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36th Catfish Festival starts tomorrow

The 36th annual Shoals Catfish Festival will start Thursday, July 1. The business decorating contest will be held at 5 p.m. followed by Kids & Chalk on Sidewalk in front of G&R Variety at 6 p.m. The annual benefit auction will start at 7 p.m. at the fire station.

On Friday, softball and basketball tournaments will be held at the ballpark at 6 p.m. Opening ceremonies for the festival will be held on the main stage at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Catfish Queen contest at 6:45 p.m. A kickball tournament starts at the ballpark at 7 p.m. and the Great Catfish Talent Show will be held on the main stage at 8:30 p.m.

On Saturday, July 3, the day kicks off with a 5K walk and run at 7:30 a.m. The annual parade will start at 10:30 a.m. followed by a cornhole tournament at 11 a.m. at the boat landing. A horseshoe tournament will begin at noon on the boat landing and also at noon will be a youth volleyball tournament at the ballpark. The big catfish contest weighing will be held from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Shoals Fire Station on Water Street



and the fish will be on display until 2 p.m. The kickball tournament that started Friday night will resume at the ballpark at 3 p.m. on Saturday followed by a pickle ball tournament at 4 p.m. "Rumble By The River" Wrestling will take to the main stage at 7 p.m. along with the Valley Wine and Spirit band, featuring Austin Jones, Alex Tedrow, Kendall Bratton, and Ethan Jones.

On Sunday, July 4, Independence Day, an adult volleyball tournament will start at 9 a.m. at the ballpark. An egg toss will take place in front of the post office at 2 p.m. A catfish cooking contest will be held on the east side of the post office at 3 p.m. A gospel sing, featuring Judith Montgomery and family, The Isbell Family, Robert Sullivan and Katie Brett, will be held on the main stage at 6 p.m. Fireworks will conclude the festival at 10 p.m. at the ballpark.

The Martin County Museum will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. An open house at the Albright House on High Street will be held on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Commissioners hire Milestone for next round of road paving

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

Of the two bids opened at the last Martin County Commissioners' meeting for the paving of the Community Crossings grant, Milestone was the low bid at \$1,091,667.66. The commissioners approved their bid at their meeting Tuesday night, June 29.

The 11.3 miles of roads to be completed as part of this round of grant funding include Mill Road, from Lauck Lane to Albright Store Road; Mt. Olive Road from Cale Road to Low Gap Road; Chicken Farm Road, from the Shoals town limits to East River Road; Rusk Road, from Emmons Ridge Road to the county line; Reinhart Road, from Mt. Calvary Road to Wildman Road. The paving is scheduled, per the bid, to be completed by October 29 of this year.

Sheriff Travis Roush brought his hiring, referral and retention bonus plans to the commissioners for approval. He presented the bonus structure to the county council at their last meeting however the commissioners are in charge of approving new policy. The hiring bonus he suggested would give \$500 to a new employee after they reach 90 days of employment and then another \$500 after 90 more days. The referral bonus would give the referring employee \$500 after the person they recommended is employed for 180 days.

The retention bonus has tiers based on how long the employee is with the de-

partment. After 2 years, the employee would receive a \$500 bonus; at six years, the employee would receive \$1,000; at 11 years, the employee would get \$1,500 and at 16 years, the bonus would be \$2,000.

Roush explained to the commissioners that the bonuses would be contingent on how well the commissary fund does each year. If there are not funds available in commissary, no bonuses will be given. No money will come from the general fund.

The commissioner approved each bonus policy.

Sheriff Roush also requested approval to create two new positions for assistant jail commander and assistant dispatch commander, with each person receiving a \$1,000 salary increase. Roush had told the council at their last meeting that he needs to have the assistants to keep the flow going when the jail commander and dispatch commander are on vacation or are out sick. The positions will not be hired as new employees, they will be promotions from within the jail.

Commissioner Paul George asked the sheriff if the council will be able to fund the salary increases. Roush replied that he presented the idea to the council at their last meeting and although he doesn't want to speak for them, they seemed to be ready to approve the increases. The commissioners agreed to create the positions but left the salary increases up to the council.

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Martin County's jobless rate at 3 percent for May

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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Martin County's unemployment rate edged up slightly in May to 3 percent, from 2.9 percent the month before. The county had the eighth lowest jobless rate in the state for May.

In May, the county had 5,435 residents in the workforce and 161 of them were unemployed. In April, there were 5,278 residents able to work and 153 of them were without jobs.

In May of last year, Martin County's unemployment rate was 5.6 percent with 5,407 residents in the workforce and 303 of them were without jobs.

Daviess County's jobless rate also bumped up slightly from 2.5 percent in April to 2.9 percent in May. The county had the seventh lowest unemployment rate in the state for May.

In May, the county had 16,966 residents in the workforce and 484 of them were without work. In April, there were 16,557 residents able to work and 418 of them were unemployed. In May of 2020, Daviess County's jobless rate was 5.4 percent with 16,424 residents in the workforce and 883 of them were without work.

Dubois County's unemployment rate went unchanged from April to May, staying at 2.8 percent. The county had the fourth lowest jobless rate in the state for May, tied with Hamilton and Union counties.

In May, the county had 23,623 residents in the workforce and 668 of them were without jobs. In April, there were 23,179 residents able to work and 653 of them were unemployed. In May of last year, Dubois County's jobless rate was 5.5 percent with 22,445 residents able to work and 1,233 of them unemployed.

Greene County's unemployment rate

also went unchanged from April to May at 4.2 percent. The county had the 25th highest jobless rate in the state in May, tied with Brown and Tippecanoe counties.

In May, the county had 13,485 residents in the workforce and 565 of them were unemployed. In April, there were 13,336 residents able to work and 562 of them were without jobs. In May of 2020, Greene County's jobless rate was 8.8 percent with 13,068 residents able to work and 1,155 of them were unemployed.

The top ten spots in the state for lowest unemployment rate for May were Adams County at 2.5 percent, LaGrange County at 2.6 percent, Boone County at 2.7 percent, Union, Hamilton and Dubois counties at 2.8 percent; Daviess County at 2.9 percent, Martin County at 3 percent, and White, Wells, Steuben, Spencer, Ohio, Kosciusko, and Gibson counties at 3.1 percent.

