



Box truck ignites

Photos by Courtney Hughett

On Tuesday morning at around 7:15 a.m. a fire broke out at a storage building on the property of Burch's Greenhouses on North Oak Street in Loogootee. According to reports, the building is rented out to Frito Lay who uses it for storage. The fire started because a Frito Lay box truck that was backed into the lot sparked, igniting the truck and then the building. Loogootee Fire was on the scene for several hours containing the blaze. No injuries were reported.



Loogootee Public Library celebrates 75 years of service

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Loogootee Public Library opened on September 2, 1939 in the upstairs of the W.A. Walker and Co. Drug Store on the square in downtown Loogootee. 968 books were available to loan out to patrons on opening day with many more donated within a short period of time. In order to receive books on loan from the Indiana State Library, Loogootee's library had to be classified as a public library. Therefore in June of 1940, the library board of directors was put together with members of the judge's office, school board and city council. The original board members were James M. Haigerty, president; George Tewell, vice president; Mary Hoffman, secretary; Henry Jones, Agnes Larkin, Grace Ketcham and Harriet "Hattie" Ackerman. George Tewell was the city's recreational director and operated the library until a librarian was named, when the library was first opened. James Haigerty was the superintendent of schools at that time. Tewell, Haigerty and

Virginia Davis were the original founders of the library. Harriet Ackerman was a homemaker and a member of the Women's Club, White River Chapter of D.A.R. and a charter member of Tri Kappa. Mary Hoffman was a home economics teacher and member of the women's club, Tri Kappa, Sunshine Homemakers Club. She served 59 years on the library board and married E.B. Lett, M.D. Agnes Larkin was a homemaker and member of the women's club. She was the sister of Leo Walker and the great aunt of Father Kenneth Walker. Bio information on the remaining original board members was not provided.

The first librarian other than George Tewell was Helen Arnold until September of 1941. Lila Jones took over from September 1941 through March of 1943, Mary Route was librarian from July 1943 until October 1955; Veronica Nolan then served from November 1955 to July 1956; Della Strange from August 1956 to September 1975; Mary Nolan from September 1975 to November 1976; Ellen Fitch from Decem-

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Council debates paying attorney fees for lawsuit

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Martin County Council spent some time at their meeting Monday night, December 1 discussing a claim for \$6,000 to pay a lawyer to defend the county against a lawsuit filed by the Estate of Waylon Abel. Abel passed away in August of 2012 after swimming in West Boggs Lake. Waylon was said to have died from a brain eating amoeba present in the water. There is no specific monetary amount attached to the lawsuit that the estate is seeking.

County Attorney Dave Lett explained that he didn't feel comfortable defending the lawsuit on behalf of the county and had suggested to commissioners that they hire another lawyer and the commissioners agreed. He said the county had to defend themselves against the lawsuit because if they did nothing, they would face a default judgment. He also explained that the insurance company for the county will not cover anything associated to the case because the counties insurance does not cover anything related to bodies of water. He said he hasn't asked the insurance company why, but is assuming it was not in the coverage because

the county doesn't own bodies of water.

Council member Randy Winger asked why the county is named in the lawsuit if they in fact don't own Boggs Lake. Attorney Lett explained that in a wrongful death lawsuit, it is common practice to name anyone that can be thought of as defendants. Included in the lawsuit is Martin County, the Daviess-Martin Joint Park Board, the Daviess County Health Department, Martin County Health Department, Daviess County, and the State of Indiana. Lett said that all those entities are hiring lawyers as well.

He added that the state has filed a motion to have the case dismissed.

Discussion then ensued on whether the Daviess-Martin Joint Park Board should be responsible for paying the lawyer fees. Lett said he wouldn't even suggest asking them until the case was finished because there is not an amount at this point to ask for. He added that the county in no way contributes to the park board's budget according to what he found out from the auditor.

Council member Lonnie Hawkins said that he knows the county has given \$10,000 from EDIT funds over the past few years.

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Christmas Parade, Stroll Sunday

The 1st Annual Loogootee Festival of Lights Christmas Parade will be Sunday, December 7 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. with lineup at 5 p.m. in the high school parking lot. The Theme for the parade is "A Storybook Christmas" and Vic Crew has been chosen as the first-ever grand marshal. Crew has served in many capacities over the years in the community in-

cluding serving in the offices of surveyor, auditor, clerk and county council. He also was involved in the Loogootee Little League and Loogootee Girls' Softball.

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 along with marching bands and Christmas carolers.

Vendors for the Christmas Stroll will be set up from 5-8 p.m. in Martin County Video and New Beginnings.



-Photo by Joshua Hughett

Shown above are members of the library board and staff members. From left to right are Judy Yarnell, Carolyn Parsons-Downey, Glenda Ritchie, and Librarian Darla Wagler.

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LIBRARY



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The library began in the upstairs portion of the Walker Drug Store building on the square in downtown Loogootee. Patrons climbed long, dark stairs to reach the library and there was no access to public bathrooms. The library remained her from 1939 to 1957 or 58 when it moved to North Line Street below. The house was donated by Frannie Folks when she died. The library stayed in this location until 2006 when it moved to the current location back near the downtown square.



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ber 1976 to May 1977; Vivian A. Doyle from July 1977 to July 1999; Mary Ringwald from August 1999 to September 2010; and Darla Wagler from September 2010 to the present.

In 1957 or 1958 the library was moved from downtown to 401 North Line Street after Francis "Frannie" Folks donated her home to the library after her death. The library remained at that location until March of 2006, when it was moved to its current location by the downtown square. That location was purchased by the library.

Since expanding its tax base last year, the library has added a plethora of features.

Not only can you check out traditional books but having a library card enables patrons to download ebooks and access the state's genealogy site. The library now has a kid's librarian along with a monthly calendar of events. For more information, visit the library's facebook page or visit <http://loogootee.lib.in.us/>.

The library is located at 106 North Line Street in downtown Loogootee. The phone number is 812-295-3713.

The Loogootee Public Library is open Monday and Tuesday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Closed Wednesdays and Sundays.

COUNCIL

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Auditor January Roush argued that this was not the case. Hawkins said it was and to ask Commissioner Paul George.

Attorney Lett said that the Martin County Park Board and the Daviess-Martin Joint Park Board are two different entities, so any money given to a park board in Martin County is different. Hawkins replied that the members of the Martin County Park Board appointed themselves to the joint park board so it was the same. Auditor Roush again said she was unaware that any money had been given to them and she would have to check her computer. On Wednesday, Auditor Roush said that \$9,400 was given to the park board in 2010 but that check was never cashed, therefore it was voided.

Council member Barb McFeaters asked if the county should look into getting insurance that will cover bodies of water. Attorney Lett replied that he doubted the county could get that kind of coverage because they don't own any bodies of water. He said he can find out.

McFeaters replied that she understands that Daviess County does have this insurance coverage for water which is why their insurance is paying their attorney fees. Lett said he wasn't aware of that.

Lett said that the county can try to recoup the money spent on attorney fees from the joint park board after the case is over but felt there was a very slim chance they would get reimbursed. He said it would have to be done through litigation which in turn would cost more money.

