



Miss Martin County candidates

-Photo provided

Shown above are this year's Miss Martin County candidates. From left to right are Cathy Hovis, Ashton Allbright, Addyson Aiman, and Carmen Houchins. The contest will be held Friday, July 10, at 6:30 p.m. at the free stage on the 4-H fairgrounds. This year, everyone in attendance will receive a ticket and organizers will be giving seven prizes away during the contest. You must be present to win and prizes are valued at \$25 each.

Shoals Schools to have registration early this year

The beginning of the 2015-16 school year is right around the corner with the first day of school at Shoals Community School Corporation scheduled for Wednesday, August 5. Due to Wi-Fi updates and possible internet outages in July, textbook rental for elementary and junior/senior high school will be early this year. It will be on Tuesday, July 14 from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Registration for the elementary and junior/senior high school will be held in the junior high study hall and computer lab. Textbook rental does include those students who went through kindergarten round-up and all new students who have not previously enrolled.

If you have not received a letter that you were automatically approved through direct certification for the free meals and textbook assistance, you may apply for assistance at

this time in the superintendent's office.

Reminder, if you do qualify for textbook assistance, you will still have a fee to pay, as usual.

Textbook rental fees are as follows:

- Kindergarten - \$73.11.
- Grade 1 - \$91.82.
- Grade 2 - \$86.45.
- Grade 3 - \$105.30.
- Grade 4 - \$81.33.
- Grade 5 - \$77.26.
- Grade 6 - \$75.49.
- Grade 7 - \$148.26.
- Grade 8 - \$154.27 with Math.
- Grade 8 - \$156.43 with Algebra.

Junior high and high school book rental prices are based according to the student's schedule. There will be a fee of \$20 for band students who rent an instrument, a marching band fee of \$20, and a chorus fee of \$10.

Fireworks in Indiana: Usage "whens" and "wheres"

Indiana law specifies the times and places Hoosiers can use fireworks. State Fire Marshal Jim Greeson offers the following reminders to help foster safe and legal fireworks use.

When Fireworks Can Be Used On and Around July 4

9 a.m. until two hours after sunset June 29 through July 3.

9 a.m. to midnight on July 4.

9 a.m. until two hours after sunset July 5 through July 9.

Where Fireworks Can Be Used

On the user's property.

On the property of someone who has given permission.

At a special fireworks discharge location approved by local authorities.

Using fireworks at any location other than the three listed above could result in a maximum fine of \$500 per infraction.

Even if location regulations are followed, damaging someone else's property with

fireworks could result in a fine of \$5,000 and one year imprisonment. Civil suits could result in additional penalties.

For more information on firework safety, visit GetPrepared.in.gov.



30th Annual Catfish Festival starts tomorrow

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

The 30th Annual Shoals Catfish Festival with this year's theme "Radiant Sky Where Eagles Fly" will begin tomorrow night, Thursday, July 2. Opening ceremonies will start at 6 p.m. with the posting of the colors by Shoals American Legion Post 61, the Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem by Judith and Megan Montgomery and a welcome from co-chairpersons Amber Hoffman and Audra Deckard.

A softball tourney will also begin at 6 p.m. in the ball park followed by the Little Firecrackers, Little Miss, Pre-Teen, Junior Miss, and Catfish Queen contests on the stage at 6:30 p.m. The Martin County Idol Contest will be held on the stage at 8:30 p.m.

Friday, July 3 begins with the catfish fishing contest on the bridge from 7 a.m. to noon. Weigh-in will be held at White River Marine on Main Street on Saturday, July 4, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Registration for the bike ride begins at 9:30 a.m. at the Shoals Post Office. There are five categories. The ride begins at 10 a.m.

A Rain Gutter Regatta, sponsored by Cub Scouts Pack 491 and Gamma Iota Chapter of Psi Iota Xi, will start at the fire station at 4 p.m. Also at 4 p.m. is the Texas Hold'em Tournament in the American Legion. Sign-up for the tournament begins at 3:30 p.m. The Revival Road Quartet will

take to the stage at 4 p.m.

Martin County's Strongest Competition Tug of War will begin at the ball park at 8 p.m. and also at 8 p.m., The Hunky Monkeys will perform on the stage.

The 5K run and walk will kick off the Independence Day festivities. The walk will begin at 7:30 a.m. at the ball park and the run will start at 8 a.m. Also at 8 a.m. the

men's basketball tournament will start at the ball park and a volleyball tournament will follow at 10 a.m.

The Catfish Festival Parade, with co-grand marshals Wanda Cooper and Martha Kidwell, will begin at 10:30 a.m. The Shoals Senior Citizens Center will be serving ham and beans after the parade from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and St.

Mary's Parish Hall will have pork barbecue also after the parade. The pie baking contest judging will be held at KRB Appliance at 1 p.m. Anyone entering a pie can drop off starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday. The cooking contest will be held at 2 p.m. on the east side of the post office and also at 2 p.m. is the corn hole tourney behind town hall and the horseshoe tourney at the boat landing. An egg toss will be held in front of the post office at 3 p.m. and the Battle of the Bands will be held on the stage at 4 p.m. Fireworks will begin at 10 p.m.

On Sunday, July 5, the American Legion will sponsor the Legion Ride with kick stands up at 11 a.m. The baby contest for

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Loogootee man arrested on meth charges

A Loogootee man was arrested last Friday afternoon after officers discovered methamphetamine and paraphernalia in his home.

Around 2:37 p.m., Senior Trooper Jarrod Lents assisted Martin County Deputy Damon Baker and members of the department of child services with a home visit at 406 Southwest 2nd Street, Loogootee. During the home assessment, Deputy Baker asked the resident, Jackie R. Edmondson, Jr., 39, of Loogootee, if he could bring his K9 "Virka" into the residence to sniff for narcotics, to which Edmondson agreed. During the walk through, Virka positively indicated the presence of narcotics. Trooper Lents and Deputy Baker were given consent to search the residence by Edmondson, during which they located a glass smoking pipe, scales, and a plastic baggie and straw with methamphetamine in it.

Edmondson was transported to the Martin County Jail and lodged without incident.

He was charged with:

-Possession of methamphetamine with a minor present, Level 5 Felony



JACKIE EDMONDSON

-Maintaining a common nuisance, Level 6 Felony

-Neglect of a dependent, Level 6 Felony

-Possession of paraphernalia, Class A Misdemeanor

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Area students earn VU honors

Vincennes University students were honored at the end of the spring semester for their achievements during the 2014-15 academic year.

Christin Johnson, Shoals, is the recipient of VU's Education Bachelor Degree Outstanding Junior Award. She is majoring in Special Education/Elementary Education at VU. She is a 2002 graduate of Shoals High School.