The top ten spots in the state for highest jobless rate for May were Lake County at 8.3 percent, Howard County at 7.7 percent, LaPorte County at 6.2 percent, Vigo County at 5.5 percent, Fayette and Marion counties at 5.4 percent, Miami and Porter counties at 5.3 percent, Madison County at 5.1 percent, and St. Joseph and Starke counties at 5 percent.

Indiana's unemployment rate stands at 4.0 percent for May, and the national rate is 5.8 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 increase of 6,370 over the previous month. This was a result of an increase of 3,292 unemployed residents and an increase of 3,078 employed residents.

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Summerfest queens

-Photo by Amber Gilbertson

Shown above are the royalty crowned on opening night of the Loogootee Summerfest, last Thursday, June 24. From left to right are Tiny Tot Queen Tenlee Mathias, daughter of Ryan and Holly Mathias; Little Miss Queen Aubri Jo Gilbertson, daughter of Derek and Amber Gilbertson; Junior Miss Queen Caitlyn Meade, daughter of Brayten and Stacy Meade; and Miss Summerfest Queen Olivia Dant, daughter of Brian and Trisha Dant.

COMMISSIONERS

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Sheriff Roush reported there are currently 70 inmates in the jail and 33 of them are from Vigo County.

Ernie Abel, of Burns City, came to the commissioners to update them on the progress of clean-up at his property, after complaints were brought to the commissioners several months ago. Abel said he has removed everything except a car trailer from the county-owned lot next to his property. Commissioner George said they will be at the county-owned lot the weekend of July 12 to mow and asked that the trailer be removed by then. George asked Abel to return at the end of the month to give another clean-up update.

Auditor Bobbie Abel said that Jamison Hibbs submitted two recommendations for replacing Carol Richer on the Innkeepers' Board - Amy Todd and Crystal Machino. The commissioner approved Crystal Machino for the position.

Commissioner George requested the next commissioners' meeting be moved to Wednesday, July 14 instead of July 13. He said he would like to attend a live-

stock auction. The other commissioners agreed. The meeting will remain at 5:30 p.m.

Clerk Gerald Montgomery presented a bid from Wagler & Sons for the remodel of the clerk's office with the painting costs removed for \$13,778.60. Another firm was hired to do the wall prep and painting, so Wagler & Sons was asked to modify their bid. The commissioners approved the new bid.

Highway Superintendent Scott Seals said they are still doing mowing and filling potholes around the county and getting things ready for the Catfish Festival this week.

RATE

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Indiana's total labor force, which includes both Hoosiers employed and those seeking employment, stands at 3.34 million, and the state's 63.2 percent labor force participation rate remains above the national rate of 61.6 percent.

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

Employment by Sector

Private sector employment has increased by 234,800 over the year and decreased by 2,700 over the previous month. The monthly decrease is primarily due to losses in the Manufacturing (-3,600) and the Trade, Transportation and Utilities (-700) sectors. Losses were offset by gains in the Leisure and Hospitality (1,900) and the Construction (400) sectors. Total private employment stands at 2,620,800, which is 119,700 below the December 2019 peak.



Making A Difference

By Curt Johnson
MCCF Director



-- INDEPENDENCE DAY --

Independence Day. Such a great day in our history. 245 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 245 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 245 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 --

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Wednesday, June 30, 2021

GEORGIA ACKERMAN

Georgia Ann Ackerman passed away at 1:50 a.m. Thursday, June 24, 2021, at her home. A resident of Loogootee, she was 78.



She was born July 9, 1942, in Indianapolis; daughter of the late George and Winifred (Fetic) Carrico.

GEORGIA ACKERMAN

Georgia married Albert T. "Skip" Ackerman on September 30, 1961, and together they raised four children.

She retired from NSWC Crane after approximately 20 years of employment. She loved her family, grandchildren and working outdoors. She loved sweets and especially enjoyed ice cream. Georgia was a volunteer at the St. Vincent De Paul Food Bank and was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

Georgia was preceded in death by her parents, George and Winifred Carrico and sister, Beverly (Bill) Vaughan.

She is survived by her husband, Skip of Loogootee; sons, Eric (Susan) Ackerman of Ellettsville, Cameron Ackerman of Loogootee and Brant (Renee) Ackerman of Washington; grandchildren, Jill (Michael) Winingier, Bryant (Brittany) Ackerman, Abby (Luke Harmon) Ackerman, Nicholas Ackerman, Brooke (Jeff) Mackey, Taylor (Amie) Abram, Mikaela (Reed) Norton, Maura (Brian) Brown, Noah, Azeria and Analiese Ackerman; 11 great-grandchildren; nephew, Brent (Carrie) Vaughan; niece, Cara (Russ Kaufman) Vaughan; and sister-in-law, Ann Ackerman.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Monday, June 28 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee, officiated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be St. Vincent De Paul Food Bank.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee is honored to serve the family of Georgia Ackerman.

FRANCIS BURNETT

Francis Earl Burnett passed away peacefully Thursday June 24, 2021, at Ketcham Memorial Center in Odon. A resident of Odon, he was 86.

He was born August 13, 1934, in Monticello, Kentucky; son of Wendell and Ethel (Gregory) Burnett.

Francis married Mary Ruth Burnett and she preceded him in death on January 26, 2009. He was a member of the Shiloh Church of God. Frances was a lifelong farmer.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Mary Ruth; his parents, five brothers, and three sisters.

Francis is survived by his children, Billy Joe (Debra) Burnett of Cecilia, Kentucky; Brenda Marie (John) Archer of Raglesville, Jeff (Lisa) Burnett of Owensboro, Kentucky; Donna Sue (Norris) Davis of Raglesville, Gary (Jeanine) Burnett of Lebanon, Tennessee; Timothy (Susan) Burnett of Russellville, Kentucky; 13 grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, brother, Kenneth Burnett of Monticello, Kentucky; his sister, Jean Kendrick of Monticello, Kentucky, and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was conducted Tuesday June 29 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee with Harley Archer officiating. Burial followed in Walnut Hill Cemetery in Odon.

Online condolences can be made at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Arrange-

ments by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

DALE TEDROW

Dale Tedrow entered into eternal rest on June 15, 2021, at Springs Valley Meadows in French Lick. A resident of French Lick, he was 83.



He was born in Martin County on July 8, 1937; son of Ivan and Lola (Parsons) Tedrow.

He married Mattie Alice Belcher on July 7, 1957, and she survives. Dale retired from Jasper Engines and enjoyed farming and raising goats.

