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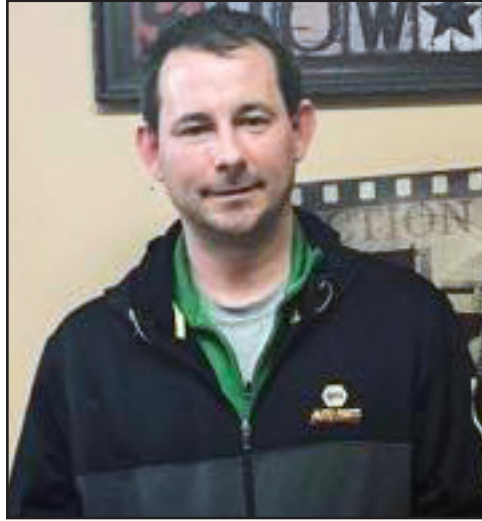
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CODY ROUSH



AARON "MOOSE" SUMMERS

## Roush, Summers move on to General Election

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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The Primary Election was held Tuesday, June 2, postponed in Indiana due to the COVID-19 outbreak. There were only two contested races in Martin County, both on the Republican ballot and both for commissioner seats. In district one, Cody Roush handily defeated in-

cumbent Kevin Boyd, 858 to 432. In the district three commissioners' race, Aaron "Moose" Summers defeated Jon Richer, 740-502. Summers has served as district three commissioner since taking over for Dan Gregory at the first of the year after Gregory retired.

There is currently no candidate signed up on the Democrat ticket to run against (See 'ELECTION' on page two)

## Loogootee Council deciding how much to increase water/sewer rates

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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The Loogootee City Council held a special meeting last Wednesday, May 27 to discuss a rate study done by Baker Tilly, of Indianapolis. The firm provided information to the council on how much money was needed to cover future projects and how much the council needed to raise water and sewer rates for customers to cover those projects.

Representatives of Baker Tilly, Jessica Mastropietro and John Seever, provided rate increases for water and sewer separately. Several options were provided to help offset rate increases, that without any loans or bonds, would be 40-50 percent.

The projects planned for the city include \$300,000 for two new storage buildings, one that houses equipment currently on North Street and the other that houses chemicals at the wastewater treatment plant; \$4 million for stormwater/street projects around the city, \$1.65 million to pay off the bond for the purchase of the West Boggs Sewer District, and \$500,000 to cover costs not covered by the Community Crossings grant, that ended up bidding higher than expected.

On the water side, if the city opted to issue bonds after they pay off the current bond for purchasing the West Boggs Sewer District in 2023, Baker Tilly recommended increasing water rates by 10 percent over the next three years. Low interest revolving loans were also discussed on projects that qualify in the water and sewer departments.

The council discussed whether it would be better to "tear off the bandaid" and have a large rate increase all at once or do it in phases over the next three years. The council was in agreement that most residents could not afford a full increase right now.

Council Member Tim Lawrence said he is afraid there are residents who cannot afford an increase at all, mainly elderly residents on a fixed income. "I kinda feel like we might be rushing that a little bit," he said.

Baker Tilly provided the council with comparative rates to other neighboring cities and towns. It was noted that those rates were much higher except in Odon and Shoals, which Seever said they think are incorrect figures. The last time Loogootee increased water rates was in 2002 and the last increase in sewer rates was in 2012.

On the sewer side, Baker Tilly recommended increasing by \$7-12 per month. He said a similar approach can be done on the sewer projects to keep rates from having to go higher than that, with loans and bonds. It was noted that the figures received did not break down Loogootee customers versus West Boggs customers, which Seever said would make a difference. He asked Clerk-Treasurer Carol Harder to get him that breakdown. It was noted that City of Loogootee customers should not be required to pay for the bond for West Boggs Sewer District.

Seever told the council that the increases they have recommended are contingent on the city pledging the stormwater funds, averaging \$86,400 per year, for the next 20 years to the stormwater bond. The city has been collecting \$6 from each water customer over the past three years to save up for stormwater projects. Seever said if the city doesn't want to pledge this money, they need to let them know now, because that will change the amount of the proposed increase. Once the money is pledged, it cannot be unpledged.

The total rate increase for water and sewer averages out to around 15 percent, with the Baker Tilly recommendations. (See 'LOOGOOTE' on page two)

## New building at WestGate requesting tax abatement

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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The main topic of discussion at Monday night's Martin County Council meeting on a future tax abatement request from ManTech, out of Washington D.C. Alliance Director Tim Kinder and Dale Ankrom, who owns property in Martin County's portion of the WestGate Tech Park, explained that ManTech plans to build a \$2.75 million, 72,000-square-foot building in WestGate 8. They plan to add 40 jobs with an annual payroll of \$2 million and want to eventually exceed 62 employees. ManTech also has two other buildings in WestGate 2 and WestGate 6.

Dan Ankrom, who owns the property ManTech will be purchasing, said this project has been in the works for the past 16 months. He said ManTech has just been awarded at \$952 million government contract and their new building on WestGate 8 will be the largest building in the tech park. As comparison, Ankrom said the WestGate Academy is 64,000 square feet.

The total project is estimated to cost \$7.45 million according to Kinder. ManTech will be looking to receive a real property tax abatement from the county, over a 10-year period.

Ankrom said they plan to break ground on the new building in July with completion estimated at the end of 2020 or the start of 2021.

Ankrom was asked how much property he has left in WestGate. Ankrom replied that he has a total of 16 acres, six of which will be going to ManTech and SAIC is planning to expand which will take 2.5-3 acres. He expects to have 10 acres remain-

ing although noted that he is in talks with other companies to locate to the park, however he can't reveal any other information at this time. "There has never been more opportunity at WestGate as we have now," he said. It was noted that the Martin County Commissioners own 1.32 acres that can also be built on.

Kinder told the council that he is in talks with a company who is looking at the Martin County side of WestGate also.

Kinder and Ankrom were asked what would come of the Wagbaugh property that was formerly built to be a daycare. Ankrom replied that the building currently houses tenants and there are around 2,200-2,400 square feet uninhabited however he is working with a company now who needs 2,200 square feet so the building may be full soon.

Council Member Barb McFeaters thanked Ankrom for investing in Martin County. Ankrom replied that it has been his pleasure. "Martin County has been phenomenal for us to work with," he said. "It's been very good for us. I think we can all be proud of what we see now in WestGate."

The council made no decision on the abatement at Monday night's meeting.

Members of the Martin County Leadership Group, including Sierra Rutledge, Kathy Collins, Kristi Ausbrooks, Cindy Barber from Washington Purdue Extension, Dena Held, and Rhonda Rumble, presented information to the council that was requested at their last meeting. Jameson Hibbs, who was not present Monday night, had given a presentation on behalf of the leadership group at last month's

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## Loogootee Elementary recognized as PLTW Distinguished School

Loogootee Elementary School (LES) announced last week that it has been recognized as a Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Distinguished School for providing broad access to transformative learning opportunities for students through PLTW Launch. Over 12,200 schools across the world offer PLTW curriculum. Only three percent of those schools received the "Distinguished School" honor, placing LES in an elite group. PLTW is a nonprofit organization that serves millions of PreK-12 students and teachers in schools across the U.S.

