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Council, commissioners discuss salaries, ambulance service

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Commissioners Paul George, Cody Roush and Aaron Summers sat down with the Martin County Council at their meeting Monday night, July 11 to discuss county employee salaries. Council Members Buck Stiles and Adam Greene were not present for the meeting.

The commissioners had provided information to the council with a comparison of salaries with like-sized counties. Their main issue for that meeting was the highway department employees.

Commissioner Cody Roush said he understands there are issues with salaries for all county employees but they wanted to focus on the highway department for now.

Commissioner Aaron Summers said they have to find a way to increase morale by giving employees more money. He said they need employees to operate, and they have lost several this year due to low wages. He said they are not there to demand anything but to try to work with the council to figure out what to do.

The highway department had put in a request to increase wages by \$1 an hour for the superintendent and other employees, except for the highway clerk, which would be a 50-cent increase. And those raises would go into effect this year. It was explained that the highway department has excess funds in the MVH (Motor Vehicle Highway) fund that can be used. The total cost for a year would be \$28,440.

Council Member Barb McFeaters said she understands the money is there now, but she is concerned that it will not be there next year. She said the issue is whether the extra pay can be sustained.

Highway Clerk Terri Alcorn said they have looked at the numbers for next year and there is money available.

Commissioner Summers said they need to be able to sustain employees as well.

Council Member McFeaters asked how many operators with a CDL license the highway department currently has. Highway Superintendent Seals said they have nine with the hopes of adding a tenth. They have one part-time employee and one employee without a CDL.

Council Member Randy Winger said he is in favor of approving the raises.

Council Member Warren Albright said he is also, but they don't know now what the budget will look like for 2023. He said they may not be able to fund the tenth employee if they give the raises now and the budget ends up being less. He said he is not saying this will happen, he's just being cautious.

Highway Clerk Alcorn said the highway department has already received their revenue numbers for 2023 and they have enough money to cover both.

The council then voted to approve the raises with Council Member Albright abstaining because his son is an employee of the highway department.

Commissioner Summers said again that they are not looking for an answer regarding the rest of the county employees' salaries. He said they want to meet with department heads and see if they have extra money in their budgets that could be used.

Council Member Albright said he would like to see the ARPA (American Recovery Plan Act) funds used to give employees a stipend as was suggested a few months ago. He said this would make them feel better and it would go a long way in show-

ing the county's appreciation. He said the sheriff's department staff and now the highway employees have all received decent raises.

Commissioner Roush said they have "bigger fish to fry" and noted that the county will be losing ambulance service after next month.

Council Member Albright replied that they will have "bigger fish to fry" if more people quit due to low wages.

Commissioner Summers again said they are working on that.

Teresa Winger, with the auditor's office, provided a comparison to eight counties, some the same size and some neighboring. She said the comparison showed that Martin County is about \$9,000 less on salaries for elected officials and \$6,000-\$7,000 lower on regular employees. She said they have lost seven office and two part-time employees this year. She added that they also compared office sizes and Martin County is comparable with the number of employees in each office. She said they are looking at several areas in the budget to find funds and have also

Commissioners hear about landbank initiative, county attorney says no to ambulance purchase

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The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday night, July 12.

Greg Jones, with SIDC, talked to the commissioners about a landbank initiative. Jones said this would be a non-profit set up to take unsold properties from the delinquent tax sale, clean them up and get them back on the tax rolls. He said the landbank would also trigger code enforcement.

The board for the landbank would include representative from each county that choose to participate. The cost for the landbank would be shared between the counties who opt in. Once the properties are ready, potential buyers would submit an application for purchase with preference given to those wanting to build a home or use as rental property. He said the idea is to not have an empty lot and to help improve the lack of housing in the area.

Jones said Radius Indiana and Indiana Uplands have provided \$2.4 million for the next two years as startup money which will cover the administrative and clean-

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spoken with the financial advisor. She said it's just too soon to request any specific amounts because they are still doing research.

Commissioner Roush asked if the financial advisor had recommended a two percent raise each year. Council Member McFeaters said he did. Roush replied that he would like to see that increased to 4-5 percent. McFeaters said she didn't think it could be that much but said it could be three percent or whatever the county could afford.

Commissioner Summers said they could take the highway and sheriff's departments out of the equation since they already received raises. Commissioner Roush said he is not in favor of excluding those two departments.

Council Member McFeaters noted that the sheriff's department and auditor's office employees did also receive a stipend last year for working through COVID that no one else received.

Conversation then turned to the ambulance service. Commissioner Roush said Jeramey Osborn has been doing research to help the county with the upcoming loss of ambulance service. The current ambulance provider is losing their medical director at the end of August. A medical director is required to operate an ambulance service. It was noted that they do not foresee the current ambulance provider being able to find another hospital to serve as

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Sheriff Roush resigns

Travis Roush, in his second term and final year as Martin County Sheriff has decided to end his term early and resign effective July 20. Roush will be attending law school this fall. Roush said in a statement, "Waiting to attend law school until the fall of 2023 was not a pragmatic option. Though my term will statutorily end on December 31, 2022, it is with a heavy heart that I tender my resignation."

Roush and his family will be moving from Martin County however he noted that it may not be a permanent departure. "My family's heart will always call Martin County our home," he said.

Caucus for sheriff to be held July 27

The Martin County Republican Party will be holding a party caucus at 6 PM on Wednesday, July 27, at 6 p.m. in the commissioners' room of the Martin County Courthouse in Shoals. The purpose of the caucus is to elect an individual to the Martin County Sheriff position. The position will be open due to the resignation of Travis Roush effective July 20, 2022.

Any individual interested in the position will need to submit a (CEB-5) State Form 47729. The form can be obtained from the Martin County Clerk's office in Shoals, from party Vice Chairman David Smith (812-296-7397), or party Chairman Mildred Brown (812-639-7733). The CEB-5 form must be given to Chairman Brown no later than 72 hours before the caucus meeting on July 27 at 6 p.m. Absolutely no exceptions to this rule. Late forms will not be accepted.

Please contact either Smith or Brown if you have questions concerning this matter. IC 3-13-11-12 will be in effect during this vacancy.



New museum seating

-Photos provided

The Martin County Historical Society received a grant from Hoosier Uplands so the Shoals High School Shop Class could make four new benches and repair two benches in front of the museum. They also poured a concrete pad to create a seating area. The four benches are made of steel and composite boards and were constructed by Lance Asbell. Helping to prep and pour the concrete were Darrin Jones, Kaeden Baesel, Dalton Roush, and Dave Roush. The historical society wants to thank shop teacher Ben Kent for teaching these students.



4-H Fair starts Friday

The Martin County 4-H Fair starts this Friday, July 15 and runs through Tuesday, July 19. See the full schedule on page 8.

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the director.

They have met with Jasper Memorial Hospital, Daviess Community Hospital, and IU Health. The current cost for ambulance service for the county is \$210,000. Getting something new set up is going to increase that to around \$500,000, they predict.

Osborn said they are currently waiting for Daviess Community Hospital to talk to their board, but they and Jasper Memorial are interested in helping in some way.

Osborn said the other option would be to have the county start their own ambulance service with one of the hospitals as a sponsor. He said the cost of salaries would be close to that \$500,000 but the county would also get reimbursed from insurance companies and self-pay which wouldn't be the case if another hospital ran the service. He said this would not pay for the service but would help. He added that the county would also have to purchase and equip their own ambulances. The cost of a new ambulance is \$250,000.

Osborn said buying an ambulance and equipping it would also help the county when it comes to working with the hospitals. He said that is one cost they would not have to incur which could lower the cost of annual service. He said he found a used ambulance in New York, a 2008 with 43,000 miles, for \$44,000.

