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Commissioners discuss new employees, road damage from farmers

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The Martin County Commissioners met Wednesday, June 3.

Community Corrections Director Kathy Collins told the commissioners that her advisory board approved hiring Keana Moffatt as a full-time case manager to replace an open position. She also said that they have decreased one full-time position and instead made a few part-time positions. Collins noted that this will save the county on the full-time benefits package. Taylor Killion was hired as one part-time position. Collins said she had 25 applicants and Killion has a social work background and certifications.

Collins said that due to COVID, drug screening is not available right now but as soon as it opens back up, the new employees will be tested. She hopes this will be done in the next month.

Collins told the commissioners that the department of corrections is looking at funding for each county. She is getting prepared for cutbacks that she feels may be coming. She said it was important to let the commissioners know in case she has to reduce her staff.

Commissioner Aaron Summers questioned a charge on the claims for \$480 to Bo-Mac's. No one present knew what the charge was for, but Auditor Bobbie Abel said she could look into it if needed. The commissioners approved the claims with-

Shoals receives \$50,000 grant for construction trades program

The Indiana Office of Career and Technical Education (CTE) has selected 12 recipients for a Next Level Programs of Study Implementation Grant. These grants will provide the selected schools and CTE Districts up to \$50,000 each to offer a pilot program of a Next Level Program of Study during the 2020-2021 school year.

Shoals High School, in collaboration with Mitchell and Orleans, will use their funds specifically to help the construction trades program at Shoals High School. According to Superintendent Candace Roush, the funds will help to strengthen their relationship with Vincennes University, set up industry partners, provide internships for juniors and seniors, and collaborate with the agriculture class to build a small barn on the backside of the school to serve as a warehouse for construction tools and house animals used in the animal science courses.

Next Level Programs of Study is the state's initiative to rethink and revitalize CTE programming in Indiana and will be implemented statewide beginning in the 2021-2022 school year. The Office of CTE has been working with K-12 teachers and administrators, Ivy Tech Community College, and Vincennes University in developing the new programs of study. Each program of study will contain intentional coursework designed to give Indiana

out further discussion.

Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett asked if individual farmers were still being pursued to pay for road damage they cause. The commissioners said they are, if the farmer can be identified. Padgett said they have recently had damage to Coon Road however he couldn't tell who the farmer was.

County Attorney Dave Lett told Padgett to figure up the amount of damages and the commissioners noted that there should be a \$500 to \$1,000 minimum charge and then so much per foot after. They said the highway department doesn't have the time and material to fix these issues and they have to find a way to get farmers to stop.

Padgett was instructed to check with Daviess County to see if they have a policy in place regarding this issue.

Tim Hunt, with HWC Engineering, told the commissioners that he has requested quotes from Precision Excavating, Milestone, E&B, and Caves Excavating of Jasper, to repair erosion issues related to Brook Bridge. Hunt said the work needs to be completed this summer while the water level in the river is low. He added that Brooks Bridge Road is deteriorating rapidly due to the erosion.

Hunt also reported that design contract for bridge 58, on Brickyard Road, has been completed. The county will be responsible for \$87,000 for the engineering (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 2)

students the opportunity to earn credentials, including industry certifications and postsecondary certificates, while enrolled in high school. Students who participate in these programs of study will have an opportunity to launch their careers sooner, while saving money on postsecondary tuition and training expenses.

The Implementation Grant recipients will be piloting programs in ten different career pathways, with courses delivered in diverse settings and formats. Recipients represent career centers and high schools from across Indiana. Funds from the grant can be utilized for a variety of items, including obtaining needed equipment or professional development of staff. Each pilot program will serve as a model for schools in preparing for statewide roll-out of Next Level Programs of Study in 2021-2022. Office of CTE staff will provide technical assistance to each recipient throughout this summer and school year and use lessons learned to ensure an effective statewide transition to Next Level Programs of Study the following school year.

In March, the Office of CTE awarded 36 Next Level Programs of Study Planning Grants of \$5,000 each. Planning Grant recipients participated in virtual workshops put on by the Office of CTE to develop a deeper understanding of the goals and (See 'GRANT' on page 2)

Loogootee Council debates city taking back dispatching

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The Loogootee Board of Public Works and Safety and City Council met Monday night, June 8. The main topic of discussion was Chief of Police Kelly Rayhill getting approval to hire two part-time dispatchers for the city police station and end the agreement with the sheriff's department.

Chief Rayhill said he needs help with administrative duties, and he would be happy with either a full-time position or a few part-time positions however feels full-time is more stable. He noted too that part-time employees cannot exceed 32 hours per week. The part-time positions would pay \$11.80 per hour.

Board of Works Member Rick Norris made a motion to approve the position. Before a second was made, City Council Member Teresa Nolley, from the audi-

ence, asked why the full-time dispatcher position was taken away years ago.

Mayor Noel Harty replied that Nolley looked puzzled however she received the same email he did about adding the position.

Nolley said the email didn't explain why the dispatcher position was eliminated years ago.

Police Chief Kelly Rayhill said they used to have a dispatcher in the city police station 24 hours a day but did away with it about 10 years ago. The city went into an agreement with the sheriff's department to provide dispatching for an annual fee.

Board of Works Member Norris said he thinks the reason it was taken away was due to money issues at the time. He said now they have the LOIT (Local Option Income Tax) fund which has accumulated a reserve. He added that LOIT (See 'COUNCIL' on page 2)

RTC Communications expanding advanced broadband into Loogootee

Building on RTC Communications' 70 years of experience and commitment to the Daviess, Martin, and Lawrence county communities, they are pleased to announce another expansion effort. RTC will be expanding its network into Loogootee. Plans are underway to create a multifaceted project to connect residents, businesses, and other organizations in Loogootee to RTC's Intelecyn advanced fiber-optic network.

"Our vision has always included committing to our people, the community, and staying abreast of the latest technology and innovation that will improve the lives of our customers and communities," said Kirk Lehman, RTC Communications CEO. This expansion represents a new beginning by bringing the Intelecyn lightning speed, best-in-class, fiber-optic network to the city of Loogootee.

With the new network, residents and businesses will be able to utilize the infrastructure to work from home (tele-

work), conduct virtual doctor visits (telehealth), learn online (eLearning), take virtual tours (eVisits), take advantage of more advanced technology, and streamline daily operations. It is a proven fact that advanced broadband networks better the quality of life, promote economic growth, and improve property values, all while providing support for a robust economy.

