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Shoals Catfish Festival starts tomorrow

The 27th Annual Shoals Catfish Festival will begin tomorrow, Thursday, June 30 with a business decorating contest at 5 p.m. followed by kids and chalk on sidewalk in front of G&R Variety at 6 p.m. and the annual auction at 7 p.m.

On Friday, softball, kickball and basketball tournaments will be held at the ballpark at 6 p.m. Opening ceremonies will take place on the stage at 6:30 p.m. and the queen contest will start at 6:45 p.m. The Dave Smith Family and Lakefire Warship will perform at 8:30 p.m.

On Saturday, the catfish contest on the bridge will begin at 7 a.m. A 5K walk/run will start at the ballpark at 7:30 a.m. and an adult volleyball tournament will begin at 9 a.m. The kickball tournament will resume at 10 a.m. and a corn hole tournament will start at the boat landing also at 10 a.m. The baby contest will be held at 10 a.m. at the fire station followed by a Horseshoe tournament at the boat landing at 2 p.m. "Rumble by the River" wrestling will be on the stage at 7 p.m. The Martin County Museum, along with the Albright Open House, will be held on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A chainsaw carving demonstration, by Rick Chastain, will take place near the stage from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

On Sunday, July 3, the bridge catfish contest will continue from 7 a.m. to noon. A youth volleyball tournament will begin at the ballpark at 10 a.m. An egg toss will start at 3 p.m. in front of the post office and a "Friendly Feud" will be held on the main stage at 4 p.m. A gospel sing will end Sunday's events on the main stage at 6 p.m.

On Monday, the Catfish Festival parade will start downtown at 10:30 a.m. followed by the Big Catfish weigh-in at the fire station from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. The cooking contest will be held on the east side of the post office at 2 p.m. along with the Battle of the Bands on the stage at the same time. Fireworks will end the festival at 10 p.m. at the ballpark.



Summerfest queens

-Photo by the Summerfest Committee

Shown above is the 2022 Loogootee Summerfest Queens. In the front row, from left to right are Tiny Tot Micah McAtee and Little Miss Fara Fisher. In the back row, from left to right, are Junior Miss Chloe Ramsey and Miss Queen Mallorie Sutton.

Commissioners discuss highway grant, ambulance service

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Martin County Commissioners discussed the Community Crossings Matching Fund (CCMG) grant at their meeting Tuesday night, June 28. The county didn't receive any funds in the first round of the 2022 CCMG grant cycle, which goes to road and bridge repairs. Due to the increase in fuel costs and the higher bids anticipated, all but two roads were removed from the application for the second round. Commissioner Paul George said those two roads are still estimated to cost close to \$900,000. The maximum

anyone can receive in CCMG funds for each calendar year is \$1 million. The two roads that will be paved, if the state approves the grant application, are Brett Road, from the highway to Rama Dye Road and Rutherford Road, from Beard Road to WR Cemetery Road. The work on Brett Road also includes replacing a culvert but that cost is not included in the grant application; the county will pay for that out of budgeted funds. The second round of the CCMG opens this Friday.

In other business, Highways Superintendent Scott Seals said they are doing a lot of mowing, along with filling potholes.

Jim Williams, Martin County Solid Waste Director, told the commissioners that the recycling center plans to add their employees to the county's insurance policy. The recycling center would still pay the premiums however Williams hopes that by going in with a bigger pool of insured, it will lower their rates. He said there are currently only two employees who receive insurance at the recycling center, but they will be adding more once the employees reach their full employment. Williams said he will go to the county council to inform them as well.

Dena Held introduced Dr. Casey Mull, Assistant Director of Extension and 4-H Youth Development Program Leader, who was visiting Martin County and presenting a program that evening at the fairgrounds. Dr. Mull talked to the commissioners about the importance of 4-H and the impact it has on youth development.

Courtney Hughett, volunteer with the Martin County Humane Society, presented the animal shelter's budget request for 2023. She told the commissioners that the animal shelter has taken in 110 dogs and cats so far this year and has spayed and (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 2)



TROOPER ADAM MCBETH

"Trooper of the Year" goes to Loogootee grad

The Indiana State Police held their annual awards ceremony yesterday to recognize troopers and state police civilian employees throughout the state for various accomplishments and awards. ISP employees were recognized for their service, bravery, and devotion to the department and the citizens of Indiana.

Through his hard work and dedication to public service, Trooper Adam McBeth has been selected as the "2021 Trooper of the District" by the Command Staff from the Jasper Post. The factors used to determine the "Trooper of the Year" included, but were not limited to, traffic and criminal enforcement, community involvement, and special assignments such as SCUBA, ERT, Meth Lab Team, Instructor ratings, or other services performed for the department that goes beyond normal expectations.

Trooper McBeth was awarded a plaque that read, "Presented to the Trooper who has achieved outstanding enforcement efforts in the areas of traffic and criminal enforcement, case and crash investigations, public information programs, and community service, and who has exemplified the professionalism and integrity expected of an Indiana State Trooper."

McBeth graduated from the 75th ISP Recruit School in 2015, he grew up in Comanche County, Oklahoma, and Martin County, Indiana having moved to Indiana in 1997. McBeth graduated from Loogootee Jr./Sr. High School in 2003. He attended Vincennes University, earning an associate degree in Conservation Law Enforcement in 2005. McBeth enlisted into the United States Army as a Military Police Officer and paratrooper in 2007 and served 5 years. Serving a year deployment to the Logar Province in Afghanistan from May 2009 through May 2010.

Upon his graduation from the Indiana State Police Academy, McBeth was assigned to the Jasper Post where he has served as a road trooper, having patrolled Crawford County. He has also patrolled Martin and Daviess counties and is now primarily patrolling Dubois County. Throughout his career, McBeth has served as a member of the TIP Team and as a Field Training Officer.

