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-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Shown in the front, from left to right, with their new bikes from DCS are Jacob Allen and LaShawna Allen. In the back row, from left to right, are Chrissy Henninger, Martin County Family Case Manager; Tony Allen (father of the children), Terry Stigdon, Indiana Department of Child Services Director; and Susan Lents, Martin County DCS Director.

DCS Director surprises Loogootee children with bikes

Indiana Department of Child Services Director Terry Stigdon, on Monday, surprised two foster siblings with new bicycles. Through the website, One Simple Wish, Jacob Allen and his sister, LaShawna, asked for new bikes after only using old and fixed up ones. Jacob is a 12-year-old boy in the foster care system, and he loves to help those in his Martin County community by fixing up old bikes to give to other kids. Jacob has taken old bikes and fixed them up to hand out to other kids in the neighborhood. So far, he has given away six. Jacob also mows grass and helps work on lawn mowers to make money. He said he wants to be a mechanic when he grows up.

Jacob will be going into seventh grade at Loogootee Junior High School

and his sister, LaShawna, will be entering sixth grade.

"I was honored to surprise Jacob with his new bike," DCS Director Terry Stigdon said. "Children in our foster care system can go through trauma and uncertainty in their lives, and it's important they feel loved and a sense normalcy."

One Simple Wish is a website that has helped nearly 500,000 children who have spent time in our nation's foster care system. Through their wish-granting platform, people around the world can help those who need it most.

"One Simple Wish exists to bring love, hope and joy to all children affected by abuse and neglect," One Simple Wish founder Danielle Gletow said. "We treasure our relationship with the Indiana Department of Child Services and applaud their commitment to doing all they can to ensure kids are safe, cared for and loved. These seemingly simple wishes can truly change lives, and we encourage everyone to join us."

Caucus to be held

The Martin County Democrat Party will be holding a caucus on Monday, June 26 at 6 p.m. to replace current Martin County Auditor January Roush whose resignation is effective June 30. The caucus will be held in the city council room of the Loogootee Municipal Building. Anyone interested in filling the auditor's position must meet qualifications for the office. Candidates must fill out a declaration of candidacy at least 72 hours prior to the caucus to be considered for the position. If interested, contact Democrat Chairman Roger Downey at 812-639-8106 or visit the Martin County Treasurer's Office in the courthouse in Shoals.



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Shown are LaShawna and Jacob Allen, siblings, checking out their new bikes and helmets given to them by the department of child services.

Shoals School Board makes staff changes, discusses recent career center audit

The Shoals School Board met Thursday, June 14.

Brian Barker, from Lancaster Schert, spoke on behalf of his company to replace the dishwasher in the cafeteria dish-room. The board reviewed the three quotes presented. Cafeteria Manager Eileen Dawson recommended the Lancaster bid. The board approved the bid. This will be paid for by a grant that the school received from the state.

The high school handbook was presented for second reading and a vote. After consideration by the board, the handbook was presented with approval with the exception of leaving in page 31 dealing with piercings. Eva George motioned to accept the handbook with the exception and Drexel Turpin seconded. A vote of 5-0 passed.

The middle school, elementary and athletic handbooks were presented for second reading and a vote. All three were approved 5-0.

The elementary secretary job description change of 207 days to start this year and the middle school secretary job description to change to 207 days starting 2018-2019 was presented for second reading and vote. Jenell Hoffman motioned to accept these changes and Drexel Turpin seconded. The change passed 5-0.

Donations were received from Tri Kappa for \$100 to the high school arts department, Psi Iota Xi for \$100 to the

music program, and from Jones Oil for \$500 to the cafeteria negative account balances.

The following resignations were approved by the board:

- Wes White from head softball coach
 - Dave Qualkenbush from cross country coach
 - Mimi Hawkins from elementary Spell Bowl and Student Council
 - Jennifer Mauntel from IREAD summer school teacher
 - Jessica Ryan from Title I Aide
 - James Hardesty from swing shift custodian
 - Separation of employment of Zach Mosier
 - Jesse Sudduth from volleyball coach
- The board approved the following personnel recommendations:
- Chase Butler for position as IT Director.
 - Rebecca Harmon as IREAD summer school teacher.
 - Pat Sinnott as the 1st shift custodian starting 2018-2019 school year.
 - Brandi Gilbert, Brandon Hembree, Jessica Hembree, and Pat Sinnott as summer sub custodians.
 - Ben Kent as volunteer soccer coach.
 - Evan Wagoner as temporary tech assistant for the summer.
 - Aimee Farhar as 6th grade teacher.
 - Ashley Montgomery as elementary aide.

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-Photos provided

Shown above is the Martin County Sheriff's Department's Humvee, driven by Jason Greene, and the Subaru driven by Ethan Aubrey, after the accident last Saturday.

Reserve Deputy injured in Humvee accident

On Saturday, June 16, at approximately 3:22 p.m., the Martin County Sheriff's Office received a report of an accident, without injury, and involving two vehicles near the intersection of Red School Road and US Highway 50. Reserve Deputy Jason Greene, who was driving the sheriff's office Humvee for the 2018 Jeep & Bike Ride, pulled over to assist with the accident investigation.

After the completion of the inves-

tigation, Reserve Deputy Greene left the scene of the accident at Red School Road and proceeded to head west on US Highway 50. At approximately 4:10 p.m., Reserve Deputy Greene's Humvee was struck on the driver's side when a silver Subaru, being driven by Ethan Aubrey, of Bedford, crossed the center line. During the accident investigation, it was determined that Aubrey fell

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Martin County's jobless rate was 2.6 percent for May

Martin County's jobless rate went up a bit from April to May, from 2.4 percent to 2.6 percent. The county had the seventh lowest jobless rate in the state for May, tied with nine other counties.

