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Loogootee School Board approves principal contracts, discusses athletics moratorium

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The Loogootee School Board met last Thursday, June 18.

The board approved the principals' contracts for the next two years with no salary increases. The contracts run through June 20, 2022.

Superintendent Chip Mehaffey said there are 25-30 policies that need to be updated, many related to COVID-19. He suggested that the board waive the first reading of the policies and hold a second reading and approve them all, so the school is up to date on legal requirements. He said the policies will be posted on the school website.

The board approved the resignation

of the cross country coach and two extra-curricular activities recommendations, however, no names were mentioned.

The superintendent explained that a past school board added a second week of athletic moratorium, for the second week of July. The state has a moratorium for the first week in July. Mehaffey said that due to sports already being interrupted due to COVID, he recommended the board take away the second week of moratorium for this year only. He said that the IHSAA has released a plan allowing students to return to campus under strict guidelines starting July 6. The board approved cancelling the second week of athletic moratorium.

The board approved a resolution for the

Family First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) and approved the non-certified employee handbook for the next school year. The handbook includes pay for non-certified staff for the coming year.

Superintendent Mehaffey said that Aramark was hired a few years ago to run the school cafeteria. Before that time, the cafeteria struggled to stay in the black. Mehaffey said that the cafeteria is now doing well and staying stable. They are now able to pass audits as well. He recommended that the board approve a new contract with Aramark for the 2020-21 school year. The board approved.

The superintendent reported that school meal prices for students will not see an increase this school year however breakfast for adults will increase by five cents.

Mehaffey told the board that the July meeting will be moved from July 13 to July 16 at 5 p.m. He said they are working to finalize a back to school plan and will present it to the board at the July

meeting.

Board Member Brent Courter, at the end of the meeting, read a statement on the passing of Charlie Sims. Courter said Sims was a long-time member of the Loogootee School family and wanted to take the time to recognize him and his family. Courter read a biography of Sims stating that he was a graduate of Winslow High School. He attended Vincennes University and graduated from Oakland City College; he earned his Masters of Education at Indiana State University. He played basketball at both Vincennes and Oakland City. Upon graduation he taught at Hymera, Indiana, for two years before beginning at Loogootee in 1962. He taught at Loogootee for 34 years, until he retired in 1996. While at Loogootee he was the freshman and assistant varsity basketball coach for two years, and most notably, the men's track and cross country coach for 30 years. During his coaching tenure, he took five track teams to the

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Martin County unemployment rate at 5.9 percent for May

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Martin County's unemployment rate moved from 8.7 percent in April to 5.9 percent in May. The county had the third lowest jobless rate in the state for May.

In May, the county had 5,158 residents in the workforce and 302 of them were unemployed. In April, there were 4,691 residents able to work and 410 of them were without jobs.

In May of last year, Martin County's unemployment rate was 2.5 percent with 5,384 residents in the workforce and 134 of them unemployed.

Daviess County's jobless rate also saw a significant drop from April to May, moving from 8.4 percent to 5.6 percent. The county had the lowest jobless rate in the state for May.

In May, the county had 16,045 residents in the workforce and 905 of them were unemployed. In April, there were 14,592 residents able to work and 1,219 of them were without jobs. In May of 2019, Daviess County's jobless rate was 2.4 percent with 16,827 residents in the workforce and 399 of them unemployed.

Dubois County's unemployment rate was almost cut in half from April to May, moving from 10.6 percent to 5.7 percent. The county had the second lowest jobless rate in the state for May.

In May, the county had 22,020 residents in the workforce and 1,251 of them were unemployed. In April, there were 20,556 residents able to work and 2,178 of them without jobs. In May of last year, Dubois County's unemployment rate was 2.2 percent with 23,252 residents in the workforce and 502 of them without jobs.

Greene County's unemployment rate went from 12.8 percent in April to 9 percent in May. The county had the 14th lowest jobless rate in the state for May, tied with Warrick County.



-Photo provided

Family Nurse Practitioner Melissa Ray, SICHC's traveling obstetrics provider is shown above with patient Leslie McCracken.

Grant awarded to bring obstetrics, prenatal care to Martin County

Southern Indiana Community Health Care received an award from the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Division to increase availability of prenatal care for women in targeted areas. The purpose of this grant is to help meet the needs of women and families in rural areas of the state where needed obstetrical services are not available nearby.

Southern Indiana Community Health Care (SICHC) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit community health center with comprehensive primary care offices in Paoli, West Baden, English, and Marengo, Indiana. SICHC has provided accessible prenatal care to rural women for over four decades and is expanding those options to women in counties that have no inpatient delivery services and no local prenatal care.

Chief Executive Officer Nancy Rad-

cliff stated, "SICHC feels honored to partner with ISDH to open two new offices and expand OB services in Washington, Martin, and Crawford counties. Our organization has always focused on how we can best serve patients while reducing as many barriers as possible, including transportation. Bringing obstetric and prenatal care to new counties is a step in the right direction for the women and families of southern Indiana."

A traveling SICHC Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) and a team of SICHC physicians will collaborate to provide prenatal care, postpartum care, family planning, and well-baby visits. These services will be provided at six locations including Shoals, Salem, West Baden, English, Marengo, and Paoli. Later this year, the SICHC obstetrics team will grow with the addition of

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new physicians to strengthen OB services further.

