holloway, Breanna Lamar, and Abby Williams for all you have done to make the volleyball program a success. In the end, our Lady Lions Junior Varsity Team came out on top while the varsity fell short of the win. Friday the 7th I spent in the office. Saturday the 8th I met with Steve Cooper at our town square. Mr. Cooper has dribbled a basketball all over the country to raise money for various worthwhile charities. It was great to meet with him - and as he would say, seeing him "keep on moving on." In the afternoon, I had the privilege of attending the wedding of fireman J.D. Flynn and Washington Catholic High School Teacher Lori Nord. Congratulations to them both! Monday the 10th was Columbus Day and it began on a somber note as I attended the funeral of Mrs. Barbara (Elaine) Wathen at Blake Funeral Home. Elaine Wathen will be most remembered for her 35 years of service to the healthcare industry as a nurse and her kindness to all who met her.

Tuesday the 11th. I met with Matt Craig of Radius Indiana to discuss the results of a recent survey conducted with mayors in the local area in regards to their community's relationship with Crane. That evening was the monthly board of works and public safety and common council meetings. Highlights included the animal control officer proposed by the county and a request discussed briefly on sharing the cost of a feasibility study for a proposed assisted living facility. Wednesday the 12th my family and I left to visit the Ark Experience in Williamstown, Kentucky. The next day, we visited the Louisville Zoo and Jack O' Lantern Spectacular; and we ended our short trip on Friday the 14th riding the Spirit of Jackson on the Ohio River. On Saturday the 15th I was asked to judge the golf cart decorating contest at the Pumpkin Festival in Odon. Tracie Stoll won first place with her pirate's ship design. Monday the 17th was the annual Martin County Shop and Taste event at the Martin County Community Building with 32 businesses participating this year and a good turn-out from our community. Tuesday the 18th. I assisted representatives of SOAR in passing out dictionaries to the 3rd grade. As always, I enjoy any time I get to spend at the school. Wednesday the 19th began on a sad note as Public Works Superintendent Bo Wilson and I went to Chastain's Funeral Home in Mitchell for the funeral of longtime staff member Jeff Sanders' dad, Stub Sanders. A huge crowd was in attendance for the funeral reflecting on Mr. Sanders' attributes to his family and community. Following the funeral was the monthly Martin County Chamber of Commerce Meeting, this time at The Lodge. Highlights of the meeting were a group discussion from Vectren Energy Deliver who sponsored lunch and a presentation from Crane Base and Kerns Insurance. In the evening, I went to the River Church in Shoals for the monthly Domestic Violence Task Force meeting. A very diverse group was present and many issues were discussed and acted upon.

After that meeting, was the solid waste meeting at the Martin County Recycling Center. Our main topic there was operations of the facility. In the evening of Thursday the 20th was the monthly school board meeting at the LHS Superintendent's Office. Highlights of the meeting included student success and the resignation of LHS English Teacher Mrs. Lacey Jeffers. I would like to take this opportunity to wish Mrs. Jeffers all the best as she begins a new career at Crane. After the meeting, I headed to Jack Butcher Arena for the opening round of the 2016 IHSAA Volleyball Sectional as our Lady Lions hosted the Lady Jug Rox of Shoals. Despite a great effort by the Lady Rox, our Lady Lions won the first round of competition. First thing in the morning Saturday the 22nd was the "Meet Your Candidate" event at the Martin County Community Building, sponsored by Martin County Farm Bureau Incorporated. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Martin County Farm Bureau Incorporated for sponsoring the event each year. After the meet, I went to Jack Butcher Arena for the second round of competition in which the North Daviess Lady Cougars advanced over the Lady Cardinals of Washington Catholic and our Lady Li-

ons advanced over the Vincennes Rivet Lady Patriots. In the evening I went back for the 3rd and last round of the sectional and watched our Lady Lions as they came out on top in three over the Lady Cougars of North Daviess - making them the 2016 IHSAA Class 1A Volleyball Sectional Champions! Monday the 24th began at "Head Start Pre-School" to read to students present, which I hope they enjoyed as much as I did! That evening as the annual chili dinner at our elementary school with over three hundred attending!

Tuesday the 25th evening, the common council held a special meeting to discuss a shared leave policy and the possibility of purchasing a crane truck in the future. After that meeting, I drove to Hoosier Uplands Head Start main office in Mitchell to attend the policies and procedures council for Head Start meeting. The meeting was very enlightening as I am new to the board. I want to thank the parents and staff of Head Start for nominating me to serve. On my drive back, I listened to the girls' volleyball regional in Tecumseh on our own 94.5 WRZR. Our Lady Lions brought forth great determination but unfortunately fell short in the fifth set. The 2016 Lady Lions Volleyball Team made us all proud with a sectional title and great class - both on and off the court! Best wishes to the seniors and the team as a whole. Wednesday the 26th was the first planning meeting for the 2017 Loogootee Summerfest. The planning begins early and our next meeting will be in November. Thursday the 27th I went to

Radius Indiana brings economic development course to the region in 2017

Radius Indiana last Friday announced its new regional economic development conference for community leaders coming to the French Lick Springs Resort in March 2017.