Brooke Marie Klein, Vincennes, is the recipient of a scholarship from the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, Indiana Affiliate. She is a second-year VU student majoring in Family and Consumer Sciences - Nutrition and Dietetics. The daughter of Tori and Amy Klein, Brooke is a graduate of Lincoln High School.

Allyssa Myers, Washington, is the recipient of VU's Gerard R. Schwartz Outstanding Freshman Award. The daughter of Kevin and Tammy Myers of Washington, Allyssa is a 2006 graduate of Washington High School. She is majoring in the Physical Therapist Assistant program at VU.

Famie Cox, Washington, is the recipient of the Dicie E. Dicanio Estate Scholarship to VU. Famie is majoring in Child Development.

She is the daughter of Jeff and Robyn Myers of Washington.

Drew Allen Williams, Washington, is the recipient of VU's Amy Loomis Award in Theatre Production. Drew earned an associate degree in Theatre from VU last spring and will transfer to Indiana University. Drew is a 2013 graduate of Washington High School.

Aaron David White, Westphalia, is the recipient of VU's College of Social Science and Performing Arts Outstanding Senior Student Award. He earned an associate degree in Music Fine Arts from VU and will transfer to Indiana State University this fall. He is a 2013 graduate of North Knox High School.

Hannah Crow, Winslow, is the recipient of VU's Carol R. Deem Memorial Scholarship. Hannah is majoring in Family and Consumer Science - Child Development. She is a 2013 graduate of Pike Central High School.

Mackenzie Tennis, Sumner, Illinois, is the recipient of VU's Education Bachelor Degree Best Sophomore Award. She is majoring in Special Education - Mild Intervention. Mackenzie is a 2013 graduate of Red Hill High School.



Lady Rox Basketball Clinic

-Photo provided

Shown above are participants in this year's Shoals Lady Rox Summer Basketball Clinic. In the front row, from left to right, are Sara Bird, Alexis Rush, Lydia Bruner, and Cassidy Bruner. In the back row, from left to right, are Abbey Sorrells, Haley Fischer, Gracie Shaw, Mya Miller, and Maggie Shaw.

Loogootee Economic Development Brief

By Andy Kyger
Director of
Economic Development -
City of Loogootee

Clean Beauty Affluent Residential
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Some of you may have noticed that from April to May the unemployment rate went from 3.7 to 4.0 percent. As we have been well trained by our mainstream media, this may cause some alarm on the part of the general public. However, in every economy a month-to-month unemployment rate is generally a reflection of business cycles and less an indicator of the general health of the economy. To get a better idea of the general health of the economy as a whole, the best suggestion is to view the current rate to the rate from the same time period over a number of years. What you would find in doing so is that the local unemployment rate for May was lowest in the year 2000 when it was just 3.3 percent. Comparing our current rate to the two years prior to the banking crisis, we can see that in 2007 the rate was 3.7 percent and in 2008 it was 4.5 percent. What this shows is that our local economy has regained what was lost as a result of the financial crisis in late 2008. Full steam ahead!

What may be on some of your minds is the question of how to get the most out of the local economic performance. One of the key challenges facing everyone in this region has always been access to education, and by education I do not just mean the traditional four-year university. In fact, much of the growth in employment in our immediate area are for people with skills best learned in a vocational-style setting. These would include carpentry, electrician, plumbing, HVAC, as well as CNC machine operators and several other programs of certification. The challenge in getting these skills is that the facilities which teach them are a fair distance from Loogootee. Vincennes University currently has a rather good CNC certification, Ivy Tech in Terre Haute has building trades, both institutions are at least 50 miles from Loogootee which presents a challenge for those without reliable transportation. This is a perfect example of just one of the many challenges which I have been attempting to address in my time here in Loogootee. At this point I would ask for your assistance in addressing this challenge by calling your members of the Indiana General Assembly and letting them know that you demand a local institution for yourself or for the community at large.

There are other options for getting your slice of the pie, and that is a big word that we call entrepreneurship. Basically, just the willingness and desire to be your own boss, but to provide for the community a needed service or goods. We see the spirit of entrepreneurship in local businesses such as The Lodge and Rosie's T-shirts and Gifts, these examples are a reminder of the spirit of self-determination which once was less the exception and more the norm. Granted, there are more challenges to setting up a business today than in years past, but here are a tremendous number of opportunities to be had here in Loogootee with a small business, and after all, is that not the American

Dream?

To help promote a new age of entrepreneurship, we are working hard here at city hall to put in place resources for people who may be thinking of starting a business or for existing businesses who may be thinking of expanding. Our key reason for doing this is to bring about a new sense of self-reliance here in the community. We want to see Loogootee's future prosperity being driven as a result of local citizens achieving their dreams in business. Through local business growth, new employment will result further driving the performance of Loogootee for everyone who calls this city home. Presently, the resources available here in Loogootee are limited, and this is certainly a challenge when considering a growth in local entrepreneurship. In my role as director of economic development, I have been looking for existing resources which the city may be able to partner with in order to provide resources locally to help drive local business growth. One such contact last week when the mayor and I met with a non-profit organization called the Hoosier Social Impact Fund. This is an organization specifically engaged in helping small businesses with access to financial resources but more importantly expert advice on how to navigate the ups and downs and legalese involved in starting or expanding any business. At the present time, we are working with them to present a free workshop to interested parties here in Loogootee on a topic of significant interest. If you are curious about starting a new business or expanding an existing one and have some questions you would like answered, then call me at city hall and I will work my hardest to find the resources to help you out.

At the end of the day, a community is like a gem stone, the surface has many facets, each one representing a different aspect which is required in order for that gem to shine its brightest. The local government, while most would consider it to be the largest facet, I would say that it is the setting or the framework which holds the gem. The stone itself is the population. The facets are the business community, the educational institutions, the religious communities, local resources, infrastructure, and the list goes on. What is important to remember is that without the citizens, there would be no stone, and without the framework which the local government provides, the gem would have no foundation to hold it together.

CATFISH

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0-12 months will start at the fire station at 1 p.m. followed by babies 13-24 months at 2 p.m. Steve Jeffris will perform at the Shoals United Methodist Church at 4 p.m.

The Martin County Museum, in the old courthouse, will be open each day throughout the festival (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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JOSHUA TINKLE-MANOFSKY

Infant Joshua Paul Xavier Tinkle-Manofsky passed away at 8:40 p.m. Monday, June 22, 2015 at Daviess Community Hospital in Washington. A resident of Montgomery, he was just a few minutes old.

He was born June 22, 2015 at 8:17 p.m.; son of Krystal Rose Tinkle and Mitchell Xavier Manofsky. I carried you every second of your life and I will love you for every second of mine. Don't worry my children, "I'll hold you in Heaven."

