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Breathtaking sky

-Photo by Bill Whorrall, www.billwhorrallart.com

Shown above is the Martin County sky after storms rolled through the area last week. According to the forecast, more rain/storms are expected today, tomorrow and next Monday and Tuesday.

Council not sure residents want animal control

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

Sheriff Travis Roush spoke to the Martin County Council at their meeting Monday night, July 11 about funding of a part-time animal control officer for the county. Roush explained that the officer would be on-call to respond to animal-related complaints that come into the sheriff's department. He said he would be requesting \$10,000 from the public safety funds in his budget for next year.

There were 201 dog or cat complaint calls to the sheriff's department last year and 78 in the first five months of this year. Courtney Hughett, with the Martin County Humane Society, tracked the calls and told the council that she did not include any calls related to livestock issues or wild animal complaints. She said that would most likely double the number of calls.

Roush told the council that not having a dedicated officer that responds to all animal complaints causes a few problems.

He said that several officers may respond to the same residence on different days resulting in no continuity. So oftentimes, repeat offenses may go unnoticed. He also stated that having one of his on duty officers dealing with animal-related issues, such as helping wrangle cows back into an enclosure, takes away from more important police duties.

Hughett, who was in the audience, said that many of the things they hear at the humane society is that there is no consequence for repeat offenders. Having four different officers, for example, respond to the same house about a nuisance animal, on four separate occasions, prevents the animal owner from being ticketed and therefore not correcting the issue. Josh Hughett, humane society president, who was also in the audience, said that the humane society does not have any authority to enter a property to do a welfare check on an animal. He said that a police officer has to be with him. He said that when complaints come into the humane society (See 'COUNCIL' cont. on page 2)



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Shown above is the new Loogootee High School Principal Andrea Huff, hired at last week's school board meeting. To her right is her husband, Josh, holding their daughter Londyn. In the front are the couple's other two daughters, Haley and Kennedy.

Loogootee Schools hire another new high school principal

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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Less than two months after he was hired, the Loogootee School Board accepted the resignation of High School Principal Chad Musselwhite at their meeting last Thursday night, July 7. Musselwhite was hired by the school board in May to replace Chip Mehaffey who took over the superintendent position. According to Superintendent Chip Mehaffey, Musselwhite resigned due to personal reasons. Taking his place will be 2001 Loogootee High School Graduate Andrea Huff. Huff comes to Loogootee after working at Barr-Reeve as curriculum director and assistant elementary principal. Huff lives in Loogootee with her husband, Josh, and three daughters, Kennedy, Haley and Londyn. School starts in Loogootee

on August 10 and Huff took the helm as principal immediately.

The school board also voted to accept the resignation of Betsy Graves as high school secretary. Graves will take back over the job of band director after retiring from that position two years ago. Superintendent Mehaffey said they interviewed multiple candidates but did not have a large talent pool in the applications received.

Josh Mullis, who serves as athletic director, will also now have the title of Dean of Students. Mehaffey explained that this position will help with the discipline of students in the middle school and high schools. Dara Chezem, elementary principal, was approved to take on the job of Professional Development Coordinator. (See 'LOOGOOTE' cont. on page 2)



Miss Martin County contest

-Photo provided

The 2016 Miss Martin County will be crowned this Friday night, July 15. At 6:15 p.m. they will be announcing the Little Miss and Mr. Contestants and the queen contest will start at 6:30 p.m. on the free stage. There will be a \$1 admission per car to enter the fairgrounds. During the queen contest, there will be drawings for door prizes throughout the evening and you must be present to win. This year there are seven ladies vying for the title of Miss Martin County. Shown above, from left to right, are Ashton Allbright, Cathy Hovis, Kailye Robbins, 2015 Miss Martin County Addyson Aiman, Jordan Mann, Josey Waggoner, and Taylor Kaiser. Not pictured is Kendall Riley.

LOOGOOTEE

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Tracie McAtee was hired as volleyball coach and Jon Neideffer was approved to serve as transportation director.

The board accepted the resignation of Nicole Bays as sixth grade teacher and Brandon Hagen as band director.

Superintendent Mehaffey told the board that they received a quote back in June to replace lighting in the gym, the cafeteria, in the former Elementary East gym and at JFK gym. He said the quote was a good price however it didn't quote the actual kind of lights needed. They sought new quotes and three were received, for \$42,242, \$50,593, and \$90,100. He recommended the board go with the low bid from Sunshine Lighting. When asked after the meeting who the other two quotes were from, and if any of them were from local companies, Mehaffey said that providing those names was not important, taking the low bid was what mattered.

Mehaffey told the board that the improvements come with \$20,000 in rebates from Duke Energy plus \$8,000 a year in energy savings.

Mehaffey recommended that the board approve hiring a consultant to help with collective bargaining now that Mike

Tippery is no longer serving as assistant superintendent. The board approved and Mehaffey said he will look into who other schools use.

Mehaffey also recommended the board approve dropping the ceiling height in six elementary classrooms and change the lighting.

Jasper Engines & Transmissions will be partnering with the school this year by bringing a workplace simulation lab to the school and it will be set up in the current shop room between the middle school and high school. Jasper Engines will pay for the supplies and equipment needed however they asked that the school pay to replace the ceiling tiles and lighting.

The cost for all the work, the elementary ceilings and lighting and the shop room ceilings and lighting is \$43,100. The lighting will be done by Sunshine Lighting and the supplies for the ceilings in the elementary classrooms will come from Builders Best. The board approved.

Mehaffey noted again that at least half of the cost of the lighting will be given back to the school in the form of rebates from Duke Energy.

Board Members Tim Bradley and Chad Wade were not present for the meeting.

COUNCIL

(Continued from page one)

ety about a neglected animal, the caller is frustrated because they are not getting a resolution. They do not understand that the volunteers at the humane society have their hands tied when it comes to having any kind of policing authority.

County council member Buck Stiles said he didn't want to impose another intrusion on people's lives especially over minor issues, such as a dog digging in a neighbor's flower bed.

Council Member Randy Wininger said that with Martin County being an agricultural county, he didn't want farmers to be subject to fines or imposition.

Council Member Lonnie Hawkins said he would have to wait until the budget hearings in September to see if the extra money for the position would be plausible. He said that they have already committed to spending money on courthouse renovations and other things so he wasn't sure if there would be any money available.

Council Member Lynn Gee said she was in favor of having the position as it is something Martin County has needed for a long time.

Sheriff Roush asked the council for a verbal yay or nay on whether he should even continue doing research on the position.

Courtney Hughett told the council that everything new has to start somewhere since Martin County has never had any form of animal control. She said in her six years being a volunteer with the humane society, things have no improved as far as animal complaints and it is not going to. "You either want animal control or you don't," she said. "But things are not getting better though." She said that Martin County is one of the only counties left in Indiana that doesn't have some form of an animal control department.

Hughett also added that although she feels bad saying so, she and her husband are maxed out on their volunteer time running the shelter and taking care of the animals in it. They both work full-time jobs and there simply isn't any more time to devote, especially for free, to responding to dog and cat complaints.

The council asked how many of the complaints coming in were out in the county and how many were in the Town of Shoals or City of Loogootee. Courtney Hughett replied that if she had to

give an estimate, 65 percent were in the City of Loogootee and the Town of Shoals and the rest were around the rest of the county.

Sheriff Roush said that the City of Loogootee and Town of Shoals can be approached as well to help fund the position as their officers will benefit from an animal control officer as well.

A few members of the council questioned whether residents of the county wanted animal control and joked that they could put it on the ballot in November. They said they would like to hear from residents in Martin County about this issue before going forward.

In other business, Surveyor Nathan Hoffman requested \$11,000 from the council to pay for part-time help in his office for the remainder of the year. He said that he put in his budget \$10,000 for the year but has already spent that. He said he currently has three people working for him part-time, one of which is currently only working one day a week. He noted that another of his part-time people will be leaving soon.

The council asked how much Hoffman will need to get through the rest of the year. Hoffman replied that he will take whatever the council is willing to give him.

Councilman Hawkins made a motion to give the surveyor's office \$5,500 and requested that Hoffman provide the council with a report on what his office has been doing.

Hawkins motion died due to the lack of a second.

Council Member Barb McFeaters then made a motion to approve \$10,000 to come from the county's CEDIT (County Economic Development Income Tax) fund. That motion was seconded and passed. Council Member Randy Wininger reiterated Councilman Hawkins request for Hoffman to bring a report back to them on what the surveyor's office has been working on this year.

Community Corrections Director Kathy Collins gave the council an update on her department's move to the Hawkins Health building in Loogootee. She said that Hawkins' move to the former Shopko building is going a little slower than they expected and the move-in date for the community corrections department has been pushed to September 1 now.

Commissioners go over department business

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, July 5.

Tony Holt, Public Health Coordinator, informed the commissioners of some unrestricted grant funding he recently received. The funding comes from extra training performed for EBO-LA and infectious diseases. This funding enabled him to purchase AED's for the Martin County Courthouse, Martin County Sheriff's Department, Martin County 4-H Council for the Community Building, Lost River Volunteer Fire Department and the Shoals Volunteer Fire Department. He was also able to purchase individual trauma kits for every local patrol vehicle including the state police troopers and conservation officers. With the funding left over he plans to look at other county agencies in need of emergency equipment.

Auditor Roush submitted the humane society quarterly report on behalf of Courtney Hughett. The report also included a tracking report of what cities the dogs and cats go to when adopted.

