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## City council approves spending, discusses resident complaints

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The Loogootee City Council met Monday night June 14 and approved several spending requests.

The council approved the water department to purchase 144 radio read water meters for \$230 each for a total of \$33,120. The meters do not require manual reading from water employees, it can be done remotely. Utilities Superintendent Bo Wilson said the price of the meters is going up to \$241.50 July 1 so he would like to purchase the 144 radios now before that increase. He said the vendor agreed to allow the city to pay for the meters in three payments. Council Member Nolley asked if there are still meters being installed from the last time a pallet was purchased. Wilson replied they are installing a few every Monday. He said they still need around 1,500 meters to cover all water customers.

The council voted to hire Matthews Excavating for \$10,000 to knock down the burned house on North Oak Street. The other bid was for \$11,500 however the name of the other bidder was not disclosed. Don Greene, who was in the audience, complained about the tree on the property and the garage on the property

where cats frequently visit. Mayor Noel Harty said they could look into doing something with the garage however demolishing it was not part of the estimate. He asked what the issue was with the tree. Greene replied that it is a hazard because it sheds limbs when it storms and needs to come down.

The council approved the city purchasing a Seal Master painting machine to paint the curbs. It was noted that it can also paint lines, if needed. The cost is \$5,000. Council Member Theresa Nolley voted against the purchase.

The council approved purchasing a new copy machine for the utility office from Hoosier Business Machines for \$3,698. Wilson said the current model is 13 years old.

Kurt Phegley, with Duke Energy, talked to the council about upgrading the city's streetlights. He said the current streetlights were installed in the early 1980s and back then, were considered efficient. Presently, they are moving to LED lights. Phegley said the city is currently paying \$2,587.32 a month for the streetlights and with LED fixtures, they would pay less. A 10-year plan to pay for the lights would cost \$1,870.77 per month. After the lights are paid off, that would drop to \$705.71

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## Shoals hires Josh Mullis as middle school principal

The Shoals School Board met June 10. Board members in attendance were Drexel Turpin, Eva George, Jenell Hoffman, Jerry Braun and Sam Boyd. Staff in attendance were Dr. Candace Roush, Amanda Heckard, Kindra Hovis, and Shannon Wagoner. Patrons in attendance were Josh Mullis, Travis Brett, Kathern Brett, and Lorna Troutman.

Lorna Troutman spoke about how the Robotix Team is preparing for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. They are currently looking for a programmer for this fall. If anyone is interested, please contact Lorna.

The board approved the following personnel recommendations:

- Josh Mullis as middle school principal
- Nicci Brett as part time nurse
- Jonathan Sullivan as substitute teacher for summer camp.
- Eric Doane to teach the criminal justice class.
- Cammie Sanders to teach one section of the principal of agriculture.
- Maggie Shaw as volunteer girls' basketball coach.
- Lisa Taylor for substitute summer cleaning crew
- Mimi Hawkins, Megan Hawkins, Christin Johnson, Cathy Hovis, Sandra Hovis, and Ashton Allbright as summer camp staff

Superintendent Roush recommended Susan Sewell receive six additional days added to contract for a total of 190 for

taking on the Medicaid billing services for the special education speech services.

The board approved the girls' elementary "camp" or JBL incoming second and third grade on June 14, 16, 28, and 30 from 6-8 p.m.

The superintendent recommended disposing of or donating old Spanish textbooks that are no longer used. The board approved. The board approved and discarding the elementary teachers lounge popcorn machine because it is no longer workable. The board also approved the recycling/disposal of outdated FACS textbooks.

The board approved the deaf/hard hearing contract with Harvest Health & Rehab, LLC and the contract for PT/OT student services.

The board approved the 2021-2022 school improvement plan and held a first reading of the elementary handbook changes.

The board approved Catfish Festival Committee to use the gym on Friday, July 2 as a backup in case of rain for the Catfish Queen Contest and basketball tourney and the SPA to use the main parking lot on August 7 for a car show. This will be to raise money for various school projects.

The high school principal requested approval of textbook rental fees for the 2020-2021 school year.

The board held second readings and

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## USG donation

-Photo by Mark Armstrong

USG Foundation recently donated \$5,000 to the Martin County 4-H Club Council on behalf of the USG Shoals Plant. Shown above, from left to right, are Melanie Hawkins (Purdue Sponsored Summer Intern, Purdue Extension Martin County), Dena M. Held (County Extension Director/Educator, 4-H Youth Development, Purdue Extension Martin County), John Lindsey (USG Maintenance & Martin County 4-H Council Member), Dakotah Rogers (USG Shoals Plant Manager), Josh Ausbrooks (Martin County 4-H Council President), and Mark Hawkins (USG Mill Foreman & Martin County 4-H Club Advocate).

## Commissioners discuss road work, open bids

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The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, June 15. Commissioner Paul George was not present for the meeting.

Highway Superintendent Scott Seals reported they currently working on Indian Springs Road and are ditching in Rutherford Township and asked that drivers stay on the lookout for equipment. Vickie Wathen, who lives in Rutherford Township, asked that some ditching be done in front of her house. She said gravel has moved off the roadway and she would like it to be pulled back onto the roadway also. Seals said he will check into it and see what he could get done.

He asked the commissioners for permission to do a surplus auction. County Attorney Dave Lett recommended it be a county auction with all departments. He recommended the commissioners check with the sheriff and other department heads to see if they have anything to add to the auction.

## Martin County Small Business Relief Program

Has your small business been impacted by the COVID-19 situation? The Martin County Small Business Relief Program is now available and is intended to provide working capital to Martin County businesses, assist businesses to remain operational during the COVID-19 economic downturn, and support remote work for businesses that are following the Governor's Back on Track Indiana Plan to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

To help area small businesses navigate the ongoing COVID-19 public health crisis and related economic downturn, a new Small Business Relief Program began taking applications on June 15, 2021, to help businesses in Martin County. Qualified grant recipients do not have to pay back the grant if conditions are met.

Martin County received \$250,000 for this new program through a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from

The commissioners were in favor of having the sale. Seals said it would probably take a month to get a list of items to sell and advertise.

Attorney Lett opened bids for all the paving with the Community Crossings grant funding. The first bid opened was from E&B Paving, of Bloomington, for \$1,128,961.50 and the other bid was from Milestone, of Bloomington, for \$1,091,667.66. The bids were taken under advisement to make sure they met all specifications.

Developmental Services, Inc. (DSI)/ Four Rivers, who also operates Red Door, in Loogootee, made a request for funding for next year. She said that due to COVID, they did a lot of in-home services that cost a lot more money. She said they have also struggled to get employees. She said they raised their pay by a dollar and are offering incentives. Commissioner Aaron Summers said they will discuss what can be done to help them with funding.

Matt Stechly, with Core Facilities, talk-

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OCRA.

Eligible businesses may request up to \$10,000 in funding. To apply for funding, two steps must be completed: a formal application must be completed and submitted online or hard copy to Angie Risacher by July 15, 2021, and an intake form for every employee in the business must be completed. This is on a first come, first serve basis.