Attendees at the two-and-a-half-day Radius Indiana Economic Development for Community Leadership Program will participate in educational sessions on relevant topics such as real estate development, business attraction, workforce, marketing, business finance and incentives, and entrepreneurship.

"We have talked to so many of the leaders in our region, and they have all indicated their commitment to improving the economic vitality of the places they live. So, Radius made a commitment to bring a short, affordable course to the region to allow them all to keep up-to-date on how they can be effective partners with their local economic development professionals."

Radius Indiana President Jeff Quyle said.

Speakers from the state agencies, site selection companies, secondary education institutions and financial firms will share best practices and offer perspectives on local and regional economic strategies. Topics are focused on the day-to-day functions of economic development, and are designed to help leaders keep the needs of economic development at the forefront of their efforts as they return to their daily responsibilities.

Radius Indiana's vision is to help communities grow strong, working groups of local leaders versed in economic development who can affect policies and strategies for intentional

Linton to the main office of Four Rivers for the monthly meeting. The primary discussion focused on operations and success of the organization. On Friday the 28th. I headed to Lee Kavanaugh Gym for the 3rd Annual Spooky Splash and Dash and Fall Festival. Over 50 walkers or runners participated in the walk and run and 18 students ran for king, queen, prince, or princess. Congratulations to Prince Carter Downey, Princess Elaine Diamond, King Cater Harbison, and Queen Tasha Kreilein and to all who participated. The contests brought in about \$5,600, which will be divided between the elementary school, middle school, and our city's parks and recreation department. Saturday the 29th, West Boggs Park hosted Halloween events with trick or treating and the haunted house made available by the parks department - a great time!

Sunday the 30th was our annual Halloween parade with over 130 youth dressed up in a diverse range of costumes. A special thank you to Phyllis Panko for her hard work and volunteering to head up the event once again! After the parade, trick or treating began. It was a warm, clear and perfect night for both the parade and trick or treating! On Sunday the 31st Clerk Treasurer Nancy Jones, Public Works Superintendent Bo Wilson, Chief of Police Kelly Rayhill, resident Mark Ellis, and I met with health insurance providers to receive information on offering city staff insurance benefits. I would like to take this opportunity to wish and each and every one of a very Happy Thanksgiving!!!

business growth and skills-driven workforce development.

Registration for the Radius Indiana Economic Development for Community Leadership Program, which takes place March 28, 29 and 30, will be available beginning December 2016 through the Radius website, radiusindiana.com. Registration for leaders in the Radius eight-county region is \$400, and \$475 for those who live outside the region.

Radius also plans to make several scholarships available from its own office as well as area utilities and banks. Local Economic Development Organizations and those interested in attending are encouraged to contact the Radius Indiana office to learn more about scholarship opportunities in their area.

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Loogootee Middle School attends Beta Convention

The Loogootee Middle School Beta Club attended the 3rd annual Indiana State Beta Convention at the French Lick Resort. Students participated in various academic and visual arts competitions. There were eight other schools present at the convention.

LMS placed in nearly every competition. Those placing first include Reece Tippet in Science and Recyclable Art, Matthew Poole in Social Studies, Asia Crim in Essay, Book Battle (Mattie Milligan, Jalynn Stoll, Kylie VanHoy); Spotlight Your Club (Emily Gingerich, Ashlyn Holt, Haylie Mathies, Caylin Wagoner); and Advertising Design (Tessa Bradley, Abbey Fuhrman, Annalise Powell, Jocelyn Strange).

Those placing second include Jaelyn Walker in Math, Isabelle Waggoner in Speech, Quiz Bowl (Austin Brittain, Aaron Dant, Bryant Eckerle, Drew Williams); Asia Crim in Pastel/Charcoal.

Third place finishes were Karoline Tedrow in Special Talent, Tower of Power (Adie Nolley, Sara Street,

Makenzie VanHoy, Brittany Walker); Robotics (Cody Carrico, Zane Cropp, CJ Gibbs, Nick Keller, Andrew Powell, Conner Wilcoxon); Banner (Jayleigh Harger, Jacob Lengacher, Rachel Lents, Rory Tipper); T-shirt (Shealyn Arthur, Delani Bateman, Grace Gingerich, Macy McAtee); Delani Bateman in Black/White Photography, Mikenna Jones in Painting, Tucker Walton in Woodworking, Tierlan Norris in Sketching, Katie Callison in Wreath, and Jacob Lengacher in Handmade Jewelry.

LMS also placed first in the Songfest competition. Those participating were Shealyn Arthur, Tessa Bradley, Austin Brittain, Katie Callison, Maria Chestnut, Asia Crim, Aaron Dant, Bryant Eckerle, Tia Fuhs, CJ Gibbs, Grace Gingerich, Jayleigh Harger, Haylie Mathies, Macy McAtee, Matthew Poole, Annalise Powell, Adie Nolley, Jocelyn Strange, Sara Street, Karoline Tedrow, Kylie VanHoy, Makenzie VanHoy, Isabelle Waggoner, Caylin Wagoner, Jaelyn Walker, and Conner Wilcoxon.



