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## Loogootee Summerfest starts tomorrow

The Loogootee Summerfest begins this Thursday, June 16 and runs through Saturday, June 18. Below is a schedule of events for this year.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 16

5 p.m. – Opening remarks and mayor's welcome followed by DJ Dave and Linda on the main stage

5-9 p.m. – Loogootee Fire Department Smoke House

5-10 p.m. – Ice cream social at St. John's Lutheran Church

5-10:30 p.m. – Deno's amusement rides and booths and food stands open

5 p.m.-12 a.m. – Beer Garden sponsored by the VFW

5:30-6 p.m. – Zinsanty on the main stage

6-6:45 p.m. – Loogootee Musical Theatrical Kids performance

7 p.m. – Queen contest on the main stage

8 p.m. – Corporate Challenge

### FRIDAY, JUNE 17



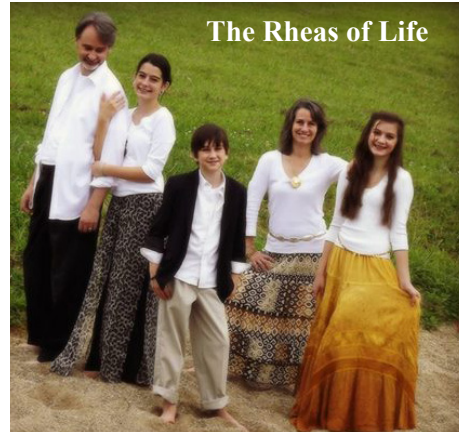
4-10 p.m. – Ice cream social at St. John's Lutheran Church

5-10:30 p.m. – Deno's amusement rides and booths and food stands open

5 p.m.-2 a.m. – Beer Garden sponsored by the VFW

6-7:30 p.m. – Fun Guns on the main stage

7 p.m. – Corn Hole Tournament



8-10:30 p.m. – The Vallures on the main stage

### SATURDAY, JUNE 18

7:30 a.m. – 5K Fun Run starts at the corner of West Main and West First streets

8 a.m. – 5K Run begins at the corner of West Main and West First streets

12 p.m.-2 a.m. – Beer Garden sponsored by the VFW



1 p.m. – Texas Hold'em Tournament at the KofC

4-10 p.m. – Booths and food stands open and ice cream social at St. John's Lutheran Church

4 p.m. – Sidewalk chalk contests for kids sponsored by Tri Kappa and Car Show on Mill Street sponsored by Route 50 Cruisers and Toy's Auto Parts

4:30-10 p.m. – Deno's amusement rises open

5 p.m. – Loogootee Fire Department (See 'SUMMERFEST' cont. on page 2)

## City council discusses salaries, golf carts, mowing

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Loogootee City Council spent quite a bit of time discussing the city's golf cart ordinance at their meeting Monday night, June 13. They debated whether to have residents register their golf carts every year or do a one-time registration. It was noted that the reason for the every-year registration was so the police officers could make sure that the golf cards were up to city's standards, with seatbelts, reflectors, etc. Clerk-Treasurer Nancy Jones that said oftentimes people come in for a registration and the police officer on duty is not in the building so she and the utilities clerk register the golf cart. She added that they do not go out and check the golf cart.

After more discussion the council decided that registration needs to be done

every year, by March 31, and that the golf cart must be inspected by a police officer. They also discussed possibly having a day or week in March, with certain times set, that golf cart owners can all come and do the registration. Anyone purchasing a golf cart has 30 days from the date of purchase to get it inspected and registered. All golf carts are also required to be insured to be on the streets. The cost to register a golf cart is \$10 a year and \$25 if paid after March 31 each year.

Council Member Roger Downey asked why the ordinance states that a golf cart driver must be 18 years of age. He said that if a 16-year-old can drive a car, they can drive a golf cart.

It was mentioned that younger teens tend to hang off golf carts which is why the age was 18.

The council voted to change the ordinance to allow anyone 15 and one half

years old with a learner's permit, to operate a golf cart in the city.

Morgan Huebner, fire chief, reported that the fire department's first responders have been overused lately, having 15 runs last month in response to medical calls. He said the ambulance's backup (second truck) is never nearby.

The fire department went on 23 runs during the month of May- two for fires, four for accidents, two for rescues and 15 for medical. He said he is not sure what needs to be done but he thinks it is an issue that needs to be addressed with the Martin County Commissioners. "It's really, in my opinion, it's really went downhill," said Huebner.

Building Commissioner Richard Taylor spoke to the council about issues with vegetation growing in the sidewalks, including shrubs and trees. One main area he referred to was on the right side of Butcher Boulevard.

He said the vegetation is thick and two people cannot walk down the sidewalk without having to move out into the roadway. He noted that some residents mow their portion of the property but the portion the city owns is left to grow. He recommended that the city take care of their portion as they don't need permission to do that.

John Gootee, of Crosspoint Studios, gave a presentation on promotional videos his company creates for small communities. He explained that the videos highlight what it's like to live, work and play in the community. He is already planning to capture video of the Loogootee Summerfest to produce a video for Martin County. A decent video, he said, costs \$25,000 to \$30,000. The videos are two minutes long on average. He is looking for businesses, churches and government (See 'CITY' continued on page 2)

## Shoals School Board approves next year's book, lunch fees

The Shoals School Board met last Thursday, June 9.

The board approved the following personnel actions with Board Member Dianna Ragsdale voting against the recommendations:

-Alisha Troutman and Lea Michol Jones as cafeteria cooks for the 2016-17 school year.

-Approval of request to post for additional 20-hour kitchen custodial position

-Andrea Qualkenbush and Miranda Beaver as dance team co-coaches for 2016-17 school year

-Tim Howell as girls' varsity basketball coach for 2016-17 school year

The board voted unanimously for the following personnel recommendations:

-Separation of employment for Cindy Johnson from the position of custodian

-Resignation of Kristin Roach from position of elementary teaching assistant

-J.J. Johnson as varsity soccer assistant coach

-Bethann Hembree and Jessica Hembree for the summer cleaning crew

-Kelsey Sellers as summer cleaning crew substitute

The board approved the following textbook rental fees for next school year: kindergarten-\$73.46; first grade-\$92.56; second grade-\$77.20; third grade-\$96.22; fourth grade-\$62.77; fifth grade-\$84.60; and sixth grade-\$100.61. Fees vary for students in grades 7-12 depending on specific classes/courses

The board approved April 8, 2017 as the date for prom for next school year.

The board voted for donating or disposing of unused kitchen supplies.

The board approved the following field trip requests:

-Student-Athlete Leadership Conference at Plainfield HS on June 21, 2016

-National Beta Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana June 26-June 30, (See 'SHOALS' continued on page 2)

## Martin County Council talks about bridge updates, additional money requests

The Martin County Council met Monday, June 6, 2016.

Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett informed the council of a community crossings matching grant program with INDOT. The grant would provide funding for bridge and road projects. The grant could provide a 50/50 match on projects submitted. In order to be eligible for the grant, the county must be able to match the 50/50 part of the grant. The matching funds must come from the Special LOIT Distribution, wheel/surtax or the rainy day fund. The Special LOIT Distribution funds have already been earmarked for the repair of the Spout Springs Bridge. The county does not have a wheel/surtax and the rainy day fund does not have the funds available. Superintendent Padgett and Auditor Roush had previously discussed this issue and suggested creating a highway

rainy day fund and transferring the Crane timber funds from the motor vehicle highway fund to help fund the projects. A lengthy discussion followed.

Councilman Albright made a motion to create the rainy day fund and transfer the Crane timber funds received in 2016 to that fund. Councilman Stiles made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Auditor Roush informed the council that due to the bridge #11 local match of nearly \$186,500, the commissioners have agreed to replenish the fund with a loan from a local bank. If received, those funds could also be used as part of the 50/50 match.

Councilman Hawkins made a motion to approve the following transfer within the motor vehicle highway fund from maintenance & (See 'COUNCIL' cont. on page 2)

# CITY

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agencies to invest in the video. There are three investment options - \$2,500, \$5,000 and \$9,500 and he is asking the city to invest \$5,000. He noted that he already has commitments from the Martin County Alliance for \$5,000 and from the Assembly of God and St. John Church for \$2,500 each.

The video will be housed on its own website and Gootee said that once the project is complete, the site becomes the property of the investors, with no carry-on fees. He said that if minor changes are requested down the road, they can be done for free but many will require additional cost. Any business or investor that would open after the video is complete can pay one of the three investor rates to be included.

The council decided to wait until the next meeting to decide if they are willing to invest.

Mayor Harty provided the council with his recommendations on salary increases for next year.

Mayor's salary determined by the city council, the board of works and city council members would receive no raise, the building commissioner would receive no raise, the city attorney would get a \$250 annual increase in salary, the mayor's secretary would receive a quarter per hour raise, the custodian's pay would increase by a quarter hourly, the chief of police would receive a fifty cent per hour increase, other police and the dispatchers would receive a quarter per hour raise, the fire department would not see any increase in pay, the utilities and wastewater employees, including the superintendent and utilities secretary would get a quarter per hour increase.

Council Member Teresa Nolley asked why the fire department would not get a raise. Mayor Harty replied that the fire department would rather not receive more money. Clerk-Treasurer Jones noted that they did receive a raise for runs and meetings a few years ago.

Nolley also asked why the police chief would get a fifty cent raise and the rest of the officers only get a quarter. Mayor Harty replied that Chief Rayhill has been with the department, as chief, for 18 years, and only makes \$4,000 per year more than a first-year officer.

Clerk-Treasurer Nancy Jones also gave her salary requests for her office. She is requesting a one-dollar increase per hour for herself and her deputy. She said the rest of the staff was compensated when the city took over the West Boggs Sewer District and she chose to wait until the salary increases were discussed for next year's budget to request compensation. She said the raise is due

# SHOALS

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2016

-Boys' basketball team taking several area trips during month of June 2016

The board approved a facility usage request from Daviess-Martin REMC to hold their annual membership meeting in the main gymnasium on April 6, 2017. The board noted a possible conflict with the date requested.

The board approved the advanced placement US History book adoption and the K-3 Math IReady textbook adoption.

The board approved the following state-mandated increase in breakfast/lunch prices for 2016-17: half pint of milk \$0.50; breakfast for students \$1.60; breakfast for adults \$2; lunch pre-kindergarten-sixth grade \$2.30; lunch 7th-12<sup>th</sup> grades \$2.40; and lunch

to the extra workload that goes with the West Boggs Sewer District takeover. Jones said that the mayor's secretary, utilities clerk and superintendent all received compensation already.

