

Community corrections looking to possibly build

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday night, June 23.

Community Corrections Director Kathy Collins spoke to the commissioners again about the possibility of the corrections department obtaining a building. Collins and Commissioner Paul George went to the county council at the beginning of the month to discuss purchasing the building behind the courthouse that used to be The River church. The purchase price was \$150,000. Collins provided Commissioner George with a message from the owner of the property and George said he would call him back.

At Tuesday night's meeting, Collins said that she spoke with Laura Albertson and Tim Kinder and there have been talks about giving the community corrections department, for a nominal fee, the property adjacent to the recycling center in Shoals, across from the courthouse. To build according to the plans for the correction building, it would be a maximum of \$350,000, a two-story structure. The commissioners requested that Collins speak to local financial institutions on interest rates and report back. Collins will also be going to the county council to discuss funding at their next meeting on July 6. Auditor January Roush said that no matter what is done, loans will have to be sought because there is not money in the budget to pay for this.

Surveyor Nathan Hoffman asked if there would be room in the building for him to move his office. Collins replied that it is possible with the plans they are going for.

Collins also introduced the new part-time road crew supervisor, Rhonda Hardwick. Collins said that she looked into re-erecting the stones that have fallen over at Green Cemetery. The cemetery is owned by the

county and the road crew has been working to keep it mowed and cleaned up. Collins said that from what she has researched, the stones can be put back into concrete forms and as long as they are in the boundary of the cemetery, they do not have to be placed back in their former location. She said that there are 10 or fewer stones that are lying on the ground and if not put back up, will eventually be buried. The commissioners suggested she check with the DNR to make sure that it is okay for the stones to be put back up.

Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett gave his two-week report. The commissioners asked him if the mowing had been done throughout the county yet. Padgett replied that it had not, not even by half. Commissioner Dan Gregory told Padgett that they had discussed contracting out some of the mowing in the past and told him to consider it and see if there was room in his budget for that.

Dave Sutton, a resident who lives on 200 South, asked the commissioners to chip and seal his road. Sutton said that the original chip and seal was torn up and the road taken back to gravel after residents from Daviess County who travel the road complained about pot holes. He said there is no gravel on the road, it is down to dirt and causes so much dust his family cannot go outside of their home. He explained that speeding on the road is a problem and this is why the complaints were filed, because the pot holes slowed the drivers down. He said you could easily travel the 35 miles per hour speed limit before and avoid the pot holes.

The commissioners approved the new ambulance contract with Knox County EMS for four years at \$210,000 a year. The contract also has the option for Knox County to renew for another four years without having to put out a request for proposals.

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Two MCCF scholarships open for applicants

The Martin County Community Foundation (MCCF) is pleased to announce it is accepting applications for two non-traditional scholarships for students that have been out of high school for at least one year. The two scholarships and criteria are below.

The Martin County Non-Traditional Scholarship is available to a student who:

- Is a resident of Martin County
- Has been out of high school at least one year
- Seeks to further their education at an accredited college, university, vocational, or trade school
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The Second Door Scholarship is named after the saying "When one door closes, another one opens..."

This scholarship is for non-traditional students who meet the following criteria:

- Must be a resident of Martin County
- Must have graduated or left high school at least two years prior to applying for the scholarship
- Must demonstrate a financial need

-The scholarship cannot be used for GED test fees

-The scholarship cannot exceed the cost of course and course materials

-Applicant must provide evidence of program acceptance

-Program must be administered by a qualified institution/organization.

A simple one page application is available online at <http://www.cfpartner.org/mccf-grants.htm> or at the MCCF Office located at the west door of the Martin County 4-H Community Building, 2668 U.S. Highway 50, Loogootee.

If you have any questions, please e-mail MCCF Executive Director Curt Johnson at mccf@cfpartner.org or call 812-295-1022.

Applications must be returned to the community foundation by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, July 21 at either the MCCF office or by mailing to MCCF, PO Box 28, Loogootee, IN 47553. The MCCF office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If mailing, be sure to allow delivery time so that the application is received by the deadline in to be considered for a scholarship.

Martin County's jobless rate at 4 percent for May

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Martin County's unemployment rate rose just slightly from April to May, going from 3.7 percent to 4 percent. The county had the 21st lowest jobless rate in the state, of the 92 Indiana counties, tied with Whitley, Jackson, Carroll, and Adams.

In May, Martin County had 5,044 residents in the workforce with 200 of them out of work. In April, there were 4,942 residents in the workforce and 185 of them unemployed. In May of last year, the county's unemployment rate was 5.2 percent with 4,951 residents in the workforce and 257 of them without jobs.

Daviess County also saw a slight increase in their unemployment rate, going from 3.3 percent in April to 3.7 percent in May. The county had the sixth lowest jobless rate in the state for May.

In May, Daviess County had 15,819 residents in the workforce and 578 of them

were unemployed. In April, there were 15,508 residents able to work and 514 of them were without jobs. In May of 2014, the county had a jobless rate of 4.4 percent with 15,284 residents able to work and 665 of them without jobs.

Dubois County's unemployment rate moved from 2.9 percent in April to 3.2 percent in May. The county had the lowest unemployment rate in the state for May.

In May, Dubois County had 22,628 residents able to work and 721 of them were unemployed. In April, there were 21,962 residents in the workforce and 643 of them were without jobs. In May of last year, the county's unemployment rate was 4 percent with 22,046 residents in the workforce and 875 of them unemployed.

Orange County's unemployment rate for May was up by a hair to 6 percent, from 5.9 percent in April. The county had the eighth highest jobless rate in the state for May, tied with Blackford, LaPorte, and (See 'JOBLESS RATE' on page two)



Summerfest royalty

-Photo above by Courtney Hughett, photo to the left courtesy Loogootee Summerfest Facebook page

Rain plagued this year's Loogootee Summerfest held on June 18, 19, and 20. The festival was pretty much rained out the first few days but sunny skies came on the final day, Saturday. This year's queen pageant was moved to the Loogootee United Methodist Church on Thursday. Shown in the photos are this year's royalty. Above are Tiny Tot Cami Crays, Junior Miss Tia Fuhs and Little Miss Brooklyn Summers. In the photo on the left is 2015 Summerfest Queen Kendall Riley.

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Summerfest Car Show winners

JOBLESS RATE

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Sullivan counties.

In May, Orange County had 8,574 residents in the workforce and 518 of them were without jobs. In April, there were 8,429 residents able to work and 495 of them unemployed. In May of 2014, the county's unemployment rate was 7.7 percent with 8,404 residents in the workforce and 649 of them without jobs.

Lawrence County's unemployment rate moved from 6.1 percent in April to 6.5 percent in May and giving the county the third highest jobless rate in the state for May, tied with Fayette County.

In May, Lawrence County had 20,577 residents in the workforce and 1,328 of them were without jobs. In April, there were 20,411 residents able to work and 1,251 of them unemployed. In May of last year, the county's jobless rate was 8 percent with 20,424 residents in the workforce and 1,644 of them unemployed.

The top ten spots in the state for the highest jobless rate for May were: Vermillion at 7.1 percent, Lake at 6.9 percent, Fayette and Lawrence at 6.5 percent, Greene at 6.4 percent, Vigo at 6.3 percent, Owen at 6.1 percent, and Blackford, Orange, LaPorte and Sullivan at 6 percent.

The top ten spots in the state for the lowest jobless rate for May were: Dubois at 3.2 percent, Hamilton at 3.4 percent, LaGrange and Bartholomew at 3.5 percent, Boone at 3.6 percent, Daviess at 3.7 percent, and White, Spencer, Kosciusko, Hendricks, Gibson and Elkhart at 3.8 percent.