Trooper McBeth made a strong impact in his patrol area where he normally works the night shift. He made 176 criminal arrests and 1206 traffic contacts. He also had 8 OWI's" said Lieutenant Jason Allen, Commander of the Jasper District.

Trooper McBeth resides in Dubois County with his wife and children.



New sign

-Photo provided

The new LED Shoals sign was installed by Johnny Signs at the Shoals Ballpark Friday, June 24. The project was made possible with the "Lets Light Up Shoals" grant, applied for by the town and funded by the Martin County Community Foundation. Shown above are Rick McCracken and Greg Morris, installers with Johnny Signs, Inc.



Making A Difference



By Curt Johnson
MCCF Director

-- INDEPENDENCE DAY --

Independence Day. Such a great day in our history. 246 years ago, 13 American colonies, as a new nation, declared independence from the British Empire. We all celebrate this very important day on July 4th. But did you know that we actually (and legally) became separated from Great Britain on July 2nd when Congress voted to approve the resolution of independence? Two days later they then approved and adopted the Declaration of Independence, which was an explanation of the decision to separate from Great Britain.

-- OUR INDEPENDENCE --

The actions by those people so long ago set the stage for our great county to grow and prosper as it has. Each of us are very fortunate to live here. Just ask anyone who has traveled abroad. Here we can voice our opinions and make our own decisions. We are free and independent to make our own choices, hopefully within the laws established by this great county.

-- OUR CHOICES --

When we make our choices and decisions, we typically do it to better ourselves, help someone else, or in some way improve something. Even though we do occasionally see that some people sometimes make decisions and choices that cause harm or don't do good. Our country's laws, set in motion 246 years ago, deal with those instances.

-- DOING GOOD --

So, when you decide to do something good, you can choose your time, your talent, or your treasure to meet your goals. If you choose your treasure (your money or other assets) to improve the quality of life in your community, the Martin County Community Foundation is always here

to provide a way to do that. There are other ways and organizations to donate to a charity or to help a good cause, but with the MCCF, your choice will have an impact and make a difference for many, many years to come, for another 246 years and more.

-- BECAUSE WE CAN --

So, with our independence, we can choose what or who we can help, decide why we do it, choose how we do it, and choose when we do it. You can do it now, do it later, or do it with a will or bequest when you're gone. Remember the MCCF when making your decisions and your choices. We offer some unique alternatives to help you help others. You are free to help others any way you can because of some actions by a few men those many years ago.

-- CELEBRATE --

Celebrate that freedom every day, not just once a year on July 4th. There is no reason not to be thankful for living in these United States of America. Each of us is fortunate to live here. Be thankful for what you have been given. Not just for an opportunity to do good, but the ability and freedom to actually take some actions and improve the quality of life around you and in your community. Give back for what you have been given. So many years ago...

-- MORE INFORMATION --

For more information about the MCCF or how we can help you accomplish your charitable goals, please contact the MCCF Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org.

You are also welcome to visit our webpage at www.cfpartner.org and "like" the MCCF Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mcccommunityfoundation.



-Photo provided

Scholarship recipient

Shown above is MCCF Director Curt Johnson presenting the \$1,179 St. Vincent de Paul Non-Traditional Scholarship to Karoline Tedrow. Karoline graduated from Loogootee High School in 2021 and is pursuing a psychology major at Indiana State University.

COMMISSIONERS

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neutered 784 dogs and cats in the spay/neuter clinic since July last year. She also told the commissioners that a volunteer is working to trap cats in Shoals currently. So far, the humane society has trapped, fixed and returned 15 cats in 2022. The goal is to stop the breeding of these feral cats.

Commissioner George reported that the county's ambulance provider has received a 60-day extension on having Good Samaritan Hospital serve as the medical sponsor, which they are losing. Each ambulance service has to have a hospital as their medical director. George said they have decided to pay the ambulance service monthly now as opposed to quarterly or yearly to see what comes of the situation. George said they haven't requested bids for ambulance service over the past several years because there has been no interest. They feel now that

there may be other interest, so the plan is to request bids in the future. He said he didn't want to say more until County Attorney Dave Lett was present.

New Auditor Michelle Norris told the commissioners that Bev Terrell, from her office, has submitted her resignation. She requested permission to advertise for her position. The commissioners gave approval. Commissioner Cody Roush said he has been talking with Auditor Norris about putting open positions out for internal applicants before making the position public. They plan to see if anyone internally would like to apply for a position for at least five days before advertising to the public.

The commissioners approved closing the courthouse this Friday because the Catfish Festival rides will be set up in the street in front of the building. The courthouse will also be closed Monday for Independence Day.

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OBITUARIES

MICHAEL BATEMAN

Michael L. Bateman passed away at 3:26 p.m. Thursday, June 23, 2022, at Memorial Hospital and Healthcare Center in Jasper. A resident of Loogootee, he was 70.

He was born January 3, 1952, in Washington; son of the late Ernest and Myrtle (Dean) Bateman.



MICHAEL BATEMAN

Mike married Kimberly Wagoner on September 29, 2012, and she survives.

He was a member of the Indiana Laborers Union, Veteran of Foreign War – Post 9395 and the American Legion – Post 120. He enjoyed stock cars, racing, hunting, fishing, and visiting Las Vegas.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Myrtle (Dean) Bateman; sister, Janet (Bill) Combess; and sister-in-law, Wilma Bateman.

He is survived by his wife, Kimberly, of Loogootee; children, Rodney (Miranda) Bateman of Loogootee, Amy Bateman of Whitestown and Ashley (Eric) Galam-

back of Chicago, Illinois; stepchildren, Shaun Bunch of Vincennes, Rikki (Matt) Lyford of Washington, Candy (Rusty) Van Lue of Loogootee, Nathan (Amanda) Wright of Heltonville and Autumn Bullock of Loogootee; 24 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; and siblings, James Bateman of Loogootee and Anna Bauer of St. Louis, Missouri.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, July 16, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at his favorite place, his garage, 310 W. Vine Street, Loogootee, Indiana 47553. All family and friends are welcome.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

Blake Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Michael L. Bateman.