Loogootee Elementary Principal, Lacey Wade commented, "This recognition is a reflection of the hard work and dedication our teachers and students have exemplified over the last two years. Project Lead the Way has helped lay the foundations in the areas of biomedical, computer science, and engineering for our students. Our students are given opportunities to explore these areas through hands-on experiences as well as developing problem-solving skills and learning how to work collaboratively towards a goal, all which are skills that will help them as they grow in their educational careers. Loogootee Elementary is honored to receive this recognition."

The PLTW Distinguished School rec-

ognition honors schools committed to increasing student access, engagement, and achievement in their PLTW programs. To be eligible for the designation, Loogootee Elementary School had to offer at least two PLTW Launch modules at each grade level and have more than 75 percent of the student body participating during the 2018-19 school year.

Studies show that students decide as early as elementary school whether they like, and think they are good at, math and science. Whether designing a car safety belt or building digital animations based on their own short stories, PLTW Launch students engage in critical and creative thinking, build teamwork skills, and develop a passion for and confidence in STEM subjects.

"It is a great honor to recognize Loogootee Elementary School for their commitment to providing students with an excellent educational experience," said Dr. Vince Bertram, President and CEO of PLTW. "They should be very proud of their work to ensure students have the knowledge and skills to be career ready and successful on any career path they choose."

For more information on Loogootee Elementary School's PLTW Launch program or to set up a school visit, contact Principal Lacey Wade at 812-295-2833.

# LOGOOTE

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The council will now have to decide to go with the recommendations of Baker Tilly in order to keep it at 15 percent. Not using the stormwater fees could up the rate increase to 20-25 percent each year for the next three years.

Superintendent Bo Wilson said he doesn't think the sewer department should be covering stormwater projects. He said that there are other issues at the sewer plant that need to be addressed now.

The council discussed whether pledging half of the stormwater fees should be considered. This would put the rate increase at around 18 percent for the next three years. Baker Tilly said they needed a decision by next week on how the council wants to proceed with the stormwater fees.

Council Member Teresa Nolley said they all agree that upgrades are needed, along with other items Wilson included in the plans. She said however, that the council needed to go through the plans and cut what could be cut.

Wilson replied that he is okay with cutting however one of the buildings they are working out of is a "death trap". He added that they also need to be more compliant with building standards. He said that the prices they received to build two new buildings are a bit inflated because they include engineering costs. The council discussed possibly calling a local builder

## ELECTION

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Roush for district one commissioner however Summers will go up against Democrat Mike Dant in November. Dant has served as commissioner in the past.

Martin County had just a 26 percent voter turnout on Tuesday, with 698 residents voting by mail in ballot or absentee at the courthouse. 1,920 ballots were cast in total and there are 7,497 registered voters in Martin County. There were 1,320 Republican ballots chosen and 600 Democrat ballots.

In Martin County only, Donald Trump (R) received 1,206 votes for president while his opponent, Bill Weld (R) received 82.

On the Democrat side for President, Joe Biden received 399 votes, Bernie Sanders received 60, Pete Buttigieg received 17, Michael R. Bloomberg and Amy Klobuchar received 13 each, Elizabeth Warren received 12, Tom Steyer received nine, Andrew Yang received six, and Tulsi Gabbard received five.

View all the Martin County Primary Election results [here](#).

to see if they could get the buildings built for less.

Mayor Noel Harty said that he constantly hears about the orange cones lining the streets of the city. He said they can try for grant funds to help repair these issues, but they don't always get them. He added that they applied for the Community Crossings grant and received it but when bids were received, they ended up being \$300,000 more than the grant allowed. He said the council will need to decide what is priority on the projects proposed.

Council Member Lawrence said he thought the city would be repairing stormwater issues along with the work on the sewer system. He didn't realize that the work would be done on one thing and not the other and felt it would be more cost effective and time effective to take sections, a little at a time, and fix everything in that section. He said he didn't see the point in digging up an area to fix one thing and then going back and dig it up again to fix another.

Lawrence also said that the city needs to be applying for every grant they can find.

"We need matching funds," replied Mayor Harty.

"Not all are matching," said Lawrence. "They are all matching," replied the mayor.

The mayor said there are residents who have waited years to get their areas fixed which is why they are trying to prioritize.

"We've got to start somewhere," said Lawrence. He added that Midwestern Engineers was hired to do a study of the whole city for \$50,000 so the council knew the major problem areas. He asked what happened to that.

Wilson replied that he doesn't believe he ever received any reports back from that study and agreed with Lawrence.

Council Member Nolley said they can raise the rates, but they need to show the citizens that the council is tightening the belt. She cited Wilson wanting to buy a new dump truck, brought up at last month's council meeting.

Wilson replied that he needs a new dump truck because the one they have is not mechanically sound. "You expect me to do a job, you give me the tools to do it with," he said. "If I don't have the tools to do the job with, don't expect me to do the job."

Nolley said the public will ask why they have to have a new dump truck and not use what they already have.

Wilson replied that the current dump truck is a 2003 model and he doesn't necessarily want a new one, he would be fine

with a decent used model.

Superintendent Wilson asked why they are not discussing also raising the stormwater monthly fee, currently at \$6.

Mayor Harty replied that no one suggested it to him.

Wilson said that if the city pledges half of the stormwater money, this leaves just \$40,000 a year to fund sewer projects. "It won't work," he said adding that they will just run out of money and be back discussing raising water rates again. He said the stormwater funds need to stay with the city and not be used.

Council Member Lawrence said they

## WESTGATE

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meeting on implementing a wheel tax. The group had been looking at ways to increase revenue to improve the roadways in the county with the idea that it would increase the population. Hibbs had said last month that implementing a wheel tax and excise surtax would bring in an estimated \$699,000 per year. Council Members Buck Stiles and Sherri Bowling had questioned how money is dispersed currently in the highway department and where wheel tax money would be spent. So, Monday night, the leadership group members returned with that information. They provided a breakdown of funds for the highway department and what each fund can be used for. They also provided information from other counties similar to Martin County in size, that have a wheel tax in place. Leadership Member Sierra Rutledge said that the council seemed concerned last month about the cost to farmers and truckers. From their research, they found that the cost would be \$40 maximum and school buses and church buses would be exempt. Council Member Warren Albright asked if this was independently-owned school buses or corporation owned. Leadership Member Kathy Collins said she was unsure but there are currently 26 buses registered in Martin County as exempt.

Collins said they wanted to give the council time to review the packet of information provided and the group would like to come back and attend the July meeting. She said they will also check into the school bus issue.

Dena Held, Purdue Extension Educator, talked to the council about a request made at the last meeting regarding funding loss for the community building. Last month, members of the fair board had told the council that due to COVID-19, the community building is not being rented thus causing loss in revenue. The council had asked them to get exact numbers together and return. Monday night, Held told the council that the community building has lost \$10,890 in the last 3.5 months and they estimate an additional \$3,000-plus for the future months. She requested that the council give the fair board \$4,300 to cover their insurance premium for one quarter.