Osborn was asked if he would be the one to run the service if the county started their own. He replied that he is just doing the research and legwork to help get something going for the county and it would be up to the commissioners on who would run the service. Osborn was asked what his experience is with ambulance service. Osborn said he used to be the ambulance director at Memorial Hospital.

Council Member Randy Wininger said this is a lot to accomplish in such a short time.

It was suggested that ARPA funds be used to purchase the ambulance and any other costs associated.

Commissioner George said they are looking to the council for direction.

Council Member Albright said they have to do something however he is not sure the county owning their own service would be the best idea. He said they

cannot pay the wages needed to keep the staff.

"The worst thing you can have is a county without an ambulance," said Council Member Wininger.

Council Member McFeaters said her only concern would be if it doesn't work out with one of the hospitals, then the county already purchased this ambulance.

Commissioner Roush replied that something has to work out because if it doesn't, they will not have ambulance service. Osborn noted that the ambulance could easily be resold also.

The council agreed to pay for the ambulance in New York and cover Osborn's costs to pick it up. Osborn noted that he would be taking a mechanic with him to make sure it was a sound vehicle before making the purchase.

The council also asked if Osborn could do some research to find stretchers and other items needed to equip the ambulance. Osborn said he will see what he can find.

In other business, the council approved \$15,000 to pay for an ADA and Title 6 implementation plan for the highway department, as is required by INDOT. The money would come from the MVH fund.

They also approved \$1,500 to go toward bridge signs. Highway Clerk Alcorn said they are now required, by INDOT, to have more detailed signage on bridges concerning weight, etc. for emergency vehicles. The total cost of the signs is around \$4,000 but the highway department has some of the money.

The council also approved additional appropriations of \$30,000 for culverts and \$25,000 for gas/diesel, from the MVH fund.

They also approved transferring \$2,000 to civil defense from a grant they received from Duke Energy to purchase radios. Andy Ringwald, with civil defense, said the grant will not cover the complete cost but they do have some money available to pay the rest.

Sheriff Travis Roush reported they currently have 66 inmates in the jail with 32 of them from Vigo County.

The council will be moving their August meeting due to a court case where the commissioners' room will be used. It will be held Monday, August 8 at 6 p.m.

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up costs, along with title clearance. They hope to get 16-20 properties back on the tax rolls with all participating counties in that time frame. After that, he said, each city, town and county would be asked to put in funds that he expects not to exceed \$25,000. They will also get the money back into the non-profit each time a property is sold.

Jones is asking that each county put in \$5,000 for the next two years as a buy-in to be part of the landbank group. He has talked to two other counties so far, Greene and Daviess, who have both opted in.

All three commissioners seemed on board to be a part of the initiative. They requested time to go over the material Jones provided and will give him an answer soon.

Jones said he drives around Martin County and there is definitely a need for this initiative. The commissioners agreed.

County Attorney Dave Lett suggested the commissioners speak to the council as well, before opting in.

Jones said after the two years, the county can opt out of the landbank if they do not see any benefit.

Auditor Michelle Norris said the county has around 31-37 delinquent properties right now. Jones compared that to Lawrence County that has 150. It was noted that the county owns some unimproved parcels that were never sold during past tax sales that could be a part of the landbank.

On the subject of ambulance service, Attorney Lett said he talked to the current ambulance director, Steve McClure, and Good Samaritan will serve as medical director for the ambulance service only until August 22, 2022. Lett said McClure is talking to other hospitals along with an organization in Indianapolis to come up with a resolution to find a medical sponsor.

Commissioner Paul George replied that they, the commissioners, cannot just do nothing until August 22 to see if he finds a sponsor.

Lett said McClure will keep them advised on his progress, but he cautioned the commissioners against taking too many steps toward an alternative solution. He said the current ambulance service has a

contract with the county and they are still in compliance with that contract.

Commissioner Aaron Summers said his concern is if they wait until August 22 to do something, it would be too late.

Commissioner Cody Roush agreed asking when exactly they were supposed to be in "panic mode". He said McClure isn't any closer to having a director now.

Commissioner George said they have already talked to area hospitals and are already working to come up with a solution. He said they also already discussed with the council purchasing an ambulance. "I'm in panic mode," said George. Commissioner Roush agreed and said he would prefer to be prepared than to not be.

Lett asked the commissioners if they would be willing to meet with McClure.

The commissioners seemed reluctant and said they have done that before, and it didn't go well.

Jeramey Osborn, who was in the audience, asked when exactly McClure informed the county that he was losing his medical sponsor.

Commissioner George replied that he never told them. Attorney Lett said it was in May. George replied that this was after Osborn had told them about McClure losing the medical sponsor and then they called him to inquire.

Commissioner Roush said he doesn't want to leave the county without ambulance service and the current service has been on a downward trend. Commissioner Summers said having another county send an ambulance to a Martin County call would be a serious issue when it comes to timing. Summers said he is willing to talk to McClure, but it needs to happen very soon. Commissioner Roush agreed.

Lett said he would talk to the commissioners after the meeting to get an executive meeting scheduled with McClure.

Commissioner Roush said he still wants to purchase the ambulance that was discussed at the previous night's county council meeting. Commissioner George said he does too.

Attorney Lett said they couldn't vote on purchasing the ambulance. He told the commissioners that he is sorry he is being difficult, but this is the first he is hearing of the ambulance, and he wants time to (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 3)

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OBITUARIES

MICHAEL MATTINGLY

Michael J. Mattingly 73 of Mooresville, passed away on July 10, 2022, at his home, surrounded by his family.



He was born August 18, 1948, in Washington; son of the late Norbert Mattingly and Virginia (Schultz) Mattingly.

Michael was united in marriage with Brenda D. (Arvin) on November 25, 1967 and were married over 54 years. Together they had two sons, Tony and Mark.

Michael began his career with the government in 1974 at Naval Avionics Warfare Center as a heating and air conditioning mechanic. After holding various other positions, he transferred to Crane where he worked as the Comptroller for the Crane Naval Surface Warfare Center, until his retirement in 2005.

Michael enjoyed golfing, camping, and traveling to their favorite spots of Lake Dogwood, Arizona and Panama Beach, Florida. He was a long-time parishioner of St Thomas More Catholic Church in Mooresville, where he was a 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus. He was also a member of the Moose Lodge.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by a sister, Sue Nahler.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Brenda D. Mattingly; sons, Tony Mattingly and Mark Mattingly; grandson, Jacob Mattingly; brothers, John Mattingly, Norbert Mattingly, Jim Mattingly, Bill Mattingly, Ernie Mattingly, Alan Mattingly, Chris Mattingly, Guy Mattingly; and a sister, Marilyn Colvin.

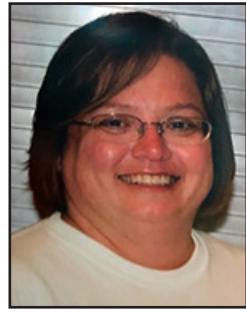
Family and friends will gather to celebrate Michael's life on Wednesday, July 13 from 4-8 p.m. at Carlisle Branson Funeral Service & Crematory, Mooresville. Additional visitation will be held on Thursday, July 14 from 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. at the funeral home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday, July 14 at 11 a.m. at St Thomas More Catholic Church, 1200 N. Indiana Street, Mooresville, IN 46158. His wishes were to be cremated following the services.

Memorial contributions are encouraged to be made in Michael's memory to the Alzheimer's Association of Central Indiana, 50 91st St #100, Indianapolis, IN 46240 <https://www.alz.org/indiana> or to the St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 1200 N Indiana St, Mooresville, IN 46158, <https://www.stm-church.org/>.