Council member Hawkins said the county spends hundreds of thousands a year on various attorney fees including what is spent on public defenders and he would like to see money spent on bettering the community instead of paying attorneys.

After more discussion, the council approved paying the attorney fees with Councilman Winger voting against saying, "I just can't swallow this just yet."

The council approved the following additional money requests:

-A reduction in COIT County Distributive Share, sheriff, supplies, gas and oil-\$4,000 and an additional in COIT County Distributive Share, jail, other services and charges, medical-\$4,000.

-From LOIT Public Safety County Share, jail, other services and charges, medical-\$1,200 and meals-\$5,000. Auditor Roush explained that the additional and transfers for the jail were due to a large population of inmates at this time.

-From the general fund, commissioners, personnel services, HSA/opt out-\$24,000. This was to pay employees who opt out of county health insurance.

-From the general fund, circuit court, personnel services, transcripts and depositions-\$2,000.

-From the general fund, extension, other services and charges, for travel-\$1,500. This was for Extension Educator Jonathan Stevens for his travel expenses.

-A reduction in the general fund, sheriff, other services and charges, IDACS-\$1,000, telephone-\$1,500, radio, lights, siren and base repair-\$1,000, capital outlay, new equipment-\$1,500 and computers-\$1,000 to

general fund, jail, other services and charges, meals-\$6,000.

-For cumulative bridge, bridges, other services and charges, contract services-\$7,388 for bridge inspections.

-From the jury fee fund, other services and charges, jury expenses-\$6,000. This additional is due to the recent jury trials.

-From cumulative capital development, courthouse, other services and charges, courthouse repairs-\$5,000. This was to replace the hot water heater and a urinal that was damaged.

The following transfers were approved by the council:

-In the general fund: from election, supplies, poll kits-\$110 and other services and charges, postage \$3,000 to election, personnel services, confined board-\$35, supplies-\$3,000 and other services and charges, meals-\$75; and from courthouse, other services and charges, elevator-\$495.55 to courthouse, supplies, janitorial supplies, \$495.55; from jail, capital outlay, new equipment-\$700 to jail, other services and charges, meals-\$700.

-From COIT County Share, jail, supplies, utilities-\$9,500 and janitorial supplies-\$2,000 to COIT County Share, jail, other services and charges, meals-\$11,500.

-From LOIT Public Safety County Share, jail, capital outlay, police vehicle-\$860 to LOIT Public Safety County Share, jail, other services and charges, medical-\$860.

-From CASA grant, other services and charges, training-\$120 to CASA grant, personnel services, director-\$120.

Auditor Roush submitted ordinance 2014-27, 2015 County Ordinance for Salaries & Wages. The hourly rate for the part-time court reporter needed to be established. Councilman Hawkins suggested the hourly rate range from \$7.25-\$12.00, with the \$12 per hour used if the employee held a bachelor's degree. The current hourly rate of a part-time employee ranges from \$7.25-\$8.75. After a brief discussion, the council approved the hourly rate range from \$7.25-\$8.75 per hour and approve the salary and wage ordinance.

Auditor Roush made a correction to a statement she made at a previous meeting. The tax rate for 2015 will be lower than the 2014 rate. The county tax rate for 2014 was 0.6106 and the tax rate for 2015 will be 0.6055. She explained that council member McFeaters had voted against the tax rate at the previous meeting because she thought it had increased. Roush wanted it known that the rate did not decrease.

Community Corrections Director Kathy Collins submitted a memorandum of understanding between the council, commissioners, community corrections, probation and circuit court. By placing a juvenile on an electronic monitoring system, community corrections charges \$12-\$15 depending on the type of device being used and saves the county money. When the client is unable to pay for this fee, community corrections bills the commissioners. The purpose of the memorandum of understanding is to clearly define the respective roles of each of the units and states that community corrections will use budgeted fund for the placement of these juveniles. The council approved the memorandum.

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OBITUARIES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014 ~ Martin County Journal

JOSEPH MATTINGLY

Joseph Lawrence Mattingly passed away at 3:10 on Friday, November 28, 2014 at the University Of Louisville Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky. A resident of Loogootee, he was 71.



JOSEPH

MATTINGLY owned and operated feed mills for 60 years, including Mattingly Feed Store, Inc. in Loogootee, Joe Mattingly Feed Service in Loogootee, J.M. Feed Center in Green Castle and Dubois Elevator in Dubois. He was a member of St. Mary – Barr Town-

ship Catholic Church, VFW and the American Legion. He loved spending time with his grandchildren. He was also a United States Army Veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Alice (Kaiser) Mattingly, married in 1968; three daughters, Lynn and husband, Michael Jr. Rickenbaugh, of Dale; Lisa and husband, David Horning, of Scotland, Indiana; and Laura Mattingly and companion, Jeff Green, both of Dubois; four sisters, Veronica "Bonnie" Tennis of Washington, Rita and husband, Doyle Elliott, of Loogootee; Patricia Tow of Indianapolis, and Alberta Turner of Indianapolis; one brother, Timothy and wife, Eleanor Mattingly, of Montgomery; and eight grandchildren, Tyler Rickenbaugh, Jake Rickenbaugh, Brett Horning, Ilana Horning, Landon Mattingly, Connor Roberts, Addison Mattingly, and Madison

Mattingly.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Norbert Mattingly, Frank Mattingly, Gerald Mattingly, John Mattingly, and Bernard Mattingly; and his sisters, Mary Alma Melton, Beatrice Sheetz, and Jean Ellis.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by the Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker and concelebrant Rev. Joseph F. Erbacher this morning, Wednesday, December 3 at St. Mary Catholic Church – Barr Township in Loogootee. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Brocksmith-Blake and Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com.

VIOLET ROBERTS

Violet R. (Sutton) Roberts passed away peacefully at 8:03 a.m. November 25, 2014 at the Stonebridge Health Campus in Bedford. A resident of Shoals, she was 86.

She was born October 9, 1928 in Martin County; the daughter of Leander L. and Sophia Matilda (Ziegler) Sutton. She retired from NWSC Crane in 1982 after 22 years of service. She was of the Christian Faith.

She is survived by two daughters, Sheila Cushman of Shoals and Jennifer Roberts of Indianapolis; one son, John Abel of Avon; sisters Faye Krenceski of Loogootee; and Carol Shaw of Gardner, Kansas; five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

She is preceded in death by her parents, sisters, Mayme Cole, Olena Craney, and Dorothy Jones; and two brothers, Robert Sutton who was killed in action in Okinawa Japan in 1945 while serving in the US Marine Corps and Hayden L. Sutton. A funeral service was held Sunday, November 30 at the Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. Ms. Roberts' wishes were honored and she was cremated following services.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.queenlee.com.

County receives \$39,516 in DNR timber sales

Meeting minutes provided by Martin County Auditor January Roush

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, November 25. Commissioners attending were President Paul R. George, Dan J. Gregory and Kevin R. Boyd.