He is survived by parents, Krystal Rose Tinkle of Montgomery and Mitchell Xavier Manofsky of Reynolds Station, Kentucky; maternal grandparents, Kevin and Elizabeth (Foster) Tinkle of Montgomery; paternal grandparents, Matt and Amy Schaffer of Reynolds Station, Kentucky and Daniel Manofsky of Birmingham, Alabama; great-maternal grandparents, Charles and Brenda Rincker of Loogootee, Tennis Tinkle of Loogootee and Nile Foster of Bradyville, Tennessee; paternal great-grandparents, Sherri Winters of Rochester, New York and Gerald and Linda Hellinga of Prattville, Alabama; aunts, Kayla RayAnne Tinkle of Montgomery and Victoria Shaffer of Reynolds Station, Kentucky; uncles, Kevin Aaron Tinkle II, of Montgomery and Christopher Manofsky of Birmingham, Alabama, Michael and Cassie Bailey of Quantico, Virginia; and cousin, Emmalina Bailey of Quantico, Virginia.

He was preceded in death by his maternal great-grandparents, Kenneth and Joan Jones.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 27 at Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial followed in Goodwill Cemetery in Loogootee.

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

STANLEY SALMON

Stanley L. Salmon, formerly of Shoals, passed away unexpectedly at 12:23 p.m. June 25, 2015 at St. Mary's Medical Center in Evansville. A resident of Washington, he was 64.

He was born January 9, 1951 in Washington; son of the late James Webster and Thelma Ruth (Sheetz) Salmon. He married Donna F. Jones in Martin County on October 6, 1982.

He was a veteran of the United States Army. He was employed in the sawmill industry most of his life and recently became disabled.

He is survived by his wife, Donna Salmon of Washington; daughter, Theresa Lewis of

Washington; sons, Steven Salmon and Terry Salmon, both of Washington; three grandsons, Brandon and Kayden Lewis and Dante Salmon; three sisters, Beverly Sellers and husband, Wendall, of Mitchell; Cindy Doggett of Bedford; Becky Ramsey of Shoals; and two brothers, Dallas Salmon and wife, Patty, of Bloomington and Jeff Salmon of Shoals.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two grandsons, Xavier Salmon and Syfur Salmon; three brothers, Jimmy Salmon, Charlie Salmon and Leslie Salmon; and two sisters, Brenda Hill and Nioma Hunt.

A funeral service was held Monday, June 29 at Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. Burial followed in Spring Hill Cemetery. American Legion Post #61 accorded military graveside rites.

Online condolences may be made to the

New branding for Crisis Connection

A southwestern Indiana grassroots agency that grew from a simple volunteer hotline into a multi-service organization has a new, more refined brand. Earlier this month, Crisis Connection, Inc. shed its outdated, corded handset image for a sleek sketched dove carrying an olive branch representing peace.

According to Beth Stein, Executive Director of Crisis Connection, "The new brand was developed in response to a strategic planning process during which it was determined the original image wasn't serving us well anymore. We needed our logo to be more representative of what we do; the dove and olive branch symbolize the peace our staff and volunteers bring to the people we serve."

Crisis Connection has grown exponentially over the last thirty years with a staff of eight now providing crisis intervention to over 700 domestic abuse/sexual assault clients and educational services to more than 24,000 persons in an eight-county region each year. Stein notes, "Our goal is to end domestic violence and sexual assault, and we wish our services weren't needed any longer. Unfortunately, there is still a significant number of people, primarily women and children, in very bad situations who need our help."

Services are provided primarily within the counties of Crawford, Daviess, Dubois, Martin, Orange, Perry, Pike and Spencer. The main office is located in Jasper with satellite offices in Tell City and Rockport. Confidential victim assistance services include a 24-hour hotline (800.245.4580), crisis intervention/counseling, assistance with

family at www.queenlee.com.

TESS LAGREE

Tess Elizabeth Lagree was received into Heaven at 1:35 p.m. June 28, 2015 after a brief illness. A resident of Loogootee, she was one year old.

She was born November 21, 2013 in Washington; daughter of Alan and Julie (Verkamp) Lagree.

She loved life especially when she was with her big brother, Isaac. Her favorite activities included swinging, reading, talking, singing, and brightening everyone's day. The family will miss her immensely, but are excited that she will always be with them and interceding for them as their personal patron saint.

She is survived by her loving parents, Alan and Julie (Verkamp) Lagree of Loogootee.



gootee; brother, Isaac Lagree, at home; maternal grandparents, Eugene and Cindy Verkamp of Schnellville; paternal grandparents, Larry and Mary Gates of Loogootee; aunts, Kristine Lagree of Charleston, South Carolina, Amanda (Brad) Cadden of Evansville and Becky (Andy) Lichlyter of Duff; uncles, Steve Lagree of Boston, Massachusetts; Roger (Katie) Verkamp of Schnellville and Kurt (Jennifer) Verkamp of Columbus; nine cousins; 40 great-aunts and great-uncles.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandfather, Robert Lagree; and cousins, Max and Mariah Verkamp.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 2 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee, officiated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker and concelebrant Rev. Dave Fleck. In honor of Tess's favorite colors, guests are welcome to wear green or pink. Burial will follow in St. John Catholic Cemetery.

To honor the family's wishes, no viewing will be held prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers or mementos, memorial contributions may be made to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church or the Pregnancy Resource Center in Washington.

Condolences may be made online at brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com.

filing protective orders, access to regional shelters, personal/legal/medical advocacy, etc. Educational services include batterer's and domestic abuse intervention programs, school curriculum, professional resources, speaker's bureau, Coaching Boys into Men program, etc.

Crisis Connection also has a new website (crisisconnectioninc.org) that provides detailed information on the non-profit organization's services and can be found on Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, and LinkedIn social media platforms.

For more information regarding Crisis Connection, please call 812-482-1555.

Office of Dr. Brian Wuebkenberg changing name

The office of Dr. Brian Wuebkenberg recently changed its name to Memorial Orthopaedic Associates. Previously known as Southwest Indiana Orthopaedics and Spine Associates, it was decided to change the name to bring more awareness of the office's affiliation with Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center.

Memorial Orthopaedic Associates offers state-of-the-art orthopaedic services, including the direct anterior hip replacement procedure, along with sports medicine services. In addition to Dr. Wuebkeberg, providers include Physician Assistant Jarred Lampert and Athletic Trainer Jessica Lawson. The office is located inside Memorial Health Center at 695 West 2nd Street in Jasper (across from IGA®).

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, JUNE 22

7:28 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

7:35 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to the state hospital.

1:00 p.m. - Sheriff Roush took one inmate to court.

3:17 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Lost River 1st Responders, Martin County Ambulance, and Dubois County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to the hospital.

9:05 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

9:35 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals 1st Responders and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

12:36 a.m. - Received a report of a bonfire in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department advised the subjects to put it out.

5:02 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Loogootee 1st Responders and Martin County Ambulance were dispatched. The subject was trans-

ported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:51 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver west of Shoals on US 50. Sgt Keller responded.