"I am thrilled to be a part of the SICHC team and to be providing obstetric care in these areas where such services are lacking," says Missy Ray, FNP, SICHC's traveling OB provider. "It can be a hardship during pregnancy for expectant mothers to get to appointments on a regular basis. By opening these offices, I am hopeful that we can relieve this burden and continue to provide compassionate, skilled care that patients need in their own communities."

SICHC physicians will assist moms in delivery at IU Health Paoli Hospital. Chief Medical Officer Dr. Yolanda Yoder reports that "moms and families in South Central Indiana have positively described the high-quality care they receive when delivering at IU Health Paoli Hospital. They appreciate the flexible, patient centered approach of tailored birth plans, great support for breastfeed-

ing, and focused attention and care from nursing staff." SICHC and IU Health Paoli have been ongoing partners in providing rural maternity care and ensuring it remains strong well into the future.

Assessments of the mother's physical and emotional wellbeing will be conducted throughout the pregnancy and postpartum period.

As an integrated health center, SICHC can provide internal referrals to mental health providers and substance abuse medication-assisted treatment prescribers as needed.

External referrals to community collaborators like Nurse Family Partnership, Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) program, and other social support agencies will also be available.

SICHC participates as a Medicaid provider and has in-house staff to assist clients with insurance enrollment. Please visit www.sichc.org or call our offices to schedule your appointment (812) 723-3944

COVID relief funds available for Martin County organizations

United Way of South Central Indiana (UWSCI) is pleased to announce that it has received a \$450,000 COVID-19 Economic Relief Initiative Grant. This grant was made possible through a partnership between Lilly Endowment Inc. and Indiana United Ways, the state professional association of which United Way of South Central Indiana is a member.

UWSCI, together with the Community Foundation Partnership, Inc., (serving the Lawrence and Martin County Community Foundations), and the Orange County Community Foundation, Inc., has formed the Tri-County COVID Re-

lief and Recovery Partnership to support COVID-19 pandemic related needs in Lawrence, Martin, and Orange counties. The grant is designed to meet immediate, short-term and long-term needs.

This grant opportunity is intended to ensure COVID-19 funds reach the most vulnerable populations quickly. Funding is expressly to provide financial support to trusted nonprofit partners who are addressing basic needs and services for residents.

Applications will be reviewed by the Emergency Relief Committee and notifications will be sent by each respective county Community Foundation.

To apply for a COVID-19 Emergency Relief Grant in Martin County visit www.cfpartner.org/emergency-relief-grants.

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state meet across three different decades, and in the mid-70s he bested 50 other cross country teams to advance to the regionals. Upon retirement, he enjoyed golfing and spending time with family and friends.

UNEMPLOYMENT

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unemployed.

The top ten spots in the state for lowest jobless rate in May were Daviess County at 5.6 percent, Dubois County at 5.7 percent, Martin County at 5.9 percent, Boone County at 6.7 percent, Posey County at 7.3 percent, Hamilton County at 7.5 percent, Monroe County at 7.8 percent, Spencer and Hendricks counties at 8 percent and Morgan County at 8.5 percent.

The top ten spots in the state for highest jobless rate in May were Howard County at 21.8 percent, Fayette County at 18.6 percent, Orange County at 18.5 percent, Scott County at 18.1 percent, Jackson County at 16.5 percent, Decatur County at 16.4 percent, Lake and Noble counties at 16.2 percent, Blackford County at 16.1 percent, and Jennings County at 15.6 percent.

Indiana's unemployment rate drops to 12.3 percent for May and is lower than the national rate of 13.3 percent. The monthly unemployment rate is a U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) indicator that reflects the number of unemployed people seeking employment with-

in the prior four weeks as a percentage of the labor force.

Indiana's labor force had a net increase of 110,780 over the previous month. This was a result of a decrease of 156,903 unemployed residents and an increase of 267,683 employed residents. Indiana's total labor force, which includes both Hoosiers employed and those seeking employment, stands at 3.33 million, and the state's 63.2 percent labor force participation rate is above the national rate of 60.8 percent.

Learn more about how unemployment rates are calculated here: <http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov/infographics/employment-status.asp>.

Employment by Sector
Private sector employment has decreased by 315,000 over the year and increased by 90,100 over the previous month. The monthly increase is primarily due to gains in the Leisure and Hospitality (34,700), the Manufacturing (18,100) and the Private Education and Health Services (10,700) sectors. Total private employment stands at 2,422,800, which is 326,500 below the January 2019 peak.

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6. Ability to work a variety of shifts, including evenings, weekends and some holidays

To be considered for an open position, interested candidates are encouraged to pick up an application at the Martin County Sheriff's Office: 318 Capital Avenue, Shoals, IN 47581 (812) 247-3726.

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DAVID JONES

David Lee Jones went to heaven on Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 4 p.m. He was 66.



DAVID JONES

He was born September 22, 1953 in Trinity Springs; son of Murlin Jones Sr. and Violet Jones Hedrick.