Council Member Bowling asked Held if the fair board has a rainy day fund they could tap into. Held replied that they do however they are a non-profit so it is a small amount and they have already used some of it. She noted that most of the money is designated for a specific purpose and cannot be used.

Council Member Randy Winger asked Auditor Bobbie Abel if she predicted any other requests like this related to COVID-19. Abel replied that the highway department will see a loss down the road due to decreased gas tax and she does have expenses related to the courthouse but the fair board is the only organization that has come forward asking for help.

Council Member Stiles said he understands the fair board has a financial burden right now but added that a lot of people do. "If we can't help everybody, how

need to also increase the stormwater fee, along with water and sewer rates, even if it's just a few dollars.

"We have to do something because our town is going to fall apart," said Council Member Ron Gilbert.

"Well, we won't have a town," said Council Member Lawrence. "We need to fix some stuff, we really do."

The council decided to take time to review Baker Tilly's recommendations and discuss the issue again at their Monday, June 8 meeting. They also wanted to give the public time to digest the rate increase and express their opinions.

can we help them and them alone?" he asked, adding that a lot of businesses have lost revenue too and will be losing more.

Council Member Warren Albright said he thought they had agreed last month to help out the fair board, they were just waiting on a dollar amount. He motioned to approve their request for \$4,300.

Council Member Richard Summers asked if the council could approve an additional appropriation prior to it being advertised. Auditor Abel said that the rules have been relaxed due to COVID so the council can approve emergency situations.

Council Member Summers seconded the motion to approve the funds. Council Member McFeaters also approved however Council Members Winger, Stiles and Bowling voted against, making it a 3-3 tie.

Council Member Winger then made a motion to approve \$2,500 noting that he was in favor of helping the fair board but due to unknowns, he felt the original request was too high.

Dena Held thanked Winger saying that she understands other non-profits may be taking a loss too.

Council Member Albright made the second to approve \$2,500 at the same time that Council Member Stiles questioned whether it was parliamentary etiquette to have another vote after a 3-3 tie. Without Council Member Keith Gibson in attendance, there was no tiebreaking vote.

The vote continued without a response to Stiles' question with Council Members McFeaters and Summers voting in favor and Council Members Stiles and Bowling voting against. The request was approved.

The council approved a resolution from the Martin County 2A group that was approved by the commissioners several months ago.

Auditor Abel reported that the budget hearings are scheduled for August 10 and 11, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. She also gave a reminder that the next county council meeting will be Monday, July 6.

Commissioner Summers presented a check from Vigo County for \$85,085 for housing their inmates in Martin County from January through April. He commended the sheriff's department for the work they have done to keep Vigo County inmates and prevent an outbreak of COVID. Council Members Winger and Albright agreed.

Council Member Winger asked Sheriff Travis Roush if a public event could be held to educate Martin County residents on their rights pertaining to defending their property. Winger said that with the unrest in the country, many people do not know what their rights are. Sheriff Roush replied that Indiana is a good place for people to be because the state allows residents to have a lot of authority over protecting their property. He said the sheriff's department may schedule an educational event after COVID-19.

Before the meeting started, Council Member Buck Stiles asked to have a moment of silence and prayer for the United States due to all that is going on at this time.

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# OBITUARIES

## PATRICIA MATHIAS

Patricia Jean Mathias passed away at 7:40 a.m. Friday, May 29, 2020 at IU Health Bloomington. A resident of Bloomington, she was 66.

She was born March 10, 1954 in Washington; daughter of the late Victor J. and Anna Jean (Tewell) Mathias.

Patty graduated from Loogootee High School in 1972 and was an Indiana University graduate. She then went to work at GE and retired in 2016.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Victor J. and Anna Jean (Tewell) Mathias.

Patty is survived by her special aunt and godmother, Dorothy May Bradley of Indianapolis; siblings, Martha (Alex) Hamilton of Bloomington and Rick (Lisa) Mathias of Loogootee; five nieces, one nephew; and several great nieces and great nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker Wednesday morning, June 3 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be made online at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com).

## MARVIN MONTGOMERY

Marvin Paul Montgomery died Saturday, May 30, at his home. A resident of Jasper, he was 76.

Marvin was born to Wayne and Beulah (Abel) Montgomery on March 16, 1944, in Martin County.

He was a graduate of Shoals High School. Marvin worked for The Old Paths Tract Society, US Gypsum, was a photographer for years, and since 1996, has owned Marvin's Computer Shop in Haysville. He was a very talented musician and singer. He was a member of Victory Assembly of God in Jasper where he served as deacon and on the Worship Team for many years.

He married Joyce Marie Bobbitt in Shoals on July 20, 1963. She preceded Marvin in death on October 25, 2015. He is also preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Melody Mosier, sister, Wilma Albright; and brothers, Kenneth, Danny, and Donnie Montgomery.

He is survived by one daughter, Melba

Covel and her husband, John, of Loogootee; one son, Ansel Montgomery and his wife, Becca, of Jasper; 11 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, two brothers, Robert and Stanley Montgomery, both of Shoals; sister, Eileen and her husband, Wayne Sanders, of Salem, Ohio; and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was held today, Wednesday, June 3, at 1 p.m. at McAdams Mortuary. Pastor Joel Rivera officiated. Burial followed in Oak Grove Cemetery in Hardinsburg.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made in Marvin's honor to any local church, as he loved helping out the churches and pastors of the community.

## JANET CRUM

Janet Sue Gammon Crum, formerly of Shoals, passed away May 28, 2020 at the Westview Manor in Bedford. A resident of Bedford, she was 80.

She was born August 26, 1939 in Orange County; daughter of Howard and Myrtle (Burt) Gammon.

She married Robert Crum on November 24, 1956 in Paoli and he preceded her in death on April 9, 2009. She was a homemaker and was of the Christian faith.

Survivors include one daughter, Bobette Sue (Warren) Cornett of Williams; one son, Barry Dale Crum of Danville; granddaughters, Deanna (Brian) Caswell of Springville, Alicia (James) Rice of Evansville, Emma Crum of Knightdale, North Carolina; one sister Doris Sanders and Bill Williams of Shoals; two brothers, Richard (Sandy) Gammon of Avon, Larry (Doris) Gammon of Whiteland; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death are her parents, husband, one sister, Mary Louise Swayzee; and one son, Howard Crum.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 1 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with burial in the Pleasant Valley Cemetery. Teresa Reynolds, Richard Grace and Richard Grace officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes.

## JANIS GRAYBILL

Janis L. Graybill passed away Wednesday May 28, 2020 at her home, surrounded by her family. A resident of Loogootee, she was 89.

She was born August 9, 1930 in Titusville, Pennsylvania; daughter of Floyd H. and Lucena Bromley.

Janis was preceded in death by her husband, David Leon Graybill; her children, Rhoda and David; her parents, Floyd and Lucena; and her siblings, Marjorie Beiler



JANIS GRAYBILL

and nephews.

Cremation was chosen according to her wishes.