Visit www.CarlisleBranson.com to share a favorite memory or to sign the online guest registry.

BETH GRABER

Beth Graber passed away Friday, July 8, 2022, at her home. A resident of Montgomery, she was 53.



She was born April 28, 1969, in Washington; daughter of Clyde Bauer and Sylvia (Roach) Stafford.

Beth married Bret Neal Graber on July 31, 1992 and were married for nearly 30 years.

Beth attended Alfordsville Elementary School, Barr-Reeve Elementary and Veale Elementary. She graduated from Washington High School in 1987. She then graduated from Oakland City University in 1992 with a degree in accounting. Beth worked for 10 years in billing for Durable Medical Equipment at Williams Brothers Health Care.

She was a member of Bethany Christian Church. She loved to support the children's ministry. From kid's church to children's plays, Beth was there to support her church family. Beth was a great supporter of her children's sports and activities and all the children her husband, Bret, coached throughout the years.

Beth was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Gilbert and Garnetta Roach; paternal grandparents, Frank and Elizabeth Bauer; cousin, Amy Critchlow; stepbrother, Brent Stafford; step-nephew, Jordan Johnson; and her mother-in-law and father-in-law, Noah and Candy Graber.

She is survived by her husband, Bret Graber; children, Trey (Hillary) Graber, Destiny (Tim) Stines and Charity Cissell; grandchildren, Tyler, Emmalynn, Jaxson, Isaiah, Joshua, Nehemiah, Johanna and Gracelyn; special grandchildren, Konner, Aubrey, Tinslee, Haxhi and Charlee; parents, Sylvia (Larry) Stafford and

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look over the specifics of the purchase.

Commissioner George asked if Lett could look it over soon. Lett said he could try.

George said they will speak to Lett after the meeting, but they still plan to move forward with getting something done. He said McClure put the county in an unfair position with losing the medical sponsor and leaving little time for action.

In other business, the commissioners approved spending \$24,419 in ARPA (American Recovery Plan Act) funds to pay the remaining balance on a walk-in freezer addition to the jail. Commissioner George said the jail is currently using chest freezers and the new walk-in freezer will provide more energy efficiency and also a dry storage area. The total cost of the freezer is \$47,269 but the sheriff's department received a grant for \$22,850.

Commissioner George read Sheriff Travis Roush's resignation letter and thanked him for his service to the county. Roush is leaving office on July 20. The commissioners also approved giving Roush a surplus sign that was in front of the courthouse and his service weapon.

The commissioners appointed Chief Deputy Josh Greene to take over as sheriff for the week after Roush leaves until the republican caucus on July 27.

Attorney Lett read a letter from NSWC Crane stating they will be doing ammunition testing for three days starting August 16. He also received a letter from INDOT that they will be replacing a culvert on Highway 50, east of Stiles Road, in the winter of 2024. The road will be closed with detours through Highway 150 and State Road 37. The commissioners have 30 days to object to the work planned.

Clyde (Deborah) Bauer; sister, Kathy Bauer; stepsiblings, Jillene (Doug Denney) Johnson, Sarah (Justin) Browning, Grant (Brandee) Stafford, Stephanie Stamer, and Elizabeth (Neil) Graber; special nieces and nephews, Brandy (Cory) Jewett, Nathan (Lizzy) Ramaj and Thomas Graber; brothers-in-law, Mike (Alyce) Graber, Scott Graber and Mark (Amy) Graber.

Funeral services were held this morning, Wednesday, July 13 at Bethany Christian Church in Washington. Burial followed in Bethany Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Bethany Christian Church Children Ministry or the Travis Burkhardt Foundation.

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

Blake and Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery is honored to serve the family of Beth Graber.

JAMES ANDIS

James C. Andis passed away at 4:25 p.m. Tuesday, July 5, 2022. A resident of Springville, he was 74.

He was born November 6, 1947, in Lawrence County; son of Curtis and Bertha (Blake) Andis.

He retired from NWSC Crane where he worked in the water treatment facility. He loved farming and watching his grandchildren.

Survivors include children, Amber Andis of Mitchell, Jammie (Ed) Mundy, Kimberly (Roger) Pierce, and Leslie (Reuben) Murr, all of Bedford; Jennifer Dotson of Bloomington, and Justin (Whitney) Andis of Shoals; 15 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; a brother, David (Susie) Andis; three sisters, Janet Morrow, Teresa Turner, and Barbara (Bill) Perry; and several nieces, nephews

and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Susan Andis; a brother, Michael Andis; and two sisters, Donna Meadows and Janice Kern.

Cremation was chosen. Family and friends may express condolences at www.daycarter.com.

LYDIA KNEPP

Lydia Knepp entered into rest on Wednesday, July 6, 2022. A resident of Montgomery, she was 97.

She was born January 12, 1925; daughter of Jonas and Catherine (Yoder) Wagler. She married Harvey Knepp, on August 29, 1943, and he preceded her in death.

Lydia was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harvey Knepp; parents, Jonas and Catherine Wagler; two sons, Fred and Jonas; one daughter-in-law, Edna Knepp; son-in-law, Steve Marner; one brother, Amos Wagler; four sisters, Maggie, Sarah, Elizabeth and Mary; three grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Surviving are five sons, Jacob, Wilmer, Marvin, Rueben and Enos and eight daughters, Sarah Catherine Stoll, Lillie Mae Knepp, Alta Marie Wagler, Eva Sue Everett, Esther Stoll, Rosa Stoll, Sylvia Eicher and Ruth Wagler. Lydia is also survived by one sister, Martha Lengacher, one sister-in-law, Martha Wagler, 89 grandchildren, 367 great-grandchildren, and 69 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 9, at the family residence in Montgomery. Burial followed in Stoll Cemetery. Blake & Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery is honored to serve the family of Lydia Knepp.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, JULY 4

12:37 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person east of Shoals. Captain Reed responded.

10:50 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

11:05 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

12:42 p.m. - Received a call concerning an animal. AC Deputy Hughett was notified.

2:34 p.m. - Received a report of a utility pole and trees down northeast of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

2:39 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver southeast of Shoals. Deputy Hawkins responded.

2:49 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

3:01 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver east of Loogootee. Chief Means was notified.

3:03 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting hay on fire. Call was transferred to Daviess County.

3:08 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver in Loogootee. Chief Means was notified.

3:26 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Deputy Hawkins, Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

7:19 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a verbal domestic dispute southwest of Shoals. Deputy Hawkins, Loogootee Officer Sims and Martin County EMS responded. No one was transported.

7:34 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Good Samaritan in Vincennes.

7:43 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

8:06 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

10:35 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident south of Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

10:39 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver east of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims was notified.

TUESDAY, JULY 5

10:37 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:17 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Officer Wells responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

1:23 p.m. - Received a report of possible stolen merchandise in Loogootee. Loogootee Police were advised.

1:32 p.m. - Deputy Hawkins transported one inmate to court.

2:03 p.m. - Deputy Hawkins transported three inmates to court.

2:16 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Officer Wells responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

6:49 p.m. - Received a call advising of stolen property being found. Deputy Flanagan responded.

8:50 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County EMS, Loogootee Fire Department and Loogootee Officer Sims responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:30 p.m. - Received a request for a

welfare check southeast of Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

10:58 p.m. - Received a report of a commercial alarm going off in Loogootee. Loogootee Police were advised.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

1:21 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

2:10 a.m. - Received multiple calls of a possible fire on the Crane base. Crane was notified. Martin County advised no assistance was needed at this time.

3:47 a.m. - Received a harassment complaint. Captain Reed was notified.

