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Laura Albertson retiring, January Roush to take over as new solid waste director

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After 27 years, Laura Albertson, Martin County Solid Waste Director, is retiring. The solid waste board of directors have chosen January Roush to take over the position. Roush is expected to start in August.

Laura's career path with the solid waste district started in 1991 when the State of Indiana passed a bill, HEA 1240, which tasked counties to manage their solid waste, by reduction of what went into landfills. Laura was asked to serve on a citizens' advisory committee being formed to assist in designing a program for Martin County to satisfy the HEA 1240 requirements, and later, if she was interested, overseeing the state approved 20-year plan. "My children were all in school and this program seemed to be perfect for me; I was very interested," she said. The new Martin County Solid Waste Management District board of directors established a tax levy, which would help with funding the programs mandated by the state. Laura set up an office at her house and started a small collection route using her car and storing materials in her garage, which would last two years, until the tax levy generated money for the solid waste district and the recycling center was built.

Laura said the type of building they needed they could not afford, and she heard about the Federal Surplus program that had a long list of items for sale and she was interested in the wood. Members could load up trucks and trailers full of wood and purchase it for next to



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nothing. "We could build what we needed with that used wood, so I signed up," she said. The center was built using the wood from bomb crates that were coming back from the Desert Storm War. Ernie Mathies, a board member, and Laura would go to Crane every week and load the scrap wood into Ernie's truck and a borrowed trailer and bring it back to Loogootee. The final bill for purchasing all the wood needed other than the trusses and support beams came to \$80. D.C. Metal agreed to build the center using the scrap wood that had the nails pulled out. They recycled 15 five-gallon buckets of nails.

The closest place that was processing collected materials for recycling was Bloomington, but they would not pay (See 'DIRECTOR' on page 2)

Humane society adopts out 18 animals at Indy Mega event

Volunteers from the Martin County Humane Society travelled to Indianapolis this past weekend to attend the spring Indy Mega Adoption Event at the state fairgrounds. 40 rescues and more than 800 dogs and cats gathered to match up adopters and pets on Saturday and Sunday. Martin County took 11 dogs and 11 cats and came home on Sunday with zero dogs and four cats – 18 animals found homes over the two-day event.

The Martin County Humane Society has attended Indy Mega, held twice a year in the spring and fall, three times. The first time they attended, they took 10 dogs and 10 cats, and all the dogs were adopted within an hour of the doors opening. Two of the dogs had been at the shelter for a year which is what drove the shelter volunteers to want to take them to Indy Mega.

Cats are a little more difficult to adopt out as the event is mostly attended by adopters wanting dogs however, half of the cats usually find homes. So far, the shelter has sent 33 dogs and 17 cats home from Indy Mega. The next Mega event will be held in October.

The shelter currently has zero dogs



Cletus, a two-year-old Walker Coonhound, was adopted by a family that lives in New Palestine. Cletus was one of 11 Martin County dogs adopted at Indy Mega last weekend.

and 40 kittens and adult cats. The animal shelter is open Monday and Wednesday 5-7 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and by appointment other days for adoptions only. For more information, visit www.humanesociety-ofmartincounty.org.



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Laura Albertson, who has been the Martin County Solid Waste Director for 27 years, will be retiring this year. January Roush will take over the position in August.

Martin County's jobless rate stays at 2.5 percent for May

Martin County's unemployment rate was unchanged from April to May, standing at 2.5 percent. The county had the 17th lowest jobless rate in the state for May, tied with five other counties.

In May, the county had 5,278 residents in the workforce with 133 of them unemployed. In April, there were 5,198 residents able to work and 129 of them without jobs.

In May of 2018, Martin County's unemployment rate was also 2.5 percent with 5,319 residents in the workforce and 135 of them without work.

Daviess County's unemployment rate ticked up just slightly in May to 2.3 percent, up from 2.2 percent the month before. The county had the fourth lowest jobless rate in the state for May, tied with five other counties.

In May, the county had 19,958 residents in the workforce and 395 of them were without jobs. In April, there were 16,703 residents able to work and 370 of them were unemployed. In May of last year, Daviess County's jobless rate was 2.5 percent with 16,944 residents in the workforce and 424 of them unemployed.

Dubois County's unemployment rate also went unchanged from April to May, sticking at 2.1 percent. The county had the lowest jobless rate in the state for May.

In May, the county had 23,410 residents in the workforce with 499 of them unemployed. In April, there were 23,173 residents able to work and 494 of them were jobless. In May of 2018, Dubois County's jobless rate was 2.3 percent with 23,815 residents in the workforce and 551 of them unemployed.

Greene County's unemployment rate went down only slightly from April to May, moving from 3.7 percent to 3.6 percent. The county had the eighth highest jobless rate in the state for May, tied with Delaware County.

In May, the county had 13,476 resi-

dents in the workforce and 490 of them were without jobs. In April, there were 13,791 residents able to work and 504 of them were unemployed. In May of last year, Greene County's jobless rate was 3.8 percent with 14,051 residents in the workforce and 538 of them unemployed.