Click this link to access the application online <https://forms.gle/Bt3ukcsN16ZdqWd9> or visit [https://martinalliance-my.sharepoint.com/:w/g/personal/angie\\_risacher\\_martinalliance\\_org/EZvdw-WY1ZjhIITfrQeYQxPoBbEgnfi\\_6BF-GjCmoI64iJsg?e=cLBjfo](https://martinalliance-my.sharepoint.com/:w/g/personal/angie_risacher_martinalliance_org/EZvdw-WY1ZjhIITfrQeYQxPoBbEgnfi_6BF-GjCmoI64iJsg?e=cLBjfo) to print out a hard copy of application

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# CITY

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for the maintenance and energy consumption. The council decided to go with a five-year plan to pay off the lights faster at \$2,859.98 per month.

Residents in the audience asked the mayor if there were still issues with residents parking on the sidewalks. The residents had brought this up a few months ago after a resident on Southeast First Street received a letter stating that if he continued to park on the sidewalk, he would be fined \$500. The resident said there are no sidewalks in front of his home where he parks and there hasn't been for many years. He said if the city isn't planning to replace or maintain sidewalks, he doesn't understand what the issue is. It was also noted by members of the audience that other people park on the sidewalk in the city but due to their position in the city, nothing is said to them.

Building Inspector Tim Hudson said there is a \$500 fine for parking on the sidewalks. It was noted that the resident has not been fined, however.

Mayor Harty said that a third of city streets don't have sidewalks and a third have sidewalks that are not in good shape. He said he agrees that there is not a sidewalk at the residence in question. He said that the decision is up to the city council about enforcing the ordinance.

Council Member Nolley said the city clearly has an ordinance against parking on the sidewalk.

The resident again said that there is no longer a sidewalk in front of his residence.

Discussion ensued on other examples of sidewalk parking and how some residents are treated differently than others pertaining to complaints.

Mayor Harty said what initiated this issue was that someone complained. He said once a complaint comes in, the building inspector issues a letter that the resident is in violation. He said nothing would have ignited this discussion if they

had not received a complaint.

Jason Tinkle, who was in the audience, said that he believes there should be a grandfather clause in the ordinance that states that if a sidewalk is not maintained or up to code, the resident cannot be penalized for parking in that area. He said he feels like some of the complaint people make are nonsense and that residents can find all kinds of things to complain about, such as what time someone mows their grass or if someone's building is obstructing their view. "I think justification and clarification need to go a long way," he said.

Clerk-Treasurer Roger Downey said that an ordinance book is available in the clerk-treasurer's office that anyone in the public can review.

Jameson Hibbs, with West Boggs Park, talked to the council about funding available for large-scale projects through Indiana Code 5-23, also known as BOT (Build, Operate, Transfer). He said it allows municipalities to get around the bidding process by sending out a request for proposals (RFP), and choosing a company based on qualifications. Once a company is chosen, they stay with the city through the project. They first put together a cost estimate and the city can decide if that project would be feasible. They can also take the written cost estimate to use toward grant applications. BOT prevents companies from initiating change orders based on their own miscalculations and the company also takes the responsibility of finding a lender for the project. Hibbs said Daviess County has already approved a resolution to start using this Indiana code and he wanted to relay the same information he gave Daviess County, to the city council. He is using the process at West Boggs for capital projects.

The council approved street closings for Summerfest and the mayor said the issue of funding for the school resource officer will be tabled until next month.

# SHOALS

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approved of the athletic department grade policy and the high school handbook.

Elementary Principal Shannon Waggoner began with the upcoming summer camp. So far, more than 90 students have signed up for camp. Digital Fab Lab is still ongoing, teachers are preparing for this upcoming school year with training. Pre-school is expanding and is in the process of possibly getting a second classroom. Summer crew, a big thank you, they are moving quickly and doing a fantastic job. New tile will be installed this upcoming week.

High School Principal Kindra Hovis started with 49 students graduating on May 29. Of those 49 students, 15 graduated with academic honors, one with

technical honors, six with both academic and technical honors, and 25 Core 40 diplomas. Summer school will run June 21-July 9 from 8 a.m.-11 a.m. each day. They have approximately 22 confirmed students. There has been an advisory change that is built into the master schedule, new curriculum.

Dr. Roush thanked the bus drivers, cafeteria staff, maintenance staff, summer cleaning crew, and all others involved with maintaining the buildings during the summer. She welcomed the new Middle School Principal Mr. Mullins and new part-time nurse Nikki Brett. She told the board about a relationship between Mr. Kent, Mr. Benton, and the Town of Shoals to help start a community garden on the back property by the track. The garden is already off to a great start. She reminded the board that budget season is coming, and the budget calendar will be presented at the July board meeting. Dr. Roush informed the board about a new collaboration for early learning in Lawrence and Martin counties to help increase and improve preschools. There is a potential that the school will open a second preschool classroom. She explained that a federal grant will be used to help replace a boiler and HVAC system around the school over the next three years. Finally, she set a tentative date for the new playground grand opening on Saturday, June 26, and informed the board that the school will have a booth at the catfish festival this summer.

Before adjourning, the board and staff welcomed new staff members Josh Mullis, middle school principal; Eric Doane, criminal justice teacher; Nikki Brett, part-time nurse; and Reva Troutman, art teacher.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

# Updates coming for U.S. 231 in Martin, Dubois counties

Governor Eric J. Holcomb last week announced a commitment of \$475 million in funding dedicated to three transformational infrastructure projects across southern Indiana that will enhance Indiana's top-rated transportation network as the Crossroads of America.

The state will invest \$75 million for design and construction of improvements at strategic locations on U.S. 231 in Martin and Dubois counties. According to INDOT, the work on U.S. 231 will be a mix of adding travel lanes and passing lanes, where needed, along with acceleration/deceleration lanes, where needed, and intersection improvements. They are still in the planning process so specific locations are not yet finalized. They will also do bridge rehab and resurfacing where appropriate along the corridor.

The improvements will significantly reduce congestion in the Jasper and Huntingburg areas and improve safety and mobility throughout the approximately 48-mile corridor from I-64 near Dale to I-69 near Crane. Construction is anticipated to begin by late 2022.

The other two projects Gov. Holcomb announced are:

- Extending State Road 101 from U.S. 50 to the Ohio River in Switzerland, Ohio and Dearborn counties.

- Construction of Indiana's approach to the I-69 Ohio River Crossing near Evansville, starting in 2024.

"Indiana's location and extensive transportation network make our state one of the most attractive places in the country to do business and create jobs," Gov. Holcomb said. "These projects will better connect our communities, enhance commerce within and beyond our borders and deliver value for Hoosiers for generations to come."

INDOT will begin development of an approximately \$200 million extension of State Road 101 to connect with the exist-

ing portion of the highway at U.S. 50 near Milan and at the Ohio River crossing via Markland Dam near Vevay. The 25-mile new highway extension will provide a direct connection for Dearborn, Ohio and Switzerland County communities to both I-71 and I-74 and offer a new cross-river route for freight traffic through Southeast Indiana. Initial planning for the project will begin within the next year.

Since 2016, Indiana and Kentucky have worked together on developing the I-69 Ohio River Crossing near Evansville. INDOT will begin designing the Indiana approach to the Ohio River which includes an interchange with the existing I-69 and Veterans Memorial Parkway and an approximately 1.5 mile new-terrain portion of I-69 approaching the Ohio River, an investment of \$200 million. As both states design and build respective approach portions of the project, INDOT and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet will continue to partner on development of bridge portion of the project. Once fully connected, I-69 will be a continuous interstate from the U.S.-Canada border near Port Huron, Michigan to Kentucky-Tennessee state line.