In May, the county had 5,256 residents in the workforce with 138 of them unemployed. In April, there were 5,088 residents able to work and 124 of them without jobs. In May of last year, Martin County's unemployment rate was 2.7 percent with 5,227 residents in the workforce and 141 of them unemployed.

Daviess County's jobless rate also went up a bit in May to 2.6 percent, from 2.2 percent the month before. The county was one of the 10 counties tied for having the seventh lowest jobless rate in the state for May.

In May, the county had 16,463 residents in the workforce and 426 of them were unemployed. In April, there were 15,928 residents able to work and 357 of them were without jobs. In May of 2017, Daviess County's jobless rate was 2.3 percent with 16,212 residents able to work and 378 of them without jobs.

Dubois County's unemployment rate moved from 2 percent in April to 2.4 percent in May. The county had the second lowest jobless rate in the state for May, tied with Elkhart County.

In May, the county had 23,786 residents in the workforce and 559 of them were unemployed. In April, the county had 23,144 residents able to work with 471 of them unemployed. In May of last year, Dubois County's unemployment rate was 2.3 percent with 23,601 residents in the workforce and 545 of them unemployed.

Greene County's unemployment rate moved up from 3.7 percent in April to 4 percent in May. The county had the fifth highest jobless rate in the state for May, tied with Owen and Vigo counties.

In May, the county had 13,696 residents in the workforce with 545 of them unemployed. In April, there were 13,517 residents able to work and 503 of them without jobs. In May of 2017, Greene County's jobless rate was 4.3 percent with 13,634 residents able to work and 582 of them unemployed.

The top ten spots in the state for the lowest jobless rate for May were LaGrange County at 2.3 percent, Dubois and Elkhart counties at 2.4 percent, Steuben, Bartholomew and Adams counties at 2.5 percent; and Wells, Tipton, Rush, Martin, Kosciusko, Hamilton, Gibson, DeKalb, Daviess and Boone counties at 2.6 percent.

The top ten spots in the state for the highest jobless rate for May were Vermillion County at 4.6 percent, Fayette and Lake counties at 4.5 percent, Sullivan County at 4.3 percent, Greene, Owen and Vigo counties at 4 percent; LaPorte and Newton counties at 3.9 percent, and Delaware and Starke counties at 3.8 percent.

Indiana's unemployment rate stands at 3.2 percent for May and remains lower than the national rate of 3.8 percent. With the exception of one month when it was equal (October 2014), Indiana's unemployment rate now has been below the U.S. rate for more than four years. The monthly unemployment rate is a U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) indicator that reflects the number of unemployed people seeking employment within the prior four weeks as a percentage of the labor force.

Indiana's labor force had a net in-

crease of 15,928 over the previous month. This was a result of a 2,659 increase in unemployed residents and an increase of 13,269 employed residents. Indiana's total labor force, which includes both Hoosiers employed and those seeking employment, stands at 3.33 million, and the state's 64.3 percent labor force participation rate remains above the national rate of 62.7 percent.

In addition, Indiana's initial unemployment insurance claims continue to be at historical lows.

Learn more about how unemployment rates are calculated here: <http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov/infographics/employment-status.asp>.

Employment by Sector

Private sector employment has grown by more than 26,600 over the year, and has increased by 1,300 over the previous month, primarily due to gains in the Financial Activities (1,300) and the Trade, Transportation and Utilities (1,100) sectors. Gains were partially offset by losses in the Leisure and Hospitality (-1,900) and the Construction (-1,000) sectors. Total private employment stands at 2,701,800 and is 12,900 above the December 2017 peak.

SHOALS

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The Facility Walking Policy was presented for a first reading. A vote will be taken at the July meeting.

Due to the cafeteria meeting state qualifications, they received a paid lunch exemption for the 2018-2019 school year. This means that the lunch price will not increase in the coming year.

New dual credit/AP classes were presented for the 2018-2019 school year. AP Government and dual credit anatomy and physiology were recommended for the high school.

The high school principal requested to recycle or donate the following books: Quick Review Math Handbook, Ladders to Success Algebra and Algebra 2 Study Notebook. The board approved.

The superintendent recommended to approve a military leave request for Chase Butler, IT Director, from June 18-July 1, 2018. The board approved.

The board approved the Shoals Lions Club's use of the main gym and practice gym on June 29, 2018 at 6 p.m. for the Catfish Festival Queen Contest and the basketball tournament in case of bad

Baker found guilty on all counts

Nathan K. Baker, 36, of Shoals, was found guilty on seven criminal charges after a jury trial in the Martin Circuit Court. The trial began on June 6 and finished on June 18. Baker was charged with two counts of murder, a felony; two counts of burglary, Level 4 felonies; two counts of theft, as Level 6 felonies; and one count of auto theft, a Level 6 felony. The jury deliberated about three and one-half hours before returning the verdicts.

The case started on August 26, 2015 when Kevin McBeth, then a deputy with the Martin County Sheriff's Office and now a Loogootee Police Department officer discovered the body of Allan Sims, of rural Shoals, in the garage at Sims' residence. The scene was processed by Sgt. Dana Miller, with the Indiana State Police. The investigation was led by Det. Craig Starr, of the Indiana State Police. Officers quickly homed in on Baker as a person of interest. Sheriff Travis Roush, of the Martin County Sheriff's Department, coordinated the search for Baker. Baker was eventually captured in Lawrence County by Sheriff Mike Branham after a high-speed pursuit. Multiple agencies were involved including the Indiana State Police, Martin County Sheriff's Office, Lawrence County Sheriff's Of-

fice, Daviess County Sheriff's Office, Loogootee Police Department, and Indiana Conservation Officers.

