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Honoring those who served

-Photo by Josh Hughett

On Monday, May 27, the Ceremonial Unit of The American Legion Post 120 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9395 paid homage to veterans of all wars with a visit to cemeteries around the county. They announced a roll call for all deceased veterans in each cemetery, followed by a 21-gun salute and playing of taps. This was the 67th year for the Legion to conduct these services. Shown above is the service at Truelove United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Shoals Best of the Nest contest winners announced

The Town of Shoals Best of the Nest contest began December 15 of last year and ran through May 3. The Best of the Nest contest challenged entries of hand-made birdhouses to be judged and then also to help create a welcoming environment for native birds around the town.

Voting on the best birdhouses started on May 8 and ended May 20. There were voting 3 categories. Those categories and winners are as follows:

People's Choice: (Most likes and shares combined): This entry was made by Andrew Otero, from H&H Hardware. Andrew's birdhouse was made out of wood, with the front in the shape of the state of Indiana.

Most Creative/Wacky: This entry was made by Abbi Rollins, Kaylee Bearden and Vylette Shelf, from the Rox Stars Robotics Team. The Robotics teams bird house was also made out of wood. Painted like a watermelon.

Home Tweet Home: (Best Shoals/Jug Rox themed): This entry was made by Heidi Hoffman, from Heidi's 3D Prints. Heidi's entry was made out of plastic filament in the shape of the Jug Rock.

There were 12 entries in all well designed and very creative. All entries will be assigned a home throughout the Town of Shoals.



The Home Tweet Home winner above was done by Heidi Hoffman.



The people's choice winner above was done by Andrew Otero



The Most Creative/Wacky winner above was done by Abbi Rollins, Kaylee Bearden and Vylette Shelf

Commissioners open road bids, discuss property purchase

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT

Martin County Journal Publisher

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, May 28. Commissioner Cody Roush was not present.

County Attorney Dave Lett opened bids for the 2024 Community Crossings grant project. The bids were as follows:

Milestone Contractors:

Mt. Calvary Road: 2.294-mile section, \$361,084.82

Truelove Church Road: 1.5-mile section, \$269,762.50 and .54-mile section, \$87,452.50

County Road 31: .06-mile section, \$22,580.60

County Road 5: .4-mile section, \$24,795.40

Windom Road: 8 miles, \$461,067.86 and .02-mile section, \$14,756.32

All roads were a total of \$1,241,500.

E&B Paving:

Mt. Calvary Road: 2.294-mile section, \$404,979

Truelove Church Road: 1.5-mile section, \$288,516 and .54-mile section, \$92,526

County Road 31: .06-mile section, \$11,905

County Road 5: .4-mile section, \$56,058.80

Windom Road: 8 miles, \$620,042.46 and .2-mile section, \$41,334.72

All roads were a total of \$1,515,361.98.

Attorney Lett and Highway Superintendent Scott Seals will review the bids and report back to the commissioners at their next meeting.

Commissioner Paul George noted that all the money from the grant will be spent this time, unlike last time when the county had to forfeit the grant funds and re-submit.

A resident in the audience asked the commissioners if they are still planning to pursue purchasing the Patient First building on Main Street in Shoals. Commissioner George said they are not planning to now because of the parking issue. The resident asked if the county would be purchasing the former Old National Bank next to the courthouse that is currently in an online auction. Commissioner George said they would be interested in that property and asked Auditor Norris to include that topic on the next county council meeting agenda so they can discuss it with them. (Editor's note: The current high bid on the building was at \$47,500 at publication time. The reserve had not been met.) The auction ends June 18.

Emergency Management Agency Director (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 2)

Overpopulation crisis spurs dog, cat Mega Adoption Event on June 1

With shelters bursting at the seams and rescues struggling to keep up, the Sullivan Humane Society, alongside SAFE Animal Rescue, Canine Animal Rescue, Greene County Humane Society, Parke-Vermilion Humane Society, Daviess County Friends for Animals, Vincennes Animal Shelter, Martin County Humane Society and Clay County Humane Society are joining forces for a monumental dog and cat adoption event to tackle the overpopulation crisis plaguing the area.

On Saturday, June 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Sullivan County Fairgrounds will be transformed into a haven for furry friends in need of forever homes. The address, 1301 E County Road 75 North in Sullivan, IN, will be a hub of activity as families flock to find their newest four-legged family members.

With dog adoption fees set at \$50 and cat adoption fees at just \$25, the event aims to make adopting a pet both affordable and accessible. Same-day adoptions are possible with approved applications, ensuring that these deserving animals find loving homes as swiftly as possible.

"The sheer volume of animals in need of homes is staggering," remarked a spokesperson for the Sullivan Humane Society. "Every day, shelters and rescues across the county are inundated with animals surrendered or found as strays. Events like these are crucial not only for finding homes for these pets but also for raising awareness about the importance of spaying and neutering to combat the overpopulation problem at its root."

The participating organizations have been tirelessly preparing for the event, ensuring that each animal is ready to meet their potential new families. From vaccinations to spaying and neutering, every

MEGA ADOPTION EVENT



effort has been made to ensure that these pets are healthy and ready to start their new lives.