David went to grade school at Trinity Springs and finished his education at Shoals Community School. While at Shoals, David excelled in math and enjoyed competing in sports including ping-pong and baseball. After graduating from high school, he went to work for W. F. Myers as a machinist and remained there for his entire professional career of 42 years. He continued playing sports recreationally such as softball, golf (a single digit-handicapper) and bowling (once bowling a perfect game) on W. F. Myers' teams. David was an outstanding card player and was ranked nationally online in euchre, gin rummy, spades, and poker.

David had a full life with many friends. He left behind his older brother, Murlin Jones Jr. and his two sons, Darren and Jeremy along with nine grandchildren that he adored. He's gone now but will never be forgotten.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com.

ELEANOR WILDMAN

Eleanor Wildman passed away peacefully on Saturday evening, June 20, 2020 surrounded by her loving son and daughter at her home at Morning Pointe in Franklin. She was 95.

She was born June 7, 1925 in Loogootee; daughter of Walter and Beatrice (Seal) Burch. Eleanor married Omer Wildman on October 9, 1945. He preceded her in passing on January 21, 2009. She is survived by son, Ronald D. Wildman (Nanci); daughter, Mary A. Spears (Thomas); daughter-in-law, E. Gail Wildman; grandchildren, Deirdre Wildman, Alyssia Wildman, Matthew Wildman (Courtney), Sarah Milner (Chris), Reagan Higdon (Kyle), Suzanne Smith (David) and Joseph Spears (Luci). Also surviving are great-grandchildren, Aidan, Bear, Ryan, Joel, Grayson, Monroe, Madilynn, Eleanor and Mina. She is survived by one sister, Margaret Walton of Loogootee.

She was preceded in passing by her parents; husband, Omer; son, Michael L. Wildman and by brothers, Joe, Charles, Thomas, John and James Burch and sis-

ter, Rita Abplanalp.

She attended Montgomery High School in Montgomery, Indiana.

Eleanor and Omer moved to Franklin in 1947 where she began working for Varyinet Mills in Franklin. In February 1953, she and Omer established "Wildman Jewelry" in Franklin which remained for many years, with their son Ron continuing to run in Franklin after their retirement in 1987.

Eleanor was the oldest living member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church. She was a member of the St. Rose Altar Society and for many years assisted with work inside and outside the Rectory. She truly enjoyed serving funeral meals to parish families.

A very caring person, she especially enjoyed doing things for others outside of her family, especially enjoyed serving meals at the Wheeler Mission in Indianapolis.

Father Steve Schaftlein will conduct a Mass of Christian Burial on Thursday, June 25, at 10 a.m. at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 114 Lancelot Drive, Franklin, Indiana 46131. Friends and family may call on Wednesday evening, June 24 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Flinn and Maguire Funeral Home, 2898 North Morton Street, (U.S. 31 North) in Franklin. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery in Franklin.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 114 Lancelot Drive, Franklin, Indiana 46131 and/or to Morning Pointe, Activity Fund, 75 S. Milford Drive, Franklin, Indiana 46131.

The family would like to thank Morning Pointe for their love and care of "Mom" the last three years.

Expressions of caring and kindness would be received to the family at www.flinnmaguire.net.

ROBERT HAYES

Robert 'Danny' Hayes, Jr. passed away peacefully Monday, June 15, 2020 at his home with his family by his side. A resident of Odon, he was 75.



He was born September 1, 1944; son of Robert D. Hayes, Sr., and Sylvia (Wilson) Hayes. Danny married his loving

wife, Vickie Sue Parsons on December 22, 1963.

Danny was a member of the Odon United Methodist Church, Odon VFW, Odon American Legion, Odon Lions Club, Odon Masonic Lodge and Odon Eastern Star. He was in the Navy, serving in Vietnam, 1963 through 1965. He retired in the year 2000 from Crane Naval Base after 35 years.

Those left to cherish the memory of Danny include his loving wife, Vickie; daughter, Robin Knepp of Odon; son, Tracey (Debbie) Hayes of Loogootee; three grandchildren, Adara (Ryan) Batchelor of Montgomery, Taylor Hayes of Greenfield and Talan Hayes of Loogootee; two great-grandchildren, Aryah and Ryder Batchelor of Montgomery; and two sisters, Sondra Brown and Rosanna Reed, both of Odon.

Danny was preceded in death by his parents.

There was a private family service on Friday, June 19 at Meng Family Funeral Home with Pastor Debbie Payne and Rick Parson officiating. Danny was laid to rest at Walnut Hill Cemetery in Odon followed by military rites by the Odon VFW Post 9627.

The family has requested that memorial contributions be made in memory of Danny to Ketcham Memorial Center or

Odon United Methodist Church.

All arrangements have been entrusted to Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon, Indiana. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family online at www.mengfuneralhome.com.

SHIRLEY HARDING

Shirley Marie Harding passed away June 20, 2020 in Washington. A resident of Shoals, she was 81.

She was born April 27, 1939 in Germantown, Ohio; daughter of James H. and Stella Marie (Lane) Cornett. She married Larry R. Harding on September 1, 1957 in Shoals and he preceded her in death on January 17, 2020.