4:07 a.m. - Received a report of property damage in Shoals. Captain Reed responded.

5:28 a.m. - Received a report of cows in the roadway north of Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

5:31 a.m. - Received multiple calls reporting cows north of Loogootee. Advised Captain Reed.

7:24 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:57 a.m. - Received a report of a road closure south of Loogootee.

9:40 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle inspection check southeast of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson was notified.

10:01 a.m. - Corporal Wells took two inmates to court.

11:10 a.m. - Received a report of a scam call southeast of Shoals.

12:29 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:19 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a semi about to lose its load heading south of Loogootee. Loogootee Police and Indiana State Police were notified.

1:32 p.m. - Corporal Wells transported one inmate to court.

6:32 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down southeast of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department responded.

7:16 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Crane. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

9:25 p.m. - Received a report of a tree limb on the road north of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

11:46 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Transferred call to Daviess County.

THURSDAY, JULY 7

6:12 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

8:57 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene and Major Keller were notified.

10:00 a.m. - Deputy Flanagan transported one inmate to court.

10:26 a.m. - Received a 911 call from Daviess County. Transferred to Daviess County.

10:48 a.m. - Received a call reporting a fire alarm in Loogootee. The owner was advised, and he advised to disregard.

10:50 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Police were advised.

2:02 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

2:10 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious individual in Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

2:25 p.m. - Deputy Flanagan transported one inmate to court.

2:55 p.m. - Deputy Flanagan transport-

ed one inmate to court.

3:22 p.m. - Received a report of a possible traffic hazard north of Loogootee. Major Keller was advised.

3:26 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle with no lights east of Shoals. Major Keller and Lawrence County were advised.

4:49 p.m. - Received a 911 call at a Daviess County address. Transferred call to Daviess County.

7:20 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check north of Shoals. Corporal Wells responded.

10:48 p.m. - Received a 911 call advising of gunshots southwest of Shoals. Corporal Wells was notified.

FRIDAY, JULY 8

12:08 a.m. - Received a report of suspicious activity in Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

3:08 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan was notified.

5:13 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

5:39 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down southwest of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

6:39 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident south of Loogootee. Major Keller responded.

8:18 a.m. - Received a request for a VIN check in Loogootee. Major Keller responded.

9:31 a.m. - Received a report of a residential burglar alarm north of Loogootee. Major Keller responded.

10:28 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

10:40 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. Indian Creek Fire Department and INDOT were notified.

11:36 a.m. - Received a 911 call at a Daviess County address. Transferred call to Daviess County.

12:03 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting a lift assist southeast of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

12:03 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported one person to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:55 p.m. - Received a report of trees down south of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department was contacted.

12:56 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Corporal Wells responded.

1:14 p.m. - Received a report of an accident northeast of Shoals. Contacted Lawrence County.

1:18 p.m. - Received a report of damaged vehicle east of Shoals. Major Keller and Corporal Wells responded.

1:48 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department was contacted.

2:30 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department was contacted.

3:28 p.m. - Received a request for a VIN check south of Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan was notified.

5:14 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan responded.

5:27 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Shoals. Deputy Flanagan was notified.

6:56 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a vehicle accident northeast of

Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

7:05 p.m. - Received reports of ATVs on the road east of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan and Deputy Long responded.

7:10 p.m. - Received a request for a VIN check in Shoals. Deputy Long was notified.

7:26 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance northeast of Shoals. Loogootee Chief Means, Deputy Flanagan and Martin County EMS responded. Martin County EMS transported one person to IU Health Bedford.

8:48 p.m. - Received an animal complaint northeast of Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

9:04 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Deputy Flanagan, Deputy Long, Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

10:33 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a burglary in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means and Deputy Long responded.

10:40 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Loogootee. Deputy Long responded.

SATURDAY, JULY 9

1:17 a.m. - Received a 911 call at a Daviess County address. Transferred call to Daviess County.

4:23 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. Deputy Long and Shoals Fire Department responded.

6:06 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

7:00 a.m. - Received a call reporting an accident west of Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan responded.

9:43 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

10:15 a.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check. Deputy Flanagan responded.

10:17 a.m. - Received an animal complaint southwest of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

1:21 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident northeast of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan, ISP Trooper Lents and Shoals Fire Department responded.

2:18 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Contacted Dubois County.

2:21 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute east of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan and ISP Trooper Lents responded.

4:00 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver west of Loogootee. All Martin County law enforcement was notified.

4:12 p.m. - Received a report of a traffic hazard in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Rayhill and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

4:16 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a suspicious person northeast of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan, ISP Trooper Lents and ICO Fuhrman responded.

5:34 p.m. - Received multiple calls reporting an accident south of Shoals. Loogootee Chief Means, Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

6:18 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver south of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan, Loogootee Chief Means and CO Fuhrman responded.

6:28 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

6:37 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

8:28 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

8:51 p.m. - Received a 911 call re-

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COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCING

June 29

Victoria Ann Janssen, convicted of possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 10 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served plus 1 Class A credit day.

June 30

Amy R. Moffitt, convicted of visiting a common nuisance- controlled substances, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 180 days with 180 days suspended. Defendant received 6 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

June 29

Elton Britt Sipes, dealing in a schedule I controlled substance, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

Jason Wade Smoot, driving while suspended, prior conviction within 10 years, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Victoria Ann Janssen, reckless driving,

a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

June 30

Amy R. Moffitt, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Misty L. Martinez-Cruz, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

June 29

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Heather Evans, civil collection.

OneMain Financial Group, LLC vs. Seth Noble, civil collection.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

June 30

Jerry Eli Anderson Burris of Loogootee and Dawn Marie Allen of Loogootee.

James D. Walls of Shoals and Lisa Jolene Baker of Shoals.

ARRESTS

THURSDAY, JULY 17

2:41 p.m. - Gregory Machmer, 36, was arrested by Corporal Wells and charged with possession of meth, possession of a firearm by a domestic batterer x6, possession of paraphernalia and maintaining a common nuisance. He is being held without bond.

SATURDAY, JULY 9

3:19 p.m. - Jason Warren was arrested by Deputy Flanagan and charged with intimidation with a deadly weapon. He is being held without bond.

6:15 p.m. - Vernon Chastain, 60, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Flanagan and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of paraphernalia, and possession of marijuana. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

7:12 p.m. - Mackenzie Carty, 30, of Paoli, was arrested by Loogootee Chief Means and charged with theft, obstruct-

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questing an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded.

9:42 p.m. -Received request for an ambulance in Shoals. Deputy Flanagan, Martin County EMS, Loogootee Chief Means, ICO Fuhrman responded. Martin County EMS transported one person to Daviess Community Hospital.

11:54 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means and Deputy Long responded.

SUNDAY, JULY 10

3:06 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported one person to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:44 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means, Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported one person to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:10 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident south of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan was notified.

12:27 p.m. - Received a request for a VIN check in Shoals. Sergeant Gibson was notified.

5:40 p.m. - Received a call requesting a deputy east of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson responded.

6:03 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:47 p.m. - Received a report of ATVs on the road east of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson was notified.

ing a firefighter, and resisting law enforcement. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

SUNDAY, JULY 10

11:49 a.m. - Andrew Masterson, 30, was arrested by Deputy Flanagan and charged with possession of meth, marijuana, paraphernalia, possession of narcotics and driving while suspended. He is being held on 15,000 10% bond.

9:35 p.m. - Damon Meek, 29, of Shoals, was arrested on a Martin County Warrant. He is being held without bond.

Real estate transfers

Monroe Terry, Sr.; Monroe Terry, Jr.; and Wayne Eugene Terry, of Martin County, Indiana to **Monroe F. Terry, Sr. and Carolyn F. Terry**, co-trustees of The Monroe E. Terry, Sr. and Carolyn F. Terry Revocable Living Trust, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of Section 16, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana.

