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Commissioners hear about gas, diesel spill on Hwy. 150

The Martin County Commissioners met Wednesday, July 18. Commissioners present were Paul R. George, Dan J. Gregory and Kevin R. Boyd. Also attending were Auditor Bobbie Abel, Attorney J. David Lett, Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett, Terri Alcorn, Highway Clerk; Andy Ringwald, Civil Defense; and Kathy Lagenour.

Andy Ringwald addressed the commissioners in regards to the tractor trailer that overturned on Highway 150. He stated approximately 4,000 gallons of gas/diesel mix leaked out and the recovery team retrieved 300 to 400 gallons. The gasoline did not reach Lost River. The recovery team placed an underflow damn that will continue to be monitored.

Ringwald also told the commissioners that the Lynnville meetings will be reduced to four times a year.

Auditor Abel presented bids for pest control at the courthouse. Terminix didn't respond. Action Pest Control bid came in at \$65 per month, Patoka Pest Control's bid came in at \$64 per month with the pricing good through 2019. A brief discussion followed with Commissioner Boyd making the motion to give the contract to Action Pest Control with a second by Commissioner Gregory. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Loogootee Library gets USDA loan for \$1.1 million

Assistant to the Secretary for Rural Development Anne Hazlett, on Monday, announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is investing \$17.4 million in 41 projects (https://www.rd.usda.gov/files/USDARD_CF-DirectLoansNRChart07_23_18.pdf) that will provide essential services for rural communities in 22 states.

"Rural America represents a wealth of opportunity – from farms to tourism, forestry, mining and manufacturing," Hazlett said. "At USDA, our mission is to be a catalyst to bring those opportunities to life – whether building infrastructure, helping communities to attract jobs, accessing additional capital, or improving the quality of life in these towns."

USDA is making the investments through the Community Facilities Direct Loan Program. The funding helps rural areas purchase, construct or improve essential facilities. An essential community facility is one that provides a necessary service for the orderly development or operation of a rural community, such as schools, libraries, health care facilities, day care centers and infrastructure improvements. For example:

The Loogootee Public Library in Loogootee, Indiana, will use a \$1.1 million loan to construct a new public library for the 5,853 residents of Rutherford and Perry townships. The current 3,000-square-foot library is too small and lacks sufficient space for meeting rooms, research, special

Leo Padgett, highway superintendent, submitted his two-week work schedule. He updated the commissioners on road repairs. The contract for HWC which was approved June 5, 2018 was signed by the commissioners. An update was made on the requirements for the Community Crossings Grant. A discussion resumed on other (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 2)

Candidacy for school board opens today

The first day to file a petition for candidacy for school board is July 25, 2018. The last day to file is August 24, 2018 at noon.

The following will appear on the November 6, 2018 ballot:

In Loogootee, District 1, currently held by Scott Hall; District 2, currently held by Chad Wade; and District 3, currently held by Brent Courter.

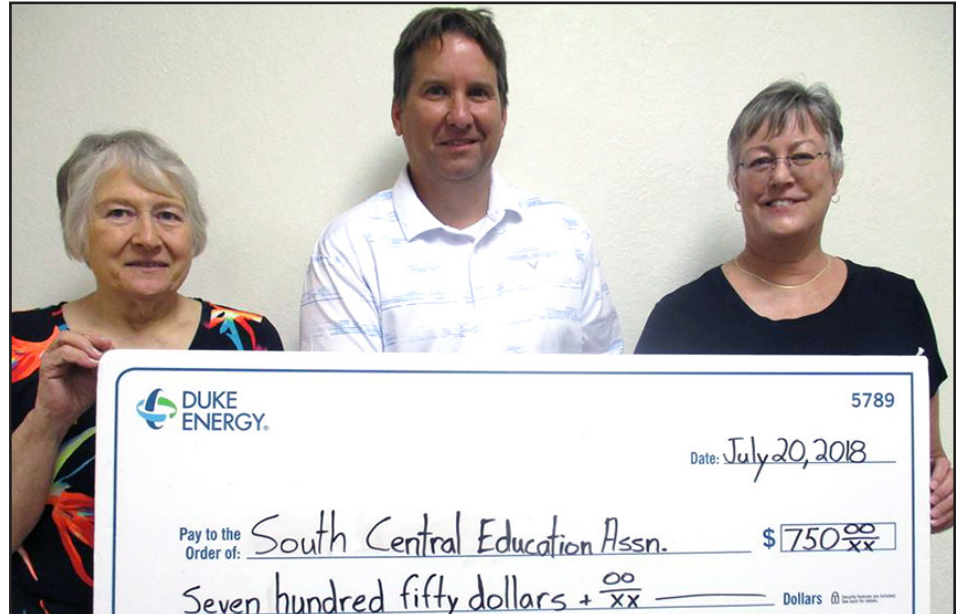
In Shoals, District 1, currently held by Diana Ragsdale; and District 4, currently held by Eva George.

You can pick up paperwork needed to file petition at the Martin County Clerk's Office. If you have any questions regarding school board offices, would like to check registration or request an application to vote absentee by mail, you can call the Martin County Clerk's Office at 812-247-3651.

projects or computer connections. The upgraded facility, 8,388 square feet, will give schools in the area another resource for their students.