Auditor Roush also submitted the lease agreement between the Martin County Commissioners and Teresa Nolley. County Attorney Lett advised the commissioners not to sign the agreement until a move in date is determined. Commissioner Gregory made a motion to table the signing of the lease agreement until an exact move in date is determined. President George made the second.

President George gave the June veteran's service officer's report.

Sheriff Roush reported there are currently 65 inmates in the security center, two of which are department of corrections. The average inmate count in June was 60.4. Attorney Lett is still investigating the book-in ordinance. Attorney Lett also advised Sheriff Roush that the council would be required to approve the commissary ordinance. He will have that available for Monday night's meeting.

Andy Ringwald, Civil Defense/EMA, advised the commissioners of his department happenings.

Terri Alcorn, Highway Clerk submitted the two-week work schedule on behalf of Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett who was unable to attend. They will begin dust control next week. President George signed four INDOT grant applications to be submitted for approval. Clerk Alcorn also gave an update on bridge #11.

The commissioners advised Kathy Collins, Community Corrections Director, of the decision to table the signing of her lease agreement.

Due to the 4-H Fair Auction, Commissioner Gregory made a motion to move the Tuesday, July 19 meeting to Wednesday, July 20 at 5:30 p.m. President George made the second.

President George advised those in attendance that the remainder of the meeting would be spent working on their budgets.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

ANIMAL SHELTER Pets of the Week



The Martin County Humane Society Animal Shelter currently has more than 30 kittens/cats available for adoption. The adoption fee is \$40 and includes the spay/neuter, booster shot, rabies shot and a free bag of food. The animal shelter is open Monday and Wednesday 5-7 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m. To see all the dogs and cats available, visit www.humanesociety-ofmartincounty.org.

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Obituaries

JESSE ALLEN

Jesse Allen passed away at 8:37 a.m. July 10, 2016 at IU Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. A resident of Loogootee, he was 43.

He was born August 27, 1972 in Grissom Air Force Base, Indiana; the son of Vicky (Bennett) Allen and the late Gregory Allen.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. He adored his daughter and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He loved sports of all kinds including the St. Louis Cardinals, Indianapolis Colts, Indiana University and LA Lakers.

He is survived by his daughter, Katlin Brooke Allen; mother, Vicky Allen of Loogootee; siblings, Robert (Heather) Allen of Loogootee, Rebecca Allen of Vincennes and Sara (T.J.) Gulia of San Diego, California; nephews, Conner Hedrick, Jaxon Jewell and Tommy Gulia; maternal grandparents, Orin (Pauline) Bennett of Muncie; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Gregory Allen; paternal grandparents, Bob (Dorothy) Allen; aunts, Mary "Sissy" Woolard and Mary Jo Bradley; and cousin, Lindsay Allen.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 14 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, July 13 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Blake Funeral Home to help with funeral expenses.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

JACK HUGHES

John E. 'Jack' Hughes passed away at 6:54 p.m. Monday, July 4, 2016 at St. Mar's Medical Center in Evansville. A resident of Washington, he was 79.

Arts Commission accepting apps for Arts in the Parks, Historic Sites grants

The Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) announced last Friday that it is now accepting applications for the Arts in the Parks and Historic Sites grant program.

"This program provides funding for Indiana arts organizations, non-arts organizations, and Hoosier individual artists to bring arts programs, services and artist-in-residence experiences to participating state parks, forests, and historic sites promoting public engagement in the arts while experiencing the natural beauty and history of Indiana," said IAC Executive Director Lewis C. Ricci.

Arts in the Parks and Historic Sites draws upon traditional and non-traditional arts and artists in Indiana, weaving arts into our state's natural beauty, rural settings, and history. The program provides funding for arts program-related projects that encourage the creation of and public engagement with art

He was born February 26, 1937 in Loogootee to Thomas L. and Letha (Raney) Hughes. He was a 1956 graduate of Alfordville High School, had served in the National Guard, and retired from Purdue Farms. He loved helping out on the farm.

He is survived by three sisters, Sharon (Ivan) Bauer of Alfordville, Monica (John) Parsons of Washington, and Carolyn Grubb of Bloomington; three brothers, Robert L. (Darlene) Hughes, Henry (Debra) Hughes, and Charles Hughes, all of Washington; sister in-

law, Janet Hyde of Washington; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Mary Gibson; three brothers, Ralph Hughes, Cecil Ray Hughes and Delmer Hyde.

Funeral services were held Friday, July 8 at Ed Lee Mortuary with Brad Rainey officiating. Burial followed in Oak Grove Cemetery Reeve Township.

Memorial donations may be given to the family in c/o Ed Lee Mortuary 101 North Meridian Street Washington Indiana 47501.

through the Indiana state park / forest system and state historic sites.

"Expanding the Arts in the Parks program to include Indiana's State Historic Site properties is truly exciting," said Bruce Beesley, Vice-President for State Historic Sites at the Indiana State Museum. "From Historic New Harmony to T. C. Steele in Brown County to the Limberlost and Gene Stratton Porter sites, art is an important theme at the historic sites. We look forward to partnering with the Indiana Arts Commission, and with artists and communities throughout the state, in providing quality art experiences to Hoosiers."

The Arts Commission will conduct two informational webinars to assist artists and organizations interested in applying for this program. The webinar for artists will be July 19, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. (EDT), and the webinar for organi-

zations will be July 20, 2016 at 10 a.m. (EDT). The webinars are free, but registration is required.

Interested organizations and individual artists are encouraged to carefully review the program guidelines before completing the online application. The program description, links to the guidelines, and registration for program webinars can be found at www.in.gov/arts/2910.htm. Applications for the program will only be accepted through the Arts Commission's online grant application system www.in.gov/arts/online-applications&reports.htm.

Deadline for application is September 6, 2016 for organizations and September 13, 2016 for artists.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, JULY 4

8:35 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:45 a.m. - Received a report of a break-in southwest of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

10:00 a.m. - Received a report of an alarm going off in Loogootee. Captain Hennette responded. Everything checked ok.

10:20 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down on Windom Road. Lost River Fire responded.

10:35 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:09 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

2:34 p.m. - Received a report of a two-vehicle accident with injuries on 231 North, five miles north of Loogootee.

3:00 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across the westbound lane of Hwy 50, east of the Martin State Forest. Shoals Fire responded.

5:45 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on power lines on Hwy 650. Shoals Fire responded.

TUESDAY, JULY 5

3:13 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic battery in Shoals. Corporal Baker and Deputy Reed responded.

8:45 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle check. Captain Dant responded.

8:48 a.m. - Received a request for traffic assistance for a funeral in Loogootee. Captain Hennette responded.

9:25 a.m. - Captain Dant transported one inmate to court.

10:55 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:17 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene transported one inmate to court.

11:37 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle check in Lost River. Major Burkhardt responded.

11:56 a.m. - Received a report of theft from a vehicle in Loogootee. Captain Hennette responded.

12:54 p.m. - Sheriff Roush transported one inmate to court.

1:17 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

2:35 p.m. - Major Burkhardt transported one inmate to court.

4:30 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

12:17 a.m. - Received a report of a property dispute in Shoals. Deputy Reed and Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

5:19 a.m. - Received a call about a commercial burglar alarm at Family Dollar in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Norris responded.

8:15 a.m. - Received a request for a residence unlock. Captain Dant responded.

9:20 a.m. - Captain Dant transported two inmates to court.

10:52 a.m. - Received a report of a large tree across Indian Springs Road. Martin County Highway responded.

11:54 a.m. - Received a report of a tree in the power lines on 231 South. Advised REMC.

1:00 p.m. - Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, Major Burkhardt transported five to court.

1:25 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to IU Health Bedford.

3:43 p.m. - Received a report of keys stolen out of a vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

8:26 p.m. - Received a report of a dog attacking another dog in Crane Village. Major Burkhardt responded.

9:23 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and no transport needed.

THURSDAY, JULY 7

4:28 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and no transport needed.

9:05 a.m. - Sheriff Roush transported one inmate to court.

6:12 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on 231 North. Deputy Salmon responded.

9:20 a.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn on Half Moon Road. Loogootee Fire Chief approved this.

9:55 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took two inmates to court.

10:00 a.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

10:16 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded; no transport needed.

10:30 a.m. - Sheriff Roush transported two inmates to court.

11:40 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene transported two to court.

11:51 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. Martin County Ambulance transported to IU Health Bedford.

12:00 p.m. - Received a report of two abandoned dogs in Shoals. Martin County Humane Society was notified.

3:41 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

6:00 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle south of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

6:00 p.m. - Received a report of people trespassing on private property west of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

8:21 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving on Hwy 50. Major Burkhardt responded.

9:33 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident east of Shoals. Deputy Salmon responded.

10:10 p.m. - Received a report of fireworks being set off and it spooked their horses. The horses broke loose. Deputy Salmon responded.

FRIDAY, JULY 8

6:45 a.m. - Received a report of subjects trespassing west of Loogootee. Deputy Salmon responded.

8:31 a.m. - Received a report of a dead deer in the middle of Hwy 150. Advised the state highway department.

10:15 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle check north of Shoals.

10:52 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene transported three inmates to court.

11:05 a.m. - Sheriff Roush transported one inmate to court.

11:38 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:15 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:07 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across the road east of Shoals. Martin County Highway responded.

1:10 p.m. - Received a report of property vandalism south of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

4:06 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance. Martin County Ambulance responded and no transport was needed.