Online condolences can be made at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com). Arrangements provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

## BERNARD ARVIN

Bernard J. Arvin passed away at 9:15 a.m. Thursday, May 28, 2020 at IU Health University Hospital in Indianapolis. A resident of Ellettsville, he was 68.

He was born November 7, 1951 in Dubois County; son of the late Barbara (Arvin) Freidman.

Bernard was a 1970 graduate of Loogootee High School. He was a United States Army veteran and served overseas during Vietnam. He was a member of the American Legion Post 120. He was an avid motorcycle rider.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Barbara (Arvin) Freidman and son, Nick Arvin.

He is survived by his children, Stephanie (Todd) Allen of Ireland, Chris (Crystal) Arvin of Jasper and Ross Arvin of Ellettsville; and grandchildren, Alex, Madison and Hannah Allen and Lilly, Nick, Jake and Matt Arvin.

Cremation was chosen and private graveside services will be held.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Middle Way House, [www.middlewayhouse.org](http://www.middlewayhouse.org).

Condolences may be made online at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com).

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, MAY 25

12:13 a.m. - Received a report of a suspect vehicle in Mitcheltree Township. Sergeant Reed responded.

9:35 a.m. - Received a report of vandalized property south of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

10:00 a.m. - Received a request to speak to animal control. Animal Control Officer Hughett advised.

10:06 a.m. - Received a wild animal complaint. Advised South Region.

11:36 a.m. - Received a report of vandalized property south of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

1:12 p.m. - Received a request for a lift assist in Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

3:39 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver east of Shoals. Deputy Gibson responded.

3:48 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded. Transported to Jasper.

4:28 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS responded. Transported to IU Bedford.

### TUESDAY, MAY 26

7:54 a.m. - Received a request for a vin check north of Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

12:02 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Major Keller Responded.

12:55 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle in the county that was suspected to be involved with a theft in Jasper. Major Keller located and stopped the vehicle west of Shoals. Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, Deputy Wells ISP Trooper Johnson, and Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

2:55 p.m. - Received a request for an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

3:18 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Loogootee. The county highway department responded.

3:52 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded.

4:45 p.m. - Received a request for a vin check north of Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

4:48 p.m. - Received a report of a car vs. pole accident east of Shoals. Deputy Gibson, Deputy Wells, Shoals Fire, and Martin County EMS responded.

5:10 p.m. - Received a request to speak to an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

9:21 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle north of Shoals. Deputy Gibson responded.

9:30 p.m. - Received a report of a car vs. deer accident west of Shoals. Sergeant Reed responded.

9:48 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle east of Shoals. Sergeant Reed responded.

11:05 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire responded.

11:23 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle accident south of Loogootee. Sergeant Reed, Deputy Gibson, Major Keller, Loogootee Sergeant McBeth, ISP Trooper Nolan, Martin County EMS, and Haysville Fire responded.

11:30 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Daviess County EMS and Loogootee Fire responded.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

1:49 a.m. - Received a report of a burglary alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant McBeth responded.

10:50 a.m. - Received a report of a wild animal injured. Advised South Region.

1:20 p.m. - Received a request to speak

to an officer about equipment found on the callers' property. ISP Detective Lents responded.

6:09 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Deputy Gibson responded.

7:11 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee responded.

8:02 p.m. - Received a request for a vin check in Loogootee. Advised Loogootee Dispatch.

### THURSDAY, MAY 28

1:25 a.m. - Received a report of trespassing in Shoals. Sergeant Reed and Deputy Seymour responded.

5:50 p.m. - Received a request to speak to an officer in Loogootee. Advised Loogootee Sergeant McBeth.

7:15 a.m. - Received a report of an abandoned vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

7:29 a.m. - Received a report of a semi blocking a business. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

9:55 a.m. - Received a request for a vin check north of Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

10:05 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene performed a vin check in Shoals.

2:29 p.m. - Received a request for officer assistance in Lost River Township. Major Keller and Deputy Lents responded.

3:28 p.m. - Loogootee Police advised they are taking a subject to the EMS station. Martin County EMS transported to Jasper.

7:03 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Floyd responded.

7:54 p.m. - Received a report of two suspicious people in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

8:00 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

8:12 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down west of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Deputy Gibson responded.

8:45 p.m. - Received a report of a break-in south of Shoals. Deputies Gibson, Seymour, Dorsey and Orange County Sheriff's Office responded.

9:11 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. Civil Defense responded.

9:54 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County EMS responded.

10:57 p.m. - Received a report of a structure fire in Shoals. Shoals Fire, Deputies Gibson, and Seymour responded.

### FRIDAY, MAY 29

2:32 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check. Advised Deputy Seymour.

5:30 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of the state forest. The county highway department responded.

8:45 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle east of Shoals. Major Keller, ISP Trooper Beaver, Shoals Fire, and REMC responded.

9:17 a.m. - Received a report of a burglary alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

10:37 a.m. - Received a report of a commercial burglary alarm in Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

11:20 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

12:12 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver west of Shoals. All Martin County Law Enforcement were advised.

12:25 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check. Deputy Lents responded.

12:40 p.m. - Received a report of a wild animal. Advised South Region.

2:02 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire responded.

2:25 p.m. - Received a request to speak to an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Floyd responded.

2:29 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire responded.

5:06 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Lost River. Martin County EMS and Lost River Fire responded.

5:10 p.m. - Received a report of debris in the roadway north of Haysville. Haysville Fire and the state highway department responded.

5:46 p.m. - Received a report of a fight in Loogootee. Advised Loogootee Dispatch.

5:50 p.m. - Received an animal complaint. Advised Control Officer Hughett.

7:09 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert was advised.

8:17 p.m. - Received a request for an officer in Loogootee. Deputy Harmon and Loogootee Officer Cummings responded.

### SATURDAY, MAY 30

12:50 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS, Loogootee Officer Cummings, Deputies Seymour, Harmon, and Jason Greene responded.

1:09 a.m. - Received a 911 hang up. Deputies Seymour, Harmon, Jason Greene, and Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

7:27 a.m. - Received a report of a burglary alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

8:13 a.m. - Received an animal complaint. Advised Animal Control Office Hughett.

8:56 a.m. - Received a report of a fire alarm north of Shoals. Indian Creek Fire responded.

10:28 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

11:15 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver South of Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

11:50 a.m. - Received a report of a one-vehicle accident east of Loogootee. Deputy Lents responded.

3:36 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County EMS, Shoals Fire, and Deputy Wells responded.

4:24 p.m. - Received a report of a one-vehicle accident east of Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

6:06 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of the state forest. Shoals Fire and Deputy Wells responded.

8:44 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver east of Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

8:50 p.m. - Received a report of a reck-

less driver east of Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

9:10 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver at Boggs. Deputies Seymour and Wells responded.

11:10 p.m. - Received a report of a burglary alarm north of Loogootee. Deputy Seymour, Deputy Wells, and Loogootee Officer Cummings responded.

11:21 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle west of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Chief responded.

### SUNDAY, MAY 31

12:45 a.m. - Received a noise complaint south of Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded.

1:01 a.m. - Received a report of harassment south of Shoals. Deputy Seymour, Shoals Town Marshal Eckert, and Loogootee Officer Cummings responded.