United Community Health Center, Inc. in Storm Lake, Iowa, is receiving a \$1.9 million loan to renovate and expand a health center serving approximately 4,000 people. The current facility lacks adequate exam rooms and sufficient space for the staff to operate at peak efficiency. The expanded number of exam rooms will improve the flow of business by allowing the staff to clean rooms and collect patient information prior to the physician's consultation. United has also increased its behavioral health services and needs additional treatment space, especially for patients who misuse opioids or other substances.

The Springerville Municipal Property Corporation in Springerville, Arizona, is receiving a \$350,000 loan and a \$50,000 grant to purchase a commercial property. The 47,045-square-foot parcel contains a building on Main Street with 10,919 square feet. It will house the police and fire departments. Currently, the two departments are in different locations, and their work spaces are not sufficient for staff and equipment. Co-locating the departments will allow the town to save money on utility and maintenance costs. The loan and grant will serve residents in Apache County, which is one of the (See 'LIBRARY' continued on page 3)



Duke donates to Martin County HSE testing sites

-Photo provided

Pictured is Kurt Phegley, Duke Energy Government & Community Relations Manager, presenting a check to support HSE (formerly GED) testing sites in Martin County. Since the testing centers opened, 22 candidates from seven counties have taken the High School Equivalency exam (formerly the GED test) at the Martin County Community Learning Center and Martin County Security Center. Anyone interested in preparing for the HSE exam can go to WorkOne to sign up for adult education classes and take a pre-test to learn what they need to study for the exam. Anyone interested in one-on-one tutoring in reading, writing, math, work/life skills, and HSE prep can call or text 812-709-1618 to contact Karen Slaven, SOAR Program Director. Also pictured is Karen Whorrall, SOAR Vice President and long-time tutor, and Beverly McIntosh, HSE Test Examiner.

Martin County's jobless rate up to 3.1 percent in June

Martin County's unemployment rate rose from 2.6 percent in May to 3.1 percent in June. The county had the 17th lowest jobless rate in the state for June, tied with eight other counties.

In June, the county had 5,349 residents in the workforce with 165 of them unemployed. In May, there were 5,310 residents able to work and 137 of them without jobs. In June of 2017, Martin County's unemployment rate was 2.9 percent with 5,286 residents in the workforce and 155 of them unemployed.

Daviess County's jobless rate also went up from 2.6 percent in May to 3.1 percent in June. The county had the 17th lowest unemployment rate in the state for June, tied with eight other counties.

In June, the county had 16,494 residents in the workforce with 505 of them unemployed. In May, there were 16,527 residents able to work and 425 of them without jobs. In June of last year, Daviess County's unemployment rate was 2.7 percent with 16,274 residents in the workforce and 445 of them unemployed.

Dubois County's jobless rate bumped from 2.3 percent in May to 2.7 percent in June. The county had the second lowest jobless rate in the state for June, tied with Elkhart County.

In June, the county had 24,108 residents in the workforce with 659 of them unemployed. In May, there were 23,849 residents able to work and 560 of them jobless. In June of 2017, Dubois County's unemployment rate was 2.6 percent with 23,975 residents in the workforce and 625 of them unemployed.

Greene County's unemployment rate also went up, from 4 percent in May to 4.7 percent in June. The county had the sixth highest jobless rate in the state for June, tied with Vigo County.

In June, the county had 13,487 residents in the workforce with 634 of them unemployed. In May, there were 13,544 residents able to work and 544 of them were without jobs. In June of last year, Greene County's unemployment rate was 4.6 percent with 13,598 residents able to work and 632 of them were unemployed.

The top ten spots in the state for the lowest jobless rate for June were LaGrange County at 2.6 percent, Dubois and Elkhart counties at 2.7 percent, Steuben, Bartholomew, and Adams counties at 2.8 percent; and White, Kosciusko, Hamilton and Clinton counties at 2.9 percent.

The top ten spots in the state for the highest jobless rate for June were Vermillion County at 5.6 percent, Fayette County at 5.1 percent, Lake and Sullivan counties at 5 percent, Owen County at 4.9 percent, Greene and Vigo counties at 4.7 percent, LaPorte and Monroe counties at 4.4 percent, and Grant and Starke counties at 4.3 percent.

Indiana's unemployment rate stands at 3.3 percent for June and remains lower than the national rate of 4.0 percent. With the exception of one month when it was equal (October 2014), Indiana's unemployment rate now has been below the U.S. rate for more than four years. The monthly unemployment rate is a U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) indicator that reflects (See 'RATE' continued on page 2)

Angel Lange awarded position of Honorary Lt. Colonel

Indiana Conservation Officers are reporting that Robert "Angel" Lange, of Vincennes, has been awarded the position of Honorary Lt. Colonel with the Indiana DNR Law Enforcement Division.

Angel has been a licensed state and federal wildlife rehabilitator for more than 25 years. It is estimated he has cared for over 1,500 animals and birds during that time with a success rate of releasing animals back into the wild at over ninety percent.

Criteria to be considered for this award includes a civilian who has significant lifetime contributions that have shaped the integrity and professionalism of the Department of Natural Resources.