"The support from the community for events like this is always heartwarming," expressed an event organizer. "But the sad reality is that for every pet we adopt out, there are countless more waiting for their chance. That's why events like this are so important - they shine a spotlight on the issue and hopefully inspire more people to consider adoption."

The event promises to be a fun-filled day for all attendees, with opportunities to meet adoptable pets, visit with each shelter and rescue booth and have lunch with food vendors who will be participating. But above all, it serves as a reminder of the critical need for responsible pet ownership and the importance of adoption in saving lives.

As the clock ticks closer to June 1, anticipation mounts for what promises to be the largest adoption event the area has ever seen. With tails wagging and purrs abound, the animals of Southern Indiana eagerly await the chance to find their forever homes, and with the support of the community, their dreams may soon become a reality.

COMMISSIONERS

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rector Monte Wolfe named the many roads his department was called out to during the storms over the weekend. He said a lot of brush clearing was done and they were up all night, being paged out 14 times. EMA Deputy Director Cory Brassine asked the commissioners if there are any signs that can be found or ordered to put in front of downed trees on power lines. He said the electric companies get overwhelmed when there is an abundance of fallen trees on electricity lines so someone in civil defense has to sit near the downed tree with no estimated time on when the electric company can be there. He said not having someone sitting at the area also causes multiple calls to dispatch which in turn, causes repeated trips to the same location. Commissioner George told Brassine to check around and see what kind of signs he can find. He said the county doesn't own signs like that currently.

Wolfe told the commissioners that he is still working to get quotes for tires for his department vehicles. He said he has received quotes from Tieman's Tire and Dubois County Tire with Tieman's so far being much cheaper. He said he is going to adjust the quotes he received however

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

'We must continue the good fight'

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

I received an e-mail the other day from Ms. Kyanna Wheeler. PMP, *Major Projects Delivery Project Manager*, in response to a request for an explanation as to why INDOT was continuing with the Tier 2 Study for the Mid-States Corridor. I pointed out to Ms. Wheeler that INDOT had canceled the Link 101 Corridor project due to increased estimated costs and adverse public opinion. I also informed Ms. Wheeler that I was sure the estimated costs had increased, and that public opinion was overwhelmingly opposed to the Mid-States Corridor.

Here's her reply, "Thank you for your inquiry and communication regarding the Mid-States Corridor project. Currently INDOT is only moving forward with a Tier 2 study for the Dubois County Section of Independent Utility to analyze further. The intent of the Tier 2 study is to narrow down the current 2,000-foot corridor to roughly ¼ of that alignment and produce estimated costs for that section of construction. This will aid in INDOT's decision to advance this project like Link 101. The Tier 2 study is not yet started. We are finalizing our contract with our selected consulting firm. Once we have this firm under contract, this study that will estimate costs will take roughly 3 years. As we have project and cost updates, we will relay those to the public via public meetings, our project website, and social media accounts. Thank you for your continued interest in the project."

Why should INDOT keep letting contracts and spending money on the Mid-States Corridor when the same INDOT pulled the plug on the Link 101 Corridor? Are our tax dollars different than those of Southeast Indiana? Is our opposition to a new terrain highway less worthy than the opposition over east? Or is it something else? Could it be the long tentacles of the Dubois/Spencer County cabal? Is money talking to someone at INDOT? I don't know but it sure seems strange that our tax dollars and our opposition doesn't seem to matter as much as those over in Southeast Indiana.

We must continue the good fight and continue to oppose the Mid-States Corridor at every opportunity. I know we can stop this project.

Jim Arvin
Rutherford Township
Martin County

because some of the back tires were not sturdy enough.

County Attorney Lett reported the unclaimed property near Bridge 58 on Brickyard Road should be cleared up by June 7 so the work on that bridge can proceed.

Auditor Michelle Norris asked about approving drivers for the veterans' van since there is still no veteran service officer. Commissioner George asked Norris if she would have time to get the driver approved. Norris said she would. George said they are working to find a new veteran service officer as soon as possible.

Sherri Tredway, with DSI (Developmental Services, Inc.), requested the commissioners approve their annual funding request of \$3,000. Tredway explained the services offered by DSI, formerly Four Rivers, and said they want to expand their Reach program, that provides support and resources to caregivers of people with disabilities and their supportive employment program that helps residents with disabilities find work. She also told the commissioners that they are not using the Red Door building very much and are working with the Loogootee Mayor and the state to turn that building into low-income housing.

Becky Guthrie, with Ride Solutions, presented a request for funding for 2024 in the amount of \$2,500.

Auditor Norris presented 2024 budget requests from SIDC (Southern Indiana Development Commission) for a total of \$7,500, which is the same as previous requests.

Norris told the commissioners that their next meeting may have to be changed due to the court needing the commissioners' room for a jury trial. After discussion, the commissioners decided to hold their Tuesday, June 11 meeting at the civil defense building on the fairgrounds at 5:30 p.m.

Auditor Norris explained that the automatic door opener for the interior exit doors of the courthouse is not working. She said they had one company look at it but apparently, they couldn't fix it because they have someone else coming to look at it now. She said the cost for a new assembly would be \$2,300 so they are trying to get it fixed to avoid that extra cost.