2:30 a.m. - Received a burglary alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Cummings responded.

9:47 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS, Shoals Fire, and Deputy Wells responded.

10:44 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant McBeth responded.

1:10 p.m. - Received a request to speak to an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant McBeth responded.

1:57 p.m. - Received a report of smoke near Crane. Crane Fire responded.

3:25 p.m. - Received a 911 hang up in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant McBeth and Deputy Wells responded.

5:52 p.m. - Received a report of dead deer in the roadway. Deputy Wells responded.

6:32 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Deputy Wells responded.

9:53 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Shoals. Sergeant Reed responded.

10:25 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Sergeant Reed, Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded.

10:31 p.m. - Received a report of an abandoned vehicle in Shoals. Sergeant Reed responded.

11:30 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded.

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# COURT NEWS

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### CRIMINAL COURT April 30

John David Pfahler, possession of methamphetamine; possession of marijuana; possession of paraphernalia.

Amanda Kay Dandridge, possession of methamphetamine; possession of marijuana; possession of paraphernalia.

Candace L. Hawkins, resisting law enforcement; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person.

### May 1

Kerry A. Lewis, possession of methamphetamine; operating a vehicle while intoxicated; possession of paraphernalia; operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license.

### May 4

Brian D. Walls, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person.

Dakota C. Halcomb, possession of paraphernalia; possession of marijuana.

### May 5

Gary D. Knepp, possession of marijuana.

Steven L. Truelove, resisting law enforcement; reckless driving.

### May 6

Robert G. Roach, II, possession of methamphetamine; resisting law enforcement; possession of a controlled substance; driving while suspended.

### May 8

Gregory D. Bough, invasion of privacy; criminal trespass.

Brian K. Davis, possession of marijuana; possession of paraphernalia.

### May 11

Alias Rian Keasling, public intoxication.

### May 12

Joseph O. Mott, possession of marijuana.

Devon M. Payne, possession of marijuana.

Cam Richard Houchin, possession of marijuana; possession of paraphernalia.

Cecorra R. Holt, possession of marijuana.

Stacey C. Johnson, possession of meth-

amphetamine; possession of paraphernalia.

### May 13

Steven L. Truelove, resisting law enforcement; leaving the scene of an accident.

### May 18

Brandon F. Sapp, cruelty to an animal. Ayrone R. Miller, operating a motor vehicle after forfeiture of license for life; possession of marijuana.

Damon Michael Dant, possession of methamphetamine; possession of paraphernalia; operating a vehicle while intoxicated; refusal to submit to breath or chemical test.

Joseph R. Miller, possession of methamphetamine; possession of marijuana; possession of paraphernalia.

### May 20

Kyndra A. Schimke, operating a vehicle while intoxicated; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more.

### May 21

Harold E. Sunderman, possession of methamphetamine; delivery of a false sales document; possession of a controlled substance; possession of marijuana.

William Chase Heckard, battery resulting in moderate bodily injury.

William Lee Heckard, battery resulting in moderate bodily injury.

### May 22

Ashton V. Pottorff, domestic battery.

### CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

### May 15

Unifund CCR, LLC vs. Brittney Twigg, civil collection.

### May 22

Leia D. Roach vs. Robert G. Roach, petition for dissolution of marriage.

### May 26

Farm Bureau Bank vs. Dorothy Bough, civil collection.

Trisel N. Davis vs. Charles P. Davis, petition for dissolution of marriage.

### CIVIL COURT DISMISSED

Synchrony Bank vs. George Sipes, civil collection, dismissed.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

Elise Kohler of New Lenox, Illinois and Patrick McConville of Lemont, Illinois.

## Martin County real estate transfers

**Donnie Joe Graber and Deliah Jean Graber**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Daniel J. Graber**, of Daviess County, Indiana, the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 25, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, containing 40 acres, more or less.

**Robert D. Lythgoe and Brenda S. Lythgoe**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Brenda S. Lythgoe**, of Martin County, Indiana, the north part of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 21, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, containing 11.5 acres, more or less. More commonly known as Haw Creek Road, Loogootee, Indiana 47553.

**Lonnie Allen**, of Martin County, Indiana

to **Andrew C. Haggard and Michelle J. Haggard**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 34 in Risacher's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Michael J. McAtee**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Briana K. Templin**, of Martin County, Indiana, 40 feet of even width off the east side of Lot Number 13, and 40 feet of even width off the west side of Lot Number 14, all in Summers, Cannon and Crane Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Peter D. Medina**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Carolyn Baldwin**, of Martin County, Indiana and Michele Phillips, of San Diego County, California, a part of Lot 21 in the Original Town of Crane.

## ARRESTS

### TUESDAY, MAY 26

1:30 p.m. - Ramone Stroud, 18, of Louisville, was arrested by ISP Trooper Johnson and charged with theft. He is being held without bond.

1:41 p.m. - Howard Stiltz, 50, of Louisville, was arrested by ISP Trooper Johnson and charged with theft. He is being held without bond.

1:47 p.m. - Jordon Armstrong, 37, of Louisville, was arrested by ISP Trooper Johnson and charged with theft. He is being held without bond.

### THURSDAY, MAY 28

2:50 p.m. - Ronald Blackman, 28, of Michigan, was arrested by Deputy Gib-

son on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

### FRIDAY, MAY 29

11:55 p.m. - Nathan Harmon, 37, of Washington, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Cummings and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangerment, driving while suspended prior, and possession of marijuana and paraphernalia.

### SATURDAY, MAY 30

12:00 a.m. - Katrina Pride, 45, of Sailors Springs, Illinois, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Cummings and charged with possession of marijuana and paraphernalia.

# Loogootee Police log

### MONDAY, MAY 25

9:00 a.m. - Male came on station for a vehicle identification check.

10:06 a.m. - Female reported an animal complaint.

1:36 p.m. - Caller reported a controlled burn on SE 1<sup>st</sup> Street.

3:12 p.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

8:25 p.m. - Caller reported a violation of a protective order.

### TUESDAY, MAY 26

10:34 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

11:23 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

12:55 a.m. - Chief Rayhill and Captain Hennessee assisted ISP with an arrest on Hwy 50.

2:55 p.m. - Captain Hennessee assisted the department of child services.

6:30 p.m. - Male reported a theft complaint.

11:23 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth assisted the county with a traffic accident.

11:30 p.m. - First responders were requested in Bowling Trailer Court for a medical call.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

1:49 a.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a business alarm.

7:50 a.m. - Caller reported someone littered in the high school parking lot.

6:04 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

7:11 p.m. - First responders were requested on John C. Strange Street for a medical call.

7:58 p.m. - Caller requested a vehicle identification check.

10:07 p.m. - Female reported a possible phone scam.

### THURSDAY, MAY 28

5:50 a.m. - Male reported possible drug activity.

7:15 a.m. - Caller reported a possible abandoned vehicle in St. Johns Cemetery.

7:29 a.m. - Caller reported an illegal parking complaint.

4:17 a.m. - Male reported a civil com-

plaint.