The top ten spots in the state for the lowest jobless rate for May were Dubois County at 2.1 percent, Gibson and Bartholomew counties at 2.2 percent, White, Wells, Hamilton, Daviess and Boone counties at 2.3 percent; and Tipton, Steuben, Rush, Posey, LaGrange, Kosciusko, and Clinton counties at 2.4 percent.

The top ten spots in the state for the highest jobless rate for May were Vermillion County at 4.5 percent, Lake County at 4.1 percent, Fayette County at 3.9 percent, Sullivan County at 3.8 percent, LaPorte, Owen and Vigo counties at 3.7 percent; Delaware and Greene counties at 3.6 percent, and Starke County at 3.5 percent.

Indiana's unemployment rate remains at 3.6 percent for May, and the national rate also stands at 3.6 percent. The monthly unemployment rate is a U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) indicator that reflects the number of unemployed people seeking employment within the prior four weeks as a percentage of the labor force.

Indiana's labor force had a net decrease of 10,677 over the previous month. This was a result of a decrease of 2,312 unemployed residents and a decrease of 8,365 employed residents. Indiana's total labor force, which includes both Hoosiers employed and those seeking employment, stands at 3.40 million, and the state's 65.0 percent labor force participation rate remains above the national rate of 62.8 percent.

Also, this month had the lowest unemployment insurance claims in the reference week (12th of the month) in 2019.

Community foundation grant cycle open for non-profits

The Martin County Community Foundation is accepting applications for the 2019 Impact Grant Cycle which funds charitable programs and projects that serve Martin County. Last year, 17 Martin County projects were funded through the grant cycle. 2018 awards totaled over \$22,000 and the community foundation hopes to triple the total in 2019.

The 2019 grant cycle is funded by distributions from the following endowment funds: Courter Family Fund, German American Bancorp Fund, Wendell Bough Family Fund, Tri-Kappa of Loogootee-Shoals Community Grants Fund, Rich and Judy Kluesner Fund, Old National Fund, Gregory Family Humanitarian Fund, John T. and Elizabeth J. Chattin Community Fund, Michael B. and Beth A. Lett Fund, Donald and Janett Walton Fund for the Betterment of Martin County, Leo Harding Family Unrestricted Fund, Crane Family Fund for Martin County, Al and Helen Friesenhengst

Fund, Smithville Charitable Foundation Fund, MCCF Unrestricted Fund, and the George and Barbara Cropp Fund for Martin County. The Sarah Bowling Fuhrman Fund for Youth, Expectant Mothers Assistance Fund, Loogootee Community Performing Arts & Cultural Events Fund, and the MCCF Education Fund provide additional funding.

Grantseekers may submit an online grant application at the community foundation's website or at <https://cfpartner.spectrumportal.net/>. Grantseekers must register online and be approved to apply before submitting an application. The application deadline is July 26, 2019 to be considered for funding.

Non-profit organizations recognized by the IRS as having 501(c)(3) status, accredited educational institutions, and governmental entities are invited to submit applications. Awards will be announced at the MCCF Annual Dinner on November 4, 2019.

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anything for their materials. To have a program, the county needed money to at least cover collection expenses. The Martin County Recycling Center would collect, process, and market their own materials, but due to Martin County's sparse population, they would need materials from outside of the county. The share program was then created. The center would collect what they could and purchase materials from anyone willing to deliver materials, based on the market pricing. From that, the program has grown and evolved into what it is today. A collection center was built in Shoals, by the courthouse, in 2015.

Laura said that she feels like Martin County is a cleaner place to live, and the citizens are making a positive impact on the environment by participating in the recycling program.

The recycling program is a program managed by the Solid Waste Management District Board of Directors. By Indiana law, the board of directors is made up of the county's elected officials. The current board of directors consists of the three Martin County Commissioners, a member of the Martin County Council, the Mayor of Loogootee, a member of the Loogootee City Council, and a member of the Shoals Town Board. It is the board of directors that approves the spending of funds and their ultimate decision regarding the details of certain programs offered to our citizens. The board also chooses who runs the solid waste program.

Laura said that for years the recycling center made money that could be handed out to various entities and organizations throughout the county. Over the past several years, China has stopped buying recyclables from the United States, due to their poor quality, so things have gotten tight. Laura said, for instance, they used to get \$180 a ton for cardboard and they are now getting \$30 a ton. She said this has caused her a lot of concern this year and her main goal when she leaves the center is to leave it healthy.

The job of the solid waste director, in part, is to find markets to sell materials, coordinate pick up of materials, manage employees, handle quality control, and manage and design all programs related to the solid waste district.

Several years ago, Laura went to the county council to have the tax levy re-

moved and a user fee applied due to the recycling center making money to help sustain them. She said that this was the worst time in her years at the center because taxpayers were very angry at the change. She said the only difference was that the money property owners were paying went from being grouped in the tax levy to a separate line item on their property tax bill, many were not paying more. She said this is something she has never been able to get folks to understand and it's been tough dealing with the pushback. Laura said they even had some people pull up to the center and throw bags of trash at them saying they already paid their \$24 fee for the year and expected the center to take their trash for free. Laura said that they have to pay trash removal companies to take the trash from them to take to the landfill, they don't get to dispose of it for free.