Throughout the years Angel has participated in numerous public appearances with media, school groups and outdoor clubs educating people about wildlife and how to properly care for them if they are sick, injured or orphaned. He routinely handles calls or complaints to help citizens.

Countless hours and personal finances have been dedicated to the care of Indiana's wildlife. Some of the animals that have been to his facility include deer, coyote, raccoon, squirrels, foxes, bobcats, rabbits, opossum and numerous birds of prey. Recently Angel has seen three bald eagles in his care returned back into the wild or located in a zoo.

Past awards Angel has received include a Heroism Award from the Post Office in 1990, Outstanding Service Award from the Department of Natural Resources in 2000 and Vincennes Ci-



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Angel Lange is shown in the middle, above, with conservation officers from district 7, receiving his Honorary Lt. Colonel title. From left to right are Keirsten Forbey, Joe Haywood, Angel Lange, Duane Englert, Kenny Tincher and Shane Cooper.

vitan Club Citizen of the year award in 2016.

Angel was a student of Pat Jennings who taught Conservation Law at Vincennes University for more than 30



years and who was the first ever recipient of the Honorary Lt. Colonel Award. This is only the sixth time in the division's history this position has been awarded.

COMMISSIONERS

(Continued from page one) issues with county roads and the repairs being made to county equipment. Bids submitted by Milestone and EB Paving were opened and placed under advisement. Commissioner Gregory asked for the highway department's financial statement to be available at the next commissioners' meeting.

Kathy Lagenour had previously made a request to close the unimproved county road that led to her property. Attorney Lett presented an

agreement to both Ms. Lagenour and the commissioners to sign and the resolution to close the unimproved and abandoned road from Emmons Ridge Road and through her property in Lost River Township. A motion was made by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Gregory and all were in favor.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m. with a motion made by Commissioner Boyd and seconded by Commissioner George.

RATE

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the number of unemployed people seeking employment within the prior four weeks as a percentage of the labor force.

Indiana's labor force had a net increase of 14,948 over the previous month. This was a result of a 3,785 increase in unemployed residents and an increase of 11,163 employed residents. Indiana's total labor force, which includes both Hoosiers employed and those seeking employment, stands at 3.36 million, and the state's 64.6 percent labor force participation rate remains above the national rate of 62.9 percent (through June 2018) and the BLS Midwest States' average rate of 62.6 percent (through May 2018).

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

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

Employment by Sector Private sector employment has grown by more than 16,600 over the year, and has decreased by 2,500 over the previous month, primarily due to losses in the Private Educational & Health Services (-2,700) and the Other (-2,000), which includes Mining and Logging, IT and Other Services, sectors. Losses were partially offset by gains in the Manufacturing (1,600) and the Financial Activities (900) sectors. Total private employment stands at 2,699,000 and is 10,100 above the December 2017 peak.

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MARY FOWLER

Mary Elizabeth Fowler passed away at 11:10 p.m. Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at her home. A resident of Loogootee, she was 92.

She was born August 6, 1925 in Kentland, Indiana; daughter of the late Martin and Vera (Littlejohn) Tuberty.

She married William Fowler June 9, 1949 and he preceded her in death in 2001.

She was a registered nurse for 40 plus years and enjoyed taking care of others. She was a member of the Nurs-

ing Corp. during World War II.

Mary loved playing cards and bingo, volunteering on the election board and singing at local nursing homes. She was member of St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church for 50 years and St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. While an active member of St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church she participated in the Altar and Rosary Society.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Fowler and her brother, Charles Tuberty.

She is survived by her children, Julie (Larry) Sutton of Loogootee, Jan-

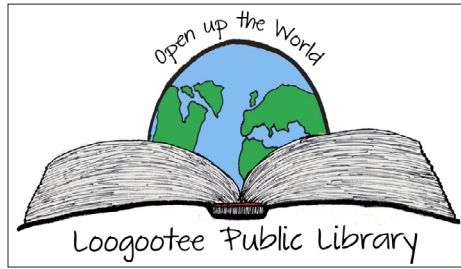
ice Jestes of Cookeville, Tennessee; Jane (Gib) Fugate of West Lafayette, Chuck (Sandy) Fowler of Noblesville, Joyce (Wendell) Haywood of Sebring, Florida and Jennifer (Darin) Butler of Shoals; grandchildren, Angie (Jeff) Brookshire, Mark (Andi) Sutton, Brian (Amanda) Sutton, Stephanie (Chris) Vise, Rachel (Willie) Smith, Ronnie (April) Jestes, Andy (Leanna) Jestes, Mellisa (Greg) Dobson, Michael (Lesley) Conn, Tyler Conn, Brant (Miale) Fowler, Sara (Joel) Pacheco, Seth (Missy) Haywood, Kayla Butler and Kaden Butler; 27 great-grandchildren,

five great-great-grandchildren; sister, Theresa Logan of Francisville and many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker and concelebrant, Rev. Joseph Erbacher on Saturday, July 21 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial followed in St. Peter and Paul Catholic Cemetery in Goodland, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Helping Hearts Hospice.