Auditor January Roush provided information on the DNR timber sale revenue. Martin County received \$39,516.92. Representatives from each of the four local volunteer fire departments were present and discussed the needs for each department. The intent of the commissioners was to split the entire distribution four ways. Due to HEA1424, only 50 percent of the money can be distributed. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve \$4,939.62 be distributed to each volunteer fire department. President George made the second. Commissioner Boyd abstained due to his involvement in the local fire departments. County Attorney Lett is to investigate the possibility of distributing the remaining amount to the volunteer fire departments. Each commissioner thanked the volunteers present for the work they do.

Paula Ringwald, 4-H Council President, and Jonathan Stevens, extension educator, presented a renewal for the lease agreement between the 4-H Council and board of commissioners. The agreement is for the rental of office space to the extension and soil & water for \$150 month. The lease agreement is a three-year agreement. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the renewal of the lease agreement for a three-year period at \$150 a month. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Attorney Lett and Leo Padgett, highway superintendent, reviewed the supply bids prior to the meeting. All the bids were in order and Superintendent Padgett recommended the commissioners approve all bids. The commissioners approved.

Padgett submitted his two-week work schedule. The new dump trucks will be picked up next week. Superintendent Padgett updated the commissioners on the damage done due to the recent lightning strike, several projects and repair of the Train King.

Attorney Lett submitted Resolution 2014-26 Amendment of Martin County Code Chapter 73: Traffic Schedules. Resolution 2014-26 reduces the speed limit on Indian Springs Road in Mitcheltree Township to 30 miles per hour. Reducing the speed will decrease the cost of bridge #11 construction. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-26. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. Brent Roberts, BF&S, updated the commissioners on county wide bridge inspections and a revised supplemental agreement to their con-

tract. The revised agreement is due to INDOT changing the inspection cycle of fracture critical bridges from a 24-month period to a 12-month period.

Monty Wolf, Civil Defense/EMA, updated the commissioners on recent happenings. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to renew the termite inspection contract with Black Diamond for \$280. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Andy Ringwald, Civil Defense/EMA, reported on the District 10 meeting he attended last week.

Marilyn McCullough, Thompson Insurance, provided a health insurance update. The county did not receive an increase in medical premiums but did receive a 5.01 percent increase in ACA fees which are fees associated with the Healthcare Reform Law. Open enrollment begins December 1, 2014. The plan year will be January 1, 2015 thru December 31, 2015. Thompson submitted two worksheets outlining the difference in premiums on the employee absorbing the entire 5.01 percent increase or the county. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve the county absorbing the entire 5.01 percent increase and keep the employee part of the premium the same as in 2014. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. The commissioners will look into another special distribution at mid-year 2015 for employees.

Auditor Roush submitted two resolutions for approval. Resolution 2014-24 establishes the board of commissioners' and redevelopment commission meeting dates for 2015. The redevelopment commission approved at the meeting prior to the commissioner's meeting, to change their meeting dates to quarterly instead of monthly. Their quarterly meetings will be held on the first month of the quarter prior to the second commissioner's meeting. Boyd made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-24. Commissioner Gregory made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Resolution 2014-25 designates the paid holidays to county employees. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-25. Commissioner Boyd made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The state board of accounts started their annual audit last week.

Extension Educator Stevens announced that 4-H enrollment began November 1, 2014 and will run thru January 15, 2015.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m. with a motion by Commissioner Boyd and seconded by President George. All were in favor and the motion passed. The next commissioners' meeting will be Tuesday, December 9 at 6 p.m.

More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



THOUGHTS FOR THE SEASON

1. I think as you grow older your Christmas list gets smaller and the things you really want for the holidays can't be bought.

2. Don't forget to set your scales back 10 pounds this holiday season. Just sayin' . . .

3. And remember, Hoosiers, for every snowflake that falls, another idiot forgets how to drive.

4. The greatest gift you can give someone is your TIME, because when you give your time, you are giving a portion of your life that you will never get back.

5. The world is full of nice people. If you can't find one, be one.

6. Dear Santa, this year all I want for Christmas is a fat bank account and a skinny body . . . Let's try not to mix the two up like you did last year.

7. Perhaps they are not stars in the sky but rather openings where our loved ones shine down to let us know they are happy.

8. Piglet: How do you spell love?
Pooh: You don't spell it. You feel it.

The following are the last of the unusual facts. I realize that some are repeats but you must realize that I've been collecting this More Neat Stuff for over ten years and at the age of 71, I'm allowed to repeat myself. In addition, there are some new readers who might not have seen the previous information. Just be tolerant and enjoy.

1. People say "Bless you" when you sneeze because when you sneeze, your heart stops for a split second.

2. It is physically impossible for pigs to look up into the sky.

3. The "sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick" is said to be the toughest tongue twister in the English language.

4. If you sneeze too hard, you can fracture a rib. If you try to suppress a sneeze, you can rupture a blood vessel in your head or neck and die.

5. Each king in a deck of playing cards represents great king from history. Spades - King David, Clubs - Alexander the Great, Hearts - Charlemagne, Diamonds - Julius Caesar.

6. 111,111,111 x 111,111,111 =

12,345,678,987,654,321

7. If a statue of a person in the park on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle.

8. If the horse has one front leg in the air, the person died as a result of wounds received in battle.

9. If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.

10. Question - This is the only food that doesn't spoil. What is this? Ans. - Honey

11. A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out.

12. A snail can sleep for three years.

13. All polar bears are left handed.

14. American Airlines saved \$40,000 in 1987 by eliminating one olive from each salad served in first-class.

15. Butterflies taste with their feet.

16. Elephants are the only animals that can't jump.

17. In the last 4,000 years, no new animals have been domesticated.

18. On average, people fear spiders more than they do death.

19. Shakespeare invented the words 'assassination' and 'bump'.

20. Stewardesses is the longest word typed with only the left hand.

21. The ant always falls over on its right side when intoxicated. (I've always wondered how they figured that out).

22. The electric chair was invented by a dentist.

23. The human heart creates enough pressure when it pumps out to the body to squirt blood 30 feet.

24. Rats multiply so quickly that in 18 months, two rats could have over million descendants.

25. The cigarette lighter was invented before the match.

26. Most lipstick contains fish scales.

Final thought for the week: Don't waste a minute of not being happy. If one window closes, run to the next window – or break down a door

Make someone smile today!

NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF EAST FORK WATER, INC.

Nominations for new directors for North Center, South Rutherford, Halbert and Lost River townships will be accepted before December 22nd 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 26, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. and nominees will be voted upon at that meeting. All members are invited to attend.

Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24

2:47 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across the roadway on US 231 near 650 South. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

5:04 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across the roadway on Butler Bridge Road near Coal Hollow Road. The Lost River Fire Department responded.

5:48 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across the roadway on US 231 one mile south of Loogootee. Deputy Harmon responded.

6:24 a.m. - Received a report of a tree on a power line causing sparks on State Road 450. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

6:28 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across the roadway on Dover Hill Road at Killion Mill Road. The Shoals Fire Department responded.

9:55 a.m. - Received a report of a residential burglar alarm south of Whitfield. Chief Deputy Dant responded.

2:00 p.m. - Chief Deputy Dant transported three inmates to court.