Indiana's unemployment rate decreased 0.3 percent to 5.1 percent in May. This is the second month in a row the Hoosier State experienced significant declines in unemployment. The Hoosier labor force grew by nearly 1,400 individuals in May and is up more than 19,000 over the past year. Since January 2013, Indiana's labor force has increased by 64,000, the second largest growth in the Midwest. During this same period, Indiana's unemployment rate has also de-

creased by 3.3 percent.

Indiana's labor force participation rate of 63.3 percent in May continued to outpace the national average by nearly one-half of a percentage point. May marked the 20th month in a row Hoosier labor force participation has exceeded the national average.

Private sector employment grew by 9,700 jobs in May as well, led mainly by increases in the Leisure and Hospitality (+3,100), Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (+2,500), and Manufacturing (+2,000) sectors. Since January 2013, Indiana has added more than 119,000 private sector jobs, and nearly 290,000 since July, 2009, historically the low point of employment in the state. Monthly private sector increases have averaged 4,100 per month over the past two years.

Indiana is now 300 private sector jobs below the all-time peak of employment, which occurred in March of 2000.

"Indiana's addition of 64,000 individuals to the Hoosier labor force, as well as the significant decrease in unemployment over the past two and one-half years are remarkable," said Steven J. Braun, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. "During the same period private sector jobs have increased by more than 119,000 and our labor force is consistently participating at a rate above the national average. The combination of these widely recognized leading economic indicators, as well as overall wage growth above the national average signifies a strong economic recovery to this point." Braun also noted unemployment insurance claims remain at their lowest levels since 2000.

Employment by Sector

Sectors showing gains in May include: Leisure and Hospitality (3,100), Trade, Transportation & Utilities (2,500), Manufacturing (2,000), Professional and Business Services (1,100), and Private Educational & Health Services (900). The Financial Activities (-500) sector declined in May. Total nonfarm employment increased in May (10,800).

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Sheriff Travis Roush said he has 52 inmates currently in the jail. He also let the commissioners know that some patching needed to be done on the roof of the jail. He said he may be able to keep patching it for a few more years. The commissioners told Roush that they thought the roof had a 20-year warranty and asked him to check into it.

Josh and Courtney Hughett with the Martin County Humane Society submitted the society's budget request for next year.

Courtney said she is requesting \$10,000 for 2016 because the shelter is in need of more cat enclosures. She explained that there are only 14 cat cages in the shelter and there are 33 cats which can create quite a problem with so many cats running loose. Courtney said they would like to have the money available in case used units are found because new units are quite costly. The commissioners agreed to put in \$10,000 for the humane society for next year. Courtney said she will also speak to the county council about it during budget hearings.



-Photos provided

Shown above is the Route 50 Cruisers Summerfest Car Show Queen's Choice Winner Nelson Brown, of Odon, who brought a 1956 Mercury Monterey. In the front row are Little Miss Brooklyn Summers, Tiny Tot Cami Crays, and Junior Miss Tia Fuhs. In the back row are Nelson Brown, Queen Kendall Riley, Nick Toy of Toy's Auto Parts (car show sponsor), and Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty.



-Photos provided

Shown above is the Route 50 Cruisers Summerfest Car Show Mayor's Choice Winner Larry Phelps, of Odon, who brought a 1949 Studebaker. From left to right are Junior Miss Tia Fuhs, Tiny Tot Cami Crays, Queen Kendall Riley, Little Miss Brooklyn Summers, Nick Toy with Toy's Auto Parts (car show sponsor), Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty and Larry Phelps.



-Photos provided

Shown above is the Route 50 Cruisers Summerfest Car Show Sponsor's Choice Winners Jim and Dorothy Nelson, of Loogootee, who brought a 1950 Ford two-door sedan. From left to right are Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty, Queen Kendall Riley, Tiny Tot Cami Crays, Little Miss Brooklyn Summers, Junior Miss Tia Fuhs, Nick Toy, with Toy's Auto Parts (car show sponsor), and Jim and Dorothy Nelson.



Out with a bang

-Photo by Courtney Hughett

The 2015 Loogootee Summerfest ended like it does every year with a fireworks display downtown on Saturday night.

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OBITUARIES

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LOWELL CRANE

Lowell E. "Pete" Crane died unexpectedly at 10:53 p.m. Tuesday, June 16, 2015, at his home. A resident of Shoals, he was 60.

He was born December 24, 1954, in Bedford; the son of Lowell and Imogene (Taylor) Crane.

He was a graduate of Shoals High School and was disabled but had done many handyman and odd jobs all his life.

Surviving are three sisters, Lotus June Neideffer and Sandra (Ronnie) Salmon, both of Dover Hill and Brenda (Chris) Eagan of Washington; one brother, John R. (Roberta) Crane of Bedford; and several nieces, nephews, aunts and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service is planned for a later date. Burial will be in Trinity Springs Cemetery.

Ferguson-Lee Funeral Home, Bedford, is handling arrangements.

MARGARET BERNARD

Margaret M. Bernard passed away at 1:04 p.m. Monday, June 22, 2015 at Memorial Hospital & Healthcare Center. A resident of Loogootee, she was 83.

She was born March 14, 1932 in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin; daughter of the late Lester and Myrtle (Malvitz) Pfister.

She retired with 41 years of service from L.T.V Steel Company in East Chicago, Indiana. She was member of the St. John's Lutheran Church in Loogootee.

She is survived by her daughter, Mary J. (Edwin) Maxwell; two step-children, Nancy (Don) Whisler and Clarence Bernard; two nieces, Linda (Tom) Lusby and Sharon (Brian) Charlson; and nephew, Elmer Hatmaker.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Clarence Bernard; parents, Lester and Myrtle (Malvitz) Pfister; sister, Marie Pfister Hatmaker and friend, Edward Parks.

She will be cremated and no services will be held locally. She will be interred in St. John Lutheran Church Cemetery in Valmy,

Wisconsin. Graveside services will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to your favorite charity.

Condolences may be made online at brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com.

WILLIAM "BILL" HAWKINS

William H. "Bill" Hawkins passed away unexpectedly at 7:09 p.m. Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at Daviess Community Hospital. A resident of Shoals, he was 71.

He was born on April 4, 1944 in Sandborn; the son of William H. and Bonnie (Osborne) Hawkins.

He married Deborah A. (Harker) Hawkins on September 24, 1976 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Loogootee. He graduated from Shoals High School in 1962



BILL HAWKINS

and received a B.S. in marketing/management from the University of Evansville, and retired in April of this year from N.W.S.C. as an engineering/equipment operator. He was a veteran of the United States Army serving during the Vietnam War. He attended St. John's Lutheran Church in Loogootee. He was an avid outdoorsman and especially enjoyed hunting, fishing and operating a bulldozer.

He is survived by his wife, Deborah Hawkins of Shoals; three daughters, Kristie Hawkins of Washington, Melissa and her husband, Ronald Louthain, of Indianapolis;

and Kimberly and her husband, Cody Bauer, of Shoals; two grandchildren, Brinley and Bentley Bauer, who were the light of his life; sisters, Sondra Emery of Bloomfield, Joni Blaker of Jasper, and Toni Craney of Loogootee; brothers, Richard Hawkins of Shoals; Phillip Hawkins of Loogootee; Timothy Hawkins of Montgomery; and Brian Hawkins of Shoals.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a sister, Kristy Ann Hawkins in infancy.

A funeral service was held Saturday, June 20 at Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. Burial followed in Spring Hill Cemetery. American Legion Post #61 accorded military graveside rites.

Condolences may be made online to the family at www.queenlee.com.

New Beginnings Church WEEKLY MESSAGE

BY ERNIE CANELL
Pastor, New Beginnings Church

Face to face with Isaiah

Isaiah came face to face with God and realized even though he was a great prophet of God in compared to the Holiness of God he was unholy. One thing we know is God is holy and we are not. There is an impossible gulf between us and God, because of God's holiness. So many times in the Bible it tells us that no creature can see the face of God and live. Why because of His great Holiness.