When asked what she will miss most, Laura said immediately that it would be her staff. "We are a family here," she said. "We look out for each other and we have a lot of fun together. I am going to miss that." Aaron Sturgill, who has worked for Laura for the past 15 years, said she is the best boss he has ever had, and he will miss her. He said she is fair, and she truly cares about everyone who works at the recycling center.

Laura will be staying on at the center to train January but has no official leave date. She said she may even work on "plastics day" on Tuesdays and Thursdays for a while because they are often short of help those days. As for what she will do in retirement, Laura said her former husband, Mike, was diagnosed last week with esophageal cancer. She plans to help him through this but also plans to get him out of Martin County, travelling with her close friends. She also plans to get a dog to keep her and Mike company.

January Roush served as Martin County Auditor from 2013 to 2018 and has worked the last year for Radius Indiana, as business office manager. She served as the deputy auditor for Martin County from 2004 until she was elected auditor.

Laura said January is the perfect person for the position and couldn't have found anyone better. She is looking forward to teaching her the ropes starting in August.

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RITA GIESLER

Rita Giesler passed away Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at St. Elizabeth East Hospital. A resident of Lafayette, she was 87.



She was born March 5, 1932 in Loogootee; daughter of the late Michael Eugene and Mary Genevieve (Greenwell) Bull-

ock. She was a graduate of St. John's High School in Loogootee.

On September 30, 1950 she married Charles Giesler in Loogootee. He preceded her in death on January 12, 2007.

Rita worked for Landis & Gyr for 24 years. She was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church. She enjoyed quilting and was a member of St. Lawrence quilting club and America's quilting club. She also enjoyed traveling and gardening. She is survived by her children, Debbie (Tom) Million of Lafayette, Lisa (Jim) Wilbur of Ellettsville, Charles "Chuck" Giesler of Crawfordsville, and Brian (Jayne) Giesler and Michael Giesler, both of Lafayette; siblings, Martha (Glenn) Fitzmaurice of Dayton and Kathy (Butch) Corbin of West Point; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Along with her husband, she is preceded in death by her parents, son, Gary; brothers, Tom and Jerry Bullock and sisters, Joyce Smith and Linda Kidwell.

Memorial Mass was held Tuesday, June 25 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church with Father Eric Underwood officiating. Inurnment followed at Tippecanoe Memory Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be directed St. Lawrence Catholic Church. Share memories and condolences online at www.hippensteelfuneralservice.com.

SARAH STEELE

Sarah Frances (Cummings) Steele, 82,

of Bloomington, passed away Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at Timbers of Jasper. A resident of Bloomington, she was 82.



She was born March 17, 1937 in Bloomington; the daughter of Adolphus and Flossie (Wampler) Cummings.

She attended University High School in Bloomington and after high school married James Richard Steele and raised her family. She was an artist, and she loved painting and teaching people to paint. She was a member of the International Society of Marine Painters, Sarah had an art gallery in Brown County for several years, she had solo exhibition at the Indianapolis Columbia Club in June of 2000. And she was also awarded the Jury Prize of Distinction for a painting titled "Passage" in the 68th Annual Exhibition of the Indiana Artists Club. Sarah especially loved her family and spending time with family and friend. She will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew her.

Sarah is survived by her children, Lou Ann Steele of Arizona, Richard Anthony Steele and wife, Ginny, of Springville; Susan Patrice Steele of Ellettsville; grandchildren, Tonya Beck and husband, Aaron, of Loogootee; Shannon Lewis of Illinois, Stephanie Baker and husband, Phillip, of Chandler; Dustin Hawkins of Bloomfield; great grandchildren, Andrea Gress and husband, Chase; Tre Blanton, Andrew and Abby Lewis, Mackenzie Hagar, Madison, Jasmine, and Desiree Baker and Caleb Beck; and great-great grandson, Jackson Gress, Annabelle Gress and Hazel Jones.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, James R. Steele; one son, Jeffery Steele; grandson, Jonathan Henry Anderson, two sisters, Jane Fern Elliott and Rhoda Jolly, and two brothers, Wayne Cummings and Carrie Ray Cummings.

A funeral service was held Saturday, June 22 at Allen Funeral Home in Bloomington.

You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to Sarah's family at www.allencares.com.

JONAS SCHROCK

Jonas N. Schrock went to Heaven, surrounded by his loving family, on Thursday, June 20, 2019 at his home. A resident of Elnora, he was 92.

He was born May 11, 1927 in Orrville, Ohio; the son of Noah J. and Emma J. (Miller) Schrock. Jonas married Anna



Viola Yoder on November 22, 1956.

Jonas was ordained minister in 1960 and ordained bishop in 1961. He was a member of Mt. Joy Mennonite Church. He loved the church and served the congregation until the age of 80. He was known by many as a brick mason who was missing a thumb and fingers on his left hand.