JOHN WALKER

John Leo Walker passed away Friday, June 24, 2022, at his home. A resident of Loogootee, he was 75.



He was born July 25, 1946, in Portersville; son of the late George K. and Marie M. (Arvin) Walker.

John was an Air Force veteran and served overseas during the Vietnam War. He went on to retire from NSWC Crane as a machinist. He was a member of the American Legion – Post 120, Veteran of Foreign War

– Post 9395, and The Fraternal Order of Eagles – Post 2442.

He loved the outdoors. Whether it was mowing, fishing, or taking care of the farm, John loved to be outside. He dearly loved his family, especially his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; siblings, George W. (Linda) Walker, Joseph A. Walker, Michael J. Walker, Polly Walker and Mary Ruth Walker; brother-in-law, Larry G. Bair; and nephews, Jason and Trenton Bair.

John is survived by his daughters, Justina Walker and Jonna Walker, both of Loogootee; grandchildren, MacKenzie Walker, Sydney Blankenbaker and A.J. Blankenbaker; great-granddaughter, Charlie Walker; siblings, Rebecca L. Bair, Carl R. Walker, Cindy (Jay) Smith and Peggy L. Walker, all of Loogootee; many nieces, nephews, great-niece and great-nephews; sisters-in-law, Marilyn Borden and Ilene Walker.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker on Tuesday, June 28 at St. Martin Catholic Church in Whitfield. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee is honored to serve the family of John L. Walker.

~LETTER TO THE EDITOR~

'We can to protect the unborn'

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

We welcome today's Supreme Court ruling which has reversed Roe v Wade and returned abortion to the states. No, it has not ruled out all abortions but what the U.S. Supreme Court has done is to take a step in the right direction. For 50 years we had little restrictions on abortion but now each state will be able to decide how they should proceed with this new ruling.

We in the pro-life movement will continue to support the mother and their baby with their unplanned pregnancy. Over 3,000 Pregnancy Care Centers across the country and 300 of them in Indiana will double our efforts to do what we can to

help mothers to choose life rather than death by abortion. Our local First Choice Solutions here in Washington will be in the forefront to help mother and child.

We realize this will not stop all abortions as it will revert back to the states, but this is a step in the right direction. In Indiana, the governor has called for a special session beginning on July 6 and we pray this session will have positive results to protect the unborn and encourage mothers to carry their baby to term.

This day has been a long time coming and we pray we can build on this and with God's help we will do what we can to protect the unborn.

Louie Kavanaugh Jr.
President of Daviess County Right to Life Inc.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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The Martin County Solid Waste Management District is looking for a new part-time Controller. The job will take about 25-30 hours per week. Please send resume to P.O. Box 343 Loogootee, Indiana 47553.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, JUNE 20

2:27 a.m. - Received a report of an alarm in Loogootee. Notified Loogootee Officer Seymour.

4:06 a.m. - Received a report of a runaway juvenile from Pike County who may be in Martin County. Advised Captain Reed and Loogootee Officer Seymour.

9:47 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

10:30 a.m. - Received a request for a VIN check north of Loogootee. Advised Major Keller.

1:09 p.m. - Received a report of a possible abandoned ATV east of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

1:50 p.m. - Received a request for VIN checks southwest of Shoals. Advised Sergeant Gibson.

2:47 p.m. - Deputy Long transported one inmate to court.

2:50 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver coming toward Loogootee. Notified Loogootee Police.

3:21 p.m. - Received a report of a possible neighbor dispute in Loogootee. Notified Loogootee Police.

3:45 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. No transport was needed.

5:42 p.m. - Received a report of a medical alarm in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded. No one was transported.

6:03 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting a deputy. Sergeant Gibson and Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

6:06 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

7:30 p.m. - Received a report of a possible domestic dispute in Shoals. Sergeant Gibson and Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

8:46 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:21 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting a deputy south of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson, Loogootee Officer Long and Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

11:01 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance southeast of Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded. No transport was needed.

11:19 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver east of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan was notified.

11:26 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance east of Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

3:47 a.m. - Received a report of a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims and Deputy Flanagan responded.

3:56 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County EMS, Deputy Flanagan and Loogootee Officer Sims responded. Patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:33 a.m. - Received a report of a medical alarm going off in Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

7:06 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire responded. No one was transported.

9:13 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded. No one was transported.

9:24 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance southeast of Loogootee.

Martin County EMS responded. Patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:45 a.m. - Received a report of a possible dispute in Shoals. Chief Greene was advised.

11:57 a.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on US 50 going into Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Rayhill responded.

12:40 p.m. - Received a request for a VIN check in Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson responded.

2:27 p.m. - Corporal Wells took one inmate to court.

3:10 p.m. - Received a report of a neighbor dispute west of Shoals. Major Keller and Sergeant Gibson were advised.

4:22 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson and Loogootee Assistant Chief McBeth responded.

4:38 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded. No one was transported.

6:04 p.m. - Received a report of possible vandalism in Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson responded.

6:48 p.m. - Received a request for a VIN check north of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

7:08 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock north of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson responded.

10:29 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Shoals. Captain Reed, Loogootee Officer Erwin, Loogootee Officer Sims, Shoals Fire and Martin County EMS responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

6:36 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Shoals. Captain Reed responded.

7:01 a.m. - Received a 911 call. Transferred to Lawrence County.

8:45 a.m. - Received an animal complaint northwest of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

11:00 a.m. - Received a report of a missing dog. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

11:10 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

11:30 a.m. - Jail Officer Gordon transported one inmate to court.

12:32 p.m. - Received a report about a possible stolen vehicle. Sergeant Gibson responded.