"Modern, safe, reliable transportation infrastructure is a 'must have' to compete for talent, growth and job creation in today's economy," INDOT Commissioner Joe McGuinness said. "With Indiana's commitment to taking care of our existing roads and bridges and our investment in major projects, our state is delivering a transportation system that plays a major role in creating one of the nation's best business climates."

Gov. Holcomb made the announcements during the Southwest Indiana Chamber of Commerce's "Lunch with the Governor" annual event. Last Friday's announcements complement Gov. Holcomb's Next Level Roads program, a fully-funded, 20-year, \$60 billion investment in Indiana's transportation network.

# COMMISSIONERS

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ed to the commissioners about Commissioner Paul George's request to evaluate the county-owned buildings and see what needs to be done. Stechly provided a contract to the commissioners for \$5,052. Core Facilities provides the same service to the jail by presenting an inventory and plan for building and equipment maintenance and upgrades.

Rex Strawn, with Strawn Insurance, presented the agent of record form to be signed for the county's workman's compensation insurance. County Attorney

# RELIEF

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Hard copies will also be located at Shoals Town Hall, Loogootee City Hall and Crane Town Hall by Wednesday, June 16.

Beginning June 15, qualifying businesses can submit an application for a tiered level of grant funding. Companies with full-time employees totaling five or less can apply for up to \$5,000; companies with six to 10 full-time employees can apply for up to \$7,500; and companies with 11-100 employees can apply for up to \$10,000.

For this round, priority consideration for funding will be given to certified minority-owned, women-owned, or veteran-owned businesses.

Applicants must be a for-profit, established business in Martin County with 100 employees or less (excluding franchisees). They must be able to demonstrate that 1) funds will be used to retain jobs

Lett said an official vote would have to be made to change the agent of record prior to signing the form. The commissioners had voted, at a previous meeting, to change the liability insurance agent of record but not the workman's compensation. With the absence of Commissioner George, Commissioners Summers and Cody Roush discussed tabling the approval until the next meeting. They said they wanted to make sure Commissioner George was on board. In the end, they decided to vote on the change anyway to make Strawn the agent of record.

of which a majority are held or available to low- to moderate-income individuals; 2) funds will be used for working capital, operational expenses, and/or to support remote work for businesses during the COVID-19 economic downturn; 3) funds must be used to retain permanent jobs of which at least 51 percent are held or would be made available to low- and moderate-income persons or households.

Applicants are encouraged to complete and submit their applications early while funding is available. Assistance is available if those applying for the grant have questions.

Applications will be reviewed by an advisory review committee where recommendations will then be made to OCRA who will determine final eligibility. If funds remain after the first round of applications, subsequent rounds will be opened until the funding is exhausted.

For questions, contact Angie Risacher, Executive Director of the Martin County Alliance, at martinalliance@martinalliance.org or 812-295-4800, Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

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# OBITUARIES

**WILLIAM BELTZ**

William D. Beltz passed away Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at his home with his family by his side. A resident of Loogootee, he was 58.



**WILLIAM BELTZ**

He was born in Decatur, Indiana on May 10, 1963; son of David Allen and Mary Diane (Rousseau) Beltz. William was a United States Army Veteran. He was a member of the American Legion Post 120 in Loogootee, the Veteran of Foreign Wars Post 673 in Jasper, and the Jasper Moose Lodge 1175. William enjoyed being a truck driver, watching NASCAR, old time movies, and spending time with his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his siblings, Dawnelle Kuhn, and Kimberly Moystner.

William is survived by his wife, Jule Beltz; his step-children, Whitney Pendleton, Nicole Pendleton, and Justin (Jennifer) Randolph; his grandchildren, Brecken and Kaden; his siblings, Michelle Boese, Noelle Teal, Phillippe A. Fleming, Joseph Fleming, Thomas Beltz, Brandon Beltz, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A graveside service and military honors will be held at St. John's Catholic Cemetery with Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker to officiate at a later date.

Online condolences can be made at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com). Arrangements provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

**JAMES COX**

James Christopher Cox passed away June 7, 2021, in Jasper. A resident of West Baden Springs, he was 70.

He was born June 9, 1950, in Harrison County; son of Harold Eugene and Mabel Irene (Sherfick) Cox. He married Juanita Harker on September 27, 1971, and she survives.



**JAMES COX**

James was a graduate of Shoals High School Class of 1969, graduated from Northwood College with a business degree, and was a veteran of the United States Air Force, stationed at Offutt AFB in Nebraska and Camp Newenham AFS in Alaska. He was formerly employed by Jones Service Station, Terry's Ford Town, Kimball International and was a Commonwealth Insurance Agent. He was a member of the West Baden Springs American Legion Post and was of the Methodist faith. He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, history and spending time with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Juanita; children, Melynda (Shawn) Frederick, Amanda (Mike) Switzer, Paul (Emmy-Lou) Cox and Danielle Cox; grandchildren, Steven Lagenour, Hunter Frederick, Jon Switzer, Baylee Powell and Alexis Powell; and great-grandchildren, Peyton Switzer, Myra Switzer, Maverick Switzer and Bellamy Powell.

Preceding him in death are his father, Gene Cox; mother, Mabel Cox; and brother Danny Cox.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes has been entrusted with the arrangements.

**IRENE BROCK**

Irene F. Brock passed away at home, surrounded by her family, on Saturday, June 5, 2021, from pancreatic cancer. A resident of Gosport, she was 73.

She was born in Bloomington on November 19, 1947; daughter of George H. McCarty and Ruth Irene (Larrierverre) McCarty.

She was a 1965 graduate of Gosport High School and received her Ph.D from Indiana University. Irene married the love of her life, James "Jim" Brock, on



**IRENE BROCK**

October 2, 1965, and together, they raised a wonderful, loving family. Irene believed in home remedies and herbal medicine, often researching and living a holistic lifestyle. Irene was a teacher at heart, having been a professor at Indiana University, Indiana State University, working for the Spencer Owen and Monroe County Community School Corporation and then for the Indiana Department of Education.

She is survived by her daughters, Donnette and husband, Don Trader, of Gosport; Dana and husband, Ken, Miller of Shoals; grandchildren, Amanda and husband, Tim Greenwell; Sarah and husband, Stephen Sexton.; Emily Trader, and Mya Miller; three step-grandchildren, Trent, Kyle, and Traci Miller; great-grandchildren, Chase, Jaxon, Aidan, Preston, Korbin, Ada Lynn, and Kayden; and one sister, Grace Ellen Langley and husband, Howard.

Irene was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and infant siblings, Rebecca McCarty, Daniel McCarty and Roberta McCarty.

Visitation will be 5 p.m. until 8 p.m., Friday, June 18 at West & Parrish & Pedigo Funeral Home, 105 North Montgomery Street, Spencer.

A celebration of life will take place at a later date.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.westparrishpedigo.com](http://www.westparrishpedigo.com).