This world-class network is built on RTC's best-in-class, next-generation architecture. Matt Meredith, with Graber Post Buildings Inc., stated, "It is very important that our communications infrastructure be available at all times. We continue to partner with RTC Communications to make sure that our technology is always available for our customer's needs." It is RTC's attention to the details that help make their systems great. For example, utilizing the latest electronic technology, buried fiber optics when possible (See 'RTC' on page 2)



Sometimes you feel like a nut . . . -Photo by Bill Whorrall

Photographer Bill Whorrall caught this squirrel just hanging out enjoying some bird seed in the Whorrall yard. Sometimes you feel like a nut . . . and sometimes bird seed is okay too.

COUNCIL

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was very new back when the position was eliminated.

Council Member Tim Lawrence, from the audience, asked if there would be two dispatchers now since the sheriff's department also does dispatching for the city.

"Not at the same time," Mayor Harty and Norris replied together.

Chief Rayhill said the sheriff's department would continue to dispatch the 911 calls but the dispatchers in the city police station would handle calls now throughout the day. He said adding back the dispatchers would also solve the issue with walk-ins to the police station. He said residents have had issues tracking him down when he was needed to register a golf cart or get fingerprinting done. He said people are frustrated with that. He said having a dispatcher in the station will allow him to be called in through the radio.

The mayor asked Fire Chief JD Flynn if he had anything to add.

Flynn replied that they have had issues in the past with protocols with the sheriff's department dispatch. He said the sheriff's department dispatchers are used to dispatching for Shoals and Lost River and the city has different protocols. Flynn said this has caused mix ups in the past. "A lot of them," added Board Member Norris.

Council Member Nolley said that a full-time dispatcher position is not currently in the salary ordinance. She said this means it is not in the budget for this year and she understands there are LOIT funds, but they take a lot of other expenses out of LOIT too.

Chief Rayhill replied that they can also approve part-time positions instead of a full-time. Part-time positions are in the salary ordinance.

Board Member Norris said he thinks starting out with part-time for this year would be the way to go and see how it works out. He said if it doesn't work out, they can do something different for next year.

Mayor Harty said the only thing LOIT funds can be used for is public safety and there is currently \$440,000 in that fund.

Nolley replied that a police car was just purchased out of the LOIT funds.

Mayor Harty said that there is \$405,000 in the fund then.

Nolley added that one police officer's salary is also taken out of that fund each year.

Chief Rayhill replied that there is more going into the fund than what is spent monthly.

Noel asked Nolley is she knew that the LOIT fund brought in more than was spent.

Nolley replied that the sheet she has doesn't show expenses taken out each month so she can't answer that.

"So, you don't know that we bring in more than what we spend?" asked the mayor again.

Nolley replied, "I know what the balance of the LOIT fund is, Noel."

"That's not the question. That's not at all what I just asked you. That's not what I asked you," said the mayor.

Nolley didn't reply.

The mayor said they are given the money in LOIT to use and if they don't use it, people will start questioning why. He said they bring in roughly \$80,000 a year into the fund.

Board Member Norris again made the motion to approve a part-time dispatcher.

Board Member Danny Clark made the second and the motion passed with the mayor voting yes as well.

When the issue was brought up to the city council for a vote, Council Members Carroll Rayhill, Rick Norris and Ron Gilbert voted in favor with Council

Members Nolley and Lawrence voting against. The motion passed.

Clerk-Treasurer Carol Harder said that the consulting firm the city hired found that the payroll fund is showing a negative balance. She said this was due to switching systems last year. She said the issue needed to be corrected and presented several transfers within the budget to put the fund back in the black. The council approved all transfers.

On the issue of the water and sewer rate increases, Council Member Rick Norris said he was looking at the list of planned improvements for the city and some appear to be quite high. He asked if the council can approve the plans, as is, and then see if they can get it done cheaper.

Clint Roos, with Midwestern Engineers, said they could.

Roos said he understood from the discussion at the last meeting that according to Baker Tilly, the city would need to pledge their stormwater fee funds to pay toward bonds associated with stormwater projects. He said called Baker Tilly to get clarification and they presented a few scenarios. He said the stormwater projects could qualify for Community Crossings grants. He said 75 percent of costs related to those projects would be covered under the grant and encouraged the city to apply for the July round. He said he understands that there is a 25 percent match and stormwater funds could be used for that. He said that any grants applied for and received will help with the bottom line.

The council voted to move forward with the plans as presented however will not decide on sewer and water rate increases until next month.

Forrest Burton updated the council about his project to put the Ten Commandments on a piece of city property. Burton said the monument will be 56 inches tall by 32 inches wide. He requested that the city consider selling him the land so that no one can protest about what is placed. The mayor said Burton can give them a list of his desired properties and they would review it. It was mentioned that the property could be sold to Burton for a dollar. Burton said there are five cities in the state who have the same monument on city property and they are Vincennes, Princeton, Lebanon, Evansville and Crown Pointe.

Building Commissioner Tim Hudson requested that the council approve paying him an additional \$24 a month to cover his mileage.

Mayor Harty said that typically, employees keep track of their mileage and turn it in for reimbursement. Utilities Superintendent added that he believes mileage is at 50 cents per mile right now.

Hudson said he would be happy with the \$24 per month. The council approved.

Hudson also asked if he could take over the hiring to rectify grass and trash complaints. He said currently he is providing a list of the complaints to Bo Wilson and Wilson is handling the contracting. He said Wilson has enough to do so he would like to save a step and do it himself. The council agreed.

The building commissioner now has office hours from 9:30-11 a.m. on Tuesdays and 4:30-6 p.m. on Thursdays at the municipal building.

In other business during the board of public works meeting, Chief Rayhill said that with the resignation of Nathan Allen as the city's fifth full-time police officer, he recommends promoting Aaron Means from reserve officer to full-time patrol officer. The board of works approved.

Danny Clark and Rick Norris were appointed by the mayor to serve on the board of public works. Clark is replacing Jason Greene who had too many commitments and Norris is replacing Ruth Smith who passed away.

COMMISSIONERS

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and design portion. The commissioners asked how much the bridge was going to end up costing to replace and Hunt replied that he is unsure but estimating around \$1.7 million. The county applied for federal aid for the bridge replacement.

Rex Strawn requested that the commissioners switch back to him as the workman's compensation insurance agent of record, instead of German American. Strawn said the county is sending a lot of money out of the county when it should be spent locally.

Commissioner Summers said he is always in favor of spending money locally.

Strawn said the worker's compensation policy is increasing due to claims when it was going down when he had it. He said no other agent would take on the policy right now due to the loss ratio. He said the policy runs out at the end of June and all the commissioners need to do is declare him the agent of record and it's switched. He added that no other county in Indiana uses insurance companies outside their county.

Commissioner Paul George said there were issues in the past with the service provided by Strawn.

Strawn replied that he understands that and asked the auditor if she knows of any issues since.