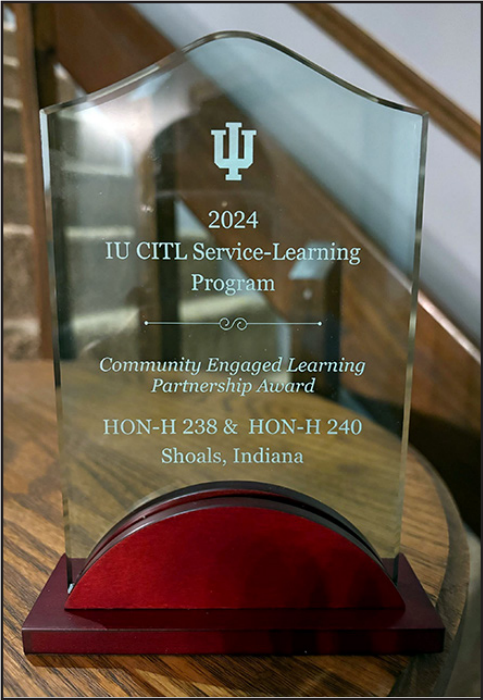
IU classes receive award for work in the Town of Shoals

Two classes from Indiana University Bloomington (IUB) have been awarded the 2024 Community Engaged Learning Partnership Award for their exceptional service to the Town of Shoals. This prestigious honor, given by the IU Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning (CITL) Service-Learning Program, recognizes students who demonstrate outstanding commitment to community-based learning and engagement.

The IUB Service-Learning Program annually acknowledges five students for their academic growth and meaningful contributions to their community partners. However, this year marked an unprecedented shift as two entire classes were honored for their collective efforts in supporting Shoals throughout the academic year.

The award criteria include academic and civic growth, high-quality service, and professionalism and responsibility. Faculty members from all departments and schools at IUB can nominate students, reflecting the university's broad range of community-engaged learning.

Shoals Town Council President Cary Albright said the Town of Shoals is immensely proud of the IUB students' hard work, dedication, and positive impact on



the community. Their contributions have significantly benefited the town while enhancing their academic and personal growth.

For more information about the Service-Learning Program and the Excellence in Community-Engaged Learning Student Award, visit the IU CITL website.

Faith Baptist Church

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"I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you."
John 13:15

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Sullivan Humane Society

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Martin County Humane Society

MEGA ADOPTION EVENT

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Dog Adoptions!!

Cat & Dog Same Day
Approved Adoptions

Saturday June 1st - 10 a.m. - ?

Sullivan Indiana 4-H Grounds

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OBITUARIES

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Wednesday, May 29, 2024

JEAN STUCKEY

Melba Jean Stuckey passed away at 10:26 a.m. Thursday, May 23, 2024, at the Villages at Oak Ridge. A resident of Loogootee, she was 96.



She was born March 3, 1928, in Oatsville; daughter of the late Robert R. and Juanita (Shafer) Belcher.

JEAN STUCKEY Jean married Jack H. Stuckey on July 14, 1946, and he preceded her in death.

She was a member of the Loogootee Methodist Church, where she was the church librarian for many years. Jean also was a member of the Martin County Historical Society.

She enjoyed volunteering as an election poll worker. Jean enjoyed traveling with her late husband, Jack. They traveled to all 50 states, several countries, and Europe. She also enjoyed playing bingo and crafts.

Jean was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Stuckey; parents, Robert and Juanita Belcher; sister, Betty Jo (Duane) Johnson; and daughter-in-law, Rosemary Stuckey.

She is survived by her children, Barry Stuckey of Mississauga, Ontario and Lynn Baker of Loogootee; grandchildren, Lauren (Ben Turner) Stuck-

ey, Claire Stuckey, Nathan (Maidie) Baker, and Todd (Blair) Baker; nine great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

To honor Jean's wishes, no visitation will be held. Graveside services will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Martin County Humane Society or the Loogootee Methodist Church.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee, Indiana is honored to serve the family of Melba Jean Stuckey.

JANET CLOUSE

Janet Rose Clouse, formerly of Bloomfield, passed away Friday, May 24, 2024, at Heart Hospice House in Evansville. A resident of Shoals, she was 80.

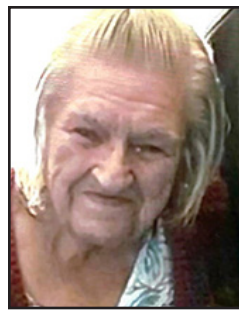
She was born January 23, 1944, in Brooklyn, Indiana; daughter of Arthur and Mildred Clark.

Janet married Kenneth Lee Clouse and he preceded her in death in 2012.

She attended Brooklyn schools.

Janet was a homemaker and custodian at Glenburn Nursing Home in Linton. She loved gardening, flowers, her cat, Baby; cooking, traveling, and her son, Michael and his family.

Surviving are her son, Michael (Ashley) Clouse of Shoals; two grandsons,



JANET CLOUSE was held today, Wednesday, May 29 at the Queen-Lee Chapel of George Funeral Care.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.queenlee.com.

JAMES JONES

James Leo Jones passed away at 11:28 p.m. Monday, May 27, 2024, at his home. A resident of Loogootee, he was 75.

He was born April 21, 1949, in Washington; son of the late Edgar "Lightning" and Bernadette (Spaulding) Jones.