"I really hate to hear about what this West Boggs is costing us more and more as we go along," said Council Member Roger Downey. He said they had several discussions about how taking over the sewer district was going to save the city money. "I'm not sure this is where we were going with this, maybe I'm wrong," he added.

Council Member Nolley said she had expressed her displeasure with giving raises back when the city first started absorbing West Boggs Sewer. She added that she doesn't feel that anyone who has received a raise in the past six months should get another one. She noted that she would like for it to get to a point when everyone got the same amount and raises were all given at the same time.

Mayor Harty said that the council needed to keep in mind that what they approve would not go into effect until the start of next year.

Nolley said she has not been through a budget process yet and her concern is that before that budget process is started, how is the council to know if the funds will be available for next year.

The mayor replied that all of the increases he recommends, with the exception of himself, would cost the city an extra \$10,000.

"I just want to go through the budget process before I start spending money, that's just me," said Council Member Nolley.

Council Member Downey said he ran the numbers and knows the percentage that salaries have gone up for each city position. He said the mayor's salary has gone up 22 percent over the past five years, the clerk-treasurer's salary has gone up 11 percent, the deputy clerk-treasurer's pay has gone up 12

# SUMMERFEST

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demolition demonstration

5-9 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department smoke house and Loogootee Police Department and Martin County Sheriff's Department K9 demonstration

5:30-6 p.m. - Loogootee High School Jazz Band

6:30 p.m. - Parade

7-8 p.m. - The Rheas of Life on the main stage

8:30-10 p.m. - Working Class Heroes on the main stage

10 p.m. - Fireworks

for adults \$3.50

The board approved additional donations to the high school athletic program: US Gypsum-\$300 and Matt Lark-\$100

The board was provided the summer practice schedule for junior/senior high dance team, for information only.

The board approved the dance team to do face painting, fingernail painting, and selling of small goods during 2016 Catfish Festival to raise funds to enter dance competitions.

The board held a first reading of updates to the elementary and junior/senior high student handbooks for the 2016-17 school year. No board action was required at this time. A second reading is scheduled for the July 14, 2016 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. The next meeting of the board will be a regular session on July 14 at 6 p.m.

percent, the mayor's secretary's salary has gone up 25 percent, the janitor's pay has gone up 13 percent, dispatcher's salary has gone up 13 percent, the chief of police's salary has increased by 10 percent, other police officer's pay has gone up 11 or 12 percent, the superintendent's salary has gone up 36 percent, which Downey said is skewed because Wilson combined his former job with Donnie Grindstaff's job as street superintendent when Grindstaff retired.

The salary changes vote was tabled

# COUNCIL

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repair, supplies, concrete-\$1,800 to maintenance & repair, other services & charges, professional services-\$1,800. Councilman Albright made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. The transfer was needed for the sealed bid received for the cutting and removal of trees near the rock garage.

Superintendent Padgett also submitted an additional appropriation for approval. Councilman Hawkins made a motion to approve the additional appropriation from cumulative bridge, bridges, capital outlay, bridge construction-\$91,458, Councilman Stiles made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. This additional appropriation was due to bridge #11 local match on the federal funded bridge project. Councilwoman Gee made a motion to approve an additional from motor vehicle highway, maintenance & repair, personal services, operator w/CDL-\$4,873.

Councilman Albright made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. Councilman Stiles made a motion to approve an additional appropriation from LOIT special distribution, capital outlay, bridge repair-\$86,144.74. Councilman Wininger made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. This additional appropriation is for the repair of Spout Springs Bridge.

Kathy Collins, Community Corrections Director, submitted a transfer and additional appropriation in the riverboat revenue sharing fund. The transfer is due to truck repairs for road crew. Councilwoman McFeaters made motion to transfer within riverboat revenue sharing from community corrections, supplies, road crew supplies-\$403.37 to community corrections, other services & charges-preventive maintenance-\$403.37. Councilman Stiles made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Director Collins provided the council with a list of major expenses that have been made in the riverboat revenue sharing fund for over the last five months. The funds are used solely for road crew. Due to an increase in convic-

until next month's meeting.

Superintendent Bo Wilson told the council that the clock on the square has moved to a locked position and is no longer facing the direction of traffic. He had a company look at it and the cost to have it moved would be \$2,000. He said the clock would have to be re-machined. The council, after discussion, decided to leave it as it is.

The council approved a building permit at 108 Cherry Street for Theresa R. Smith for garage and residence improvements.

tions, funds are needed for the remainder of the year. They are now working Saturdays and two Sundays a month and are pushing 60 clients. Rhonda Hardwick, road crew supervisor, reviewed the semi-annual report with the council. The report included all the areas that road crew services. Councilman Hawkins noted that in previous years the township trustees had provided supplies to road crew. Councilwoman Gee made a motion to approve an Additional Appropriation from the riverboat revenue sharing fund, personal services, road crew supervisor-\$6,500 and Social Security-\$500, supplies, office supplies-\$500 and other services & charges, motor vehicle supplies-\$2,000 and preventive maintenance-\$500 for a total of \$10,000. Councilwoman McFeaters made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Director Collins also informed the council of additional grant funding of \$86,400. This funding will be used to fund a full-time program manager at the security center.

Sheriff Travis Roush submitted an additional appropriation from the statewide local 911 fund for the update of the current radio system. The update has been complete and communications across the county are much better. Councilman Albright made a motion to approve the additional appropriation from statewide local 911, capital outlay, equipment-\$7,000. Councilwoman Gee made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Auditor Roush submitted the May tourism report and minutes on behalf of Jim Stoughton.

Councilman Wininger made a motion to appoint Councilman Summers and Councilman Stiles to the courthouse improvement committee. Councilman Hawkins made the second. Councilman Summers and Councilman Stiles abstained. The motion passed 5-0.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m. with a motion made by Councilwoman Gee and seconded by Councilman Albright. All were in favor and the motion passed. The next council meeting will be held Monday, July 11 at 6 p.m.

## Trinity Springs Mustering Elm Park

# FISH FRY

## Saturday, June 25th

11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Music by Dave Sanders Band and Blue Grass Revival

All are welcome! Cost is food only.

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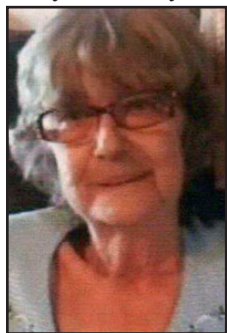
Park is located along Hwy 450 in Trinity Springs.



# Obituaries

## MARGARET CAMPBELL

Margaret Helen Campbell passed away Saturday, June 11, 2016 at her home. A resident of Lexington, Indiana, she was 67.



She was born on July 14, 1948 in Shoals; the daughter of the late Roman and Margaret Irene (Terrell) Gammon. She was a homemaker and retired Dietary Director at the Hanover Nursing Center in Hanover, where she worked for 39 years. Margaret lived most of her life in Scott County and enjoyed crocheting, quilting and puzzles.

She married Robert Earl Campbell, Sr. on September 26, 1976 and he preceded her in death on January 19, 2016.

Survivors include daughters, Rhonda (Craig) Smith of Salem, Cheryl (Kenny) Callahan of Scottsburg and Tammy Bauernfiend of Austin; stepsons, Robert E. Campbell, Jr. of Scottsburg, Ricky (Debbie) Campbell of Madison, and Carl (Lisa) Campbell of Hilliard, Ohio; step-daughters, Janet (James) Griffith of Scottsburg, Carol (Jim) Gullett of Columbus, Kathy (Allen) Parrott of Hope and Debra Crady Campbell of New Ross; brother, Gerald (Dana) Gammon of Shoals; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, a stepson, Ronnie Campbell; two brothers, Lester and Robert Gammon; a sister, Wilma Stroud; and a step-grandson, Danny Bibb.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, June 16 at 11 a.m. at Collins Funeral Home in Scottsburg. Visitation will be held this evening, Wednesday, June 15 from 4-8 p.m. and after 9 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

A graveside service will be held at Pleasant Valley Cemetery in Shoals at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday.

Online condolences may be made at [www.collinsfuneralhome.net](http://www.collinsfuneralhome.net).

## CLARANNE MANNING

Claranne Manning died 6:56 p.m. Friday, June 10, 2016 at her home. A resi-



CLARANNE MANNING

dent of Columbus, she was 83.

She was born March 29, 1933 in Dayton, Ohio; the daughter of Michael and Anna B. Kender Lorenz. She married John E. "Jack" Manning in Dayton, Ohio on April 15, 1950 and

he survives.

She was a member of St. Bartholomew Catholic Church and John Purdue Club. Along with her husband, they were avid contributors and supporters of the humane society, Wounded Warriors and Purdue University. She was retired from the Bartholomew County Health Department. Following retirement, they lived for a time at The Villages in Florida.

She is survived by her husband, John E. "Jack"; daughters, Cindy (Jeff) Reed of Columbus and Becky (Steve) McAtee of Loogootee; sister, Dolores Lorenz of Columbus; grandchildren, Julie, Amy, Heather, Michael, Nick and Jennifer; and seven great grandchildren.

Private inurnment will be in Calvary Cemetery, Dayton, Ohio. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.myers-reed.com](http://www.myers-reed.com).

Memorials may be made to Our Hospice of South Central Indiana. Arrangements were made by Myers-Reed Chapel on 25th Street.

## Contestants sought for Little Miss and Mister event

As part of the kick off to the 2016 Martin County & 4-H Fair, they be crowning the new Miss Martin County on Friday evening, July 15, at 6:30 p.m. This year they will be bringing back the Little Miss and Mister event. The kids will be announced as they walk across stage and the 2015 Miss Martin County, Addyson Aiman, will crown the children. The event is open to all children in Martin County who are between the ages of 4-6 on the day of the contest.