Baker was returned to the Martin County Security Center where he was interviewed by Det. Troy Fischer, Det. Craig Starr, and Det. David Henderson, all of ISP. In his initial interview, Baker admitted killing Sims and Tharp as well as burglarizing their residences and stealing Mr. Tharp's car after the murders. Mr. Tharp's body was found later in the day, at about the same time as the interview began. Also, in that interview, Baker provided investigators details about the crime scene that had not been made public.

"It's been a long time coming. We lost a huge amount of time because of issues surrounding Baker's competency to stand trial. Ultimately, we got justice for Mr. Sims, Mr. Tharp, and their families," said Martin County Prosecutor Mike Steiner. He continued, "It is my hope that Baker will receive a sentence that will insure that he spends the rest of his life in prison." The sentencing range for murder is 45 to 65 years, Burglary carries a sentencing range of 2-12 years, and the theft charges range from six months to two and one-half years. Sentencing has been set for July 20 at 1 p.m.

weather.

The board also approved the Church of the Cross's request for an extension for another six weeks to their walking program until June 27. Drexel Turpin motioned to accept this request and Eva George seconded. A vote of 3-0-2 passed. Jenell Hoffman and Bill Bauer abstained.

Textbook rental and fees were presented and approved by the board.

Dr. Roush reported on the following:

-They had a great graduation ceremony this year.

-Registration will be set for Tuesday, July 24.

-The school hopes to have a booth at the Catfish Festival again this year.

-Dr. Roush asked the board if they would prefer the athletic director recommend coaches for next year after their current season ends or wait until it gets closer to their next season starts. The board stated that they are fine with recommending them when their current season ends.

-The North Lawrence Career Center has been under investigation and has undergone a high-risk audit where mul-

multiple findings were found, and corrective action plans are required. The Shoals Community School Corporation is a part of the North Lawrence Career Center and last year they had one student attend cosmetology school at the Career Center. To the school's knowledge, the cosmetology school did not have any negative audit findings. Local career and technical education "CTE" courses that are currently offered at Shoals has to be approved by the North Lawrence Career Center in order to receive state funding for students who take those courses.

The audit of the North Lawrence Career Center found one finding against Shoals High School. The high school had three students taking an engineering course that was offered online through an accredited online program. There was a certified teacher in the room with the three students while they took the online course, but the teacher did not have a license from the Department of Education in that area. The teacher was in the room to oversee the students while they took the course online. It is still unclear if the teacher needs to have a license in that area in order to offer the online course or if the school can still offer the course and simply not request funding from the state for those students.

Dr. Roush has contacted the Department of Education's licensing office to determine how to move forward for next school year. More information will be made known as it becomes available. Due to the small number of students taking the online engineering course, the school expects to pay back \$1,000 or less in funding to the state.

-Summer painting progress is going great and three rooms are getting their ceilings replaced.

-A handful of bus drivers have asked that the school divide up their pay over 26 equal installments, so they will be put on the same pay cycle as teachers.

CLASSIFIED ADS

HELP WANTED

WE ARE HIRING:

Full & Part-time Jail Cooks

The Martin County Sheriff's Office has openings for full and part-time Jail Cooks. Applications may be picked up at the jail, at 318 Capital Avenue, from 7 a.m.-9 p.m.

Position Requirements:

High School Diploma or GED • Ability to pass a drug screen • No Felony Convictions • Dependability

Health/Dental/Vision/Life/Retirement Benefits are available with the full-time position.

Please contact the Jail Matron with any questions you may have. Phone: 812-247-3726.

Obituaries

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MELISSA WOOLSEY

Melissa K. "Missy" Woolsey passed away at 12:34 a.m. Sunday, June 17, 2018, in Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper. A resident of Loogootee, she was 56.



She was born in Jasper on April 4, 1962; daughter of Harmon and Joanne (Fromme) Woolsey. She was a graduate of Jasper High School.

She previously had worked for the Nancy Ruth Habig Estate. She was also a caretaker for her mother for several years. She was a past American Gladiator and was on their tour, where she was known as Missy "Maxi" Woolsey.

She was a member of the Ladies of the Jasper Moose.

Missy enjoyed spending time with her dog, Angel, and taking care of her yard.

Survivors include companion, Sharon Schmitt of Loogootee; five brothers, Michael K. Woolsey of Jasper, Mark K. Woolsey of Chicago, Illinois; Marlon K. (Rosemary) Woolsey of Jasper, Monty K. (Lisa) Woolsey of Fishers, and Max K. (Tammy) Woolsey of Fairhope, Alabama; her godchild, and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death are her parents.

A prayer service for Melissa K. "Missy" Woolsey will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 21, at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper, with burial to follow at a later date.

A visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family to help with funeral expenses.

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

LILLIAN CANNON

Lillian A. Cannon passed away at 2:35 p.m. Sunday, June 17, 2018 at Northwood Retirement Community in Jasper. A resident of Jasper, she was 97.



She was born in Portersville, Indiana on December 11, 1920; daughter of Louis and Catherine (Yeagley) Mauder. She married Herschel J. Cannon on July 15, 1944 in Washington. He preceded her in death in September of 1994.

She was a member of Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church in Martin County.

She enjoyed gardening, sewing, and cooking.

Surviving are two daughters, Carolyn Tharp (Kenneth) of Loogootee and Alice Partenheimer (Chester) of Jasper; one son, Jim Cannon (June) of Loogootee; three grandchildren, Troy Cannon, Treshia Berry, and Leeza Adams, and seven great grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were two grandchildren, Bobby Enlow and Kent Tharp; one sister, Mary Lou Hedrick; and two brothers, Vernon and Ralph Mauder.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, June 22 at the Becher-Kluesner North Chapel in Jasper, with burial to

follow in Truelove Cemetery in Martin County. Pastor John Simmons will officiate.

A visitation will be held from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday, June 21 at the Becher-Kluesner North Chapel in Jasper.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church or a favorite charity.