Auditor Abel, who serves as the risk management officer for the county, replied that she had some questions for Strawn. She said the current insurance agent helps tremendously with all aspects of workman's comp including improving safety in the county offices. He travels around to all the county offices to promote safety in the workplace and asked Strawn if he would be willing to do the same. She said the current agent also provides bi-annual employee training and attends the monthly safety meetings held.

Strawn replied that he would be willing to attend the meetings, but he doesn't know why he needs to. He said a professional who specializes in workman's compensation should be leading the meetings and he doesn't know anything

RTC

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sible, and multiple network redundancies reduce the potential for outages—thereby providing a more secure and reliable network with a full suite of residential and business-class services to RTC's customers. Meredith continued, "Graber Post Buildings Inc. has been in business for 47 years in the Post-Frame Industry, taking pride in ensuring our customers receive the best customer service, quality of workmanship, and customer satisfaction. We expect the same level of service from our business partners, and RTC Communications provides that to us."

RTC's customers will enjoy the benefits of an ultra-fast gigabyte fiber network, managed Wi-Fi, unified voice solutions, and many additional services at highly competitive prices.

Kevin Swartzentruber, with Daviess County Metal Sales, noted, "RTC's telephone and high-speed fiber-optic internet service have been an asset to us. The quality of reliability combined with the local, first name basis service team makes our continued relationship with them an easy decision. We are excited to see them expand into more local areas."

The organizations' expansion plans do not stop at Loogootee. RTC will be partnering with local government officials and businesses on the network expansion, to apply for state and federal funding to deliver fiber-optic broadband to every un(der)served area within the Daviess, Martin, and Lawrence county service area. Meredith concluded, "The support, technical expertise, and experience that RTC and their team provide is

about that. "It's not my expertise," he said. "I'm not going to go to a meeting just to say I am there," he said adding that he would attend though if that's what was being asked of him.

Commissioner Summers said that he has known Strawn all his life. "If he says he will do something, he will do it," he said.

The commissioners thanked Strawn for attending and said they would think it over.

The commissioners approved purchasing HVAC filter systems from Spartan Mechanical, LLC, for upstairs and downstairs of the courthouse for \$2,050 each. Auditor Abel said the filter system will help with the air quality. The judge is paying for the downstairs system out of her budget. Abel noted that she was not sure the cost of replacement filters for the system.

Auditor Abel requested the commissioners approve software to transcribe the online meetings into text for \$3,455. The cost includes the software, microphone and training. The software also can project the meetings to the public via the internet for an additional \$600 more. There is also a yearly fee of \$500 and an annual license fee of \$350.

It was noted that the judge wants to purchase a television to place on the wall in the commissioners' meeting room so that the jury can view court proceedings without having to be in the courtroom. The judge is willing to pay for the television. The commissioners and Abel discussed where the TV will be mounted and how big it needs to be. They decided on at least 70-inch.

The commissioners decided to think over purchasing the meeting software but are interested in getting the television purchased.

The next commissioners' meeting is Tuesday, June 16 at 5:30 p.m. Anyone wishing to attend the meeting in person needs to call the auditor's office so times can be scheduled for each person or persons to enter the meeting to maintain social distancing.

top-notch, and we look forward to a long relationship with them."

GRANT

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requirements of Next Level Programs of Study. Recipients then collaborated with community partners to develop an implementation plan specific to their local community. 30 Planning Grant recipients submitted implementation plans, of which 12 were selected to receive Implementation Grants. A full list of recipients is below:

Others receiving grants:

Blue River Career Programs in Shelbyville for automation and robotics

Hamilton Heights High School in Arcadia for civil construction

North Lawrence Community Schools in Bedford for early childhood education

Perry Central Community Schools in Leopold for construction trades

West Central Indiana Career and Technical Education in Crawfordsville for welding

Winchester Community High School in Winchester for precision machining

Manchester Community Schools in North Manchester for business administration

South Harrison Community School Corporation in Corydon for healthcare specialist – pre nursing

Indianapolis Public Schools in Indianapolis for healthcare specialist – pre nursing

Heartland Career Center in Wabash for agribusiness

MSC of Warren County in West Lebanon for precision agriculture

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RITA SCHNARR

Rita Marie Schnarr passed away at 7:30 a.m. Sunday, June 7, 2020 at her home. A resident of Jasper, she was 88.



She was born August 12, 1931 in Cannelburg; daughter of the late Lawrence and Clara Ruth (Feagans) Nolan.

Rita graduated from Montgomery High School in 1949. She was member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of Isabella and Precious Blood Catholic Church. She was a former member of St. John Catholic Church, where she was a member of the Altar Society.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Schnarr; parents, Lawrence and Clara Nolan; sister-in-law, Liz Nolan.

Rita is survived by her children, Mary (George) Cochran of The Villages, Florida, Terrance Schnarr of Jasper, Victoria (John) Strange of Jasper, Jerome (Patricia) Schnarr of Greenwood, Christopher (Ann) Schnarr of Indianapolis and Richard (Mary Grace) Schnarr of Indianapolis; 13 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren; brother, George Nolan of Montgomery and sister-in-law, Cleda and Dave Kuckuck of Troy, Illinois.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker and concelebrant Rev. Gary Kaiser at 11 a.m. Friday, June 12 at St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial will follow in St. Peter Catholic Cemetery in Montgomery.

Visitation will be held Friday, June 12 from 9 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to American Cancer

Society, Tunnels to Towers Foundation or Wounded Warriors Project.

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

JOHN HOVIS

John L. Hovis passed away Wednesday, June 3, 2020, at his home. A resident of Mitchell, he was 79.



He was born March 26, 1941, in Martin County; the son of Paul L. and Ilene (Grove) Hovis. John was reared in the home of his grandparents, Albert and Ruth Grove. He married Debra Ann Tolbert July 27, 1976.

John retired from Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane. He was a member of Oolitic American Patriot Lodge No. 750 F.&A.M. He enjoyed NASCAR, camping, and sitting on the front porch. After retirement, he worked on golf carts, owned J&J Construction and Walls Muffler, and owned and operated Deb's Trucking several years. He was a graduate of Shoals High School.

He was a U. S. Navy veteran of the Vietnam War, a member of Shoals American Legion Post No. 61, and Oolitic Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 1686.

Survivors include many loved ones. A graveside service was conducted Monday, June 8, at Connerley Switch Cemetery with Pastor Tim Voorhies officiating. Military honors were accorded by American Legion Post No. 61.

Chastain Funeral Home & Cremation Center was in charge of arrangements.

LINDA ALLEN

Linda L. Allen died peacefully in her sleep Monday, June 8, 2020 at The Tim-

bers of Jasper. A resident of Loogootee, she was 77.