## Have tea with the queen at this year's 4-H fair

A new event that will be added to the Martin County 4-H fair this year is "Tea with the Queen". Bring your little kings and queens out to meet the newly-crowned Miss Martin County on Saturday morning, July 16, from 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. at the Martin County Community Learning Center. Refreshments will be provided and photo opportunities available to have your child's picture taken with the newly-crowned Miss Martin County. The

children should be at the free stage and ready to line up by 6 p.m., and the event will start promptly at 6:15 p.m. Please note, there is a \$1 admission per car to enter the fair grounds on the day of the event. All children must be registered in advance and enrollment forms must be received by June 27. Please send your child's full name, parent/guardian(s) names, address, child's date of birth, and a contact number to 5050 E 200 S, Montgomery, IN 47558.

children will receive a crown and the queen will have a session teaching the children how to walk and wave like a queen! All children participating must be registered in advance and there is a \$5 registration fee that must be paid when the child is registered. To sign up, send your \$5 fee along with child's full name, parent/guardian(s) name, your address and contact number to Barbara Strahley 5050 E 200 S, Montgomery, IN 47558.

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, JUNE 6

5:54 a.m. - Received a report of a car-cow accident on US 231, south of Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

7:06 a.m. - Received a report of cows out south of Loogootee.

10:05 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded and all was okay.

10:06 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle on Hwy 150, east of Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

11:34 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

12:30 p.m. - Sergeant Keller took one inmate to the doctor.

3:00 p.m. - Received a report of a fire near Shoals. Sergeant Keller and Shoals Fire responded.

3:25 p.m. - Sergeant Keller took one inmate to court.

3:43 p.m. - Deputy Floyd and Dispatcher Harner were on station with Holly Norris, from the Rockville Correctional Facility, for court.

3:49 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Martin County Ambulance responded. One subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:27 p.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Shoals. Corporal Baker and Martin County Ambulance responded. One subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:30 p.m. - Received a noise complaint near Shoals. Deputy Reed responded.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 7

12:05 a.m. - Received a report of a possible fire in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded.

10:27 a.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

1:00 p.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a homeowner in Shoals.

1:52 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

7:17 p.m. - Received a dog complaint north of Loogootee. Deputy Salmon responded.

11:28 p.m. - Received a report of a gas odor in Loogootee. Deputy Salmon responded.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

7:10 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism north of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

8:20 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:35 a.m. - Received an alarm call near Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded and all was okay.

10:00 a.m. - Major Burkhardt took two inmates to court.

11:10 a.m. - Loogootee Chief Rayhill assisted with a funeral detail in Loogootee.

1:45 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

2:25 p.m. - Major Burkhardt took two inmates to court.

3:21 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill and Deputy Floyd responded.

5:20 p.m. - Received a report of a

reckless driver east of Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

6:04 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. Martin County Ambulance and Crane Fire responded.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 9

7:20 a.m. - Received a report of identity theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

7:35 a.m. - Sheriff Roush performed a vehicle identification check near Shoals.

9:25 a.m. - Major Burkhardt took one inmate to court.

10:30 a.m. - Major Burkhardt took one inmate to court.

11:07 a.m. - Major Burkhardt took one inmate to court.

1:50 p.m. - Major Burkhardt took two inmates to court.

2:08 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across the road east of Shoals. Martin County Highway responded.

4:08 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals on US 50. Sheriff Roush, Major Burkhardt, ISP Trooper Beaver, Martin County Ambulance, and Shoals Fire responded.

4:58 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

5:34 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Shoals. Major Burkhardt and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

6:45 p.m. - Deputy Salmon assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

7:00 p.m. - Deputy Salmon assisted a motorist north of Shoals.

7:01 p.m. - Received an animal complaint near Loogootee. Deputy Salmon responded.

8:07 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism north of Loogootee. Deputy Salmon responded.

10:05 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in the Loogootee area. Deputy Salmon and Loogootee Police Department responded.

10:18 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Loogootee. Deputy Salmon responded.

10:40 p.m. - Received a report of an injured deer in the roadway north of Loogootee. Deputy Salmon responded.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 10

7:10 a.m. - Received a report of a custody problem north of Loogootee. Deputy Salmon responded.

7:45 a.m. - Received a report of an abandoned car east of Shoals. Deputy Salmon and Major Burkhardt responded.

8:38 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. Martin County Ambulance and Crane Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:45 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded and all was okay.

1:44 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

5:22 p.m. - Corporal Baker assisted a motorist south of Shoals.

8:46 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 11

4:48 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

8:14 a.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted

a motorist in Loogootee.

1:53 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

2:37 p.m. - Sergeant Keller and Corporal Baker assisted a motorist in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance also responded.

6:39 p.m. - Received a report of harassment near Shoals. Corporal Baker responded.

7:18 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded.

7:34 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Deputy Floyd responded.

8:11 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231, north of Loogootee. Corporal Baker responded.

11:24 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 12

12:36 a.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee on US 231. Corporal Baker, Deputy Reed, Martin County Ambulance, and Loogootee Fire responded. No one was transported.

12:56 a.m. - Received a report of harassment near Shoals. Deputy Reed responded.

1:38 a.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Loogootee. Deputy Reed, Loogootee Fire, and Crane Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Deaconess Hospital by Air Evac.

1:41 a.m. - Received a request for

## ARRESTS

### MONDAY, JUNE 6

2:00 p.m. - Jordan Boger, 24, of Vincennes, was arrested by Sheriff Roush on a warrant and is being held without bond.

9:44 p.m. - Andrew Stone, 32, of Orleans, was arrested by Corporal Baker and charged with driving while suspended prior and is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest was Sheriff Roush.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 10

2:23 p.m. - Rebecca Rush, 34, of Loogootee, was arrested by Major Burkhardt on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

2:23 p.m. - Joshua Hedrick, 32, of Loogootee, was arrested by Major Burkhardt on a Martin County warrant and is also being held without bond.

4:05 p.m. - Russell Erwin, 42, of Shoals, was arrested by Major Burkhardt for intimidation and is being held on a \$50,000 10% bond. Sheriff Roush assisted with the arrest.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 12

12:18 a.m. - Bryant Trambaugh, 43, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Floyd for domestic violence in the presence of a minor. His bond has been set at \$25,000 10%.

10:40 a.m. - Dakota Clifton, 19, of Shoals, was arrested by Sergeant Keller and charged with leaving the scene of a personal injury accident. He is being held without bond. Sgt. Keller was assisted with the arrest by Deputy Reed.

11:50 a.m. - Brandon Melvin, 20, of Shoals, was arrested Deputy Reed for false informing and is being held without bond.

an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:10 a.m. - Received a report of an accident and assault north of Shoals. Deputy Reed and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

5:58 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:30 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

12:10 p.m. - Received a report of a dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

12:15 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

1:50 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

2:02 p.m. - Received a report of a fire east of Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

5:59 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

6:32 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person walking along US 50, east of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller, Loogootee Officer Floyd, and ISP Trooper Beaver responded. All was okay.

10:16 p.m. - Received a noise complaint in Crane. Deputy Reed responded.

## Fireworks in Indiana: buy legally, store and use safely

As Independence Day celebrations draw near, the Indiana State Fire Marshal is reminding Hoosiers about the safe and legal ways to buy and store fireworks.

Fireworks should only be purchased from a vendor with a valid Indiana fireworks sales permit. Fireworks vendors must have a permit from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security's (IDHS) Fire and Building Safety Division, which is overseen by the State Fire Marshal. If a sales permit is not on display, it is okay to ask employees to see it before purchasing any kind of fireworks.

If a fireworks retailer is not displaying, and is unable to provide a copy of its permit, citizens can call the IDHS Division of Fire and Building Safety at 317-232-2222.

Additional reminders to consider when purchasing fireworks:

-Fireworks cannot be sold to or purchased by anyone younger than 18.

-Check packages and labels to make sure only 1.4G consumer fireworks are purchased; any other types of fireworks are illegal for consumer sales or purchases in Indiana, and may be more explosive.

-Store fireworks in a cool, dry place.

-Be sure fireworks are out of the reach of children.

-Consider buying glow sticks instead of sparklers for children - sparklers can burn at temperatures high enough to melt glass.

For more information on fireworks safety, visit [GetPrepared.in.gov](http://GetPrepared.in.gov).

# MARTIN COUNTY COURT NEWS

## CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

**April 19**

Jordan G. Davis, convicted of auto theft, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 0 suspended and credit for 169 actual days previously served plus 169 Class I credit days.

Cayla R. Boyd, convicted of obstruction of justice, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 545 days with 483 suspended and credit for 31 actual days previously served plus 31 Class A credit days. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

**April 26**

Robert E. Allbright, convicted of dealing in methamphetamine, a Class B Felony. Sentenced to serve 10 years at the Indiana Department of Corrections with 4 years suspended and credit for 790 actual days previously served plus 790 Class 1 credit days. Defendant received 4 years of probation.

**May 2**

Tarah L. Morey, convicted of theft, a Class 6 Felony and operating awhile intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced on the first count to 210 days with 0 suspended and credit for 105 actual days previously served plus 105 Class A credit days. Sentenced on second count to 2 years with 2 years suspended. Defendant received 2 years of probation.

**May 4**

Linda A. Hotz, convicted of driving while suspended, a Class A Infraction and driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 337 suspended and credit for 14 actual days previously served plus 14 Class A credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

**May 5**

Michael D. Elliott, convicted of operating while intoxicated, a Class A

Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 353 suspended and credit 6 actual days previously served plus 6 Class A credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

**May 9**

Robin A. Salmon, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 2 years with 505 days suspended and credit for 72 actual days previously served plus 72 good time credit days and 81 days of pretrial detention through Martin County Community Corrections. Defendant received 2 years of probation.

**May 12**

Jason A. Clark, convicted of possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 180 days with 78 suspended and credit for 51 actual days previously served plus 51 Class A credit days. Defendant received four months of probation.

Jessica L. Jackson, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony and theft, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 730 days with 670 suspended and credit for 30 actual days previously served plus 30 Class A credit days. Defendant received 22 months of probation.

**May 17**

Justin B. Killion, convicted of false identity statement, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 243 suspended and credit for 61 actual days previously served plus 61 Class A credit days. Defendant received six months of probation.

**May 19**

Joan C. Evans, convicted of unlawful possession of syringe, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days with 363 suspended and credit for 92 actual days previously served plus 92 Class A credit days. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

Joyce Jones, convicted of theft, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 359 suspended and credit for 3 actual days previously served plus 3 Class A credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

Connie E. Carlson, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person with a passenger less than 18 years of age, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days with 395 suspended and credit for 76 actual days previously served plus 77 Class A credit days. Defendant received 1 year of probation.

**May 24**

Ryan M. Simmons, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days with 56 suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days. Defendant received six months of probation.