Lee was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 732, where he was a Fourth Degree Knight, leader of the Second Degree team, a past Grand Knight, and a past Indiana State District Deputy. Lee was a faithful supporter of Gibault Children's Services.

Lee loved the Indianapolis 500 and attended 54 races. He was an avid Loogootee Lions fan. Lee enjoyed woodworking, mowing grass and representing Santa Claus each winter.

He retired from NSWC Crane after 30 plus years of dedicated employment as an Engineering Technician.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edgar "Lightning" and Bernadette Jones.

Lee is survived by his wife, Brenda (Clark) Jones, who he married on April 30, 1988; siblings, Sue Jones and Steve Jones, both of Loogootee; brother-in-law, Bill Clark of Vincennes; sister-in-law, Beverly (Roger) Lemon of Washington; and three nephews, Mick Clark, Scott Lemon and Matthew Lemon.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at 10 a.m. Friday, May 31 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial will follow in St. John Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Thursday, May 30 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee and Friday, May 31 from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. at the church. A Knights of Columbus Memorial Service will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 30.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the St. John Catholic Church, St. Vincent De Paul, or Gibault Children's Services.

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

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee is honored to serve the family of James Leo Jones.

Summer immunization clinic hours at the Martin County Health Department

Summer break is here but school will be back in session before we know it. Now is the perfect time to think about the shots your student may need before they go back to school in the fall. Kindergarten, 6th grade students, high school seniors and college students need immunizations before they can begin classes this fall. Students in all grades need to get the Hepatitis A vaccine if they have not already received it.

The Martin County Health Department Summer immunization clinic is now by appointment only. Please call 812-247-3303 to schedule an appointment. Clinic hours are June 5, 12 and 19; July 10, 17, 24 and 31 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 12:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. June 26 the clinic will be closed. July 3 the clinic will be open 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 12:30 to 4 p.m. due to Catfish Festival set-up. Please note

that Wednesday is the only day a nurse is available for immunizations.

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. They also provide Tetanus vaccines and Hepatitis A and B vaccines to those ages 19 and older without insurance for a fee. Adults with insurance that will pay for vaccines may be able to receive certain vaccines and have VaxCare bill their insurance. TB testing is \$20 and cannot be billed to insurance.

Kindergarten students need: 5 doses of DTaP, 4 doses Polio, 2 doses of MMR, 2 doses of Hepatitis A, 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine, and 2 doses of Varicella (Chicken Pox) or record of disease. (Physician documentation of disease history, including month and year, is needed for proof of immunity)

6th Grade students need: in addition to the kindergarten required vaccines, they

must receive a Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria & Pertussis) vaccine, a Meningococcal vaccine and 2 doses of Hepatitis A (for anyone who has not already received it). HPV (Human Papillomavirus) vaccine is also recommended.

12th Grade students need: a Meningitis booster and 2 doses of Hepatitis A (for anyone who has not already received it). Meningitis B vaccines and HPV (Human Papillomavirus) vaccines are recommended.

College students should receive information from their school concerning the required vaccines for incoming students. Some require a TB test within 6 months of the start of classes, Meningitis B vaccine and a Tetanus booster (if the child has not received within the last 10 years). Also, proof of childhood vaccines for MMR, Varicella and polio are often needed. The Hepatitis B series is recommended for students in health care fields or similar studies.

The Martin County Health Department office is located at 127 Water Street, Shoals (next to the Shoals Fire Station). If you have questions about immunizations, you can contact your child's doctor or call the health department at 812-247-3303.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department activity log

MONDAY, MAY 20

12:09 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

4:26 a.m. - Received a call reporting a car deer accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Hunt responded.

7:09 a.m. - Received a call reporting a stranded motorist south of Loogootee. Chief Keller and ISP Trooper Nolan responded.

9:27 a.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded.

10:21 a.m. - Received a 911 call, pinged in Orange County. Transferred 911 call to Orange County Dispatch.

10:43 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with Sheriff Greene. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

11:42 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to a deputy. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

12:46 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check in Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

1:42 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting to be transferred to Lawrence County. Transferred 911 call to Lawrence County Dispatch.

3:26 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Assistant Chief Long, and Captain Gibson responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

6:29 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting to be transferred to Lawrence County. Transferred 911 call to Lawrence County Dispatch.

8:02 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded.

8:35 p.m. - Received a call reporting a disturbance in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded.

8:44 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded.

10:03 p.m. - Received a call reporting a disturbance in Shoals. Major Reed responded.

11:43 p.m. - Received multiple calls requesting assistance from an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded.

TUESDAY, MAY 21

9:45 a.m. - Received a call reporting a disabled semi, east of Shoals. Chief Keller, Martin County Civil Defense and Briggman's Towing responded.

9:51 a.m. - Deputy Branham transported three inmates to court.

12:50 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long and Martin County Medic 1 responded. No one was transported.

1:16 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long, Sergeant Wagoner, and Martin County Medic 1 responded. No one was transported.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

9:37 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Chief Hunt, and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

2:54 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver in Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded.

3:19 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

4:08 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department, and Corporal Hawkins responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:41 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Martin County Medic 1, Corporal Hawkins, and Captain Gibson responded. Medic 2 did not transport.