He was preceded in death by his parents; seven brothers, Charles Vernon, Walter Ted, George Milford, Robert, Edward and his twin, Dean Tedrow; and two sisters, Lueverdia Chattin and Ruth Neideffer.

He is survived by his wife, Mattie Tedrow of French Lick; three daughters, Martha Jones (Art) of Dubois, Diane Parks (Bob) of West Baden Springs, and Pamala Ferguson of Indiana; four grandchildren, Shane Jones, Cody Jones, Derek Ferguson and Rebecca Ferguson; best fur buddy, Dryfus; and special friend, Ann Lynch. Special thanks to John Moffatt.

Cremation was chosen and a private graveside service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are in the care of Brosmer-Kemple Funeral Home of French Lick. Condolences may be made at brosmer-kemplefuneralhome.com.

AUDREY JONES

Audrey June Jones passed away June 25, 2021, at her home. A resident of Shoals, she was 93.

She was born December 13, 1927, in Martin County; the daughter of Charles Levi and Nellie (Hardesty) Hopkins. She married Jacob Jones in 1946, in Vincennes and he preceded her in death in 2004.

Audrey was a graduate of Shoals High School, worked at Crane during WWII then again during the Vietnam War helping with the war effort. She was also a homemaker.

Survivors include three daughters, Mary Jones McBride of Dubois, Sharon Rose (Greg) Hawkins of French Lick and Thelma Silvers of Orleans; four sons, Charles E. (Shirley) of Dubois, Jacob E. (Carol) Jones of Dubois, Joseph W. (Aloaha) Jones of Shoals and Kenneth R. (Tracy) of Shoals; 23 grandchildren, numerous great grandchildren, many nieces, nephews and cousins; and one sister, Darlene Roach of Plainville.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, grandson, Roger McBride; great grandson, Johnny Jones; and brother-in-law, L.B. Silvers.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 28 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with Pastor Harley Archer officiating. Burial followed in the Spring Hill Cemetery.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes has been entrusted with the arrangements.

MAXINE GREENWELL

Joyce Maxine Greenwell passed away Monday, June 21, 2021, at Cedarhurst of Bloomington. A resident of Shoals, she was 88.

She was born May 19, 1933, in Shoals; the daughter of John and Opal (Bledsoe) Fawcett.

She married Kenneth Raymond Greenwell, and he preceded her in death in Oc-

tober 1971.

Maxine was a graduate of Shoals High School with the Class of 1951. She retired from Crane (CAAA) in June 1988 after 35 years of federal service. After retirement from Crane, Maxine worked for Schilli Transportation for several years.

Maxine was a wonderful cook and enjoyed preparing meals to share. She especially enjoyed cooking for her family, friends and her "Schilli Boys."

She was a longtime member of Hickory Ridge United Methodist Church where she served as church treasurer for many years. She later attended Hindostan United Methodist Church.

Surviving to cherish her memory are her children, Greg (Madelyn) Souerdike of Indianapolis, Michol Jones of Shoals and Stephanie Greenwell of Bloomington; grandchildren, Travis Souerdike and twin grandsons, Caleb and Cole Baker; great-grandchildren, Brayden Souerdike, and Elizabeth Souerdike; sister, Dora Bardwell of Huntingburg and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and one sister, Faye Shobe.

Cremation was chosen, and a celebration of life service will be planned for a later date.

If you wish to make a donation in memory of Maxine, the family suggests the Martin County Humane Society or to the Alzheimer's Association.

DEBBIE GIBSON

Debbie F. Gibson passed away on June 27, 2021, at her home. A resident of Shoals, she was 62.

She was born July 8, 1958, in Washington; daughter of William Wilson and Alba Gertrude (Connell) Tedrow.

Debbie was a member of Poplar Grove Church. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

Debbie married Larry Gibson in 1976 and he preceded her in death on January 27, 2008. She is also preceded in death by her parents, William and Alba Tedrow; her brothers, Donald Tedrow and Daniel Tedrow; and her brother-in-law, Marvin Tedrow.

She is survived by her son, Larry (Ashley Price) Gibson; her grandchildren, Gunner J. Gibson and Kaiden T. Gibson; her siblings, Delema "Dee" Tedrow, David (Debbie) Tedrow, and Dennis "Butch" (Susan) Tedrow; her friend, Dwayne "Spider" Padgett; and several nieces, nephews, and friends.

Funeral services were held today, Wednesday June 30, at noon at Poplar Grove Wesleyan Church with Rev. Jerry Sanders to officiate. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Blake Funeral Home in memory of Debbie.

Online condolences can be made at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Arrangements provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

HERSHEL GRABER

Hershel Lynn Graber went home to be with his Lord June 21, 2021, after a year-long valiant battle with cancer. He was surrounded by his wife, Karen, and other family and friends at the time of his passing. A resident of Loogootee, he was 72.

Hershel was born November 19, 1948; son of John "Ervin" Graber and Martha Mae (Slaubaugh) Graber. He married Betty Jean (Stoll) in 1968, they raised two sons together in Loogootee. They later divorced. He married Karen (Risk) on August 31, 2002. They worshipped at Harvest Community Fellowship in Washington.

Hershel was the fifth of 11 children. He grew up on a dairy farm near Loogootee.



HERSHEL GRABER

He graduated from Barr-Reeve High School in 1967. Following graduation, he worked at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville for two years in the I-W Service to fulfill his military requirements. The hospital offered him a job managing medical supplies for the entire hospital, but he decided to go into partnership with his father and brother, Keith, on the dairy farm. After 10 years, he farmed on his own raising grain and livestock.

In 1995, Hershel and his son, Brian, started Graber Insealators, a foam insulation business. He was a pioneer to bring this service to the southern Indiana/Kentucky area. He attended a lot of trade shows to educate the public about foam insulation. The business grew and expanded to the Louisville area. Hershel trained and mentored his employees and treated them like family. In September 2018, he sold the business and worked under the new ownership as a salesman for 2+ years.

Hershel enjoyed the water. He and Karen and the grandchildren spent a lot of time on Boggs Lake, skiing, jet skiing, swimming, boating, and fishing. He recently competed in antique tractor pulling with his Allis-Chalmers WD-45 tractor, winning many of his events.