Isaiah sees the Lord sitting upon a throne- which means He is king over all things. He is the ruler who reigns over everything. He is high and lifted up. If just the train, the hem of His robe, filled the temple how big was the one sitting up on the throne. Words fail to describe the greatness of God. God is utterly outside our categories. That is why Jesus had to come as one of us, to bridge that gulf between us

and God.

If you have seen "the Avengers" you will remember in the movie the Hulk is beating up on the evil so called God Loci. He grabs a hold of him and bangs him from one side to the other. And He says puny God. I thought "yeah, anyone or anything that we make God over the God that is Holy is a puny God." But the God we have is high and lifted up and His hem fills the temple. He is a strong and mighty God.

Even the Angels, these created being with 6 wings made especially for worshipping God in all His holiness had wings to cover their face. They could not look at the holiness of God. They knew that the whole earth is filled with His glory.

Listen the devil is working hard he knows the end is coming soon. He has convinced so many to rebel against God. The world is full of evil and rebelling people. We see racial rebellion going on. But the whole earth is filled and still filled with God's glory. Paul said in Romans 8:18,

"For I consider that the suffering of the present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God."

And all the things that evil is doing God says; Romans 8:28 (NASB) "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."

God's holiness is recognized in end times. Rev 4:8 Angels cry out. Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God almighty who was and is and is to come.

It is so important that we have a glimpse of what the Holiness of God means. Because without understanding the holiness of God, we will never begin to see ourselves. When you come face to face with the living God the first thing you should see is who you are in comparison. To see our wretchedness, our unholiness, our sinfulness in comparison to God's holiness.

Isaiah was a great prophet and had spoken for God. But he now sees himself as a man of unclean lips. And he was among people of unclean lips. And that God is a consuming fire and you can't toy around with God. You'll be consumed. What was Isaiah's reaction? "Woe is me! For I am lost for I am a man of unclean lips and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips (HEARTS) For my eyes have seen the King, the lord of hosts!" He repented.

And just like Isaiah we have to see ourselves in the light of God's holiness as unclean people. But God will never leave us there. He hasn't and won't if we will turn from our sins and follow Him. If you will let Jesus touch your heart and believe that Jesus died on the cross for your sins. He will take the guilt away and your sins will be forgiven. And the sacrifice the punishment that you deserve will be taken by Jesus. He did that at the cross.

He takes our sins and remembers them no more. He cast them as far away as the East is from the West.

Is it time for you to have a face to face with God?

Please join at New Beginnings Community Church Sunday as we come into the presence of God in worship. Service is at 10:30 a.m.

Classified ADS

YARD SALES

GARAGE SALE June 26, 8am - 7pm and June 27, 8am - noon. Clothing: priced to sell! All sizes, name-brand teen items, furniture, shoes, coats, toys, books, wood music stand, misc. 135 Doyle Avenue. Tracy & Renee Burch

HUGE YARD SALE Saturday June 27, 8 - ? . Lots of misc. M/W clothes. Jeff Gordon coat. Kids items, nicknacks, dishes, TVs, ...too much to mention. Next left N of West Boggs gate. Behind Perry water/sewer office. Look for signs.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, JUNE 15

12:07 a.m. - Received a report of an alarm near Loogootee. Sgt Keller and Loogootee Officer Norris responded. All was okay.

8:25 a.m. - Received a report of animal cruelty in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

8:28 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to the doctor.

9:00 a.m. - Sheriff Roush took one inmate to court.

9:00 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

9:35 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Shoals. ISP Senior Trooper Lents responded.

10:55 a.m. - Received a report of someone destroying mail in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

11:30 a.m. - Received a report of a stolen horse in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill took the call.

11:30 a.m. - Sheriff Roush took one inmate to court.

12:40 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill and Captain Dant responded.

1:30 p.m. - Captain Dant assisted child protective services with a welfare check north of Loogootee.

3:06 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals 1st Responders and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:57 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:34 p.m. - Received a report of an alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Norris checked and all was okay.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

12:55 a.m. - Received a report of an alarm north of Loogootee. Sgt Keller and ISP Trooper Beaver responded and secured the building.

3:11 a.m. - Received a request for motorist assistance east of Shoals. Sgt Keller responded.

10:00 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

11:53 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted child protective services with a home visit.

2:21 p.m. - Received report of a two-vehicle accident, with injuries, in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee 1st Responders, and Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded. One subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

2:40 p.m. - Sheriff Roush assisted a motorist south of Shoals.

3:49 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:51 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Loogootee. Sheriff Roush and Chief Deputy Greene responded.

5:29 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

7:46 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Williams 1st Re-

sponders and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to IU Health.

7:50 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee 1st Responders were on the scene. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:38 p.m. - Loogootee Police assisted a stranded motorist in Loogootee.

8:46 p.m. - Received report of an accident north of Loogootee. Sgt Keller responded.

10:22 p.m. - Received a report of intimidation in Shoals. Sgt Keller responded.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

3:25 a.m. - Received a report of an alarm north of Loogootee. Sgt Keller and LPOD officer responded. All was okay.

7:50 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Haysville 1st Responders and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:10 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded but no one was transported.

9:30 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

1:00 p.m. - Received a report of an erratic driver on US 50. Captain Dant, Sheriff Roush, and Chief Deputy Greene responded.

3:03 p.m. - Received reports of a tree down on US 50, east of Shoals. The state highway department responded and removed the tree.

6:12 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Sgt Keller, Shoals 1st Responders, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

6:46 p.m. - Received a report of an alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

8:57 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist east of Loogootee. Sgt Keller responded but was unable to locate.

11:12 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals 1st Responders and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

11:21 p.m. - Received a report of an alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded. All was okay.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

12:22 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across US 231, south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire Department and the state highway department responded.

7:20 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Lost River 1st Responders and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to IU Health.

9:44 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism north of Shoals. ICO Mann investigated.

9:53 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

10:00 a.m. - Received a report of a trailer blocking the road south of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

10:26 a.m. - Received a request for a wel-

fare check south of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

12:34 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:15 p.m. - Received a report of a drive off in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

5:32 p.m. - Received a report of an alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

5:42 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

6:30 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across the road in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department removed the tree.

6:43 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on SR 150. Major Burkhardt responded.

8:38 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Nolan responded.

11:53 p.m. - Received a report of a fight in Loogootee. Sgt Keller and Loogootee Officer Nolan responded. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

1:25 a.m. - Received a report of damage to a car south of Loogootee. Sgt Keller responded.

4:43 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across SR 150. Shoals Fire Department removed the tree.

7:23 a.m. - Received a report of a cow out south of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt contacted the owner.

9:30 a.m. - Major Burkhardt took four inmates to court.

10:26 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:34 a.m. - Received a report of a theft near Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

10:45 a.m. - Major Burkhardt took one inmate to court.

10:46 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

2:56 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across SR 150. State highway department removed the tree.

3:09 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

3:32 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:05 p.m. - Received a report of a car driving recklessly in Crane. Corporal Baker took the call.

6:02 p.m. - Received several reports of a funnel cloud in Daviess and Martin counties. Emergency departments were advised.

7:49 p.m. - Received a report of a semi stuck on tracks on Deep Cut Lake Road. Chief Deputy Greene, ICO Mann, and Deputy Harmon responded.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

12:00 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across SR 550. Shoals Fire Department responded.

3:15 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down on US 50, west of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Deputy Harmon responded. The tree was removed.

4:00 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down on Hwy 150. Shoals Fire Department removed the tree.

4:58 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across US 50 near Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense removed the tree.