10:24 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner, and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 did not transport.

THURSDAY, MAY 23

9:02 a.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down south of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Corporal Hawkins responded.

9:47 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to an officer. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded.

11:41 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to a deputy. Corporal Hawkins responded.

4:42 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check in Shoals. Deputy Baumgart responded.

8:42 p.m. - Received a call reporting a burglar alarm in Crane Village. Deputy Baumgart, Corporal Hawkins, and Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded.

8:49 p.m. - Received a call reporting suspicious activity in Shoals. ISP Trooper Eewing responded.

FRIDAY, MAY 24

12:16 a.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to IU Bedford.

7:40 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with the Loogootee Fire Chief. Chief Thomas responded.

7:53 a.m. - Received a call reporting an accident in Shoals. Sergeant Wells and Big Johns Towing responded.

8:11 a.m. - Received multiple 911 calls reporting an accident south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire Department, Indiana State Police, Sergeant Wells, Deputy Branham, and Big Johns Towing responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:28 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:45 a.m. - An individual is on station requesting to speak to a deputy. Sergeant Wells responded.

11:27 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident east of Shoals. Martin County Medic 2, Shoals Fire Department, Sergeant Wells, Deputy Branham, and Big John's Towing responded. Medic 2 did not transport.

11:49 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to an officer. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded.

12:52 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

2:33 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long and Big John's Towing responded.

4:12 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:21 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2, Loogootee Assistant Chief Long, Sergeant Wells, and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 2 did not transport.

5:11 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to an officer. Assistant Chief Long responded.

5:26 p.m. - Received a call requesting assistance from a deputy. Sergeant Wells

and Martin County Medic 2 responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:44 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to an officer. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded.

6:03 p.m. - Received a call reporting speeders north of Loogootee. Advised Sergeant Wells.

6:40 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Sergeant Wells responded.

7:09 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded.

7:52 p.m. - Received a call in regard to an animal complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded.

9:05 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to a deputy. Sergeant Wells responded.

10:40 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

SATURDAY, MAY 25

10:04 a.m. - Received a request to speak with a deputy. Sergeant Wells responded.

10:22 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle in Loogootee. Sergeant Wells responded.

10:58 a.m. - Received an animal complaint east of Loogootee. Sergeant Wells responded.

1:14 p.m. - Received a 911 call wanting Kokomo Police's number.

2:11 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 3 and Haysville Fire Department responded. Medic 3 transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:49 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Sergeant Wells responded.

3:52 p.m. - Received a 911 call with no one on the line. Sergeant Wells responded.

7:22 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance northeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Indian Creek Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

7:24 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 2 and Shoals Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

7:50 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Loogootee address. Deputy Shields responded.

7:53 p.m. - Received numerous 911 calls from same number. Deputy Shields responded.

8:25 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:21 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Deputy Shields responded.

SUNDAY, MAY 26

7:48 a.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Loogootee Officer Rayhill responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:50 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

11:23 a.m. - Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Transferred call to Daviess County 911.

11:30 a.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down north of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County

Civil Defense responded. REMC was also notified.

11:51 a.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

12:06 p.m. - Received a call requesting officers north of Shoals. Captain Gibson and Corporal Hawkins responded.

12:43 p.m. - Received a report of multiple trees down north of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Civil Defense responded.

3:40 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Shoals. Captain Gibson, Corporal Hawkins, Deputy Erwin, Shoals Fire Department and Big John's Towing responded.

5:13 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting assistance in Loogootee. Corporal Hawkins responded.

6:01 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Corporal Hawkins responded.

7:48 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Coroner responded.

7:55 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

8:14 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver east of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

10:19 p.m. - Received a weather statement advising northeastern Martin County is under a tornado warning.

10:28 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

10:34 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

10:37 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

10:44 p.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down north of Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

10:45 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. Indian Creek Fire Department responded.

10:58 p.m. - Received a call reporting numerous trees down east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

11:00 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

11:03 p.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down south of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department responded.

11:10 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a tree on a home in Loogootee. No injuries were reported. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

11:11 p.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down east of Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

11:17 p.m. - Received a report of trees down at West Boggs Park. Shoals Fire Chief responded.

11:25 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on the power line north of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and REMC responded.

11:28 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on the power line north of Loogootee. REMC was notified.

11:32 p.m. - Received a report of trees down northeast of Loogootee. Shoals Fire Department responded.

11:40 p.m. - Received a request for a deputy for a report from tree damage to vehicle. Major Reed responded.

11:46 p.m. - Received a report of multiple trees down northeast of Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

11:47 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down southeast of Loogootee. Lost River Fire Department responded.

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS May 16

Daniel J. Day, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 8 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 4 actual days previously served plus 4 Class A credit days.

Thomas Robbins, Jr., convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 730 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served plus 1 Class A credit day. The remaining 728 days shall be executed at the Indiana Department of Corrections through the Martin County Community Corrections Home Detention Electronically Monitored Program, which includes 96 hours of community service, as long as defendant remains eligible.