Steven D. Sterling, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 355 suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 good time credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

Caleb H. Truelove, convicted of leaving the scene of an accident, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 150 days with 0 suspended and credit for 75 actual days previously served plus 75 Class A credit days.

**May 26**

Justin R. Truelove, convicted of

auto theft, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 545 days at the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 125 actual days previously served plus 125 good time credit days.

Brandon D. Miller, convicted of dealing in methamphetamine, a Class 2 Felony. Sentenced to serve 16 years at the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 100 actual days previously served plus 34 Class B credit days.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES

### DISMISSED

**April 19**

Jordan G. Davis, resisting law enforcement, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; two counts of criminal mischief, Class B Misdemeanors, dismissed.

Cayla R. Boyd, possession of a narcotic drug, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

**April 26**

Robert E. Allbright, possession of methamphetamine, a Class B Felony, dismissed; possession of a controlled substance, a Class C Felony, dismissed; maintaining a common nuisance, a Class D Felony, dismissed; dumping controlled substance waste, a Class D Felony, dismissed; possession of chemical reagents or precursors with intent to manufacture a controlled substance, a Class C Felony, dismissed.

Travis R. Salmon, invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

**May 2**

Tarah L. Morey, escape, a Class 5 Felony, dismissed; failure to appear, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

**May 5**

Michael D. Elliott, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

**May 9**

Robin A. Salmon, neglect of a dependent, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed.

**May 12**

Jessica L. Jackson, possession of a narcotic drug, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; maintaining a common nuisance, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

**May 13**

Devaughn R. Mesarosh, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 3 Felony, dismissed; maintaining a common nuisance, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed.

**May 19**

Joan C. Evans, possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

**May 24**

Ryan M. Simmons, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Steven D. Sterling, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor.

**May 26**

Brandon D. Miller, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 3 Felony, dismissed.

**June 6**

Phillip A. Freeman, Jr., driving

while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT

### New Suits Filed

**May 25**

White River Co-Op, Inc. vs. James M. Green, civil collection.

**May 27**

Ryan T. Osborne vs. Tiffany L. Osborne, petition for dissolution of marriage.

US Bank Trust vs. Nathan R. Roach, Rachel D. Roach, State of Indiana Department of Revenue, State of Indiana Attorney General, and unknown occupant if any, mortgage foreclosure.

**June 3**

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Sandra Kline, civil collection.

Cory A. Roach vs. Anna B. Roach, petition for dissolution of marriage.

**June 7**

Capital One Bank vs. Joey K. Walls, civil collection.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

**May 31**

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Bank of America and against the defendants R. Joseph Howell and Kimberly M. Howell for mortgage foreclosure in the amount of \$191,309.91.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT

### New Suits Filed

**May 27**

Medical of Dubois vs. Matthew J. Collins, complaint.

Personal Finance Company, LLC vs. Richard Ivey and Charla R. Ivey, complaint.

Medical of Dubois vs. Rachel D. Gardner, complaint.

Medical of Dubois vs. Joseph R. Mumma, Jr., complaint.

Medical of Dubois vs. Adrianna I. Todd, complaint.

**June 1**

Family Dental Care vs. Richard Willoughby, complaint.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

**May 27**

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Personal Finance Company, LLC and against the defendant Phillip J. Walton in the amount of \$2,175.65.

**June 6**

Judgment in favor of the Marie Truelove and against the defendant Kristina Kendall in the amount of \$2,622.24.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Cynthia R. Cushman and against the defendant Brittany Hert in the amount of \$271.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

**June 2**

Michael R. Moffitt of Shoals and Janice E. Schmidt-Lathrem of Loogootee.

**June 3**

Brian A. Hert of Mitchell and Kelsey C. Hardwick of Mitchell.

Cole R. Osborne of Covington and Raquel L. Fithian of Shoals.

Tyler L. Alspaugh of Loogootee and Megan L. Abel of Loogootee.

**June 10**

Tracy S. Truelove of Shoals and Jamie R. Fegan of Shoals.

## Accident report

**MONDAY, JUNE 6**

11:35 a.m. - Teresa D. Campbell, of Loogootee, was backing a 2002 Chevy in the Cooper Plaza parking lot when she backed into a 2001 Dodge owned by Michael J. Mattingly, of Shoals. Chief Rayhill investigated.

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# Loogootee Police log

## MONDAY, JUNE 6

5:08 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious female on Hwy 50.

7:27 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to Dover Hill Road for a vehicle accident.

## TUESDAY, JUNE 7

1:52 p.m. - Received a call of a male lying on the ground at IGA.

5:05 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

9:05 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

10:10 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

12:05 a.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out regarding smoke in a residence on North Line Street.

8:10 a.m. - Male came on station to request a vehicle identification check.

12:15 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted with a funeral procession.

1:00 p.m. - Caller reported harassment.

3:30 p.m. - Caller requested an officer present while she removed some personal belongings from a residence on Cedar Street.

3:45 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

6:24 p.m. - Caller reported a fight on Cedar Street.

7:55 p.m. - Received a report of an illegal burn. Officer Floyd checked and the subject was burning wood.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 9

8:10 a.m. - Caller reported fraud. Female was told she needed to speak with Washington Police Department.

8:45 a.m. - Received a report of a drive off at Smokers Host.

8:46 a.m. - First responders were requested on Dover Hill Road for a medical call.

11:10 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted with a funeral procession.

6:10 p.m. - Received a report of a speeding vehicle on JFK Avenue.

10:16 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on Bloomfield Road. Officers were unable to locate.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 10

12:45 p.m. - Captain Akles responded to a business alarm.

7:52 p.m. - Caller reported an illegal burn on Vine Street.

11:05 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 11

5:05 p.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

7:18 p.m. - Officer Floyd responded to a business alarm.

7:35 p.m. - Received a call of a hit-and-run accident in Whitfield.

9:28 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious activity on JFK Avenue.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 12

12:18 a.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a vehicle accident.

1:38 a.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 north for a vehicle accident.

1:50 p.m. - Caller reported property damage to her vehicle.

12:10 a.m. - Caller reported a civil dispute.

6:00 p.m. - First responders were requested on Dover Hill Road for lifting assistance.

6:26 p.m. - Received a report of a male walking in the middle of road on Hwy 50.

9:14 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on North Line Street.

## Martin County real estate transfers

**Linda L. Seal**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jonathan Zehr**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the north half of the east half of the southeast quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, City of Loogootee, Indiana, containing 0.57 acre.

**Dorothy M. Schepers**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Kimberly Kidwell and Kendra Patricia Lents**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 157 in the original Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**William D. Beltz and Jule R. Beltz and Nicole A. Pendleton**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jule R. Beltz and Nicole A. Pendleton**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the east half of the southeast quarter of Section 17, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing .77 acre, more or less.

**William D. Beltz and Jule R. Beltz**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jule R. Beltz**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the east half of the southeast quarter of Section 17, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.77 acre, more or less. Also, a part of the east half of the southeast quarter of Section 17, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.55 acres, more or less.

**Stewart Blake and Charles Lyon**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Chip A. Mehaffey and Stacy L. Mehaffey**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1 acre, more or less.

**Bobby D. Walters**, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Ruth Tow**, of Mar-

tin County, Indiana, Lot Number 10 in Risacher's Fourth Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana. Also, a part of Lot Number 11 in Risacher's Fourth Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Loren E. Wagler and Anna Mae Wagler and Martha Wagler**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Loren E. Wagler and Anna Mae Wagler**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of Section 12, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 7.570 acres, more or less.

**Loren E. Wagler and Anna Mae Wagler and Martha Wagler**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Mervin L. Wagler and Martha Wagler**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of Section 12, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 7.570 acres, more or less.

**Michael Troy Swartzentruber**, of Martin County, Indiana; **Dena Renee Lengacher**, of Martin County, Indiana; **Brian Lee Swartzentruber**, of Martin County, Indiana; and **Mark Ryan Swartzentruber**, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Larry Dean Swartzentruber**, of Martin County, Indiana, a tract of land in the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana.

**Tracy J. Burch**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Body Shop Gym, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: Lot Number 32 in the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana. Tract II: Lot Number 31 in the City of Loogootee, Indiana. Also, a strip of even width 20 feet wide off the west side of Lot Number 30 in the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

## State police continue to ask for public's assistance with two unsolved homicides

Detectives with the Indiana State Police continue to ask for the public's assistance with an investigation into the death and recovery of two bodies found last month in the Ohio River.

On May 11, 2016, the body of 30-year-old Sarah Lindsay Ipock was found in the Ohio River along the Indiana shore just west of Troy in Perry County. A mere six hours later, a second body was found further west, along the Kentucky shoreline near Owensboro, Kentucky. Autopsies conducted on both Ipock and the unidentified male concluded that both bodies were murdered.

Detectives have learned that Ipock was last seen on May 4, 2016, at the Dairy Queen along Veterans Park-

way in Clarksville, Indiana.

Tips and information have been called into the Indiana State Police, as well as with Kentucky law enforcement officials; however, we are asking for more. Investigators are asking for any information about Ipock, not only related to this case, but simply related to her.

Having information regarding who she associated with, places she frequented, or activities she participated in might be enough to lead detectives to not only find her killer, but possibly help in naming the still unidentified male as well.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Jasper Post of the Indiana State Police by calling 1-812-482-1441.



SARAH LINDSAY IPOCK

## Storm shelter program re-opened for application; funds provided after project complete

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) has re-opened a program that will provide financial support to Indiana residents who wish to construct and install a severe weather safe room in their home.

Financial assistance will be provided as a rebate, after the construction is complete and bills are paid by the individual.

"We had a great response during the first application, but there was misunderstanding about the terms, so we're opening the application period again," said Mary Moran, Director of Mitigation at IDHS. "Project funds will be provided as a rebate, which means after the project is complete and paid for by the citizen.

Funds for the program will be made available for up to 53 applicants. Those interested must complete an online application at <http://bit.ly/1TijCt4>. Applicants must provide information about their home, including the year it was built, the parcel ID number and if it's located in a flood plain. Applications will be reviewed by IDHS Mitigation staff.

The program, which is voluntary, will reimburse homeowners for 75 percent of the eligible costs (up to \$4,500) to construct and install Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) compliant safe rooms in their homes. Funding for the program is provided through FEMA. Participants must prove payment to FEMA through receipts.