6:57 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic disturbance south of Loogootee. Captain Dant and Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

10:00 a.m. - Sheriff Roush took one inmate to court.

10:30 a.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to court.

10:57 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check west of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded and all was okay.

11:00 a.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to court.

12:45 p.m. - Received a report of someone dumping trash in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded and spoke with the individuals.

12:57 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Loogootee 1st Responders and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

1:30 p.m. - Sheriff Roush took one inmate to court.

2:20 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain

Hennette responded.

4:25 p.m. - Received a report of an erratic driver on US 50, east of Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department was advised.

8:16 p.m. - Received a report of a theft north of Loogootee. Sgt Keller is working the case.

9:57 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on US 231, south of Loogootee. Sgt Keller responded.

11:04 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Norris responded.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

2:03 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231, north of Loogootee. Sgt Keller responded.

7:20 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US Hwy. 231, south of Loogootee heading towards Loogootee. Chief Rayhill responded.

8:25 a.m. - Received a call about a suspicious person walking on Stiles Road. Sheriff Roush responded.

10:00 a.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to court.

11:00 a.m. - Sheriff Roush took one inmate to court.

1:50 p.m. - Received a report of hit-and-run accident in Loogootee. Captain Hennette responded.

2:04 p.m. - Received a report of an alarm in Loogootee. Chief Rayhill responded.

3:40 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded. Subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:20 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. ISP Trooper Andrew Beaver responded.

5:52 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. Subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

8:45 p.m. - Received a request for tanker support from Dubois County on St Rd. 56. Lost River Fire was paged for assistance.

10:37 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

9:00 a.m. - Major Burkhardt took one inmate to court.

9:45 a.m. - Major Burkhardt took one inmate to court.

10:53 a.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Loogootee. Chief Rayhill responded.

2:00 p.m. - Major Burkhardt took two inmates to court.

2:01 p.m. - Received a request for a car unlock in Shoals. Deputy Baker responded.

2:02 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. Subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:52 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded.

7:36 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded. Subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:41 p.m. - Received a report of an alarm in Loogootee. Captain Hennette responded. The weather triggered the alarm.

11:57 p.m. - Received a report of alarm in Loogootee. Captain Hennette responded. The weather triggered the alarm.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

12:04 a.m. - Received a report of a telephone pole that was struck by lightning in Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

12:10 a.m. - Received a report of a tree that had snapped off into power lines in Shoals. Duke Energy responded.

12:22 a.m. - Received a report of a tree on a house in Shoals. Duke Energy and REMC responded.

12:30 a.m. - Received a report of tree and vines down on Hwy. 50 at Ironton Road. The state highway department responded.

12:34 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

1:31 a.m. - Received a report of trees down on St. Rd. 550 near Hindostan Falls Road. The state highway department responded.

1:55 a.m. - Received a report of tree down on Hwy. 150 and Butler Bridge Road. Shoals Fire responded.

2:45 a.m. - Received a report of tree down on Gun Shop Road. The county highway department responded.

3:52 a.m. - Received a report of a medical alarm in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

4:46 a.m. - Received a report of an erratic driver on Hwy. 50 heading west out of Loogootee. Advised Daviess County of the call.

5:01 a.m. - Received a report of trees down on Windom Road near Hwy. 150. Shoals Fire responded.

5:54 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded. Subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:08 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on St. Rd. 450. Major Burkhardt is working the accident.

6:20 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on Abel Hill Road. Major Burkhardt is working the accident.

7:12 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down on Spout Springs Road. The county highway department responded.

12:03 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Captain Akles responded along with Martin County Ambulance. Subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

4:43 p.m. - Received a report of an erratic driver on Hwy. 50 heading towards Lawrence County. Advised Lawrence County of the call.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

1:12 a.m. - Received a report of a family dispute in Loogootee. Officer Pat Todd responded.

4:26 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident east of Shoals. Deputy Harmon responded.

9:16 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. Subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:50 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident in Loogootee. Captain Akles responded.

11:10 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded. Subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:10 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

1:12 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

2:05 a.m. - Received a report of an alarm in Loogootee. Officer Nolan responded.

3:01 a.m. - Received a report of a personal injury accident on Hwy. 50 at Max Warren's Curve. Deputy McBeth, Officer Nolan, Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire all responded. The patient was transported to St. Mary's Hospital.

8:01 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

1:02 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on Hwy. 231. Sergeant Keller is working the accident.

4:37 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded. Subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

5:17 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Southwest Medical responded.

7:30 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle to be unlocked in Loogootee. Deputy Baker responded.

JAIL BOOKINGS

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

12:20 a.m. - Joseph Campbell, 39, of Loogootee, was arrested by Sgt. Keller and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated, possession of marijuana, and possession of schedule drugs. His bond has been set at \$20,000/10%.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

2:30 p.m. - Devon Payne, 24, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with resisting and a Missouri warrant. He has no bond.

5:46 p.m. - Robert F. Neal, 29, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Captain Hennette and charged with driving while suspended with a prior conviction. Neal was transported to the Martin County Security Center.

6:13 p.m. - Robert Neal, 29, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Captain Hennette and charged with driving while suspended prior. He has no bond.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

4:37 p.m. - Jackie Edmondson, 39, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of paraphernalia, maintaining a common nuisance and neglect of a dependant. His bond is set at \$50,000/10%.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

10:17 a.m. - Danny L. Krodel, 29, of Shoals, was arrested by Cpl Damon Baker and Sheriff Travis Roush for possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class A Misdemeanor; driving while suspended with a prior, a Class A Misdemeanor; and possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor. Cpl. Baker and Sheriff Roush had observed a Buick LeSabre traveling north on Main Street in Shoals. Cpl. Baker had prior knowledge the Mr. Krodel's license was suspended as a misdemeanor and initiated a traffic stop on North Main Street. During the traffic stop,

Cpl. Baker ran his K9 Virka around the Buick. Virka positively indicated to the presence of narcotics inside the vehicle. A search of the vehicle was conducted and Cpl. Baker and Sheriff Roush were able to locate narcotics in the vehicle. A search warrant was obtained for Mr. Krodel's residence, due to the items that were located in the vehicle. During the search of the residence, officers located a container that contained methamphetamine and other methamphetamine related items. The Martin County Sheriff's Department were assisted by Indiana State Police Trooper Stephen Sexton and Trooper Andrew Beaver and Shoals Town Marshal Todd Eckert.

10:17 a.m. - Tanner W. Diamond, of Shoals, was arrested by Cpl. Damon Baker and Sheriff Travis Roush and charged with visiting a common nuisance, a Class B Misdemeanor.