Matthew R. Flynn, convicted of resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 359 days suspended and credit for 3 actual days previously served plus 3 Class A credit days. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

Rene Regalado Mora, Jr., convicted of dealing in methamphetamine, a Level 4 Felony. Sentenced to serve 2,190 days with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 1 Class B credit day. The remaining 2,187 days shall be executed at the Indiana Department of Corrections through the Martin County Community Corrections Home Detention Electronically Monitored Program, which includes 96 hours of community service, as long as the defendant remains eligible.

Leslie E. Wildman, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days with 56 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days.

May 21

Kestin Jones, convicted of voluntary manslaughter, a Level 2 Felony. Sentenced to serve 6,570 days with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 2,190 days suspended and 995 actual days previously served plus 332 Class B credit days. Defendant received 72 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED
May 16

Daniel J. Day, operating a vehicle while intoxicated with prior conviction within 7 years, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

Matthew R. Flynn, domestic battery resulting in moderate bodily injury, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

Rene Regalado Mora, Jr., possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; two counts of possession of a controlled substance, Class A Misdemeanors, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

May 20

Stephen C. Worthington, invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

May 21

Kestin Jones, murder, dismissed; attempted murder, a Level 1 Felony, dismissed.

Jeffrey W. Parkhurst, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT
New Suits Filed
May 15

Helena Agri-Enterprises, LLC d/b/a Helena Finance vs. Joseph Lannan d/b/a Lannan Grain Farms, civil collection.

May 16

Synchrony Bank vs. Gary Lyons, civil collection.

May 20

Nancy J. Ash vs. William V. Ash, petition for dissolution of marriage.

May 21

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Lisa Hinton, civil collection.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS
May 16

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff LVNV Funding, LLC and against the defendant Tammy Clark in the amount of \$4,114.73.

May 17

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff University Ped Assoc., Inc. and against the defendant Adam Coleman in the amount of \$5,048.02.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crown Asset Management, LLC and against the defendant Matthew Shultz in the amount of \$1,538.04.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT
New Suits Filed
May 21

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Lisa D. Ledgerwood, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Gregory S. Stroud, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Milan T. Eckert, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS
May 17

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Angel Skye Clifton in the amount of \$10,118.74.

Real estate transfers

JAP Enterprises, LLC, of Martin County, Indiana to James Hunt and Trish Hunt, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Numbered 17 in Risacher's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Loogootee Police Department log

MONDAY, MAY 20

3:26 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long responded to a call on Southeast First Street.

8:05 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call at Redwing Trailer Court.

8:12 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call on Crane Street.

8:35 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call on Park Street.

TUESDAY, MAY 21

12:51 p.m. - Chief Hunt and Assistant Chief Long responded to a call on Kentucky Avenue.

1:18 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long and Sergeant Wagoner responded to a medical call on Cedar Street.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

9:40 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Chief Hunt responded to a medical call on Broadway Street.

10:24 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call on Southwest Third Street.

11:04 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call on North Line Street.

3:20 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long responded to a call at Ruler grocery store.

TUESDAY, MAY 23

11:49 a.m. - Assistant Chief Long responded to a call on North Line Street.

8:24 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call on Gene Shaw Technology Drive.

FRIDAY, MAY 24

4:21 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Assistant Chief Long responded to a medical call on North Street.

5:11 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long responded to a call on Brady Street.

5:44 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long responded to a call at Poplar Care Strategies.

7:09 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call at the Eldorado Motel.

7:52 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call at Marathon gas station.

10:40 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a call on US Highway 231.

SATURDAY, MAY 25

12:39 a.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call on Norris Street.

8:05 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Cedar Street.

SUNDAY, MAY 26

7:48 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Officer Rayhill responded to a call on Washington Street.

8:50 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on 1300 East 800 North.

11:30 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a call on 1300 East 250 North.

11:51 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a call at Cedar Apartments.

12:43 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a call on Wood School Road.

7:48 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Southwest Third Street.

10:28 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a call on Lincoln Avenue.

10:37 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a call on Reason Avenue.

11:10 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a call on Bellgrade Avenue.



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THOUGHTS

*14 muscles are activated when you pour a cup of coffee. Fitness is my passion.

*When life gives you lemons, squeeze them in people's eyes.

*I accidentally used my mom's fabric scissors to cut gift wrap and now the cops are here.

*People with siblings have better survival skills because they've had experience in physical combat, psychological warfare, and sensing suspicious activity.

*Older people aren't grouchy. The truth is we stop being polite and start being honest.

RIDDLES

1. How do celebrities stay cool?
2. What's the best way to watch a fishing show?
3. What do you call a bear with no teeth?
4. Did you hear about the dull pencil?
5. What do you call a cold dog?
6. Why did the tomato blush?
7. What kind of tree fits in your hand?
8. What did one hat say to the other?

TEN FUN FACTS (Repeated by request)

1. You can't see your ears without a mirror.
2. You can't count your hair.
3. You can't breathe through your nose, with your tongue out.
4. You just tried No. 3

Daviess/Martin Retired Teachers meeting

The Daviess/Martin Retired Teachers met at the Gasthof restaurant Friday, May 17. President Ramona Lennen gave a brief welcome to all in attendance. She led the group in the pledge of allegiance, then proceeded to conduct the meeting. The minutes of the March meeting, submitted by Nancy Adams, were approved as printed. The treasurer's report was given by David Lennen.