Hershel had an unwavering faith in God which he shared with those who surrounded him. Hershel was reunited in Heaven with his parents, J. Ervin and Martha Graber; brothers, Nathan Graber and Curt Graber; sister-in-law, Carol (Knepp) Graber; brothers-in-law, Dan Weare, Harold Johnson, and Dave Green, and niece, Camilla (Graber) Lengacher.

He is survived by his wife, Karen; sons, Brian (Melissa) Graber and Kevin (Darby) Graber; seven grandchildren, Jakob Graber, James (Katrina) Graber, Jayce Graber, Jordan (fiancé' Chrystina Kidwell), Joshua (Brittany) Graber, Jaleena Graber, and Janae Graber; four great grandchildren, Libby, Akron, Bricklynn, and Parker; siblings, Glenda Weare, Keith (Gwen) Graber, Violet and Nelson Gusler, Perry (Diane) Graber, Nadine Johnson, Velda Green, Marlin (Debbie) Graber, and Marjean and Darrel Swartzentruber. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, July 4, from 4 p.m.-7 p.m. at Providence Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall in Montgomery. Funeral Services will be held on Monday, July 5, at Providence Mennonite Church. There will be a graveside service for close family and friends at 10 a.m. followed by a Celebration of Hershel's life at 11 a.m. A fellowship meal for all will follow the service.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Cup of Joy Project in Louisville, Kentucky, a favorite ministry of Hershel's. Esther Lyon is the founder of The Haven Ministries and Cup of Joy Project, whom Hershel met while working in Louisville. The Haven Ministries or Cup of Joy buys old bars and turns them into coffee shops/cafes, homes for women. They feed the homeless, minister to the neighborhood, and help those with addictions. They help people obtain their GED's, with legal matters, and life skills. This organization became very dear to Hershel. The upcoming building is being dedicated to Hershel for all this help and support. Checks may be payable to: The Haven Ministries or Cup of Joy, 2415 Portland Ave., Louisville, KY 40212. Phone is 502-612-5214. Find on (See 'OBITUARIES' on page 4)

Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, JUNE 21

2:58 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded, and all was secure.

7:32 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

9:02 a.m. - Received a request for a dwelling check in Shoals. Major Keller and Deputy Seymour responded.

10:08 a.m. - Deputy Seymour assisted a motorist in Crane with two vehicle identification checks.

11:35 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Crane. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

2:00 p.m. - Major Keller assisted a motorist in Shoals with a vehicle unlock.

2:54 p.m. - Received a report of a tree limb blocking the road south of Shoals. Lost River Fire responded.

3:56 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing near Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

4:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:31 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

9:33 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving near Shoals. Captain Reed and Deputy Wells responded.

10:24 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Captain Reed, Deputy Wells, and Loogootee Sergeant McBeth responded.

TUESDAY, JUNE 22

8:42 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Police responded.

9:54 a.m. - Deputy Seymour took three inmates to court.

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

3:42 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Floyd responded.

4:20 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Police responded.

4:30 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Deputy Shaw and Town Marshal Eckert responded.

8:03 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled semi on US 50, east of Shoals. Deputy Shaw and Deputy Wells responded.

8:08 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

11:43 p.m. - Captain Reed assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock in Loogootee.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

9:02 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

11:53 a.m. - Received a cat complaint near Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

2:49 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took one inmate to court.

4:18 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Police responded.

5:21 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire, Deputy Wells, Town Marshal Eckert, and Deputy Shaw responded.

6:31 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. Indian Creek Fire

responded.

6:46 p.m. - Received a report of threats in Crane. Deputy Wells responded.

7:56 p.m. - Received a cat complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

9:25 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Police responded.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24

3:38 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled car on US 231, North of Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant McBeth assisted the motorist.

3:47 a.m. - Captain Reed assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

7:11 a.m. - Received a report of a fire south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire, Major Keller, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

8:50 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

10:11 a.m. - Deputy Seymour took two inmates to court.

11:06 a.m. - Deputy Seymour took two inmates to court.

12:04 p.m. - Received a report of a possible theft in Crane. ISP responded.

3:34 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took three inmates to court.

4:30 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled semi on US 50, west of Shoals. Reserve Deputy Dorsey and the Martin County Civil Defense responded.

4:37 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:48 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire, and Reserve Deputy Dorsey responded. No one was transported.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25

2:02 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

5:53 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26

12:45 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. Crane Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

6:15 a.m. - Received a report of a disturbance near Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson, Deputy Flanagan, Loogootee Officer Seymour, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

9:12 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:57 a.m. - Deputy Flanagan assisted a motorist in Shoals with a vehicle identification check.

11:19 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

3:58 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Police responded.

5:08 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

5:16 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Rayhill and Loogootee Officer Wells responded.

7:15 p.m. - Received a report of an impaired driver near Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

8:07 p.m. - Deputy Shaw assisted a motorist north of Shoals with a vehicle unlock.

10:00 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

SUNDAY, JUNE 27

7:20 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:31 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:01 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and

OBITUARIES

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Facebook, "Cup of Joy Project."

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Blake & Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery is honored to serve the family of Hershel Graber.

JOHN KNEPP

John Knepp passed away at 6:30 a.m. Sunday, June 27, 2021, at Independent



Village in Fishers. A resident of Montgomery, he was 73.

He was born April 23, 1948, in Daviess County; son of the late Ezra and Edith (Wagler) Knepp.

John married Maria (Duncheon) Knepp on June 5, 1971, and she preceded him in death on June 18, 2020.

John was a proud educator at Loogootee High School and taught drivers' education and shop for 30 years. He loved his grandchildren, Barr-Reeve sports, and competitive bass fishing. John was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church and the Indiana State Teacher Association.

He was preceded in death by an infant son, Patrick Knepp; wife, Maria Knepp; parents, Ezra and Edith (Wagler) Knepp; and brother-in-law, Richard Schrock.

John is survived by his children, Jon-Jon (Jennifer) Knepp of Fishers, Jeremy (Natalie) Knepp of Montgomery, Justin (Ara) Knepp of Fishers and Mimi (Scott) Hoyer of Fishers; grandchildren, Beatrice, Walker, Eleanor and Holden Knepp, Sophia, Dominic, Maverick and Barrett Knepp, Beckham, Ryker and Kyler Knepp, Penelope, Conrad, Jude and Roland Hoyer; siblings, Vernon (Nancy) Knepp of Montgomery, Mary Catherine "Cap" (Dave) Stutzman of Sarasota, Florida; Shirley (Gary) Stutzman of Sarasota, Florida; Sue Schrock of Montgomery, Jean (Tom) Renno of Sarasota, Lee (Lynn) Knepp of Montgomery, Sharon (Eugene) Yancey of Sarasota and Ruth Ann Rentie of San Jose, California; and many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Rev. Sudhakar Bhasati at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 1 at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Montgomery. Burial will follow in St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, June 30 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Montgomery and Thursday, July 1 from 9 a.m. until the time of service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Daviess County Right to Life or St. Peter's Catholic Church.