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Those who participate will be required to obtain a building permit from a certified building department and have the safe room inspected during installation and/or after installation completion. Participants will also be required to build their safe rooms to meet or exceed the standards dictated in FEMA 320 or 361 guidelines. These guidelines can be accessed at the following links:

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Questions can be directed to the IDHS Mitigation staff at [mitigation@dhs.in.gov](mailto:mitigation@dhs.in.gov).

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## In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser

Purdue University Master Gardener

Last week, I traveled to Virginia for a vacation with two great nephews. As is my custom, the vacation included some gardens. Virginia is a wonderful place to see public gardens. We stayed in Williamsburg but traveled around a bit during the week.

I have written in the past about the Colonial gardens at Williamsburg. Most of the gardens there are recreations of the original gardens. The recreations were mostly done in the 1930's to the 1960's, when the interest in the area history was at its peak. While the colonists at Williamsburg fought to free themselves from the British, their gardens echoed the formal English gardens. Straight paths paved with bricks or cobblestones link the plots of flowers, herbs and vegetables. Care has been taken to use plants that may have been used in the 1770's. My nephews were introduced to willow waddles and split rail fences and to gate closers made from chains and iron balls. The garden shop offered locally manufactured pottery and a wide variety of plants.

During the week, we traveled to two of the area's great botanical gardens. I have visited the Norfolk Botanical Gardens several times in the past and have written of those visits in this column. This visit was between the bloom seasons of the two signature plants of the gardens. Only a few shrubs retained some color from last month's peak azalea blooms and the many crepe myrtles sported only buds, which will open to dominate the garden in a few weeks. There were still blooms to behold. Although past its peak, the Bicentennial Rose Garden was still quite beautiful. Southeast Virginia is a little ahead of southern Indiana in the garden year, so the summer annuals and many perennials that will be blooming here in the next month were already blooming at Norfolk.

The highlight of the visit was a

### Statewide outdoor recreation plan available

The latest in a long line of five-year plans to help determine the future public outdoor recreation needs of all Indiana residents and plan for that future is available from the Department of Natural Resources.

Just as similar organizations in other states, the Indiana DNR is required to create a comprehensive state-level outdoor recreation plan every five years. This planning process keeps Indiana eligible to obtain funds from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) that

show and sale by the Virginia Bonsai Society. Twenty amazing specimens were entered in the show. There were trees, accessory plants, pots and tools offered for sale. I called local bonsai expert Tim Morrison to rub it in that I was there.

I also visited the Lewis Gintner Botanical Garden in Richmond. This wonderful garden in the heart of Virginia's capital city has a lot to offer. Wide, paved paths make most of the garden easily accessible for persons with disabilities. The Japanese garden includes a tea house and several niches where one could spend some quiet moments. A children's garden includes a splash park and a great treehouse. Even the treehouse is accessible for wheelchairs. A large glass conservatory has a butterfly house in one wing. They were featuring butterflies of South America in the butterfly house. It was a mystical experience to share the space with beautiful flowers and flying flowers from the rain forest. The highlight of the visit was viewing fifteen magnificent sculptures by artist Brian Korte. The sculptures, all done in legos, include a gardener, a butterfly and a hummingbird. The sculptures are situated throughout the garden and finding each one takes one around the garden. My nephews were even able to make their own lego tile mosaics to add to a display in the activity center.

With many historical estates and old plantations, southeast Virginia is truly a great place for a gardener to visit. It does not hurt to also be a lover of history.

The worst part of any vacation is returning home to a huge pile of work. I returned home to a lot to do in my garden. I also discovered that the serviceberries, which were starting to ripen when I left, had been harvested by the birds during my absence. I guess I will have to settle for serviceberry leaf tea this year.

DNR then re-grants to park boards in counties, townships, cities, and towns.

The new 138-page Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), which covers 2016-2020, can be downloaded at [dnr.IN.gov/outdoor/4201.htm](http://dnr.IN.gov/outdoor/4201.htm). The site also includes information on how the study is done. To order CD-ROM copies or for more information, contact DNR Outdoor Recreation's Greg Beilfuss at (317) 232-4071 or email [gbeilfuss@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:gbeilfuss@dnr.IN.gov).

## Indiana summer weather outlook: Drought looming again

BY KEITH ROBINSON  
Purdue University News Service

Indiana could be headed for another drought this summer, according to the Indiana State Climate Office. Some northern Indiana counties already are abnormally dry.

It depends on the strength of a developing La Niña weather pattern. Stronger La Niña conditions in summer typically result in hotter and/or drier Midwest summers, such as what happened during the historic drought in the summer of 2012.

Changes in large-scale weather patterns such as the demise of El Niño and strong possibility of La Niña conditions in coming months are leading to local scale impacts of reduced rainfall and hotter landscapes, said Dev Niyogi, state climatologist based at Purdue University.

"This, combined with the need by plants to replace water lost through evaporation, is setting a classic scenario for a regional drought," he said.

If La Niña does develop quickly and with at least moderate intensity, drought conditions may develop in Indiana by August, said Ken Scheeringa, associate state climatologist.

"In recent years, there has been a trend to fall droughts in Indiana," he said. "For example last year, moderate drought occurred from late September into late December."

The climate office expects the second half of June to be drier than normal, followed by equal chances that July and August will be wetter, drier or near normal in precipitation across the Midwest and a slightly higher chance of drier-than-normal conditions over Indiana.

Neutral weather conditions began in

late May after what the climate office said was one of the strongest El Niños on record. The El Niño generated eight consecutive months of above-normal temperatures in Indiana through April and a mix of above- and below-normal precipitation.

"Historically, a quickly developing La Niña after a strong El Niño can be moderate to strong in intensity," Scheeringa said.

La Niña conditions occur when Pacific sea surface temperatures in a specific area near the equator persist cooler than normal by about 1 degree Fahrenheit. The "signature" impacts of La Niña are Indiana summers with above-normal temperatures and less-than-normal precipitation.

Signs of extended dryness have been reported in the June 9 update of the U.S. Drought Monitor, with several counties in the far north and northeast portions of Indiana abnormally dry. (A map of Indiana as part of the Drought Monitor is available at <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Home/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?IN>.)

Extended periods of dry conditions are nothing new to Indiana. In addition to the moderate drought in some parts of the state last year, other areas were abnormally dry before and during it. Heavy spring rains that killed or severely damaged some crops and dry conditions in the summer took a toll on Indiana's corn crop, which was the smallest since the devastating drought of 2012. Soybean crops fared better, recovering enough after the spring to produce a stronger crop.

"We will monitor the situation," Niyogi said. "Droughts don't always mean lowered yields. The timing, intensity, duration and area covered matter."

## Specialist: Late-planted crops could require early irrigation

BY JESSICA MERZDORF  
Purdue University News Service

Late-planted grain crops may be reaching a critical stage of development just as the weather is turning drier, possibly meaning farmers will have to irrigate earlier than normal, says Lyndon Kelley, irrigation specialist for the Purdue and Michigan State Extension services.

Wet spring weather in much of the Midwest delayed cover crop removal, tillage and planting by as much as two weeks, meaning that instead of seedlings coming up during the spring rainy season, they are already encountering drier, summerlike conditions, Kelley said.

Farmers in some parts of the state should be irrigating now to ensure optimal germination, he added.

"Typically, our crops would be about two weeks further ahead, so now we're trying to grow younger crops in the drier time of the year," Kelley said. "Even in an average year, midsummer is the driest point of the growing season, and that low point is going to hit us at a more crucial stage of development this year."

Remaining cover crops could drain even more moisture from the soil, Kelley said. Cereal grains and annual rye grasses use more moisture than corn or soybeans. The moisture is typically replaced by rain after the cover crops are

removed by tillage. But this did not happen in some areas, Kelley said, particularly where field operations were significantly delayed.

In order to replace moisture lost during the tillage process, farmers should apply one-half to three-quarters of an inch of water per application, which will wet the soil down to 6 inches, the minimum depth needed to keep roots growing into moisture, Kelley said. If no rain has fallen since removing the cover crop, 1 to 1.5 inches may be needed to replenish the soil moisture in the future root zone.

Some soils may form a crust if the soil surface dries too quickly, possibly preventing seedlings from penetrating the surface, Kelley said. A small application of two-tenths to three-tenths of an inch of water may soften the soil enough to allow seedlings to emerge.

Farmers have several tools available to help them determine whether their crops need irrigation, and how much. A quick test is to probe the soil below the roots.

A more precise system of computation, the checkbook irrigation method, treats soil moisture content like a bank account.

More information about checkbook irrigation and other scheduling tools can be found at [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/uploads/235/67987/resources/3\\_Scheduling\\_Tools.pdf](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/uploads/235/67987/resources/3_Scheduling_Tools.pdf).

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# 4-H NEWS

By Stacy Brown  
Martin County Purdue  
Extension Educator



## Upcoming Events

Livestock weigh-ins for the fair have been set for the spring. They will take place at the fairgrounds.

Poultry - June 18, 2016, 9-11 a.m.

2016 Fair Activities

Friday, July 15

10 a.m. Sheep show in livestock arena

5 p.m. Building open to public

5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sign up for silent auction items

5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Laser Tag

6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Ader's Inflatables

6:30 p.m. Queen Contest at fairgrounds free stage

Public Dress Revue during Queen Contest

Music by Judith Montgomery

7 p.m. Farm Tractor Pulls, general admission \$8, children under 5 free; pit \$10; hillside seating, bring blankets or lawn chairs; Contact: Dan Wagler at 812-617-5286; parking for the night is \$1 per vehicle after 4 p.m.

Saturday, July 16

9 a.m. Building open to public

9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Tea with the Queen - \$5 per child; Contact Jenny Hembree @ 812-631-0231

9 a.m. Beef show in livestock arena

11 a.m. Tug of War at the free stage

Noon Horse & Pony show in horse arena

1 p.m. Rabbit Show in livestock arena

4 p.m. Lawn Tractor Driving Contest  
4 p.m. Old Time Showmanship in livestock arena

5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sign up for silent auction items

5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Laser Tag

6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Ader's Inflatables

7 p.m. Antique Tractor Pulls/Truck Pulls at grandstands; general admission \$8, children under 5 free; pit \$10; hillside seating, bring blankets or lawn chairs; Contact: Dan Wagler @ 812-617-5286; parking for the night is \$1 per vehicle after 2 p.m.