She graduated with the Shoals High School Class of 1957, was a graduate of the House of James Beauty School in Bedford, started her career with Violet's Beauty Salon in Shoals and then became owner and operator of Shirley & Company. She was also a Beauty Consultant with Mary Kay Cosmetics. Shirley was a member and past national president of Psi Iota XI Sorority, a Fourth Day Member of the Southwest Indiana Walk to Emmaus, Charter Member of the Church of the Cross in Shoals, the Martin County Historical Society and the Women's Study Society.

Survivors include her father, James Cornett of Loogootee; children, Tere-

sa (Brian) Hewitt of Terre Haute, Tami (Chris) Jones of Loogootee, Todd D. Harding of Shoals and Tawni (Brad) Ridgley of Wheatland; grandchildren, Matthew Jones, Joseph (Jennifer) Hewitt, Jordan Smith, Ashley Knight, Molly (Cory) Kassis, Summer Dreiman, Megan (Brandon) Wedding, Robert (Haley) Ridgley and Levi Steinman; great grandchildren, Mattyson, Mosby and Marly Jones, Ashlyn Dreiman, Gracie Larson, Jackson, Kinnley and Chase Wedding, Gannon and Emmalyn Ridgley, Carter Lawrence Hewitt; sisters, Marilyn Tow of Indianapolis, Becky Truelove of Seymour, Tennessee; Sally Burch of Shoals, Shari Flippins of Santa Claus; and one brother, Richard Cornett of Loogootee.

She is preceded in death by her mother, husband, three brothers, Jim, Roger and Randy Cornett, and one sister, Betty Lou Cornett.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. today, Wednesday, June 24 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with burial in the Spring Hill Cemetery. Bro. Pat Johnson is officiating. Visitation is noon until the time of service on Wednesday.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Martin County Historical Society and to the Alzheimer Association of Greater Indiana Chapter 50 E 91st Street, Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46240 In Memory of Shirley Harding.

INDOT seeking public comment regarding Statewide Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

The public is encouraged to review amendments to learn of state and local transportation infrastructure improvements impacting Indiana communities. Upon reviewing amendments, they encourage the public to also visit the INDOT construction map www.in.gov/indot/ to view current and future INDOT construction projects.

Public comments regarding Amendment 20-25 will be accepted through Monday, June 29, 2020 and can be submitted via the public comment form located on the STIP amendment page www.in.gov/indot/3132.htm.

What is an Amendment?

Periodically, changes are made to a project's scope, cost and/or year of proposed construction. When these changes occur, they are evaluated to determine if the change requires an amendment or an administrative modification to the STIP.

Major changes to the STIP require an amendment. Examples of a major change would be:

- Adding a new project that was not included in the current STIP

- Adding a new phase of a project not currently included in the STIP (preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition, construction)

- A significant increase or decrease in project cost

- A change in project scope

What is an Administrative Modification?

Minor changes to the STIP require an administrative modification, examples of a minor change would be:

- A designation number change (this identifies what year the project was accepted into the production schedule)

- A change in project schedule whereas the timing of activities is modified to occur within an adjusted timeframe (within the 4-year funding period)

Amendments to the STIP require FHWA and FTA approval, administrative modifications do not.

Why is this Important?

The STIP must be fiscally constrained. Only projects for which construction

and operating funds can reasonably be expected to be available are included. If a project is not included in a STIP, it is not eligible to receive federal funding. As modifications and amendments occur, fiscal constraint must be maintained.

Public Input

INDOT welcomes public input regarding draft amendments to the FY 2020 thru 2024 STIP. The draft amendments are posted to a public comment web page www.in.gov/indot/3132.htm for a minimum period of 7 days (may be extended in some cases). The public is encouraged to review draft amendments and offer comment.

Generally, draft amendments are posted monthly and typically during the 3rd week of each month. Draft amendments may be reviewed by visiting www.in.gov/indot/3132.htm.

Once an amendment is approved, the STIP is updated accordingly.

State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

The State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is Indiana's four-year transportation planning and construction document listing projects (and phases) expected to be federally funded within a four-year period. State funded and regionally significant projects are also included as the STIP includes investment in various modes including highways, transit, pedestrian trails/paths and bicycle facilities. The current STIP was approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) earlier this summer and covers fiscal years 2020 thru 2024.

While the STIP lists federally funded projects within a four-year period, it also includes a listing of projects under an additional fifth year, however projects listed under this additional year, are not funded projects, but rather are included for informational and future planning purposes.

Visit the STIP web page to learn more about the STIP and related activities www.in.gov/indot/2348.htm.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, JUNE 15

12:11 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle accident in Loogootee. Martin County EMS, Loogootee Sergeant McBeth, and Loogootee Fire responded.

6:30 a.m. - Received a report of a theft in Lost River. Deputy Barnett responded.

12:37 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

1:05 p.m. - Received a request for an officer for a damage report east of Shoals. Deputy Barnett responded.

1:10 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver east of Loogootee. Deputy Barnett responded.

1:28 p.m. - Received a request to speak to a Loogootee officer. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

8:33 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle accident south of Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

12:14 a.m. - Received a report of domestic disturbance north of Shoals. Sergeant Reed, ISP Trooper Watson, and Loogootee Sergeant McBeth responded.