She was born December 14, 1942; daughter of the late Harold and Helen (Carrico) Allen. She graduated from St. John High School in 1960 and retired, after many years of service, from Perfect Fit.

Linda was well known and loved by the community of Loogootee for her honesty, generosity, wit and her "I will do it my own way" attitude.

She was an avid animal lover and had a special way with dogs and cats.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers, Bob, Johnny and Denny.

She is survived by her sister, Wanda Gutherie and brother, Mike Allen.

A Private Mass of Resurrection has been celebrated and a private burial service will be conducted at a later date.

Wanda and Mike are incredibly grateful for all the kindness that Linda received from the Loogootee community and The Timbers of Jasper Nursing Home. Thank you all.

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

JOHN SCHITTER

John Edward "Cigar" Schitter passed away peacefully at home at 11:40 p.m. Monday, June 8, 2020. A resident of Haysville, he was 67.



He was born in Jasper on June 21, 1952; son of Aloysius and Mabell (Dorse) Schitter.

He married Rose Kelley on December 3, 1983, in St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Dubois.

John enjoyed truck driving and spending time with his family especially his grandkids and great grandkids. He was a truck driver for 44 years. He drove for Jasper Plant Foods, Jasper Leasing, and Roark Trucking.

He was a member of the Jasper Outdoor Recreation Center, the Ireland Sportsman Club, and the Jasper Moose Lodge #1175.

Surviving are his wife of 37 years, Rose Schitter of Haysville; one stepson, Dave (Carol) Jellison of St. Anthony; three grandsons, Craig (Whitney) Jellison of Loogootee, Kyle Jellison of St. Anthony and Eric (Valerie) Jellison of Birdseye; five great grandkids, Brooklyn, Alexis, and Waylon Jellison, all of Birdseye; and Ava and Evan Jellison, both of Loogootee; two sisters, Kathy (Allen) Schneider and Patty (Duane) Scherle, and three brothers, Mike (Debbie) Schitter, Butch Schitter, and Ron (Sharlene) Schitter.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Aloysius and Mabell Schitter, and two sisters, Maggy Clark and Cindy Schitter.

Graveside services for John Edward "Cigar" Schitter will be held at a later date.

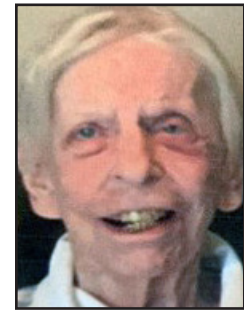
Memorial contributions may be made to St. Judes Children's Hospital. Online condolences may be made at www.beckerkluesner.com.

MARTHA GLASS

Martha Anne Glass passed away Friday, June 5 at Memorial Hospital in South Bend. A resident of South Bend, she was 90.

Anne was born December 17, 1929 in Loogootee, the daughter of Bernard Albert and Aline Love Ackerman.

Anne attended Saint Mary of the Woods College in Terre Haute for two years and



transferred to the University of Michigan to complete her bachelor's degree in Dental Hygiene in 1951. She became the assistant director of Dental Hygiene at the Indiana University School of Dentistry, a position she held from 1951 to 1969. She returned to Ann Arbor in the fall of 1964 to complete her master's degree in Public Health. While at the dental school, she met the love of her life, Dr. Gerald K. Glass. They were married on June 28, 1969 at the Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. They were happily married for 48 years until Jerry's passing.

Anne enjoyed travelling with her family on numerous trips to the Bahamas and Florida and spending a lot of summers at their cottage on Indian lake. She was an avid reader and could always be found with a book in her hand.

She was a long-time member of Tri-Kappa and was highly active in her children's school activities, always volunteering to help on field trips and anyway she was needed. She was one of the initial organizers of the popular Kaleidoscope Dinner and Auction at the Stanley Clark School in 1978, which continues to this day. She also volunteered at the Bendix Theater for a period of time.

Anne also remained true and loyal to her hometown roots in Loogootee, Indiana. She continued to receive the Loogootee Tribune (now Martin County Journal) until her death so she could remain close to her small-town beginnings.

She is survived by her two sons, Dr. Paul (Lynne) Glass and Gerald (Stephanie) Glass, and a grandson, Aiden Glass.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Gerald K. Glass; her parents, a brother, Bob Ackerman, and a sister, Jane (Ben) Asdell.

Friends may visit with the family on Thursday, June 11 from 4 until 8 p.m. in the Hanley and Sons Funeral Home, "Southwest Chapel", 23421 State Road 23, South Bend. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend on Friday, June 12 at 10 a.m., with Father Terry Fisher officiating. She will be laid to rest in the Highland Cemetery of South Bend.

Memorial contributions may be made in Anne's name to Hospice Foundation, 501 Comfort Place, Mishawaka, IN 46545.

The Hanley and Sons Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements and extend their deepest sympathy and heartfelt prayers to the Glass family

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, JUNE 1

12:57 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded.

6:05 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded.

6:19 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Shoals. Sergeant Reed responded.

7:33 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded.

11:30 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Rutherford Township. Animal Control Officer Hughett was advised.

4:49 p.m. - Received a report of a one-vehicle accident south of Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

6:19 p.m. - Received a request for extra patrol in Crane.

7:00 p.m. - Received a report that Shoals Fire Department removed a tree south of Shoals.

8:06 p.m. - Received a report of a burglary alarm north of Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

9:09 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was advised.

9:16 p.m. - Received a noise complaint in Crane. Deputy Lents responded.

9:22 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Dubois County was advised.

10:47p.m. - Received a report of burglary in Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

12:20 a.m. - Received a report of an abandoned vehicle in Shoals. Sergeant Reed responded.

12:21 a.m. - Received a report of a trespasser in Shoals. Sergeant Reed responded.

1:15 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver east of Shoals. Sergeant Reed responded.

5:36 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded.

12:50 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person south of Shoals. Major Keller responded.

3:05 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County EMS, Deputy Lents, and Crane Fire responded.

3:48 p.m. - Received a report of a motor vehicle accident east of Shoals and possible gas leak. Sheriff Roush, Major Keller, and Shoals Fire responded.

4:15 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle blocking the roadway south of Loogootee. Deputy Lents responded.

4:55 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County EMS responded.

7:33 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

7:44 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic disturbance north of Loogootee. Deputy Lents responded.

9:16 p.m. - Received a report of a burglary alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Floyd responded.

9:30 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check. Advised Deputy Lents and Sergeant Reed.

10:09 p.m. - Received a report of a car vs. deer accident north of Loogootee. Sergeant Reed responded.

10:37 p.m. - Received a report a house filled with smoke in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire responded.

11:02 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County EMS and Indian Creek Fire responded.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

3:16 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Floyd responded.