5:05 a.m. - Received a report of a tree

down south of Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense removed the tree.

5:08 a.m. - Received a report of an alarm in Loogootee. Deputy Harmon and Loogootee Officer Nolan responded.

7:04 a.m. - Major Burkhardt removed a tree across SR 150, east of Shoals.

7:05 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across the road east of Shoals. Martin County Highway removed the tree.

7:10 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across the road south of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department removed the tree.

7:10 a.m. - Received a call about trees blocking Hwy 150, east of Shoals. Major Burkhardt and Shoals Fire Department responded. The state highway department removed the trees.

8:37 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance did not transport.

9:09 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across the road north of Shoals. Martin County Civil Defense removed the tree.

12:37 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Shoals. Major Burkhardt took the call and all was okay.

12:54 p.m. - Received a report of an alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

1:15 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across US 50, east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department removed the tree.

3:45 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Major Burkhardt and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:10 p.m. - Received a report of an erratic driver on US 231 near Loogootee. Loogootee Police checked the driver.

7:16 p.m. - Received a report of a tree on Hwy 150. Lost River Fire Department removed the tree.

9:24 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on Hwy 150. Deputy Harmon responded.

11:24 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals 1st Responders and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

10:26 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across Hwy 150. Shoals Fire Department removed the tree.

11:25 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

1:16 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals 1st Responders and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

4:13 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:44 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:57 p.m. - Received a report of a hit-and-run accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department was advised.

6:42 p.m. - Received a report of an alarm in Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

7:18 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across Hwy 150. Deputy Harmon and REMC responded.

8:17 p.m. - Received a report of a theft east of Shoals. Deputy Harmon took the call.

10:31 p.m. - Received a report of an accident involving injuries north of Loogootee on US 231. Loogootee 1st Responders and Deputy Harmon responded. Martin County Ambulance responded to the scene.

8:33 p.m. - Received a report of a cow out on US 50, east of Loogootee. The owners were contacted.

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Loogootee Police log

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

6:15 p.m. - Received a call of a reckless driver on US 231.

9:42 p.m. - Caller reported that her juvenile son left the residence without her permission.

MONDAY, JUNE 15

8:35 a.m. - Caller reported a dog without water or shelter.

9:12 a.m. - Received a report of a slight property damage accident in front of the post office. Drivers exchanged information.

11:00 a.m. - Caller reported someone had tampered with mailboxes on Walnut Street.

11:40 a.m. - Caller reported a theft.

1:20 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on Truelove Drive.

5:37 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

6:42 p.m. - Caller reported a male had harmed a cat. Officer Nolan responded and charges will be filed.

10:36 p.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a business alarm.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

1:29 a.m. - Caller requested to speak with an officer.

2:10 p.m. - Chief Rayhill and Loogootee Fire responded to a two-vehicle accident on Hwy 50 and County Line Road.

7:55 p.m. - First responders were requested on NW 1st Street for a medical call.

8:40 p.m. - Caller requested to speak with an officer.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

12:40 p.m. - Male came on station to report a pole leaning over the railroad tracks. CSX was notified.

1:00 p.m. - Caller reported a civil violation.

4:28 p.m. - Caller reported he had located a lost dog. Martin County Humane Society was notified.

5:07 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from Chuckles.

5:22 p.m. - Received a report of harassment.

6:46 p.m. - Captain Akles responded to a business alarm.

11:21 p.m. - Captain Akles responded to a business alarm.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

3:19 a.m. - Caller reported harassment.

9:40 a.m. - Caller requested an officer check on an animal.

9:45 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

10:45 a.m. - Caller reported a theft of medication.

2:18 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from Chuckles.

4:52 p.m. - Caller reported a male on East Broadway Street walking around with a weapon. Officer Nolan arrived and did not locate a weapon.

5:40 p.m. - Captain Akles responded to a business alarm.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

6:10 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody issue.

6:29 p.m. - Caller requested extra patrol. Saturday, June 20

8:37 a.m. - Caller requested an officer on Cedar Street for a male causing problems.

9:59 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

12:54 p.m. - Officer Todd responded to a business alarm.

4:57 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231. Officer Todd located the vehicle and spoke with the driver.

9:49 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

11:22 p.m. - Caller reported a man laying down on East Williams Street. The male checked out okay.

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

7:50 a.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

8:43 p.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a vehicle accident on US 231.

9:46 p.m. - Caller reported property damage at Red Door Industries.

10:02 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was dispatched to US 231 for a vehicle accident.

10:35 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

JAIL BOOKINGS

MONDAY, JUNE 15

8:40 a.m. - Jony Lescars-Gayardo, 38, of Indianapolis, was arrested by ISP Senior Trooper Lents for driving without ever receiving a license. He has a \$20,000 bond.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

11:30 a.m. - Emma Burch, 28, of Daviess County, was arrested by Captain Dant on a Martin County warrant. Her bond was \$20,000.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

1:40 p.m. - Daniel Diaz, 34, of Columbus, was arrested by Captain Dant for driving without ever receiving a license. He is being held without bond.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

4:00 p.m. - Edwin Roveo, of Columbus, was arrested by Major Burkhardt for driving without ever having a license and false informing. He is being held without bond.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

12:12 a.m. - Steve Davidson, 26, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Nolan and charged with battery and is being held without bond.

Accident reports

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

4:05 p.m. - Cameron Ackerman, of Loogootee, was operating a 1996 Ford on Butcher Boulevard. Ackerman was stopped and backed his vehicle into a 2010 Toyota operated by Gregory Oates, of Jasper. Captain Akles investigated.

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

6:01 p.m. - Danielle Sanders, of Loogootee, was operating a 2005 Dodge in the McDonald's parking lot when she backed into a 2010 Toyota owned by Barbara English, of Loogootee and a 2008 Toyota owned by Jim Todd, also of Loogootee. Sgt. Norris investigated.

Martin County Court News

Persons listed on criminals charges are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCING

June 11

Carlis R. Craft, convicted of judgment of conviction, a Class A Misdemeanor, amended from intimidation, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 353 days suspended plus credit for six actual days previously served and six good time credit days. Defendant received six months of probation.

Edward A. Haste, convicted of false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days in the Martin County Security Center with 48 days suspended plus credit for six actual days previously served and six good time credit days. Defendant received six months of probation.

Claude L. Jones, convicted of criminal confinement, a Class D Felony and possession of methamphetamine, a Class D Felony. Sentenced on the first charge to 545 days at the Indiana Department of Corrections with 531 days suspended plus credit for 7 actual days previously served and seven good time credit days. Defendant received one year of probation. Sentenced on the second charge to 545 days at the Indiana Department of Corrections with 527 days suspended plus credit for nine actual days previously served and nine good time credit days. Defendant received one year of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

June 11

Carlis R. Craft, leaving the scene of an accident, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Edward A. Haste, possession of a controlled substance, a Class D Felony, dismissed; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Claude L. Jones, battery resulting in serious bodily injury, a Class C Felony, dismissed; strangulation, a Class D Felony, dismissed; invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

June 16

Darren B. Stone, convicted of battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

Real estate transfer

Rex F. Strawn and Janice Strawn, of Martin County, Indiana to Shelley C. Christmas, Jill J. Walker, and Clayton M. Strawn, of Martin County, Indiana, the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 48.617 acres, more or less.

June 10

Gary Post vs. Jolinda Farms, LLC, civil plenary.

June 15

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Carla Harner, civil collection.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Jessica C. Clark, civil collection.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT New Suits Filed

June 12

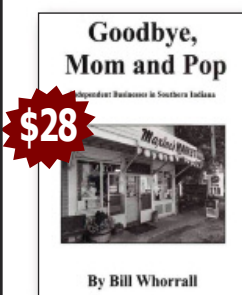
Bonnie Leasing vs. Charla Ivey, complaint.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

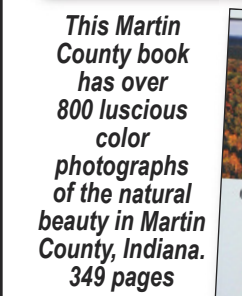
June 19

Ryan Michael Wiscaver of Loogootee and Darlene D. Wells of Loogootee.