2:18 p.m. - Received a report of canines running at-large and not having proper shelter in Crane. Sergeant Keller responded.

2:25 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

2:53 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded.

4:34 p.m. - Received a report of a canine attacking another canine north of Shoals. Corporal Greene responded.

5:09 p.m. - Received a report of a civil

issue north of Shoals. Corporal Greene spoke with the parties involved.

7:36 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Shoals. Corporal Greene spoke with the parties involved.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

2:37 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle parked at Hickory Ridge Church. Deputy Harmon responded.

3:45 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at the Eldorado Motel. Martin County EMS responded.

8:57 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

2:15 p.m. - Received a request for an officer at the department of child services office in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

4:41 p.m. - Received a report of a phone scam in Shoals. Major Burkhardt spoke with the complainant.

5:08 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle shooting out the window of the vehicle in front of it while travelling on US 50 east of Shoals. Major Burkhardt and Sergeant Keller responded.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

12:13 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person at RJ's in Shoals. Deputy Baker responded.

9:27 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at the Martin County Health Department in Shoals. Martin County EMS and the Shoals Fire Department responded.

1:47 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

4:14 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. Martin County EMS and the Crane Fire Department responded.

Marin County EMS transported to IU Health, Bloomington.

4:41 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Major Burkhardt completed the detail.

6:40 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash involving a deer on US 231 near State Road 645. Major Burkhardt responded.

9:30 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Corporal Greene completed the detail.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

1:50 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle slide-off on Turkey Hill Lane. Major Burkhardt responded.

3:35 p.m. - Subject came to the Martin County Sheriff's Department to report a battery. Troopers Beaver and Sexton responded.

4:40 p.m. - Received a report of a civil dispute in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

6:26 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle slide off on US 150 near Singing Hill. Major Burkhardt and Corporal Greene responded.

9:37 p.m. - Received a report of a commercial burglar alarm at Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant. Corporal Greene responded.

11:03 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

4:55 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and the Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Daviess Community Hospital, Washington.

7:25 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded.

9:42 a.m. - Received a report of mailbox vandalism on Rusk Road. Major Burkhardt was notified.

10:01 a.m. - Received a request for a VIN check. Major Burkhardt completed the detail.

10:13 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County EMS and the Lost River Fire Department responded.

1:35 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported to Daviess Community Hospital, Washington.

2:08 p.m. - Received a report of stolen firewood in Shoals. Deputy Baker responded.

4:36 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231 near Bramble. All on-duty officers were notified.

5:11 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle vandalizing a field near Sherfick School Road and Boyd Hollow Road. Deputy Baker was notified.

7:00 p.m. - Received a report of a possible domestic dispute inside of a vehicle at the Jay C Store. Corporal Greene responded.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

12:45 a.m. - Received a report of a possible verbal fight at the Main Street Apartments in Shoals. Marshall Eckert and Corporal Greene responded.

10:49 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Deputy Baker completed the detail.

11:15 a.m. - Received a report of a civil dispute in Shoals. Deputy Baker responded.

12:24 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle crash involving a dog on US 50 near the Martin State Forest. Deputy Baker responded.

3:34 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock east of Shoals. Deputy Baker completed the detail.

4:28 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and the Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Daviess Community Hospital, Washington.

6:30 p.m. - Received a report of a possible

protective order violation south of Whitfield. Deputy Harmon responded.

6:40 p.m. - Received a report of a subject wanting to file a complaint in Shoals. Deputy Harmon responded.

6:54 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on US 50 westbound from the Lawrence County line. Deputy Harmon was advised.

7:20 p.m. - Received a report of civil dispute in Shoals. Deputy Harmon was advised.

11:58 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS, the Shoals Fire Department, Marshall Eckert and Deputy Harmon responded.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

3:22 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS responded.

6:11 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded.

8:40 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County EMS and the Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to IU Health, Bedford.

12:25 p.m. - Received a report of a residential burglar alarm south of Shoals. Deputy Baker responded.

12:58 p.m. - Received a report of a shoplifter at the Jay C Store in Shoals. Deputy Baker responded.

1:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County EMS and the Williams Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported to Memorial Hospital, Jasper.

3:30 p.m. - Received a report of a possible prowler on an orange moped on US 231 near 100 S. Deputy Baker responded.

4:29 p.m. - Received a report of an aggressive dog attempting to attack another dog in Crane. Deputy Baker was advised.

10:45 p.m. - Received a report of a civil dispute. Deputy Harmon spoke with the parties involved.

Jail bookings

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

5:05 p.m. - Jason Weaver, 38, of Mitchell, was arrested on a Martin County failure to appear warrant. Weaver is being held without bond and was arrested by Sergeant Keller.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

1:12 p.m. - Jemimah Tharp, 29, of Shoals, was arrested for theft. Tharp is being held on \$20,000 or 10% bond and was arrested by Deputy Baker.

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Tips to shop smart this holiday season

Scammers are sure to be out in full force this holiday shopping season. Attorney General Greg Zoeller offers some tips to help protect shoppers from becoming victims of scams or identity theft.

When shopping online:

- Research the online business you plan to purchase from and confirm their physical address and phone number in case you need to contact them.

- Consider using an online payment service, such as PayPal, or your credit card, which offers certain protections from fraudulent charges.

- Beware of emails or online offers soliciting hard-to-get items for unbelievably low prices. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

- Make sure you are on a secure website when entering credit card information. A secure connection will have an "s" after the "http" web address and a closed lock icon.

- Exercise caution when making purchases from Craigslist, especially purchases that require meeting the seller in person. There's a chance this could lead to a hold-up scam or the purchasing of stolen merchandise.

Other shopping tips:

- Closely watch your credit card during in-store transactions.

- Monitor credit card accounts and bank statements over the holidays and report potential unauthorized charges to your card issuer.

- Besides using cash for in-store purchases, credit cards offer the best available consumer protection.

- When buying gift certificates or gift cards, be sure you fully understand the terms and conditions. Consider buying these products directly from the retailer rather than a third party.

- If using a layaway plan to make a purchase, get a copy of the policy in writing before you start making payments and find out whether you will get a full refund, store credit or charged a non-refundable service fee if you change your mind about the item. Layaway plans can contain hidden fees or refund restrictions.

For more online shopping tips, visit <http://in.gov/attorneygeneral/2534.htm>. If you believe you might be a victim of identity theft, consider initiating a credit freeze on your accounts and file a complaint with the Attorney General's Office.

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Court News

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCING

November 7

Richard W. Wetter, convicted of dealing in methamphetamine, a Class B Felony. Sentenced to serve 6 years of imprisonment; the first five in the Indiana Department of Corrections with the remaining year in the Martin County Security Center.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

November 7

Richard W. Wetter, resisting law enforcement, a Class D Felony, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

November 21

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Cavalry SPVI, LLC and against the defendant Stanley D. Pender in the amount of \$1,972.89.

November 24

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midland Funding, LLC and against the defendant Jerold Ervin in the amount of \$2,558.54.