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



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

This is the last week for the summer reading program; Friday will Bingo for Books at Loogootee Elementary from 9:30-10:30 for ages 3 and up and Saturday is a Book Walk at 9 a.m. at West Boggs Lake for kids ages 3 and up with a parent. Prizes will be awarded next week. Interim Children's Librarian Jen Zehr will be leaving to fly home to Texas soon so stop by on Tuesday, July 31 to tell her goodbye. She did a wonderful job with the summer reading program.

Julie Lagree will be doing Movin Monkeys on Mondays from 10:15-11:00 starting on August 6, at St. John's Center.

On Saturday, July 28, 2018, there will be a Bake Sale fundraiser in front of the IGA from 8 a.m.-noon. There will be homemade jellies, pies, cookies, and breads. All proceeds go toward the new library.

New Books:

Mystery: "The Other Woman" by Daniel Silva and "Double Blind" by Iris Johansen.

Fiction: "Cottage by the Sea" by Debbie Macomber.

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



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Pool awards

Lifeguards at the Loogootee City Pool recently received awards for saving the life of a young girl who was drowning. From left to right are Trinity Howell, Rachel Robinson, Luke Reed, Pool Manager Lisa Renee Donnersberger, Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty, Karoline Tedrow, Conner Hedrick, and Bryant Eckerle.

LIBRARY

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poorest in the state.

The projects that are being announced will help improve the quality of life for more than 220,000 rural residents in Alabama, Arizona, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, North Dakota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Virginia and Washington.

More than 100 types of projects are eligible for USDA Community Facilities funding. Eligible applicants include municipalities, public bodies, nonprofit organizations and federally and state-recognized Native American tribes. Applicants and projects must be in rural areas with a population of 20,000 or less. Loan amounts have ranged from \$10,000 to \$165 million.

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Omnibus

spending bill increased the budget for the Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant program to \$2.8 billion, up \$200 million from FY 2017.

In April 2017, President Donald J. Trump established the Interagency Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity to identify legislative, regulatory and policy changes that could promote agriculture and prosperity in rural communities. In January 2018, Secretary Perdue presented the Task Force's findings to President Trump. These findings included 31 recommendations to align the federal government with state, local and tribal governments to take advantage of opportunities that exist in rural America. Increasing investments in rural infrastructure is a key recommendation of the task force.

For more information, visit www.rd.usda.gov.



Thank You!

Thank you to the people of Martin County for the great times at the Loogootee Summerfest, Sheriff's Office Jeep Ride, Shoals Catfish Festival, and Martin County 4-H Fair.

I am proud to be a part of such a wonderful community and I really appreciate all the people that contributed.

I look forward to meeting even more of you as I begin campaigning door to door.

Once again, thank you!

-Aureola Wright

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, JULY 16

6:05 a.m. - Deputy Wright assisted a motorist with a vehicle lockout in Loogootee.

8:00 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Major Burkhardt and Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

9:05 a.m. - Major Burkhardt performed two vehicle identification checks near Shoals.

11:34 a.m. - Received a report of suspicious activity in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

12:14 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

12:25 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

1:09 p.m. - Received a report of a broken-down semi on US 150, east of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

2:05 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal control Officer Hughett responded.

2:14 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

3:30 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris and Major Burkhardt responded.

6:41 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

8:53 p.m. - Deputy Wright assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock in Loogootee.

11:04 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on US 50, west of Shoals. Deputy Wright and Shoals Fire responded.

TUESDAY, JULY 17

4:24 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

9:12 a.m. - Major Burkhardt performed a vehicle identification check north of Shoals.

10:05 a.m. - Loogootee Chief Rayhill performed a vehicle identification check in Loogootee.

12:00 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Crane. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

2:44 p.m. - Received a report of debris in the highway on US 50, west of Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded.

4:17 p.m. - Received a report of damage to a vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

8:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:04 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded to assist.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

6:00 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:55 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled deer in the roadway on Hwy 150. Major Burkhardt responded.

10:11 a.m. - Major Burkhardt took one inmate to court.

12:20 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check south of Loogootee. Deputy Seymour responded. Everything checked out okay.

12:21 p.m. - Major Burkhardt assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock in Shoals.

1:25 p.m. - Major Burkhardt took one inmate to court.

1:30 p.m. - Sheriff Roush took one inmate to court.

4:07 p.m. - Received a report of property damage on Hwy 550. Major Burkhardt responded.

5:37 p.m. - Received a report of an impaired driver in Shoals. Deputy Reed, ISP Trooper Nolan, and Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

7:30 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving on Hwy 50, west of Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded.

8:15 p.m. - Received a report of property damage in Crane. Deputy Seymour responded.

9:10 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee First Responders responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:38 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

11:24 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious individual in Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded. Everything checked out okay.

THURSDAY, JULY 19

6:07 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled semi on US Hwy 50, east of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

9:57 a.m. - Major Burkhardt took four inmates to court.

10:54 a.m. - Major Burkhardt took three inmates to court.

11:00 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:13 a.m. - Received a report of scam phone calls in the area. Deputy Seymour responded.

11:35 a.m. - Received a report of a battery in Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded.

12:43 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

1:01 p.m. - Major Burkhardt took one inmate to court.

1:01 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took two inmates to court.

1:20 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Crane. ISP Trooper Lents responded.

1:33 p.m. - Major Burkhardt assisted a motorist with vehicle unlock in Loogootee.