Sunday, July 17

Noon Building open to public

1 p.m. Farm Bureau Games in livestock arena; sponsored by Martin County Farm Bureau, Inc.

2 p.m. Kiddie Rodeo

4 p.m. Goat show in livestock arena

3 p.m. Kiddie Tractor Pull registration

5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sign up for silent auction items

5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Laser Tag

4 p.m. Kiddie Tractor Pull sponsored by Martin County Jr. Leaders

6 p.m. Horse & Pony show in horse arena

6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Ader's Inflatables

Free admission today

Monday, July 18

10 a.m. Poultry show

5p.m. to 7 p.m. Sign up for silent auction items

5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tethered hot air balloon rides

5 p.m. Building open to public

5 p.m. Defenders of the Faith demonstration at the fire station

5 p.m. Cookie stacking contest sponsored by Martin County Jr. Leaders

5 p.m. Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest sponsored by Martin County Jr. Leaders

6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Ader's Inflatables

6 p.m. Caricature Drawings sponsored by Kountry Kids Daycare

6 p.m. Swine Show in livestock arena

Free admission today

Tuesday, July 19

5 p.m. Building open to public

5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sign up for silent auction items

5:30 p.m. Supreme Showmanship in livestock arena

7 p.m. Auction in livestock arena

8-10 p.m. Release of projects

Free admission today

New Open Class Young Children Division at Fair

This year we will have a new open class young children division at the fair. This is open to children ages 3-12. Any preschools, youth camps, or youth organizations can participate. Projects are arts and crafts based and should be turned in as a group by the organization leader. Please call Stacy at 812-295-2412 for more details and project options.

4-H News

The Martin County 4-H Horse and Pony Club competed at the area competition on June 4 and 5. The riders did an amazing job as Cora Ausbrooks place 2nd in halter class, Harrison McCoy placed 4th in halter and 2nd and 4th in gaming. Mykaela Peterson finished strong with two champion sashes in English Hunter Hack and two second places in Hunter Equitation and English Under Saddle.

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We are also adding new things to our webpage, visit us at <https://extension.purdue.edu/Martin/Pages/default.aspx>

We need volunteers! If you are interested in becoming a volunteer with 4-H, please call or stop by the office.

Jolly Jug Rox 4-H Club Meetings are on the following dates: June 20 and July 7

The meetings are at Hindostan Methodist Church from 6 to 7 p.m.

Jolly Juniors Club Meetings are on the following dates: June 23 and July 7

The meetings are held at Truelove Church at 6:30 p.m.

Dream Team Club Meetings are on the following dates: June 18 at 10 a.m., June 26 at 4 p.m., July 2 at 10 a.m., July 10 at 4 p.m., and July 11 one-half hour before fairgrounds cleanup

The meetings are held at Loogootee City Park. If raining, call club leader Jacqueline Esch.

Tractor Club Meetings

The meetings are held at the Martin County Community Building

June 20 at 6:30 p.m. and June 27 at 6:30 p.m.



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## Horse & Pony competition -Photos provided

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## 4-H Tractor Club holds meeting

BY RACHEL ROBINSON  
4-H Tractor Club Recorder

The Tractor Driving 4-H Club held a meeting Monday, June 6 at the Martin County Community Building in Loogootee. Officers for 2016 are President Rueben Ritchey, Vice President Justin Sanders, Recorder Rachel Robinson, and Secretary Cade Maschino.

The 4-H Tractor Driving Club leaders are Larry Craney, Toni Craney, Wayne Ritchey, and Tammy Ritchey.

Members in attendance were Cade Maschino, Justin Sanders, Justin Horney, MacKenzie Craney, Wade Burris,

Russell Mauder, and Rachel Robinson.

Members are donating new items to place in a tool type gift basket to be auctioned off during the Martin County Fair.

Members need to visit [www.four-h.purdue.edu](http://www.four-h.purdue.edu) to study for the tractor driving test and study the tools.

The Ag Event will be held on Saturday, July 9 at 9 a.m. The Lawn & Tractor Event will be held on Saturday, July 16 at 4 p.m.

The next meetings will be held on June 20 and June 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the Martin County Community Building in Loogootee.

## Dog Dayz of Summer at Patoka Lake

Spend the day with your canine companion on Saturday, June 25 from 10 a.m. -2 p.m. at the Patoka Lake Nature Center! Bring your four-legged friend and join them for a day of events such as hike with your hound, dog training sessions, a tasty treats program where you can learn how to make your own dog treats, a toy making session and a pet parade/costume contest and talent show with prizes!

To beat the summer heat, let your pet romp around in the Cool Canines Splash Park. Glamfur pictures with your pet will be taking place between

events! And much more! All pets must be on a leash no longer than six feet. This event is free to the public but donations will be accepted. A food vendor will be onsite making lunch for the two-legged attendees!

The entrance fee of \$7 per vehicle for Indiana residents (\$9 out of state) is required for the Newton Stewart State Recreation area, Patoka Reservoir, located north of Wickliffe Indiana, Highway 164.

Patoka Lake ([stateparks.IN.gov/2953.htm](http://stateparks.IN.gov/2953.htm)) is at 3084 N. Dillard Road, Birdseye, IN 47513.



## Indiana, 20 other states sue Delaware to reclaim funds from abandoned MoneyGram checks

The State of Indiana has joined 20 other states in filing a lawsuit in the United States Supreme Court against the State of Delaware, alleging Delaware has failed to turn over millions of dollars in unclaimed property funds the other states contend rightfully belong to them.

The dispute between the 21 plaintiff states and Delaware is about which states are entitled to abandoned and unclaimed "official checks" – essentially money orders – sold by MoneyGram, a money-transfer services company that operates in all 50 states and internationally. The lawsuit alleges that millions of dollars in money order products MoneyGram sold that were never claimed or redeemed have been wrongfully turned over to the State of Delaware, with Delaware's acquiescence, guidance and direction.

Moreover, the lawsuit alleges this error was based on the mistaken belief that such abandoned and unclaimed property is supposed to be turned over to the state in which the money-order issuing company is incorporated – in this case Delaware. The plaintiffs contend that federal law and the law in each plaintiff state is clear: Such abandoned and unclaimed property instead should be turned over to the state where the property, such as money orders, was purchased.

The lawsuit was filed directly in the U.S. Supreme Court, which has original jurisdiction in state-vs.-state disputes. The plaintiffs allege the State of Delaware has custody of approximately \$200 million that rightfully belongs to other states under the federal Disposition of Abandoned Money Orders and Traveler's Checks Act. The ultimate dollar amount could be higher, however, and the amount the State of Indiana would be owed for MoneyGram purchases within Indiana has not been calculated.

"This is an extraordinary legal step and one we do not undertake lightly. We respect our counterparts in Delaware state government, but we contend they have misinterpreted state and federal law, to the detriment of unclaimed property programs in Indiana and elsewhere that should administer these funds for their rightful owners. When state governments have legal disputes against each other that cannot be resolved through informal efforts, it is appropriate to raise the legal question to the U.S. Supreme Court to answer," Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller said.

As the lawyer for Indiana state government, Zoeller's office represents Indiana in the multistate lawsuit. Zoeller's office also operates Indiana's Unclaimed Property Division that returns millions of dollars in abandoned funds – such as dormant bank accounts and unpaid insurance proceeds – to Hoosier consumers each year. More than \$88 million in Indiana unclaimed property was claimed by owners or heirs in 2015. Indiana's Attorney General's Office is the only state AG's office in the nation to administer a state unclaimed property program; in other states, such programs are administered by different

officeholders.

The multistate plaintiffs ask the Supreme Court to declare that they, and not Delaware, are entitled to the millions of dollars improperly turned over to Delaware, and to all similar abandoned and unclaimed property from unredeemed money orders in the future. The coalition also is asking the Supreme Court to order the appropriate repayment by Delaware to the plaintiff states.

At issue are the financial-service products – such as money orders or traveler's checks – that MoneyGram customers purchased with fees to move funds from one location to another. If MoneyGram "official checks" were not redeemed as intended by the purchaser, then the funds eventually are supposed to "escheat" or revert to the custody of the state where purchased, under the applicable unclaimed property laws. The lawsuit alleges that on February 10, 2015, an independent auditor completed an examination of abandoned "official checks" from MoneyGram in a select group of other states; that audit concluded that nearly \$200 million was owed to those states by Delaware. The amount of unredeemed MoneyGram checks purchased in Indiana that is currently in the custody of Delaware has not been determined. Through the lawsuit, the Court could require Delaware to provide a more complete accounting.

The states of Arkansas and Texas are lead plaintiffs in the lawsuit and their state AG's offices are shouldering the bulk of the legal work for the plaintiffs. Besides Arkansas, Texas and Indiana, the other plaintiff states joining the lawsuit are Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Utah and West Virginia. In Indiana, the case is assigned to salaried attorneys in the Attorney General's Office who do not charge billable hours. Indiana is not using any outside counsel in order to participate in the lawsuit against Delaware.

When a sovereign state government or group of states files a lawsuit against another state, the United States Supreme Court has original jurisdiction to hear the lawsuit. No court dates have been scheduled yet by the Supreme Court in the lawsuit against Delaware over the distribution of abandoned MoneyGram funds. Zoeller noted that if the plaintiff states prevail, then the unclaimed funds currently in the custody of Delaware would "escheat" or revert to the custody of Indiana and the other plaintiff states.

Generally speaking, abandoned bank accounts, unpaid insurance proceeds and other forms of unclaimed funds in Indiana by statute eventually revert to the state's Unclaimed Property Division, which is administered by the Attorney General's Office. Indiana's Unclaimed Property Division maintains a searchable database at [www.IndianaUnclaimed.gov](http://www.IndianaUnclaimed.gov) that holds more than \$450 million in lost and forgotten assets.

## AG: 7th Circuit finds anti-conflict-of-interest statute is constitutional

Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller's office again has successfully defended the state's anti-nepotism and anti-conflict-of-interest statute from a legal challenge in federal court. The U.S. 7th Circuit Court of Appeals recently affirmed a lower court's ruling of last December, finding the statute is constitutional.