12:54 a.m. - Received a report of an animal in the road north of Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

2:13 p.m. - Received a report of a burglary alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant McBeth responded.

8:00 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Loogootee. Major Keller responded.

8:35 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle accident north of Haysville. ISP responded.

8:37 a.m. - Received a request for an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

11:20 a.m. - Received a report of a missing vehicle near Shoals. Major Keller responded.

1:32 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Shoals. Martin County Highway and REMC responded.

1:40 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person south of Shoals. Major Keller and Deputy Wells responded.

5:57 p.m. - Received a report of a dead deer in the road east of Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

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

6:21 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock east of Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

8:00 p.m. - Received a report an abandoned vehicle south of Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

11:27 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle accident east of Shoals. Sergeant Reed responded.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

12:48 a.m. - Received a report of the smell of smoke in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant McBeth responded.

2:36 a.m. - Sergeant Reed requested the next on-call tow truck for an abandoned vehicle south of Shoals.

6:00 a.m. - Received a report of a car vs. deer accident. Sergeant Reed responded.

10:17 a.m. - Received a request for an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

1:25 p.m. - Received a request to remove a snake from a home in Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Major Keller responded.

3:00 p.m. - Received a report of a fire in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire responded.

4:15 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle north of Loogootee. Deputy Barnett, Loogootee Officer Floyd, and Loogootee Fire responded.

4:29 p.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Loogootee Martin County EMS and Deputy Barnett responded.

6:36 p.m. - Received a report of a burglary alarm east of Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Floyd responded.

7:40 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

7:50 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire responded.

9:35 p.m. - Received a report of a car vs. deer accident south of Loogootee. Deputy Gibson responded.

9:40 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire responded.

11:15 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Shoals. Shoals Fire, Deputy Gibson, and state highway responded.

11:46 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire responded.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

12:40 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Deputy Gibson, Deputy Seymour, Sergeant Reed, Loogootee Sergeant Floyd, Martin County EMS, Loogootee Fire, Haysville Fire, Daviess County EMS, Dubois County Sheriff's Office, Jasper PD, and Dubois County EMS responded.

7:45 a.m. - Received a request for an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

10:04 a.m. - Received a report of a hit-and-run accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

2:20 p.m. - Received a report a tree down north of Shoals. Major Keller responded.

2:39 p.m. - Received a request to speak to an officer. Deputy Barnett responded.

6:03 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire responded.

6:22 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock near Shoals. Deputy Gibson responded.

7:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. Martin County EMS and Crane Fire/EMS responded.

9:37 p.m. - Received a report of a car vs. deer accident south of Loogootee. Deputy Gibson responded.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

2:11 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd and Deputy Seymour responded.

7:31 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

7:37 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Loogootee. Major Keller and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

9:12 a.m. - Received a request to speak to animal control. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

10:40 a.m. - Received a request to speak to an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

10:47 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Advised Dubois County.

11:30 a.m. - Received a report of a line down in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

12:00 p.m. - Received an animal complaint. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

1:00 p.m. - Received a report of a car vs. deer accident south of Loogootee. ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

2:10 p.m. - Received a report of a dead deer south of Loogootee. Major Keller

responded.

2:58 p.m. - Received an animal complaint. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

3:02 p.m. - Received a report of a burglary alarm in Shoals. Deputy Gammon and ISP Trooper Johnson responded.

3:30 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS, Major Keller, and Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

4:40 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded.

9:03 p.m. - Received a report of a car vs. deer accident south of Loogootee. Deputy Dorsey responded.

11:28 p.m. - Received a report of a motorist in need of assistance in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant McBeth responded.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

12:03 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Advised Deputy Gibson, Deputy Seymour, and Daviess County Sheriff's Office.

1:26 a.m. - Received a 911 hang up south of Shoals. Deputy Seymour and Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

10:30 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute. Deputy Wells responded.

12:54 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle accident in Loogootee. Deputy Wells, Loogootee Captain Hennette, and Martin County EMS responded.

2:00 p.m. - Received a report of people in the roadway in Shoals. Deputy Gibson responded.

2:10 p.m. - Received a report of debris in the roadway south of Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Floyd responded.

2:16 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driver east of Shoals. Advised Deputy Gibson.

2:39 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Deputy Gibson responded.

4:12 p.m. - Received a report of dog in a store in Shoals. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

6:07 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Loogootee. Advised

Greene County.

8:23 p.m. - Received an animal complaint near Shoals. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

8:48 p.m. - Received a request to speak with animal control. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

9:12 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down in Lost River. Lost River Fire responded.

9:35 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver coming into Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

10:47 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance east of Shoals. Deputy Seymour and Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

12:00 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded.

1:48 a.m. - Received a 911 hang up in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant McBeth and Deputy Seymour responded.

6:25 a.m. - Received a request to speak to a deputy. Deputy Seymour responded.

6:54 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle accident in Lost River. Deputy Barnett responded.

8:20 a.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

9:03 a.m. - Received a request for a vin check in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

9:30 a.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

10:25 a.m. - Received a report of a child in the roadway in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

11:02 a.m. - Received a request to speak to animal control. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

1:17 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Crane. Deputy Barnett, ISP Trooper Beaver, and Daviess County Sheriff's Office responded.