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

SAVANNAH BOYER

Infant Savannah Lillian Boyer passed away at 10:12 a.m. on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at Memorial Hospital and Healthcare Center in Jasper. She was from Hampton, Virginia.

How very softly you tiptoed into the world. Almost silent and only a moment you stayed. But what an imprint you have left on our hearts.

Savannah will join her siblings, Ciara Moore and Braxton Boyer and paternal great-grandfather, William Boyer.

She is survived by her parents, Zachary and Trisha (Moore) Boyer of Hampton, Virginia; brother, Blake West; maternal grandparents, Cody and Lisa Moore of Loogootee; paternal grandparents, Kevin Boyer of Dubois and Theresa Egler of Ferdinand; maternal great-grandparents, Lila and Harold Street of Loogootee, Nina Woody of Huron and Ronnie Jones of French Lick; and paternal great-grandparents, Ruth Boyer of Dubois and Francis and Jane Egler of Ferdinand.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 23 at Mt. Zion Church in Loogootee. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

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

JOHN CLARK SR.

John Paul Clark Sr. passed away at 7:18 p.m. Saturday, June 16, 2018 at Memorial Hospital and Healthcare Center in Jasper. A resident of Jasper, he was 79.

He was born in Rutherford Township in Martin County on January 23, 1939; son of Alfred and Wilma (Way) Clark. He married Patricia Jo Bledsoe on November 9, 1958 at the Loogootee United Methodist Church.

He attended the Truelove-Davis Schools and was a veteran of the United States Marine Corp. He worked at Jasper Desk and was employed by Jasper Wood Products until retirement. After retirement, he enjoyed driving for the Amish, going for rides in the country, loved people watching, enjoyed watching old game shows and westerns on television and spending time with his family.

Survivors include daughters, Cathy Sue Schott of Jasper, Pamela Abrams and husband, Greg, of Oaktown; W. Marie Clark of Lynchburg, Ohio; sons, Steve Bledsoe and wife, Tonya, of Washington; John P. Clark Jr. and wife, Barbera, of Jasper; Gary Wayne Clark and wife, Teresa, of Loogootee; brothers, Frank Clark of Jasper, Jack Clark of Columbia, South Carolina; Fred Clark of Jasper, Tom Clark of Columbia, South Carolina; 16 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, one daughter, Janet Kay Clark; three sisters, Betty Sutton, Mary Walton, Margie Clark; brothers, Bill Clark, Robert Clark and Jim Clark; and grandson, Christopher Scott Wiscaver.

No services are planned at this time.

Burial will be held at a later date in the Goodwill Cemetery in Loogootee.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes in Shoals is in charge of the arrangements.

DENNIS "MOE" ASH

Dennis "Moe" Ash passed away at 2:55 p.m. Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at his home. A resident of Loogootee, he was 67.

He was born November 19, 1950 in Washington; son of Rita L. (Holland) Ash and the late John M. Ash. He married Barbara (Ellis) Ash on January 1, 1972 and she survives.

He started his career at the White River Co-Op in May of 1970. He faithfully worked at the White River Co-Op and held various positions until his retirement in 2011.

Denny was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and previously a member of St. Mary Barr Township Catholic Church. He loved the outdoors, especially fishing, coyote hunting, mushroom hunting and gardening. He enjoyed playing cards with his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, John M. Ash and his sister, Linda Hays.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Barbara (Ellis) Ash of Loogootee; daughter, Becky (Tom) Gates of Fishers; grandchildren, Addy and Landon Gates; mother, Rita Ash of Loogootee; siblings, Tom (Anita) Ash, Tim (Becky) Ash, Marijo (Charlie) Kane, all of Washington; Pat (Sue) Ash of Montgomery, and Bill (Nancy) Ash of Cannelburg; brother-in-law, Warren Hays of Loogootee; many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews and one great-great nephew.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker on Saturday, June 16 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial followed in St. Mary Barr Township Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary Barr Township Cemetery Fund.

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

CHARLES BRUNER

Charles Robert Bruner age 86, of Shoals, passed away at 11:22 p.m. Saturday, June 16, 2018 at his home. A resident of Shoals, he was 86.

He was born in Martin County on September 8, 1931; son of Charles Wesley and Reina Charlotte (Dorman) Bruner. He married Judith Ann Spears on July 11, 1959.

He graduated from Shoals High School, was a veteran of the United States Navy, serving in the Korean War, retired from NSWC Crane, started BJ Graphic Arts on Main Street in Shoals, and retired as a rural letter carrier for the United States Postal Service in Shoals.

His hobbies included woodworking, poetry, writing short stories, telling stories, drawing and was a bladesmith.

He is survived by his children, Robert Joseph Bruner (Laurel) of Travers City, Michigan; Charles David Bruner (Liz) of Newburgh, William Wesley Bruner (Kim) of Shoals, Deborah Ann Bruner Haviland of Shoals, Rebecca Lynn Bruner of Montgomery; grandchildren, Stephanie Bruner, Killian Bruner, Devon Bruner, Khesha Bruner, Brittany Bruner, Sara Beier, Leslie Forston, Robert Forston, Adam Bruner, Jordan

Haviland, Eilis Haviland, Abigail Haviland, Malin Haviland, Lydia Bruner, Cassidy Bruner, Bristol Bruner; great grandchildren, Teran Stucki, Ava Stucki, Olivia Bruner, Phoebe Simmons, Colin Davis, Judy Davis, Kahle Davis, Carter Beier, Liam Beier, Eddie Payne, Atalie Aktins, Saylor Forston-Nuekam, Sophia Gibbs and one sister, Wahneta Rose Bruner Felton.

He is preceded in death by his parents, wife, two brothers, William "Bill" Bruner and David Nelson Bruner; a nephew, Billy Sims and a niece, Cheryl Granger.