4:16 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to IU Health in Bloomington.

6:37 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down in Shoals. Civil defense responded.

6:39 p.m. - Received a report of a transformer fire in Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

6:40 p.m. - Received a report of a large tree across the road in Shoals. Shoals Fire and civil defense responded.

6:52 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. Civil defense responded.

7:20 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department responded.

7:42 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Shoals. Lost River Fire responded.

11:07 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:15 p.m. - Received a report of a burglary alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Norris responded. Everything checked secure.

SATURDAY, JULY 9

3:45 a.m. - Received a report of a commercial burglary alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Norris and Corporal Baker and Deputy Salmon responded. Everything checked secure.

6:23 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across the road south of Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

7:25 a.m. - Received a report of a runaway juvenile. Sergeant Keller responded.

9:26 a.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn in Shoals. Shoals Fire Chief was advised.

10:57 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

12:07 p.m. - Received a call for a vehicle check in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

12:22 p.m. - Received a call reporting a bulldozer fire in Daviess County. Advised Daviess County.

1:27 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Lawrence County. Advised Lawrence County.

2:15 p.m. - Received a report of a

water line break south of Shoals. Advised Ray Hopkins at East Fork Water.

3:25 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver at a high rate of speed eastbound Hwy 50. Notified Lawrence County.

5:20 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident in Shoals. Corporal Baker. Reserve Deputy Wright and Town Marshal Eckert responded.

5:40 p.m. - Received a report a tree across the rail road tracks at Willow Valley. Advised CSX.

10:47 p.m. - Received a report of a female causing a disturbance west of Shoals. Corporal Baker, Deputy Salmon, Deputy Reed and Reserve Deputy Wright responded.

SUNDAY, JULY 10

1:02 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic disturbance in Daviess County. Advised Daviess County.

6:22 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. No transport needed.

8:35 a.m. - Received a report of an alarm going off in Shoals. Captain Dant responded. Everything checked ok.

8:50 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but no transport was needed.

10:15 a.m. - Received a dog complaint west of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

5:13 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded, Loogootee Fire also responded. No transport needed.

6:34 p.m. - Received a report of an alarm going off west of Loogootee. Captain Dant and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

9:46 p.m. - Received a report of drug activity in Shoals. Deputy Reed and Shoals Marshal Eckert responded.

Accident reports

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

11:50 a.m. - Mary E. Bateman, of Loogootee, was backing her 2003 Buick from a private drive when she backed into a 1995 Chevy owned by Mark Fields, of Loogootee. Chief Rayhill was the investigating officer.

FRIDAY, JULY 1

5:22 p.m. - Steven J. Everhart, of Indianapolis, was operating a 2009 Harley Davidson on Broadway Street. Everhart went to turn onto US 231 and turned into the path of a 2013 Chevy operated by Brandon Clark, of Bedford. Everhart was cited for operating with no insurance. Captain Akles was the investigating officer.

SATURDAY, JULY 9

10:57 a.m. - Casey King, of Huntingburg, was operating a 2006 GMC and stopped in traffic on Hwy 50. At this time, the King vehicle was struck in the rear by a 2001 Chrysler operated by Patricia A. Jones, of Shoals. Captain Akles investigated.

6:36 p.m. Ugandi I. Avila, of Louisville, Kentucky, was operating a 2011 Honda on Broadway Street. Avila merged into the right lane and struck a 1999 Chevy operated by Tyson Sanders, of Loogootee. Officer Floyd investigated.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, JUNE 27

1:15 a.m. - Caller reported a possible suicidal subject.

5:24 a.m. - Officer Floyd responded to a business alarm.

11:06 a.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute in Redwing Trailer Court.

12:25 p.m. - Male requested an officer assist him in getting personal belongings from a residence.

4:36 p.m. - Received a call of a dispute in Bowling Trailer Court.

10:58 p.m. - Caller reported someone had tried to enter the concession stand at the little league field.

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

12:10 a.m. - Received a report of loud music on Church Street.

2:45 a.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

1:30 p.m. - Caller reported identity theft.

9:05 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

8:30 a.m. - Caller reported an animal complaint.

10:50 a.m. - Captain Hennette assisted child protective services.

11:40 a.m. - Male caller requested a vehicle identification check.

12:05 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

12:20 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

7:52 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231. Officers located the vehicle.

THURSDAY, JUNE 30

10:00 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on Queen Street.

1:40 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a business alarm.

8:47 p.m. - Caller reported property damage on John Street.

9:20 p.m. - Caller reported kids messing with roofing materials at the high school.

FRIDAY, JULY 1

5:10 a.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a business alarm.

10:05 a.m. - Caller reported the stoplight at US 231 wasn't working right.

10:12 a.m. - Female caller reported her son as a runaway.

1:00 p.m. - Received a call of a broken down vehicle near West Boggs.

1:45 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

1:51 p.m. - Male caller requested a welfare check on a male.

8:10 p.m. - First responders were requested at West Boggs for a medical call.

10:35 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from Chuckles.

10:40 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

SATURDAY, JULY 2

12:45 a.m. - Caller reported a possible theft on Church Street.

6:29 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50. Officer Floyd located the vehicle and spoke with the driver.

6:47 p.m. - Officer Floyd assisted the Daviess County Sheriff's Department with a traffic stop.

9:16 p.m. - Received a call of theft at Redwing Trailer Court.

11:10 p.m. - Received a fireworks complaint on NW 1st Street.

SUNDAY, JULY 3

3:32 a.m. - Officer Floyd responded to a business alarm.

9:52 a.m. - Received a 911 hang-up on Williams Street.

2:42 p.m. - Caller reported a dispute on Broadway Street.

5:22 p.m. - Received a report of property damage at CVS.

6:55 p.m. - Caller reported debris in

the road on US 231. Officer Floyd removed the debris.

8:00 p.m. - Caller reported a fireworks complaint.

9:00 p.m. - Female caller reported a theft of a Playstation.

MONDAY, JULY 4

4:45 a.m. - Caller reported loud music on Church Street.

10:00 a.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a business alarm.

10:35 a.m. - First responders were requested on West Broadway Street for a medical call.

12:05 p.m. - Caller reported a lost dog.

2:34 p.m. - Captain Hennette and first responders were requested on US 231 for a two-vehicle accident.

7:19 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance on Church Street.

8:13 p.m. - Caller reported three subjects causing a traffic hazard on North Line Street.

9:17 p.m. - Caller reported females on North Line Street that may be intoxicated. Officers were unable to locate.

9:46 p.m. - Caller reported a fireworks complaint on East Washington Street.

11:02 p.m. - Received a fireworks complaint on North Line Street.

TUESDAY, JULY 5

1:24 a.m. - Officer Floyd checked on a male walking on Hwy 50.

8:48 a.m. - Captain Hennette assisted with a funeral procession.

11:56 p.m. - Caller reported a theft from a vehicle.

3:05 p.m. - Male came on station to report property damage.

7:15 p.m. - Officer Floyd tagged an abandoned vehicle on West Main Street.

9:01 p.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

3:43 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of vehicle keys.

6:08 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

9:23 p.m. - First responders were requested on SE 3rd St. for a medical call.

THURSDAY, JULY 7

9:10 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

5:15 p.m. - Received a call of property damage on Broadway Street.

7:23 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

FRIDAY, JULY 8

12:15 p.m. - First responders were requested on JFK Avenue for a medical call.

4:04 p.m. - Male came on station to request a vehicle identification check.

8:15 p.m. - Caller reported a fireworks complaint.

10:06 p.m. - Received a call of a possible underage drinking.

11:15 p.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a business alarm.

SATURDAY, JULY 9

3:34 a.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a business alarm.

12:07 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

10:34 p.m. - Caller reported a fireworks complaint.

10:42 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle without headlights.

10:57 p.m. - Caller reported property damage.

SUNDAY, JULY 10

1:54 p.m. - Captain Akles responded to a business alarm.

4:00 p.m. - Male came on station to report an animal complaint.

5:12 p.m. - First responders were requested on JFK Avenue for lifting assistance.

10:21 p.m. - Received a call of property damage on North Line Street.

Martin County real estate transfers

Preston Lee Batman and Jamie Diane Batman to Marvin W. Bailey and Linda S. Bailey, part of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 1, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing one acre.

Peggy Lynn Smith, now known as Peggy Lynn Kalb, of Martin County, Indiana to **Ryan P. Wood**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing approximately one-half acre, more or less.

Byron E. Stevenson, of Martin County, Indiana to **Joyce A. Shonk**, of Martin County, Indiana, 55 feet of even width off of the northwest end of Lot Number 44 in the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

William A. Fowler and Patricia V. Fowler, of Martin County, Indiana to **William A. Fowler and Patricia V. Fowler**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of Fractional Section 23, and a part of the southeast quarter of Section 22, all in Township 4 North, Range 3 West, Mitcheltree Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1 acre, more or less.

Adam E. Greene, of Martin County, Indiana to **Greene's Properties, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: Lots Numbered 10 and 11 in Campbell and Breen's Addition to Loogootee, Indiana. Tract II: Lot Number 32 in Cray's Addition to Loogootee, Indiana. Tract III: Lot Number 31 in Cray's Second Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Thomas J. Trambaugh, of Martin County, Indiana to **Kyle O. Trambaugh and Denise M. Will**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the south half of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 21, Township 3 North, Range

3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2 acres, more or less.