3:38 p.m. - Michael A. Montgomery, 31, of Williams, was arrested by Cpl. Damon Baker and Sheriff Travis Roush on a warrant out of Lawrence County. Martin County Sheriff's Department Sheriff Travis Roush and Cpl. Damon Baker received information about an individual staying in Padanaram Village, wanted on a warrant out of Lawrence County. Cpl. Baker and Sheriff Roush went to the residence and were able to apprehend Montgomery without incident. Montgomery was wanted out of Lawrence County for dealing in methamphetamine, a Class B Felony.

7:15 p.m. - Aaron J. Sanders, 22, of Petersburg, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Nolan and charged with driving while suspended with a prior conviction. Sanders was transported to the Martin County Security Center.

9:35 p.m. - Richard O'Conner, 54, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Nolan and charged with resisting law enforcement and transported to the Martin County Security Center.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

2:00 a.m. - Samuel T. Parsons, 21, of Washington, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Nolan and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated. He was transported to the Martin County Security Center.

2:00 a.m. - Trevor J. Miller, 22, of Washington, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Nolan and charged with disorderly conduct and public intoxication. He was transported to the Martin County Security Center

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Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, JUNE 22

1:00 p.m. - Caller reported an underage female operating a golf cart. Chief Rayhill located the driver and advised her of the city ordinance.

9:09 p.m. - First responders were requested on Poplar Street for a medical call.

10:00 p.m. - Caller reported three children playing too close to the road.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

12:36 a.m. - Caller reported an illegal burn on Kentucky Avenue.

8:32 a.m. - Caller reported a hit-and-run accident on Wood Street.

12:45 p.m. - Received a report that a male was putting trash in a dumpster that they own.

12:57 p.m. - First responders were requested at West Boggs for a medical problem.

4:26 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

4:40 p.m. - Male came on station to report a lost license plate.

11:04 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious activity on John C. Strange Street.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

2:35 a.m. - Caller reported he was going to repossess a vehicle on Queen Street.

7:10 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

1:55 p.m. - Caller reported property damage.

2:00 p.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

6:34 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

7:45 p.m. - Caller reported a civil violation.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

10:45 a.m. - Caller reported a vehicle had run her off the road. Officers were unable to locate the vehicle.

11:00 a.m. - Caller reported a male had thrown a dead cat into a ditch near Redwing Trailer Court.

2:00 p.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted Senior Trooper Jarrod Lents in serving a warrant on

Devon Payne, of Loogootee.

11:41 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a business alarm.

11:57 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a business alarm.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

12:47 a.m. - Received a call of an alarm at the Loogootee Water Plant.

2:35 a.m. - Loogootee Fire was dispatched to Love Cemetery Road for a hot stove.

9:38 a.m. - Caller reported a vehicle was blocking her driveway.

10:42 a.m. - Captain Akles assisted child protective services.

3:10 p.m. - A NewWave employee requested an officer in regards to possible utility theft.

5:17 p.m. - Female requested a welfare check on her mother.

5:48 p.m. - Caller requested extra patrol.

6:09 p.m. - Male reported a child custody violation.

10:19 p.m. - Caller requested extra patrol.

11:02 p.m. - Caller requested to speak with an officer.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

1:12 a.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on SE 1st Street.

11:09 a.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

11:59 a.m. - An altercation was reported on Walnut Street.

4:54 p.m. - Property damage was reported in Bradley's Bar and Grill parking lot. Drivers exchanged information.

6:43 p.m. - Property damage was reported at Chuckles.

8:53 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute in Bowling Trailer Court.

10:14 p.m. - Caller reported a fireworks complaint.

11:10 p.m. - Caller reported her vehicle had broken down and she would remove the vehicle the next day.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

3:01 a.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to set up a landing zone for Air Evac.

Martin County Court News

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

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCING

June 17

Danny R. McKibben, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve two years at the Indiana Department of Corrections with six months suspended. Defendant received six months of probation.

Darren B. Stone, convicted of unlawful possession of a firearm by a serious violent felon, a Class 4 Felony. Sentenced to serve 10 years at the Indiana Department of Corrections with two years suspended and credit for 181 actual days previously served plus 60 Class B credit days. Defendant received two years of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

June 17

Darren B. Stone, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 5 Felony, dismissed; maintaining a common nuisance, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

June 19

Christopher R. Stone vs. Candice L. Stone, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Kenny L. Davis vs. Lia Davis, petition for dissolution of marriage.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

June 17

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Cheyenne N. Hill, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Chad O. Willett, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Cory D. Staggs, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Paul R. Sammann, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Zane Gennicks, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Shawn M. Colvin, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Kolt T. Roberts, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Jordan L. Hall, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Pamela K. Bentley, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Natasha K. Wilson, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Caelan Hamilton, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Sarah E. Riegel, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Jerry R. Wilson, Jr., complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Shawn C. Henderson and Kayla J. Henderson, complaint.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Danielle Vaught and Tanner S. Vaught, complaint.

June 18

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Lori L. Moore, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Mark J. Franklin, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Matthew Clark, complaint.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

June 26

Charles D. Hembree of Shoals and Beth A. Hovis of Shoals.

Martin County real estate transfers

Rebecca Ruth Carney and Alice Ann Reeves, of Marion County, Indiana and Minnehaha County, South Dakota to **Clayton Scott and Tana Scott**, of Daviess County, Indiana, the west half of the southwest quarter of Section 4, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 74.796 acres, more or less.

Charlotte Ann Meyer, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jeffrey D. Meyer and Nancy R. Meyer**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the east half of the southwest quarter of Section 7, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.006 acres, more or less.

Jerry Keith Holmes and Don Howard Holmes to **Don Howard Holmes and Jennifer Lynn Holmes**, the east half of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 6, Township 4 North, Range 4 West, containing 20 acres, more or less.

Jerry Keith Holmes and Sherrie Jo An-

nae Holmes to Don Howard Holmes and Jennifer Lynn Holmes, a part of the west half of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 6, Township 4 North, Range 4 West, containing 0.87 of an acre.

Viola R. Embree, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jennifer Turano**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 11, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing one acre, more or less. Also, a part of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 11, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing one acre, more or less.

Steve H. Smith and Eric Jones, of Martin County, Indiana to **Richard J. Bowling**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the north half of the west half of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 12, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.692 acres, more or less.

Accident reports

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

2:23p.m. Karen S. Norris, of Loogootee, was operating a 2009 Chevy and attempting to turn into Dairy Queen. At this time, Cage M. Daily, of Jasper, operating a 1997 Pontiac, failed to see the stopped car in front of him and struck the Norris vehicle. Captain Hennette investigated.