Last year, five plaintiffs who held full-time municipal government jobs and also were elected to the city or town councils of those same municipalities filed a federal lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the state statute, which the Legislature passed in 2012 and which took effect, as applied to the plaintiffs, this year. U.S. District Court Judge Philip P. Simon last December 3 ruled against the plaintiffs and in favor of the State in the lawsuit, *Claussen et al. v. Pence et al.* The plaintiffs then appealed to the 7th Circuit in Chicago, a three-judge panel heard oral argument May 27 and the 7th Circuit panel ruled unanimously affirming the lower court's ruling that the statute is constitutional.

"We respect those who work in municipal government, especially in public safety, and it is an honor to serve as an elected council member; but the Legislature in its policymaking authority decided that a person cannot serve in more than one position in the same municipality at a time, because of the potential for conflict. My office defends from lawsuits the statutes the Legislature has passed and we are pleased that the 7th Circuit has recognized and upheld the constitutionality of this statute," Attorney General Zoeller said.

The Attorney General's Office continues to defend the anti-conflict-of-interest statute from a separate legal challenge filed by the same plaintiffs that is currently pending in Lake County Superior Court. That case is scheduled for oral argument June 28. How the 7th Circuit's ruling might impact the Lake County court case still is being reviewed.

Zoeller thanked Deputy Attorneys General Aaron Craft, Kyle Hunter, Brian Park, Jared Jedick and Betsy Isenberg for their work on the case.

## Secretary of State Connie Lawson urges citizens to report elder abuse

In recognition of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15, Secretary of State Connie Lawson urges citizens to value and protect Indiana's seniors by reporting possible abuse.

"Although elder abuse comes in many forms – physical, financial, emotional, neglect or abandonment – often several types of abuse will be inflicted at the same time," said Secretary Lawson. "Financial abuse is considered to be the most common form of abuse to elders, costing its victims an estimated \$2.6 billion a year."

To help combat this problem, the Secretary of State's office is joining the North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA) and the National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA) who are partnering to offer tools to identify and report financial abuse or exploitation. Investment fraud is an area of particular concern, as victims can see their life savings depleted with little opportunity to recover financial stability.

"Financial losses through investment fraud scams are often devastating to victims in more than one way," said Securities Commissioner Alex Glass. "I have witnessed victims endure tremendous suffering financially but also emotionally. Emotional strain resulting from securities fraud can lead some victims to become fearful, develop health issues, become depressed, and in the most extreme cases contemplate suicide. It is imperative that financial abuse be reported promptly to the proper authorities."

Securities fraud can come in many forms. The investment might be fraudulent, or it could be a legitimate product that is unsuitable for the investor's circumstances. Other investment problems include unregistered products, theft of

funds or products sold by an unlicensed adviser or broker. Investors and caregivers are urged to "investigate before investing" by calling the Secretary of State's office at 317-232-6682 to verify if the product and person selling it are registered/licensed and to see if any complaints have been filed.

The Secretary of State's office is constantly identifying new ways to protect the most vulnerable among us. On July 1, 2016, legislation aimed at bolstering financial protections for seniors will go into effect.

"My office recently worked with the General Assembly to pass legislation allowing financial professionals to share financial records with law enforcement and withhold a disbursement of funds if they believe a senior is being exploited financially," stated Secretary Lawson. "Too often it is family members of victims who are the culprits in these heart-breaking cases. This legislation allows third party financial advisors to intervene when they suspect wrongdoing on the part of family members or others."

The public can report suspected securities or investment fraud to the Secretary of State's office at 317-232-6682. Other types of elder abuse should be reported to the Family and Social Services Administration's Adult Protective Services at 1-800-992-6978 or to local authorities. You may also report abuse through the national Eldercare Locator at 800-677-1116.

NASAA, of which the Secretary of State's office is a member, is the oldest international organization devoted to investor protection. Its membership consists of the securities administrators in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the provinces and territories of Canada, and Mexico. [www.nasaa.org](http://www.nasaa.org)

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## More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



Charley, a new retiree-greeter at Walmart, just couldn't seem to get to work on time. Every day he was 5, 10, 15 minutes late. But he was a good worker, really tidy, clean-shaven, sharp-minded and a real credit to the company and obviously demonstrating their "Older Person Friendly" policies.

One day the boss called him into the office for a talk.

"Charley, I have to tell you, I like your work ethic, you do a bang-up job when you finally get here; but your being late so often is quite bothersome."

"Yes, I know boss, and I am sorry and am working on it."

"Well good, you are a team player. That's what I like to hear."

"Yes sir, I understand your concern and I will try harder."

Seeming puzzled, the manager went on to comment, "I know you're retired from the Armed Forces. What did they say to you there if you showed up in the morning late so often?"

The old man looked down at the floor, then smiled. He chuckled quietly, then said with a grin, "They usually saluted and said, 'Good morning, Admiral, can I get your coffee, sir?'"

While leading a tour of kindergarten students through our hospital, I overheard a conversation between one little girl and an x-ray technician.

"Have you ever broken a bone?" he asked.

"Yes," the girl replied.

"Did it hurt?"

"No."

"Really? Which bone did you break?"

"My sister's arm."

This one is for my friend, June: A telemarketer called and asked to speak to the person that runs the house so

### Community foundation starts open grant cycle

The Martin County Community Foundation recently announced its 2016 open grant cycle for charitable programs and projects that serve Martin County.

Last year, eleven Martin County projects were funded through the open grant cycle; the grants ranged from \$100 to \$2,500 each.

The 2016 grant cycle is funded by distributions from the following permanent endowment funds: Wendell Bough Family Fund, Ken and Juanita Crane Fund, Al and Helen Friesenhengst Fund, Gregory Family Humanitarian Fund, Leo Harding Family Unrestricted Fund, Michael B. and Beth A. Lett Fund, Old National Fund, Smithville Charitable Foundation Fund, Tri-Kappa of Loogootee-Shoals Community Grants Fund, and the MCCF Unrestricted Fund. Newly created endowments funding the grant cycle are the Courter Family Fund, Rich and Judy Kluesner Fund, and the Don-

I handed the phone to my three-year old and went back to watching Paw Patrol.

When people are like, "OMG, I love your curly hair. How do you get it to look like that?"

Step one: wash hair.

Step two: hope for the best.

#### PONDERISMS:

1. It is better to have a friend with two chins than to have one with two faces.

2. What you allow is what will continue.

3. I'd rather attempt to do something and fail than to attempt to do nothing and succeed.

4. Communicating with a toddler is very difficult. It's like trying to explain what color the number four smells like.

5. I just realized that when someone in their 20s talks about "old people," they are talking about us.

6. Does anybody have a recipe for "I don't know?" or "I don't care?" It's what my family requested for supper and I can't seem to find anything.

7. How to parallel park: 1) park somewhere else.

8. I don't think inside the box. I don't think outside the box either. I don't even know where the box is.

9. If you don't like where you are, move. You are not a tree.

10. When you hang out with the wrong people in the wrong places, you will soon do the wrong thing.

11. Billion-dollar idea: a smoke detector that shuts off when you yell, "I'm cooking!"

12. It's not that difficult to tell alligators and crocodiles apart. One will see you later, the other will see you in a while.

Make someone smile today!

ald and Janett Walton Fund for the Betterment of Martin County. Educational projects and programs will be funded by the Sarah Bowling Fuhrman Fund for Youth and the MCCF Education Fund.

Grant application packets are now available online at [www.cfpartner.org/mccfgrantshowtoapply.htm](http://www.cfpartner.org/mccfgrantshowtoapply.htm) or at the Martin County Community Foundation office located in the Martin County Community Building at 2668 U.S. Hwy. 50, Loogootee. Please call (812) 295-1022 to schedule a pick up time.

Completed applications must be returned to the community foundation by 4 p.m., August 2, 2016 to be considered for funding.

Non-profit organizations recognized by the IRS as having 501(c)(3) status, accredited educational institutions, and governmental entities are invited to submit applications. Awards will be announced at the MCCF Annual Dinner on November 7, 2016.



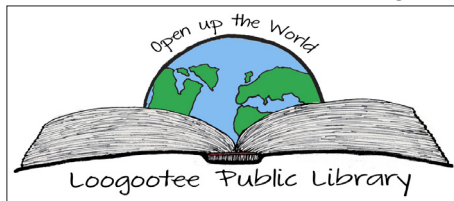
### Tracy Truelove and Jamie Fegan to wed

Jamie Renee Fegan and Tracy Shawn Truelove, both of Shoals, are happy to announce their upcoming marriage on Saturday, June 25, 2016 at 3 p.m. The exchange of vows will take place at the Truelove United Methodist Church in Loogootee. Jamie is the daughter of John and Diana Fegan, of Loogootee, and the mother to three daughters, Kayla, Danielle and Olivia Abel. She is a 1994 Loogootee High School graduate and is employed at the Martin County Prosecutor's Office in Shoals. Tracy is the son of Sandy Truelove and Roger Truelove, of Shoals. He is a 1991 Shoals High School graduate and is employed with VanHoy & Sons in Washington. A reception will immediately follow the ceremony at the St. Martin's Hall in Whitfield. Invitations have been sent, but all friends and family of the couple are invited to attend.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Loogootee School Board

The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, June 16 at 5 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. Some items on the agenda include an update on the roof, windows and lighting



#### BY DARLA WAGLER

#### Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Materials checked out at the library from May 1-31 make up the monthly usage. There were 2,830 items checked out plus 264 eBooks downloaded for a grand total of 3,094.

The library circulation (materials checked out at the library) for the month of May 2009-2016:

- 2009 – Switched to Evergreen Indiana
- 2010 – 265
- 2011 – 283
- 2012 – 375
- 2013 – 1,016
- 2014 – 1,493
- 2015 – 2,344
- 2016 – 2,830

New Books  
Fiction: "Foreign Agent" by Brad Thor and "Liberty's Last Stand" by Stephen Coonts.

DVDs: "Zootopia" and "Praise Band",

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

project; book rental fees, and lunch prices. The meeting is open to the public.

#### Free lunch for kids

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

#### SOAR Tutoring

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

#### Humane society meetings

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

#### 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.

#### Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Loughmiller Machine, 12851 E 150 N, Loogootee. The public is invited to attend.