Condolences may be made online at

www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Arrangements were provided by Blake & Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery.

7:33 p.m. - Deputy Shaw assisted a motorist with a vehicle identification check near Loogootee.

7:53 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

8:47 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Orange County Ambulance and Lost River Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:30 p.m. - Received a report of an impaired driver on US 50 near Shoals. Captain Reed and Deputy Shaw responded.

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GLORIA BEATTY

Gloria Jean Beatty entered into eternal rest on June 25, 2021, at Springs Valley Meadows in French Lick. A resident of French Lick, she was 86.

She was born in Indian Springs, Martin County, on February 11, 1935; daughter of Cleo E. and Mabel A. (George) Bateman.

Gloria married Jackie A. Beatty on April 12, 1955, and he preceded her in death on May 26, 2014.

She was also preceded in death by her parents.

Gloria was a graduate of Shoals High School, she worked at the Five & Dime Store in French Lick for 18 years and was a homemaker.

She loved animals, enjoyed word searches and spending time with family.

Gloria is survived by two daughters, Jacqueline Sue Glass (Joey) of French Lick and Alycia Jan Sisco of West Baden Springs; brother, Jerry L. Bateman of Cale; four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

A funeral ceremony will be conducted by Pastor John Moffatt on Thursday, July 1 at 1 p.m. at Brosmer-Kemple Funeral Home with burial to follow at Mount Lebanon Cemetery.

Visitation will be on Thursday, July 1 from 10 a.m. until the time of service at the Brosmer-Kemple Funeral Home.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to the Mount Lebanon Cemetery Fund, c/o Wayne Ferguson, 9711 West State Road 56, French Lick, Indiana 47432.

Arrangements are in the care of Brosmer-Kemple Funeral Service in French Lick, Indiana 47432. Condolences may be made at www.brosmer-kemplefuneralhome.com.

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COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS

June 16

Benjamin J. Shelton, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor and operating a vehicle as an habitual traffic violator, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 1,460 days with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 5 actual days previously served plus 5 Class A credit days. The remaining 1,450 days to be served on home detention through Lawrence County Community Corrections.

Richard A. Hert, convicted of possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 14 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 7 actual days previously served plus 7 Class A credit days.

Lisa C. Chandler, convicted of theft, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 365 days suspended. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

Travis L. Beasley, convicted of conversion, a Class A Misdemeanor and resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 341 days suspended and credit for 12 actual days previously served plus 12 Class A credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

June 18

Dustin A. Joy, convicted of driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 365 days suspended. Defendant received 6 months of probation. Also convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 730 days with 464 days suspended and credit for 133 actual days previously served plus 133 Class A credit days. Defendant received 15 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

June 16

Benjamin J. Shelton, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; failure to remain at the scene of an accident,

a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; open alcoholic beverage container during operation of a motor vehicle, a Class C Infraction, dismissed; violation of driving conditions, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Richard A. Hert, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

Lisa C. Chandler, forgery, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

Travis L. Beasley, auto theft, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; disorderly conduct, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

June 18

Dustin A. Joy, two counts of driving while suspended, Class A Misdemeanors, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

June 17

Capital One Bank vs. Michael Hopkins, civil collection.

June 18

Capital One Bank vs. Johnny Arnett, civil collection.

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Lila Allen, civil collection.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

June 21

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Progressive Southeastern Insurance and against the defendant Dakota A. Rice for civil plenary in the amount of \$23,776.42.

June 22

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midland Credit Management, Inc. and against the defendant Brian McNabb in the amount of \$817.68.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

June 21

SHWS Development, LLC vs. Alexis and Kimberly Rhodes, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

June 17

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Deborah A. Haviland in the amount of \$4,492.12.

information about boating under the influence.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, JUNE 21

10:32 a.m. - James Eddington, 73, of Crane, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with domestic battery of a minor and is being held on a \$15,000 10% bond.

TUESDAY, JUNE 22

4:55 p.m. - Randall Miller, 62, of Bedford, was arrested by Deputy Wells and incarcerated on a hold for the court.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26

7:31 a.m. - William Garrett Chase Bratton, 25, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Flanagan on a Dubois County warrant, and also charged with intimidation, resisting arrest, false informing, and public intoxication. He is being held without bond.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26

9:01 p.m. - Roland Slaubaugh, 30, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Nolan and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated. His bond has been set at \$15,000 10%.

SUNDAY, JUNE 27

3:36 a.m. - Casey Gee, 39, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with operating while intoxicated refusal and is being held on a \$10,000 10% bond.

10:08 a.m. - Shawn Purdy, 49, of Bloomfield, was arrested by Deputy Wells on a Monroe County warrant and is being held without bond.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, JUNE 21

2:58 a.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a burglar alarm at a local business.

4:17 p.m. - Caller reported an unlicensed driver.

9:12 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a domestic disturbance.

10:28 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a domestic disturbance.

TUESDAY, JUNE 22

8:40 a.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

8:43 a.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill responded to a property damage accident in the Dollar General parking lot.

12:14 p.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill completed a vehicle check on a boat.

3:48 p.m. - Chief Floyd responded to a property damage accident at US 231 South and US 50.

4:14 p.m. - Chief Floyd responded to a property damage accident in the Gasoline Alley parking lot.

4:49 p.m. - Chief Floyd responded to a domestic dispute on West Washington Street.

5:06 p.m. - Chief Floyd completed a welfare check.

6:07 p.m. - Chief Floyd responded to a report of a reckless driver nearing Loogootee on US 50 West.

7:51 p.m. - A caller reported a broken utility pole on Bloomfield Road.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

4:20 p.m. - Chief Floyd responded to a property damage accident at JFK Avenue and East Broadway Street.

4:44 p.m. - A local business owner reported a theft.

7:13 p.m. - Caller reported a semi with back doors open nearing Loogootee on US 231 South.