Family left behind to cherish the memory of Jonas include three sons, Olen (Juanita) Schrock of Elnora, Thomas (Fae) Schrock of Elnora, and Marvin (Pam) Schrock of Sterling, Alaska; two daughters, Mary Esther Schrock of Elnora and Arlene (Luke) Rhodes of Newberry; one daughter-in-law, Fan Schrock of Loogootee; four sisters, Maryann Hershberger, Katie Rouse, Emma Shelter, and Viola Spence; sisters-in-law, Esther Schrock, Sarah McGuire, and Lydiann Yoder; 24 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Anna Viola Schrock (Dec. 2005); son, Stephen Schrock (May 2017); two brothers, Pete and Levi Schrock; and five sisters, Edna, Dinah, Ella Mae Schrock, Lena Jackson, Polly Garver.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 24 at the Simon J. Graber Complex in rural Odon, with James Yoder officiating. Interment followed in Mt. Joy Cemetery in Raglesville.

All arrangements have been entrusted to Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon. Online condolences may be sent to www.mengfuneralhome.com.

CONNIE JONES

Connie L. Jones passed away peacefully at her home on Saturday, June 22, 2019. A resident of Shoals, she was 66.

She was born on May 16, 1953 in Daviess County; daughter of the late Amos and Ethel (Kelsey) Jones. She married Ronald "Steve" Jones on November 21, 1970.



Connie retired from the Shoals Community School Cafeteria in 2008 after 19 years of serving countless children every day with her always present smile. She loved

her family, friends and the Lord deeply. She attended the Springs Valley Wesleyan Church in French Lick.

Survivors include her loving husband, Steve, of 48 years; one son, Aaron (Andrea) Jones; four grandchildren, Ethan (Morgan), Austin, Jaden and Ava Jones; great-grandson, Walker Jones; sister, Judith A. Jones; niece, Rogiann (TJ) Price and nephews, Jason P Jones of Shoals and Matt Jones of Centerville, Virginia.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother, Roger Jones; and nephew, Shannon Jones.

A funeral service was held this morning, Wednesday, June 26 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with Pastor John Moffatt officiating. Burial followed in the Spring Hill Cemetery in Shoals.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes was in charge of the arrangements.

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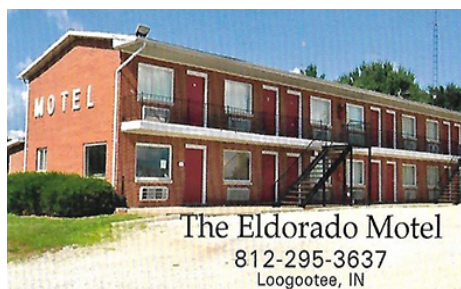
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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, JUNE 24

7:15 a.m. - Received a report of trees down southeast of Shoals. Lost River Fire removed the trees.

7:38 a.m. - Major Keller assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock west of Shoals.

9:30 a.m. - Deputy Lents transported two inmates to court.

10:58 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. Martin County Ambulance and Crane Fire responded but did not transport.

11:31 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

11:47 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:40 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Crane. Major Keller responded.

4:42 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Shoals. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

5:11 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded, and all was secure.

6:44 p.m. - Received a report of a road washed out north of Loogootee. Deputy Seymour and Martin County Highway responded.

9:33 p.m. - Received a noise complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.

9:58 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Deputy Seymour and Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.

10:13 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane Martin County Ambulance and Southwest Medical responded.

11:54 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded and all was secure.

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

6:04 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down on US 50, west of Shoals. Corporal Reed, Loogootee Chief Rayhill, Shoals Fire, and the state highway department responded.

7:20 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down and an accident on SR 150, east of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene and Shoals Fire responded.

7:37 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down southeast of Shoals. Lost River Fire responded.

7:39 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down southeast of Shoals. Martin County Highway removed the tree.

10:59 a.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

11:45 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

12:45 - Deputy Lents took three inmates to court.

3:10 p.m. - Deputy Lents took two inmates to court.

3:53 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals. Major Keller responded.

4:41 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled semi east of Shoals. Major Keller and Deputy Barnett responded.

7:04 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down southeast of Shoals. Lost River Fire removed the tree.

10:07 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Deputy Wright, and Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded. The subject was transported to Daviess

Community Hospital.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

9:00 a.m. - Deputy Barnett took three inmates to court.

10:30 a.m. - Deputy Barnett took three inmates to court.

11:38 a.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

3:35 p.m. - Received a report of a broken pole with power lines on SR 550. Deputy Wells responded.

3:50 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:56 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

4:09 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

10:33 p.m. - Received a report of an intruder north of Loogootee. Deputy Gibson responded.

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

7:02 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down southeast of Shoals. Martin County Highway responded.

7:39 a.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

12:00 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50, east of Shoals. Deputy Wright responded.

5:08 p.m. - Deputy Wright assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock in Loogootee.

6:24 p.m. - Received a report of a cow out west of Shoals. The owners were contacted.