12:50 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

4:20 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Notified Animal Control Officer Hughett.

5:29 p.m. - Received a report of a neighbor dispute West of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

7:49 p.m. - Received a report of a field fire North of Loogootee. Deputy Long responded.

9:38 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Shoals. Deputy Long responded.

10:23 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Deputy Long and Martin County EMS responded. No one was transported.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

5:29 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Crane. Martin County EMS responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

10:30 a.m. - Deputy Long transported two inmates to court.

11:06 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

11:07 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

11:10 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

11:15 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver traveling into Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department was notified.

11:30 a.m. - Deputy Long transported one inmate to court.

12:08 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded.

12:54 p.m. - Deputy Long transported one inmate to court.

12:59 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist south of Loogootee. Corporal Wells responded.

1:00 p.m. - Received a request for extra patrol north of Loogootee. All Martin County law enforcement were advised.

1:25 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an animal complaint in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

1:55 p.m. - Deputy Long transported one inmate to court.

6:11 p.m. - Received a call for welfare check on animals in Crane. Animal Control Officer Hughett was advised.

6:32 p.m. - Received a report of possible stolen property. Corporal Wells was advised.

9:28 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

3:05 a.m. - Deputy Flanagan was on station with a male juvenile. Subject was released to his parents.

3:07 a.m. - Received a disconnected 911 call from Daviess County. Daviess County dispatch were advised.

7:52 a.m. - Received multiple 911 and admin calls advising of a traffic hazard south of Loogootee. Major Keller responded.

8:25 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Loogootee. Major Keller, Haysville Fire, Martin County EMS and the Martin County Coroner responded.

10:12 a.m. - Received a request for a VIN check south of Loogootee. Major Keller was advised.

12:29 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident south of Loogootee. Corporal Wells and Big John's Towing responded.

2:05 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire responded. Patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

3:18 p.m. - Received a call advising of a medical alarm in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded. No transport needed.

3:46 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting recovered stolen merchandise being found in Loogootee. Provided Loogootee Police the phone number.

6:12 p.m. - Received a 911 call. Call was transferred to Daviess County.

6:12 p.m. - Received a report of a missing dog. Notified Animal Control Officer Hughett.

6:15 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check south of Shoals. Corporal Wells responded.

8:24 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

1:29 a.m. - Received a report of a possible break in in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

7:02 a.m. - Received a report of a road

closure in Loogootee.

9:05 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a log hanging off a truck west of Shoals. Deputy Long responded.

9:06 a.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn in Shoals. Deputy Long was advised.

10:40 a.m. - Received a call of a possible domestic dispute in Shoals. Deputy Long and Loogootee Officer Rayhill responded.

11:14 a.m. - Received a call from Orange County requesting an ambulance to their county. Martin County EMS responded. Patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:15 p.m. - Received a request for assistance with a motorcycle ride getting through Loogootee.

1:00 p.m. - Received a report of animal abuse. Animal Control Officer Hughett was contacted.

1:35 p.m. - Received a request for a deputy in Shoals. Deputy Long responded.

3:14 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire responded. Patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

6:02 p.m. - Received a 911 call for an ambulance in Bloomington. The call was transferred.

6:24 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a vehicle pulling a boat with people in the boat north of Loogootee. Deputy Long responded.

6:37 p.m. - Received a report of possible harassment. Deputy Flanagan responded.

6:53 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Crane. Animal Control Officer Hughett was advised.

7:55 p.m. - Received an animal report south of Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was advised.

9:54 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious vehicles and discharge of a firearm in Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

10:26 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

10:38 p.m. - Received a report of a pedestrian walking north of Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan and Loogootee Officer Long responded.

11:43 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan, Martin County EMS, and Shoals Fire Department responded. Patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:54 p.m. - Received a report of a possible domestic dispute north of Shoals. A welfare check was requested. Deputy Flanagan responded.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

3:30 a.m. - Received a report of a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan responded.

3:35 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy about a welfare check north of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan was advised.

9:03 a.m. - Received a 911 call from Crane. Crane Dispatch was notified.

12:13 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down southeast of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department responded.

3:17 p.m. - Received a report of a medical alarm in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:02 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS, Shoals Fire and Air Evac responded. Air Evac transported one patient to Norton Children's Hospital in Louisville.

8:29 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was advised.

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCING

June 15

Gage A. Shands, convicted of operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class A Misdemeanor and operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 52 actual days previously served plus 52 Class A credit days.

June 21

Donald L. Hawkins, convicted of intimidation, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 730 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 158 actual days previously served plus 158 Class A credit days. Defendant shall serve the remainder of the sentence, 414 days, on electronically monitored home detention through Martin County Community Corrections, so long as defendant remains eligible. Also convicted of domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended. Defendant shall serve the executed sentence of 365 days on electronically monitored home detention through Martin County Community Corrections, so long as defendant remains eligible.

Brian M. Hammons, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 540 days with 474 days suspended and credit for 33 actual days previously served plus 33 Class A credit days. Defendant received 16 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

June 15

Gage A. Shands, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person,

ARRESTS

MONDAY, JUNE 20

11:46 a.m. - James Barnard, was arrested on a Martin County warrant for failure to appear. He is being held on no bond.

2:00 p.m. - Christopher Raney was arrested on a Martin County warrant. He is being held on no bond.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

9:00 a.m. John M. Osborne, 53, of Loogootee, was arrested by Captain Rayhill on a Daviess County warrant for possession of methamphetamine.

3:53 p.m. - Jacob Fox, 41, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Matthew on a Martin County warrant. He is being held on no bond.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

4:57 p.m. - Hannah Flynn, 36, of Loogootee, turned herself in on a Martin County warrant. Corporal Wells served the warrant. She is being held without bond.