5:45 p.m. - Heather Rayhill, of Loogootee, was backing a 2004 Toyota from a private drive and struck a 2005 Ford owned by Charles Qualkenbush. Officer Nolan investigated.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

12:30 p.m. Ethan Rainbolt, of Salem, was operating a 2003 Peterbuilt on Broadway Street when he proceeded thru the intersection of JFK and struck a 2001 Chevy operated by Camilla Summers, of Loogootee. Captain Akles investigated.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

3:01 a.m. - The Martin County Sheriff's Department received a 911 call stating a vehicle had collided with a power line pole on US Hwy. 50, east of the Martin County Fairgrounds. Martin County Deputy McBeth arrived on the scene and located the vehicle, a 2005 Chevy Malibu, several feet down an embankment on the south side of the road with power line cables lying on top of the vehicle. The driver was conscious and moving, however due to the

power cables on the vehicle, emergency personnel could not assist until REMC arrived to disconnect the power. The power cables were also blocking the roadway blocking the road for travel. Once the power had been disconnected, emergency personnel were able to assist the driver. The driver was identified as James Honeycutt, 32, of Odon. The vehicle was later reported stolen out of Daviess County. Honeycutt had been traveling westbound on US Hwy. 50 when he lost control of the vehicle sliding several hundred feet into the eastbound lane, when the vehicle went airborne off the road and collided with a power pole. The power pole snapped in half and when the vehicle came to a rest on the ground, the power line cables landed on top. Honeycutt had to be extracted from the vehicle by the Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Civil Defense. He was airlifted to St. Mary's in Evansville where he is currently in stable condition. The collision is still under investigation. Drugs and alcohol are considered a factor. US Hwy. 50 was closed for approximately three hours. Deputy McBeth was assisted by Loogootee Officer Steve Nolan, Shoals Fire Department, Martin County Civil Defense, Knox County EMS, Loogootee Fire Department and Daviess County Sheriff's Department.

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

Saturday is the 4th of July, and that is the signal for several gardening chores. It is time for pruning, planting and propagating.

Many of the flowering plants associated with autumn will benefit from pruning at this time. Often, these plants are prone to splitting and falling over just as they come into bloom. Pruning now will result in slightly more compact plants, but with much sturdier stems that will withstand the winds of autumn. Of course, the plant most associated with this procedure is the mum. Mums are a mainstay in the autumn garden, but anyone who has grown mums knows that they are prone to flopping over. This week, take a sharp set of pruners and cut the mums back to four to six inches. They will re-grow and be thicker and sturdier. This must be done soon. Waiting longer could result in losing the blooms this fall. If you want more mums for containers, go ahead and put potting mix in the containers and water them. Take the cuttings and strip off the bottom leaves. Poke the stems into the potting mix. Keep the pots moist, but not soggy and the cuttings will root and grow. Since these are the original blooming stems, they may bloom a few weeks earlier than the parent plant that is still in the ground. You may delay the blooms by carefully pinching out the tips of the stems.

Asters, ironweed and goldenrod also benefit from a similar pruning. Do not put this off. Waiting for more than a couple of weeks could spell disaster for your garden in autumn.

Another autumn gardening plant that benefits from a summer pruning is the tall sedum. With the variety of foliage colors available in this genus, sedums are often planted for their foliage. They come in greens from a pale minty color to deep jade. Many are variegated with purple, red, white and pink and some are totally deep burgundy. That being said, they do bloom in

the fall, and they are among the best nectar plants for butterflies. Some of the newer cultivars have been bred for more sturdy stems, but the old sedums are prone to splitting in hard winds. Cut them down to about eight inches tall now, and they will recover with more branched, sturdy stems but still bloom in the fall. Like the mums, the cuttings may be used to produce more plants.

It is also time to plant seeds to have plants for the fall vegetable garden. Plant seeds of cabbage, cauliflower and broccoli in a semi-shady spot to have plants to go in the ground in late July or early August to produce crops in the fall. Wait awhile to plant direct-seeded fall crops like lettuce radishes and turnips.

July 4 is also the target date for propagating many spring-blooming shrubs, including azaleas and lilacs. Take softwood stem tip cuttings. Dip the end of the cuttings in rooting hormone powder (available at most garden centers). Put some soil-less sterile potting mix in a tray and make holes with a stick. Put the cutting stems in the holes and push the mix tightly against the stems. Place the tray in a tent made from a plastic bag or in some other area that will act to keep the soil moist. Check the soil often to ensure it is moist. This may take several weeks, and not every stem will produce roots, but in a few weeks, some of the stems will have produced roots and may be taken out and planted in individual pots with fertilizer. This fall, they may be planted in the ground.

Do not get so busy with these chores that you do not have time to enjoy the summer garden. Many plants will be at peak over the next couple of weeks. I marvel each day as I take my morning walk around Sandhill Gardens. The beauty that surrounds me makes me thank God and allows my spirit to soar. There is no better way to commemorate our nation's independence than to take a walk in a beautiful garden.

Online reserved-hunt applications available July 1

Hunters may apply for a reserved hunt online by visiting hunting.IN.gov and clicking on the "Reserved Hunt Information" link, beginning July 1.

The online method is the only way to apply.

All applicants must possess a valid hunting license for the species they'd like to hunt. All applications must be completed by the application deadline to be eligible for the drawing. Hunters will be selected through a random drawing. All drawing results will be posted at wildlife.IN.gov within a week after application deadlines.

Dove Hunt Draw

Online application must be completed by July 27.

Available properties for 2015 are Blue Grass, Jasper-Pulaski, Kankakee, Kingsbury, Pigeon River, Willow Slough, and Winamac Fish & Wildlife Areas, and Salamonie Lake.

Due to flooding during the sunflower growing season, J.E. Roush Lake, LaSalle and Willow Slough will not be in the 2015 draw.

Deer Creek Fish & Wildlife Area (FWA) Deer Hunt

Online application must be completed by August 17.

Deer Creek FWA Upland Hunt

Online application must be completed by August 17

Military/Refuge Firearm and Archery Deer Hunt Draw

Online application must be completed by August 24. Hunts on military/refuge properties may be canceled at any time.

State Park Deer Reduction Hunts

Online application must be completed by August 24.

Youth Firearm Deer Hunt at Muscatatuck

National Wildlife Refuge

Online application must be completed by August 24.

T.C. Steele Firearm Deer Hunt

Online application must be completed by August 24.

Pheasant Hunt Draw

Online application must be completed by September 28. Adults should not apply for the November 7 hunt. November 7 is reserved for youth (17 and younger) only.

Applications for waterfowl draw hunts begin in late August. Pheasant put-and-take and state park goose will be available in September.

Spring Mill SP hosts cave presentation

Learn about the caves of Spring Mill State Park and Cave River Valley during a presentation at the park on July 18 by an expert in cave biology.

Dr. Julian J. Lewis, president of the Indiana Karst Conservancy, will discuss how caves function, the creatures that live in caves, and the effect of white nose syndrome on bats.

The presentation is at 3 p.m. in the Lakeview Activity Center auditorium.

Earlier in the day, the Lakeview Activity Center will offer a movie and crafts with a space theme for Virgil I "Gus" Grissom Day.