November 25

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Asset Acceptance, LLC and against the defendant Robert Green in the amount of \$7,672.68.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midland Funding, LLC and against the defendant William Tolley in the amount of \$1,067.63.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

November 18

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Toni R. Clifton in the amount of \$3,712.17.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Courtney Kidwell in the amount of \$1,908.23.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

December 1

Derek Michael Sims of Loogootee and Jenna Rae Sturgell of Loogootee.

Real estate transfer

Kathleen S. Combs, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Gerald L. Wilcoxon and Ruby Wilcoxon**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 21 in Doe Run Subdivision to Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana.

Kathleen S. Combs, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Gerald L. Wilcoxon and Ruby Wilcoxon**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 20 in Doe Run Subdivision to Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana.

James C. Hovis, of Martin County, Indiana to **Ohio River Veneer, LLC**, of Monroe County, Indiana, Lot Number 64 in the original Town of Shoals, Indiana. Also, Lot Number 63 in the original Town of Shoals, Indiana except 34 feet and 9 inches off the east end thereof.

Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, an Oklahoma non-profit corporation to **Sonja Michele Hupp**. Property address: 523 Park Street, Loogootee, Indiana.

Loogootee Police Department log

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Unknown time - Loogootee Fire was dispatched to Broadway St. reference a spark coming from the roof of a building. Duke Energy was also contacted.

9:15 a.m. - Female came on station with a child custody issue.

10:32 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on her father.

4:43 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

5:25 p.m. - Caller reported harassment.

6:01 p.m. - A male came on station to report problems with his daughter.

8:41 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

1:55 p.m. - Male caller advised of loud music on Park Street. Chief Rayhill responded.

4:09 p.m. - Male caller reported a scam. Caller stated he received a call stating a relative was in jail out of state and needed bond money.

4:11 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from Chuckles.

5:20 p.m. - Captain Hennette and Officer Nolan assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a road rage incident.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

8:05 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted child protective services.

9:59 a.m. - Female caller reported a child

custody issue.

4:24 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a child custody issue.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

2:30 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from Chuckles.

4:18 p.m. - An employee at Jones Oil reported property damage.

9:41 p.m. - Officer Nolan responded to a business alarm.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

6:17 p.m. - Officer Nolan responded to a possible break in at Redwing Trailer Court.

12:47 p.m. - Caller reported an intoxicated person at her home and she wanted him removed.

3:33 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

11:40 a.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

1:20 p.m. - Caller reported a lost or stolen wallet.

6:30 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute at Dollar General.

8:30 p.m. - Caller reported possible underage drinking.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

11:40 a.m. - Caller reported a possible theft.

12:41 p.m. - Captain Akles assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a vehicle in the ditch on Mt. Calvary Road.

Take simple steps to protect money, identity while online

With the holiday shopping season in full swing, many Hoosiers will be making purchases online. While convenient, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security is encouraging citizens to take some simple steps to help prevent thieves from accessing online accounts.

Hoosiers can take these actions to help protect information online:

- Set strong passwords using a combination of uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers, and punctuation.

- Change passwords regularly. Set a reminder to change every 30, 60, or 90 days.

- Don't use the same password for multiple accounts.

- Keep operating systems, browsers, and anti-virus software updated. Patches and updates for software are released when vulnerabilities have been discovered.

- Be cautious of offers online. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Citizens that believe they are a victim of a cybercrime can take a few steps to respond and recover:

- If there's a problem, disconnect the device from the Internet to prevent an attacker or virus from gaining access to the system.

- If anti-virus software is installed, update the virus definitions and perform a manual scan of the entire system.

- Install any appropriate patches to fix known vulnerabilities.

- File a complaint with the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.IC3.gov.

- It's important to know that the majority of cybercriminals do not discriminate. They target vulnerable computer systems regardless of whether they are part of a large network or belong to someone at home on a personal computer.

- For more information on cyber security, visit GetPrepared.IN.gov.

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Farm bill webinar addresses program coverage options

BY DARRIN PACK
Purdue University News Service

Farmers trying to determine which of the new federal farm programs is best for them will have an opportunity to talk directly with Purdue University experts in a free webinar Friday, December 5.

"Evaluating Your 2014 Farm Bill Choices" begins at 9 a.m. (EST).

Jim Mintert, director of Purdue's Center for Commercial Agriculture and one of the webinar panelists, said the new farm bill represents the biggest change to federal farm policy in a generation.

The legislation provides farmers with several coverage options. Farmers also have an opportunity to reallocate their base acreage for program crops based on recent planting history and, for the first time in years, can also update their farms' yields based on actual yield history.

Farmers have until February 27, 2015 to reallocate their base acreage and update yields. Those figures will be used to determine the amount of coverage farmers are eligible to receive under the new bill.

There are three farm-income support options available through the new farm

bill: the Agricultural Risk Coverage-County, or ARC-County, program; the Price Loss Coverage, or PLC, program; and the Agricultural Risk Coverage-Individual, or ARC-Individual program.

Farmers have until March 31, 2015 to choose one of those options.

During the webinar, the Purdue panel will discuss the provisions of each of the programs and provide some economic analysis to help guide farmers in their decision-making process.

"These programs are much different than previous farm programs. Our webinar will help farmers cut through the clutter and gain some real insight into how these programs work," Mintert said. "There will be time for participants to ask questions."

In addition to Mintert, the panel includes Michael Langemeier, associate director of the Center for Commercial Agriculture, and Michael Boehlje, distinguished professor of agricultural economics.

To register for the webinar, or for more information, visit the Purdue Center for Commercial Agriculture website at <https://www.agecon.purdue.edu/commercialag/>.

Iowa-based grain product developer to invest millions in Southern Indiana operations

Grain Processing Corporation (GPC), a subsidiary of Kent Corporation, announced plans yesterday to invest \$70 million to expand its operations here, creating up to 16 new jobs by 2019.

The Muscatine, Iowa-based company, which manufactures and markets corn-based products, will grow its MALTRIN® maltodextrins capacity over the next few years at its 600-acre Washington, Indiana complex, accounting for the largest expansion at the Washington plant since it started operations. GPC is in the process of finalizing the engineering design and requesting the necessary permits to begin the construction phase of the additional finishing capacity.

"Indiana's economy is growing, with a Hoosier tradition of growing the food and the businesses that feed our world," said Governor Mike Pence. "GPC leaders needed a state that works—a state that works for agriculture and works for job creation—to grow their business. After looking at other states, that's something they found right here in Indiana."

GPC, which currently has 150 employees in Daviess County and more than 1,500 Kent Corporation employees globally, plans to add new production associates in Washington when the project is operational in the next few years.

"The selection of our Washington, Indiana site for this new multimillion dollar expansion was due to several factors. The business friendly leadership of Indiana Governor Pence and his economic development team showed us they were committed to helping GPC grow," said Gage A. Kent, chief executive officer and chairman of Kent Corporation. "We were also impressed with the local economic development team and the community members who demonstrated they really wanted us to expand our Washington facilities."