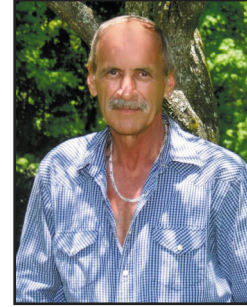
**DAVID BRUNER**

David C. Bruner entered into eternal rest on June 8, 2021, at Paoli Health and Living in Paoli. A resident of French Lick, he was 74.

He was born in Loogootee on May 26, 1947; son of Donald James and Norma Jean (Jackson) Bruner.

David married Mary McCracken and she survives.

He was preceded in death by his par-



**DAVID BRUNER**

ents and one brother, Gary R. Bruner. David was a graduate of Loogootee High School, proudly served his country in the U.S. Army and was a member of the French Lick American Legion Post 76. He retired from U.S. Gypsum in 2011 and enjoyed fishing, hunting and being outdoors.

David is survived by his wife, Mary Bruner of French Lick; son, John Donald Bruner of Paoli; daughter, Susan Marie Tedrow of Loogootee; two step-daughters, Kimberly Conrad of West Baden Springs and Robyn Bauer of Paoli; three brothers, Daniel W. Bruner, James M. Bruner, and Randall J. Bruner; one sister, Becky J. Ramsey; several grandchildren, step-grandchildren, two step-great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation for friends will be this evening, Wednesday, June 16 from 5-7 p.m. at Brosmer-Kemple Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held at a later date at Winger's Cemetery in Hillham.

Arrangements are in the care of Brosmer-Kemple Funeral Home, French Lick. Condolences may be made online at [www.brosmer-kemplefuneralhome.com](http://www.brosmer-kemplefuneralhome.com).

**CHARLES PRUETT**

Charles E. (Broz) Pruett passed away June 10, 2021, at his home. A resident of Shoals, he was 77.

He was born April 3, 1944, in Lawrence County; son of Lawson and Inez (Baker) Pruett.

"Broz" is survived by two daughters, April Diamond of Washington and Bridget Pruett of Shoals, and one sister, Mary Jane Allbright of Shoals.

Cremation was chosen.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes has been entrusted with the arrangements.

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, JUNE 7

2:44 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded. All was secure.

8:52 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute north of Shoals. Major Keller and Deputy Seymour responded.

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

3:35 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Lost River Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

3:39 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Deputy Shaw and Reserve Deputy Dorsey responded.

4:12 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took one inmate to court.

4:30 p.m. - Deputy Wells assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock in Loogootee.

4:37 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:11 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 8

5:47 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on US 231, just north of the Haysville bridge. Sergeant Gibson responded.

10:29 a.m. - Deputy Wells assisted a motorist in Shoals with a vehicle identification check.

11:05 a.m. - Deputy Wells assisted a motorist in Shoals with a vehicle identification check.

2:18 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took two inmates to court.

2:47 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

2:48 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took two inmates to court.

3:00 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

3:33 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took two inmates to court.

3:38 p.m. - Received a dog complaint south of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

4:36 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

8:56 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Police responded.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

1:37 a.m. - Received a report of a possible break-in, in Shoals. Sergeant Gibson and Loogootee Sergeant McBeth responded.

1:38 p.m. - Deputy Flanagan assisted a motorist near Loogootee with a vehicle identification check.

5:00 p.m. - Received a snake complaint in Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

6:50 p.m. - Received a request for assistance in getting personal property in Shoals. Major Keller responded.

9:33 p.m. - Received a complaint of harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Police responded.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 10

2:31 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle on US 50, east of Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

11:00 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire, and Deputy Seymour responded. The subject was transported to Dunn Hospital in Bedford.

12:27 p.m. - Received a report of an ac-

cident on US 50, east of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Fire, Deputy Seymour, and Deputy Flanagan responded.

1:42 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Deputy Seymour responded.

4:18 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

4:27 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check north of Shoals. Deputy Shaw and Town Marshal Eckert responded.

8:15 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Deputy Shaw, Deputy Flanagan, Deputy Lents, Reserve Deputy Dorsey, and Loogootee Officer Wells responded.

10:14 p.m. - Received a cow complaint east of Shoals. Deputy Shaw, Deputy Flanagan, and Deputy Lents responded.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 11

3:15 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Fire, and Loogootee Officer Wells responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:57 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Deputy Lents and Loogootee Officer Wells responded.

5:55 a.m. - Received a report of a stolen vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wells and Deputy Lents responded.

12:04 p.m. - Received a report of malnourished cats in Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was advised.

1:51 p.m. - Received a request for Martin County Law Enforcement in Crane from Greene County. Deputy Flanagan responded.

2:17 p.m. - Received a report of a semi broke down in Shoals near the construction zone on the bridge. Deputy Flanagan, Shoals Town Marshal Eckert, and Shoals Fire Department responded. Stork Towed the vehicle.

3:16 p.m. - Received a call reporting a sighting of a stolen vehicle. Deputy Seymour, Deputy Wells, and Deputy Shaw responded.

3:25 p.m. - Received a report of a crossing arm down near Shoals. CSX was advised.

4:20 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Deputy Shaw responded.

4:27 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle north of Loogootee. Deputy Wells and Deputy Shaw responded.

5:02 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Daviess County Ambulance responded and transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

5:04 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

6:12 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:27 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a fire alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

6:55 p.m. - Received a report of an accident with no injuries. Deputy Wells and Deputy Shaw responded. Big Johns towed the vehicle.

6:55 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a smoking power line in Loogootee. Deputy Wells and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

7:14 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

8:10 p.m. - Received multiple 911 calls reporting an accident southeast of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire Department, and Deputy Shaw responded. No one was transported.

8:15 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident near Hindostan. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire Department, and Deputy Flanagan responded.

8:30 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check north of Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 12

6:05 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down southeast of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

7:43 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

8:56 a.m. - Received a report of illegal trash dumping near Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

10:06 a.m. - Received a request for a vin check on a mobile home near Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

11:15 a.m. - Received a report of a hazardous roadway east of Shoals. Advised Lawrence County.

11:34 a.m. - Received a report of an injured deer south of Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan and Animal Control Deputy Hughett responded.

1:25 p.m. - Received a call reporting debris in the roadway west of Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert, Shoals Fire Department and Deputy Flanagan responded.

3:48 p.m. - Received a call reporting witnessing an accident in Loogootee.

3:58 p.m. - Received a report of an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wells responded.

5:56 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle near Loogootee. Deputy Lents responded.

7:53 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Deputy Shaw responded. No one was transported.

10:20 p.m. - Received a request to speak with a deputy. Deputy Shaw responded.

10:26 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn near Shoals.

11:10 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle near Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 13

1:25 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down southeast of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

1:48 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting a deputy south of Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

2:16 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down southeast of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department responded.

5:14 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

7:31 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

9:43 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Dispatch was notified.

10:08 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. Martin County Ambulance and Crane Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported to IU Health Bloomington.

10:13 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver south of Shoals. Orange County responded.

11:19 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Lost River Fire Department responded. Orange County

Ambulance responded transporting one to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:35 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check south of Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

3:17 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Dispatch was notified.

6:25 p.m. - Received a report of a large tree down south of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department and REMC responded.

6:43 p.m. - Received a report of a tree leaning over the highway south of Loogootee. INDOT was advised.