Funeral Services will be 11 a.m. Friday, June 22 at the Hindostan United Methodist Church with Rev. Marty Evans officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes is in charge of the arrangements.

BEVERLY ROBERTS

Beverly Roberts passed away at 8:54 a.m. Sunday, June 17, 2018 at her home surrounded by her loved ones. A resident of Loogootee, she was 55.

She was born June 6, 1963 in Jasper; daughter of Richard and Marjorie (Street) Divine.

She was a member of the Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church. She loved her grandchildren and cherished every moment she spent with them.



She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Chasity Clark and sister, Sherri Holt.

She is survived by her husband of 35 years, Tony Roberts, of Loogootee; children, Becky (Jeremy) Clark, Nick (Lacey) Roberts and Tiffani (Anthony) Sergent, all of Loogootee; grandchildren, Jordan and Candice Clark, Connor, Remington, and Paisley Roberts, Chase and Noah Sergent; parents, Richard and Marjorie (Street) Divine; siblings, Peggy (Craig) Bullock, Rick (Mary) Divine of Freedom and Rod (Angie) Divine of Washington.

Funeral services will be conducted at 7 p.m. this evening, Wednesday, June 20 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, June 20 from 4 p.m. until the time of service at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Travis Burkhart Foundation. Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Arrangements were provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

Funeral services will be conducted at 7 p.m. this evening, Wednesday, June 20 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, June 20 from 4 p.m. until the time of service at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Travis Burkhart Foundation.

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

ACCIDENT

(Continued from page one) asleep at the wheel and did not awaken until the moment of impact to the Humvee. Reserve Deputy Greene sustained a broken foot and minor contusions in the accident and was transported by Deputy John Wright to Jasper Memorial Hospital for treatment. Ethan Aubrey received minor cuts and abrasions to his hands but refused treatment. Two additional passengers in the Humvee were uninjured.

Responding agencies were the Martin County Sheriff's Office, Shoals Fire Department, Martin County Ambulance and Indiana Conservation Officer Doane.

Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, JUNE 11

12:39 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle on Hwy 550. Deputy Reed responded. Everything checked out okay.

7:52 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

8:37 a.m. - Received a report of a commercial fire alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded. Everything checked out okay.

8:51 a.m. - Received multiple reports of a malfunctioning stop light in Loogootee. Indiana State Highway Department responded.

8:57 a.m. - Received a report of an accident on Hwy 150. ISP Trooper Lents and Chief Deputy Greene responded.

9:33 a.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

10:06 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:43 a.m. - Received an animal complaint south of Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

12:30 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on Hwy 231. ISP Trooper Qualkenbush and Shoals Fire Department responded.

12:53 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

1:50 p.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist east of Shoals.

2:09 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

2:31 p.m. - Received a report of an abandoned vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

2:50 p.m. - Received a report of phone call scams in the area.

3:39 p.m. - Received a report of domestic dispute north of Cale. Sheriff Roush and Sergeant Keller responded.

3:46 p.m. - Captain Dant took four inmates to court.

4:22 p.m. - Received a report of phone call scams in the area.

5:30 p.m. - Shoals Town Marshal Eckert assisted a motorist in Shoals.

7:36 p.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

8:55 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

TUESDAY, JUNE 12

12:30 a.m. - Received a request for an officer due to possible residential entry in Loogootee. Deputy Reed and Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded. Everything checked out okay.

7:10 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Crane First responders and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

7:59 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

8:35 a.m. - Received a report of a tree branch on SR 150. Shoals Fire responded.

9:13 a.m. - Received a medical alarm call in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

9:21 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded but did not transport.

10:00 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Loogootee. Martin County Highway and Civil Defense responded.

11:02 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

12:15 p.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock in Crane.

1:01 p.m. - Received a report of an impaired driver in Shoals. ISP Trooper Lents and Sheriff Roush responded. The vehicle was located and stopped.

2:50 p.m. - Sergeant Keller transported one inmate to the hospital.

3:31 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

4:40 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Loogootee. Martin County Highway responded.

5:40 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

8:30 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic near Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette and ISP Trooper McBeth responded.

8:47 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across the road east of Shoals. Lost River Fire responded.

11:09 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

11:13 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth and Deputy Reed responded.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

5:31 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:49 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

10:56 a.m. - Captain Dant performed a vehicle identification check near Shoals.

11:11 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:57 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:05 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

3:22 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Jasper. The vehicle fled towards Loogootee. Sergeant Keller, Major Burkhardt, Loogootee Captain Hennette, and Loogootee Officer Floyd responded. The vehicle was located, and the occupants held for the Jasper Police Department.

3:51 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

4:53 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:05 p.m. - Major Burkhardt performed a vehicle identification check near Loogootee.

8:57 p.m. - Received a noise complaint in Loogootee. Deputy Shinn responded.

10:10 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

11:17 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth and Deputy Shinn responded.

THURSDAY, JUNE 14

2:52 a.m. - Received a request for

a welfare check near Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded and all was okay.

3:56 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Shoals. Shoals Fire responded and removed the tree.

7:15 a.m. - Jail Commander Abel took one inmate to the doctor.

8:11 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident east of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

9:48 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check south of Loogootee. ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

10:00 a.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals on SR 650. Captain Dant responded.

1:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, Shoals Fire Chief Hamby, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

1:30 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

2:02 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:27 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

6:45 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

8:50 p.m. - Received a report of cows out on US 50, west of Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

9:35 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

FRIDAY, JUNE 15

2:48 a.m. - Loogootee Officer McBeth assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

6:56 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

7:24 a.m. - Received a medical alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill, ISP Trooper Beaver, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

7:40 a.m. - Received a report of an abandoned vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

7:45 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

10:37 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Daviess County. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

11:15 a.m. - Received a feral cat complaint in Crane. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

1:17 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

1:40 p.m. - Jail Commander Abel took one inmate to the hospital.