9:01 a.m. - Received an animal complaint. Major Keller and Animal Control Officer Hughett were advised.

10:18 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded.

11:14 a.m. - Received a report of a snake in a house west of Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

11:54 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock east of Shoals. Major Keller responded.

1:30 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee. ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

3:33 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Sergeant Floyd responded.

4:51 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

3:18 a.m. - Received a report of a stuck semi north of Shoals. Sergeant Reed responded.

3:43 a.m. - Received a report of a possible trespassers in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant McBeth responded.

6:14 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County EMS, Shoals Fire, Sheriff Roush, and Martin County Coroner Mark Franklin responded.

9:45 a.m. - Received a request for an officer East of Shoals. ISP Trooper Miller responded.

11:40 a.m. - Received a report of a burglary alarm in Shoals. Major Keller responded.

1:23 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

2:45 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Major Keller responded.

2:50 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle south of Shoals. Major Keller responded.

3:07 p.m. - Received a report of a burglary alarm in east of Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

3:53 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded.

4:45 p.m. - Received a request to speak to Animal Control Officer Hughett. Animal Control Officer Hughett was advised.

4:46 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute east of Shoals. Deputy Lents, Deputy Wells, and Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

5:15 p.m. - Received a report of a child locked in a vehicle in Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

8:23 p.m. - Received a report of a car vs. deer accident north of Loogootee. Deputy Wells and Greene responded.

10:38 p.m. - Received a report of a cow in the roadway east of Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert and Deputy Seymour responded.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

10:07 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle parked on his property and would like it removed. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

11:02 a.m. - Received a report of an object in the roadway east of Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

1:07 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock east of Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

4:10 p.m. - Received a report of a missing dog in Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

6:20 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver west of Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

12:49 a.m. - Received a report of suspicious vehicle north of Loogootee. Deputy Dorsey and Res. Deputy Commander Gammon responded.

3:17 a.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Crane. Deputy Seymour, Loogootee Sergeant Floyd, Greene County Sheriff's Office, Daviess County Sheriff's Office, and ISP Trooper Nolan responded.

8:52 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock east of Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

9:00 a.m. - Received a request for animal control. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

10:56 a.m. - Received a request to assist a West Boggs Ranger with speeding vehicles. Deputy Wells responded.

11:17 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

12:11 p.m. - Received a report of an electrical fire in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Deputy Wells responded.

12:32 p.m. - Received a report of a burglary alarm north of Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

1:15 p.m. - Received a request to speak to a deputy. Deputy Wells responded.

2:00 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette and Deputy Wells responded.

2:16 p.m. - Received a report of debris in the roadway north of Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

3:30 p.m. - Received a report of a burglary alarm in Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

3:38 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded.

5:32 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person at Boggs. ISP Trooper Nolan responded.

8:45 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

8:51 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

10:09 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Loogootee in Daviess

County. Advised Daviess County Sheriff's Office.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

6:54 a.m. - Received a report of a cow out south of Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

7:25 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire responded.

11:57 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

1:17 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded.

2:08 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

Real estate transfers

Jacqueline A. Foddrill, of Martin County, Indiana to **Timothy Cole Lawrence and Gabriel Renee Lawrence**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Second Principal Meridian, City of Loogootee, more commonly known as 602 S. Kentucky Avenue, Loogootee, containing 2.28 acres, more or less.

Monty Gregory, of Martin County, Indiana to **Trevor J. Dages**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Numbered 16 and 17 in Roger's Addition to Loogootee, Indiana, more commonly known as 605 SW 2nd Street, Loogootee.

Carolyn Jane Norris, of Martin County, Indiana to **Weston Muessig**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing 1.504 acres, more or less.

William J. Shobe, Jr. to **Lori J. Thompson**, property in Section 14, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana.

Donna E. Hill, of Martin County, Indiana to **Julie Walton and Joseph Bateman**, of Martin County, Indiana and Bart Hill, of Monroe County, Indiana. Tract I: A part of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, City of Loogootee, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.435 acres, more or less. Tract II: A tract of land in the City of Loogootee in Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West.

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+1ST 2ND 3RD PLACE PRIZES

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COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS

May 7

Joshua M. Jones, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor and driving while suspended, a Class A Infraction. Sentenced to serve 240 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 75 actual days previously served plus 75 Class A credit days.

May 12

Melissa D. Gibson Winger, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 4 Felony. Sentenced to serve 3,650 days with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 3,605 days suspended and credit for 34 actual days previously served plus 11 Class B credit days. Defendant received 120 months of probation.

May 26

James G. Sisco, II, convicted of dealing in methamphetamine, a Level 2 Felony. Sentenced to serve 3,650 days with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 249 actual days previously served plus 84 Class B credit days.

May 27

Kerry A. Lewis, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony and operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 730 days with 670 days sus-

pending and credit for 30 actual days previously served plus 30 Class A credit days. Defendant received 20 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

May 12

Melissa D. Gibson Winger, dealing in methamphetamine, a Level 2 Felony, dismissed; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 5 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

May 26

James G. Sisco, II, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 4 Felony, dismissed.

May 27

Kerry A. Lewis, possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

May 27

Amanda S. Butler vs. Travis J. Butler, petition for dissolution of marriage.

May 29

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Donna Combs, civil collection.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs. Jaclyn Howell, civil collection.

Emily Kent vs. Ben Kent, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Online purchasing now available for SNAP recipients in Indiana

Beginning last Wednesday, SNAP recipients in Indiana may use their Hoosier Works EBT cards to purchase groceries online for pickup or delivery at two approved retailers – Amazon and Walmart. SNAP participants are automatically eligible to participate in this program and do not need to apply.

“We have been working with our federal partners to remove barriers and provide safety and convenience benefits for Hoosier SNAP recipients – particularly those who are most at risk for COVID-19 infection and those who are homebound,” said Jennifer Sullivan, M.D., M.P.H., FSSA secretary. “We are pleased to make this benefit available for SNAP recipients in Indiana. While this service will initially and immediately address needs caused by the pandemic, we intend to keep this service in place permanently.”

Currently, Amazon and Walmart are the only Indiana retailers that have been approved for online purchasing by the Food and Nutrition Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Amazon offers online ordering and delivery of groceries to SNAP recipients. Instructions on how to use this service can be found here: www.amazon.com/b?node=19097785011&ref_=omps_hra

Walmart offers online ordering and delivery and pick-up options at some stores, while other stores only allow online ordering and pickup of groceries at a designated spot outside the store.

Information on online ordering at Walmart can be found here: <https://grocery.walmart.com/>

Information about delivery of groceries from Walmart can be found here: www.walmart.com/cp/express_delivery/3696472

Walmart customer service can be found here: <https://wmt-grocery.custhelp.com/app/ask>

It is important to note that any delivery fees that may apply to the online purchase may not be paid with SNAP benefits. If SNAP recipients have any problems using their card for ordering,

they should call the number on the back of their Hoosier Works EBT card for customer service.