GPC develops and distributes a variety of corn-based products worldwide, including maltodextrins, corn syrup solids and starches for the food, pharmaceutical and personal care markets; ethyl alcohol for beverage and industrial use; starches for the paper, corrugated box, textile and wallboard industries; corn oil; animal feed ingredients and pet care products. Opening in 1998, today the company's Washington facilities process 80,000 to 100,000 bushels of corn per day. GPC is actively involved in social and civic activities in the community, most recently contributing \$250,000 to fund a new water park in Washington.

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation offered Grain Processing Corporation up to \$250,000 in conditional tax credits

based on the company's investment plans. Daviess County also supports the project at the request of the Daviess County Economic Development Corporation.

"When a company like GPC chooses to place its investment in Daviess County, that choice has a ripple effect," said Anthony (Tony) Wichman, president of the Daviess County Commissioners. "It creates new jobs and supports growth throughout our community. It's great to add this feather to our cap here in Daviess County and a major win for our great team with the Daviess County Economic Development Corporation."

About GPC

Grain Processing Corporation (GPC) is one of the leading global manufacturers of maltodextrins in the world. MALTRIN® maltodextrins are high quality, corn based ingredients used in numerous food, pharmaceutical, and personal care applications. They function as effective carriers, binders, coating and bulking agents as well as have the ability to manage sweetness and viscosity. GPC is also a major manufacturer of grain neutral spirits, food and pharmaceutical starches, industrial starches, and corn syrup solids, specialty products, and feed ingredients. The Company, a subsidiary of Kent Corporation, markets its products worldwide. Kent Corporation is a diversified family owned corporation with subsidiary companies developing science and nutrition-based finished food products, food and beverage ingredients, pharmaceutical and personal care applications, animal nutrition, and companion animal products. In addition to GPC, the subsidiary companies consist of Kent Nutrition Group, Kent Pet Group, headquartered in Muscatine Iowa, and Kent Precision Foods Group headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri. www.kentww.com

About IEDC

Created in 2005 to replace the former Department of Commerce, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation is governed by a 12-member board chaired by Governor Mike Pence. Victor Smith serves as the Indiana Secretary of Commerce and Eric Doden is the president of the IEDC. The IEDC oversees programs enacted by the General Assembly including tax credits, workforce training grants and public infrastructure assistance. All tax credits are performance-based. Therefore, companies must first invest in Indiana through job creation or capital investment before incentives are paid. A company who does not meet its full projections only receives a percentage of the incentives proportional to its actual investment. For more information about IEDC, visit www.iiedc.in.gov.

Fish & Wildlife adjusts services in wake of staffing shortages

DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife customers may notice a reduction in certain services and programs as the Division adjusts to staffing shortages primarily brought on through a recent wave of retirements by long-term employees.

Coupled with other departures and pre-existing vacancies, the Division has lost 20 percent of its normal staffing level.

"We can only accomplish certain goals at current staffing levels, so we have to change our day-to-day operations," DFW director Mark Reiter said. "We don't want to overwhelm the staff that is still here working

hard to keep our Division functioning, so certain decisions on what cannot be done had to be made. As positions are filled, we will be moving back toward our normal level of service."

In the interim, DFW properties will operate with reduced office hours and conduct management activities to the extent that staffing levels allow.

Go to www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/3077.htm for a directory of DNR Fish & Wildlife Areas. Each property lists its office hours and other information about the site and available activities.

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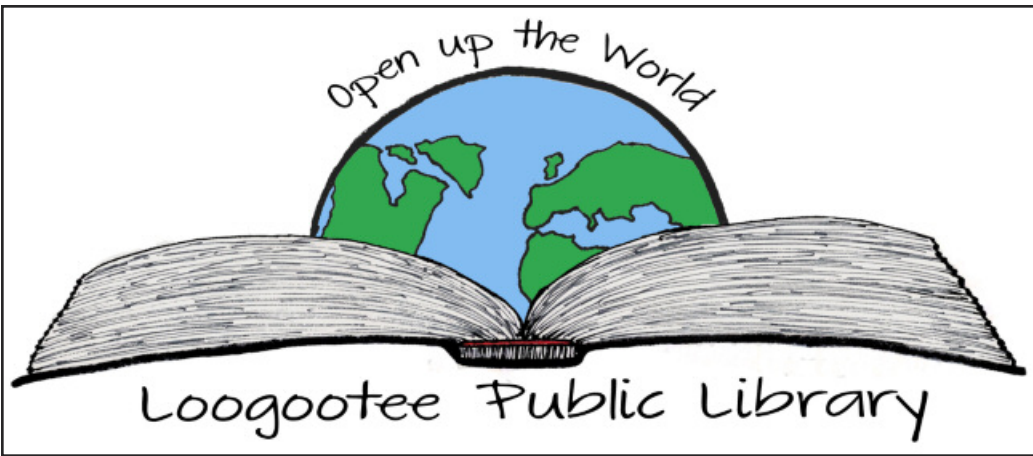
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COMMUNITY & EVENTS

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BY DARLA WAGLER
Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

UP TV (Uplifting Entertainment channel) with family-friendly movies recently aired "Susie's Hope" that is based off the book "Susie's Miracle". The movie is about love, hope, and forgiveness for the main character and a dog named Susie. The movie is based on a true story about animal-cruelty laws in North Carolina, personal loss, and facing fears. If you are an animal lover, I want to

warn you it is very difficult to watch, but you will be inspired by this movie. I encourage you to stop in the library and check out the DVD and the book. Sales from the book are donated to the Susie's Hope nonprofit organization.

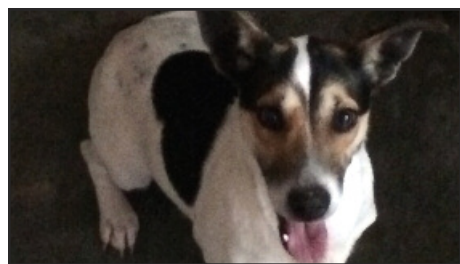
There are lots of fun activities going on at the library throughout the month of December. On Mondays, programs for kids ages 3-5 include stories, rhymes, crafts, and sensory play. Tuesday afternoons, the Lego group meets at 3:30-4:30, and every Friday, is the Music, Movement & Rhythm class for Pre-K. There are various programs geared for kids ages 5-12 every Thursday that include science, stories, and crafts. Please pick up a December activity sheet that lists programming and times. The annual Christmas story time will be on Monday night, December 15 for kids ages 3-5 at 6 p.m. (pre-registration required for all programs) and on December 16 for kids K-2nd grade.

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. Check out the website www.loogootee.lib.in.us or like us on Facebook.

New Books:
Mystery Fiction: "Woman with a Gun" by Phillip Margolin and "Scorched Eggs" by Laura Childs.

Fiction "Love Song" by Elizabeth Lowell.

Humane Society featured pet



Spunky is a young, male terrier mix. Feisty but friendly. If interested in adopting, stop by the shelter at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. Shelter hours are Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by appt. any day except Sunday.



Leadership Academy

-Photo provided

The Loogootee United Methodist Church sponsored three youth to Bishop Mike Coyner's Student Leadership Academy held on the campus of the University of Indianapolis. These high school youth were challenged to consider God's calling on their lives as they sort out their future career decisions. Pictured are Mariah Bridgewater, Bishop Mike Coyner, Renee Whitman, and Cathy Hovis.