Charles R. Lyon and Brantley W. Lyon, of Martin County, Indiana to **Brantley W. Lyon and Dena J. Lyon**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: Part of the north half of Section 31, Township 4 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 99.82 acres, more or less. Tract II: The northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 5 West of the Second Principal Meridian, Martin County, Indiana, containing 10 acres, more or less. Tract III: The west half of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, containing 20 acres, more or less.

Charles R. Lyon and Brantley W. Lyon, of Martin County, Indiana to **Charles R. Lyon and Peggy J. Lyon**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the north half of Section 31, Township 4 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 130.12 acres, more or less.

Larry Dean Swartzentruber, of Martin County, Indiana to **Christopher J. Wadsworth**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: A tract of land in the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana. Tract II: A tract of land in the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing one acre, more or less.

Jerry Henson, of Morgan County, Indiana to **Jeffery Clem**, of Marion County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 24, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.500 acres, more or less.

Investigation leads to felony arrests

The Martin County Sheriff's Department Sergeant Keith Keller conducted a follow-up investigation that lead to arrests for seven felonies and two misdemeanors last Wednesday.

On July 6 at 5:05 p.m., Martin County Sheriff's Sergeant Keith Keller and Sheriff Roush went to 305 Bloomfield Road in Loogootee following up on an investigation. Sergeant Keller and Sheriff Roush were met by one of the occupants of the residence, Vicki E. Mullen, 52. Sergeant Keller and Sheriff Roush advised Mullen why they were there.

Chief Deputy Josh Greene, Major Andy Burkhardt, and K9 Asher arrived a short time later. The deputies conducted a search of the residence and located an active marijuana grow operation. Deputies located several materials used to grow marijuana. Deputies located numerous containers containing marijuana seeds, and several grams of suspected marijuana. Deputies also located methamphetamine in the residence.

At approximately 5:53 p.m., Sergeant Keller placed Mullen into custody. Mullen was transported to the Martin County Security Center without incident.

At approximately 6:16 p.m., the other occupant of the residence, Edward R. McCloskey, 58, arrived. Deputy Danny Salmon placed McCloskey into custody and transported him to the Martin County Security Center without incident.

Arrested and charges:

Edward R. McCloskey, 58-Held without bond

-Possession of methamphetamine - Level 6 Felony

-Maintaining a common nuisance - Level 6 Felony

-Possession of marijuana - Level 6 Felony

-Dealing marijuana - Level 5 Felony

Vicki E. Mullen, 52-Held without bond

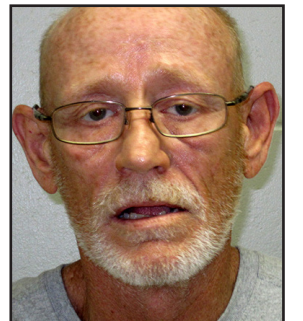
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-Maintaining a common nuisance - Level 6 Felony

-Dealing marijuana - Level 6 Felony

-Possession of marijuana - A Misdemeanor

-Possession of a legend drug - A Misdemeanor



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Health department donates medical supplies, equipment to local agencies

The Martin County Health Department recently donated medical supplies to several local agencies, utilizing funding obtained as part of a grant from the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH). Health departments in Indiana were asked by the ISDH to voluntarily perform some planning and training toward preparation for Ebola and infectious disease outbreaks. In return for performing this planning and training, the health departments were awarded grant money from the ISDH.

The Martin County Health Department chose to perform this planning and training and was awarded the grant money from ISDH. The health department conducted meetings with local health partners that included emergency management, fire departments, emergency medical services, hospitals, and local law enforcement. The planning meetings resulted in the development of pre-plans and protocols that would be put into place in the event of an infectious disease outbreak in Martin County. The planning efforts culminated in a table top disaster exercise in May of this year. This exercise allowed the health department to test the plans and protocols that had been developed.

The Martin County Health Department opted to use the funding obtained from this grant to assist local agencies with needs for medical equipment and supplies. Several local agencies were supplied with new automated external defibrillators (AED). An AED is a portable electronic device that automatically diagnosis life-threatening abnormal cardiac rhythms that sometimes occur when someone experiences sudden cardiac arrest. The AED can be used by both trained medical personnel and by any member of the general population, whether they have any medical background or not. Public access to AEDs has been proven to improve the chances of survival of sudden cardiac arrest and they are commonly located in public areas such as schools, churches, airports, shopping centers, and other areas where large crowds may gather. The health department donated replacement AEDs



Tony Holt, with the Martin County Health Department, is shown providing an automated external defibrillator (AED) to Firefighter/First Responder Dale Brown, representing the Lost River Township Fire Department.

to the Lost River Township Fire Department, Shoals Fire Department, and the Martin County Jail; the AEDs given to these agencies will replace old and outdated units. AEDs were also donated to the Martin County Courthouse and to the Martin County 4-H Council; the one donated to the 4-H Council will be located within the Martin County Community Building.

Local law enforcement agencies also benefited from the generosity of the health department as well. The Martin County Sheriff's Department, Loogootee Police Department, Shoals Police Department as well as Indiana Conservation Officers and State Police Troopers, which are assigned to Martin County, were provided with individual first aid packs. These first aid packs allow the officers to have a compact kit of first aid supplies readily available so that they may deliver first aid to themselves, a fellow officer, or a member of the general public in the event that the officer is the first to arrive at an incident.

The health department will be contacting other local agencies about possible needs for medical equipment or supplies in the coming weeks and may be donating additional items in the future.



-Photos provided

Tony Holt, with the Martin County Health Department, is shown providing first aid kits to Indiana District 7 Conservation Officer Tony Mann and District 7 Corporal Eric Doane.



Tony Holt, with the Martin County Health Department, is shown providing first aid kits to the Loogootee Police Chief Kelly Rayhill and Loogootee Police Captain Jason Hennette. All officers of the Loogootee Police Department were supplied with the first aid kits.



Tony Holt, with the Martin County Health Department, is shown providing first aid kits to Major Andy Burkhardt, Sheriff Travis Roush, and Shoals Town Marshal Todd Eckert. All officers of the sheriff's department were provided with the first aid kits.



Tony Holt, with the Martin County Health Department, is shown providing first aid kits to Indiana State Police Officers from District 34 assigned to Martin County. From left to right are Trooper Jarrod Lents, Sgt. Dana Miller, Trooper Gavin Wilson, Trooper David Qualkenbush, Trooper Ken Miller, Tony Holt- Also receiving a kit, but unavailable for the photo were Trooper Beaver and Trooper Johnson.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, JULY 4

8:48 p.m. - Jessica Bechtel, 27, of Odon, was arrested by ISP Trooper Watson and charged with operating while intoxicated resulting in death, endangering a dependent. She is being held without bond.

TUESDAY, JULY 5

3:51 a.m. - Danny Krodel, 30, of Shoals was arrested by Deputy Baker and charged with domestic battery. He is being held without bond.

7:53 p.m. - Betty Fields, 41, of Loogootee was arrested by Major Burkhardt on a warrant for a probation violation. She is being held without bond.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

10:42 a.m. - Andrew Qualkenbush, 19, of Shoals, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene on two warrants for probation violation, possession of marijuana, maintaining a common nuisance. He is being held without bond.

6:08 p.m. - Vicki Mullen, 52, of Loogootee, was arrested by Sergeant Keller and charged with maintaining a common nuisance, possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, dealing marijuana, possession of a legend drug. She is being held without bond.

6:08 p.m. - Edward McCloskey, 58, of Loogootee, was arrested by Sergeant Keller and charged with maintaining a common nuisance, possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana,

na, dealing marijuana. He is being held without bond.

THURSDAY, JULY 7

7:05 p.m. - Zachary Clifton, 22, of Shoals, was arrested by Major Burkhardt on a petition to revoke warrant. He is being held without bond.

11:57p.m. - Seth McCrary, 23, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Salmon on a petition to revoke warrant. He is being held without bond.

SATURDAY, JULY 9

6:07 p.m. - Mindy Holt, 34, of Shoals, was arrested by Shoals Town Marshal Eckert and charged with operating while intoxicated. Her bond is set at \$25,000 10%.

11:39 p.m. - Brittany Brummett, 22, of Evansville, was arrested by Deputy Reed and charged with reckless intimidation, disorderly conduct, resisting law enforcement. Her bond is set at \$25,000 10%.

SUNDAY, JULY 10

3:42 a.m. - Joshua Graber, 23, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Floyd and charged with operating while intoxicated. His bond set at \$25,000 10%.

11:53 p.m. - Kyle Tarr, 29, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Reed and charged with possession of a controlled substance, possession of Methamphetamine, unlawful possession of a syringe, possession of paraphernalia. He is being held without bond.



In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser

Purdue University Master Gardener

Several area county fairs are underway or will be starting soon. For many years, I have judged horticulture projects at area fairs, judging both 4-H and open class entries. If you are considering exhibiting at a fair, I thought I would give my readers a few points on what judges look for when judging flowers, vegetables and field crops.

For those in 4-H, the single greatest piece of advice I have to give is to read your project manual and the exhibit requirements for your project. Make sure that you follow those guidelines. Judges will have looked at the project requirements and will make decisions based on those guidelines. For example, it is important to have the correct number of vegetables on your exhibit plates. Different vegetables have different requirements. While one head of cabbage may be required, it may take twenty green beans for an exhibit. These requirements change from time to time, so do not rely on what you have done in the past. Consult your manual.