Michael D. Walls and Sherri L. Walls, of Lawrence County, Indiana to **Megan R. Crays**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 1, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 4.059 acres, more or less.

Westgate Eight, LLC to Solomon Westgate Holdings, LLC, a part of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 6, Township 5 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana. More commonly known as 27648 Westgate Circle, Crane IN 47522.

Westgate @ Crane Development Company, LLC to Solomon Westgate Holdings, LLC, a part of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 6, Township 5 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana.



Legion grant

-Photo provided

Shown above is MCCF Board Member Jenell Hoffman presenting a MCCF \$500 Make My Day to American Legion Post 61 representative Chrystal Maschino. This Make My Day grant is going toward the Junior Shooting Sports Program at the American Legion. With this program, youth are not only taught gun safety and marksmanship, but also personal qualities of confidence, controlling emotions, learning to manage disappointment (such as not hitting the target or doing so well in a shooting match), dealing with stress, etc. The youth participate in several state shoots and have often done pretty well. It takes them to cities around the state and they have the opportunity to meet people of varying backgrounds and experiences.

Special clinic for back-to-school shots

The start of a new school year is almost here. Students in kindergarten, grade 6, grade 12 and college students may need immunizations before they can begin classes in August. Students in all grades need to get the Hepatitis A vaccine if they have not already received it.

The Martin County Health Department will be holding a walk-in clinic for back-to-school shots on Tuesday, July 19. Clinic hours will be 8:30 a.m.-noon and 12:30-5 p.m. This special one-day clinic is the only time an appointment is not required for immunizations.

Regular summer clinic hours are from 8:30 a.m.-noon and 12:30-6 p.m. by appointment only on the following dates:

Wednesday, July 20

Wednesday, July 27

Wednesday, August 3

The health department office is located at 127 Water Street, Shoals. The Martin County Health Department is contracted with VaxCare and can bill most insurance companies that pay for vaccines. The patient must bring their insurance card, or no vaccines can be given on that day. The health department can vaccinate children on Medicaid, the uninsured and those who have insurance that does not pay for vaccines through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. Please bring a copy of your child's immunization record with you.

If you have questions about immunizations, you can contact your child's doctor or call the health department at 812-247-3303.



SPACIOUS HISTORICAL HOME: This 5 BR, 2 bath home located on 3 lots boasts beautiful woodwork, built-ins, gorgeous chandeliers, Pergo flooring throughout, main level BR & laundry, partial unfinished basement, large attic, roomy front porch, and 3-car det garage. \$259,900. Call Noel. MLS#202225337

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



An old lady offers the bus driver some peanuts . . . so the driver happily munches them.

Every five minutes she gives him a handful more peanuts.

Driver: Why don't you eat them yourself?

Old Lady: I can't chew. Look, I have no teeth.

Driver: Then why do you buy them?

Old Lady: Oh, I just love the chocolate around them.

INTERESTING SIGNS:

1. Sign in a shoe repair shop: We will heel you
We will save your sole
We will even dye for you.
2. Sign over a gynecologist's office: "Dr. Jones, at your cervix."
3. In a podiatrist's office: "Time wounds all heels."
4. On a septic tank truck: Yesterday's Meals on Wheels
5. At an optometrist's office: "If you don't see what you're looking for, You've come to the right place."
6. On a plumber's truck: "We repair what your husband fixed."
7. On another plumber's truck: "Don't sleep with a drip. Call your plumber."
8. At a tire shop in Milwaukee: "Invite us to your next blowout."
9. On an electrician's truck: "Let us remove your shorts."
10. In a non-smoking area: "If we see smoke, we will assume you are on fire and will take appropriate action."
11. On a maternity room door: "Push. Push. Push."
12. At a car dealership: "The best way to get back on your feet - miss a car payment."
13. Outside a muffler shop: "No appointment necessary. We hear you coming."
14. In a veterinarian's waiting room: "Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!"
15. At the electric company: "We would be delighted if you send in your payment on time. However, if you don't, YOU will be de-lighted."
16. In a restaurant window: "Don't stand there and be hungry;

come on in and get fed up."

17. In the front yard of a funeral home: "Drive carefully. We'll wait."

18. At a propane filling station: "Thank Heaven for little grills."

19. In a Chicago radiator shop: "Best place in town to take a leak."

20. And the best one for last. . . ; Sign on the back of another septic tank truck:

"Caution - This Truck is full of Political Promises"

BAD NEWS: You cannot make people like, love, understand, validate, accept, or be nice to you. You can't control them either.

GOOD NEWS: It doesn't matter.

Make someone smile today!

ANIMAL SHELTER

Pet of the Week



HEATHER (top photo) is a one-year-old female shepherd mix. She is very sweet but very puppy like - high energy. **BROCK** (bottom photo) is a male German Shepherd, around a year old. High energy, very sweet. Adoption fee is \$100 for each dog. For more info or to apply to adopt, visit www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org.

Shoals School Board meeting
The Shoals School Board will meet Thursday, July 14 at 6 p.m. in the central administration office. The meeting is open to the public.

Jones Reunion
The 49th Annual Jones Family Reunion for descendants of James and Rachel (Gallagher) Jones will be held Saturday, August 13 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern time) at the Martin County Community Building, 2668 US Highway 50, Loogootee, IN 47553 (located on the Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds, two miles east of Loogootee on Highway 50). The building will open at 11 a.m. with lunch at noon (Eastern Daylight time). Please bring a covered dish. Plates, tableware, napkins, tea, lemonade, coffee, and hand sanitizer will be furnished. Participants may bring family heirlooms, genealogy records, pictures, etc. for display as well as an item to be included in the silent auction.

LUMC Food Pantry
The Loogootee United Methodist Church Food Pantry is open every Thursday (except the fourth Thursday) from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Mental Health Task Force
The Martin County Mental Health Task Force meets via Zoom. If interested in being a part of the tax force, email echristmas@youthfirst.org or toddamy@iu.edu.

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

St. Vincent Food Pantry
The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, on Park Street in Loogootee, is open the fourth Thursday of the month except November and December when they are open the third Thursday. The hours are 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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



BY DARLA WAGLER
Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The summer reading program ends on July 15 and all points will need to be turned in by July 16 and winners will be announced on Monday, July 18. There were 105 kids and 79 adults that attended the Dino Encounters program. It was sponsored by Doug Arvin.

Addison Moore won Sera the Triceratops stuffed dinosaur.

New Books:
Mystery: "Iced" by Felix Francis and "Chrysalis" by Lincoln Child,
Fiction: "The Best is yet to Come" by Debbie Macomber and "Remember Love" by Mary Balogh.

Inspirational Fiction: "Edge of Dusk" by Colleen Coble.

Children: "There Was An Old Scientist Who Swallowed A Dinosaur" by Lucille Colandro and Kobee Manatee Heading to Florida" by Robert Scott Thayer.

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

American Legion Post 120
CHICKEN BBQ LUNCH
Saturday, July 16
11 a.m.-sold out
At the Legion in downtown Loogootee
Price \$10.00
Chicken and Two Sides
Dine In or Carry out
812-295-2085
All proceeds to go to purchase cemetery flags for Memorial Day.

NERF WAR

FREE!! Sunday, July 24 **FOOD PROVIDED**
3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Loogootee Faith Fellowship
13111 Hwy. 231, Loogootee

Some games do involve water.
Nerf War, Human Battleship, Kiddie Splash area, and more.
Fun things to do for the whole family!