SNAP is the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and was formerly called Food Stamps. SNAP benefits can only be used for food products and for plants and seeds used to grow food.

A full list of items that can and cannot be purchased with SNAP is available here: www.fns.usda.gov/snap/eligible-food-items

TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) benefits, which are also provided via Hoosier Works EBT card, may not be used for online purchasing.

Currently more than 680,000 Hoosiers receive SNAP benefits and nearly 13,000 Hoosiers receive TANF assistance.

Hoosiers may apply for SNAP or TANF at <https://fssabenefits.in.gov/>. They may also call 800-403-0864 for assistance.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, JUNE 1

12:32 a.m. - Gerald Emmons, 50, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Nolan on a Martin County warrant.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

4:57 p.m. - Michael Oliver, 61, of West Baden, was arrested by Major Keller and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated refusal and false informing. He is being held on a \$15,000 10% bond.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

5:12 p.m. - Julie Lents, 37, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Lents and charged with domestic battery. She is being held without bond. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert assisted with the arrest.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

10:40 p.m. - Dustin Joy, 26, of Jasper, was arrested by Shoals Town Marshal Eckert and charged with driving while suspended prior. He is being held without bond. Deputy Dorsey assisted with the arrest.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, JUNE 1

9:25 a.m. - Female came on station to report a phone scam.

11:01 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

2:11 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

7:32 p.m. - Male reported a possible violation of a protective order.

9:04 p.m. - Male reported a lost dog.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

7:30 a.m. - Female reported an animal complaint.

8:25 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

3:13 p.m. - Caller reported a broken-down vehicle on Broadway Street.

9:16 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a residential alarm.

9:49 p.m. - Male came on station to report harassment.

10:05 p.m. - Male reported a violation of a protective order.

11:03 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to smoke in a residence on Indiana Avenue.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

9:30 a.m. - Male came on station for a vehicle identification check.

3:33 p.m. - Sgt. Floyd assisted the ambulance service.

4:51 p.m. - First responders were requested on North Oak Street for a medical call.

6:30 p.m. - Female reported a child custody matter.

9:05 p.m. - Caller reported a dispute on SW 3rd Street.

11:56 p.m. - Caller reported a civil matter.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

3:43 a.m. - Caller reported a disturbance on Lincoln Avenue.

1:23 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver around the Dewey Street area. Driver was located.

3:15 p.m. - Male came on station for a

vehicle identification check.

3:20 p.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

8:45 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

10:07 a.m. - Caller reported a parking complaint.

1:13 p.m. - Caller reported an animal complaint.

8:06 p.m. - Male reported a broken-down vehicle.

8:08 p.m. - Caller reported a possible dispute on Cedar Street.

8:30 p.m. - Sgt. Floyd cited a male and female into court for possession of marijuana.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

3:17 a.m. - Sgt. Floyd assisted the county with a dispute.

2:00 p.m. - Caller reported a possible violation of a protective order.

4:45 p.m. - Report of a reckless driver on US 231.

9:07 p.m. - First responders were requested on Bloomfield Road for a medical call.

9:15 p.m. - Sgt. Floyd responded to a residential alarm.

9:20 p.m. - Caller reported a traffic complaint on US 231.

11:04 p.m. - Caller requested a fire unit at his residence for a tripped breaker.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

11:57 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

2:10 p.m. - Female reported a civil matter.

5:34 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on Hwy 50.

6:00 p.m. - Subject came on station with a lost wallet.

8:44 p.m. - Female caller reported a theft.

9:00 p.m. - Caller reported an intoxicated male on Cedar Street.



Jasper Rotary donates ATVs to District 7 DNR Law Enforcement

A nearly three-year partnership between the Rotary Club of Jasper and District 7 DNR Law Enforcement culminated last night with the acquisition of two new all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) for on-duty use by Indiana Conservation Officers.

The goal of the partnership was to spread awareness of ATV safety, including the importance of wearing helmets when riding ATVs.

Over the course of the partnership, the Jasper Rotary provided up to \$100 in free ATV safety gear to area youth who completed the Indiana DNR online ATV safety course. More than \$9,000 dollars of safety gear was purchased through the program, and DNR Law Enforcement used the remaining funds to purchase the new ATVs.

One ATV will be dedicated for use with the operational District 7 ATV safety trailer that officers use during educational appearances. The second will be

used for patrol, such as responding to natural disasters and searching for individuals who become lost in the outdoors in District 7.

In a ceremony yesterday at AC Motorsports in St. Anthony, the keys for the two ATVs were presented by the Jasper Rotary to District 7 DNR Law Enforcement. The ATVs are a Can-am Outlander 450 and Can-am DS 250.

Indiana's ATV helmet law came into effect July 1, 2017. The law requires individuals younger than 18 to wear a helmet when on an ATV. Since the law's inception, Indiana has seen a significant decline in the number of youth fatalities related to ATV accidents.

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More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



COFFEE

I love how coffee fixes everything.

Tired? Drink some coffee.

Headache? Drink coffee.

Cold? Drink coffee.

Someone make you angry? Bust them in the head with the cup!

Answering machine message, "I am not available right now, but thank you for caring enough to call. I am making some changes in my life. Please leave a message after the beep. If I do not return your call, you are one of the changes."

THOUGHTS

*I want to be the reason you look down at your phone and smile, and then walk into a pole.

*I can't remember what NOT tired feels like.

*The officer said, "You drinking?"

I said, "You buying?"

We just laughed and laughed. I need bail money.

*A good friend says, "OMG, I can't believe you did that!"

A best friend says, "We'll make it look like an accident.

*Two Golden Rules to a Happy Marriage

1. The wife is always right.

2. When you feel she is wrong, slap

yourself and read rule #1 again.

*A good night's rest can make you feel energized, motivated, and ready to take on the world – Oh, sorry, that's coffee – coffee does that.

*My "get up and go" got up, looked around, said, "Seriously?" and sat right back down.

*As it's National Siblings Day, I just wanted to let you know, Skipper, you are really lucky to have me as a sister.

ACTUAL ADS IN NEWSPAPER

1. Free puppies: 1/2 Cocker Spaniel, 1/2 sneaky neighbor's dog.

2. Free puppies: Mother is a Kennel Club registered German Shepherd. Father is a Super Dog, able to leap tall fences in a single bound.

3. Must sell washer and dryer: Joining Nudist Colony

4. Wedding Dress for Sale: Worn once by mistake. Call Stephanie

5. For Sale By Owner: Complete set of Encyclopedia Britannica, 45 volumes. Excellent condition, \$200 or best offer. No longer needed, got married, wife knows everything.