Open-class exhibitors should also check the published exhibit requirements. These may differ from county to county and from year to year. Winning entries are the ones that follow the guidelines.

Bigger is not always better. The requirements in the 4-H manuals will also give a size range for each vegetable. It is better to have all of the tomatoes on your plate to be of the same size than to have one huge tomato and four smaller ones. Uniformity makes for a better exhibit. The exhibit requirements are generally for good marketable qualities. While zucchini squash may grow to great size, the best marketable specimens are about six to nine inches long. In open-class, there may be some "biggest" specimen categories, but make certain before you take that behemoth to the fair.

Cleanliness is also important. Do not

Deer reduction hunts scheduled at 18 sites

The DNR Division of State Parks is seeking volunteer hunters to participate in managed deer reduction hunts at 18 locations later this year.

They are: Brown County, Chain O'Lakes, Charlestown, Clifty Falls, Fort Harrison, Indiana Dunes, McCormick's Creek, Ouabache, Pokagon, Prophetstown, Shakamak, Spring Mill, Summit Lake, Tippecanoe River, Turkey Run, Versailles, and Whitewater Memorial state parks, and Cave River Valley Natural Area (drawn in conjunction with Spring Mill).

Clifty Falls and Fort Harrison will be archery only reduction hunts.

The dates are November 14-15 and November 28-29.

For more than 20 years, volunteer hunters have assisted the Division of State Parks in managing deer populations on those properties. The reduction hunts are carried out exclusively to achieve an ecological objective – to ensure balanced and healthy natural communities for all plants and wildlife within park boundaries.

Since 1995, most of Indiana's 24 State Park properties have had one or

wax your vegetables, but do wash them to remove soil. Vegetables should appear ready for the kitchen.

Take care when harvesting vegetables for exhibit. The exhibit requirements usually require that a certain length of stem be left on the specimens. The best way to ensure that you do not break off the stem is to harvest using scissors or pruners. Trim the stem to the proper length.

The exhibit requirements for flowers are no less important than the vegetable requirements. Whether exhibiting specimens, arrangements or potted plants, exhibit only healthy plants and follow the exhibit requirements. The container should be appropriate for the specimen exhibited. Cut flowers should be cut at an angle, increasing the surface area that will keep the flower fresh for as long as possible. Leaves that will be below the water level should be removed. The flowers should be in clear water, without any additives.

Ask the group in charge of open-class competitions to clarify their rules if there is any question. I have judged fairs that have a category for "Lilies". As a judge, I would interpret that to mean plants in the genus *lilium*. I therefore would disqualify entries of daylilies, surprise lilies and calla lilies in this category. While commonly called lilies, these flowers are not true lilies. However, in some counties, they modify the category to include many flowers that include "lily" in their common names, and I would modify my judging. Do not be afraid to question the exhibit guidelines with someone in charge. Also, educate yourself about the plants you plan to exhibit to make sure you enter the correct category.

It may be too late this year for planning an exhibit, but this may be the year that you decide to enter future fairs. It is not too late to get out and enjoy the exhibits that are at the fairs. Support area youths and the 4-H program.

more reduction hunts.

Volunteers can apply online at wildlife.IN.gov/5834.htm, where additional guidelines can be found under State Park Deer Reduction Draw Hunt.

Successful applicants are allowed to take up to three deer. Only one can be antlered. Deer harvested at a State Park reduction hunt are not counted toward regular statewide bag limits.

Trophy hunting, or passing on does or smaller bucks to wait for a larger buck, is counter to the ecological objective of State Park reduction hunts and is strongly discouraged.

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Grazing Bites

By Victor Shelton

NRCS State Agronomist/Grazing Specialist

I could easily talk about the weather. It seems to be a very popular subject no matter the setting. It certainly influences when we can do things, often messing with getting things done during the best timeframe.

We talked about clipping pastures in June. I'm still getting questions and comments by email about it; all good. There certainly are two sides to this fence: those that think mowing or clipping pastures is just something that has to be done and those that think it wastes time, fuel, and does little good. I respect both sides and agree with both sides. What? The need to clip is site specific and a personal preference.

By this time of year, most have made the decision on whether to clip pastures or not. If the pasture has been grazed once or twice already then it probably really does not have that many seed heads present, and depending on how it was grazed, weeds either. If you look at a field from a "windshield" view, it is usually going to appear to have a lot more seed heads than it really does. This was a topic recently on one of the Facebook grazing groups. Looking at the pictures that were presented, one would think or assume that it was a dense stand of seed heads in dire need of being clipped to try and maintain some decent quality. Additional pictures were added from a standing and looking down position and it was certainly clear that seed heads were not an issue with only one or two per square foot, not 40 or more as in some cases. If no or low seed head presence is your goal, then what is an appropriate threshold to justify clipping for them? That is a very good question which I'm trying to quantify myself. If the upper range is about 40 seed heads per square foot (yes, I've counted them) and my personal preference is less than 6, then my threshold or tolerance level is probably in that 30% range or about 12 seed heads per square foot. What I often find though, it's a lot lower than that. Can I find another reason to justify mowing?

Weed control is the next argument I usually hear. There is a huge range of tolerance for weeds. My tolerance level for multiflora rose and thistles is very low. Kathy Voth would tell me that I should teach those animals to eat those thistles and that is all good. If they want to eat them after I chop the daylight out of them, they can have right at it. If I have an abundance of annual weeds such as common ragweed, prickly pigweed, or cocklebur, then most likely I've messed up such by not allocating enough pasture for the timeframe, especially during wet weather. These weeds are opportunists; filling in areas where soil is showing and in the case of prickly pigweed, where nutrients are high such as where a hay bale was fed. Mowing might help a little, but I should do a better job of maintaining cover.

Perennial weeds, such as ironweed, can certainly be a problem. Individual plants don't generally present much of an issue unless they go to seed on ground that has a lot of thin cover. They do also spread from rhizomes. Mowing or clipping these prior to seed produc-

tion is usually a good idea unless you maintain a very dense vigorous stand of forages that will compete with it. It, like giant ragweed in a corn field, competes with the forages for sunlight. I use canopy as a threshold with a tolerance level of about 20%. If I'm losing more than 20% of my sunlight, it is going to be at least clipped. Above 30%, it is certainly affecting forage yield and may justify some chemical type of treatment. Applying these herbicides at a time when they will be most likely to be transferred to the roots is ideal and for most perennials is later in the season when the plant is moving nutrients downward for winter storage. It is always better to spot spray or use a "wipe" type system over blanket coverage. Broadleaf herbicides are also hard on the swards valuable legumes and beneficial forbs. If you have sheep or goats available, either can help reduce weed pressures on pastures. They can be rotated behind or in front of the cows depending on who needs the highest nutritional needs.

The third reason to clip or mow is help control pink eye in cattle. I would have a hard time justifying clipping for this reason unless you have an active pink eye problem. The seed heads do not cause pink eye, or at least not independently. The seed heads along with face flies, pollen and other eye irritants certainly can aggravate the situation though. Pinkeye occurs when there is a susceptible host (non-immune animal), the infectious agent (*Moraxella bovis*, pinkeye), and the environmental conditions that favor it (eye irritation that attracts flies that then can transfer it to susceptible animals). Keeping seed heads under control by clipping or mowing could be justified if pinkeye is presently an issue to reduce possible eye irritations but that is usually only the case with high amounts of seed heads present; controlling flies is the first priority.

What is the reason for mowing? If it is to improve or maintain quality – have at it – just don't mow any shorter than necessary. If it is purely for aesthetics – you might be better off leaving it alone. Taller forages produce more live roots providing some drought resilience, helping to shade out some weeds, providing for slightly cooler soils and maintaining moisture which can promote more growth from cool season forages instead of less desirable plants. They also have the added benefit of some wildlife habitat, especially certain pollinator species. Somewhere along the way we decided that pastures should look like mowed lawns. That quite often promotes monocultures instead of diversity, and possibly lower production especially if it turns dry. It is also an added cost that has to be paid for by the livestock enterprise. Keep on grazing!

Reminders & Opportunities

Pasture Field Day – August 20th – Rising Sun, IN – Contact the Dearborn County SWCD for more information and register by August 15 by calling 812-926-2406 Ext 3.

Eastern Native Grass Symposium – August 29-31 – Tropicana at Evansville, IN. Information above.

More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



UNANSWERED QUESTIONS:

1. Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?
2. Can fat people go skinny-dipping?
3. Can you be a closet claustrophobic?
4. Why is the word abbreviation so long?
5. Is it possible to be totally partial?
6. What's another word for thesaurus?
7. If a book about failures doesn't sell, is it a success?
8. If a funeral procession is at night, do folks drive with their lights off?
9. When companies ship Styrofoam, what do they pack it in?
10. If the cops arrest a mime, do they tell him he has the right to remain silent?
11. If a parsley farmer is sued, can they garnish his wages?
12. When it rains, why don't sheep shrink?
13. Should vegetarians eat animal crackers?
14. Do cemetery workers prefer the graveyard shift?
15. What do you do when you see an endangered animal that eats only endangered plants?
16. Do hungry crows have ravenous appetites?
17. If someone with multiple personalities threatens to kill himself, is it considered a hostage situation?
18. Is there another word for synonym?
19. Isn't it a bit unnerving that doctors call what they do "practice"?
20. Why isn't there mouse-flavored cat food?
21. Why do they report power outages on TV?
22. Who decided that the abbreviation for pound should be two letters not in the word?