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a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

June 21

Donald L. Hawkins, intimidation, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; disorderly conduct, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; intimidation, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; theft, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Brian M. Hammons, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

June 16

Devon N. Wagler vs. Tyler J. Wagler, petition for dissolution of marriage.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

June 16

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Cavalry SPV I, LLC and against the defendant Frank Fields in the amount of \$2,104.48.

June 17

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff DNF Associates, LLC and against the defendant Clint Sadler in the amount of \$1,433.84.

June 21

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Medical of Dubois and against the defendant Brett Vanhise in the amount of \$625.45.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Marcus W. Butcher of Loogootee and Cassandra M. Snyder of Loogootee.

'Operation Dry Water' to target boating while under the influence

The Independence Day holiday typically means more boaters spending more time on the water across the United States, which typically results in an increase in the number of boating incidents and fatalities.

As a result, from July 2-4, Indiana Conservation Officers, in partnership with the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) and the U.S. Coast Guard, will participate in the national Operation Dry Water heightened awareness and enforcement weekend.

During those days, law enforcement agencies from across the country will be focused on educating boaters about safe boating practices, including sober boating. Because alcohol use is the leading known contributing factor in recreational boater deaths, Indiana Conservation Officers will be working to increase public awareness of the dangers of boating under the influence of alcohol or drugs, for boat operators and their passengers.

Boaters during Independence Day weekend will notice an overall increase in officer patrols on the water and at recreational boating checkpoints.

Operating a vessel under the influence of drugs or alcohol is illegal on all bodies of water and can lead to serious injuries, death, property damage and legal consequences. Indiana Conservation Officers reminds boaters to always boat sober and to wear a life jacket when on or around the water. Visit operationdrywater.org or on.IN.gov/dnr/law for more information.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, JUNE 20

2:52 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth responded to a report of a possible impaired driver nearing Loogootee on US 50 West.

3:05 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth responded to Country Place Apartments in reference to a report of possible trespassers.

3:37 p.m. - Caller reported trespassing on private property.

6:06 p.m. - Officer Sims assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a report of a domestic disturbance.

7:33 p.m. - Officer Sims assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a report of a domestic disturbance.

9:15 p.m. - Officer Sims completed a welfare check.

10:21 p.m. - Officers Long and Sims assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a report of a domestic disturbance.

11:28 p.m. - Officers Sims and Long and first responders were dispatched to assist Martin County EMS with a medical call on US 50 East.

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

3:47 a.m. - Officer Sims responded to an alarm at a local business.

9:28 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Brooks House Road.

11:57 a.m. - Captain Rayhill responded to a report of a possible impaired driver nearing Loogootee on US 50 East.

6:45 p.m. - Officer Sims spoke with a complainant regarding a civil issue.

10:29 p.m. - Officers Erwin and Sims

Martin County real estate transfers

Eddie F. David and Patricia David, of Martin County, Indiana to Wilmer Miller and Mary Ellen Miller, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 13, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.07 acres, more or less.

Glenn David Hollandsworth, of Marion County, Indiana to Cynthia Lynn Bennett, of Hamilton County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 9, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, Mitcheltree Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 8.86 acres, more or less.

Northern Property & Development, LLC, of Daviess County, Indiana to 22402 Mahan Rd., LLC, of Johnson County, Indiana. Tract I: A part of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 3, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 43.944 acres, more or less. Tract II: A part of the northwest quarter of Section 2, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 70.550 acres, more or less. For a total of 114.494 acres, more or less.

Sheryl Hellums, of Martin County, Indiana to Mark D. Hellums and Carolyn K. Hellums and Charles D. Hellums, of Martin County, Indiana, 45 feet off of the west end of Lots Numbered 7, 8 and 9 in J.P. Arvin's Addition to Loogootee, Indiana.

assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department and EMS with a report of a possible overdose.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

2:10 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth spoke with a complainant regarding a battery.

7:05 p.m. - Officer Seymour spoke with a complainant regarding a civil dispute and possible trespassing.

10:22 p.m. - Officers Seymour responded to a domestic disturbance in Redwing Trailer Court.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

8:59 a.m. - Chief Means completed a welfare check.

10:14 a.m. - Officer Erwin responded to a local business regarding a shoplifter.

11:03 a.m. - Chief Means and Officer Erwin responded to a report of vandalism in Redwing Trailer Court.

11:15 a.m. - Chief Means and Officer Erwin responded to a report of an erratic driver nearing Loogootee on US 50 East.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

8:04 a.m. - Captain Rayhill assisted with a traffic issue on US 50 East.

11:02 a.m. - Captain Rayhill responded to a report of a possible impaired driver on North JFK Avenue.

2:18 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on North Line Street.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

1:35 a.m. - Officer Sims responded to a report of an open door at a local business.

10:45 a.m. - Captain Rayhill assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a domestic dispute.

12:21 a.m. - Captain Rayhill assisted with traffic for a motorcycle ride through town.

3:19 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Brickyard Road.

10:38 p.m. - Officer Long completed a welfare check on a pedestrian on US 231 North.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

2:36 p.m. - Captain Rayhill responded to a report of possible vandalism.

3:22 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Cedar Street.

6:09 p.m. - Officers Sims and Erwin assisted Martin County EMS with a medical call.