-Photos provided

Shown above is the group of Loogootee Middle School Students that competed in the Songfest competition. They placed first.



Shown above is the group of Loogootee Middle School Students that competed in the robotic competition. In no particular order, they are Conner Wilcoxon, Andrew Powell, Cody Carrico, Nick Keller, Zane Cropp, and CJ Gibbs.



The Advertising Design group placed first at the Beta Convention. From left to right are Annalise Powell, Jocelyn Strange, Abbey Fuhrman, and Tessa Bradley.



Shown above is the group of Loogootee Middle School Students that placed third in the t-shirt category. From left to right are Grace Gingerich, Macy McAtee, Shealyn Arthur, and Delani Bateman.



Placing third in the Banner category were in the front row Rachel Lents and Jayleigh Harger and in the back row Jacob Lengacher and Rory Tipper.



The Spotlight Your Club Group at the State Beta Convention placed first. From left to right are Ashlyn Holt, Emily Gingerich, Caylin Wagoner, and Haylie Mathies.



The Tower of Power group placed third. From left to right are Makenzie VanHoy, Adie Nolley, Brittany Walker, and Sara Street.



Placing first in the Book Battle competition were Jalynn Stoll, Kylie VanHoy, and Mattie Milligan.

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Placing second in the Quiz Bowl group at the Beta Convention were, in the front row, Drew Williams and in the back row Austin Brittain, Bryant Eckerle, and Aaron Dant.



Isabelle Waggoner placed second in the speech division at the Convention.



Asia Crim placed first in the essay category at the Beta Convention.

Feinberg says seasonal hiring may set new record

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It's not too late to snare one of those seasonal jobs for extra holiday cash. As a matter of fact, Purdue University professor Richard Feinberg says the holiday hiring season looks robust.

"This may be one of the best holiday seasons for part-time holiday hiring in the past 10 years," said Feinberg, professor of retail management. "It comes at a time when unemployment is actually extremely low."

Feinberg said workers can pick and choose from jobs this year as opposed to settling for what has been available in the past. The estimates are 600,000 to 850,000 seasonal workers will be hired nationwide. Retailers have already started hiring but there are plenty of jobs still needing to be filled, Feinberg said. And because of low unemployment, part-time salaries could be significantly higher than in past years. Part time discounts for seasonal workers should be higher as well.

In comparison, during the 2008 economic collapse only 265,000 seasonal workers found jobs. Seasonal hiring was back up last year to 675,000. The highest seasonal employment numbers peaked in 2013 at 765,000. "Our research suggests this year will be higher than that record,"

Feinberg said.

The retail expert went on to say seasonal hiring goes well beyond traditional department stores. "If you have a FedEx, UPS, USPS, Walmart, or Amazon fulfillment center near you workers can find exceptionally good opportunities. Many of these jobs turn into solid full-time work after the holiday season."

Feinberg said seasonal work is a great income supplement but noted the employee discount might be just as beneficial as the paycheck. Additionally, research shows that more that seasonal workers make the greater retail sales increase.

Feinberg's advice for job seekers:

- Start three weeks ago but if you haven't, start now.
- Be flexible, you need to be able to work and they need you to work.
- Highlight your understanding of the importance of delighted customers and highlight your customer service background.
- Dress nicely, don't chew gum, don't talk poorly about past work, leave your cell phone in the car, have a well-written, no-spelling error resume.
- Don't ignore the possibilities with the small retailers in your town. They will probably not advertise online but they will have signs on the window. If you like shopping in a store – ask the store.



Jaelyn Walker placed second in the math division at the Beta Convention.



Reece Tippery placed first in the science and recyclable art competitions at the Beta Convention.



Matthew Poole placed first in the social studies division at the Beta Convention.



Karoline Tedrow placed third in the special talent division at the Beta Convention.

Search will soon be underway for VU Jasper Campus Dean

A search will soon be underway for a new dean for the Vincennes University Jasper Campus.

Dr. Chris Gray, who currently serves as assistant vice president and dean of the VU Jasper Campus, has announced that he will be leaving VU to become vice president for Academic and Student Affairs at McHenry County College, Illinois, early in 2017. Gray will continue in his current role at VU through January 2017.

Gray has served as dean of the Jasper Campus since Aug. 24, 2015. He came to VUJC after serving as dean of Arts and Communication at Illinois Central College, East Peoria, and three years as division chair of fine arts and program director of theatre at Lincoln College, Lincoln.

"Dr. Gray has given positive, energetic leadership to the Jasper campus since

his appointment, especially as the University has worked to enhance service to students and academic opportunities in Career Tech fields at the Jasper campus. We wish Chris well as he pursues this new opportunity in higher education leadership," said Dr. Laurel Smith, VU Interim Provost.

Smith said she is now working on plans for the transition and upcoming search for a new assistant vice president and dean of the Jasper Campus.

"These plans will be announced before the end of this semester," Smith said.

Gray holds a Ph.D. in Educational Administration and Foundations from Illinois State University, where he earned master's and bachelor's degrees in theatre. He holds an associate degree from Lincoln College and his background also includes writing several publications and presentations at college conferences.