9:21 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a report of an erratic driver nearing Loogootee on US 231 South.

gootee on US 231 South.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24

2:36 p.m. - Chief Floyd responded to a property damage accident in Ruler parking lot.

5:28 p.m. - Caller reported a person possible wanted out of Dubois County.

9:48 p.m. - A caller reported a possible suicidal person in the area and headed to Dubois County. Dubois County Sheriff's Department was contacted.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25

1:01 p.m. - A caller reported trespassing.

2:03 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call at a local business.

7:57 p.m. - Officer Wells spoke with a complainant regarding a custody issue.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26

6:15 a.m. - A caller reported a suspicious person in the area of Brooks Bridge.

10:00 a.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill spoke with a complainant regarding a possible scam call.

11:05 a.m. - A caller reported a theft.

11:15 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Pine Street.

12:43 p.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill assisted with traffic control as a charity ride came through town.

4:01 p.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill responded to a deer accident on SR 550.

5:18 p.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a domestic dispute.

7:15 p.m. - A caller reported a possible impaired driver on East Broadway Street.

SUNDAY, JUNE 27

9:19 a.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a traffic stop and arrest.

9:26 p.m. - A caller reported a possible impaired driver on East Broadway Street.

Martin County real estate transfers

Angela J. Pittman and Falcia F. Holloway, of Martin County, Indiana to Lane A. Keller, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 29 in Roger's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Phillip E. Raber and Melinda J. Raber, of Daviess County, Indiana to Riverbank Farm, LLC, of Indiana, a part of the south half of Section 5, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, and being a part of Center Township, in Martin County, Indiana, containing 4.987 acres, more or less.

Alice Stempf, of Martin County, Indiana and Rose Popp, of Dubois County, Indiana to John T. Stempf and Britny Stempf, of Martin County, Indiana, 4 acres in Section 5, Township 1 North, Range 4 West.

Danny L. Riggins and Nancy J. Riggins, of Martin County, Indiana to Jason D. Loughmiller and Wesley R. Walton, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of Section 36, and the southeast quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 3.65 acres, more or less.

William F. Verkamp and Donna S. Verkamp to Leidgen Properties, LLC, the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter and the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter, all of Section 29, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing 54.86 acres, more or less, except sections containing 5.19 acres and 5 acres, more or less.

Craig M. Burch, of Martin County, Indiana to Black Crown Farms, Inc., of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 9 in the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Michael Hopkins, of Martin County, Indiana to Dwight Turner and Krista Turner, of Bartholomew County, Indiana, part of the northeast quarter of Section 7, and a part of the west fractional Section 8, all being in Township 3 North, Range 3 West, situated in Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 5.79 acres, more or less.

Michael G. Jones and Nancy L. Jones, of Martin County, Indiana to Ryan S. Burch, of Daviess County, Indiana, Lots Numbered 12 and 13 in Belair Village in the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

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By Ann Ackerman



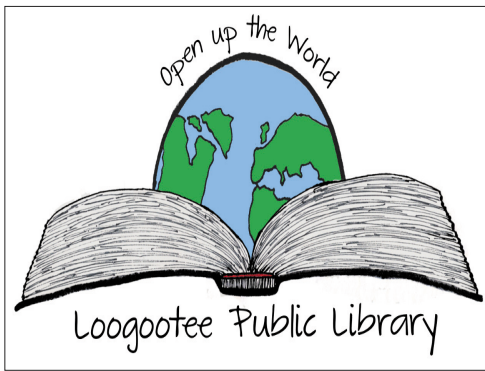
PERKS OF BEING OVER 50

1. You still look amazing, as long as you don't put your glasses on.
2. No one expects you to run –anywhere.
3. Kidnappers are no longer interested in you.
4. You can still touch your toes, but now it's with your boobs.
5. You can still eat whatever you want—but now it lives on your waistline.
6. You no longer care what anyone thinks about you.
7. There's nothing left to learn the hard way.

Dear Optimist, Pessimist, and Realist, While you guys were busy arguing about the glass of water, I drank it. Sincerely, The Opportunist

THOUGHTS

*I admire people who grow old gracefully. They age like a fine wine. I'm aging like milk – getting sour and chunky. *My swimsuit told me to go to the gym, but my sweatpants are like – "Nah, girl, you're good."



BY DARLA WAGLER
Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The library will be closed in observance on Independence Day on Monday, July 5, 2021.

The July activity calendar is available with summer reading program events listed. Some of the programs require registration and limit supplies so I suggest you register the kids soon. It has been fun watching the kids attend the various programs. Makenzie Wagoner is doing a terrific job with the programming.

Friends of Loogootee Library (FOLL) will have a huge book sale on Saturday, July 10 from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the library community room. Materials for sale include nice hardbacks, paperbacks, AudioCDs, DVDs, and lots of children's books.

New Books

Mystery Fiction: "The Third Grave" by Lisa Jackson,

Fiction: "Santa's Sweetheart" by Janet Daily, "The House Guests" by Emilie Richards, "Someone to Cherish" by Mary Balogh, and "Ralph Compton: The Wrong Side of the Law" by Robert J. Randisi.

Inspirational Fiction: "Chasing Shadows" by Lynn Austin.

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.

*When one door closes, another one opens. Other than that, it's a pretty good car.

*I'm a kid at heart and a senior citizen at knees and back.

*I don't usually brag about going to expensive places, but I just left the gas station and the lumber yard.

*Today's three-year-olds can turn on a laptop and use apps. When I was three, I ate mud.

I was in Walmart using the restroom and just as I closed my stall door, a voice from the next stall said, "Hi, how are you?"

Embarrassed, I said, "I'm OK." The voice said, "So what are you up to?"

I said, "Ummm...Just trying to handle a little private business over here."

Then I hear, "Can I come over?"

Annoyed, I said "Excuse me?"

Then the voice said, "Listen, I will have to call you back. There's an idiot in the next stall answering all my questions."

*As long as you feel pain, you're still alive.

As long as you make mistakes, you're still human.

And as long as you keep trying, there's still hope.