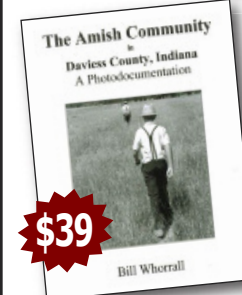
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After the storm

Photographer Bill Whorrall captured this beautiful scene after Sunday night's storms passed through the county. The post storm rosy colored clouds created an unusual sky Sunday evening.

-Photo by Bill Whorrall, www.billwhorrall.com

In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

A friend, an expatriate Hoosier, recently told me that when she thinks of Indiana in the summer, she thinks of green lanes lined with orange flowers. There are several orange flowers that line country lanes, but four are the most common.

The simple orange daylily is probably the orange flower which my friend remembers. They seem to be abundant along almost any country road, with deep orange trumpets borne above strap-line foliage. They grow from a fibrous root system, which multiplies in clumps, colonizing large areas. They also produce copious seeds, which allows them to spread to other areas with the help of birds and other animals. Despite their huge numbers, daylilies are not native to Indiana. They were brought by early settlers to make the wilderness a little more like home. They are edible, so planting them could be justified in the minds of no-nonsense settlers. They do not grow from bulbs, so they are not truly lilies. They are the same genus as the popular daylilies which many gardeners cultivate and which occur in many colors and petal types. They may cross with cultivated daylilies and are so vigorous that they may choke out the less-vigorous cultivated varieties, so gardeners often refer to them as ditch lilies. I have also heard people call them tiger lilies, but that nomenclature more accurately refers to two species that are true lilies.

Tiger lilies grow on long stems lined with short whirls of pointed leaves. The orange flowers have petals that curl backward, giving rise to another common name—Turk's caps. The flowers have dark spots along the petals. Tiger lilies are native to the eastern United States, usually found in moist areas. They bloom a little later than the daylilies. Native Americans used the roots as a food source and the flowers provide nectar to hummingbirds and insects. There are also Asian tiger lilies that have escaped cultivation. One may distinguish between the native species and the introduced species by looking inside the flower. The throat of the native species will have a green star in it.

Trumpet vines are another orange flower native to Indiana. The vigorous vines may develop thick stems and will climb on trees, fences and just about anything else. They become so heavy that they often break down fences and damage the siding on buildings. Long tubular flowers usually occur in clus-

ters. They are rich in nectar and are one of the favorite food sources of hummingbirds, giving rise to the alternate common name of hummingbird vine.

Perhaps the most important orange flower lining Indiana roadways is the brilliant orange of the butterfly weed. Tight clusters of florets form the flat umbels which are the favorite landing sites for butterflies. They are nectar rich and provide food for all types of butterflies, but the foliage is essential for monarchs. Butterfly weed is actually a species of milkweed, and monarch larva eat nothing but the leaves of various species of milkweed. Therefore, the adult monarchs seek out milkweed to lay their eggs, making milkweed the "host" plant for monarchs. The loss of milkweed when old hedgerows are removed may contribute to the diminishing number of monarchs, so leaving the butterfly weed growing along roadways is important.

Other orange flowers along the roads may include orange hawkweed, blackberry lilies and blanket flowers. However, these flowers usually do not occur in great numbers.

Take a drive down a beautiful southern Indiana side road and watch for the orange flowers. They really are an important part of Hoosier summers.

Nature, history paddling trips at Monroe Lake in July

Monroe Lake is offering two guided paddling trips in July that will highlight different aspects of the reservoir. For nature lovers, the Nature on the Water paddling trip on Tuesday, July 14, will explore the lake's Northfork Marshes, where bald eagles were re-introduced to Indiana about 30 years ago. The trip starts at 9 a.m. and is limited to eight people, age 16 and older. Registration is required by July 10 at bit.ly/naturewaterjuly2015.

The History on the Water paddling trip on Saturday, July 25, will highlight the cultural history of the Allen's Creek area. This trip starts at 8 a.m. and is limited to 15 people, age 15 and older. Registration is required by July 21 at bit.ly/historywaterjuly2015.

There is a \$10-per-person program fee for each trip, and all participants must have at least two hours of paddling experience.

Participants can bring their own canoe or kayak. Single-person kayaks can be rented for an additional fee of \$25 (includes boat transportation and life jacket).

Heritage Days Rendezvous at Paynetown SRA

Meet historical re-enactors, watch demonstrations, make crafts, play pioneer games and more during Monroe Lake's annual Heritage Days Rendezvous at Paynetown State Recreation Area from Friday, July 10, through Sunday, July 12.

The centerpiece of the event is the Heritage Village, which will be near Lakeview Shelter on the far side of the swimming beach. Re-enactors will portray time periods from 1745 to the 1890s.

Heritage Village will be open from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday as the re-enactors set up camp; from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday for demonstrations, activities and live music; and from 9 a.m. to noon on Sunday for a non-denominational church service and camp breakdown.

A drop-in program about beavers and their role in the fur trade will take place from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday at the Paynetown amphitheater.

A felt doll workshop is scheduled for 8 p.m. on Saturday. Cost is \$3 per person. The workshop is limited to 20 participants, and people must register in advance at the Paynetown Activity Center between 1 and 5 p.m. that day. Basic sewing skills (simple straight stitch) are required, and an adult helper is recommended for younger children.

On Sunday, an interpreter will have pioneer-era toys and games for people to try at the Paynetown Activity Center patio from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

A bonus activity will be offered for people visiting the opposite side of Monroe Lake at Fairfax SRA, 9801 S. Fairfax Road, Bloomington. On Saturday, an interpreter will be at the Fairfax swimming beach from 2:30 to 4 p.m. For a donation, people can create their own plaster carving to celebrate our region's historic limestone carvings.

Additional details are at stateparks.IN.gov/2954.htm.

The entrance fee is \$7 per in-state vehicle or \$9 per out-of-state vehicle.

Paynetown SRA (stateparks.IN.gov/2954.htm) is at 4850 South State Road 446, Bloomington, 47401.

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Upcoming events at Patoka Lake

Thunder Over Patoka fireworks

Bring family and friends, lawn chairs, blankets, refreshments and bug spray to the Thunder Over Patoka fireworks show at Patoka Lake beach in Newton-Stewart State Recreation Area on July 4. Fireworks will start at dark.

Arrive early to get the best seats. WITZ-FM 104.7 and WITZ-AM 990 radio will provide music to accompany the show.

Campers can see the fireworks from section C of the Modern Campground.

Patoka Lake dam and tower tour

A public tour of the Patoka Lake dam and dam tower, July 5, will offer a behind-the-scenes look at reservoir management and flood control.

The tour, hosted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Patoka Lake Visitors Center, starts at 10 a.m. EDT. Visitors can meet at 9:30 a.m. at the visitors center to car-cavan to the dam, or join the tour at the dam, off State Road 545.

Guides will take visitors inside the dam tower and explain the operations and history of the dam and Patoka Lake.

Entrance to the Newton-Stewart State Recreation Area, the site of the visitors center, costs \$7 per-in-state vehicle and \$9 per out-of-state vehicle. Newton-Stewart SRA is north of Wickliffe, off State Road 164.

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

Pirate Day at Patoka Lake Beach

Ahoy, hearties. Set sail for Patoka Lake, July 5, for a day of treasure, plunder and merriment during Pirate Day.