7:13 p.m. - Received a report of a tree leaning over the highway south of Loogootee. INDOT was advised.

7:42 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Deputy Gibson responded.

9:19 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an officer near Shoals. Deputy Gibson and Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

9:31 p.m. - Received a request for an officer near Shoals. Deputy Gibson and Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

### Real estate transfers

**Tia M. Holub**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Terrance E. Holub and Iliana R. Holub**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 24 in Risacher's First Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Charles E. Blanton and Angela Kay Blanton** a/k/a Angela Blanton, of Martin County, Indiana to **Brandon Lee Combs**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, more commonly known as 104 Park Street, Loogootee IN 47553.

**Joshua K. Hager and Heather D. Hunter**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Joshua K. Hager and Heather D. Hunter**, of Martin County, Indiana, a section of land in Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West.

**Louis Roger Cooper**, a/k/a Roger Cooper, of Martin County, Indiana to **Eric N. Cooper and Melissa M. Cooper**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: The southeast quarter of the northeast of Section 7, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, containing 40 acres, more or less. Tract II: The northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 7, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, 40 acres, more or less. Tract III: The south half of the west half of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter and the east half of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 7, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, containing 30 acres, more or less. Tract IV: A part of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 7, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.44 acre, more or less. More commonly known as 7839 Simmons Creek Road, Shoals IN 47581.

**Brandon M. Ivey**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jalen M. Pearson**, a portion of the north half of Section 16, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana. More commonly known as 13929 Dover Hill Road, Loogootee IN 47553.

**Patricia A. King**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Greene's Properties, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 76 in the original plat of Memphis, now Shoals, Martin County, Indiana.

**Tina M. Wilson**, n/k/a Tina M. Chesser, of Martin County, Indiana to **Lynette Knies**, of Monroe County, Indiana, a part of the east part of Lot Number 34 in the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

# COURT NEWS

## CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS

June 3

Matthew J. Tollivar, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 180 days with 178 days suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served plus 1 Class A credit day. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

June 3

Matthew J. Tollivar, cruelty to an animal, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; leaving the scene of an accident, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

June 4

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Tammy Nel-

son, civil collection.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

June 1

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Capital One Bank and against the defendant Joyce Hembree in the amount of \$2,997.63.

June 3

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Fifth Third Bank and against the defendants Ethan M. Lechner, Anna C. Joest, Discover Bank and Hoosier Accounts Service for mortgage foreclosure in the amount of \$116,818.09.

## CIVIL COURT DISMISSED

June 4

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Hunter Taylor, civil collection, dismissed.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Jeremi Jones of Shoals and Jodi Jones of Shoals.

# ARRESTS

## MONDAY, JUNE 7

10:25 a.m. - Jeremie Tharp, 41, of Shoals, was arrested by Major Keller and charged with domestic battery in the presence of a minor. His bond has been set at \$15,000 10%. Deputy Shaw assisted with the arrest.

11:00 a.m. - Shelby Venters, 25, of Shoals, was arrested by Major Keller and charged with domestic battery in the presence of a minor. Her bond has been set at \$15,000 10%.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 10

3:14 p.m. - Maria Hale, 34, of Bloomington, was arrested on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

3:14 p.m. - Ryan Sipes, 25, of Loogootee, was arrested on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

4:25 p.m. - Randall Martin, 62, of Bedford, was arrested by Deputy Flannagan and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and is being held on a \$10,000 10% bond.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 11

10:10 p.m. - Ethan Blasch, 46, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Lents and charged with domestic battery and is being held on \$10,000/10% bond.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 12

2:40a.m. - Tonya Summers, 44, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Shawn and charged with criminal mischief and operating a vehicle while intoxicated with bond set at \$10,000/10%.

3:23 p.m. - Larry Holt, 45, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Flanagan on a warrant and charges of resisting arrest with bond set at \$10,000/10% and no bond.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 13

2:02 p.m. - Elton Sipes, 60, of Shoals was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents on a Martin County warrant. No bond.

5:34 p.m. - Cameron Brown, 22, of Indianapolis, was arrested by Deputy Wells and charged with driving while suspended prior, and possession of marijuana. Bond set at 10,000/10%.

# Loogootee Police log

## MONDAY, JUNE 7

2:44 a.m. - Captain Hennette responded to an active alarm at a local business.

7:50 a.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill assisted a resident with retrieving personal property.

12:27 p.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill completed a welfare check on Park Street.

2:53 p.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill and Chief Floyd responded to a report of an erratic driver nearing Loogootee on US 231 South.

9:21 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth completed a welfare check on Cedar Street.

## TUESDAY, JUNE 8

5:48 p.m. - Caller advised of a speeding vehicle in the area of Indiana Avenue.

6:13 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth completed a vehicle check.

9:02 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a complaint of stolen property.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

9:34 p.m. - Caller requested extra patrol.

9:40 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department was dispatched to assist Martin County Civil Defense with a tree in the roadway on Reinhart Road.

10:45 p.m. - Caller reported possible illegal drug activity.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 10

8:50 a.m. - Caller reported a utility line down in the area of Grant and First streets.

12:29 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Captain Hennette responded to a vehicle accident on Zehr Lane.

1:48 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department and Daviess County Sheriff's Depart-

ment with a medical call in the West Boggs area.

4:40 p.m. - Captain Hennette completed a welfare check.

9:16 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a fire alarm at the Loogootee High School.

10:27 p.m. - Officer Wells responded to a noise complaint on Park Street.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 11

5:55 a.m. - Caller stated that his vehicle had been stolen while parked at the Marathon Station.

6:30 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Sgt. McBeth responded to a fire alarm at Loogootee Nursing Center.

6:59 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to an electrical fire in the area of Mt. Calvary Road and Bellgrade Drive.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 12

7:52 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Church Street.

8:27 a.m. - Officer Wells completed a vehicle check.

9:56 a.m. - Officer Wells completed a welfare check on North Line Street.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 13

7:32 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Park Street.

9:47 a.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill responded to a report of a battery on East Broadway Street.

3:55 p.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill completed a welfare check.

9:23 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a domestic disturbance.

9:31 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a domestic disturbance.

# Consumer Alert: Watch out for home improvement scammers

As summer begins, many homeowners across Indiana will begin planning for home improvement and repair projects. For some, those projects may become needlessly expensive and frustrating if they hire an unscrupulous contractor who does not perform the work they promised. Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is warning Hoosiers to take extra care and do their research before hiring a home improvement contractor.

"Each year, the Attorney General's Office receives numerous complaints involving disputes between homeowners and home repair contractors," said Attorney General Rokita. "Hoosiers can protect themselves by asking the right questions, doing their research before, and getting a written contract that defines the full scope of the work and specifications for the job."

The Office of the Indiana Attorney General offers the following tips to avoid falling victim to a home repair scam:

Before signing a contract or making a payment, take your time and do your research. Contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at IndianaConsumer.com along with the Better Business Bureau for complaint information on contractors you are considering.

Get bids from local contractors. Avoid contractors who spontaneously show up at your door offering a "bargain" price for painting, driveway sealing, roof repairs, etc. They may not be insured, may not be well qualified, and may be difficult to locate in the event of a problem.