2:15 p.m. - Major Burkhardt took four inmates to court.

6:35 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Loo-

gootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

9:57 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Loogootee. Martin County Highway and Loogootee Fire was contacted.

10:50 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic disturbance near Loogootee. Deputy Shinn responded.

Saturday, June 16

8:07 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism near Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

10:33 a.m. - Loogootee Officer Todd assisted with a funeral detail in Loogootee.

1:25 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Todd responded.

3:22 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one patient to IU Health in Bedford.

3:26 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:15 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. ICO Doane worked the accident with assistance from Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, and Deputy Wright. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:46 p.m. - Received a medical alarm call east of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

8:11 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

9:10 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

11:55 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Haysville Fire, and Deputy Shinn responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

SUNDAY, JUNE 17

2:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Shoals Fire, Martin County Ambulance, and Sergeant Keller responded. The subject was transported to IU Health in Bedford.

2:45 p.m. - Received a report of an unresponsive person south of Loogootee. ISP Trooper Beaver and Southwest Medical responded.

3:20 p.m. - Received an alarm call near Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded and all was okay.

10:40 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Shoals. Deputy Reed responded.

11:30 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle north of Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

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Suspicious vehicle leads to possible body in White River

The Martin County Sheriff's Office, an Indiana Conservation Officer, Haysville Community Volunteer Fire Department, Dubois County Sheriff's Department and Memorial Hospital EMS investigate a possible body in the East Fork of the White River in Haysville at the Martin/Dubois County line Monday.

On Monday, June 18, at approximately 11:30 a.m., off-duty Martin County Sheriff's Office Sergeant Keith Keller received a personal call from Kerry Kinder, a firefighter with the Jasper Fire Department. Kinder reported a suspicious vehicle parked on the north side of the US Highway 231 bridge just inside Martin County. Kinder also reported what he believed to be a human head surface from the water. Sergeant Keller immediately responded to the area. Sergeant Keller found the vehicle, a tan Mazda sedan. Indiana Conservation Officer Kyle Hembree overheard Sergeant Keller's traffic with Martin County Dispatch, and immediately retrieved his department issued boat.

Martin County real estate transfers

Jim Tinch and **Robert Tinch**, of Martin County, Indiana to the **State of Indiana**, a part of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 9, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.050 acres, more or less.

Dallas E. Cook to **The Dallas E. Cook Irrevocable Trust**, a part of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, being all that part of said quarter-quarter lying south and east of the Shoals to Pleasant Valley Highway and being 3 acres, more or less. Also 21 acres, more or less, in the same section.

Sara A. Chandler, n/k/a Sara A. Gibson, of Martin County, Indiana to **Ryan Gibson and Sara Gibson**, of Martin County, Indiana, a plot of ground in the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing 1.06 acres, more or less.

Paul W. Crouse and Mary Sue Crouse, of Wood County, Ohio to **Joseph S. Coleman**, of Martin County, Indiana, the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 5, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, containing 30 acres, more or less, except sections containing 2.78 acres and 3.25 acres, more or less.

J&B Hawkins Properties, LLC, of Martin County, Indiana to **Christian Church of Jasper, Inc.**, of Dubois County, Indiana, that portion of the southeast one quarter of the northwest one quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, of the Second Principal Meridian, City of Loogootee, Martin County, Indiana.

Delbert Graber and Margaret Graber, of Martin County, Indiana to **Kirk Graber**, of Daviess County, Indiana, 25 acres in a strip of even width off of the west side of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 5 West. Also, 15 acres in the same section.

Stewart E. Blake and Mary Ellen Blake, of Martin County, Indiana to **Thomas M. Summers and Marilyn Kay Summers**, of Martin County, Indiana, the north half of Lot Numbered 27 in Risacher's 5th Addition to the City of Loogootee, Martin County, Indiana.

Dwight D. Bauernfiend and Dean-

Sergeant Keller requested the assistance of the Haysville Community Volunteer Fire Department and the Dubois County Sheriff's Department.

At approximately 12:52 p.m., ICO Hembree located a male subject in the river stuck in a log jam located approximately five miles downstream from the US Highway 231 bridge in Haysville. The male subject's head was above the water. ICO Hembree was able to rescue the male subject. ICO Hembree transported the male to the Portersville Boat Ramp.

Sergeant Keller, several Dubois County Deputies, Haysville Community Volunteer Fire Department, and Memorial Hospital EMS met with ICO Hembree and the male subject at the Portersville Boat Ramp. The male was transported to Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper.

The male subject admitted to jumping from the US Highway 231 bridge in Haysville in an attempt to harm himself. The male subject's name is not being released at this time.

na L. Bauernfiend, of Brevard County, Florida to **James B. Hawkins and Linda M. Hawkins**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Numbered 91 and 92 in the Town of Memphis, now Shoals, Indiana.

Stephen A. Lane and Hunter D. Taylor, of Martin County, Indiana to **Stephen A. Lane**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: Part of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 27, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 1.3 acres, more or less. Also, a part of the west half of the northwest quarter of Section 27, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 1 acre, more or less. Tract II: A part of the west half of the northwest quarter of Section 27, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 6 acres, more or less.

Donald J. Bateman, of Martin County, Indiana to **Dale R. Condra**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter, and a part of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter, both in Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.6 acres, more or less.

Dale R. Condra, of Martin County, Indiana to **Joshua K. Condra**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter, and a part of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter, both in Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.6 acres, more or less.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, JUNE 11

8:37 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.
8:51 a.m. - Caller reported the stop-light out near Wendy's.
2:31 p.m. - Caller reported locating a stolen vehicle in the IGA parking lot.
8:59 p.m. - First responders were requested on Truelove Drive for a medical call.