10:15 p.m. - Sergeant Reed requested next on-call tow company for an abandoned vehicle east of Shoals.



Courthouse tech upgrade -Photo by Courtney Hughett

The new 75-inch television has been installed in the back of the commissioners' room of the courthouse. The TV will be used to broadcast Zoom meetings during county council and commissioners' meetings and will also be used for online conferences for courthouse staff. With a camera attached, meetings can also be streamed live on YouTube for those who cannot attend in person. The TV will also be used by jurors to watch court proceedings downstairs without having to be in the courtroom.

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS

May 19

Lucas R. Hildenbrand, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 Felony. Sentenced to serve 1,640 days with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 193 actual days previously served plus 65 Class B credit days. 1,382 days to be served as a direct commitment to Martin County Community Corrections.

May 26

Devon Wayne Cornett, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony, amended from a Level 5 Felony. Sentenced to serve 2.5 years with 710 days suspended and credit for 100 actual days previously served plus 100 Class A credit days. Defendant received 23 months of probation.

June 3

Travis R. Salmon, convicted of criminal trespass, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 365 days suspended. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

June 4

Robert W. Waggoner, convicted of theft, a Class A Misdemeanor and possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced on the first count to serve 180 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 90 actual days previously served plus 90 Class A credit days. Sentenced on the second count to serve 530 days with 350 days suspended and credit for 90 actual days previously served plus 90 Class A credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

May 19

Lucas R. Hildenbrand, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

May 26

Devon Wayne Cornett, possession of a narcotic drug, a Level 5 Felony, dismissed; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

June 3

Travis R. Salmon, intimidation habitual criminal enhancement, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

June 4

Robert W. Waggoner, criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

June 10

Aaron T. Hudson vs. Kristen E. Hudson, petition for dissolution of marriage.

June 16

Pawnee Leasing Corporation vs. Stimulus Engineering Services, Inc.; Timothy Wagler and Cary Bledsoe, civil collection.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

June 17

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Isha Wright-Ryan and against the defendant Logan Padgett in the amount of \$1,932.90.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

June 17

Trisha Shay Stetter of Dubois and Clay Edward Howard of Shoals.

Martin County real estate transfers

Steven Rimmel and Phyllis Rimmel, of Martin County, Indiana to **Scot G. Hupp and Michael W. Carie**, of Dubois County, Indiana, Lot Number 27 in Risacher's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Lori J. Thompson to **Joseph B. Dunn**, a part of the west half of the west half of the southwest quarter of Section 27, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, situated in Mitchelltree Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 3.94 acres, more or less.

David Hubert, LLP, of Clark County,

Indiana to **Jondavide Wilson Hopkins**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, lying in Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 7.95 acres, more or less.

April Hotz, of Dubois County, Indiana to **Monty Gregory**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 16 in the Subdivision of Lot Number 103 in Chenoweth's Extension to the Town of West Shoals, now Shoals, Indiana.

Sherry L. Bieker, as trustee of the Scott Knies Testamentary Trust for Shayn M. Knies, of Dubois County, Indiana to **Shayn M. Knies**, of Dubois County, Indiana. Tract I: A part of the west half of the west half of the southeast quarter, a part of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter, a part of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter, a part of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter, and a part of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter, all in Section 7, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, containing 88.96 acres, more or less, except a section containing 2 acres, more or less. Tract II: A part of the north half of the southwest quarter of Section 7, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 5 acres, more or less. Tract III: The east half of the southeast quarter of Section 7, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, containing 79.44 acres, more or less. Tract IV: The east half of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 7, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, containing 20 acres, more or less. Also, 12 acres off the south end of the east half of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 7, Township 1 North, Range 3 West.

ARRESTS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

7:05 p.m. - Christine Mesaris, 35, of Baltimore, was arrested by ISP Trooper Nolan for an Ohio warrant. She is being held without bond. Deputy Barnett assisted with the arrest.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

2:00 p.m. - Brent Haycraft, 30, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Johnson on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

9:00 p.m. - Robin Bruner, 41, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Gibson and charged with possession of methamphetamine and a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

4:10 p.m. - Heaven West, 19, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Gibson and charged with possession of methamphetamine, neglect of a dependent, possession of paraphernalia, counterfeiting, and possession of marijuana. She is being held on a \$15,000 10% bond.

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Loogootee Police log

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

10:12 a.m. - Female reported a scam.
11:00 a.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a traffic detail.

11:09 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

11:18 a.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a car/deer accident on US 231.

4:46 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted ISP with a traffic stop.

8:15 p.m. - Male reported a suspicious person on US 2321.

MONDAY, JUNE 15

10:00 a.m. - Female reported locating a lost wallet.

12:11 a.m. - Report of a property damage accident on SW 3rd Street.

12:37 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident in the Dairy Master parking lot.

1:28 p.m. - Male requested to speak with an officer regarding an issue.

4:45 p.m. - Caller reported an animal complaint. Animal Control was contacted.

5:05 p.m. - Caller reported a parking complaint on JFK Avenue.

9:30 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

12:14 a.m. - Sgt. Mcbeth assisted the county with a female calling for help.

2:13 a.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a business alarm.