Get a written contract before making a payment. Indiana law requires home improvement contracts exceeding \$150 to be in writing. Before signing the contract, make certain it includes:

- The price of the job
- Payment schedule
- A detailed description of the work and materials (including colors, brand names and patterns)
- Estimated start and completion dates

- The contractor's name and address
- A name and telephone number of the person to contact if problems arise
- The contractor's e-mail address
- The contractor's signature

You have a right to cancel the contract within three business days. Be sure the contract includes notice of that right and a form for doing so.

Never pay for the entire project before the work begins. If a contractor insists on a substantial down payment, consider looking for another contractor. If you do make a down payment, remaining payments should be tied to completion of specified amounts of work.

If the contractor is arranging financing, the contractor should provide you with an installment sale contract disclosing the following credit terms:

- Amount financed
- Finance charge
- Annual percentage rate
- Total of payments
- Total sale price, including any down payment
- Payment amounts and due dates

Don't make the final payment to the contractor until you know that all suppliers of materials and all subcontractors have been paid. You can insist on lien releases from each. If they have not been paid, they may file mechanic's liens against your home.

Even if precautions are taken, problems may arise. Take time to talk to your contractor to resolve these issues. If problems continue, put your complaints in writing and send them to the contractor. Be sure to keep a copy of these complaints for your records.

The Consumer Protection Division of the Indiana Attorney General's Office works to safeguard the rights of Indiana citizens every day. If you have questions or complaints regarding home improvement scams, or would like additional information and tips, visit [www.IndianaConsumer.com](http://www.IndianaConsumer.com).

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## SURPLUS & CONSIGNMENT

### West Boggs Park Auction

### Saturday, June 19, 2021 | 9:30am

**This is a LIVE auction for the Surplus Items at West Boggs Park.**

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## More Neat Stuff

By Ann Ackerman



"I spent an hour in the bank with my dad, as he had to transfer some money. I couldn't resist myself and asked..."

"Dad, why don't we activate your internet banking?"

"Why would I do that?" he asked.

"Well, then you won't have to spend an hour here for things like transfer. You can even do your shopping online. Everything will be so easy!"

I was so excited about initiating him into the world of net banking.

He asked, "If I do that, I won't have to step out of the house?"

"Yes, yes!" I said. I told him how even groceries can be delivered at door now and how Amazon delivers everything!"

His answer left me tongue-tied.

He said, "Since I entered this bank today, I have met four of my friends, I have chatted a while with the staff who know me very well by now."

"You know I am alone...this is the company that I need. I like to get ready and come to the bank. I have enough time; it is the physical touch that I crave. Two years back I got sick, the store owner from whom I buy fruits, came to see me and sat by my bedside and cried."

"When your mom fell down a few days back while on her morning walk, our local grocer saw her and immediately got his car to rush her home as he knows where I live."

"Would I have that 'human' touch if everything became online?"

"Why would I want everything delivered to me and force me to interact with just my computer? I like to know the person that I'm dealing with and not just the 'seller'. It creates bonds of relationships."

"Does Amazon deliver all this as well?"

Technology isn't life. Spend time with people. Not with devices.

Writer: Unknown

### THOUGHTS

\*Some people will never understand how much someone can love a dog, but that's OK. The dog knows.

\*Scientists got so tired of watching the earth spin that after 24 hours they called it a day.

\*Deja poo - (adj.) the feeling of having heard this crap before.

\*I planned to work out and have a nice body for people to look at this summer, but then I remembered that I like food more than I like people.

\*I write on calendars, and I make lists and I still have no idea what's going on.

\*I'm not old, I just need some WD-40.

Marry a guy who says things like:

\*I'm proud of you.

\*I can't believe you're mine.

\*You can do it, Baby.

\*I don't know where this extra dog came from, but it fits in great with our other dogs.

Make someone smile today!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, June 17 at 5 p.m. in the media center. The meeting is open to the public.

### Broadband meeting

How does Martin County rate when it comes to home internet speed and access of reliable computing devices? The Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth has gathered data from people in our community and will talk about next steps in this regional digital inclusiveness effort. Join them Wednesday, June 23 at 5 p.m. at the Martin County Learning Center. Questions? Call Angie Risacher, Executive Director, Martin County Alliance at 812-431-6095 or email martinalliance@martinalliance.org.

### Veterans aid presentation

Parkview Village in Odon will host a veterans aid meeting Wednesday, June 23 at 6 p.m. Veterans Aid & Attendance is a special benefit to war-era veterans and their surviving spouses. This is a tax-free benefit to provide financial assistance to help cover the cost of long-term care in the home, in an assisted living facility or in a nursing home. Anyone interested in learning about these benefits is invited to attend. Parkview Village is located at 800 S. West Street, in Odon.

### St. Vincent Food Pantry

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, on Park Street in Loogootee, is open the fourth Thursday of the month except November and December when they are open the third Thursday. The hours are 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m.

### Mental Health Task Force

The Martin County Mental Health Task Force meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 1-2 p.m. at the Community Learning Center on the Martin County Fairgrounds.

### Celebrate Recovery meetings

Celebrate Recovery meetings will be held every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Redemption Church in Loogootee. This is a Christ-centered recovery program and anyone is welcome to attend.

### Local recovery meetings

Wednesdays-Alcoholic Anonymous, Martin County Community Corrections Building at 8 p.m.; Thursdays-Narcotics Anonymous, Redemption Church Loogootee at 8 p.m.; Fridays-Alcoholic Anonymous, Loogootee Municipal Building Loogootee at 8 p.m.

### Free lunch for kids

New Beginnings Community Church will be offering a free lunch to all school age children every Saturday. Lunches can be picked up at the fellowship hall of the church, located at 105 Wood St, Loogootee no later than 10:30 a.m. Deliveries will begin between 10:30 and 11 a.m. Saturdays.

### SOAR Tutoring

Need Skills? SOAR tutors can help! Free and confidential. Call or text Karen at 812-709-1618 to learn more. Located in

the Martin County Community Learning Center Improve Your Skills, Improve Your Life!

### Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

### Soil and Water meetings

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

## Community Foundation grantseeker information

The Martin County Community Foundation will provide information about the 2021 Grant Cycle through two videos that will be posted on their website, [www.cfpartner.org/grants-how-to-apply](http://www.cfpartner.org/grants-how-to-apply), beginning June 22, 2021.

Details of the 2021 grant cycle as well as information regarding a new grant opportunity will be shared in a video titled "2021 Martin County Grant Cycle." All applicants are strongly encouraged to watch this video prior to applying. A second video titled "How to Prepare your Grant Proposal" provides information on how to register on the grant portal and complete your application. It also provides valuable tips for completing a competitive application.

The Martin County Community Foundation Grant Cycle is open to 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations, governmental entities, and accredited educational institutions serving the residents of Martin County.

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One of the last summer crops to be planted is the sweet potato. Since sweet potatoes are very cold-sensitive, one should wait until the soil temperature at the depth of four inches is above seventy degrees. However, since tuber formation begins in only fifty to sixty days, there is plenty of time for a good crop, even if the slips are planted as late as early July.