For more information, call (812) 849-3534 or email springmillstatepark@dnr.IN.gov.

Park admission is \$7 per in-state vehicle and \$9 per out-of-state vehicle.

Spring Mill State Park (stateparks.IN.gov/2968.htm) is at 3333 State Road 60 East, Mitchell, 47446.

\$300 million in Indiana crops' value lost to flooding so far

BY DARRIN PACK
AND KEITH ROBINSON
Purdue University News Service

Torrential rains and resulting flooding have destroyed as much as five percent of Indiana's corn and soybean crops and already cost the state's agricultural economy about \$300 million since the beginning of June, Purdue Extension economist Chris Hurt said Friday, June 26.

"We went from a well above-normal crop to a very discouraging, below-normal crop," he said at a special news briefing at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. "This was a very devastating period."

He expects the losses to continue to mount at least over the next few weeks as more rain is forecast.

Hurt said grain prices were starting to increase as the extent of the crop damage became apparent. But the higher prices could be offset by reduced yields and increased expenses from replanting flood-damaged fields.

"There are very major reasons for concern," Hurt said.

Michael Langemeier, an agricultural economist specializing in crop systems, said about 80 percent of the state's corn and soybean acreage was covered by crop insurance. Although it is too late to consider replanting corn, soybean farmers could decide to start over with reduced insurance coverage. During a late planting period that ends July 15, coverage drops 1 percent per day.

Langemeier said farmers need to do a cost-benefit analysis before deciding whether to replant.

"The main things farmers need to consider is what additional expenses I will incur and compare that to the additional revenue," he said.

Julia Wickard, state executive director of the Farm Service Agency, said Indiana has not yet applied for federal disaster assistance.

"We certainly know that our farmers across Indiana are experiencing unprecedented rainfall," she said. "These flood events have left damage and heartbreak behind."

She said FSA officials were collecting data and assessing damage in the hardest-hit parts of the state. To qualify for disaster assistance, such as low-interest loans, a region has to show at least a 30 percent loss in production.

"We are ready to take on this challenge that will probably be confronting us as we move forward," she said.

Ken Scheeringa, associate state climatologist, said the region's unsettled weather would likely continue for at least the next month, with conditions cooler and wetter than normal.

"Even though there is a very good chance for above-average rainfall, I am hopeful the amounts will be more reasonable," Scheeringa said.

Other speakers, with highlights of their flood and crops updates:

* **CORN**, Bob Nielsen, corn specialist: Although a wet spring planting season is not unusual in the eastern Corn Belt "what is clearly different this year is the magnitude of it." The June rains have affected several hundred thousand acres, perhaps as much as in 30 years. It is too late to replant damaged acreage. Despite the damage, there are signs of improvement. Yield potential of the crop will depend largely on the weather over the next 2-3 weeks.

* **SOYBEANS**, Shaun Casteel, soybean specialist: Although conditions for planting were marginal to begin with, the positive development is that there has been enough moisture to allow root systems to grow through compacted soil. Nitrogen loss has gone well beyond normal, so plants will



Jay County in eastern Indiana was hit with a deluge of rain during the week of June 22, as this flooded cornfield shows. (Purdue Agricultural Communication photo/Darrin Pack)

need "a shot in the arm" with additional nitrogen when conditions warrant. For new planting or replanting, farmers will need to use varieties that will allow for a mature crop by fall harvest after a shortened growing season.

* **WEEDS**, Bill Johnson, weed scientist: Farmers should get weeds under control with re-spraying as soon as fields dry out but should not feel rushed in windy conditions. They also will need to understand the risks of making "off-label" herbicide applications. Farmers wanting to plant soybeans in fields where drowned-out corn was planted should understand that some commonly used corn herbicides do not allow soybeans to be planted in the same year.

* **INSECTS**, Christian Krupke, professor of entomology: A "silver lining" to the rain is that corn rootworm, the most common pest in the growing season, is highly susceptible to drowning. So many of them have died off. There is uncertainty whether aphids, a common pest for soybeans, will be a problem this year. That is because Indiana does not have enough history of planting soybeans in July to predict whether there will be infestations.

* **DISEASES**, Kiersten Wise, associate professor of plant pathology: Although there is uncertainty about diseases at this time, saturated soils could create conditions suitable for soybean sudden death syndrome and, especially in northern counties, white mold. Corn foliar diseases such as northern leaf blight are starting to show in some fields.

* **NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT**, Jim Camberato, soil fertility specialist: Farmers will need to assess how much nitrogen their crops have lost and consider supplemental applications. Those who have been unable to apply nitrogen will need to assess the plants' root system and make the difficult decision about how much to apply.

* **COVER CROPS**, Eileen Kladvik: Farmers who have been unable to plant or who have severely damaged fields should consider planting a cover crop to rebuild the soil's productive properties and minimize weeds. Farmers who already have applied an herbicide to corn, however, might have fewer choices of cover crops to use effectively.

* **FORAGES**, Keith Johnson, forage specialist: It critical to monitor temperature of stored forages so that their temperature does not exceed 150 degrees Fahrenheit. Typical temperature is 120 degrees or less. Also, make sure soil is dry enough to accommodate harvesting equipment.

* **DISASTER ASSISTANCE**, Steve Cain, Extension Disaster Education Network homeland security project director: No Federal Emergency Management Agency disaster declaration is expected, so communities must recover from flooding without federal financial assistance. EDEN is assisting those in heavily flooded areas, such as White and Jasper counties, especially hit hard with residential damage. Also, EDEN has resources for owners of flood-damaged homes in the Extension publication First Steps to Flood Recovery.

Cover crops could help save soil in flooded fields, experts say

BY DARRIN PACK
Purdue University News Service

Planting cover crops could help preserve healthy soil in fields that have been left empty this year because of flooding, according to a new article by Purdue agronomist Eileen Kladvko and Barry Fisher, Indiana state soil health specialist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

"These 'prevented planting' acres, while unfortunate for this year's production, should be managed in ways to prevent further soil degradation and to increase soil productivity for next year," the authors write. "Cover crops are an excellent option for producers to consider for protecting their soil and increasing productive capacity for succeeding years."

Excessive rainfall, like much of the Midwest has experienced this month, can break down soil aggregates, especially near the surface, Kladvko and Fisher note. Flooding and erosion can wash away nutrient-rich topsoil. When fields dry out, the remaining soil is

baked to a hard crust that is susceptible to further erosion by wind and rain.

In fields that are tilled to control weeds, soil nutrients can be lost through leaching.

"To rebuild productive capacity and improve soil health, growing a cover crop for the remainder of the season is crucial," the authors say. "In fact, having something green and growing during the non-frozen times of the year is a key concept for improving soil health, decreasing nitrate leaching to drainage waters and improving water quality."