7:58 p.m. - Received a report of a theft near Shoals. Deputy Gibson responded.

8:20 p.m. - Received a report of property damage in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

8:32 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:41 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

12:26 a.m. - Received a report of suspicious activity in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

7:25 a.m. - Received a report of an altercation in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Floyd responded.

12:16 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Deputy Wright and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:14 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless semi near Shoals. Deputy Wright responded.

2:45 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Floyd responded.

5:24 p.m. - Received a report of an altercation in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth, ISP Trooper Beaver, and Deputy Seymour responded.

6:48 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down in Loogootee. Martin County Highway removed the tree.

8:13 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

8:37 p.m. - Received a report of theft in Loogootee. Reserve Deputy Harmon responded.

8:54 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

7:07 a.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Deputy Lents responded.

7:46 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Loogootee. Martin County Highway was notified.

10:03 a.m. - Loogootee Sergeant Floyd assisted with a funeral detail in Loogootee.

10:14 a.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Loogootee. Deputy Lents responded.

11:05 a.m. - Received a report of a dog bite in Shoals. Deputy Lents and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

11:40 a.m. - Received a report of a tree blocking the road near Shoals. Martin County Highway was notified.

12:47 p.m. - Deputy Barnett assisted a motorist with a vehicle identification check east of Loogootee.

1:10 p.m. - Deputy Barnett assisted with a funeral detail in Shoals.

1:40 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Floyd responded.

2:00 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Deputy Barnett responded.

11:58 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle near Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

3:54 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Crane Fire and Martin county Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

9:33 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down southeast of Shoals. Lost River Fire and Martin County Highway responded.

11:14 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Martin County Civil Defense responded. Loogootee First

Responders were contacted but did not respond. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:43 a.m. - Received a report of an altercation in Loogootee. ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

12:11 p.m. - Received a report of a trouble with a juvenile in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Floyd, ISP Trooper Beaver, and the department of child services responded. The juvenile was transported to a Vincennes facility.

2:17 p.m. - Received several reports of trees down throughout the county. Emergency services responded.

3:08 p.m. - Received multiple reports of trees down north of Shoals. Huron Fire responded.

4:17 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless vehicle near Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.

8:14 p.m. - Received a report of reckless four-wheelers near Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

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COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCING

May 9

Jasmine Nichole Harner, convicted of neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 Felony; possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 18 months with Indiana Department of Corrections as a direct commitment through Martin County Community Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 71 actual days previously served plus 71 Class A credit days.

Logan Christopher Kelsey, convicted of neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 Felony and possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 18 months with Indiana Department of Corrections as a direct commitment through Martin County Community Corrections with 0 days suspended.

May 15

Eric R. Salmon, convicted of impersonation of a public servant, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 456 days with 420 days suspended and credit for 18 actual days previously served plus 18 Class A credit days. Defendant received 15 months of probation.

May 16

Pamela S. Gammon, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 730 days with 365 days suspended and credit for 58 actual days previously served plus 58 Class A credit days. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

Patty A. Tolbert, convicted of theft, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 364 days with 360 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days.

May 23

Ryan J. Sipes, convicted of possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 180 days with 180 days suspended. Defendant received 6 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

May 9

Martin County real estate transfers

Chris Austin, of Lawrence County, Indiana to **Daniel Haley and Tammy Haley**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 2, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, Mitcheltree Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 5.87 acres, more or less.

Monty Gregory, of Martin County, Indiana to **Gregory & Sons Properties, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Numbered 13 and 14 in Block "G" of the Loogootee Land Company Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Monty Gregory, of Martin County, Indiana to **Gregory & Sons Properties, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 4 in Block "G" of the Loogootee Land Company Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Monty Gregory, of Martin County, Indiana to **Gregory & Sons Properties, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 6 in Roger's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana. Also, an easement 10 feet wide and 35 feet long off the west side of Lot Number 5 in Roger's Addition for utility purposes and carport overhang encroachment for the benefit of Lot Number 6 in Roger's Addition.

Dwight Darrell Bauernfiend and

Jasmine Nichole Harner, possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

May 16

Pamela S. Gammon, neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

May 23

Ryan J. Sipes, invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

June 12

Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC vs. Chad Dunham, civil collection.

Barclays Bank Delaware vs. Frank E. Fields, civil collection.

June 18

Capital One Bank vs. Rochelle L. Peterson, civil collection.

RAB Performance Recoveries, LLC vs. Pat Burcham, civil collection.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

June 14

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Cavalry SPV I, LLC and against the defendant Tina M. Todd in the amount of \$2,027.31.

June 18

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff OneMain Financial Group, LLC and against the defendants Allan Albrecht and Diana J. Albrecht in the amount of \$10,168.34.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Justin P. Hash in the amount of \$9,591.63.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

June 14

Patriot Motors vs. Ami Slaubaugh, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

June 18

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Medical of Dubois and against the defendant Ronnie K. Rea in the amount of \$401.94.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Medical of Dubois and against the defendant Matthew C. Shultz in the amount of \$443.38.