2:14 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

2:25 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Major Burkhardt responded.

2:31 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on West River Road in Shoals. Deputy Seymour, Martin County Ambulance, and Shoals Fire Department responded.

3:27 p.m. - Received a report of property damage in Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded.

4:00 p.m. - Received a report of scam phone calls in the area.

6:50 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer

Hughett responded.

8:48 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn south of Loogootee.

FRIDAY, JULY 20

1:41 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Sergeant Keller and Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

7:34 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

8:17 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

8:40 a.m. - Received a report of a theft south of Loogootee. Deputy Seymour responded.

10:49 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

12:11 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

12:40 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across the roadway on Old Hwy 450. Martin County Highway Department responded.

5:56 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded. Everything checked out okay.

7:57 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Sergeant Keller and Martin County Ambulance responded.

SATURDAY, JULY 21

2:17 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd and Sergeant Keller responded.

2:43 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across the roadway on Hwy 50, east of Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

11:45 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:00 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

1:13 p.m. - Received a report of a deer in the roadway on Hwy 150. Captain Dant responded.

5:07 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

7:50 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

SUNDAY, JULY 22

8:42 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee First Responders, and Loogootee Officer Floyd responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:40 a.m. - Received a report of a medical alert alarm in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Sergeant Keller responded.

11:00 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee First Responders responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:54 p.m. - Received a report of missing dogs in the Bramble area.

1:15 p.m. - Major Burkhardt completed two vehicle identification checks in Shoals.

1:45 p.m. - Received an animal com-

plaint in Crane. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

2:10 p.m. - Jail Commander Abel took one inmate to the doctor.

2:10 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

3:03 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:22 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:31 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Crane. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

6:31 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

7:50 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

Real estate transfers

Alben E. Sasser and Jonna L. Sasser, of Lawrence County, Indiana to **Indiana Timber and Veneer, LLC**, of Lawrence County, Indiana, the east half of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 33, Township 5 North, Range 3 West, 20 acres, more or less. A part of the north half of Section 4, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, Second Principal Meridian, Martin County, Indiana, containing 46.39 acres, more or less.

Robert C. Harrison, of Martin County, Indiana to **Street Contracting, Inc.**, of Vermillion County, Indiana, Lot Number One in Eastgate Terrace Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Geraldine E. Pendley, of Martin County, Indiana to **Philip Kilburn**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 26, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, and lying in Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 3.091 acres, more or less.

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COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

June 19

Kelvin E. Canady, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days with 533 days suspended and credit for 7 actual days previously served plus 7 Class A credit days. Defendant received 17 months of probation.

Jason K. Lentz, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days with 447 days suspended and credit for 50 actual days previously served plus 50 Class A credit days. Defendant received 14 months of probation.

Victoria L. Mullens, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days with 541 days suspended and credit for 3 actual days previously served plus 3 Class A credit days. Defendant received 17 months of probation.

Cheyenne L. Sullivan, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days with 447 days suspended and credit for 50 actual days previously served plus 50 Class A credit days. Defendant received 14 months of probation.

Timothy C. Troutman, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days with 487 days suspended and credit for 30 actual days previously served plus 30 Class A credit days. Defendant received 15 months of probation.

June 28

Tina M. Wilson, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 361 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

July 11

Patrick L. Mattingly, convicted of possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 180 days with 146 days suspended and credit for 17 actual days previously served plus 17 Class A credit days. Defendant received 5 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES

DISMISSED

June 19

Kelvin E. Canady, possession of a narcotic drug, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor,

dismissed.

Jason K. Lentz, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Victoria L. Mullens, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Cheyenne L. Sullivan, unlawful possession of a syringe, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Timothy C. Troutman, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

July 11

Kathryn C. Deckard, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

July 12

Autumn R. McCluskey, burglary, a Class 4 Felony, dismissed; residential entry, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; theft, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; battery, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Patrick L. Mattingly, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 5 Felony, dismissed; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

July 11

Discover Bank vs. Whitney Campbell, civil collection.

July 12

Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC vs. Terra Boyd, civil collection.

Personal Finance Company vs. Sarah L. Harris, civil collection.

July 16

Crane Credit Union vs. Zachary Uselman, civil collection.

July 17

OneMain Financial Services, Inc. vs. Charles D. Hembree, civil collection.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

July 11

Crane Credit Union vs. Duesday A. Snyder and Sadie J. Adams, complaint.

July 13

Crane Credit Union vs. Nicole S. Helton and Grant C. Helton, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

July 18

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Katie A. Graber and against the defendants Cindy Winger and Nick Clinger in the amount of \$657.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Jessica Lampert and against the defendants John Fraley and Jennifer Fraley in the amount of \$2,317.

July 23

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Medical of Dubois and against the defendant James Mesarosh in the amount of \$416.55.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

July 23

Nathan R. Jones of Shoals and Britany J. Blaker of Shoals.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, JULY 16

11:34 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious male near Builders Best.

12:45 a.m. - Caller reported suspicious activity in Redwing Trailer Court.

2:05 p.m. - Caller reported a loose dog on SW 2nd Street.

3:30 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute on East Broadway Street.

6:15 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

9:45 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on Hwy 50.