Much-needed rain came to Southern Indiana last week. Brown lawns greened and gardens put on some lush growth. Unfortunately, the weeds also took off. The new growth also seems to give gardeners a reason to garden. It is a time for planning the fall garden.

The spring lettuce and cole crops are likely finished and those beds may now be cleared. You may also begin some planting among crops that are growing toward maturity. Leafy greens, such as kale, mustard and oriental greens may be planted in the spaces between peppers, corn or other crops. The leafy greens will grow quickly, but the shade of the larger crops will offer some protection from the sun. In turn, the greens will become a living mulch for the existing crop.

Root crops also do well when planted in late summer. The cooler weather that will come with the fall will slow bolting. I like to plant such crops as turnips and radishes a little closer than one would normally. Thinning them later will allow you to use the thinnings as micro-greens, thus giving the remaining crops room to develop healthy roots.

Another advantage to growing such crops in the late summer and fall is that the life cycles of their pests will be out of sync. Infestations of cabbage worms are less common in the fall, so there is less damage to the cole crops. I have also noticed fewer bean beetles on legume crops. There is still plenty of growing season for another crop of beans and peas. Snow peas may be especially sweet when they mature in the cooler weather of autumn.

In the ornamental garden, there is plenty of work to do. Traditionally, mid-July is the time to take cuttings of azaleas and rhododendrons to root for propagation. Cut back to a leaf joint and put the stem in water immediately. A bed of moistened peat moss or coir makes a good starting medium. Use a slightly larger stick to

make a hole for the stems you wish to start. Pour some powered or gel rooting hormone into a shallow dish. Dip the stems into the hormone and put them in the holes that have been prepared, being careful not to rake the hormone off the stems. Once in the hole, press the area around the stem to make sure the stem has good contact with the soil. Place your tray of cuttings into a plastic tent to hold in the humidity. Check them often for moisture and water as needed. After a month or so, the roots should be forming. You may check for roots by gently tugging on a stem to see if it is easily pulled out. Once the stems have rooted, they may be potted up individually to allow them to grow into new shrubs. Not all the stems will successfully root, but you should get several new plants for increasing your rhododendron collection.

By late summer, many of the summer annuals begin to be ragged. A second planting of zinnias, marigolds, cosmos and other annuals will have plenty of time to mature and bloom before the first frost. Our early frost date is October 10, but in recent years, we have remained frost-free until much later, sometimes well into November. Seeds for annuals are now on sale, so it will not cost much to try fall annuals. I like to mix the seeds into a container of moistened compost and then sift the compost through my fingers into areas where the early flowers are beginning to thin. This is especially easy to do where lilies grown. As the lily foliage dies, the new foliage of the annuals will hide the holes and will bring flowers for the garden late in the season. Since these are annuals, they will have no effect on the lily bulbs, which wait underground to send next year's growth up after the required winter cooling period.

With a little planning and some work, you may reap food and beauty from a garden for much longer. There is still plenty of growing time.

Monroe Lake celebrates National Moth Week

Monroe Lake will host a series of programs from July 23-31 to celebrate National Moth Week.

The highlight is Saturday, July 23, when Sawyer Scheid, an amateur entomologist, invites you to drop by to observe his ongoing insect survey work at the lake's Fairfax State Recreation Area (SRA). He will be at the Big Oak shelter from 8 p.m. until midnight with a lighting setup to draw in moths and other insects and also will have his personal collection of silk moths on display.

Monroe Lake naturalist Jill Vance will offer a virtual program on Facebook Live on Thursday, July 28 at 11:30 a.m. This kid-friendly presentation will explore the differences between butterflies and moths and include some easy and fun ways to observe moths in your backyard. The program streams at facebook.com/monroelake and will be available there afterward if you miss the live presentation or want to watch it again.

On Saturday, July 30, the naturalist will be "sugaring" for moths from 9:15 to 10:15 p.m. in the Deer Run playground and shelter area at the lake's Paynetown SRA. You can drop by to learn more about this method of attracting moths and see what species have been drawn in.

Moth-themed craft activities for children also will be offered at Paynetown SRA throughout the week: Magnificent Moths from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and Rosy Maple Moth Greeting Cards from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on July 23; Yarn Doll Luna Moths from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on July 27; Majestic Moths

from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on July 30; and Moth Masks from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on July 31.

Program details are listed at bit.ly/mothweek2022. Questions should be directed to the Paynetown Activity Center at 812-837-9967 or jvance@dnr.IN.gov.

All National Moth Week activities on site are included with property admission.

Share your observations of wild turkey hens and their young with DNR

You can help the DNR learn more about Indiana's wild turkey populations by reporting wild turkey broods you see through August 31.

Each summer, wildlife biologists and volunteers from across Indiana conduct brood surveys, counting the number of turkey hens with or without broods to estimate how many young turkeys live through the summer. Summer brood survival is one of the primary factors influencing wild turkey population trends in various regions of the state and informs the DNR's wild turkey management.

This year the DNR aims to collect 3,000 reports across the state and get at least 25 reports per county. The DNR received enough reports last year to complete an analysis of wild turkey production by region and hopes to have enough reports to do so again.

You can report your observations at on.IN.gov/turkeybrood. For more information about wild turkey biology and management, see on.IN.gov/turkey.

Soil conservation on an upward trend in Indiana

According to a recent conservation survey, Indiana farmers planted an estimated 1.5 million acres of overwinter living covers in the late fall of 2021, matching the record 1.5 million acres planted in 2020, according to the Indiana State Department of Agriculture.

Overwintering living covers (i.e. - cover crops and small grains, like wheat) are known for their environmental benefits. Cover crops and small grains help increase organic matter in the soil and improve overall soil health by adding living roots to the soil additional months out of the year. Cover crops also improve water infiltration into the soil, while other covers, like legumes serve as natural fertilizers. The 1.5 million acres of living covers planted sequestered an amount of soil organic carbon that is the equivalent of 819,941 tons of CO₂.

Although the conservation transect does not differentiate between cover crops and small grains, Indiana farmers typically plant fewer than 300,000 acres of small grains annually, so cover crops vastly dominate the 1.5 million estimated acres. Except for corn and soybeans, cover crops are planted on more acres than any other commodity crop in Indiana. Cover crops are typically planted in the fall after harvest and are utilized to protect the soil and keep roots in the ground throughout the winter, which improves soil health and helps filter water runoff.

The conservation transect is a visual survey of cropland in the state. It was conducted between March and April 2022 by members of the Indiana Conservation Partnership, including the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Indiana State Department of Agriculture, Indiana's Soil and Water Conservation Districts and Purdue Extension, as well as Earth Team volunteers, to show a more complete story of the state's conservation efforts.

"By increasing our cover crop practices each year, we are ensuring that we provide healthier soil for the next generation," said Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch, the Indiana Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "I am proud of the collaborative efforts being done by our farmers and leaders in Indiana agriculture."

As a result of the cover crops and other overwintering covers planted last year, it is estimated that 2.1 million tons of sediment was prevented from entering Indiana's waterways, which is enough sediment to fill more than 597 Olympic-size swimming pools. Overwintering covers also prevented 5.1 million pounds of nitrogen and over 2.5 million pounds of phosphorus from entering Indiana's waterways.

The conservation survey also showed that about 70 percent of farmed acres were not tilled, and 18 percent of farmed acres had employed reduced tillage after the 2021 harvest. This early spring survey is

not intended to quantify pre-planting tillage.

"Indiana farmers continue to help lead the way through their dedication to conservation farming," said Jerry Raynor, state conservationist for USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service in Indiana. "The work being done by farmers throughout the state to promote soil health through no-till farming and the planting of cover crops will have positive impacts for generations to come. We are committed to continuing to help farmers help the land through financial assistance and free conservation technical assistance as they implement these practices and more to help conserve this vital resource."