SERIOUSISMS

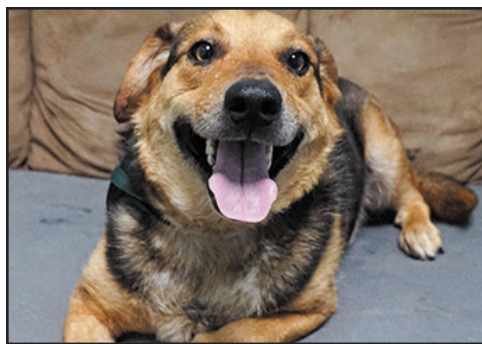
*We come from nothing, we go with nothing, but one great thing we can achieve in our beautiful life is a remembrance in someone's mind and a small place in someone's heart.

*If you have the power to make someone happy, do it. The world needs more of that.

*Wrong is wrong, even if everyone is doing it. Right is right, even if no one is doing it.

Make someone happy today!

ANIMAL SHELTER *Pet of the Week*



CHARLIE is a male beagle/lab mix, weighs around 65 pounds. He is 6 years old. He is very sweet but not suited to be around young kids as he doesn't have the patience for them. He is neutered, up to date on shots, negative for Lyme, e.canis and heartworms and microchipped. His adoption fee is \$100. The shelter is open by appointment only. For more info, visit www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org.



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Fair open class exhibits

All exhibits in open class at this year's 4-H Fair will be entered and judged on Tuesday, July 6 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. No late exhibits will be accepted. The exhibits will be released on Tuesday, July 13 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Anything not picked up after that time will be left with the 4-H department. They are not responsible for articles left.

Community dinner

The Loogootee Christian Church, located at 206 Sherman Street, would like to extend an invitation to the entire community for a free dinner to be held Thursday, July 1, from 6-8 p.m. at the church. Food will be served in the basement unless restrictions change.

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 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m.

Mental Health Task Force

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

Celebrate Recovery meetings

Celebrate Recovery meetings will be held every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Redemption Church in Loogootee. This is a Christ-centered recovery program and anyone is welcome to attend.

Local recovery meetings

Back to school vaccine clinics

The start of a new school year will be here before we know it. Kindergarten students, students in grade 6 and 12, and college students may need immunizations before they can begin classes this fall. Students in all grades need to get the Hepatitis A vaccine if they have not already received it. The Martin County Health Department clinic is open on the following dates with extended summer hours: Wednesdays, July 7, July 14, July 21, July 28, and August 4.

Clinic hours are from 8:30 a.m.-noon and 12:30-6 p.m. by appointment only. Please note these are the only dates a nurse will be available for immuniza-

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.

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Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 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.

The health department office is located at 127 Water Street, Shoals (next to the Shoals Fire Station)

The Martin County Health Department is contracted with VaxCare and can bill most insurance companies that pay for vaccines. The patient must bring their insurance card, or no vaccines can be given on that day. The health department can vaccinate children on Medicaid, the uninsured and those who have insurance that does not pay for vaccines through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. They also provide TB testing for a fee.

If you have questions about immunizations, you can contact your child's doctor or call the health department at 812-247-3303.

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser,
Purdue University Master Gardener

What a difference a week makes. Even with a lot of preparation for a trip, one comes home to a garden that has changed dramatically. That is not necessarily all bad. Yes, the weeds have continued to grow, and a few plants disappeared from the garden (probably because of some bunnies in the area), but the gardener's absence does not keep the progression of the garden in check.

I spent last week on vacation with family and returned home to a kaleidoscope of color. I had been concerned that I would miss some of my favorite blooms while I was traveling, but I think they all managed to hang on for my return. Daylily blooms had begun prior to my departure, but I returned to find the mid-season varieties in full bloom. The weather this year has made for a phenomenal year for the daylilies. The scapes all seem to have multiple blooms and many buds for extending the show.

Another favorite that has reached its peak is the Queen of the Prairie or Filippendula. This tall native sports pink plumes high above most other plants in the garden. They are beautiful as they blow in the wind. While these particular specimens are in the perennial border, I also enjoy them in the meadow. While not as bright and tall, the graceful blooms of some white callas also greeted me in the perennial border. Oriental lilies in several colors are also providing dramatic accents. The first flush of coneflowers, tall

DNR recommends removal of bird feeders statewide

The Indiana DNR has received reports of sick and dying songbirds from 15 counties statewide. As the investigation continues, the DNR recommends all Hoosiers remove their birdfeeders statewide.

The 15 counties are Clark, Delaware, Hamilton, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, LaGrange, Lake, Marion, Monroe, Newton, St. Joseph, Union, Washington, and Whitley.

DNR is working with the Indiana Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (IN ADDL) and the USGS National Wildlife Health Center to determine the birds' cause of death.

The affected songbirds showed neurological signs of illness as well as eye swelling and crusty discharge.

Several samples have been sent to IN ADDL. All bird samples submitted have tested negative for avian influenza and West Nile virus. Final laboratory diagnostic results are pending.

The following steps are recommended statewide:

- Use the DNR sick/dead wildlife reporting tool at on.IN.gov/sickwildlife to alert DNR staff.
- Stop feeding birds until the mortality event has concluded.
- Clean feeders and baths with a 10 percent bleach solution.
- Avoid handling birds. If you need to handle birds, wear disposable gloves.
- When removing dead birds, wear disposable gloves and place birds and gloves in a sealable plastic bag to dispose with household trash.
- Keep pets away from sick or dead birds as a precaution.

Additional information will be shared when final diagnostic results are received.

phlox and black-eyed Susans in swaths around the border complete the picture. I can live with the weeds for a while.

While my plans to visit a botanical garden this trip were nixed by the weather and a foot injury, I did spend a day riding a trolley through the Dogwood Canyon Nature Preserve in Blue Eye, Missouri. This place is landscaping on steroids. It is a place of great natural beauty, but that has been enhanced by some additional manipulation. There are many natural waterfalls along the trolley route, but some have been modified to increase the amount of water. The natural streams have been dammed in numerous places to create the pools favored by trout. They have also planted additional dogwood trees to create a dramatic display in the spring. Although not completely natural, this attraction allows visitors a chance to enjoy great beauty of the Ozarks in a variety of ways. One may hike, ride horses, bicycles or segways, take the trolley or go on a jeep tour. The buildings are all rustic to blend in with the natural area. They include a chapel in the woods, an impressive treehouse with educational features, a restaurant, a working mill, a gift shop and even a covered bridge constructed entirely with antique hand tools. Bridges and other hardscape are built of stone and blend in perfectly.