TUESDAY, JULY 17

10:05 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

10:13 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on Church Street.

4:20 p.m. - Caller reported property damage on Broadway Street.

5:30 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on Broadway Street.

7:46 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

9:44 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

11:03 a.m. - Male reported a civil complaint.

2:05 p.m. - Female requested an officer about an animal complaint.

6:02 p.m. - Female reported a violation of a protective order.

9:16 p.m. - First responders were requested on JFK Avenue for a medical call.

THURSDAY, JULY 19

7:37 a.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute in Sunset Trailer Court.

10:30 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

12:43 a.m. - Caller reported a possible shoplifter at Family Dollar.

2:14 p.m. - Caller reported a loose

dog in Country Court.

5:03 p.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

8:21 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

8:48 p.m. - Male reported a controlled burn.

FRIDAY, JULY 20

1:41 a.m. - Officer Floyd assisted the county with a domestic dispute.

8:17 a.m. - Caller reported an animal complaint.

12:11 p.m. - Female reported striking a deer on US 231.

3:22 p.m. - Female reported a civil complaint.

6:45 p.m. - Male reported a reckless driver on US 231.

10:34 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody issue.

SATURDAY, JULY 21

2:17 a.m. - Male reported a disturbance in Redwing Trailer Court.

11:30 a.m. - Caller reported something slick on US 231.

1:00 p.m. - Caller reported an animal complaint at the city park.

6:45 p.m. - Male requested transient assistance.

7:30 p.m. - Male requested transient assistance.

10:56 p.m. - Male reported a speeding vehicle on Hwy 50.

10:58 p.m. - Caller reported a door open at a residence on Walker Street.

SUNDAY, JULY 22

8:42 a.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a medical call.

11:01 a.m. - First responders were requested at the IGA for a medical call.

5:33 p.m. - First responders were requested at the VFW for a medical call.

8:33 p.m. - Caller reported a violation of a protective order.

10:15 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

Indiana State Police to participate in six-state Move Over law project

Troopers from the Indiana State Police Department, along with Troopers from Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, Michigan and Pennsylvania, will be conducting state-wide patrols targeting violations of the "Move Over" law; beginning this Sunday July 22nd. The project, which was initially started by the Ohio Highway Patrol, encompasses the five states that border Ohio.

"We will be conducting extra patrols in efforts to target drivers who are violating Indiana's Move Over law," states ISP Jasper Post Commander Lieutenant Jason Allen. "Our aim is to educate motorists about Indiana's Move Over law and to ensure a safe working space for all emergency vehicles."

Emergency vehicles consist of police cars, ambulances, fire trucks, rescue equipment, highway maintenance, utility service vehicles and tow trucks.

Indiana statute 9-21-8-35(b) and (c) states:

(b) Upon approaching a stationary authorized emergency vehicle, when the authorized emergency vehicle is giving a signal by displaying alternately flashing red, red and white, or red and blue lights, a person who drives an approaching vehicle shall:

(1) proceeding with due caution, yield the right-of-way by making a lane change into a lane not adjacent to that of the authorized emergency vehicle, if possible with due regard to safety and traffic conditions, if on a highway having at least four (4) lanes with not less than two (2) lanes proceeding in the same direction as the approaching vehicle; or

(2) proceeding with due caution, reduce the speed of the vehicle to a speed at least ten (10) miles per hour less than the posted speed limit, maintaining a safe speed for road conditions, if changing lanes would be impossible or unsafe.

A person who violates this subsection commits a Class A infraction.

(c) Upon approaching a stationary recovery vehicle, a stationary utility service vehicle (as defined in IC 8-1-8.3-5), a stationary solid waste hauler, a stationary road, street, or highway maintenance vehicle, or a stationary survey or construction vehicle, when the vehicle is giving a signal by displaying alternately flashing amber lights, a person who drives an approaching vehicle shall:

(1) proceeding with due caution, yield the right-of-way by making a lane change into a lane not adjacent to that of the recovery vehicle, utility service vehicle, solid waste hauler, or road, street, or highway maintenance vehicle, if possible with due regard to safety and traffic conditions, if on a highway having at least four (4) lanes with not less than two (2) lanes proceeding in the same direction as the approaching vehicle; or

(2) proceeding with due caution, reduce the speed of the vehicle to a speed at least ten (10) miles per hour less than the posted speed limit, maintaining a safe speed for road conditions, if changing lanes would be impossible or unsafe.

A person who violates this subsection commits a Class B infraction.

The project, which runs from July 22 through July 28, will encompass all roadways in the State of Indiana.

ARRESTS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

6:16 p.m. - Austin Bradley, 24, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Nolan and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment. He is being held on \$20,000 10% bond. Deputy Reed and Loogootee Officer Floyd assisted.

THURSDAY, JULY 19

9:40 a.m. - Ryan Bell, 39, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with intimidation and is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond.

3:50 p.m. - Adam Gibson, 37, of Shoals, was arrested by Major Burkhardt and charged with residential entry and is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond. Sheriff Roush and Deputy Seymour assisted with the arrest.