Sweet potatoes are only distantly related botanically to potatoes. The plant is actually most closely related to bindweed and morning glories, which is obvious if you ever see a sweet potato in bloom. However, that rarely happens when there is more than 11 hours of daylight, and by that time of the year, temperatures in our zone have cooled too much for the vines to set blooms. The blooms are usually pink to light purple and have the same horn shape as the blooms of morning glories and bindweed.

Although many people refer to the tubers as yams, true sweet potatoes are not at all related to yams. True yams are rarely grown as a home-garden crop. Sweet potatoes are native to tropical areas of the Americas, but although Columbus and his men tasted them on his first voyage, that was not the first exportation of sweet potatoes. There is evidence that there was contact with Polynesian tribes much earlier and sweet potatoes have been grown in the south Pacific for centuries.

Sweet potatoes are not picky about the soil, although they do best in soil that is slightly sandy and a little on the alkaline side. They are susceptible to aluminum poisoning, and since aluminum is usually found in acetic soils, lime should be added in such areas. That is not usually a problem in southern Indiana, where the amount of limestone in the soil tends to sweeten the soil. Sweet potatoes rarely need any fertilization.

Warmth is a friend to sweet potatoes, which will thrive in hot, humid conditions. To achieve a little extra warmth in the root zone, many producers plant the sweet potato slips on ridges. Another common cultivation method is to cover the ridges with black plastic and plant the slips through slits made in the plastic. This not only makes the soil warmer, it will keep weeds from growing between the plants. At harvest time, one needs only to cut off the vines and remove the plastic. The tubers will be easy to dig out of the ridges.

Sweet potatoes usually do not require irrigation. The critical time for moisture is during that tuber-formation period, fifty to sixty days after planting. Once the tubers have formed, the plants require very little moisture. Although most of the sweet potato varieties are cultivated for the tubers, the tender shoots and leaves may also be eaten as greens. They may be eaten raw in salads or cooked. Sweet potatoes are not usually bothered by insects and are not affected by disease, so they are

easy to raise without chemical sprays. In the past, the biggest problem I have had with sweet potatoes is voles, which will eat the tubers.

My plan for sweet potatoes this year is to raise them in an old stock tank filled with compost and leaf mold. I hope the metal tank will keep the voles away and harvest should be very easy.

The vines of sweet potatoes are also very ornamental. Indeed, there are some varieties that have been bred for their ornamental aspects. Most of the tubers produced by the ornamental sweet potatoes are less sweet and lack the texture of the garden sweet potatoes, but they are edible. Whether you are growing them for beauty or nutrition, I urge you to grow some sweet potatoes this summer. You won't be disappointed.

## Purdue offers educational opportunities for small farmers

BY ABBY LEEDS  
Purdue University News Service

The Purdue Student Farm and Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture invite farmers and produce growers to attend the Small Farm Education Field Day and Webinar series this summer.

"Designed with the small farmer in mind, we are excited to be hosting multiple educational events this summer, including an in-person field day. We look forward to interacting with growers and discussing how we can help you manage your farm," said Petrus Langenhoven, co-director of the Purdue Student Farm and Purdue's horticulture and hydroponics crop specialist.

The in-person field day will occur at the student farm in West Lafayette on July 29. Purdue experts will share demonstrations about weed identification, soil health, vegetable diseases and pests, and good agricultural practices for postharvest operations. Specific crop demonstrations will include hemp, onion, sweet pepper, eggplant, pepper and tomato in various production systems.

The virtual webinar series will convene on the following dates from noon to 1:30 p.m. ET.

August 2: Food Safety Overviews, Value-adding Business Food Safety, Fresh Produce Food Safety and Good Agricultural Practices for Small Farms.

August 4: Landscape Planning for the Farm, Social Media Marketing, Linking Markets to Production.

August 6: Soil Samples, Infield Soil Diagnostics and Soil Health, Making Cover Crop Biomass Work For You.

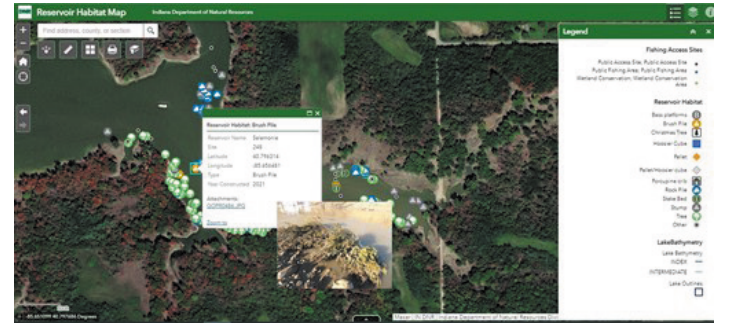
August 9: Control of Bacterial Spot of Tomato using Alternative Products, Perennial Weeds Management, Small-scale

## New interactive reservoir habitat map available for anglers

Anglers can find fish habitat structure locations and more on DNR's new interactive reservoir habitat map.

Habitat structure, such as bundles of Christmas trees, rock piles and wooden platforms, improves aquatic habitat for fish by creating areas for cover, nesting, and more. The structure also attracts bait fish and provides other feeding opportunities.

The new interactive map includes project lakes, structure locations, structure types, and photos of structure types. As DNR completes habitat work in the future, information will be added to the interac-



tive map.

The Reservoir Habitat Enhancement program, which started in 2016, improves and enhances aquatic habitat through the placement of structures, shoreline stabilization, and dredging. Thanks to the help of volunteers and local businesses, DNR has completed projects on multiple reservoirs across Indiana. Projects have ranged in size; one added more than 200 structures, with multiple structure types, to Patoka Lake in 2020. Another smaller project at Bryant Creek Lake in 2019 sank 50 Christmas trees in bundles around the lake.

In some reservoirs, existing aquatic habitat has deteriorated, making the addition of fish habitat structures necessary to improve the fishery. Other reservoirs may have never contained quality habitat. This could be due to water quality, water level fluctuations, land use before reservoir construction, or other issues.

Learn more about the program and access the new interactive map at [on.IN.gov/fishhabitat](http://on.IN.gov/fishhabitat). Individuals interested in improving fish habitat in their own private ponds or lakes can visit our website for more information: [wildlife.IN.gov/fish-ing/private-pond-and-lake-management](http://wildlife.IN.gov/fish-ing/private-pond-and-lake-management).

Onion Production and Postharvest.

August 11: Field Production of Specialty Melons, High Tunnel Specialty Melon Production, Vegetable Production in Raised Beds.

August 13: Pathogens in Hemp, Biological Control of Hemp Aphids, Aphid and Mite Management in High Tunnel Strawberries.

A full schedule and registration is available online at [www.purdue.edu/hla/sites/studentfarm/events/](http://www.purdue.edu/hla/sites/studentfarm/events/). Contact Lori Jolly-Brown at [ljollybr@purdue.edu](mailto:ljollybr@purdue.edu) or 765-494-1296 for additional questions.

## RIGHT TO LIFE SALUTES ALL Fathers ON THIS Father's Day!

The following comes from the heart of someone who remembers his father on this Father's Day.

As we approach Father's Day, I think of the tremendous difference my father made in my life. No, he may not have been a professional person, he was not well schooled, he worked at tough jobs in his life but he was a proud man, not one to take a hand out, not one to ask for anything that he could not earn on his own. He worked long hours to provide for his large family.