Deanna Lynn Bauernfiend, of Martin County, Indiana to **Tedrow Properties, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: Lots Numbered 76, 81 and 82 in Chenoweth's Extension to the Town of West Shoals, now Shoals, Indiana. Tract II: Lot Number 75 in Chenoweth's Extension to the Town of West Shoals, now Shoals, Indiana.

Jay M. Smith and Cynthia M. Smith, of Martin County, Indiana to **WL Properties of Loogootee, LLC**, of Daviess County, Indiana, the southwest part of Lot Number 34 in the town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Claude Walter King and Kathryn S. King, of Martin County, Indiana to **the State of Indiana**, a part of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 31, Township 5 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.036 acre, more or less.

Donald Nolan, of Martin County, Indiana to **Dane H. Mosby and Jackie S. Mosby and Chadd L. Mosby**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 2, except 50 feet of even with off of the north side thereof, in Risacher's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana. Also, a part of Lot Number 1 in Risacher's Third Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, JUNE 17

1:45 a.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on North Oak Street.

8:30 a.m. - Female called and stated she was having problems with her juvenile son.

11:31 a.m. - Female called and reported a property damage accident on Crane Street.

1:20 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

5:11 p.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a business alarm.

9:58 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on East Main Street.

9:33 p.m. - Caller reported a noise complaint on Park Street.

11:54 p.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a business alarm.

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

6:04 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the county with a tree across the road on Hwy 50.

11:45 a.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident in the McDonald's parking lot.

12:30 p.m. - Chief Rayhill tagged an abandoned vehicle on East Main Street.

1:01 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

4:25 p.m. - Caller reported prank calls at a local business.

10:07 p.m. - Sgt. Norris was called to assist with a combative juvenile.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

9:15 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

11:09 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

2:15 p.m. - Female came on station to report a runaway juvenile. Juvenile was later located.

3:52 p.m. - First responders were requested on Cooper Street for a medical call.

3:59 p.m. - First responders were requested on Vine Street for a medical call.

4:05 p.m. - Caller reported a car/deer accident on US 231.

7:17 p.m. - Caller reported a loud music complaint on East Main Street.

7:23 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

10:39 p.m. - Sgt. Floyd assisted the county with a possible break-in.

10:53 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female juvenile.

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

7:30 a.m. - Caller reported a loose dog on Butcher Boulevard. Dog was picked up and later claimed.

9:03 a.m. - Caller reported a male hitting a dog.

12:05 p.m. - Male reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

5:58 p.m. - Male reported a civil complaint.

6:56 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident on North Line Street.

8:09 p.m. - Officer McBeth assisted the department of child services.

9:11 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

9:35 p.m. - First responders were requested on SE 3rd Street for a medical call.

10:45 p.m. - It was reported that a female was struck by a BB while walking on the high school track. Officer McBeth investigated and later filed charges on two juveniles.

11:41 p.m. - Caller reported a suspi-

cious vehicle on SW 3rd Street.

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

12:21 a.m. - Caller reported possible intoxicated subjects near the city park. Officer McBeth responded.

7:25 a.m. - Caller reported a verbal dispute on Church Street.

1:45 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on Hwy 50.

5:24 p.m. - Female called and requested assistance in removing a male from her residence.

8:45 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

10:45 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

10:03 a.m. - Sgt. Floyd assisted with a funeral procession.

1:40 p.m. - Female reported a stolen cell phone.

2:20 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious male on North Oak Street. Male checked out okay.

4:50 p.m. - Male reported having problems with another male trespassing on his property.

5:47 p.m. - Male reported a domestic dispute on Walker Street.

6:18 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on North Street.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

1:18 p.m. - Caller reported a loud party on SE 1st Street.

8:18 a.m. - Female reported being threatened by a male.

11:14 a.m. - First responders were requested at the IGA for a medical call.

12:11 p.m. - Female reported problems with a juvenile. Juvenile was transported to Southwest Youth Village.

4:55 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

5:13 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

7:02 p.m. - First responders were requested on Bellbrook Road for a medical call.

ARRESTS

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

4:57 p.m. - Chase Wright, 19, of Bloomington, was arrested by ISP Trooper Johnson and charged with operating while intoxicated endangerment, possession of marijuana, and possession of paraphernalia. He was released by the court.

6:37 p.m. - Christopher Senne, 40, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with intimidation and disorderly conduct. He is being held without bond.

7:27 p.m. - Ashley Miller, 31, of Bedford, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

11:50 p.m. - Cole Howell, 26, of Dubois, was arrested by Town Marshal Eckert and charged with public intoxication, disorderly conduct, intimidation, and failure to identify. He is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest were ISP Trooper Lents and Deputy Seymour.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

4:16 a.m. - Kayle Mulder, 26, of Bloomington, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with operating while intoxicated and is being held on a \$20,000 10% bond.