Aye, even landlubbers and scallywags will have fun during the day's activities, which run from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the beach in Newton-Stewart State Recreation Area.

Start at 12:30 p.m. by digging for treasure in the Buried Treasure Scavenger Hunt.

At 1 p.m. design and decorate your own treasure chest during Treasure Chest Creations.

Then, at 1:45 p.m., play Pirate Games, including tug-of-war, walk the plank and water balloon cannons.

Bring ye mateys, kinfolk and beach towels. Everything else will be provided.

For more information, call (812) 685-2447.

Star Party at Patoka Lake

Learn about astronomy and peer through a telescope at Mars and Saturn during Patoka Lake's 24th annual Star Party, July 11.

The event runs from 6 to 10 p.m. at the beach in Newton-Stewart State Recreation Area.

Members of the Louisville & Evansville Astronomical Societies and the Stonebelt Stargazers of Bedford will give a special presentation.

Kids activities and giveaways will last until dark. A special astronomy program will be held under the tent on the beach. Telescopes will be set up for observations of Mars and Saturn.

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Hoosier jobs, wages on the rise

The Hoosier State is nearing record-level private sector employment, according to the latest Bureau of Labor Statistics released data last week by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development.

"The Indiana economy continues regional leadership in job creation, which emboldens our economic development efforts," said Victor Smith, Indiana Secretary of Commerce. "We are telling Indiana's story around the region, county and globe, attracting more expansions in the state that, in turn, drive Hoosier job creation and wage growth. Already this year, we've seen a significant increase in wage rates over our 2014 projects."

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation is setting a record pace again this year, with more than 150 companies already committed to investing over \$3 billion in Indiana operations and creating thousands of jobs in the coming years. These new jobs are expected to pay an average hourly wage of \$25.29, which is a 15 percent increase from 2014 and tops both the current state

average of approximately \$21.43 and the national average wage of \$24.96.

More than 50 percent of these projects are in the information technology sector, which traditionally boasts competitive wages, while 18 percent are in advanced manufacturing – an industry that accounts for approximately 25 percent of the state's economy.

"Companies are growing in Indiana today with confidence," said Smith. "Businesses choose Indiana because of our commitment to their success. That commitment has enabled Indiana to build one of the strongest economic environments in the nation, making job creation and wage growth possible."

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Indiana has added more than 119,000 private sector jobs, averaging 4,100 per month over the last two years, since January 2013. Meanwhile, the state's unemployment rate decreased for the second consecutive month, now 0.4 percent below the national average. At 5.1 percent, Indiana's unemployment has decreased by 3.3 percent since January 2013.

State health officials discuss long term planning process for HIV outbreak response and transition

State health officials announced last Friday that the number of HIV cases in the southeastern Indiana outbreak is now at 170 cases (169 confirmed and one preliminary positive).

The Indiana State Department of Health held a town hall meeting on Tuesday, June 16, in Scott County to discuss the transition planning process and long-term sustainability efforts in the HIV outbreak response. Goals identified are:

- Suppress and sustain suppression of the community viral load.

- Provide all services vital and necessary to identify and care for HIV positive individuals and high risk negatives with the Scott County Health Department Needle Exchange Program through coordination and collaboration at a local level.

- The One Stop Shop services will be offered one day per week for the duration of the Public Health Emergency at an alternative location. The Community Outreach Center will be closing on Thursday, June 25, 2015.

"The planning process for sustainability began the day we started our response and will continue for the foreseeable future," said State Health Commissioner Jerome Adams, M.D., M.P.H. "This is an unprecedented outbreak and we will continue to work with our partners every step of the way."

Dr. Adams and Deputy State Health Commissioner Jennifer Walthall, M.D. spoke to additional stakeholders and the media on

State receives \$4.8 million for training programs

The Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD) has been awarded a \$4,875,000 Sector Partnership National Emergency Grant (SPNEG) from the US Department of Labor. The grant will support connecting dislocated workers, including dislocated veterans and underemployed workers with employers in the advanced manufacturing, agriculture, health sciences, information technology, and transportation, distribution, and logistics fields.

With the additional funding, DWD in partnership with the Indiana Career Council, will be able to move toward delivering on the strategic plan to transform Indiana's workforce through regional sector partnerships and work-and-learn initiatives. These activities across priority industry sectors, are fundamental to preparing individuals to fill the one million anticipated job openings that will occur in the Hoosier economy through 2025. The state will also be able to provide Work-and-Learn Models to implement an array of strategies, including on-the-job training, internships, pre-apprenticeship, and apprenticeship programs, and incumbent worker training, around the state.

"The federal support will allow Indiana to further expand regional planning and focus

Wednesday, June 17 and it was available via webcast. A copy of the webcast can be found at <http://videocenter.isdh.in.gov/videos/video/1679/>.

One-Stop Shop Update at the Community Outreach Center

Services provided include: access to state-issued ID cards, birth certificates, job counseling and local training, enrollment in HIP 2.0 insurance, HIV testing, HIV care coordination, substance abuse referrals, and vaccinations against tetanus, Hepatitis A and B.

Total Visitors: 1,085
Total Services Utilized: 1,761
HIV Testing: 331
Immunizations: 378
Bureau of Motor Vehicles: 137
LifeSpring Mental Health Services: 106
HIV Care Coordination: 116
Department of Health Vital Records: 247
Family and Social Services Administration (HIP 2.0 enrollment): 397
Job Referrals through Indiana Department of Workforce Development: 49
Scott County Needle Exchange Program Update

Total Individuals Participating in the Needle Exchange: 189

Estimated Needles Brought In: *27,878

*Needles brought in include both from the needle exchange program and community returned needles.

Total Needles Provided: 28,671

on sector strategies aligning and supporting local economies, said Steven J. Braun, DWD commissioner. "The Indiana Career Council and its community task forces have strategically laid the groundwork, and this funding will further allow communities to define and create career pathway options that align education and workforce training with in-demand local business opportunities."

The U.S. Department of Labor awarded more than \$138 million to 27 states and the Cherokee tribal nation through the SPNEG program. The funds were awarded to develop innovative job-training programs focused on regional and industry-specific approaches to workforce and economic development to meet those needs of a local or regional labor market. The grants will help connect workers who lost a job through no fault of their own and individuals struggling with long-term unemployment to a broad range of services, including on-the-job training; transitional jobs, pre-apprenticeships and Registered Apprenticeships, job search assistance, career planning and job coaching.

More information can be found at www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/ETA20151200.htm.



CHARLES "CHUCK" JOHNSON Johnson to serve as VU interim president beginning August 1

Charles R. "Chuck" Johnson was selected to serve as interim president of Vincennes University following the retirement of VU President Dick Helton on July 31. Johnson has served as provost/vice president of Instructional Services/dean of faculty at VU since August 2012.

Helton announced his retirement plans on May 27. Helton is the longest serving president of Indiana's public institutions for higher education.

With Helton's arrival in 2004, VU has experienced historic growth with system-wide headcount enrollment last fall surpassing 19,000 students, marking eight years of continuous growth.

"The most important things I will be working on and looking forward to are building on the legacy of Dr. Helton, working with the great people at VU, and keeping our momentum by focusing on growth, success, and quality," Johnson said.

In Johnson's current role he is VU's chief academic officer, overseeing the academic and student affairs areas of the University.

"Chuck has brought a passion for VU. I know that he, together with our vice presidents, will provide wonderful leadership for this institution. They work well as a group and are fun to be around at our Monday meetings. I believe we have a great team here. I have enjoyed working with them and look forward to seeing the institution move forward under their leadership," Helton said.

Johnson has been engaged in several growth initiatives, including the expansion of VU's Early College movement and the launch of its Early Colleges in Career centers, the development of three work-based learning programs: the AMT program in Southwestern Indiana with Toyota; the CAP program at VU Jasper Campus, with seven leading Dubois County employers; and the AIM program, launched in partnership with Subaru of Indiana Automotive and Purdue University and now including three other Lafayette area employers.