SERIOUSISMS

*Everyone is a genius, but if you judge a fish on its ability to climb a tree, it will spend its whole life believing that it is stupid.

*Be selective with your battles. Sometimes peace is better than being right.

*Forgive others, not because they deserve forgiveness, but because you deserve peace.

*I will not stress myself out about things I can't control or change.

*What can you do to promote world peace? "Go home and love your family."

-Mother Teresa

Make someone smile today!

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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.hwplanroom.com. Electronic bidding documents are available for download at www.hwplanroom.com for a non-refundable fee of \$20.00. A hard copy of the bidding documents may be ordered at www.hwplanroom.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

Commissioners work session

The Martin County Commissioners will hold a work session Thursday, June 11 at 10 a.m. in the commissioners' room of the courthouse to discuss the county personnel policy handbook. The work session is open to the public.

Shoals School Board meeting

The Shoals School Board will meet Thursday, June 11 at 6 p.m. in the central administration office. The meeting is open to the public.

Free dinner

The Loogootee Christian Church (206 Sherman Street) is resuming their monthly free meal for the community. They would like to extend an invitation to the entire community for a free dinner to be held Thursday, June 11 from 6-8 p.m. in the church parking lot. If raining, please check the church sign for details.

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 Eastside 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 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 any-

one 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 or call at 295-3149.

ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



COCOA is a female Aussie, 9 years old. She is very sweet and playful. She is spayed and up to date on shots. Adoption fee is \$90. For more info, visit www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org.

Martin County, IN Land Auction

Thursday, June 25, 7:30pm EST



27 Acres +/-
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Hwy 450, Shoals, IN

27 Acres with several building sites and Wooded Acres. Excellent Hunting and lots of potential. All bidding will take place online.

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Improvements made at state parks this year

Guests may notice a variety of improvements that enhance campgrounds, restrooms, trails, and other facilities in the Indiana State Parks system of 24 state parks and eight reservoir properties as we move into the traditional summer recreation season.

Skilled park staff completed many of the improvements. Partners and volunteers helped with many projects. And non-profit "friends" groups contributed thousands of dollars and hours.

Collectively, Indiana State Park properties manage more than 2,000 buildings, 700 miles of trails, 636 hotel/lodge rooms, 17 marinas, 75 launching ramps, 17 swimming pools, 15 beaches, 7,701 campsites, more than 200 shelters, 160 or so playgrounds and 150 cabins.

"Creative and dedicated employees stretch the dollars that you pay when you enter the gate, rent a campsite, launch a boat or attend a special workshop or program," said Ginger Murphy, deputy director of Indiana State Parks. Examples of system-wide improvements include:

- New, efficient LED lighting in various buildings, from offices to comfort stations.
- Various small campground improvements in different locations, ranging from leveling and adding gravel to sites to new fixtures, sinks and dividers in comfort stations, and upgrades from 30- to 50-amp service.

- Invasive plant removal, prescribed fire and habitat improvements totaling several thousand acres.

- Fish habitat improvements at several reservoirs.

Examples of site-specific improvements include:

- New road pavement projects at Harmony State Park and Hardy Lake.

- Complete renovation of 20 rustic cabins at Turkey Run State Park and of the rentable officers homes at Fort Harrison State Park.

- New vault toilets in select locations at Monroe Lake and at O'Bannon Woods and Whitewater Memorial state parks.

- Work on trails, including new stairs, bridges and observation platforms at Clifty Falls State Park, trail structure repairs at Hardy Lake, and trail maintenance in several other locations.

- New or renovated courtesy docks at Brookville Lake, Cecil M. Harden Lake, and Spring Mill Lake at Spring Mill State Park.

- New trees planted in several locations to offset the loss of ash trees to emerald ash borer at Mounds and Lincoln state parks, and to restore open oak woodland habitats at Indiana Dunes and Prophetstown state parks.

A complete list of park improvements, including park-specific improvements, is at StateParks.IN.gov/9447.htm.



The photo above is titled 24 Row Glow from photographer Tom Jones. This photo was a 2019 overall winner of the ISDA Photo contest.

Photo contest highlights Indiana agriculture

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture is now accepting submissions for the 13th annual Indiana Agriculture Photo Contest. The contest is open to Indiana residents and was created to recognize the hard work and contributions of Hoosier farmers, as well as the beauty of the state's agricultural landscape.

"Indiana has some of the most breathtaking views and unique areas, and this contest is the perfect opportunity to showcase what you find most beautiful about our great state," said Lt. Governor Crouch.

Participants are encouraged to submit photos that reflect the wide array of agriculture. The categories photos can be entered under are:

Conservation: Highlighting Indiana's natural beauty with photos of landscapes, water and wildlife.

Agritourism: This category includes seasonal and agricultural destinations, orchards, wineries, farmers' markets and produce.

Faces of Agriculture: Featuring those who grow and produce food, fuel and fiber engaged in farming/agricultural activities.

On the Farm: Every building, piece of equipment or activity that is a part of life on an Indiana farm can be included.

In total, ten winners will be selected: two from each category and two overall. Winners will be invited to attend a special ceremony at the Indiana State Fair, where they will be recognized and receive certificates from Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch and Indiana State Department of Agriculture Director Bruce Kettler. Contest winners will also have their photographs featured in the offices of the Lt. Governor's Family of Business in Indianapolis.

"Agriculture touches each part of our state," said Kettler. "Through your photo submissions we can see the diversity, beauty and tradition that is Indiana agriculture."

Contestants can submit up to five photos in digital format. Photos will be evaluated based on creativity, composition and category representation. Entries must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. (ET) on June 30, 2020.

Visit <https://www.in.gov/isda/2468.htm> for entry forms, guidelines and criteria.



National Pollinator Week is coming up June 22-28. Like everything else, most of the planned activities have been cancelled, but there are still many ways for you to celebrate pollinators and their contributions to our planet.

Without pollinators, much of the food production in this world would stop. While some crops, such as corn and other grains, are wind pollinated, most of the food we eat is the result of pollination by insects, bats, birds and other animals, including humans. It is easy to spot a plant that needs a pollinator. It will have a flower before it produces a fruit. A flower is nature's signal to pollinators that nectar is available for them. In getting to the nectar, the pollinator picks up pollen, which is carried to the next flower visited and pollination occurs.

Many people think of honeybees when one mentions pollinators. Indeed, honeybees are very effective pollinators. There is a reason that we have the expression, "busy as a bee". Honeybees fly great distances in search of nectar. Orchard owners often rent hives of honeybees to be brought in when the trees flower to ensure that there is pollination.