2. Not leaving my house
 3. Not going to a party
- My childhood punishments have become my adult goals.

FOOD AND WEIGHT:

1. Ban pre-shredded cheese! Make America grate again.
2. If you had to choose between eating tacos every day or being skinny for the rest of your life, would you choose hard or soft tacos?
3. I choked on a carrot this afternoon and all I could think was "I bet a donut wouldn't have done this to me."
4. The more you weigh, the harder you are to kidnap. Stay safe. Eat cake.
5. My goal for 2016 is to lose 10 pounds. Only 15 to go.
6. How to prepare Tofu:
 - a. Throw it in the trash.
 - b. Grill some meat.
7. I drink wine because I don't like to keep things bottled up.
8. When life give you lemons, freeze them and throw them as hard as possible at people making your life difficult.
9. I hate it when I'm trying to eat a salad and it accidentally falls in the trash and then I have to eat a pizza instead.
10. I've decided I'll never get down to my original weight and I'm OK with that. After all, 7 lbs. 6 ozs. is just not realistic.
11. My wild oats have turned in to shredded wheat.
12. My favorite exercise is a cross between a lunge and a crunch . . . I call it "lunch."
13. I have the body of a god. (Unfortunately it's Buddha)
14. Started a new exercise routine yesterday. So far I've only missed one day.
15. I ran out of coffee this morning. Tequila seemed a reasonable replacement. Everyone is so pretty today.

1. Going to bed early

Make someone smile today!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Shoals School Board meeting

The Shoals School Board will meet this Thursday, July 14 at 6 p.m. in the central administration office. Some items on the agenda include a second reading of the student handbooks, approval of textbook rental fees, along with regular business items. The meeting is open to the public.

the public and anyone is invited to attend.

Tourism meetings

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

Soil and Water meetings

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

Chamber of commerce meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce will meet Wednesday, July 20 at noon at Wendy's in Loogootee. Those planning to attend are asked to come early if you can to order your food, and do some networking before we get started.

Lady Lions Golf Scramble

The 4th Annual Loogootee Lady Lions Basketball Golf Scramble will be held Saturday, August 13 at Lake View Golf Course at 9 a.m. It will be a four men/women scramble in A-B-C-D format. Turn in your team early to secure your spot. Cost is \$45 per person or \$180 per team. To register, call Brian Smith at 381-1026, Teresa Nolley at 295-6135 or Lonnie Hawkins at 340-9817. Food and drinks will be provided.

Free lunch for kids

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

SOAR Tutoring

Need Skills? SOAR tutors can help! Free and confidential. Call or text Beverly at 812-709-1618 to learn more. Located in the Martin County Community Learning Center Improve Your Skills, Improve Your Life!

Humane society meetings

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

Solid waste board

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

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Loogootee United Methodist Church

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Beginners Class for ages 2-3 - Wed. & Fri. 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Questions, call 295-3049 or 247-0696



Making A Difference

MARTIN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

By Curt Johnson
MCCF Executive Director



Last week I discussed things you need to consider when developing a charitable giving plan. So once you've given good thought to the details of your plan, what's next?

-- PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS --

Professional advisors can be invaluable guides in helping you plan and execute your charitable giving. When they are fully apprised of your values, interests and intentions, advisors can give detailed information on your giving options and how these options will work in your specific financial situation. They can also project how each option will affect your tax savings and legacy planning.

The type of advisor and expertise you most need may depend, in part, on the kinds of giving options you'd like to examine in depth. Most importantly is the level of trust and care you receive as a client.

-- TYPES OF ADVISORS --

When planning charitable giving, people most often work with one or more of the following types of professional advisors:

- Attorney
- Accountant
- Estate Planner
- Financial Planner
- Stock Broker
- Insurance Broker
- Philanthropy Consultant (may be part of the above, but focus solely on helping with charitable giving)

- Planned Giving Officer (works for the nonprofits who would accept your donation and can provide good information for your advisors).

-- SELECTING --

Because advisors have different expertise and services, you may get a variety of opinions about your next steps. You need to find the right match of skills and personality to meet your needs. Talk to your friends, family and

others to learn about the advisor's experience in helping others make determinations about their values and giving style. You can also interview potential advisors about their expertise in the areas you are considering.

-- ADVISOR TRAITS --

While you are considering who your advisor(s) will be, keep in mind that donors such as yourself are typically most satisfied with their advisors when the advisor:

- Discusses philanthropy with them in detail, asks questions, and listens.
- Makes philanthropy a discussion about life goals, rather than about estate planning and mortality.
- Keeps the giving plan simple and/or limits discussions of complex giving vehicles to the top few options.
- Treats the plan as a vehicle for giving rather than as a financial product they are selling.
- Is a giver themselves.
- Knows when to look for additional help rather than trying to be an expert on all aspects of giving and family dynamics.

-- IT'S YOUR CHOICE --

Since charitable giving plans deal with personal and sometimes sensitive issues, it is important that you work with an advisor with whom you feel absolutely comfortable. When it comes to narrowing the field, trust your instincts.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

For more information about the MCCF endowment funds and how we can help you develop your charitable giving plan, please contact the MCCF Executive Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org.

You are also welcome to visit our website at www.cfpartner.org/mccf.htm or to "like" the MCCF Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mcccommunityfoundation.

Sons of the American Legion honor police with wreath laying ceremony

Last Friday, members of the Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of Indiana, performed a special wreath laying ceremony at the Indiana State Police Memorial and Eternal Flame located adjacent to the Indiana State Police Museum, 8660 East 21st Street, Indianapolis. The event was to honor those troopers and employees of The Indiana State Police who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

The Sons of the American Legion is one branch of The American Legion Family. The Legion itself is made up of men and women who served honorably in U.S. military branches during times of conflict over the past 100 years. As such, the Sons is a program within The Legion and is made up of the sons, grandsons, and great grandsons of those who have held membership in The Legion or were eligible for membership if they are deceased. Indiana has the nation's second-largest S.A.L. membership with more than 37,000 members.

There is a close connection between The American Legion Family and law enforcement officers throughout the country and in Indiana. A great many peace officers are, themselves, former soldiers and sailors and many of them

are also members of The Legion and the Sons. The very preamble to the constitutions of, both, The American Legion and the Sons of the American Legion state, among other things, that we "...associate ourselves together... to maintain law and order."

The wreath laying ceremony was presided over by Chris Carlton, Commander of the Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of Indiana. Governor Mike Pence, State Police Superintendent Doug Carter, Officers and members of the Sons, members of The American Legion Family, branches of the U.S. Armed Forces, and members of the public attended



4-H NEWS

By Stacy Brown
Martin County Purdue
Extension Educator



Upcoming Events

Project Check-in will be Wednesday, July 13 from 5-8 p.m. for perishable items. Livestock check-in (except for swine) is on Thursday, July 14 from 5-10 p.m. and Swine check-in will be on Sunday, July 17 from 8-10 p.m.

Martin County 4-H Fair Baby Show, Sunday, July 17. Registration deadline is July 13, 2016. There is a \$5 entry fee per contestant.

2016 Fair Activities

Friday, July 15
10 a.m. Sheep show in livestock arena
5 p.m. Building open to public
5p.m. to 7 p.m. Sign up for silent auction items
5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Laser Tag
6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Ader's Inflatables
6:30 p.m. Queen Contest at fairgrounds free stage; Public Dress Revue during queen contest; Music by Judith Montgomery
7 p.m. Farm Tractor Pulls, general admission \$8; children under 5 free; pit pass \$10; hillside seating, bring blankets or lawn chairs; contact Dan Wagler at 812-617-5286; parking for the night is \$1 per vehicle after 4 p.m.

Saturday, July 16

9 a.m. Building open to public
9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Tea with the Queen - \$5 per child; contact Jenny Hembree at 812-631-0231
9 a.m. Beef Show in livestock arena
11 a.m. Tug of War at the free stage
Noon Horse & Pony show in horse arena
1 p.m. Rabbit Show in livestock arena
4 p.m. Lawn Tractor Driving Contest
4 p.m. Old Time Showmanship in livestock arena
5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sign up for silent auction items
5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Laser Tag
6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Ader's Inflatables
7 p.m. Antique Tractor Pulls/Truck Pulls at grandstands; general admis-

sion \$8, children under 5 free; pit passes \$10; hillside seating, bring blankets or lawn chairs; contact Dan Wagler at 812-617-5286; parking for the night is \$1 per vehicle after 2 p.m.

Sunday, July 17

Noon Building open to public
1 p.m. Farm Bureau Games in livestock arena sponsored by Martin County Farm Bureau, Inc.

1:30 p.m. Cutest Baby Contest (registration deadline July 13; \$5 entry fee)

2 p.m. Kiddie Rodeo
4 p.m. Goat show in livestock arena
3 p.m. Kiddie Tractor Pull registration

5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sign up for silent auction items

5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Laser Tag
4 p.m. Kiddie Tractor Pull sponsored by Martin County Jr. Leaders
6 p.m. Horse & Pony show in horse arena

6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Ader's Inflatables
Free admission today

Monday, July 18

10 a.m. Poultry show
5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sign up for silent auction items

5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tethered hot air balloon rides

5 p.m. Building open to public
5 p.m. Defenders of the Faith demonstration at the fire station

5 p.m. Cookie Stacking Contest sponsored by Martin County Jr. Leaders

5 p.m. Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest sponsored by Martin County Jr. Leaders

6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Ader's Inflatables

6 p.m. Caricature Drawing sponsored by Kountry Kids Daycare

6 p.m. Swine Show in livestock arena

Free admission today

Tuesday, July 19

5 p.m. Building open to public
5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sign up for silent auction items

5:30 p.m. Supreme Showmanship in livestock arena

7 p.m. Auction in livestock arena
8-10 p.m. Release of projects

Free admission today

New Open Class Young Children Division at Fair

This year we will have a new open class young children division at the fair. This is open to children ages 3-12. Any preschools, youth camps, or youth organizations can participate. Projects are arts and crafts based and should be turned in as a group by the organization leader. Please call Stacy at 812-295-2412 for more details and project options.