11:07 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

TUESDAY, JUNE 12

9:21 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a residential alarm.
3:31 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.
4:57 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver in Hwy 50.
8:24 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute on US 231.
9:46 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on Hwy 50.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

9:23 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.
1:25 p.m. - Captain Hennette re-

sponded to a business alarm.
3:22 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on US 231.
4:22 p.m. - Male reported hitting a low utility line.
4:53 p.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a medical call.
5:30 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a business alarm.
11:17 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on SE 3rd Street.

THURSDAY, JUNE 14

11:02 a.m. - Chief Rayhill tagged an abandoned vehicle on East Main Street.
1:30 p.m. - Caller reported an animal complaint. Animal Control was contacted.

2:02 p.m. - First responders were requested on SW 1st Street for a medical call.

9:40 p.m. - Caller reported a dispute on SW 2nd Street.

11:25 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on US 231.

FRIDAY, JUNE 15

2:48 a.m. - Officer McBeth assisted a male at the Chuckles Station.
6:56 a.m. - Caller reported vandalism to a vehicle on Riley Street.

6:42 p.m. - First responders were requested for a male with a possible heat stroke.

10:05 p.m. - Caller reported a tree across the road on Mt. Pleasant Road.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

8:45 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

10:33 a.m. - Officer Todd assisted with a funeral procession.

12:15 p.m. - Female reported a child custody issue.

1:25 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

7:35 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US231.

SUNDAY, JUNE 17

11:24 a.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on Hwy 50.

4:35 p.m. - Officer Floyd responded to a business alarm.

9:46 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on US231.

9:50 p.m. - Male reported a controlled burn.

ARRESTS

TUESDAY, JUNE 12

2:05 p.m. - Robert McIntyre, 61, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with possession of a legend drug, public intoxication, and false informing. He is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest were Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene and Sergeant Keller.

4:43 p.m. - Bridget Adams, 44, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with operating while intoxicated, resisting arrest, and possession of a legend drug. She is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest was Sheriff Roush.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

2:27 p.m. - Matthew Taylor, 40, of Washington, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

10:22 p.m. - Jimmy Honeycutt, 35, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Captain Hennette and charged with operating while intoxicated and forgery and is being held without bond.

FRIDAY, JUNE 15

11:58 a.m. - Dustin Cramer, 35, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with possession of a controlled substance and a Martin County warrant. He is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond.

SUNDAY, JUNE 17

6:01 p.m. - Adam Salmon, 34, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper McBeth and charged with possession of meth and a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

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More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



Reaching the end of a job interview, the Human Resources Officer asks a young engineer fresh out of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, "And what starting salary are you looking for?"

The engineer replies, "In the region of \$125,000 a year, depending on the benefits package."

The interviewer inquires, "Well, what would you say to a package of five weeks of vacation, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, company matching retirement fund to 50% of salary, and a company car leased every two years, say, a red Corvette?"

The engineer sits up straight and says, "Wow! Are you kidding?"

The interviewer replies, "Yeah, but you started it."

A guy has a doctor's appointment and tells the doc he wants to live a long life.

Doc asks him, "Do you drink, smoke, chase women, or do any other fun things?"

Guy says, "No."

Doc says, "Then why do you even care?"

THOUGHTS:

*A pretty face is nothing if you have an ugly heart.

*Yes, English can be weird. It can be understood through tough, thorough thought though.

*I before e – except when you run a feisty heist on a weird beige foreign neighbor.

*You're never too important to be nice to people.

*There is nothing more frustrating than dealing with a miniature version of yourself with the same attitude.

*I love the kind of hugs where you can physically feel the sadness leaving your body. -Charlie Brown

*Remember this: You are free to choose, but you are not free from the consequences of your choice.

HUMORISMS

*I think I have an urge to get up and clean the house. Wait . . . No. False Alarm.

*If you were wondering about my culinary skill . . . I've been asked to bring paper towels to our family gathering.

*Trying to make protein shades but they keep coming out as margaritas.

*I watched the dog chasing his tail and I thought how easily dogs are amused. Then I realized I was watching the dog chase his tail.

*I got my best friend a fridge for her birthday. I can't wait to see her face light up when she sees it.

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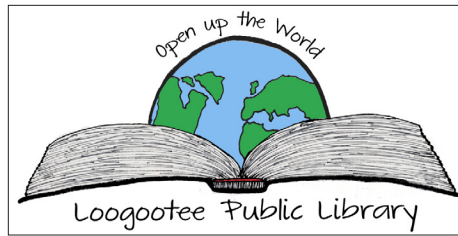
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3. Think before you write.
4. Try before you quit.
5. Live before you die.

HOW TO CLEAN THE HOUSE:

1. Open a new file in your computer.
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3. Send it to the Recycle Bin.
4. Empty the recycle bin.
5. Your computer will ask you, "Are you sure you want to delete Housework permanently?"
6. Calmly answer, "Yes," and press mouse button firmly . . .
7. Feel better?
Works for me!

Make someone smile today!



BY DARLA WAGLER
Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Rural Development Director Craig McGowen contacted me this week with news that the USDA loan was obligated. Now, Universal Design will start plans and specs to put out a call for bids. Any contractor that wishes to bid on the new library building will need to secure payment and performance bond to be eligible to bid. The library board has signed a letter of engagement with Kimberly Blanchet, Barnes & Thornburg from Indianapolis as bond counsel. Since the library board paid off the loan on the current building and hasn't had any debt service since 2011, a new debt service will need to be approved by the county council. The purpose of the debt service is to appropriate the USDA loan payment as debt out of the annual property tax distribution that we already receive.

NEW BOOKS:

DVDs: "A Wrinkle in Time", "Pacific Rim", "Paul: Apostle of Christ", and "Midnight Sun".