However, many people do not realize that honeybees are not native to North America. The bees were brought here by early European settlers. "Wild" honeybees are actually feral bees, descendants of domesticated bees that have escaped.

Before European settlement, there was pollination occurring in North America. We have a host of native bees that are still important pollinators, although not as celebrated in the news as honeybees. Native bees include mason bees, carpenter bees, wood bees and bumblebees are just a few of the native bees that have been pollinating crops for eons. Some plants have a specific pollinator. The foxglove can only be pollinated by a bumblebee, whose large size and fuzzy nature is effective at shaking out the pollen and carrying it

to another flower. Other plants may be pollinated by many creatures, including humans, on whom pollen grains attach when flowers are brushed. No doubt, you have seen pollen on your clothes when walking through a garden. That means you are pollinator and may be celebrated during National Pollinator Week!

Although covid 19 has caused the cancellation of many public events, I urge everyone to celebrate this important week. Go to www.pollinator.org to find many suggestions for the commemoration. You may take a hike with your family or visit a public garden, keeping distance from other visitors to be safe. There are activities for the whole family on the website and even very nice posters which you may order. (They are a little pricey, but the cost helps with pollinator research.)

The most important thing to do is to plant a pollinator garden. This may be done in a few pots or it may cover many acres. Any flowering plant will attract pollinators, but some are just better pollen sources than others. I recommend using a lot of native plants in a pollinator garden. Coneflowers, black-eyed Susans and goldenrods are excellent choices. Native columbines, bellflowers and bluebells provide earlier nectar. Even plants often seen as weeds, such as daisy fleabane, are good sources of pollen. In recent years, plant hybridizers and breeders have created new forms of some native plants, commonly called "nativars". Some of these have more beautiful blooms than the native species, but they are not good pollen producers. Purists may tend to leave them out of pollinator gardens, but I sometimes include them. Even if they do not supply much food, the larger, colorful flowers will attract pollinators.

The best part of celebrating National Pollinator Week is that it involves beautiful flowers. What a great excuse to get out and enjoy God's beautiful creation.

Celebrate SUN-day at Paynetown SRA

Monroe Lake invites visitors to explore the power of the sun with a series of solar-themed activities during "Sun-day SUN-day" on June 21.

All activities are included with property admission, while supplies last, and take place outside the activity center at Paynetown State Recreation Area.

Each activity takes five to 10 minutes to complete and is available for a 45-minute window. A different sun-themed sticker will be awarded for each activity visitors complete. Participants who finish all five activities will be awarded a Sun Explorer certificate. The activity schedule is:

- 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. Solar Art
- 2 to 2:45 p.m. Solar Cooking
- 2:30 to 3:15 p.m. UV Bracelets

- 3 to 3:45 p.m. Wood Burning
- 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. Pocket Sundial
- 4 to 4:30 p.m. Sun Explorer Certificates awarded

Social distancing needs to be practiced at all times during this event. If a table is occupied, attendees will need to step back 6 feet and wait their turn or skip ahead to the next open table. Attendees are encouraged to wear a mask while participating in the activities to help protect each other against COVID-19 transmission.

Property admission to Paynetown SRA is \$7 per vehicle with Indiana license plate, or \$9 per vehicle with out-of-state plates.

Monroe Lake and Paynetown SRA (on IN.gov/monroelake) are at 4850 South State Road 446, Bloomington, 47401.

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Making A Difference

By Curt Johnson
MCCF Executive Director



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A simple definition of community: a group of people who live in the same area, or a group of people who have the same interests or characteristics.

-- SENSE OF COMMUNITY --

The Merriam-Webster dictionary draws a line around what we commonly think of as a community. For us in Martin County, it is just that – our community is the city, town or county we call home. When I use the word “community” in this column, I use it in the context of the entire county. That boundary, coupled with the common interest we share with others to improve our quality of life, seems to concretely define our definition of community.

-- FRIENDS --

And I've seen memorials and donations from friends and family that live outside Martin County and even beyond our Indiana state lines. Friends and family are community. Friends and family tie us from beyond our county and back to where we call home.

Our friends can come together in many ways to help their neighbors. Some stop to lend a hand. Some donate to a charity that meets a need. Some give their time to one of those charities. A community of neighbors comes together with a common concern and with the hope of making a difference.

-- SUPPORT --

One of the missions of the MCCF is to provide grants to charitable and non-profit organizations within Martin County that serve to improve our quality of life and make a positive impact in some way,

to make that difference. One of these non-profit organizations is the Loogootee Public Library. Shown in the picture is Jen Zehr, the Children's Librarian, receiving a \$500 grant for the Summer Reading Program. With the Reading Program, Jen provides an opportunity for our kids to learn and she opens up a whole new world for them to experience.

Family, friends, neighbors, passers-by on the street. All are part of our county, a community that in so many ways looks to support and help others. We all should be thankful for those that look beyond themselves and give to back to that community.

-- WITH MORE NOW --

If you want to help make an impact in our community through a charitable donation, the MCCF has a matching grant opportunity in place at this time. With this grant, we will match \$2 for every \$1 donated to an unrestricted fund and 50¢ for each \$1 donated to any other fund type. The matching grant is available on a first-come, first-served basis while the grant funds are available.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

If you would like to find out how we can help you help our community, please contact the MCCF Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org.

You are also welcome to visit our website at www.cfpartner.org, follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/MartinCountyCF](https://twitter.com/MartinCountyCF), and “like” the MCCF Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mccommunityfoundation.



Pictured is the Loogootee Public Library Children's Librarian, Jen Zehr, receiving a \$500 grant from MCCF Board member Dan Gregory.

Community foundation grant cycle opens June 24

The Martin County Community Foundation 2020 Impact Grant Cycle will open on Wednesday, June 24, 2020. Non-profit organizations, governmental entities, and educational institutions serving the residents of Martin County are eligible to apply.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the annual grant seeker meeting will not be conducted. A video presentation will share details of the 2020 grant cycle and will be available at the Community Foundation Partnership, Inc. website when the cycle opens. The presentation will also cover how to use the online grant portal; all groups interested in applying are encouraged to watch the presentation.

Emergency Relief Grant applications are still being accepted for Martin County programs impacted by the COVID-19 crisis; the application is available on the website at <https://www.cfpartner.org/emergency-relief-grants>. Emergency Relief Grants experience a quick turnaround and are not processed through the online grant portal.

If you have questions about the Emergency Relief Grant process or the Impact Grant Cycle, email Lisa@cfpartner.org. For information on ways to give back to Martin County through the Community Foundation or take advantage of the Lilly Endowment GIFT VII donation match, call Curt Johnson, Director, at (812) 295-1022 or email mccf@cfpartner.org.

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