No, he did not complain about the hard work or the long hours he was just glad to have the money to put food on the table for us. I remember when I would be getting up on those cold winter morning warming myself by the old coal stove as he kissed Mom good by and see him drive off to work and thinking to myself how can he do that.

But I was thankful he was able to do so. I know there were times he went to work when he did not feel well and many of us kids were sick but he did not complain, he was my father and I was so proud of him for doing what he did. He gave me more than any man could pass on to their children. Determination to work hard and provide for the family and live a good and decent life and set a good example to follow.

Yes, Dad is gone now, but his memories will always be on my heart and He will always be an inspiration to me to be the best Father I can be to my children. He raised a large family but he never complained. He accepted what God gave him and the lives he was given to raise and protect.

Dad, Thanks from the Bottom of my Heart! I will always remember what you have done for me! Love You!

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# National unemployment dips to 5.8 percent for May

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 559,000 in May, and the unemployment rate declined by 0.3 percentage point to 5.8 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week. Notable job gains occurred in leisure and hospitality, in public and private education, and in health care and social assistance.

This news release presents statistics from two monthly surveys. The household survey measures labor force status, including unemployment, by demographic characteristics. The establishment survey measures nonfarm employment, hours, and earnings by industry.

## Household Survey Data

In May, the unemployment rate declined by 0.3 percentage point to 5.8 percent, and the number of unemployed persons fell by 496,000 to 9.3 million. These measures are down considerably from their recent highs in April 2020 but remain well above their levels prior to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic (3.5 percent and 5.7 million, respectively, in February 2020).

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rates declined in May for teenagers (9.6 percent), Whites (5.1 percent), and Hispanics (7.3 percent). The jobless rates for adult men (5.9 percent), adult women (5.4 percent), Blacks (9.1 percent), and Asians (5.5 percent) showed little change in May.

Among the unemployed, the number of persons on temporary layoff declined by 291,000 to 1.8 million in May. This measure is down considerably from the recent high of 18.0 million in April 2020 but is 1.1 million higher than in February 2020. The number of permanent job losers decreased by 295,000 to 3.2 million in May but is 1.9 million higher than in February 2020.

In May, the number of persons jobless less than 5 weeks declined by 391,000 to 2.0 million. The number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) declined by 431,000 to 3.8 million in May but is 2.6 million higher than in February 2020. These long-term unemployed accounted for 40.9 percent of the total unemployed in May.

The labor force participation rate was little changed at 61.6 percent in May and has remained within a narrow range of 61.4 percent to 61.7 percent since June 2020. The participation rate is 1.7 percentage points lower than in February 2020. The employment-population ratio, at 58.0 percent, was also little changed in May but is up by 0.6 percentage point since December 2020. However, this measure is 3.1 percentage points below its February 2020 level.

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons was essentially unchanged at 5.3 million in May but is 873,000 higher than in February 2020.

These individuals, who would have preferred full-time employment, were working part time because their hours had been reduced or they were unable to find full-time jobs.

In May, the number of persons not in the labor force who currently want a job was essentially unchanged over the month at 6.6 million but is up by 1.6 million since February 2020. These individuals were not counted as unemployed because they were not actively looking for work during the last 4 weeks or were unavailable to take a job.

Among those not in the labor force who currently want a job, the number of persons marginally attached to the labor force, at 2.0 million, changed little in May but is up by 518,000 since February 2020. These individuals wanted and were available for work and had looked for a job sometime in the prior 12 months but had not looked for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey. The number of discouraged workers, a subset of the marginally attached who believed that no jobs were available for them, was 600,000 in May, little changed from the previous month but 199,000 higher than in February 2020.

## Household Survey Supplemental Data

In May, 16.6 percent of employed persons teleworked because of the coronavirus pandemic, down from 18.3 percent in the prior month. These data refer to employed persons who teleworked or worked at home for pay at some point in the last 4 weeks specifically because of the pandemic.

In May, 7.9 million persons reported that they had been unable to work because their employer closed or lost business due to the pandemic--that is, they did not work at all or worked fewer hours at some point in the last 4 weeks due to the pandemic. This measure is down from 9.4 million in the previous month. Among those who reported in May that they were unable to work because of pandemic-related closures or lost business, 9.3 percent received at least some pay from their employer for the hours not worked, unchanged from the previous month.

Among those not in the labor force in May, 2.5 million persons were prevented from looking for work due to the pandemic. This measure is down from 2.8 million the month before. (To be counted as unemployed, by definition, individuals must be either actively looking for work or on temporary layoff.)

These supplemental data come from questions added to the household survey beginning in May 2020 to help gauge the effects of the pandemic on the labor market. The data are not seasonally adjusted. Tables with estimates from the supplemental questions for all months

are available online at [www.bls.gov/cps/effects-of-the-coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic.htm](http://www.bls.gov/cps/effects-of-the-coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic.htm).

## Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 559,000 in May, following increases of 278,000 in April and 785,000 in March. In May, nonfarm payroll employment is down by 7.6 million, or 5.0 percent, from its pre-pandemic level in February 2020. Notable job gains occurred in leisure and hospitality, in public and private education, and in health care and social assistance in May.

In May, employment in leisure and hospitality increased by 292,000, as pandemic-related restrictions continued to ease in some parts of the country. Nearly two-thirds of the increase was in food services and drinking places (+186,000). Employment also rose in amusements, gambling, and recreation (+58,000) and in accommodation (+35,000). Employment in leisure and hospitality is down by 2.5 million, or 15.0 percent, from its level in February 2020.

In May, employment increased in public and private education, reflecting the continued resumption of in-person learning and other school-related activities in some parts of the country. Employment rose by 53,000 in local government education, by 50,000 in state government education, and by 41,000 in private education. However, employment is down from February 2020 levels in local government education (-556,000), state government education (-244,000), and private education (-293,000).

Health care and social assistance added 46,000 jobs in May. Employment in health care continued to trend up (+23,000), reflecting a gain in ambulatory health care services (+22,000). Social assistance added

23,000 jobs over the month, largely in child day care services (+18,000). Compared with February 2020, employment is down by 508,000 in health care and by 257,000 in social assistance.

Employment in information rose by 29,000 over the month but is down by 193,000 since February 2020. In May, job gains occurred in motion picture and sound recording industries (+14,000).

Manufacturing employment rose by 23,000 in May. A job gain in motor vehicles and parts (+25,000) followed a loss in April (-38,000). Employment in manufacturing is down by 509,000 from its level in February 2020.

Transportation and warehousing added 23,000 jobs in May. Employment increased in support activities for transportation (+10,000) and in air transportation (+9,000). Since February 2020, employment in transportation and warehousing is down by 100,000.

Employment in wholesale trade increased by 20,000 in May, mostly in the durable goods component (+14,000). Employment in wholesale trade is down by 211,000 since February 2020.

Construction employment edged down in May (-20,000), reflecting a job loss in nonresidential specialty trade contractors (-17,000). Employment in construction is 225,000 lower than in February 2020.

Employment in professional and business services changed little in May (+35,000). Within the industry, employment continued to trend up in accounting and bookkeeping services (+14,000). Employment in temporary help services changed little over the month (+4,000), following a large decline in April (-116,000). Overall, employment in professional and business services is down by 708,000 since February 2020.

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