7:48 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

8:30 a.m. - Caller reported a shoplifter at CVS.

10:45 a.m. - Caller reported property damage at the elementary school.

5:02 p.m. - Caller reported a possible dispute on Cedar Street.

8:00 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth assisted the county with a suspicious person call.

10:15 p.m. - Caller reported a possible domestic dispute on Cedar Street.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

12:48 a.m. - Caller reported a possible illegal burn.

6:00 a.m. - Chief Rayhill investigated a car/deer accident on US 231.

7:30 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the county with a suspicious person call.

10:17 a.m. - Male requested transient assistance.

1:15 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to a small fire at Chuckles.

4:08 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless vehicle on US 231.

4:19 p.m. - First responders were requested for traffic control on US 231.

4:32 p.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a traffic accident.

5:17 p.m. - Sgt. Floyd assisted with a bank detail.

5:45 p.m. - Caller requested an officer help assist a homeless male.

6:36 p.m. - Sgt. Floyd responded to a

business alarm.

7:38 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

12:40 a.m. - Sgt. Floyd assisted the county with a suspicious person.

7:45 a.m. - Female reported a parking complaint.

10:04 a.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident in the McDonalds drive-thru.

4:59 p.m. - Received a report of a child on a golf cart without a seatbelt. Sgt. Floyd located the vehicle.

6:05 p.m. - First responders were requested on Crane Road for a medical call.

6:40 p.m. - Female reported a civil complaint.

10:47 p.m. - Received a report of a broken-down semi on Hwy 50.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

2:11 a.m. - Sgt. Floyd assisted Daviess County with a welfare check.

10:40 a.m. - Female reported having problems with a male.

11:30 a.m. - Caller reported a utility line down near Indiana Avenue.

2:30 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle unable to maintain a lane on US 231.

8:45 p.m. - Caller reported a civil complaint.

11:28 p.m. - Caller reported a motorist needing assistance on Broadway Street.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

10:35 a.m. - Captain Hennette assisted the county with a domestic dispute on Brickyard Road.

1:15 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident on Broadway Street.

1:30 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted ISP and the county with a traffic stop.

2:30 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted the county with items in the road on US 231.

6:35 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody matter.

9:10 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

1:48 a.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a 911 hang-up on Fairview Street.

9:01 a.m. - Female reported a possible violation of a protective order.

9:29 a.m. - Female reported a civil complaint.

10:15 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

11:34 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a child.

12:49 p.m. - Caller reported a broken-down vehicle in the St. John's parking lot.

6:09 p.m. - Caller reported hearing a loud boom near East Washington Street.

6:23 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on US 231.

7:45 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver.

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By Ann Ackerman



An old man was wondering if his wife had a hearing problem. So, one night, he stood behind her while she was sitting in her lounge chair.

He spoke softly to her, "Honey, can you hear me?" There was no response.

He moved a little closer and said again, "Honey can you hear me?" Still there was no response.

Finally, he moved right behind her and said, "Honey can you hear me?"

She replied, "For the third time, YES!"

RIDDLES

1. What did the drummer call his twin daughters?
2. Which state has the smallest pop cans?
3. What do you get if you cross a parrot with a huge emerald-colored man?
4. Why don't lobsters share?
5. What do you call a duck test pilot?
6. How do you make an elephant stew?
7. What wears a coat in the winter and pants in the summer?

THOUGHTS

*People say "go big or go home" like going home is a bad thing. I wanna go home, AND I'm going to take a nap when I get there.

*My spouse calls me the bomb...not sure if it's because I'm super pretty, or I might go off at any minute.

*The only disability in life is a bad attitude.

*I will neither grow up nor grow old. I will just age disgracefully with a smile.

*I pledge to drink a bucket of wine to raise awareness for the earthquake that affected Napa wine country.

*There is no reason to tailgate someone in the slow lane, especially since I'm

going over the speed limit. And those flashing lights on top of your car look ridiculous.

*Sometimes my greatest accomplishment is keeping my mouth shut.

*When they discover the center of the universe, a lot of people will be disappointed they are not it.

*If you walk a mile in my shoes, you'll end up at the mall.

*Sometimes when I say "I'm okay," what I really want is for someone to hold my hand, look me in the eyes and say, "You're not okay, here is \$1,000."

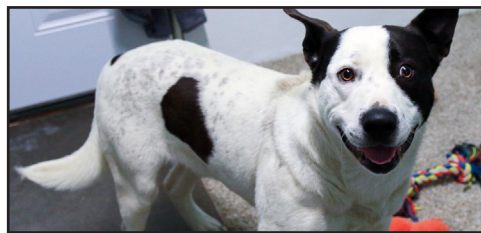
*On the internet, you can be anything you want. It's strange that so many people choose to be stupid.

ANSWERS

1. Anna one, Anna two
2. Mini-soda
3. The Polly Green Giant
4. They're shellfish
5. A flyer quacker
6. Keep it waiting at the doctor's office
7. A dog

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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

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

The contract will consist of the following:

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Shoals Council meeting

The Shoals Town Council will meet Monday, July 6 at 6 p.m. at the Shoals Town Hall. This is a change from the original scheduled date of Monday, July 13. The meeting is open to the public.