Indiana State Department of Agriculture Director Bruce Kettler is excited to see what the future holds for soil conservation in Indiana.

"As recent surveys have proved, soil conservation remains an integral part of how Hoosier farmers care for their land and the work they do," said Kettler. "With this increasing trend of cover crop acres and soil health, future generations are in trustworthy hands."

Kurt Theurer is one of the many farmers throughout Indiana seeing the benefits of no-till farming paired with cover crops. Theurer farms 1,650 acres in Jay County, Indiana, evenly split between corn and soybeans. He has no-till farmed and planted cover crops on approximately 400 of his acres for more than a decade and transitioned the remaining acres after he started farming them five years ago. Theurer started cover cropping by testing a small plot with oats. After seeing an immediate impact, he planted his entire farm in cover the next season.

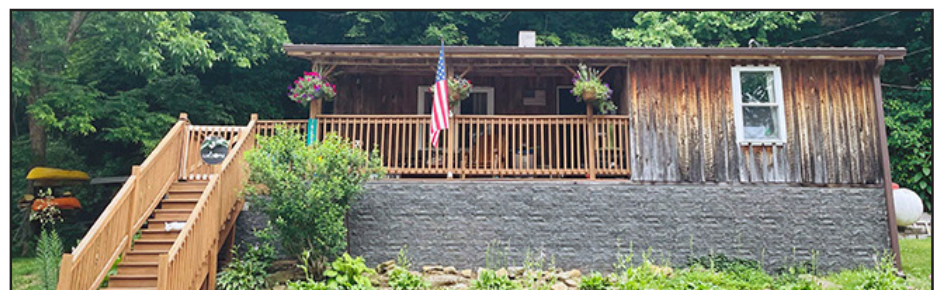
He is also the Jay County Soil and Water Conservation District Board Chairman and has implemented a nutrient and pest management plan on his land with assistance from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

"I did a small trial at my home farm and the weeds that I had, the resistant weeds, just went from crazy to barely any after I ran a cover crop," Theurer said. "The next spring, that soil was just a whole totally different soil type. You could tell in the field the next spring right where we quit our oats."

"We're starting to get a lot of earthworms again," he continued. "We're starting to get a lot of root penetration down through our hardpans with all our cover crops. And my organic material that I'm building, I was only at like 1.5 percent organic material when I started and I'm like 2.5-3 percent now. So, I feel that I'm working in the right direction."

Visit isda.in.gov to see the results from the survey. To visit the Indiana Conservation Data Hub visit www.in.gov/isda/divisions/soil-conservation/data-hub/.

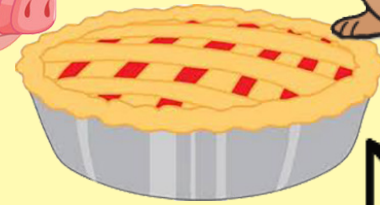
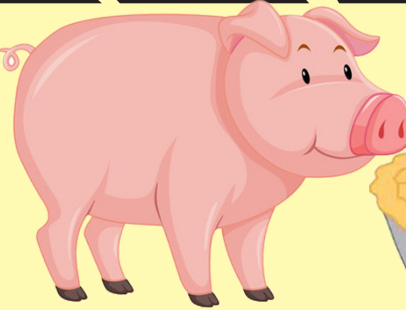
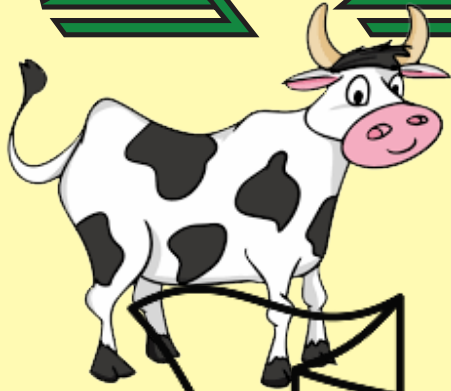
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Martin County

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**Friday, July 15-
Tuesday, July 19**

Friday, July 15

3 pm: Cat Show
5 pm: Building and Vendors open to the public
5 pm: Silent Auction sign up in 4-H Building
5 pm-7 pm: Antique Tractor Show
6 pm-9 pm: Carnival Games
6:30 pm: Queen Contest at Free Stage
(During the queen contest, there will be a public fashion revue & mini sewing members)
Zephyr Van Moor: Half hour after the queen contest

Saturday, July 16

9 am: Building Open to the Public
9 am: Beef show in Livestock Arena
9 am: Horse show in Horse Arena
10 am: Mud Volleyball
1 pm: Rabbit show in Livestock Arena
3:30 pm: All Tractor Driving Exhibition & Open Course
5 pm: Silent Auction sign up in 4-H Building
5:30 pm: Poultry Show in Poultry Barn
6 pm-9 pm: Carnival Games

Sunday, July 17

1 pm: Building open to the public
2 pm: Farm Bureau games in Livestock Arena
2:30 pm: Registration for Corn Hole Tournament
3:30 pm: Corn Hole Tournament
3:30 pm: Registration for Kiddie Tractor Pull
4 pm: Shooting Sports Demo
4 pm: Shoals Robotics/Legos
4:30 pm: Kiddie Tractor Pull
5 pm: Gospel Singing at Free Stage
5 pm: Silent Auction sign up in 4-H Building
6 pm: Baby Show
6 pm: Goat/Sheep Show in Livestock Arena
6 pm-9 pm: Carnival Games
6 pm: Emergency Services Showcase

Monday, July 18

5 pm: Building open to the public
5 pm: Oreo Stacking & Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest
5 pm: Silent Auction sign up in 4-H Building
6 pm: Pie Baking Contest
6 pm: Swine Show in Livestock Arena

Tuesday, July 19

5 pm: Building open to the public
5 pm: Silent Auction sign up in 4-H Building (until 6:30)
5:30 pm: Supreme Showmanship in Livestock Arena
7 pm: 10 year & Last Year Member Recognition in Livestock Arena
7 pm: Winners of the Silent Auction released
7 pm: Projects released
7:30 pm: Livestock Auction in Livestock Arena

**Come out and
support the
Martin County 4-H!**

National unemployment stays at 3.6 percent for June

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 372,000 in June, and the unemployment rate remained at 3.6 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Notable job gains occurred in professional and business services, leisure and hospitality, and health care.

This news release presents statistics from two monthly surveys. The household survey measures labor force status, including unemployment, by demographic characteristics.

The establishment survey measures nonfarm employment, hours, and earnings by industry.

Household Survey Data

The unemployment rate was 3.6 percent for the fourth month in a row, and the number of unemployed persons was essentially unchanged at 5.9 million in June. These measures are little different from their values in February 2020 (3.5 percent and 5.7 million, respectively), prior to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rate for Asians increased to 3.0 percent in June. The jobless rates for adult men (3.3 percent), adult women (3.3 percent), teenagers (11.0 percent), Whites (3.3 percent), Blacks (5.8 percent), and Hispanics (4.3 percent) showed little or no change over the month.

Among the unemployed, both the number of permanent job losers, at 1.3 million in June, and the number of persons on temporary layoff, at 827,000, changed little over the month. These measures are little different from their values in February 2020.

In June, the number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) was essentially unchanged at 1.3 million. This measure is 215,000 higher than in February 2020. The long-term unemployed accounted for 22.6 percent of all unemployed persons in June.

The labor force participation rate, at 62.2 percent, and the employment-population ratio, at 59.9 percent, were little changed over the month. Both measures remain below their February 2020 values (63.4 percent and 61.2 percent, respectively).