6:45 p.m. - Report of a speeding vehicle on Hwy 50.

7:03 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Church Street.

7:54 p.m. - Report of a suspicious vehicle on Cooper Street.

9:15 p.m. - Report of a domestic dispute on SE 1<sup>st</sup> Street.

### FRIDAY, MAY 29

2:32 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

12:12 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

2:25 p.m. - Caller reported a possible warrant on a male.

2:29 p.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a medical call.

4:19 p.m. - Male reported a child custody matter.

5:44 p.m. - Report of two males fighting on SE 1<sup>st</sup> Street.

10:29 p.m. - Male reported a civil complaint.

### SATURDAY, MAY 30

7:27 a.m. - Captain Hennessee responded to a business alarm.

9:30 a.m. - Female reported an animal complaint.

11:09 a.m. - Female reported a reckless driver on US 231.

3:12 p.m. - Caller reported a broken-down vehicle on Broadway Street.

11:10 p.m. - Officer Cummings assisted the county with a burglary alarm.

11:21 p.m. - Caller reported a broken-down vehicle on Hwy 50.

### SUNDAY, MAY 31

12:45 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on SR 550.

2:30 a.m. - Officer Cummings responded to a business alarm.

7:54 a.m. - Daviess County advised officers to be on the look-out for a hit-and-run vehicle.

10:44 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

9:01 p.m. - Female reported a trespassing complaint.

10:29 p.m. - Officer Cummins responded to a business alarm.



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### THOUGHTS ABOUT WEIGHT

1. I try to avoid things that make me fat . . . like scales, mirrors, and photographs.
2. Age is only a number. Weight is only a number. I've decided that numbers are really starting to tick me off.
3. Why can't mosquitos suck FAT instead of blood?
4. If someone tells you that you put too much Parmesan cheese on your pasta, stop talking to them. You don't need that kind of negativity in your life.
5. I wish there were more hours in the day, everyone was nice, and bread didn't make you fat.
6. My version of a workout buddy is someone who tells me I look so good I don't need to work out.
7. I really think that tossing and turning at night should be considered as exercise.
8. I just burned 1,200 calories. I forgot the pizza in the oven.
9. I decided to go for a jog today . . . As I set off, I heard clapping behind me. Then I realized it was my butt cheeks cheering me on.
10. I wasn't planning on going for a run today . . . but those cops came out of nowhere.
11. Skinny people are easier to kidnap. Stay safe – eat pies.
12. You are not fat. You have fat. You also have fingernails but you are not fingernails.
13. I can never go swimming because it's always less than 30 minutes since I've eaten.
14. My thoughts and prayers go out to anyone trying on summer clothes.
15. Every box of raisins is a tragic tale of grapes that could have been wine.
16. Rule for wearing animal print yoga pants: weigh less than the animals they represent.

17. My favorite game is trying to take something out of the refrigerator without moving the other items in front of it. I call it Refrigerator Jenga, and when you lose, you clean up marinara for 40 minutes.

18. I'm about 5 pounds away from Google Maps listing me as a roundabout.

### TOTALLY USELESS FACTS

- \*Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the U.S. Treasury.
  - \*Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better.
  - \*Coca-Cola was originally green.
  - \*The state with the highest percentage of people who walk to work: Alaska
  - \*The percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28%. Now get this. The percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%.
  - \*The first novel ever written on a typewriter: Tom Sawyer.
  - \*Half of all Americans live within 50 miles of what? Their birthplace
  - \*What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers all have in common? All were invented by women.
  - \*If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you would find the letter "A"? One thousand
- ### SERIOUSISMS
- \*Somebody looks up to you. Don't let them down.
  - \*Three Secrets to increasing your happiness:
    1. Find something to be thankful for.
    2. Do nice things for others.
    3. Try new things.
  - \*A negative person will give you all the reasons why you cannot. A positive person will give you all the reasons you can.
- Make someone smile today!

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the County Commissioners of Martin County herein referred to as the Owner, will receive sealed bids for the 2020-1 Community Crossings Paving Program – Application #8081 (DES #2001256), located in Martin County, Indiana.

Sealed bids are invited and may be forwarded by mail, other courier service or in person to the Martin County Commissioners, Attn: Auditor's Office, 129 Main St, Shoals, IN 47581 until 4:00pm on June 16th, 2020. Bids received after such hour will be returned unopened. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud at the Martin County Commissioners Meeting on June 16th, 2020 at 5:30 pm. Bids will then be taken under advisement for review by the owner and engineer.

The contract will consist of the following:

- 2020-1 CCMG Paving and associated work items of various roads throughout Martin County.
- Complete sets of bidding documents may be viewed at [www.hwceplanroom.com](http://www.hwceplanroom.com). Electronic bidding documents are available for download at [www.hwceplanroom.com](http://www.hwceplanroom.com) for a non-refundable fee of \$20.00. A hard copy of the bidding documents may be ordered at [www.hwceplanroom.com](http://www.hwceplanroom.com). The bidder will be charged for printing and shipping costs for the hard copies.
- Each bid must be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the title of the Project and the name and address of Bidder. All bids must be submitted on the bid forms as identified in the Contract Documents.
- Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check or acceptable bidder's bond made payable to the Owner, in a sum of not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid, which check or bond will be held by the Owner as evidence that the bidder will, if awarded the contract, enter into the same with the Owner upon notification from him to do so within ten (10) days of said notification.
- Approved performance and payment bonds guaranteeing faithful and proper performance of the work and materials, to be executed by an acceptable surety company, will be required of the Contractor at the time he executes his contract. The bond will be in the amount of 100% of the Contract Price and must be in full force and effect throughout the term of the Construction Contract plus a period of twelve (12) months from the date of substantial completion.
- The Owner reserves the right to reject any bid, or all bids, or to accept any bid or bids, or to make such combination of bids as may seem desirable, and to waive any and all informalities in bidding. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the above scheduled time for the opening of bids or authorized postponement thereof. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for at least sixty (60) days.
- The Owner may make such investigations as deemed necessary to determine the ability of the Bidder to perform the work and the Bidder shall furnish to the Owner all such information and data for this purpose as the Owner may request. The Owner reserves the right to reject any bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such Bidder fails to satisfy the Owner that such Bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the Agreement and to complete the work contemplated therein.
- Bids shall be properly and completely executed on bid forms included in the Contract Documents. Bids shall include all information requested by Indiana Form 96 (Revised 2013) included in the Contract Documents.
- If project is \$150,000 or more – State of Indiana requirement as of 7/2018, Bidder is required to submit with bid a written plan for an employee drug testing program that complies with IC 4-13-18-5 and IC 4-13-18-6.
- Each Bidder is responsible for inspecting the Project site(s) and for reading and being thoroughly familiar with the Contract Documents and Specifications. The failure or omission of any Bidder to do any of the foregoing shall in no way relieve any Bidder from any obligation with respect to its Bid.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Aluminum can/paper drive

The next Right to Life Paper Drive/ Aluminum Can Drive will be Saturday, June 6. In Daviess County, at the Tractor Supply parking lot in Washington. This is the main location for the paper drive with hours from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. All other locations around the county from 9 a.m.-noon. In Martin County, at the Martin County Recycling Center from 9 a.m.-noon. If you could volunteer for just one hour, please contact Louis Kavanaugh Jr. at 486-3658 or in Martin County, call Van McAtee at 295-4251. Or if possible, come out the day of the drive to the paper drive location.