4-H News

The fair is fast approaching. If you have any questions about projects, fair schedule, or event details please call the Purdue Extension Office at 812-295-2412. Remember we have poster boards, poster sleeves, and electrical kits available for sale at the office.

Like us on Facebook! Just search for Purdue Extension Martin County #PurdueExtension

We are also adding new things to our webpage, visit us at <https://extension.purdue.edu/Martin/Pages/default.aspx>

We need volunteers! If you are interested in becoming a volunteer with 4-H, please call or stop by the office.

The Mayor's Den

By Loogootee Mayor
Noel Harty

June started with Martin County Chamber of Commerce Director Carolyn Downey and I meeting with John Gootee, with Cross Pointe Studios, to discuss a program his company has in place to better promote our community. The three of us met with a couple local churches who had expressed interest in hearing more about his program. Thursday the 2nd we were excited to swear in and welcome Jim Stewart to the ranks of our city's police department. Officer Stewart comes to us from the Martin County Sheriff's Department where he served most recently as the jail commander. Following the ceremony, I went to St. Martin's Catholic Church for the funeral mass of Donald Lents. Mr. Lents served as a businessman for many years in our community and his hobbies included maintaining the cemetery at St. Martin's and being very involved in the Men's Club. In the early evening I went to the Martin County Learning Center for a grant writing workshop presented by the Martin County Community Foundation. Many attended from our community to learn the key components of receiving grant monies for various projects. Friday the 3rd, I spent most of the day in the office. Saturday the 4th began at the Blake Funeral Home for the funeral service of Buddy Bledsoe. Mr. Bledsoe was a Veteran of Foreign Wars, a basketball enthusiast, a friend to many, and very loved by his family. Following the funeral, I attended the wedding of Austin Campbell and Kylie Sims at St. John Catholic Church. Congratulations to them both as they begin their new life together.

Sunday the 5th was the West Boggs Park "Annual Parks and Sparks Car Show." A wide variety of vehicles were displayed for all to enjoy. This year, my pick was a black and yellow Corvette owned by Bill Pitts of Newberry. Monday the 6th began on a sad note at the funeral of Kent Fellers at St. John Catholic Church. Mr. Fellers worked for the Perry Water System for many years where he served as the Superintendent. Additionally, he served as a school bus driver for the Loogootee School Corporation for 16 years. I spent Tuesday, the 7th at city hall. First thing Wednesday the 8th, I headed to Old National Bank to attend the first "Shop and Taste" Planning Meeting for the upcoming 2016 October 19th event. As always, it will be at the Martin County Community Building with a large group of area businesses expected participate. Following the meeting, I met with Springs Valley Bank and Trust who plans to present at the July 11th city council meeting on a new program they may have to assist the city with financial planning. In the evening was the retirement party for Ken Macy at the Gasthof Amish Restaurant. Mr. Macy taught Spanish, government, economics, and served as the school librarian for 40 years. He also taught LHS Spanish Teacher Ronetta Bough and Barr-Reeve's High School Spanish Teacher Jordan Guinn also did his student teaching with him as well. Mr. Macy touched the lives of many throughout his career! Thursday the 9th the former Sewell Chiropractic Facility went up for bid at auction and was purchased by the Loughmiller family. Friday the 10th much of the day was spent at the office working on day-to-day operations. Monday the 13th was the monthly board of works and common council meetings which met in regular session. Highlights were a presentation by John Gootee of Cross

Pointe Studios regarding a multi-media program his company offers which markets local communities with the latest technology possible and an introduction of the 2017 salary ordinance. In the afternoon of Tuesday the 14th, Flag Day, Public Works Superintendent Bo Wilson, Assistant Mike Taylor, City Councilman Roger Downey, city volunteer Don Greene and I headed to the Dubois County 4-H Fairgrounds to pick up the stage for Summerfest. A special thank you for the help! Tuesday the 15th, I met with Nicole Bays of House Investments. House Investments is an Indiana based company which focuses in on housing needs of all. Following the meeting, I went to China Wok for the monthly Martin County Chamber of Commerce meeting. As always, many topics were discussed with the highlights being our upcoming Summerfest, the Shoals Catfish Festival, and an event to be held on September 30 and October 1st which will be known as the "Martin County Harvest Festival." The Festival will feature over 20 venues of entertainment with the "Kentucky Head Hunters" to take the main stage on the first night. After the chamber meeting, I went back to city hall to join Clerk Treasurer Nancy Jones, Public Works Superintendent Bo Wilson, Utilities Clerk Nancy Spaulding and Assistant Barb Graber in a meeting with a computer company which specializes in utility software and is based out of Kentucky. The utilities operation is currently looking into purchasing a new program as our current program is around 30 years old. Thursday the 16th kicked-off our 2016 Summerfest with the LHS Choir Department Day Camp performing under the direction of Lindsey Walton. Kuddos to the department and to all those participating in the camp. Next was the annual queen contest - always a big draw! Congratulations to Miss Summerfest Maelee Hawkins; Junior Miss Summerfest McKenna Jones; Little Miss Summerfest Marley McAtee; and Tiny Tot Sophia Toy and all of the contestants who looked so beautiful and poised. Next was the Corporate Challenge and Kendall Burch (representing Stimulus Engineering) took the honors.

I spent Friday the 17th day in the office and the evening at Summerfest. The evening opened with "Fun Guns," a local group known for their smooth music and entertaining delivery style. Following them, "The Vallures" finished off the evening. The Vallures are a Bloomington based band featuring the sounds of the 60's era summer. Saturday the 18th, began with the early morning "5k Walk and Run" and a strong crowd of runners/walkers. After the race, I went to St. John Catholic Church to assist with the funeral mass of Katherine McAtee. Mrs. McAtee was known and will be remembered for her great since of faith for both God and family. That evening was the close of Summerfest, and it began with a K-9 demonstration presented by the Martin County Sheriff's Department. The demonstration (even though I turned out to be the criminal!) was very informative and fun for both the participants and onlookers alike. Following the K9 presentation was the 5th Annual Parade celebrating those in our community who 90 years young or more. Eleven in total attended and applauded by those gathered along the road to enjoy the parade and pay their respects. After the parade, "Rheas of Life" took the stage. They are very talented Loogootee family based group

featuring music of all origins. The final venue for the fest was "Eric Brown and the L Street Band." The band featured music from many great rock groups including Indiana's own John Mellenkamp. Summerfest closed with a great grand finale fireworks display by the Ash family. Special appreciation to all who worked mostly behind the scenes to make Summerfest a success again this year and to every person who set up or helped clean up, every booth, all entertainment provided by all the talent and everyone who turned out to support and enjoy this year's Summerfest. Summerfest gets better every year and those who make it happen are far too many to mention individually. I appreciate every one of you. Monday the 20th thru Wednesday the 22nd I spent in the office. Thursday the 23rd began somberly, as I drove to St. Martin's Catholic Church for the funeral of Billie Bledsoe. Mrs. Bledsoe will be most remembered for her spiritual and loving personality which was admired by all who knew her. Friday the 24th I went to White River Co-Op for their "Fueling for Free-

Motor vehicle crash fatalities in the U.S. could drop by half with proven strategies

About 90 people die each day from motor vehicle crashes in the United States, resulting in the highest death rate among 19 high-income comparison countries. Our nation has made progress in road safety, reducing crash deaths by 31 percent from 2000 to 2013. But other high-income countries reduced crash deaths even further—by an average of 56 percent during the same period, according to the latest Vital Signs report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Lower death rates in comparison countries, as well as the high prevalence of risk factors in the U.S., suggest that we can make more progress in saving lives. Compared with other high-income countries, the US had the:

- most motor vehicle crash deaths per 100,000 population and per 10,000 registered vehicles;
- second highest percentage of deaths involving alcohol (31 percent); and
- third lowest front seat belt use (87 percent).

If the U.S. had the same motor vehicle crash death rate as Belgium—the country with the second highest death rate after the U.S.—about 12,000 fewer lives would have been lost and an estimated \$140 million in direct medical costs would have been averted in 2013. And if the U.S. had the same rate as Sweden—the country with the lowest crash death rate—about 24,000 fewer lives would have been lost and an estimated \$281 million in direct medical costs would have been averted in 2013.

"It is important to compare us not to our past but to our potential. Seeing that other high-income countries are doing better, we know we can do better too," said Debra Houry, M.D., M.P.H., director of CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. "People of our nation deserve better and safer transport."

For this Vital Signs report, CDC analyzed data compiled by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). CDC determined the number and rate of motor vehicle crash deaths in the U.S. and 19 other high-income coun-

tries and reported national seat belt use and percentage of deaths that involved alcohol-impaired driving or speeding, by country, when available. Countries included in the study were Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Each country included in the study was a member of OECD, met the World Bank's definition for high income, had a population of more than 1 million people, and reported the annual number of motor vehicle deaths and vehicle miles traveled. In addition, the difference between the country-reported motor vehicle crash death rate and the WHO-estimated rate could not exceed 1 death per 100,000 population.