Calendar of Events

Talk to a lawyer clinic

Thursday, December 4 is the next date for talk to a lawyer telephone clinic. The telephone clinic starts at 4:30 p.m. CST to 7 p.m. CST (5:30 EST to 8 EST) During that time, volunteer lawyers will be available and ready to answer general legal questions regarding Indiana law. This service is free and is available to anyone with a question regarding Indiana law. To talk to a lawyer, the phone numbers are (812) 618-4845 and (888) 594-3449. Talk to a lawyer takes place the first Thursday of each month and is a free service provided by Volunteer Lawyer Program of Southwestern Indiana, Evansville Bar Foundation and Indiana Bar Foundation.

Lunch with Santa

Shoals Gamma Iota (Psi Iota Xi) will be having their annual lunch with Santa this Saturday, December the 6 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. It will be held at the Shoals American legion. The cost is \$5 per person (adults also). The children will receive lunch, a photo with Santa, a book and a goody bag. There will also be two door prizes. Any questions call 812-709-0741.

Boy Scouts

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

Cub Scout meetings

Cub scout meetings are held at Loogootee United Methodist Church on the first, third, and fourth Monday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information,

Light a candle in memory of a loved one

So many loved ones are not with us to celebrate this wonderful holiday season. The Relay for Life Committee will be taking time during the Christmas Stroll to remember all loved ones, no matter how long or why they are not with us. For a donation they will light a candle in memory of your loved one. A luminaria bag will have the name of your loved one and the candle will shine through it.

One name per bag and the suggested donation is \$5 each. If you have five names, there is a discount cost of \$20. Please send your donation and name(s) to Leslie Doyle, PO Box 179, Loogootee IN 47553. Luminaries will be lit at 6 p.m. on December 7, the night of the Stroll. Any question please contact Leslie Doyle 296-7152 or Terri Resler 295-6524. All proceeds will go to the 2015 Martin County Relay for Life. Checks should be made to Relay for Life.

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Solid waste board

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

Humane society meetings

The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 7 p.m. Members of the humane society are invited to attend. To find out how to become a member, call the shelter at 812-295-5900 or email mchs@frontier.com.

Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Martin County Community Learning Center on the fairgrounds.

Soil and Water meetings

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

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Shown above are Shoals Third Graders receiving their dictionaries from Martin County SOAR.

SOAR presents dictionaries and thesauruses to 3rd and 4th graders

On Tuesday, November 26, SOAR Board Members and SOAR Volunteers provided all Shoals and Loogootee Third Grade Students with new dictionaries. Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty volunteered to lead the Shoals students in a lesson on how to look up word such as "turkey", "family", "mayor", "teacher" and "literacy" and to read each definition. Jason Hennette, captain of the Loogootee Police Department, led the Loogootee students in the look-up lesson.

Karen Whorrall, chemical engineer, talked about the longest word listed in the

dictionary and how to pronounce it at both elementary schools

Both Shoals and Loogootee fourth grade students were each presented with a thesaurus. Tammy Gore volunteered to conduct a lesson in the use of the thesauruses at both schools. Students were given a handout with ten words to look up in the thesaurus and write down four synonyms or related word to the main word. Other board members and volunteers assisting were Mark Ellis, Beverly McIntosh, Shirley Wagner, John Lannan, Patty Paul, Pat Jones, Linda Cropp, and Judy Yarnell.



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Scholarships

Students enrolled in Vincennes University's Construction Technology program received \$4,100 in scholarships at the November 20 dinner meeting of the Vincennes Area Builders Association (VABA). This year the dinner featured a tour of VU's Diesel Technology/John Deere Ag facility on U.S. 41 North. From left are Robert J. Weiss, chair of Construction Technology, and scholarship recipients Brayden Schueter, Schnellville, Indiana Builders Charitable Foundation Scholarship; Matthew Sandusky, Princeton, Indiana Lumber and Builders Supply Association Scholarship; Jared Cleveland, Vincennes, VABA Scholarship; Jordan Koberstein, Princeton, VABA Scholarship; Daniel Abel, Bloomfield, VU Construction Technology Scholarship; Sean Armstrong, Evansville, Niehaus Lumber Scholarship, and Cole Barnes, Burnettsville, Indiana Builders Charitable Foundation Scholarship.

Loogootee and Shoals SCHOOL MENUS

LOOGOOTE ELEMNTARY

Breakfast

Thursday, December 4
Breakfast pizza, peaches

Friday, December 5
Pancakes, fruit

Monday, December 8
Cheese omelet, wheat toast, fruit

Tuesday, December 9
Whole grain biscuit and gravy, pears

Wednesday, December 10
Cereal, string cheese, fruit

Lunch

Thursday, December 4
Popcorn chicken, tossed salad, corn, milk

Friday, December 5
Breaded tenderloin, scalloped potatoes, peas, mixed fruit, milk

Monday, December 8
Sloppy Joe, French fries, peas, peaches, milk

Tuesday, December 9
Chicken Alfredo, salad, tomatoes, pineapple, carrots, breadstick, milk

Wednesday, December 10
Taco salad, refried beans, lettuce and cheese, applesauce, milk

LOOGOOTE INTERMEDIATE AND JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL

Lunch

Thursday, December 4
Popcorn chicken, pizza or chef salad; tossed salad, pears, corn, milk

Friday, December 5
Breaded tenderloin, pizza or chef salad; scalloped potatoes, peas, mixed fruit, milk

Monday, December 8
Sloppy Joe, pizza or chef salad; French fries, peas, peaches, milk

Tuesday, December 9

Chicken Alfredo, pizza or chef salad; salad, tomatoes, pineapple, carrots, breadstick, milk

Wednesday, December 10

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

SHOALS SCHOOLS

Breakfast

Thursday, December 4

Biscuit and gravy, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, December 5

Cereal, muffin, juice, milk

Monday, December 8

Cereal, breakfast bar, banana, juice, milk

Tuesday, December 9

Egg patty, hash brown, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, December 10

Cereal, string cheese, raisins, juice, milk

Lunch

Thursday, December 4

Chili, cheese and crackers; whole grain nacho tray, deli sandwich or chef salad; green beans, mandarin oranges, milk

Friday, December 5

Fish sandwich, whole grain nacho tray, deli sandwich or chef salad; cole slaw, baked beans, peaches, milk