Ramona Lennen gave the Area 8 director's report. She reported they will be receiving a 13th check sometime before October. Ramona encouraged the group to invite new retirees to become members. There are 60,000 retired teachers in the state of Indiana, and only 18,000 belong to IRTA. The 2024 Representative Assembly will be Wednesday, June 12 at the Primo Event Center in Indianapolis. It was decided that they will donate a basket of items for the silent auction at the Representative Assembly. The Fall Workshop for this area will be on Thursday September 26 at the Gasthof.

Thanks to David Lennen and Linda Strosnider they now have business cards. Alice Jones reported that 120 candy bags were delivered to the Loogootee schools during Teacher Appreciation Week. Thanks to everyone who donated candy. It was decided that North Daviess Schools will be the recipient of the candy bags in

6. When you did No. 3 you realized that it is possible, only you look like a dog.

7. You are smiling right now, because you were fooled.

8. You skipped No. 5

9. You just checked to see if there is No. 5

10. Share this with your friends so they can have some fun too.

ANSWERS

1. They have a lot of fans. 2. Live stream. 3. A gummy bear. 4. It was pointless. 5. A chili dog. 6. It saw the salad dressing. 7. A palm tree. 8. You go on ahead.

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

*The ability to speak several languages is an asset, but the ability to keep your mouth shut in an any language is priceless.

*I admire people who choose to shine even after all the storms they've been through.

*When you have more years behind you than you have in front of you ...You think of things differently.

*Do something amazing for someone.

*Almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes, including you.

*Somewhere there's a stranger who was kind to someone because you were kind to them.

Make someone smile today!

the fall.

The program was presented by Karen Streicher, a volunteer from St. Vincent DePaul. The store is located at 815 East Main in Washington and has about 60 volunteers. Three of the group's members, Peg Neidigh, Linda Strosnider and Arlene Owens, are volunteers. The organization offers emergency financial assistance as well as household goods and clothing. They take pride in offering nice, clean things at low prices. Karen reported that although St. Vincent DePaul is a Catholic organization, you don't need to be Catholic to volunteer.

Door prizes were provided by Lawana Hand and Nancy Adams and were won by Karen Streicher, Donna Keller and David Lennen. Ruthanne Burkhart and David and Ramona Lennen will furnish the door prizes for the August meeting.

Attending the meeting were Ramona Lennen, Rosie Winger, Vicky Bauernfiend, Marian McCracken, Marilyn Read, Alice Jones, Linda Strosnider, Arlene Owens, Karen Streicher (guest), Peg Neidigh, Ruthanne Burkhart, Alana Thompson, Denise Walden, David Lennen, Donna Keller, Pat Brochin, Rob McCormick and Nancy Adams. The next meeting will be August 16 at 11:30 a.m. at the Gasthof. All retired teachers living in Daviess and Martin counties and the surrounding area are invited to attend.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Right To Life recycling drive

The next Right to Life Aluminum Can Drive will be on Saturday, June 1 at the Tractor Supply parking lot in Washington. This is the main location for this drive with hours from 9 a.m. to noon. No newsprint will be accepted at this location. Any questions, call Louie Kavanaugh Jr. at 812-486-3658. The Martin County Right to Life will have their newspaper/aluminum can drive on Saturday, June 1 at the Martin County Recycling Center from 9 a.m. to noon. Newsprint is accepted at this location.

Dog/Cat Wellness Clinic

The next scheduled dog and cat wellness clinic at the Martin County Humane Society Spay/Neuter Clinic will be Friday, June 21 from 5-6 p.m. The clinic offers low-cost vaccines, testing, microchips, nail trims, etc. No appointment is required, first come first serve.

Celebrate Recovery meetings

Celebrate Recovery meetings will be held every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at The River Church in Shoals. 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.

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 be between 10:30 and 11 a.m. Saturdays.

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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.

Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 8:30 a.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 Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) meets the third Tuesday of the month at the SWCD office located at 404 JFK Avenue in Loogootee. The meetings are at 7:30 p.m. (April-October) and at 6:30 p.m. (November-March). Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Please call 812-295-3149 for assistance.

Southwest Indiana Cantata Choir to perform this Sunday

The Southwest Indiana Cantata Choir (SWICC) will perform the cantata *Our Father: A Journey Through the Lord's Prayer*, by Pepper Choplin, with a live orchestra in the Washington High School auditorium in Washington on Sunday, June 2 at 4 p.m.

The music will be performed by a choir of 30 voices, a 20-piece orchestra, and 3 narrators. Even though the lyrics will be sung in English, the narration will be spoken in English, Creole, and Spanish. Performers come from 13 counties from Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Florida, and New York.

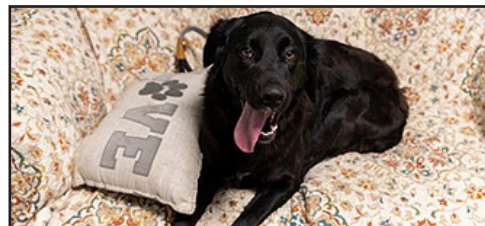
Director Joyce Kim-Rohrer is an adjunct music professor at Vincennes University. She is pleased to have many current VU students and alumni in the choir and orchestra as well as VU vocal professor Mark Snyder.