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More Neat Stuff

By Ann Ackerman

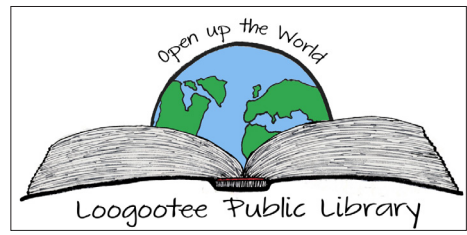


A man and woman were married for many years. Whenever there was a confrontation, yelling could be heard deep into the night.

The old man would shout, "When I die, I will dig my way up and out of the grave and come back and haunt you for the rest of your life."

Neighbors feared him. The old man liked the fact that he was feared.

Then one evening, he died, when he was 98.



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Friends of Loogootee Library (FOLL) will have a fundraiser cookout this Friday, June 28 from 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. (or until we sell out). Grilled Dewig Brats and Odon Locker Marinated Chicken Strips will be available to purchase with a drink and bag of chips for a \$5 donation. FOLL volunteers will deliver free to businesses and organizations. All money made from the cookout will go toward the \$5,000 donation match. Canceled if rain.

July summer reading program activities include Silly Safari with Coyote Chris, July 2 at 6:30 located in German American Bank downstairs community room, on Thursdays, Children's Librarian Jen Zehr will have hands-on activities featuring our new STEM kits, Girls Who Code Club will still meet at 5:15 plus lots of crafts and activities. Pick up a calendar at the library or go to the library Facebook page to access monthly calendar.

New Books:

Mystery Fiction: "Paranoid" by Lisa Jackson and "Backlash" by Brad Thor.

Fiction: "Lost and Found" by Danielle Steel and "A Family of Strangers" by Emilie Richards.

Inspirational Fiction: "Cross My Heart" by Robin Lee Hatcher, "Over the Line" by Kelly Irvin, "A Reluctant Bride" by Jody Hedlund, and "More than Words Can Say" by Karen Wite-meyer.

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.

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After the burial, her neighbors, concerned for her safety, asked, "Aren't you afraid that he might indeed be able to dig his way out of the grave and haunt you for the rest of your life?"

The wife said, "Let him dig. I had him buried upside down - and I know he won't ask for directions."

THOUGHTS

*One minute you are young and care-free and the next minute you can feel rain coming in your knee.

*Didn't sleep much but I got a few solid hours of worrying done.

*Nothing looks better in your 50s than sunscreen in your 20s.

*The best part of waking up is nothing. Please just let me sleep.

*Ducks have feathers to cover their butt quacks.

*If you see me jogging, please kill whatever is chasing me.

*This morning I saw a neighbor talking to her cat. It was obvious that she thought her cat understood her. I came to my house and told my dog ... we laughed a lot.

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*You dump it, we pump it

*The turtle tank

MORE THOUGHTS

*The farmer is the only one in our economy who buys everything at retail, sells everything at wholesale, and pays the freight both ways. -John F. Kennedy

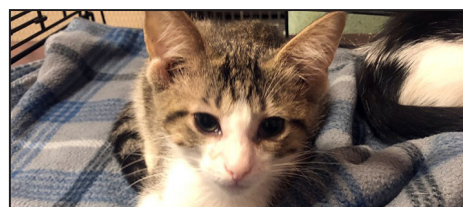
*Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you. -Princess Diana

*Pretending you're OK is easier than having to explain to everyone why you're not.

Make someone smile today!

ANIMAL SHELTER

Pet of the Week



KITTENS! The shelter is full of kittens! Adoption fee is \$45. The Martin County Humane Society Animal Shelter is located at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. For info or to see all the dogs and cats available for adoption, visit www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Holiday hours

The Martin County Health Department Immunization Clinic will close at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, July 3. Cat-fish Festival set-up will be taking place that afternoon near their office. Hoosier Uplands, Martin County Health Department and Martin County WIC will be closed on Thursday July 4. Normal office hours resume on Friday, July 5.

Chalk up the Town

The Odon Business Association's Chalk up the Town will be held Saturday, August 3. For more information, you can find OBA on facebook.

Night of music

The Pregnancy Care Center of Washington will be having a night of music on Friday, July 19 at the Store House on 200 West Main in Washington. Doors open at 5 p.m. with music commencing at 6 p.m. Baked goods and drinks will be served. The Night of Praise will feature Christian music from Dan Maley and Jenna Clouse, Barefoot Sundays, One Cause, and Forged in the Fire. Admission is free and free will donations will be accepted at the event to help support the Pregnancy Care Center. There are 250 seats. Tickets are available on the event page at www.facebook.com/washpcc.

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

Foundation scholarships available

The Martin County Community Foundation (MCCF) is pleased to announce it is accepting applications for two non-traditional scholarships.

There are many paths to higher education... many students choose to postpone college; many move directly into the workforce, bypassing a university education altogether; others put their college careers on hold, choosing the more difficult task of raising a family. It is only later that they decide to pursue a higher education, either to improve their personal and professional opportunities, or to expand their general knowledge.

The two scholarships and criteria are below.

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5-6:30 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 Kar-en at 812-709-1618 to learn more. Located in the Martin County Community Learning Center Improve Your Skills, Improve Your Life!