More Neat Stuff

By Ann Ackerman



Top Ten Ways To Get Rid Of A Telemarketer

10. Yea, I could use a credit card, I just filed for bankruptcy.
9. What are you wearing right now?
8. I'm wearing....(Add Lib)
7. How do you spell your name, your company name, any kids...etc.?
6. OMG I haven't seen you since high school, (Go on and on)
5. (Screaming) Oh My God I have to go and hang up....
4. What? What????? I can't hear you.
3. Can you speak very slowly, I have to write it all down?
2. Can you fax this to me? (Give a fake number)
1. Hey, I'm under house arrest, could you bring me some beer?

These guys, a pessimist and the other an eternal optimist, had been friends for years. The optimist was always trying to get his pal to see the bright side of things.

The optimist found a dog that could walk on water. This is perfect, he thought. There's no way that darn cynic can say anything negative about this.

He took his friend duck hunting, so he could see the dog in action. Mid-morning, they finally downed a bird. It fell on the other side of the lake, so the optimist sent the dog to retrieve it.

The animal trotted across the water, grabbed the duck in his mouth, and ran back.

"Isn't that amazing," I said?
"Hmmp," the cynic said, "That dog can't swim, can it?"

THOUGHTS FOR CAT LOVERS:
*The only mystery about the cat is why it ever decided to become a domestic animal.

*The Egyptians treated cats as royalty and they've never forgotten it.

*You own a dog. You feed a cat.

*Everything I know I learned from my cat: When you're hungry, eat. When you're tired, nap in a sunbeam. When you go to the vet, pee on your owner.

*The interesting thing about being a mother is that everyone wants pets, but no one but me cleans the kitty litter.

RIDDLES: Let's hope Derl gets more than one right!

1. What's the difference between a man and a dog running?
2. What do you call a cat that joins the Red Cross?
3. Why did the cowboy buy a Dachs-hund?
4. What did the airhead name her pet zebra?
5. What do you get when you cross a turtle and a porcupine?

"Sugar why don't you sit down by the table and we'll start supper." Said Dorothy to her husband of 50 years.

"Sure thing," said her husband setting himself down.

"Now darling, would you like the soup first or the salad?" questioned Dorothy.

"Umm I guess I'll take the soup," he responded.

After a whole meal of one endearing term after another, their guest Bob couldn't contain his curiosity any longer.

Bob snuck into the kitchen and asked, "Dorothy do you always talk to your husband like that?"

"Bob, I'll be honest with you," Dorothy replied. "It's been fifty years now, I just can't remember his name, and I am just too embarrassed to ask him!"

- ANSWERS:**
1. One wears trousers and the other pants.
 2. A first aid kit.
 3. Someone told him to get a long little doggy.
 4. Spot.
 5. A slow poke.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Lady Lions Golf Scramble

The 6th Annual Loogootee Lady Lions Basketball Golf Scramble will be held Saturday, August 18 at 9 a.m. at Lakeview Golf Course. The scramble will be four men/women in A-B-C-D format. Cost is \$45 per person or \$180 per team. To register, call Brian Smith at 812-381-1026 or Lonnie Hawkins at 812-947-8413. Food and drinks will be provided at the golf course during play.

Food pantry hours

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

Free lunch for kids

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

SOAR Tutoring

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Tourism meetings

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

public is invited to attend.

Humane society meetings

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

Solid waste board

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

Soil and Water meetings

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

Attention Senior Citizens


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



Nominated in Murphy

-Photos provided

Maddy Gaines, a senior at Murphy High in Murphy, North Carolina was recently nominated by her history teacher and the High School Principal Jason Forrister to sit on the Mayor's Young Adult Round Table. The group meets once a month in the mayor's office to discuss how to improve Murphy. Maddy was invited to meet Congressman Mark Meadows in a small impromptu council meeting. She is pictured with Congressman Mark Meadows (blue striped shirt) and Mayor Rick Ramsey (brown pants). Maddy is the daughter of Tony and Amy Holt of Murphy, North Carolina, formerly of Shoals.



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I have noted in previous columns that as I grow older, I have been turning to using more shrubs in the landscape. Shrubs fill in larger areas and require less maintenance than annuals and perennials. Several shrubs can help in the battle against deer in the shade gardens. Many shrubs are naturally understory plants, flourishing in the shade of large trees and at the edges of forests.

In general, shrubs that have strong scents, thick leaves or thorns and prickles are less attractive for a Bambi salad. Sometimes, a hedge of such shrubs will offer protection to plants inside the hedge that deer normally would attack.

One family of shrubs and small trees that I like in shady areas is the holly family. I have several types of holly at Sandhill Gardens and have not had significant deer damage on any of them. Many hollies have leaves that are waxy and are thorny. Deer get stuck by those pointed sections on the leaves the same as you do. I cannot imagine trying to eat something so prickly, and neither can the deer. However, deer also seem to avoid the deciduous winterberry hollies and the Japanese hollies, which do not have prickly leaves. I assume they just do not taste good to deer.

Another plant with leaves very similar to the evergreen hollies is mahonia. This native of the Pacific northwest is often marketed as Oregon grape holly. In our area, it is considered semi-evergreen, with the holly-like leaves turning burgundy as temperatures drop. It will lose some leaves in winter and may completely defoliate during harsh winters, but during the summer, deer leave it alone. It has been my experi-

ence that mahonia takes a couple of years to acclimate to a spot, but once it takes root, it will produce flowers and berries, in addition to the attractive waxy foliage.