Johnson has also overseen the creation of VU's Student Success Center, focusing on improving student retention and graduation. He has been instrumental in VU's expanded articulations with Purdue Engineering, as well as the recently announced VU partnership that will bring Purdue Engineering B.S. programs to Southwestern and South Central Indiana.

A native of Washington, Indiana, Johnson came to VU from Purdue University, West Lafayette, where he served for over 14 years overseeing internationally ranked master's and executive education programs for the Krannert School of Management. While at Purdue he also served as a consultant to a start-up institution of higher education in Kuwait, the American University of the Middle East. He later served as a member of its Board of Advisors.

Johnson's wife, Sarah Guerretaz, is a Vincennes native, Rivet High School graduate, and VU alumna. They are the parents of two daughters.

AG Zoeller sues bogus college prep company, the College Network

Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller filed a complaint in Marion County court against the College Network, an Indianapolis-based college test preparation company, for falsely claiming it offers educational programs that will lead to college degrees or transferable credits at accredited universities.

The Indiana Attorney General's Office has received 492 written complaints since 2011 from consumers who paid thousands of dollars for allegedly bogus educational programs offered by the College Network. In its complaint, Zoeller seeks full restitution for customers of the College Network.

"The College Network has taken advantage of honest people looking to better themselves and obtain a college degree," Zoeller said. "This deceit is unconscionable, and has left hundreds of Hoosiers in debt with nothing to show for it. People should be very wary of companies like this that claim to offer short-cuts to earning a college degree."

According to the Attorney General's complaint, the College Network advertises study programs for end-of-course college equivalency exams that the company falsely claims will be accepted for credit by various colleges and universities that it lists as "degree partners" or "education partners," including Indiana State University, Purdue University, George Washington University and others. Despite this representation, there is no guarantee College Network students will be admitted into these universities or awarded credits.

The College Network supplies study materials, but does not administer the equivalency exams and cannot guarantee admission into accredited universities or award transferable credits. According to the complaint, the College Network typically targets prospective non-traditional students, including those who work full-time or have other commitments that make an online or fast-track degree desirable.

According to the complaint, College Network employees falsely represent to students that they are paying for and pursuing a specific degree program at a specific university. The educational programs and packages offered by the College Network and paid for by Indiana consumers range in cost from \$2,000 to \$10,000.

The AG's complaint notes that most customers of the College Network cannot afford to pay for the educational programs up-front, so employees often assist them in applying for a line of credit from a third-party credit union. Unlike traditional student loans, payments for this third-party financing typically begin immediately with an interest rate of at least 12 percent.

The Indiana Attorney General's Office accuses the College Network of violating the Indiana Deceptive Consumer Sales Act and the Credit Services Organizations Act. The lawsuit seeks cancellation of all contracts with consumers, consumer restitution, civil penalties and attorney fees.

People who were duped by the College Network can still file a complaint with the Indiana Attorney General's Office by calling 800-382-5516 or visiting www.IndianaConsumer.com.

Zoeller reminded Hoosiers to diligently research companies that offer higher education programs before signing up or making any payments. Check with the Indiana Board for Proprietary Education to be sure an institution is accredited.

Zoeller thanked Deputy Attorney General Mark Snodgrass for his work on this case.

VU adopts record-high budget

A record-high \$200.1 million budget was adopted by the Vincennes University Board of Trustees at its June 19 meeting in Vincennes.

"This budget underscores VU's strong financial position for the future and our commitment to expand access to higher education statewide. I am particularly proud that VU will continue to be the most affordable residential college in the state," said VU President Dick Helton.

The biennial budget assumes a state operating appropriation of \$39.3 million for 2015-16 and \$39.7 million for 2016-17. It also includes a combined tuition and housing increase of 1.42 percent - the second lowest increase among all state universities.

The proposed increase in tuition and fees drew no objections at a public hearing on June 12. VU officials previously announced that there would be no increase in residence hall fees in 2015-16.

The budget includes funding for two new facilities - \$27 million for a Center for Science, Engineering, and Mathematics at the Vincennes Campus and \$2 million for a Mock Mine Training Facility at VU's Gibson County Advanced Manufacturing and Logistics Center. The budget also includes \$1.5 million for HVAC control system upgrades and replacement and \$882,547 for state funding of repair and rehabilitation of existing facilities.

The budget also includes \$3 million in each of the next two years to expand VU's

Early Colleges to Career and Technical Centers. This is in addition to \$3.1 million in each of the next two years in support of VU's dual credit programs in high schools throughout the state.

"VU's Early College initiative, combined with our dual-credit programs, are providing a growing number of Hoosier students enrolled in secondary schools the opportunity to gain college credit - even complete associate degrees - at an incredible cost savings to them, their families, and the state. Delivering these programs requires no bricks-and-mortar investment since we use existing facilities, and it has the added advantage of easing the critical transition between high school and college. Based on our years of experience, I believe it is a winning strategy to help Indiana address the skills gap that is so important to boosting our state economy," Helton said.

General fund employee compensation will be \$55 million in 2015-16 and \$56.7 million in 2016-17. That is an increase from \$53.2 million in 2014-15. In each of the next two years, compensation includes a 2.5 percent merit pool increase and assumes an 8 percent increase in health insurance costs.

In 2015-16, major areas of the budget include \$88 million in general fund operations, \$45.7 million in restricted funds, \$27.1 million in auxiliary funds, \$5.5 million in state academic debt service, and \$1.7 million for Business and Industry programs.

"State leaders have been very helpful to

VU and higher education as a whole," said Phil Rath, vice president of Financial Services and Government Relations. "Due to increased state support, VU will have the second lowest tuition and housing increase of all public institutions in the state.

Students entering 7th-through 9th-grade invited to learn about engineering

Purdue University's Women in Engineering Program will offer seventh- through ninth-grade students a daylong engineering event on July 11.

"Engineering FYI: For Your Imagination" is geared toward young women interested in engineering and science.

The program, which runs from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., will offer hands-on activities where students' imagination, teamwork, and leadership can be applied.

Each student will be chaperoned and connected with a College of Engineering student who will serve as a mentor. Lunch will be provided to participating students.

Parents may attend an informational session.

Online registration is required and spaces are limited. Registration is available under News and Events at: www.purdue.edu/wiep.

For more information, visit https://engineering.purdue.edu/WIEP/Programs/K-12/FYI/index_html.

Blue Chip Softball Team named

BY GREG CLARK
LHS Softball Head Coach

The All-Blue Chip Conference softball team was recently selected with four players from Loogootee on the first team, while Barr-Reeve and Shoals each placed one player. The all-conference team included Loogootee's Chasidy Bridges, Julianne Bell, Lauren Bowling and Bailey Davis. Barr-Reeve's Courtney Pruett made first team honors as well as Shoals' Autumn Terry. Rounding out the first team, were South Knox's Katie Keller, Macy Flanagan, Betty McGlone and Whitney Peters; North Knox's Sammi Endicott and Emily Mundy and Northeast Dubois placed Kendra Jacob and Morgan Seng.

The all-conference honorable mention team went to pitcher, Adrianna Duvall from Barr-Reeve and position players Tiarra Kenney (BR), Bailey Wright (NK), Chase Keller (SK), Hope Baylis (SHO), Ashley Price (SHO), and Wood Memorial's Michaela Beach, Brenna Maikranz and Haley Settle.

Autumn Terry of Shoals lead the conference in hitting with a .500 average. South Knox's Whitney Peters lead the conference with 9 RBI, while Loogootee's Julianne Bell lead the conference with 8 stolen bases. In the circle, South Knox's Katie Keller led the way with 48 strike outs and a 1.05 ERA.