Humane society meetings

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

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.

-Must seek to further their education at an accredited college, university, vocational or trade school

-Must demonstrate a need for assistance.

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.

Applications are available online at <http://www.cfpartner.org/mccfgrants.htm> or at the MCCF office located in the Community Learning Center on the Martin County 4-H fairgrounds, 2668 U.S. Highway 50, Loogootee.

Applications must be returned to the Community Foundation by 4 p.m. on Friday, June 28 by either hand-delivering to the MCCF office or by mailing to MCCF, PO Box 28, Loogootee, IN 47553. The MCCF office hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 8 a.m. to 4 pm; call ahead to be sure someone is in the office. If mailing, be sure to allow delivery time so that the application is received by the deadline in order to be considered for a scholarship.

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

In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

Water, water everywhere! Rains have continued to soak southern Indiana. The soil is saturated in most areas and many areas have experienced flooding. The abundance of water results in some problems for gardeners.

Usually, we associate abundant water with lush plant growth, and that has certainly been the case, so far, this growing season. The problem is that undesirable plants also experience this lush growth, and many gardeners have struggled to keep up with weeding. In many cases, the vigorous weeds out-compete the garden plants for available nutrients and even for sunlight.

Saturated soils mean that the tiny air spaces that exist in the soil have been filled with water. Some plants, such as rushes, actually prefer these conditions, but most plants also require some oxygen. If the soil is saturated for long enough, plants will actually

drown—die from a lack of oxygen.

Flood waters tend to be muddy, and even if the waters recede before plants die from lack of oxygen, the mud that coats the plants may be enough to block the sunlight needed for photosynthesis. In this case, plants starve to death, as they are unable to manufacture the sugars needed for growth.

Trees in flooded areas have some special problems. While the extensive root systems of mature trees support the huge branches, adding some wind to the equation may result in toppling trees.

The aftermath of the wet weather will also present some problems. The wet weather presents the perfect conditions for the development of fungal diseases on plants. Fungicides do not kill fungal diseases. They are used to prevent infestations and must be re-applied after every rain. With rains as frequent as they have been recently, that is virtually impossible. Most fungal diseases do not immediately kill the plants. Instead, they cause the plant to drop leaves and disrupt photosynthesis. A plant may survive to return next year, but repeated years of fungal disease may result in decline and death of the plant.

Some plants will react of the over-abundance of water by making some physiological changes. They will essentially shrink the veins that take up water to prevent taking up so much water that the plant cells burst. However, when water is less abundant, the plant may not open up those veins again, so it will be important to make sure plants do not dry out in the wake of flooding.

Mosquitos may also be a problem for the rest of the summer. It is very important to get rid of standing water to get rid of breeding areas. Old tires and various containers may provide perfect mosquito breeding areas, so it is important to scout your property to get rid of standing water.

There really is not a lot that one can do about most of these conditions. When waters recede, wash off the mud and hope for the best. For the future, consider planting flood-prone areas with native plants that thrive in such areas. Some of my favorites include oak-leaf hydrangea, deciduous hollies (also known as winter berries) and spice brush. Bald cypress trees thrive in flooded areas and develop deep roots necessary to support the trees in softened soils.

In the meantime, pray for an end to the torrential rains and flooding.



Froggy in the window

-Photo by Bill Whorrall, www.billwhorrallart.com

Social media has been covered with posts of frogs climbing the windows with many joking that even frogs are sick of all the wetness. They are in luck lately because frogs don't need to drink water as they absorb it through their skin. They can become dehydrated when not near a water source.

Volunteers needed to count turkey broods

The DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife is looking for volunteers to count wild turkeys and their offspring from July 1 to August 31. Each summer, wildlife biologists and volunteers conduct brood surveys, counting the number of young wild turkeys observed with turkey hens to estimate how many young turkeys live through the summer. Summer brood survival is one of the primary factors influencing wild turkey population trends in various regions of the state and informs wild turkey management.

"Turkey biologists across the country are increasing efforts to better assess summer brood production and habitat changes," said DNR turkey biologist Steve Backs. "This will help us determine what is causing declines and ways to possibly increase turkey numbers."

Turkey biologists can't do it by themselves. They need help from volunteers to get an accurate count of turkey broods in the state. The goal this summer is to collect 3,000 brood observation reports from citizens across the state, with at

least 25 brood observations in each county.

To help, please register as a 2019 participant at on.IN.gov/turkeybrood. Instructions for the survey and an illustrative guide on how to report observations of wild turkey broods and hens is provided on the website. The results of the previous summers' brood survey are also available.

Wild turkeys were reintroduced to Indiana beginning in the mid-1950s until the early 2000s. Today they are found across the state but declines in brood production over the last decade have reduced the number of wild turkeys observed in some regions.

"After wild turkey restoration efforts, many states watched their turkey populations peak and then settle into lower levels during the last decade," Backs said. "Some states observed greater declines than others in their turkey populations. But universally, all states have observed declines in annual production or brood survival during the summer months."

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