5K Life Walk

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

Food pantry hours

The Loogootee United Methodist Food Pantry will be open the first, second, third and fifth Thursdays of the month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and also the first Monday of the month from 5-6:30 p.m.

Mental Health Task Force

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

Celebrate Recovery meetings

Celebrate Recovery meetings will be held every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Redemption Church in Loogootee. This is

a Christ-centered recovery program and anyone is welcome to attend.

Local recovery meetings

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

Free lunch for kids

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

SOAR Tutoring

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

Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

Soil and Water meetings

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

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BINGO!

Sunday, July 5

Doors open at 4:30 p.m.

Early bird games at 5:30 p.m.

In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser, Purdue University Master Gardener

Summer officially arrived in the northern hemisphere late on Saturday, June 20. The summer flowers are right on cue. Over the last several days, Sandhill Gardens has been blessed with a wide variety of blooms.

June 28-July 4 is American Flower Week, set aside to encourage florists to use home-grown flowers. Most of the flowers that make their way into arrangements are imported from South America. This week, American growers hope to convince florists to use more flowers grown locally. From an ecological stance, using locally-grown flowers is good for the environment. Organizers also hope to promote gardening for the floral trade in North America. It saves on shipping and ensures that the flowers are fresher. It comes at a time when the summer flowers are coming center stage.

The objection most often voiced by floral designers is that the flowers from American gardens tend to have short stems or stems that are not straight. However, this can be overcome. To produce those long stems desired by designers, one needs to pick the right varieties of flowers. To ensure that the long stems grow straight, one may grow the flowers through a grid that keeps them from bending in the wind. Of course, that would not be feasible in the landscape, so growers who wish to fill this niche will need to establish the cut-flower beds in an open area, more like traditional vegetable beds.

Most of the flowers at Sandhill Gar-

dens are not grown to have straight stems. However, with a bit of imagination, I regularly fashion bouquets for friends, relatives and my churches using flowers and plants grown right outside the door. I have a friend who refuses to cut flowers from her gardens and even purchases flowers for her own house. However, I see the gardens as a gift to me that is intended to be shared. Nothing gives me more pleasure than to share my garden with those I love.

Last week, I spent a day sharing the garden with three of the prettiest girls around. Three great nieces, aged 4 through 8, spent the day working with me in the garden. The major project for the day was a bean teepee. We filled eighteen two-gallon nursery pots with compost and soil and arranged them in a circle, leaving one side open. We took eighteen stalks of last year's giant cane and tied them together near the top end. As I held the canes in the middle of the circle, the girls took them and placed one in each of the pots. Finally, the girls placed seeds of two different ornamental pole bean varieties in the pots and watered them. We hope to have a teepee of beans later in the summer.

The girls did some other planting, including planting cuttings of sedums. They picked up sticks and put them in the fire pit for a future wiener roast. They ate snow peas fresh from the garden and ate some sweet sorrel. They played hide-n-seek, hiding in secret places they discovered under the arching branches of some

large shrubs. (Buddy, my Chihuahua always managed to find them.) They even had a funeral for a dead mole. It was a wonderful day in the garden and I think they learned some things.

The daylilies have been putting on quite a show. I have many different varieties, so the daylily days will continue for a while. A gardening friend who really loves day-

lilies goes out each morning and dead-heads her daylilies. I tell her she should do that in the evening by picking the flowers and eating them for dinner. They only last for a day and the plant will produce more flowers, so enjoy them in a salad. All parts of a daylily are edible and they give unique colors to salads. It is another way to share the garden.

Public hearings set for proposed fish, wildlife rule changes

The Natural Resources Commission's (NRC) Division of Hearings has scheduled two hearings to accept public comments on proposed rule changes.

Proposed rule changes include adding ruffed grouse and cisco to the state's endangered species list, establishing new size and bag limits for saugeye taken on the Ohio River, and allowing air guns during the deer firearms hunting season. For a complete list of proposed amendments with additional information about each proposal, see wildlife.IN.gov/2362.htm.

The hearings are scheduled for:

-Wednesday, July 29, 6 p.m. ET, Mounds State Park, 4306 Mounds Road, Anderson, IN 46017. Fisheries Rules Hearing in the Nature Center, multi-purpose room. Wildlife Rules Hearing in the Pavilion.

-Thursday, July 30, 6 p.m. ET, McCormick's Creek State Park, 451 McCormick Creek Park Road, Spencer, IN 47460. Fisheries Rules Hearing in the Sycamore

Room. Wildlife Rules Hearing in the Oak Room.

Public comments can be submitted online at nrc.IN.gov/2377.htm. Locate the "comment on this rule" link in the Rulemaking Docket for the FW Biennial Fisheries Amendments or the FW Biennial Wildlife Amendments, whichever rule package the comment applies to.

Comments can also be mailed to:

Natural Resources Commission Indiana Government Center North 100 North Senate Ave., Room N103 Indianapolis, IN 46204

The deadline for public comments is July 30, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. ET.

The NRC will review the public comments before voting on final adoption of the changes later in 2020. Rule changes that are given final adoption must still be approved by the Attorney General's office and Governor's office and filed with the Indiana Register before taking effect.

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