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons declined by 707,000 to 3.6 million in June and is below its February 2020 level of 4.4 million. These individuals, who would have preferred full-time employment, were working part time because their hours had been reduced or they were unable to find full-time jobs.

The number of persons not in the labor force who currently want a job was essentially unchanged at 5.7 million in June. This measure is above its February 2020 level of 5.0 million. These individuals were not counted as unemployed because they were not actively looking for work during the 4 weeks preceding the survey or were unavailable to take a job.

Among those not in the labor force who wanted a job, the number of persons marginally attached to the labor force, at 1.5 million, was essentially unchanged in June. These individuals wanted and were available for work and had looked for a job sometime in the prior 12 months but had not looked for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey. Discouraged workers, a subset of the marginally attached who believed that no jobs were available for them, numbered 364,000 in June, little changed from the prior month.

Household Survey Supplemental Data

In June, 7.1 percent of employed persons teleworked because of the coronavirus pandemic, down from 7.4 percent in the prior month. These data refer to employed persons who teleworked or worked at home for pay at some point in the 4 weeks preceding the survey specifically because of the pandemic.

In June, 2.1 million persons reported

that they had been unable to work because their employer closed or lost business due to the pandemic--that is, they did not work at all or worked fewer hours at some point in the 4 weeks preceding the survey due to the pandemic. This measure is up from 1.8 million in the previous month. Among those who reported in June that they were unable to work because of pandemic-related closures or lost business, 24.8 percent received at least some pay from their employer for the hours not worked, little different from the previous month.

Among those not in the labor force in June, 610,000 persons were prevented from looking for work due to the pandemic, up from 455,000 in the prior month. (To be counted as unemployed, by definition, individuals must be either actively looking for work or on temporary layoff.)

These supplemental data come from questions added to the household survey beginning in May 2020 to help gauge the effects of the pandemic on the labor market. The data are not seasonally adjusted. Tables with estimates from the supplemental questions for all months are available online at www.bls.gov/cps/effects-of-the-coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic.htm.

Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 372,000 in June, in line with the average monthly gain over the prior 3 months (+383,000). In June, notable job growth occurred in professional and business services, leisure and hospitality, and health care.

Total nonfarm employment is down by 524,000, or 0.3 percent, from its pre-pandemic level in February 2020. Private-sector employment has recovered the net job losses due to the pandemic and is 140,000 higher than in February 2020, while government employment is 664,000 lower.

Employment in professional and business services continued to grow, with an increase of 74,000 in June. Within the industry, job growth occurred in management of companies and enterprises (+12,000), computer systems design and related services (+10,000), office administrative services (+8,000), and scientific research and development services (+6,000). Employment in professional and business services is 880,000 higher than in February 2020.

In June, leisure and hospitality added 67,000 jobs, as growth continued in food services and drinking places (+41,000). However, employment in leisure and hospitality is down by 1.3 million, or 7.8 percent, since February 2020.

Employment in health care rose by 57,000 in June, including gains in ambulatory health care services (+28,000), hospitals (+21,000), and nursing and residential care facilities (+8,000).

Employment in health care overall is below its February 2020 level by 176,000, or 1.1 percent.

In June, transportation and warehousing added 36,000 jobs. Employment rose in warehousing and storage (+18,000) and air transportation (+8,000). Employment in transportation and warehousing is 759,000 above its February 2020 level.

Employment in manufacturing increased by 29,000 in June and has returned to its February 2020 level.

Information added 25,000 jobs in June, including a gain of 9,000 jobs in publishing industries, except Internet. Employment in information is 105,000 higher than in February 2020.

In June, employment in social assistance rose by 21,000. Employment continued to trend up in child day care services (+11,000) and in individual and family services (+10,000). Employment in social assistance is down by 87,000, or 2.0 percent, since February 2020.

Wholesale trade added 16,000 jobs in June, including 8,000 in nondurable

goods. Employment in wholesale trade is down by 18,000, or 0.3 percent, since February 2020.

Mining employment rose by 5,000 in June, with a gain in oil and gas extraction (+2,000). Mining employment is 86,000 above a recent low in February 2021.

Employment showed little change over the month in other major industries, including construction, retail trade, financial activities, other services, and government.

In June, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls rose by 10

cents, or 0.3 percent, to \$32.08. Over the past 12 months, average hourly earnings have increased by 5.1 percent. In June, average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees rose by 13 cents, or 0.5 percent, to \$27.45.

The average workweek for all employ-

ees on private nonfarm payrolls held at 34.5 hours in June.

In manufacturing, the average workweek for all employees was little changed at 40.3 hours, and overtime fell by 0.1 hour to 3.2 hours. The average workweek for production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls remained at 34.0 hours.

The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for April was revised down by 68,000, from +436,000 to +368,000, and the change for May was revised down by 6,000, from +390,000 to +384,000. With these revisions, employment in April and May combined is 74,000 lower than previously reported.

(Monthly revisions result from additional reports received from businesses and government agencies since the last published estimates and from the recalculation of seasonal factors.)

Alumni banquet reunites old friends

The 2022 Annual Loogootee Schools Alumni Banquet, Saturday, July 30 is shaping up to be a very special event. A couple of very talented and gifted 1981 Loogootee High School graduates will play a large part in this year's event. It's not every year, they have a respected author introducing and presenting the 2022 Loogootee Schools Outstanding Alumnus award to a world-renowned conductor. But they do this year. Dick Larkin, author of 'Sell with Love' and Patrick Summers, this year's recipient of the award grew up together as best friends in Loogootee. The two are tied together in the following excerpt from Dick Larkin's book, 'Sell with Love', published in 2018.

"Should you follow your passion or learn to love your work?"

Patrick Summers was my best friend when we were kids in a one-stoplight town in a two-stoplight county in rural Southern Indiana.

In Loogootee, Indiana where basketball was the main religion, Pat fell in love with opera.

He pursued his passion.

I didn't say he followed it. I said he pursued it.

He would arise at 5 a.m. and practice the piano for three hours before going to 7th grade classes at the public junior high school. On his own volition at the age of 12, he was up before dawn practicing the fundamentals. He even mastered the vibraphone in the high school band, playing with two or more hammers in each hand.

The relentless pursuit of his passion.

On weekends, his parents drove him 50 miles on a winding, two-lane highway to Indiana University in Bloomington to receive lessons from music professors. On Saturday nights, he played the piano in Hillie's in Washington, Indiana. The manager pushed the piano from the bar into the restaurant because Pat was too young to sit in the bar. Billy Joel was singing Piano Man, and Pat was living it.

Today, he's the Artistic and Music Director of the Houston Grand Opera and



Principal Visiting Conductor of the San Francisco Opera. A dozen years ago he was listed in the Wall Street Journal as one of the highest paid conductors in the country. He's won a Grammy and received an honorary Doctorate of Music from Indiana University Jacobs School of Music. He's at the top of his game, and he keeps going higher.

When Pat and I were graduating high school in 1981, he told me he was going to Indiana University to study music. I advised him to pursue something that would provide stable employment because how on earth could he earn a living doing opera? Thank God he didn't listen to my terrible advice.

Should YOU follow YOUR passion?

No!

What are the odds that a kid from Loogootee, Indiana would become one of the most celebrated conductors of his generation?

There's a lesson here.

Don't follow your passion.

Pursue it with every fiber of your being.

If you're not willing to outwork, out hustle, and hold yourself to an impossible high standard, you should relentlessly pursue your passion, because anything else will be a waste of your gift."

If you are an alumnus of Loogootee or St. John schools, please consider joining us for this very special evening. Send your name, year of graduation and school, along with \$25 per person to:

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