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More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



Congrats for a job well done go out to all those who made the Summerfest a great event. Although Mother Nature was not very cooperative, everyone had a wonderful time. I especially liked the parade and fireworks. Looking forward to next year.

Once a group of 500 people were attending a seminar. Suddenly the speaker stopped and decided to do a group activity. He started giving each person a balloon. Each person was then asked to write their name on it using a marker pen. Then all the balloons were collected and put in another room.

The people were then let into that room and asked to find the balloon which had their name written on it within five minutes. Everyone was frantically searching for their name, colliding with each other, pushing around others and there was utter chaos.

At the end of five minutes no one could find their own balloon. Then, the speaker asked each person to randomly collect a balloon and give it to the person whose name was written on it. Within minutes everyone had their own balloon.

The speaker then began, "This is happening in our lives. Everyone is frantically looking for happiness all around, not knowing where it is. Our happiness lies in the happiness of other people. Give them their happiness; you will get your own happiness. And this is the purpose of human life...the pursuit of happiness."

WEEKLY PONDERISMS

1. Children hear everything you say, and they mimic everything you do. Give them a good example.
2. If you're wrong, own up to what you didn't do right. That's how you learn and earn respect.
3. In one school year a child spends: 7,800 hours at home and 900 hours at school. Which teacher should be the most accountable?
4. Children need to take responsibility for

their actions so that they do not become adults believing that nothing is ever their fault.

5. They are not your friends until they have defended you in your absence.

6. Parents: Discipline your children now so a correctional officer won't have to do it later.

7. (This one's for Stacey Bowling) Hey diddle diddle, the median's in the middle; you add and divide for the mean. The mode is the one that appears the most, and the range is the difference between.

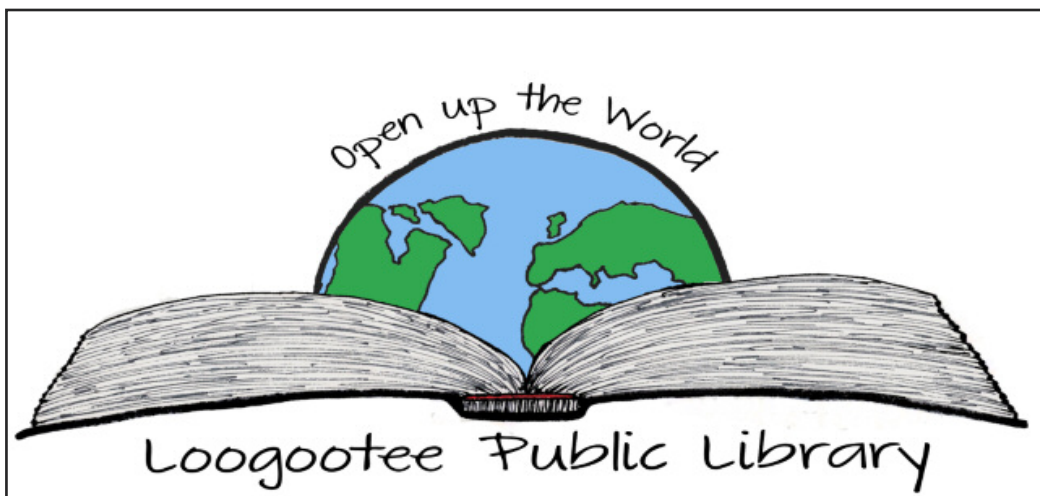
8. No relationship is all sunshine, but two people can share one umbrella and survive the storm together.

9. You have three choices in life: Give up, Give in, or Give it all you've got.

WEEKLY HUMORISMS

1. I choked on a carrot this afternoon and all I could think was, "I bet a donut wouldn't have done that to me?"
2. Laugh a little each day. It's better than chicken soup – at least that's what the chickens say.
3. One day YouTube, Twitter, and Facebook will join together and be called . . . YouTwiFace.
4. Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet.
5. Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes; come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller.
6. If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would've put them on my knees.
7. Lord grant me the strength to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change things I can and the friends to post my bail when I finally snap.
8. The biggest lie I tell myself is . . . "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."
9. I don't trip over things, I do random gravity checks.

Make someone smile today!



BY DARLA WAGLER Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The summer reading program, "Every Hero Has A Story", sponsored by German American Bank, is in full swing. The first week we had 155 kids registered beating our last year record of 148 for the seven weeks. Friday, June 26 at 2, Officer Friendly will be at the library to talk with kids. Saturday evening, June 27, at 9 p.m. there will be a family movie night outside under the stars. The new release "The Dog Who Saved Summer" will be shown. Parents and grandparents of kids registered in the summer reading program are invited to this event. Refreshments will be furnished.

New Books

Mystery Fiction: "The Melody Lingers On" by Mary Higgins Clark, "Truth or Die"

by James Patterson, and "Wicked Charms" by Janet Evanovich.

Fiction: "Ever After" by Jude Deveraux. Young Adult: "Saint Anything" by Sarah Dessen, "An Ember IN The Ashes" by Sabaa Tahir, "Extraordinary Means" by Robyn Schneider, "A Court Of Thorn And Roses" by Sarah Maas, and "Every Last Word" by Tamara Ireland Stone.

Juv. Fiction: "Ginny Louise and the School Showdown" by Tammi Sauer, "Just My Rotten Luck" by James Patterson, and "Squid Kid the Magnificent" by Lynne Berry.

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



Mission group helps in Kentucky

-Photo provided

"Helping Hands" mission group traveled to Martin, Kentucky June 2-7. The group worked in a college prep high school that was being re-located. They replaced walls, moved all desks, furniture, computers and supplies, and painted the new building. Proceeds from the mission group's Kettle Corn on Wheels made the trip possible and aids local people in Martin and Daviess counties. Much appreciation to all who patronize our Kettle Corn booth at various festivals and fairs throughout the year. Those who made the trip were, front row, from left to right, Kelly LeTourneau, Shirley Jeffers, Jenell Hoffman, Annette Taylor, Mikayla Taylor, Donna Heshelman, Cheryl Courtright, Jody Seals, Liz Burch, Cora Hedrick, Haley Burch, and Mike Sherfick. In the back row, from left to right, are Lee Henninger, John Taylor, Aaron Means, Josh Kirsch, Corbin Henninger, Carson Rayhill, Greg Fish, and Joe Kirsch. Not pictured were Dr. Chris Burch and Mike Healy.

Calendar of Events

Senior Center Ham and Bean Dinner

The public is invited to the 30th Annual Catfish Festival Ham and Bean Dinner Fundraiser at the Shoals Senior Center on Friday, July 3. Bean dinners will be served from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Senior Center located next to the county museum. There will also be craft items and baked goods for sale.

Boy Scouts

Boys interested in Boy Scouts, call 295-6652 or 854-7837 for information on joining.

Cub Scout meetings

For information on joining Cub Scouts, contact Bryan Adams at 295-6652 or 854-7837.

SOAR Tutoring

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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

Colts In Motion traveling museum coming to Vincennes

Colts In Motion, the team's interactive traveling museum and inflatable QB Challenge, is coming to Vincennes on June 29.

The free event will be held on Monday, 4 to 6 p.m. EDT, in the parking lot across the street from Vincennes University's Red Skelton Performing Arts Center.

The visit is part of the Colts In Motion College Tailgate Tour. Everyone is invited to come out, back the Colts, and learn more about the team that has won four World Championships and 18 Conference or Divisional titles in its 57-year history.

recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

Humane society meetings

The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 7 p.m. Members of the humane society are invited to attend. To find out how to become a member, call the shelter at 812-295-5900 or email mchs@frontier.com.

Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Martin County Community Learning Center on the fairgrounds.

Soil and Water meetings

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

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