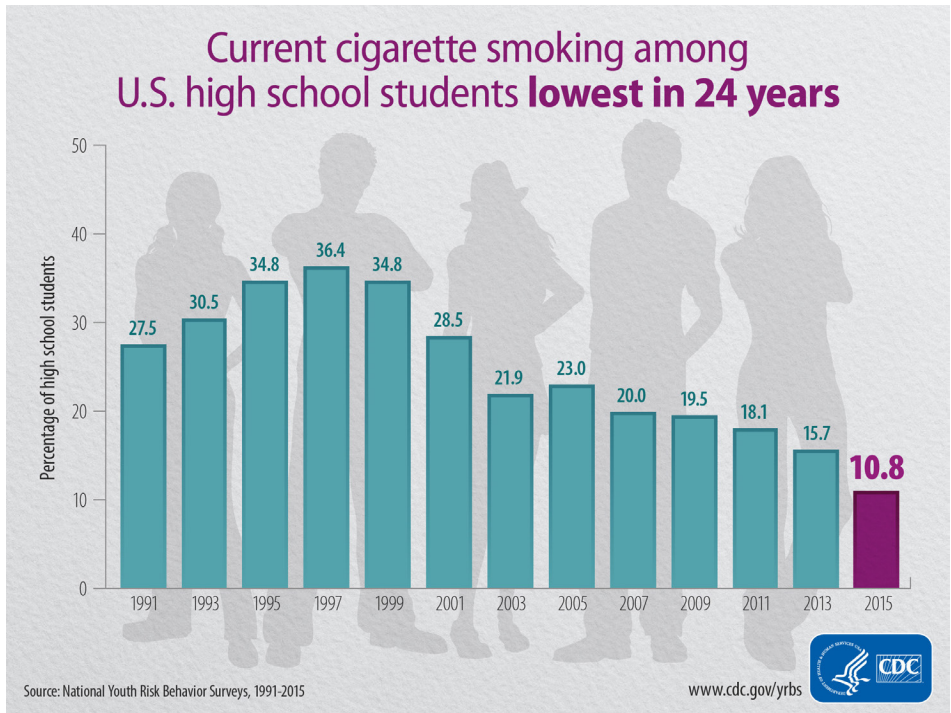
#### Soil and Water meetings

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.



**Making A Difference**  
MARTIN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
By Curt Johnson  
MCCF Executive Director





-- OPEN GRANT CYCLE --  
Today in the Martin County Journal is an announcement for the MCCF Open Grant Cycle. You'll see that the grant application packets are now available, along with the timelines and other information. This is an opportunity for our donors to help improve the quality of life in our community. So how does the MCCF help these caring people accomplish their goals?

-- UNRESTRICTED FUNDS --  
We can do this by using a type of fund we call our "unrestricted" funds. These unrestricted funds provide a way to meet the emerging and changing needs in our community, today and tomorrow. This means that as funding needs come and go for existing charitable causes, or as promising new causes arise, they can be funded by these unrestricted funds. The money flows to the needs of the times.

-- DONOR CONTRIBUTIONS --  
Some donors and benefactors establish unrestricted funds because they understand how hard it is to know what the future may hold and their desire is that their donations are able to meet the future needs as they change. They are empowering the current and future MCCF Boards and Grant Committees, from within our community, to determine how best to effectively make grants to meet the needs of the time.

The MCCF has over a dozen unrestricted endowment funds that that are pooled together to maximize their impact and benefit to our community. These funds are used in the Open Grant Cycle and application process to meet our donor goals of benefiting Martin County.

--OTHER FUND TYPES --  
There are 4 other types of funds: (1)

scholarships for a wide variety of educational choices, (2) designated funds to provide support to specific charitable organization, (3) the field of interest funds that address broadly defined areas of concern, and (4) donor advised funds that allow donors to recommend grants. These endowment funds are established to keep those specific causes and areas of concern funded.

-- ESTABLISH A FUND --  
Any of these funds can be established in your name, or in the name of your family, your organization, anyone you wish to honor, or a more generic name of your choosing. All grants distributed from your fund, today and in the future, are then awarded to charities in the name of your fund. It's a great way to always be involved and to be remembered for your community investment, no matter how big or how small.

-- GIVE TO A FUND --  
You can also give to any of the already established funds managed by the MCCF. There are a wide variety of organizations, fields of interest, scholarships, and, of course, the very flexible unrestricted funds. Any amount can be donated to funds that already exist. Your gift can be what is just right for you. And these gifts can also be made in memory or honor of a loved one.

-- MORE INFORMATION --  
For more information about the MCCF grants or endowment funds, please contact the MCCF Executive Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or [mccf@cfpartner.org](mailto:mccf@cfpartner.org). You are also welcome to visit our website at [www.cfpartner.org/mccf.htm](http://www.cfpartner.org/mccf.htm) or to "like" the MCCF Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/mccommunityfoundation](http://www.facebook.com/mccommunityfoundation).

## Cigarette smoking among U.S. high school students at an all-time low, but e-cigarette use a concern

Cigarette smoking among high school students dropped to the lowest levels since the National Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) began in 1991, but the use of electronic vapor products, including e-cigarettes, among students poses new challenges according to the 2015 survey results released today by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Although current cigarette use decreased significantly from 28 percent in 1991 to 11 percent in 2015, new data from the 2015 survey found that 24 percent of high school students reported using e-cigarettes during the past 30 days.

"Current cigarette smoking is at an all-time low, which is great news. However, it's troubling to see that students are engaging in new risk behaviors, such as using e-cigarettes," said CDC Director Tom Frieden, M.D., M.P.H. "We must continue to invest in programs that help reduce all forms of tobacco use, including e-cigarettes, among youth."

In May 2016, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration finalized an important rule extending its authority to all tobacco products, including e-cigarettes. The rule includes, for the first time, a restriction on the sale of these products to minors nationwide.

A wealth of data on teen health-related behaviors

The YRBS provides important data related to student behaviors, such as behaviors that contribute to unintentional injuries and violence.

The 2015 survey findings indicated that youth continue to be at risk by using wireless devices while driving:

Among high school students who had driven a car or other vehicle during the past 30 days, the percentage of high school students who texted or e-mailed while driving ranged from 26 percent to 63 percent across 35 states and from 14 percent to 39 percent across 18 large urban school districts.

Nationwide, 42 percent of students who had driven a car or other vehicle during the past 30 days reported texting or e-mailing while driving. This percentage did not change from 2013.

The 2015 survey findings showed encouraging reductions in physical fighting among adolescents.

The percentage of high school students nationwide who had been in a physical fight at least once during the past 12 months decreased from 42 percent in 1991 to 23 percent in 2015.

However, nationwide, the percentage of students who had not gone to school because of safety concerns is still high.

Six percent of students missed at least 1 day of school during the past 30 days because they felt they would be unsafe at school or on their way to or from school. The percentage of students not going to

school because of safety concerns decreased from 2013 (7 percent) to 2015 (6 percent).

The survey also included questions on prescription drug use.

Prescription drug use among youth decreased from 20 percent in 2009 to 17 percent in 2015. Nationwide, 17 percent of students had taken prescription drugs (e.g., Oxycontin, Percocet, Vicodin, codeine, Adderall, Ritalin, or Xanax) without a doctor's prescription one or more times during their life.

The 2015 YRBS report also included data on youth sexual risk behaviors.

The percentage of high school students who are currently sexually active (had sexual intercourse during the past three months) has been decreasing since 1991, dropping from 38 percent in 1991 to 30 percent in 2015. Current sexual activity also decreased from 34 percent in 2013 to 30 percent in 2015.

Among high school students who are currently sexually active, condom use decreased from 63 percent in 2003 to 57 percent in 2015, following more than a decade of increases that peaked in the early 2000s. Condom use did not change from 2013 (59 percent) to 2015 (57 percent).

The proportion of currently sexually active students who had drunk alcohol or used drugs before last sexual intercourse decreased from 25 percent in 1999 to 21 percent in 2015, but did not change from 2013 (22 percent) to 2015 (21 percent).

Nationwide, 10 percent of all students had ever been tested for HIV. This is a decrease from 13 percent in 2011 and 2013. Trends in dietary and sedentary-related behaviors, such as drinking sugar-sweetened beverages and screen time, have varied in recent years:

There was a significant decrease in drinking soda one or more times a day from 27 percent in 2013 to 20 percent in 2015.

From 2003-2015, the percentage of high school students playing video or computer games or using a computer three or more hours per day (for non-school related work) nearly doubled from 22 percent to 42 percent.

"Health risk behaviors among youth vary over time and across the nation, making the YRBS an important tool to better understand youth. The YRBS helps us identify newly emerging behaviors and monitor long-standing youth risk behaviors over time," said Laura Kann, Ph.D., chief of CDC's School-Based Surveillance Branch. "While overall trends for the 2015 report are positive, the results highlight the continued need for improvements in reducing risks among teens."

The 2015 YRBS data are available at [www.cdc.gov/yrbs](http://www.cdc.gov/yrbs).

## ~LETTER TO THE EDITOR~

### 'Donald Trump will surprise'

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

Let me ask, how can the United States lead the world when it's become such a corrupted system?

Can a country, that no longer is abiding by "the rule of law" lead the world into following "the rule of law?" The rule of law implies that every citizen is subject to the law, including those who make the law, and that's not the case in America today.

Can a country corrupted by an oligarchy of crony capitalists, crooked politicians, and bureaucratic incompetence lead the world into following the principles of good governance? That's like putting the prisoners in charge of the jail in our upside-down world.

How can a country that ignores and abuses the common man for the benefit of the elites, model to the world what would be advisable for a representative government promoting the common good? The fact is that we cannot. At least not until we clean up our own hypocritical house and put it in order.

There is a deep need for a powerful cleansing of what the Washington establishment has wrought from their tools in both parties. It is going to take a great disruptor to shake up the establishment and let loose the reform essential for

cleansing Washington. I believe that will be the person who intends to make America great again.

We've already seen Trump's pool of conservative nominees for the Supreme Court. Qualified people who would rule based upon original intent. His tax plans are loaded with Conservative reform measures that will jump-start the economy in many ways, and that begins to neuter and undercut the financial underpinnings of crony capitalism. One should look at Trump's website (<https://www.donaldjtrump.com/>), which details and explains many of the problems we must overcome to remain a viable country.

We will have to see the portfolios of prospective cabinet members to ascertain the likelihood of reversing the declines noted above. There is a very deep reservoir of talent he can call upon. There are many talented people this very intelligent person can tap. Clearly, they have many conservative solutions which can undo the Progressives' mistakes that have brought us to the brink of systemic breakdown.

I believe Donald Trump will surprise many with the quality of his team, and with the creativity and innovation of the reforms which he will formulate and promote.

Michael Lewinski  
Dubois, Indiana