"It's unacceptable for 90 people to die on our roads each day, especially when we know what works to prevent crashes, injuries, and deaths," said Erin Sauber-Schatz, Ph.D., M.P.H., transportation safety team lead, CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. "About 3,000 lives could be saved each year by increasing seat belt use to 100 percent, and up to 10,000 lives could be saved each year by eliminating alcohol-impaired driving."

The researchers recommend using seat belts in both front and rear seats, properly using car seats and booster seats for children through at least age 8, never drinking and driving, obeying speed limits, and eliminating distracted driving. In addition, states can use proven strategies to support these actions that save lives, prevent injuries, and avert crash-related costs.

CDC's Injury Center works to protect the safety of all Americans, every day. For more information about motor vehicle safety, please visit www.cdc.gov/motorvehiclesafety.

Vital Signs is a CDC report that typically appears on the first Tuesday of the month as part of the CDC journal Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report. The report provides the latest data and information on key health indicators.

National unemployment rate at 4.9 percent for June

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 287,000 in June, and the unemployment rate rose to 4.9 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week. Job growth occurred in leisure and hospitality, health care and social assistance, and financial activities. Employment also increased in information, mostly reflecting the return of workers from a strike.

Household Survey Data

The unemployment rate increased by 0.2 percentage point to 4.9 percent in June, and the number of unemployed persons increased by 347,000 to 7.8 million. These increases largely offset declines in May and brought both measures back in line with levels that had prevailed from August 2015 to April.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rates for adult women (4.5 percent) and Whites (4.4 percent) rose in June. The rates for adult men (4.5 percent), teenagers (16.0 percent), Blacks (8.6 percent), Asians (3.5 percent), and Hispanics (5.8 percent) showed little or no change.

The number of persons unemployed less than 5 weeks increased by 211,000 in June, following a decrease in the prior month. At 2.0 million, the number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) changed little in June and accounted for 25.8 percent of the unemployed.

In June, the number of job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs rose by 203,000 to 3.8 million, after a decline in May.

Both the labor force participation rate, at 62.7 percent, and the employment-population ratio, at 59.6 percent, changed little in June.

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons (sometimes referred to as involuntary part-time workers) decreased by 587,000 to 5.8 million in June, offsetting an increase in May. These individuals, who would have preferred full-time employment, were working part time because their hours had been cut back or because they were unable to find a full-time job.

In June, 1.8 million persons were marginally attached to the labor force, about unchanged from a year earlier. (The data are not seasonally adjusted.) These individuals were not in the labor force, wanted and were available for work, and had looked for a job sometime in the prior 12 months. They were not counted as unemployed because they had not searched for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey.

Among the marginally attached, there were 502,000 discouraged workers in June, down by 151,000 from a year earlier. (The data are not seasonally adjusted.) Discouraged workers are persons not currently looking for work because they believe no jobs are available for them. The remaining 1.3 million persons marginally attached to the labor force in June had not searched for work for reasons such as school attendance or family responsibilities.

Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 287,000 in June, after changing little in May (+11,000). In June, job growth occurred in leisure and hospitality, health care and social assistance, and financial activities. Employment also rose in information, largely reflecting the return of workers from a strike.

Leisure and hospitality added 59,000 jobs in June, following little employment change in the prior month. In June, employment increased in performing arts and spectator sports (+14,000), after edging down in May. Employment in food services and drinking places changed little over the month (+22,000). Job gains in leisure and hospitality have averaged 27,000 per month thus far this year, down from an average of 37,000 in 2015, reflecting slower job growth in food services and drinking places.

Health care and social assistance added 58,000 jobs in June. Health care employment increased by 39,000 over the month. Job gains occurred in ambulatory health care services (+19,000) and hospitals (+15,000), about in line with average monthly gains over the prior 12 months in each industry. Within social assistance, child day care services added 15,000 jobs in June.

Employment in financial activities rose by 16,000 in June and has risen by 163,000 over the year.

Employment in information increased by 44,000 in June. Employment rose in telecommunications (+28,000), largely reflecting the return of workers from a strike. Employment increased in motion picture and sound recording industries (+11,000), after a decrease of similar magnitude in May.

Employment in professional and business services continued to trend up in June (+38,000).

Thus far this year, the industry has added an average of 30,000 jobs per month, compared with an average monthly gain of 52,000 in 2015.

Employment in retail trade edged up by 30,000 in June, after changing little over the prior 2 months. In June, job gains occurred in general merchandise stores (+9,000) and in health and personal care stores (+5,000). Retail trade has added 313,000 jobs over the year.

Employment in mining continued to trend down in June (-6,000). Since reaching a peak in September 2014, mining has lost 211,000 jobs.

Employment in other major industries, including construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, transportation and warehousing, and government, showed little or no change in June.

In June, the average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls was 34.4 hours for the fifth consecutive month. The manufacturing workweek (40.7 hours) and manufacturing overtime (3.3 hours) were also unchanged over the month. The average workweek for production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls was unchanged at 33.6 hours.

In June, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls edged up (+2 cents) to \$25.61, following a 6-cent increase in May. Over the year, average hourly earnings have risen by 2.6 percent. Average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees increased by 4 cents to \$21.51 in June.

The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for April was revised from +123,000 to +144,000, and the change for May was revised from +38,000 to +11,000. With these revisions, employment gains in April and May combined were 6,000 less, on net, than previously reported. Over the past 3 months, job gains have averaged 147,000 per month.

Japan-based auto supplier grows production in Gibson County

Toyota Boshoku Indiana, an automotive component manufacturer, announced plans Tuesday to expand its production operations in Princeton, resulting in the creation of up to 160 new jobs. "International companies like Toyota Boshoku Indiana are helping to drive growth in Indiana's economy today," said Governor Mike Pence. "As a leading manufacturing state, Indiana is attracting global companies that need an affordable, low-tax state to build their products. That's especially true of Japanese manufacturers like Toyota Boshoku, which together provide more than 53,000 quality jobs for Hoosiers across the state. These global businesses could add jobs anywhere, but they are choosing Indiana because we have built a state that works."

The company, which is a subsidiary of Japan-based Toyota Boshoku Corporation, will invest \$10.59 million to construct and equip a 42,000-square-foot addition to its manufacturing facility at 1698 S.100 West in Princeton. With its expansion, Toyota Boshoku Indiana's operations will grow to 524,000 square feet across 57 acres and the company will begin producing vehicle seats and doors for the Toyota Highlander. Toyota Boshoku Indiana currently produces interior seat systems for the Toyota Sienna and manufactured seats for 147,620 vehicles just last year.

Toyota Boshoku Indiana currently employs more than 1,000 associates at its facility in Princeton, which is part of the company's network of more than 6,000 associates across North and South America. The company has already hired more than 115 new associates as part of its growth and plans to reach 160 new associates by the end of this year. Toyota Boshoku Indiana is currently hiring for assembly, production control and welding positions. Interested applicants may apply through the company's website at www.toyota-boshoku.com/us/recruit/index.html.

"Toyota Boshoku Indiana is committed to our community here in southern Indiana, where our strong team is helping build vehicle seats and doors for cars traveling on roads around the world," said Brian Malinao, plant president of Toyota Boshoku Indiana. "Indiana's committed manufacturing workforce, as well as our close proximity to Toyota's automotive assembly facility here in Princeton, makes this the perfect location for our global company to add these new jobs. Our team members take pride in knowing they play an important role in

making vehicles safe and comfortable for their family, friends and neighbors."

Launching operations in Indiana in 2007, Toyota Boshoku is a global automotive systems manufacturer. A member of the Toyota Group, Toyota Boshoku operates more than 90 facilities around the world, including 19 across North and South America. The company's growth in Indiana is driven in part by Toyota Motor Manufacturing Indiana's continued success in Princeton, where the company assembled more than 375,000 units of the Toyota Highlander, Highlander Hybrid, Sienna and Sequoia just last year. After consolidating Highlander production to Gibson County in 2012, TMMI has announced expansions three of the last four years.

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation offered Toyota Boshoku Indiana LLC up to \$900,000 in conditional tax credits and up to \$200,000 in training grants based on the company's job creation plans. These incentives are performance-based, meaning until Hoosiers are hired, the company is not eligible to claim incentives. Gibson County approved additional incentives at the request of the Gibson County Economic Development Corporation.

"We are very excited Toyota Boshoku Corporation in Japan targeted Gibson County with another round of capital investment and thus an expansion of their Gibson County plant," said Jeremy Overton, president of the Gibson County Council. "We realize the tax abatement valued at \$505,000 our council provided and the proposed Tax Increment Financing District, valued at \$1.4M to Toyota Boshoku, are vital for the growth of jobs and additional investment in our community. The Toyota Boshoku team, under the direction of President Brian Malinao, have become one of our county's largest and most generous employers. We thank them for their commitment to their team members and our county."

Since January 2013, 42 Japan-based companies have committed to locating or expanding their operations in Indiana, announcing plans to invest more than \$2 billion into Indiana and create 6,160 new Hoosier jobs.

As the only state that is home to three Japanese automotive assembly facilities – Subaru, Toyota and Honda – Japanese companies are responsible for more than 53,000 jobs across the state. Among all U.S. states, Indiana has the largest amount of Japanese investment per capita.

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