### 5K Life Walk

The Pregnancy Care Center of Washington will be having a 5K Life Walk on Saturday, June 27. The walk begins at 9 a.m. with registration opening at 8:15 a.m. The walk starts and ends at the East-side Park Kiwanis Cabin in Washington. Cost to benefit the center is \$20 per adult and \$10 for children 12 and under. Registration forms are available online and at the Pregnancy Care Center, 705 Troy Road, Washington. Call 812-257-1041 if you have any questions. If you are unable to walk you can sponsor someone else who would like to walk. Walkers are encouraged to seek out sponsors. Sponsors can donate any amount they desire to help the center. Forms are available to list sponsors and their donation amount.

### 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.

### Mental Health Task Force

The Martin County Mental Health Task



## Robinson awarded RTL scholarship

Martin County Right to Life has announced that Rachel Robinson, a senior at Loogootee High School, is the winner of the 2020 Marvin Arvin Scholarship.

Rachel Robinson was selected from the entries received from seniors in Martin County high schools. She is the daughter of Chuck and Audrey Robinson, of Loogootee, and plans to enter Purdue University in the fall and study Animal Sciences and Pre-Veterinary Medicine. She was also recently accepted into the Honors College at Purdue.

Each applicant wrote a 500-word essay on "What is happening to America because of Abortion" along with what they have done to advocate a person's Right to Life.

This scholarship was named after Marvin Arvin a longtime advocate for the Right to Life in Martin County and was open to seniors in Martin County

Force meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 1-2 p.m. at the Community Learning Center on the Martin County Fairgrounds.

### Celebrate Recovery meetings

Celebrate Recovery meetings will be held every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Redemption Church in Loogootee. This is a Christ-centered recovery program and anyone is welcome to attend.

### Local recovery meetings

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

### Free lunch for kids

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

### SOAR Tutoring

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

### Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the 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](http://www.martinswcd.com) or call at 295-3149.

## Christine Jarrett receives broker license

Christine Jarrett has successfully completed the required courses and passed the state Broker License Examination. She has also completed extensive training and licensing through the Southwest Association of Realtors and the Real Estate Certification Program.

Chris has lived in the Daviess County area for almost 30 years with her husband, Jeff, where they have raised their seven children. She attended both Purdue University and the University of Southern Indiana and has a BS degree in Psychology. She is actively involved in her church and many community organizations, including 4-H and Tri-Kappa. Chris will be joining the Century 21 Classic Realty Team and will be serving Daviess County and the surrounding counties.



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## Grazing Bites

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It's the first of June. Generally, by the first of June, most cool-season forages have peaked their growth and quite often have reached about two thirds of their production for the year. Clippings taken support that theory. Unfortunately, there just haven't been enough warm sunny days for this to occur this spring until just recently.

With this being a major pivoting point for the growing season, it is usually a decent gage of stocking rate and grazing efficiency. If you are short of forage at this time of year, then the stocking rate is too high, unless you happen to be in a drought area. I don't know of anywhere where that is an issue right now.

Think about this for a moment. If you are short on forages at the peak of the cool-season forage season, then where will you be when it turns hot and dry? The old soap box talks start getting a little bit old. You need to maintain the forage solar pane, to keep the plant growing, producing and maintaining sufficient live roots that are able to go down after moisture and nutrients. A short vegetative top means short roots. The combination of short roots, lack of sufficient soil cover allowing increased evaporation, and lack of adequate rest between grazing periods just doesn't work out well once it turns hot and dry. Maintaining cover and sufficient live green leaf is a good place to start for that contingency plan.

Stop grazing heights for most cool-season forages needs to be three to four inches, e.g. tall fescue and orchardgrass. Bluegrass and perennial ryegrass both tolerate closer grazing than taller species, but they are also not very productive during hot and dry weather. Stop grazing height is the shortest forage left standing, not the tallest. So, if you want to leave a stop grazing of at least four inches, then the stand will appear taller than that with a fair amount at six inches or better. If the tallest forage out there is four inches, then your actual stop grazing height is probably only one and a half to two inches! Good stop grazing heights increase animal intake, support forage regrowth and root development, and improve drought tolerance.

Earlier I mentioned that we haven't had enough warm, sunny days. If you keep an eye on growing degree days, we are behind. At mid-May, we were 24 to 40 percent behind the average. Forages, row crops, and even gardens have been impacted.

Plant growth is highly influenced by the ambient temperatures but also very dependent on adequate moisture and photosynthesis. Adequate moisture without enough heat units or sunshine are just not the same. Photosynthesis probably has less impact on yield as compared to its impact on energy for the plant and for what consumes it. Those soluble carbohydrates in the forages are highest after good sunny days. This variability can even be tracked in a normal day with values peaking in the afternoon and lowest in the early morning. Numerous days with little or no sunshine can, therefore, impact forage quality, mainly energy. Too many cloudy rainy days can impact energy of forages. The sun better get busy!

When grass is stressed, its first defense or survival mechanism is usually to produce seed. Rotate livestock quickly to keep pastures under control and clip if needed to maintain quality. If it starts getting too far ahead of the livestock, go back and graze the first paddock again as soon as it's ready and stockpile or cut the skipped field for hay. Just don't get too aggressive. It's easy to cut more hay than needed and if the site can be grazed, you are usually better

off doing so rather than moving nutrients around and burning fuel.

Quite a bit of hay is cut in early June. Weather conditions are generally more favorable and it's a point in time for most cool-season forages where there is a happy balance between forage quality and quantity. Forage quality is usually higher before the boot stage of grasses and that quality usually starts going south as the forages start maturing. That boot stage is prior to any seed head emergence. Some "hay" varieties of grasses, especially orchardgrass, tend to want to go to seed early and quite often before weather allows you to even think about making any hay. Varieties that are mature later are better for grazing and hay, as far as I'm concerned, because they are slower to go to seed, maintain quality longer and tend to be able to keep vegetative longer. When you keep it vegetative longer, you have a better solar panel, higher quality for longer periods, and it helps buy you some time.

It is now a good time to think about planting sorghum-sudangrass and or millets which can provide excellent forage for summer grazing. Brown mid-rib (BMR) varieties offer higher energy and are certainly placed higher in desirability by grazing livestock than non BMR varieties. These are best seeded in early June for summer grazing. The key advantage of the millets is the lack of prussic acid and associated problems that occur under extremely droughty conditions or later after being frosted.

Brassicas and warm-season grass annuals can offer a means for livestock producers to supplement and/or improve summer forage during the normal slump period and can also provide some cheap insurance. If you have a crop field that happens to be fenced and was planted to wheat last fall, then a summer annual mix might be a better choice over double crop soybeans, especially if you need forage. The value of that quality forage can be better on the pocketbook and less risky than soybeans. There are some increasing opportunities for assistance with annuals for grazing within a cropping system, but they are not a substitute for maintaining good quality forage. Contact your local NRCS office for more information.