Monday, December 8

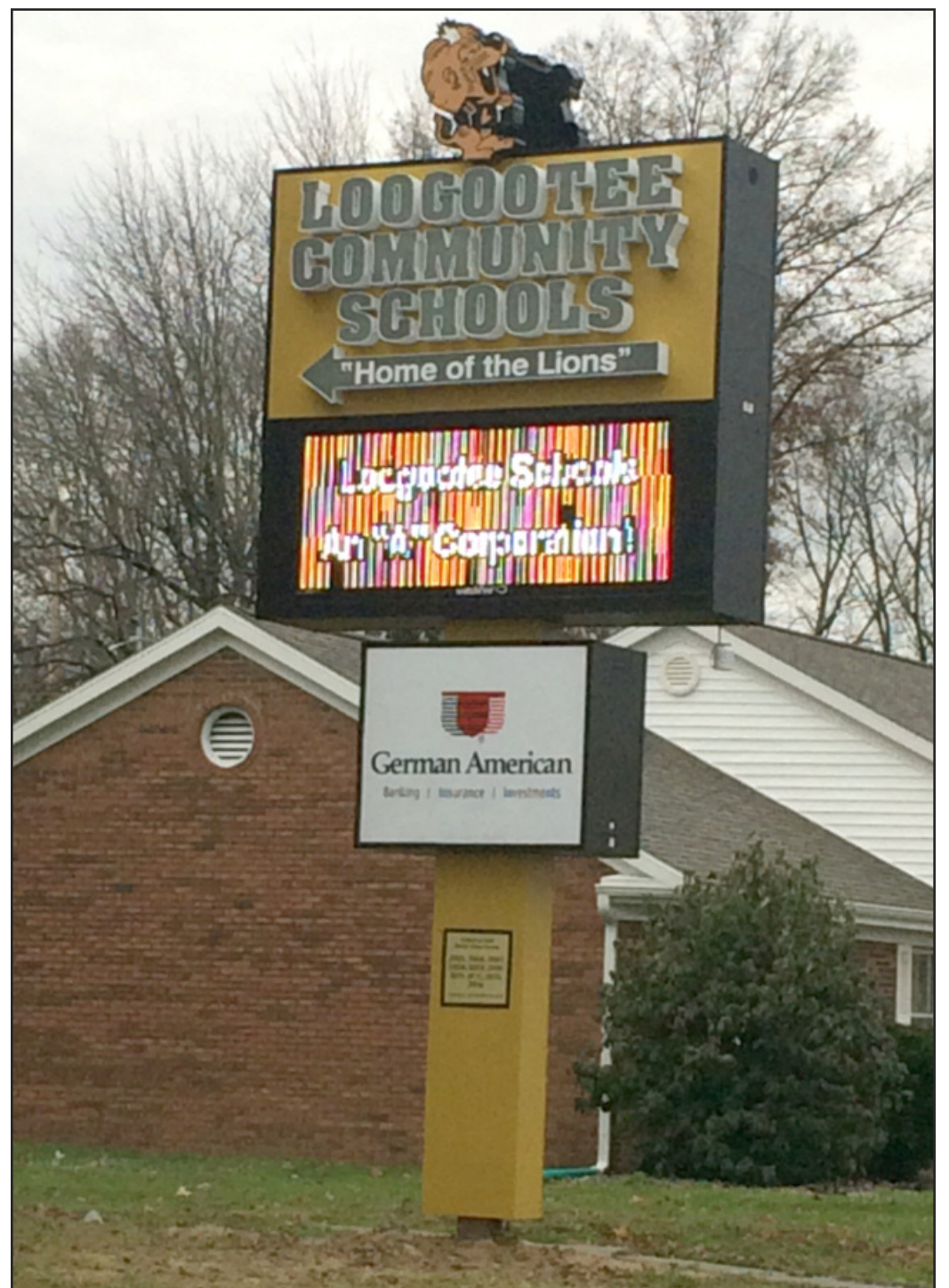
Chicken sandwich, whole grain nacho tray, deli sandwich or chef salad; broccoli and cheese, blueberry fluff, milk

Tuesday, December 9

Salisbury steak, whole grain nacho tray, deli sandwich or chef salad; mashed potatoes, mixed fruit, roll, milk

Wednesday, December 10

Cheese pizza, whole grain nacho tray, deli sandwich or chef salad; salad, sweet pota-



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

New marquee

With leftover money from past classes and a donation from German American Bank, this sign is now erected on JFK Avenue right before Butcher Boulevard. The marquee scrolls through upcoming school events and accomplishments.

Adult cigarette smoking rate overall hits all-time low

The cigarette smoking rate among adults in the U.S. dropped from 20.9 percent in 2005 to 17.8 percent in 2013, according to new data published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in last week's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR).

That is the lowest prevalence of adult smoking since the CDC's National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) began keeping such records in 1965. The report also shows the number of cigarette smokers dropped from 45.1 million in 2005 to 42.1 million in 2013, despite the increasing population in the U.S.

"There is encouraging news in this study, but we still have much more work to do to help people quit," said Tim McAfee, M.D., M.P.H., director of the CDC's Office on Smoking and Health. "We can bring down cigarette smoking rates much further, much faster, if strategies proven to work are put in place like funding tobacco control programs at the CDC-recommended levels, increasing prices of tobacco products, implementing and enforcing comprehensive smoke-free laws, and sustaining hard-hitting media campaigns."

While smoking rates have dropped, there is a significant need to help those who continue to smoke. Cigarette smoking remains especially high among certain groups, most notably those below the poverty level, those who have less education, Americans of mul-

ti-ple race, American Indians/Alaska Natives, males, those who live in the South or Midwest, those who have a disability or limitation, and those who are lesbian/gay/bisexual. Data specific to sexual orientation were collected for the first time by the NHIS in 2013.

Among current cigarette smokers, the proportion of those who smoke every day decreased from 80.8 percent in 2005 to 76.9 percent in 2013. The proportion of cigarette smokers who smoke only on some days increased from 19.2 percent in 2005 to 23.1 percent in 2013. Among daily smokers, the average number of cigarettes smoked per day declined from 16.7 in 2005 to 14.2 in 2013. The proportion of daily smokers who smoked 20 to 29 cigarettes per day dropped from 34.9 percent in 2005 to 29.3 percent in 2013, while the proportion who smoked fewer than 10 cigarettes per day rose from 16.4 percent in 2005 to 23.3 percent in 2013.

"Though smokers are smoking fewer cigarettes, cutting back by a few cigarettes a day rather than quitting completely does not produce significant health benefits," said Brian King Ph.D., a senior scientific advisor with CDC's Office on Smoking and Health. "Smokers who quit before they're 40 years old can get back almost all of the 10 years of life expectancy smoking takes away."

Cigarette smoking is the leading preventable cause of disease and death in the

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United States, killing more than 480,000 Americans each year. For every person who dies this year, there are over 30 Americans who continue to live with a smoking-related disease. Smoking also takes a devastating toll on our nation's economy, costing more than \$289 billion a year (including at least \$133 billion in direct medical care for adults and more than \$156 billion in lost productivity). In addition, use of other forms of smoking tobacco which are also very dangerous, such as cigars and hookahs, are not declining. In some populations, especially among young adults and adolescents, use of these products may even be increasing.

Surveys show that about 70 percent of all

cigarette smokers want to quit, and research shows quitting completely at any age has health benefits. Smokers can get free help quitting by calling 1-800-QUIT-NOW. There they can get free counseling and information about the seven smoking cessation medications approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. CDC's Tips From Former Smokers campaign features real people living with the consequences of smoking-related diseases and offers additional quit resources at <http://www.cdc.gov/tips>, including cessation assistance developed by the National Cancer Institute at the National Institutes of Health.

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