7:28 p.m. - Officers Erwin responded to a report of possible illegal drug activity.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

More Neat Stuff
By Ann Ackerman

THOUGHTS
 *Life is like soccer. You can either use your head or use a good swift kick.
 *Middle age is when your age starts showing around your middle.
 *Friday the 13th is still better than Monday the whatever.
 *If it walks like a duck and talks like a duck, you're drunk. Ducks don't talk.
 *The carpenter retired to become a baker and make pound cake.
 *You never know what you have until you clean your room.
 *Electricians have to strip to make ends meet.
 *Swimming on the moon is sheer luna sea.
 *With sufficient thrust, pigs fly just fine.
 *Never trust a clarinet. You can't believe everything you read.
 *Is running away from your problems a form of exercise?
 *A support group for people who talk too much? On An On Anon
 *Some of you need to give your inner child a timeout.
 *If you fall, I will catch you. -The Floor
 *If California has another earthquake, it's likely San Andreas' Fault.
 --
 *Military Truisms:
 1. Need to find an officer ASAP? Take a nap.
 2. Army food: the spoils of war.
 3. If you see a bomb disposal technician running, try to keep up with him.

son in two minutes? Show them the replay to the Kentucky Derby Race.
 1. Not the best starting position
 2. Not the biggest or best horse
 3. Only made it into the race on account of another horse having to scratch.
 4. \$30,000 horse against multi-million-dollar horse.
 It's not always about having the best of everything or being the biggest and favored. It's about the size of heart and dedication to win and excel in everything you do!
 Well done Rich Strike!

MORE THOUGHTS (Thanks cousin Phil)
 *Just once, I want the username and password prompt to say, "Close enough."
 *Becoming an adult is the dumbest thing I've ever done.
 *Did you hear about the restaurant on the moon? Great food, but no atmosphere.
 *If you see me talking to myself, just move along. I'm self-employed. We're having a meeting.
 *Your call is very important to us. Please enjoy this 40-minute flute solo."
 *I envy people who grow old gracefully. They age like a fine wine. I'm aging like milk: Getting sour and chunky.
 *Does anyone else have a plastic bag full of plastic bags, or is it just me?
 *I hate it when I can't figure out how to operate the iPad and my tech support guy is asleep. He's 5 and it's past his bedtime.

Y'all wanna teach your kids a life lesson in two minutes? Show them the replay to the Kentucky Derby Race.
Loogootee Alumni Banquet July 30

The annual Loogootee Schools Alumni Banquet is quickly approaching. This event is held each year for Loogootee High School and St. John High School graduates, their guests and family members and is believed to be the longest running such reunion anywhere. The event will be held Saturday, July 30 in the lower level of St. John Center.
 This year, the 50 year (1972) and 25 year (1997) honored classes will be introduced. In addition, members of the Loogootee High School Class of 1981 will be in attendance for their 41st Class re-union. Their 40th Class re-union was impacted by the pandemic.
 Patrick Summers, a world-renowned conductor as well as an LHS graduate of 1981, has been selected as the Out-

standing Alumnus of 2022. Patrick will be in attendance to receive this prestigious award.
 The event will begin with a social hour at 6 p.m. followed with a meal catered by Carla's Catering at 7 p.m. There will be a cash bar provided by the Schnitzelbank of Jasper.
 If your class would like to reserve seats regardless of the year of graduation, please note the year, school and number of tables you would like to reserve by completing the registration form below.
 Please send your reservation with your year of graduation and school along with \$25 per person to: Loogootee Schools Alumni, P.O. Box 78, Loogootee, IN 47553.

Loogootee Alumni Banquet registration form

Name _____

School _____

Year of graduation _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Registration deadline: July 23

Questions? Contact the following alumni committee members:
 Tracy Baker 317-292-5322 • Wayne Flick 317-752-3048
 Stephanie McAtee 812-295-6817 • Brenda Maule 630-660-9933
 Greg Bateman 812-709-8159 • Kay Summers 812-295-7249

Merit board meeting
 The Martin County Sheriff's Merit Board will meet in executive session at 12:00 p.m. (EST) Thursday, June 30, at the Martin County Sheriff's Office for the following: job performance evaluation of one or more individual employees as authorized under I.C. §5-14-1.5-6.1(b) (9) and to receive information about and interview prospective employees as authorized by I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(5). An open meeting will follow the executive session at 1:30 p.m.

Run Walk & Roll
 DSI Services will host their annual "Run Walk & Roll" on Saturday, July 2 at 8:30 a.m. at the Boggs Park beach. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. or in advance at www.dsiservices.org. The cost is \$30 which includes a t-shirt plus gate admission to the park, if you register in advance. Children in strollers are free. Extra t-shirts are available for \$20. All proceeds from the event go to Kidstuff Preschool in Martin and Daviess counties.

Free community dinner
 The Loogootee Christian Church, at 206 Sherman Street, is having their monthly free meal for the community on Thursday, July 7 from 6-8 p.m. at the church. This month, they will be having cold sandwiches, sides, desserts and drinks. All members of the community are invited to attend.

Carol Baker Open House
 Hoosier Uplands, WIC and the Martin County Health Department would like to invite the public to celebrate Carol Baker's retirement. An open house in her honor will be held Thursday, July 7 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Hoosier Uplands office at 127 Water Street, Shoals.

Mustering Elm Park meeting
 The next meeting for the Trinity Springs Mustering Elm Park Group will be Monday, July 11 because of the holiday on the 4th. It will be at 7 p.m. at the park. If you have ordered t-shirts, you can get them then. There are still shirts available for purchase by calling 812-276-6838.

St. Vincent Food Pantry
 The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, on Park Street in Loogootee, is open the fourth Thursday of the month except November and December when they are open the third Thursday. The hours are 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3:30 p.m.

LUMC Food Pantry
 The Loogootee United Methodist Church Food Pantry is open every Thursday (except the fourth Thursday) from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Mental Health Task Force
 The Martin County Mental Health Task Force meets via Zoom. If interested in being a part of the tax force, email echristmas@youthfirst.org or toddamy@iu.edu.

Celebrate Recovery meetings
 Celebrate Recovery meetings will be held every Tuesday at 6M 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.

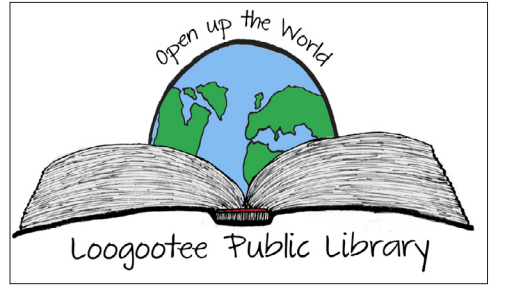
Free lunch for kids
 New Beginnings Community Church

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 second Wednesday of each month at noon 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.