I should also mention something about perennial warm-season grasses, e.g. switchgrass, big bluestem, and Indiangrass. They also help fill that summer slump period when cool-season grasses really slow down. The warm-season forages thrive and produce well even under hot dry conditions. The stop grazing height on them is no shorter than six inches and they would really prefer to be closer to ten inches. They usually out produce most cool-season grasses and will end up being one of your favorite forages once you go through a drought year with them on the farm. I used to recommend that at least 15-20 percent of the system should be warm-season perennials. That percentage could easily be doubled on most farms.

If you are grazing warm-season forages during the hot summer days, your cool-season forages are getting that much needed rest and will provide more grazing opportunities and days later in the year. When livestock prices are challenging, the livestock need to work for you more than you are working for them and keep inputs low. Remember, it's not about maximizing a grazing event, it's about maximizing the grazing season. Stay well and keep on grazing!

## In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser  
Purdue University Master Gardener

Like most organizations, the American Horticultural Society has seen vast changes this year due to the corona virus pandemic. As the pandemic began in the United States, they had just started the search for a new executive director, and that search continues. Meanwhile, the society continues to function to promote gardening and horticultural activities.

Like everything else, many traditional activities have been cancelled or postponed. There was no spring symposium and plant sale. The Historic Gardens of Virginia, which includes activities at the AHS River Farm headquarters, was cancelled for the year. All of the planned trips in the AHS Study Abroad program has been put on indefinite hold. The annual awards celebration was cancelled and the acceptance speeches of the winners have been recorded and made available on the society website and on social media. Of course, all of these cancellations have had a financial impact on the society.

Still, the society continues to offer programs to enhance horticulture education opportunities. The society is producing a series of online webinars in conjunction with New Directions in the American Landscape (NDAL), a Pennsylvania-based nonprofit organization which focuses on ecological landscape practices. The webinar series is entitled "Ecology and the Residential Landscape: At Home with Nature". The series will run through June 23. There is a fee for some of the sessions, but others are offered free. For more information, or to register for the sessions, visit the NDAL website at [www.ndal.org](http://www.ndal.org).

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The society is also a partner in the annual National Children and Youth Garden Symposium. This year's symposium will be a virtual event, offered July 8-10. By going virtual, the cost of the event will be far less than that of traveling to a host city and more educations should be able to attend. There will be links for this symposium on the AHS website. It will be a great way for teachers, master gardeners and others interested in youth and gardening to get continuing education credits and information to teach a whole new generation of gardeners.

Some of the autumn events are still to be determined, including the America in Bloom symposium and awards ceremony in October, the October Fall Garden Market and the River Farm Indoor Holiday Display in December. These events are important fundraisers which enable the AHS to continue its efforts to promote gardening in the United States.

One way that you can help is by becoming a member of the American Horticultural Society. There are many benefits for members. A bi-monthly magazine, The American Gardener, is always full of information about plants and gardening practices. Various companies offer members discounts on products and services. One of my favorite benefits is the Reciprocal Admittance Program. Many botanical gardens across the country offer AHS members free admittance and discounts in their gift shops.

If you would like to join or want more information, visit the AHS website at [www.ahsgardening.org](http://www.ahsgardening.org). It is a site with a lot of information for gardeners at all levels, from beginners to master gardeners.

campers who enjoy working outdoors, with the public and with DNR staff.

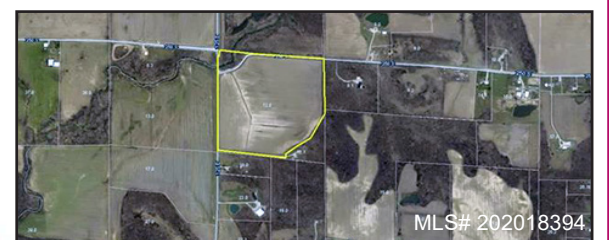
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**TYLER HARBISON**

Tyler Steven Harbison is the son of Tina and Cody Willis and Tom Harbison. After graduation, Tyler plans to attend IUPUI to study electrical engineering. While in high school, Tyler participated in Band (9-12), Beta Club (9-12), Recycling (11), Students for Life (11-12), and Spell Bowl (10).

**NOAH WELLS**

Noah James Wells is the son of Terry and Stacia Wells. After graduation, Noah plans on joining the Air Force. While in high school, Noah participated in Band (9-12), French Club (9,11), and Cadet Teaching (11).

**JOHN RILEY**

John Edward Riley is the son of Bill and Ginger Riley. After graduation, John plans to enter the workforce. While in high school, John participated in Job Shadow (11-12).



**SKYLAR SIMS**

Skylar Steven Sims is the son of Edith Kavanaugh and Jerod Sims. After graduation, Skylar plans to go into the workforce. While in high school, Skylar participated in Cadet Teaching (12).

**WARREN SALMON**

Warren J. Salmon is the son of David Salmon and Lizzy Games Chambers. After graduation, Warren plans to attend Vincennes University to study diesel mechanics. While in high school, Warren participated in Intern (12).

**NATHANIEL HART**

Nathaniel James Hart is the son of Louis and Rachel Hart. After graduation, Nathaniel plans to enter the workforce as well as attending Vincennes University to study welding technician. While in high school, Nathaniel participated in Unified Flag Football (12), Baseball (9-12), Basketball (9-12), and Cross Country (9-10).



**ZACH BLEVINS**

Zachary Allan Blevins is the son of Greg and Samantha Blevins. After graduation, Zachary plans to enter the workforce. While in high school, Zachary participated in Recycling (9-11), Cadet Teaching (11-12), and Job Shadow (12).

**TREVOR KNEPP**

Trevor Austin Knepp is the son of Darla and Craig Knepp. After graduation, Trevor plans to attend Vincennes University to study business and accounting. While in high school, Trevor participated in Fellowship of Christian Athletes (9), Band (9), Beta Club (9), Intern (11-12), Job Shadow (11-12), Student Council (9), Baseball (9-10), Basketball (9), and Cross Country (9).

BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Public computers are available this week starting Thursday, June 4 during the hours of 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday and Friday and 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Reservations are required. Facemasks are required for entry. Beginning the week of June 15, patrons can start coming into the library to checkout material but all children under the age of 16 are required to be with an adult at all times. There will be a limit of 10 patrons in the library at a time. All children's puzzles, games, iPads, etc. have been removed at this time. The stacks for books and DVD browsing remain closed for now, but we are still here to be your personal shopper! Please call us at 812-295-3713 to chat about current availability.

The summer reading program is off to a good start. Children's Librarian Jen Zehr as accepted the challenge of providing a fun filled virtual program for kids.

Library hours for this week are Thursday 10-6 and Friday 10-4; closed Saturday. Also, the week of June 8 hours will be Monday and Friday 10-4; Tuesday and Thursday 10-6; closed Saturday. Beginning the week of June 15, the hours return to normal Monday and Thursday 10-7, closed Wednesdays, Tuesday and Friday 10-5, and Saturday 9-1.

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