In addition to the trees, wildflowers and other foliage, a visitor will have the opportunity to see a variety of wildlife. We saw Missouri mink along the way. The streams are stocked with brown, rainbow and golden trout and one may fish for an additional fee. They also have bison, elk and long-horn cattle in pastures at the top of the mountain, when one has passed from Missouri into Arkansas.

The property totals 10,000 acres, but only about 2,000 are open for visitors. The other acreage includes a working farm and acreage that has been preserved in its natural state. It is only a short drive from Branson and offers a different venue to visitors to southwest Missouri. I highly recommend it and I hope to go back sometime when the dogwoods are in bloom.

Purdue Extension's home food preservation course open for registration

BY ABBY LEEDS
Purdue University News Service

Purdue Extension's Mastering Home Food Preservation team is hosting a home food preservation virtual learning series, "Preserve It Now ... Enjoy It Later!"

Those interested in advancing their skills in home preservation are invited to join virtually from 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays beginning July 13 and ending August 10.

Each session will include a short presentation, interactive discussion, a food preservation demonstration and time for questions and answers.

The schedule is as follows:

- July 13 – Equipment.
- July 20 – Salsa.
- July 27 – Pickling.
- August 3 – Pressure Canning.
- August 10 – Jam and Jelly.

A registration fee of \$30 provides access to all five sessions. Register online at <https://web.cvent.com/event/c60d1543-2fa4-41bb-902a-9786124748f7/regProcess-Step1>. All sessions will be recorded and available to view at a later time. Contact Karen Richey at krichey@purdue.edu for more information and accommodations.

Patoka Lake hosts Wall's Lake kayak trip July 10

Patoka Lake is hosting a kayak trip that will depart from Wall's Lake Boat Ramp on Saturday, July 10 at 9 a.m.

Paddlers will travel by the remains of the Wall's Lake Dam and have a chance to see beaver, osprey, and bald eagles, among other wildlife.

Bring life jackets, snacks, refreshments, and sunscreen. Non-motorized boat launch permits are required and will

be sold at the event for \$5. They 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.



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Remote work learning opportunities announced

On Tuesday, Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) announced that 20 remote work learning scholarships are being provided across nine agriculture organizations in partnership with the Purdue Center for Regional Development (PCRD). Scholarships fully cover the cost for participants to complete PCRD's Remote Work Certificate Program (<https://pcrd.purdue.edu/remoteworkcertificate/>).

"I am excited to announce these opportunities for rural Hoosiers to develop critical skills," Crouch said. "This comes at a great time as Indiana further invests in expanding broadband infrastructure."

In 2020, the Lt. Governor's family of business agencies announced the Rural Road to Recovery (RRR) initiative which resulted in the creation of blueprints for supporting Indiana's small cities and towns in the wake of COVID-19. Under RRR, ISDA prioritized increasing access and deployment of broad-

band services needed to support on-farm and farm household activities, with a particular focus on enhancing online remote workforce training opportunities for farm households seeking off-farm income options.

"Our goal here is to further support Indiana's rural agricultural communities in the wake of COVID-19," said ISDA Director Bruce Kettler. "As part of supporting our farm families and industry culture, we have new and creative possibilities to enable off-farm income and to close those skill gaps more quickly."

The below agriculture groups have teamed up with ISDA to allocate the 20 scholarships across Indiana. Each group received at least one scholarship to provide to awardees they selected:

- Agribusiness Council of Indiana
- American Dairy Association of Indiana
- Indiana Beef Cattleman Association
- Indiana Corn Marketing Council
- Indiana Farm Bureau

- Indiana Grown
- Indiana Pork Producers
- Indiana Soybean Alliance
- Indiana State Poultry Association

"Since 2005 remote work has grown by 173 percent," said Roberto Gallardo, Director of the Purdue Center for Regional Development. "Thirty percent of U.S. jobs could be done from home full time, and we are excited about this certificate program and the opportunities it gives to Indiana residents."

Scholarship awardees will be trained

via cohorts on project management, critical thinking, problem solving, time management, collaboration and professional organization. The certificate program has 9 modules totaling 30 hours of expected work. Upon completing the program, participants earn a dual certificate through Purdue University Extension and Utah State University. In addition, participants receive career coaching and are added to a large and growing networking community of program alumni.

Magazine features Great American Rail-Trail

Outdoor Indiana magazine's July/August issue features a cover article on the Great American Rail-Trail. The Great American, as the improved-surface trail is branded by the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, will, when finished, stretch between Washington, D.C., and Washington state. The trail includes a route through Indiana. Both the overall trail and the Hoosier portion are more than halfway finished.



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Barnes & Noble stores in Indiana for \$4. Subscriptions are \$15 for one year (six issues, a 38 percent savings off cover) and \$28 for two years (12 issues, a 42 percent savings off cover).

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**RE: Water System Improvements
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 City of Loogootee, Martin County, Indiana
 MEI Project # 2020078-00**

June 30, 2021

Dear Prospective Bidder:

Plans and specifications for the above project are now available at the Loogootee Office of Midwestern Engineers, Inc. The bids will be opened at **10:00 A.M. Eastern (Local Time) on July 22nd, 2021**, by the City of Loogootee at their City Hall located at 401 John F. Kennedy Ave., Loogootee, IN 47553.

The project consists of:

Division I:

- Electrical upgrades to the existing water system including upgrades to SCADA and the WTP Standby Generator and ATS.

Plans and Specifications may be obtained at the Loogootee office of Midwestern Engineers, Inc. The service charge for Contractors to view the plans and specifications for preparing their bid is as follows: 1) Viewing by digital download at <https://app.midwesterneng.com/planroom> - \$100.00 per Division and 2) Viewing paper-bound printed plans and specifications - \$300.00 per Division. All service charges for viewing are non-refundable. When plans and specifications are ordered from midwesterneng.com/planroom, instructions for payment will be provided in the downloading process.

A paper bound set of Plans and Specifications are also on file at the Loogootee City Hall at 401 John F. Kennedy Ave., Loogootee, IN 47553 and at this office, located at 802 West Broadway St., P.O. Box 295, Loogootee, IN 47553.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 A.M. Eastern (Local Time) on July 12th, 2021, at the Loogootee City Hall at 401 John F. Kennedy Ave., Loogootee, IN 47553. Anyone considering bidding on this project is encouraged to attend (but not mandatory). Representatives of the Owner and Engineer will be present to discuss the project

Thank you for your past interest in our projects.

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