Spice brush is a native shrub that has scented leaves and twigs which deer rarely bother. Spice brush loves moist, shady places and can spread quickly. It can become a thicket, which sometimes offers shelter for hostas and other groundcovers growing beneath the canopy.

Rhododendrons and azaleas are common shrubs for shady areas, but deer do nibble on the leaves and the blooms. However, some varieties have thicker, waxy leaves and seem to be less attractive to deer. That same rule applies to other members of the laurel family, including pieris, cherry laurel and mountain laurel. The thicker the leaf, the more likely it will be avoided by deer.

In light shade, such as the edges of wooded areas, a good choice for color and deer resistance is the beauty berry. Whether you choose the red-berried native variety or the purple-berried cultivars, beauty berries offer late summer color in the light shade. Last year, I acquired two specimens of beauty berry that have variegated foliage. Neither of them has set any berries at this point, but the foliage lends some light to dark areas.

With shrubs beneath larger trees, the ground tends to be dry. There are some good groundcovers to plant under these shrubs which also seem to be deer resistant. Epimediums, wild ginger, tiarellas and bergenias will spread to fill in around the shrubs and while the flowers on most of these groundcovers are not spectacular, they offer subtle beauty in the dry shade.

As stated before, if deer are hungry enough, they will eat about anything. Deer also seem to have different preferences. However, the general rule of thick, waxy, prickly leaves to repel deer seems to be an effective weapon in the battle for the shade garden.

ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



ZELDA is a female tan and white adult cat. Very sweet, loves affection, she is fine with other cats. She is spayed and up to date on shots. Adoption fee is \$40. The Martin County Humane Society Animal Shelter currently has more than 30 cats/kittens available. The shelter is located at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. Shelter hours are Monday and Wednesday 5-7 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m. To see all available animals, visit www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org.

Online reserved hunt applications now available

Hunters can apply online for a reserved hunt by visiting hunting.IN.gov and clicking on the "Reserved Hunt Info" link.

The online method is the only way to apply. Applicants must possess a hunting license valid for the hunt for which they are applying. Applications must be completed by the application deadline.

Hunters will be selected through a computerized, random drawing. Drawing results will be posted at wildlife.IN.gov within two weeks after application deadlines, and an email will be sent to applicants when results are posted.

Applications are currently open for:
Dove hunt draw: Applications must be completed by July 28. Applicants may select their desired date and property. Properties participating are Atterbury, Jasper-Pulaski, Kankakee, LaSalle, Pigeon River, J.E. Roush Lake, Willow Slough, Blue Grass and Winamac fish & wildlife areas.

Various other fish & wildlife area hunts: Applications must be completed

by August 21. Properties include Deer Creek and Fairbanks Landing fish & wildlife areas and Tern Bar Slough Wildlife Diversity Conservation Area.

Military/refuge firearm, primitive and archery deer hunt draw: Applications must be completed by August 21. Hunts on military/refuge properties may be cancelled at any time.

Youth firearm deer hunt at Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge: Applications must be completed by August 21

Pheasant hunt draw: Applications must be completed by September 27. The November 3 hunt is reserved for youth hunters only (ages 17 and younger).

State park deer reduction draw hunts: Applications must be completed by August 20.

Only one application per hunt is allowed. No changes can be made once the application is submitted. More information is at wildlife.IN.gov/5834.htm.

Future of agriculture: Report to address climate change impacts on Hoosier farms

BY BRIAN WALLHEIMER
Purdue University News Service

Hoosier farmers will have to adapt management practices and the types of crops they plant over the next several decades as they deal with the repercussions of climate change. That's according to a new report from the Indiana Climate Change Impacts Assessment team based at Purdue University.

The report, "Indiana's Agriculture in a Changing Climate," will be released during a community briefing from 10-11 a.m. Tuesday, July 31, at the Indiana Corn and Soybean Innovation Center, 4750 U.S. 52, West Lafayette. The event is open to the public.

Rising temperatures and an earlier beginning to the frost-free season could beneficially expand the growing season in some parts of the state. However, heat and changes in precipitation patterns will create challenges for most sectors of Indiana agriculture.

"This report helps us understand how climate change will affect Indiana agriculture and gives us a sense of some of the adjustments that might need to be made," said Jeff Dukes, director of

the Purdue Climate Change Research Center. "The report includes specific information on potential opportunities and drawbacks to row and specialty crops, soil health and livestock."

Purdue researchers specializing in agricultural water management, soil health, crop growth, crop diseases, invasive species, agricultural economics, heat stress and animal health contributed to the report. The lead author is Laura Bowling, professor of agronomy.

The Indiana Climate Change Impacts Assessment (IN CCIA) has compiled the latest scientific research into a series of easily understandable reports about climate change impacts in ten topic areas: climate, health, forest ecosystems, aquatic ecosystems, urban green infrastructure, tourism and recreation, agriculture, water resources, energy, and infrastructure.

The reports that have been previously released are available on the IN CCIA website at <http://IndianaClimate.org>. For more information about the IN CCIA, go to the website or follow on social media at @PurdueCRC, #ClimateChange, #INCCIA.

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