The library hours are Monday and Tuesday 10-7, Wednesday closed, Thursday and Friday 10-5 and Saturday 9-1. The phone number is 812-295-3713 or check out the website www.loogootee.lib.in.us or like us on Facebook. The library has free Wi-Fi service available for patrons.

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Birthday pool party collects for the animals

-Photo provided

Jocelynn Sims, Albany Crim and Ava Jeffers held a joint birthday party last weekend at the Loogootee City Pool. Instead of gifts, they asked for donations for the Martin County Humane Society Animal Shelter. Shown behind the girls, are all the donations they collected.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Merit Board meeting

The Martin County Sheriff's Merit Board will meet Wednesday, June 20 at 6 p.m. in the security center.

St. Mary's Reunion

St. Mary's Barr Twp. Reunion this year is on Saturday, June 23 at the American Legion (Country Club). The country club is located next to the Martin County Recycle Center. Take Hwy. 231 east out of Loogootee, turn left across from the White River Co-op (was Farm Bureau). From there it's at the bottom of the hill on the right. The reunion will start at 11 a.m. and attendees can stay all day. Bring your own food, drinks, plates, and etc. Please bring photos of first communions, confirmation, weddings, etc. that took place at St. Mary's Church.

Food pantry hours

The Loogootee United Methodist Food Pantry will be open the first, second, third and fifth Thursdays of the month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and also the first Monday of the month from 5-6:30 p.m.

Free lunch for kids

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

SOAR Tutoring

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Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Loughmiller Machine, 12851 E 150 N, Loogootee. The public 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 5:30 p.m.

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.

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.

Attention Senior Citizens

The Loogootee Senior Citizen Center, located in the annex building attached to JFK Gym on JFK Avenue in Loogootee provides activities for seniors every Monday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon. For \$5 a year, seniors can participate in Euchre tournaments, games, puzzles, etc., with other local seniors. Anyone interested is welcome to stop by, there are no age or residency requirements to participate. Seniors are also offered lunch at the Loogootee Senior Center every Monday and Thursday. A freewill donation is requested. Call 812-295-3130 to make a reservation.

ANIMAL SHELTER

Pet of the Week



KITTENS! The The Martin County Humane Society Animal Shelter is full of kittens! The shelter is located at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. Shelter hours are Monday and Wednesday 5-7 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m. To see all available animals, visit www.humanesociety-ofmartincounty.org.



In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

I hope you are all finding good ways to observe Pollinator Week this week. In last week's column, we began a discussion on the importance of pollinators and why they deserve a full week of recognition. We will continue in this column.

Pollination is the full purpose of flowers. The flowers serve to attract pollinators to do the mechanical work of reproduction. Many flowers produce nectar to attract bees, hummingbirds, butterflies and other pollinators. The scent of flowers also serves to attract pollinators.

Some plants may be pollinated by a variety of pollinators, while others require a specific pollinator to get the job done. It takes the large body and the vibration of a bumblebee to shake loose the pollen of foxgloves. Certain arums are pollinated by flies and therefore have a scent of rotting meat in order to attract the pollinators they need. There are even some flowers that mimic other flowers and trick pollinators into visiting them. Some flowers have showy sepals, but do not really have nectar. I wonder if the pollinators feel they have been used when they carry out pollination and get nothing in return. An in-depth study of flowers and specific pollinators illustrates the complexity of creation and I marvel that God has created just the right creatures to pollinate each flower.

The shape of flowers is a determining factor in which creature will pollinate it. Hummingbirds favor tubular flowers. Their tongues are long and dip into the flowers of lilies, petunias and other tubular flowers to get the nectar. Butterflies, on the other hand, prefer to land on flat-faced flowers. They are

particularly attracted to umbrel-type flowers, which have many tiny florets, allowing them to make a stop on one cluster and visit numerous sources of nectar. A classic example of this relationship is evident in southern Indiana right now. As I drove along country roads from West Baden Springs to Mitchell last week, I saw huge patches of butterfly weed with hundreds of butterflies fluttering about. It is not unusual to see a butterfly sitting on one of these flowers for several minutes. They offer great photo opportunities, as the butterflies are so busy pigging out that they ignore the presence of the photographer. Honey bees also favor flowers in clusters that allow them to make multiple stops to gather nectar in a short amount of time. When fruit trees are in bloom, the trees are almost animated by the buzz of thousands of honey bees and other native bees that carry out the essential process of pollination, without which there would be no apples and other fruit.

In recent years, pollinators have been in decline, causing concern for the future. No single factor has been found for this decline. Scientists have concluded that several reasons, including disease, loss of habitat and the climate, have resulted in fewer pollinators to do this important work. Three years ago, a group of horticulture-related organizations and environmental organizations formed a coalition asking that a million new pollinator gardens be planted and registered with the National Wildlife Federation. To date, over 700,000 new gardens have been registered, including plots in the White House lawn and at many public and private locations. You may create a pollinator garden

yourself and register it by going to the National Wildlife Federation website. You will need to plant a variety of flowering plants so the garden will have flowers available for spring, summer and fall. A pollinator garden also needs a water source. Even a mudhole is important for pollinators, which get some trace minerals when they drink from the mudholes.

Another important way to help pollinators is to limit the use of insecticides. Most of these poisons are non-selective. They kill the beneficial insects as well as the pests for which they are intended. As birds, reptiles and mammals eat the insects, the poison continues in the food chain. While there are times where infestations call for strong measures, it is important that insecticide use be limited and finely targeted. The food production of the future may depend on it. It does depend on pollinators.

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Brenner will focus on Indiana composers and musicians. Attendees will be invited to play along on some tunes, using provided percussion instruments.

Some bench seating is available. Visitors may want to bring their own chairs.

This concert is supported by the Indiana Arts Commission.

The concert is free after paying the standard property entrance fee of \$7 per in-state vehicle or \$9 per out-of-state vehicle.

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