Opening the concert are the Jubilee Ringers, a handbell choir from Christ United Methodist Church under the direction of Amy Hamm. They will be performing six hymn favorites.

The choir would like to thank the community for their support for this free performance. The local performance is made possible by a grant from the Center for Congregations as well as support from area churches and individual donors. The performers represent over 20 different churches. A free will offering will be collected, and all donations are appreciated.

ANIMAL SHELTER

Pet of the Week



LYLAH is a female lab mix, very sweet, loves people. She is not good with cats. She is spayed and up to date on shots. For more info or to apply to adopt, visit www.humanesociety-ofmartincounty.org.

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Making A Difference

By Curt Johnson
MCCF Director



-- MEMORIAL DAY --

This week we celebrate Memorial Day. It is a time when people across America pause to reflect on the supreme sacrifice made by American soldiers who have died in service to our nation. It is a particularly meaningful holiday for those who have loved ones who died in military service.

Memorial Day has its origins back to May 5, 1868, when General John A. Logan called for a nationwide day of remembrance on May 30, 1868. The day's purpose was to decorate the graves of their comrades who died as a result of the Civil War. At that time, it was called Decoration Day. It was in 1971 that the day was first officially recognized by our government as Memorial Day. It now honors those who have died while serving in our United States armed forces.

-- MEMORIALS --

To memorialize a loved one is an important part of any family's, and their friends', grieving process. Memorials are a way that families can remember and pay tribute to loved ones who have passed on. Memorials allow a person to be remembered for years to come.

A memorial tells the family that while their loved one may be gone, his or her memory and spirit lives on. They will be forever tied together in the circle of life, that the loved one's life mattered and will continue to matter. Their acts of goodness, kindness and courage will never be forgotten. A memorial is a way to remember a loved one forever.

-- GIFTS TO CHARITIES --

There are several ways to remember our loved ones, some of which are headstones or grave markers, memorialization urns,

statues, plants, flag cases, acts of kindness, writing a heartfelt letter to the family, or a donation to a charity.

When making a donation as a memorial or tribute to a loved one, you need to be sure that it is made to a charity that honors that person. In obituaries you will often see the phrase "in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions/donations may be made to...". This identifies where to make your donation as a memorial. If you do, you need to do this in a timely fashion (within 10 days after the funeral), so that the family can include you when writing thank you notes.

If a charitable organization was not specified, then choose one that may have been a favorite charity of the deceased, or perhaps a medical research organization if they passed on from an illness.

-- MCCF FUNDS --

The Martin County Community Foundation has several funds that will let your memorial donation, and the spirit of your loved one, live on forever. The MCCF funds will always be used for future assistance to our local community needs, whether they be for a cemetery, a library, church or other charitable organization, certain areas of interest, or a variety of scholarships.

And if you are not sure which specific fund or need to donate toward, the MCCF has several unrestricted funds that have the flexibility to address the emerging and changing needs in our community, today and tomorrow.


-- MORE INFORMATION --

If you would like to let the memory of your loved one live on forever with a donation to the MCCF, please contact Director Curt Johnson at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org, or at 2668 US Hwy 50 (on

the Martin County fairgrounds), PO Box 28, Loogootee IN 47553. He will work with you to find out what funds meet your need or how to establish a new fund.

In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener



When we speak of migration, we usually think of the migration of animals with the seasons. We are aware that some birds that spend the summer here go south in the winter, and other birds come from more northern climates to winter here in southern Indiana. We also know about the annual migration of the monarch butterflies and other insects. However, plants sometimes migrate also.

For plants to migrate, seeds must be carried to the new location. This may be accomplished by wind or by animals. For plant migration to be completed, the conditions in the new locale must be favorable for the germination of the seeds and the development of the plant. For many years, most of southern Indiana was in the USDA plant hardiness zone 5, where minimum winter temperatures were said to drop to twenty degrees below zero. However, as the climate has changed, our minimums now are closer to 10 degrees below zero. That 10-degree difference places us in zone 6 now, and a whole new group of plants will tolerate that minimum.

That can be both a blessing and a curse. Twenty years ago, one rarely saw crape myrtles growing in Indiana. Now, the combination of breeding plants to tolerate colder temperatures and climate change has made the summer bloomers quite

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common. Native plants that grew farther south have begun migrating northward, increasing the possibilities for our landscapes. This also enables the animals that feed on these plants to also migrate northward.

On the other hand, it opens us up to a whole new group of invasive plants that could potentially alter entire ecosystems. Kudzu has long been called "the plant that ate the south". Kudzu has now been found growing in southern Indiana and is moving northward. This aggressive vine can cover trees and even houses in a short time, smothering the native plants. This also means that the wildlife that needs the native plants to survive will move out of the area. Another dangerous plant that is becoming increasingly common in southern Indiana is the poison hemlock. In addition to taking up the growing space of native plants, this plant is seriously a threat to anyone who touches it. The threat is so serious that organized eradication efforts need to get underway. If the plants mature, the seeds produced will be carried and this dangerous plant will continue to migrate.

Awareness is the key to living with plant migration. Everyone needs to be alert to plants that may become problems, but at the same time to welcome the chance to grow new things.

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