BY DARLA WAGLER
 Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

On July 11, the Dino-Fun program will be at the Loogootee United Methodist Church on 208 W. Main St. They will have vacation bible school and their kids will join us for the Dino-Fun program. Please enter from Wood Street, entrance door marked # 4. This is program is available to kids enrolled in the summer reading program and LUMC vacation bible school participants. Dino-Fun is a free program sponsored by Doug Arvin.

The summer reading program ends on July 15 and all points will need to be turned in by July 16 and winners will be announced on Monday July 18.

New Books:
 Mystery: "The Girl Who Survived" by Lisa Jackson.

Fiction: "Suspects" by Danielle Steel and "Somebody like Santa" by Janet Daily.

Large Print: "Finding Her Amish Home" by Pamela Desmond Wright.

Library hours: Monday 10-7, Tuesday 10-5, Closed on Wednesday, Thursday 10-7, Friday 10-5, and Saturday 9-1. The library phone number is 812-295-3713 and 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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I am about to have a major life change that will affect my gardening. In a few days, I will be retiring from my job at the Southern Indiana Center for Independent Living. I will continue to pastor the Orleans and Leipsic United Methodist Churches, but I will no longer have a job to go to every day. It will be a big change for me, and I am counting on my garden to ease the transition.

Obviously, I will have more hours to spend in the garden. Perhaps I will finally get caught up with all the garden chores that I have been unable to do. I look around the garden and see a lot of weeds to pull. It seems I got behind earlier in the spring when I had some medical issues and just have been unable to get caught up. It seems that every time I am off, it rains. It will take a while to get there, but I will follow the shade around the yard and will eventually get things in shape.

I have several projects in various stages of development at Sandhill Gardens. While no garden is ever “finished”, I do want to get some of my projects done. I have a little more to do to get the moon garden to the point I want. I will have time to install the solar rope lights on the moon gate. I will hopefully find someone who will sandblast the old paint from the cast iron bench that will go there. Once the old paint is off, I will paint it a bright white that will blend in with the white flowers and the variegated plants that I have planted in that area. I will repair the light fountain and get everything mulched.

The gazebo and fire pit area are another project that has languished for several years. I have the bricks to complete a small patio for the old picnic table. I will need to get some sand for setting the bricks and more gravel to complete the sitting area around the fire pit. The gazebo needs a few repairs and some new lights. I also hope to install an outdoor ceiling fan there, so it will become an even more welcome place of respite on

hot days.

I have some decisions to be made about the bog garden. It has been a long time since the waterfalls worked, and I am not sure the budget will allow the repairs that would be needed there. It gets a little out of hand, but I do enjoy the rushes and other bog plants. I sometimes forget to put the mosquito dunks in the small pond, but the increase in available time may help me keep that chore up to date. The flagpole in the area will get a new solar light and a new flag. I had to do some searching, but I found a flag that is made in America. It just seems wrong to fly an American flag that is made in China. The old turtle bench also needs to get a new home. I have not decided where I want it, but it should be out where it is more accessible, and I can enjoy the whimsy of sitting on the back of a giant turtle.

A large portion of the property at Sandhill Gardens lies in the great gulf west of the cliff. While I want this area to remain a wild area, I need to attack some invasive plants. My worst two offenders are Japanese honeysuckle and multiflora rose. Both are stubborn plants, but I want to get busy cutting them and may have to resort to some herbicides to kill the roots. I will clear some debris from the area and will begin working on the walking paths I have long wanted to create for visitors who want a more challenging hike than walking the garden paths.

I also hope to use some time to visit more gardens. I have been compiling lists of gardens and parks, both near and far, that I would like to see. Of course, those visits will supply new material for this column and new ideas for Sandhill Gardens.

It is obvious that I will have plenty to keep me busy in retirement. I pray God will grant me good health to allow me to do these things. Once I get finished with the garden list, I could resort to cleaning house. Not likely.

Daviess-Martin County producers have until August 1 to submit FSA county committee nominations

Farmers and ranchers have until August 1, 2022, to nominate candidates to serve on the Daviess-Martin County Farm Service Agency (FSA) Committee. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) accepts nominations each year in certain Local Administrative Areas (LAAs) for individuals to serve on these locally led committees.

“The August 1 deadline is quickly approaching,” said Kathy Fears, Executive Director for FSA in Daviess-Martin County. “Committee members play a critical role in the day-to-day operations of the agency and are vital to how FSA carries out disaster programs, as well as conservation, commodity and price support programs. This is your opportunity to have a say in how federal programs are delivered in our county.”

This year, Daviess-Martin County is accepting nominations for LAA 3 and LAA 4. LAA 3 includes Van Buren, Barr, and Reeve townships in Daviess County. LAA 4 includes Perry, Rutherford, and parts of Center and Mitcheltree townships that are located north and west of the White River in Martin County. Agricultural producers who participate or cooperate in a USDA program and reside in the LAA up for election this year, may

be nominated for candidacy for the county committee. A cooperating producer is someone who has provided information about their farming or ranching operation to FSA, even if they have not applied or received program benefits.

Nationwide, more than 7,700 dedicated members of the agricultural community serve on FSA county committees. The committees are made up of three to 11 members who serve three-year terms. Individuals may nominate themselves or others and qualifying organizations may also nominate candidates. USDA encourages minority producers, women and beginning farmers or ranchers to nominate, vote, and hold office.

Producers should contact their local FSA office today to register and find out how to get involved in their county’s election, including if their LAA is up for election this year. To be considered, a producer must be registered and sign an FSA-669A nomination form. Urban farmers should use an FSA-669-A-3 for urban county committees. The form and other information about FSA county committee elections are available at fsa.usda.gov/elections.

Election ballots will be mailed to eligible voters beginning November 7, 2022.

Reserved hunt applications open July 1 under new system

Beginning July 1, hunters can apply for a variety of reserved hunts online by visiting on.IN.gov/reservedhunt.

This year, instead of one application period for all draws, they are split into a few different date windows. The reason for the change is to help hunters more easily plan for their hunts and thereby increase the number of hunters able to participate.

The online method is the only way to apply for the hunts listed below. No late entries will be accepted. Applicants must possess a hunting license that is valid for the hunt for which they are applying.

Hunters will be selected through a random computerized drawing. Applicants will be able to view draw results online within two weeks after the application period has closed. An email will be sent to all applicants when draws have been completed.

Applications for the following hunting opportunities open July 1. Applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. ET on August 1:

Dove Hunts: Applicants may select the desired date and property. Due to inclement spring weather, other crops may have been planted in place of or along with sunflowers. Participating properties include the following Fish & Wildlife areas (FWAs): Atterbury, Goose Pond, Jasper-Pulaski, Kankakee, Kingsbury, Pigeon River, Willow Slough, and Winamac.

Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge Youth Deer Hunt: Muscatatuck NWR will host one reserved firearm deer hunt for youth, September 24-25.

Indiana Private Lands Access (IPLA) Hunts: IPLA will offer reserved hunts for squirrel and youth deer on private lands. Hunt dates and locations can be seen when applying.

Applications for the following hunting opportunities open August 22. Applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. ET on September 23:

FWA Waterfowl Hunts: Participating FWAs include Goose Pond, Hovey Lake, Kingsbury, Kankakee, and LaSalle. Province Pond Wetland Conservation Area, managed by J.E. Roush Lake FWA, will also participate.

FWA Deer Hunts: Deer Creek and Fairbanks Landing will host firearm season hunts.

State Park Deer Hunts: State parks participating include Brown County, Chain O’Lakes, Charlestown, Fort Harrison, Harmonie, Lincoln, McCormick’s Creek, Ouabache, Pokagon, Potato Creek, Prophetstown, Shades, Shakamak, Summit Lake, Tippecanoe River, and Whitewater Memorial. Trine State Recreation Area

Kayak tour at Patoka Lake on Saturday, July 16

Patoka Lake is hosting a kayak tour on Saturday, July 16 at 9 a.m. leaving from the Wall’s Lake boat ramp.

The journey will travel along remnants of Wall’s Lake dam to the “lake within a lake.” Beaver, osprey, bald eagles, and other wildlife can often be seen on the route.

Participants should arrive at the ramp no later than 8:45 a.m. to unload equipment and register. Non-motorized lake permits are required and will be sold at the event for \$5. Permits can also be purchased at the Patoka Lake office from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

For more information regarding this program or other interpretive events, please call the Nature Center at 812-685-2447.

Patoka Lake (on.IN.gov/patokalake) is at 3084 N. Dillard Road, Birdseye, IN 47513.

and Cave River Valley Natural Area will also participate.

Wildlife Refuge (NWR) Deer Hunts: Properties participating include Big Oaks and Muscatatuck, each of which will draw archery, firearms, and muzzleloader deer hunts.

November Gamebird Area (GBA) Hunts: Reserved hunts will be held on Game Bird Areas in northern Indiana (Benton, Jasper, Newton, Warren, and White counties). Hunters may choose from a variety of hunt dates. These are not put/take pheasant hunts.

Indiana Private Lands Access (IPLA) Hunts: IPLA will offer reserved hunts for game birds and deer on private lands.

Applications for the following hunting opportunities open October 3. Applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. ET on October 31.

December Gamebird Area (GBA) Hunts: Reserved hunts will be held on Game Bird Areas in northern Indiana (Benton, Jasper, Newton, Warren, and White counties). Hunters may choose from a variety of hunt dates. These are not put/take pheasant hunts.

Indiana Private Lands Access (IPLA) Hunts: IPLA will offer reserved hunts for rabbit on private lands.

Additional hunting opportunities: Camp Atterbury (National Guard property) has decided not to allocate deer hunting opportunities through the Indiana DNR reservation system. For details on how to apply for hunting opportunities at Camp Atterbury, see atterbury.isportsman.net. Email questions to ng.in.inarnng.mbx.hunting-program@army.mil or call 812-5261499, ext. 61375.

Please note that for all opportunities listed, only one application per hunt is allowed. No changes can be made once an application is submitted.

The application process is now consolidated into the online services website along with licenses, CheckIN Game, and HIP registration. An online account is not required to apply, but you must have a Customer ID number.

Hunts without a registration fee will follow the same process as those with a fee. To register for hunts with no fee required, applicants will be asked to “Add to Cart,” “Proceed to Checkout,” and “Place Order.” If the transaction total is \$0, the applicant will not be asked to enter credit card information. Applicants must place an order to submit their application.

To view draw results, applicants can log into their online services account or click “View hunt draw results” at on.IN.gov/reservedhunt. From there, applicants should select “Click here” under Reserved Hunts to see the status of registered hunts. The link will only show upcoming hunts that an individual has registered for. Logging into an account online is required to see the full history of past hunt registrations.

More information is available at on.IN.gov/reservedhunt.

Thunder Over Patoka fireworks display is July 2

Patoka Lake is hosting its 16th annual Thunder Over Patoka fireworks display at Patoka Lake beach on Saturday, July 2 at 10 p.m. The display can also be viewed from the section C viewing area in the 300-loop of the modern campground for those camping at Patoka.

Music themed to the event will be played on WITZ-FM 104.7, at witzamfm.com or from WITZ-FM’s smartphone app. The beach is expected to fill quickly, so plan to arrive early to secure a spot. Beach concessions will be open.