The article includes sections on improving soil structure and biological activity in topsoil, increasing permeability and decreasing compaction, building soil nitrogen, selecting the right cover crops and seeding cover crops. There are also links to a number of additional resources that could help growers learn more about how to select and use cover crops.

To download the article, go to <https://ag.purdue.edu/agry/extension/Documents/PreventedPlantingCovers2015.pdf>.

DNR firewood program makes home heating more affordable

Hoosiers can cut firewood in designated areas of Indiana State Forests to help heat their home and reduce utility bills.

Starting July 1, permit holders will pay a fee of \$10 per rick of firewood. The increase of \$7 per rick is the first fee increase in more than 30 years for firewood permits.

"State forests have a long tradition of offering economical firewood opportunities for home heating," assistant state forester Dan Ernst said. "The fee increase helps us continue the program and cover part of the program costs."

A rick is about the size of a standard pickup truck load.

A volume discount that costs \$25 for three ricks is also available.

A rick of cut firewood in parts of southern

Indiana costs about \$45 to \$55, and about \$10 more for delivery.

Each year about 1,000 firewood cutting permits are sold, with projected revenues to the state of about \$10,000 a year.

The designated cutting areas are on portions of forest where managed timber harvests have been completed. No standing trees may be cut.

No off-road vehicles are allowed. Cutters are expected to have appropriate personal protective equipment.

Permits must be purchased in advance from state forest offices and will outline the cutting location and times when wood may be cut.

Wood available includes oak, maple, yellow poplar, hickory and other hardwoods.

Enrollment for 2016 Dairy Margin Protection Program begins today

Agriculture Deputy Secretary Krysta Harden yesterday announced that starting July 1, 2015, dairy farmers can enroll in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Margin Protection Program for coverage in 2016. The voluntary program, established by the 2014 Farm Bill, provides financial assistance to participating dairy operations when the margin – the difference between the price of milk and feed costs – falls below the coverage level selected by the farmer. Harden made the announcement while visiting Wolfe's Neck Farm and dairy school in Freeport, Maine.

"More than half of our nation's dairy producers enrolled in the 2015 program, which exceeded our expectations for the first year of the program," said Harden. "We are confident that dairy farmers across the country will again take advantage of this safety net program for 2016. USDA will continue outreach efforts, including partnering with cooperative extension services, to ensure dairy producers are fully informed about the protections that this safety net program can provide during periods of market downturns."

The Margin Protection Program gives participating dairy producers the flexibility to select coverage levels best suited for their operation. Enrollment begins July 1 and ends on September 30, 2015, for coverage in 2016. Participating farmers will remain in the program through 2018 and pay a \$100 administrative fee each year. Producers also have the option of selecting a different coverage level during open enrollment each year. Margin Protection Program payments are based on an operation's historical production. An operation's historical production will increase by 2.61

percent in 2016 if the operation participated in 2015, providing a stronger safety net.

USDA also has an online resource available to help dairy producers decide which level of coverage will provide them with the strongest safety net under a variety of conditions. The enhanced Web tool, available at www.fsa.usda.gov/mpptool, allows dairy farmers to quickly and easily combine their unique operation data and other key variables to calculate their coverage needs based on price projections. Producers can also review historical data or estimate future coverage based on data projections. The secure site can be accessed via computer, mobile phone, or tablet, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Dairy operations enrolling in the program must meet conservation compliance provisions. Producers participating in the Livestock Gross Margin insurance program may register for the Margin Protection Program, but this new margin program will only begin once their Livestock dairy insurance coverage has ended. Producers must also submit form CCC-782 for 2016, confirming their Margin Protection Program coverage level selection, to the local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office. If electing higher coverage for 2016, dairy producers can either pay the premium in full at the time of enrollment or pay a minimum of 25 percent of the premium by February 1, 2016.

The Margin Protection Program was established by the 2014 Farm Bill, which builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past six years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/farmbill.



Kitty kitty

-Photos by Indiana DNR

The bobcat kitten shown was found Sunday in Martin County with a hurt right front leg. Indiana Conservation Officers stated they are not sure what caused the injury. The baby bobcat will be treated and will be released back into the wild once it has healed. Bobcats live as long as 10 to 12 years in the wild.

Storing wet hay could cause barn fire, Purdue specialist warns

BY DARRIN PACK
Purdue University News Service

With parts of the Midwest experiencing wetter-than-normal weather conditions, a Purdue Extension forage specialist is urging farmers to make sure their hay is adequately dried before baling and storage to reduce the risk of barn fires.

"With all the rain we've been having, some farmers might be tempted to put away hay that is wetter than recommended," said Keith Johnson.

Johnson said the moisture content of hay for storage should be no higher than 20 percent. If hay is not given enough time to dry or is stored prematurely, heat-tolerant microorganisms can develop in the bales, raising the temperature.

If the temperature of stored hay reaches 150 degrees Fahrenheit, farmers should take apart the bales or stacks to allow cooling air to circulate. If the temperature reaches 200

degrees Fahrenheit, a fire becomes very likely.

"Those kinds of fires happen every year, but the wet conditions this year make the risk even greater," Johnson said. "Growers should monitor the temperature of their stored hay and notify their local fire department of any potentially dangerous heat buildup."

Johnson said farmers could speed up the drying by laying the cut forage in a wide swath with a mower-conditioner. Hay cut in a wide swath is more exposed to sunlight and dries faster. The conditioner crimps the stems of newly cut wheat and allows moisture to evaporate faster.

He said an alternative to storing forage as dry hay is to let the cut forage wilt to 50 percent moisture content and allow it to ferment to silage. This is done using an individual bale wrapper or an inline tuber that exudes air by wrapping the bales in white plastic.

Public can receive free training on forest pest detection

Citizens and landowners can get involved in the early detection of invasive forest pests through two "Early Detector" training programs this summer.

The free programs are sponsored by the DNR Division of Forestry, the DNR Division of Entomology & Plant Pathology, and Purdue Entomology.

The goal is to train people to identify signs and symptoms of invasive forest pests and diseases. These trained citizen scientists are asked to report their information via The Great Lakes Early Detection Network website or mobile app.

Participants will learn to identify signs and symptoms of emerald ash borer, Asian longhorn beetle, thousand cankers disease of walnut, and hemlock woolly adelgid.

The programs are July 28 in Brookville at the Franklin County Government Center, and Aug. 4 in Evansville at the Vandenberg County 4-H Center. Both programs run from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Registration is required.

Online registration is on the Indiana DNR Calendar of Events at dnr.IN.gov.

Click on "Calendar" at the bottom of the page. Then, on the next webpage, use the "Category" drop-down box in the Advanced Search area to click on "Forestry."

For more information, call Purdue Extension entomologist Cliff Sadof at (765) 494-5983, or Carrie Tauscher, acting coordinator of DNR Community and Urban Forestry, at ctauscher@dnr.IN.gov or (317) 234-4386.

Wild edibles workshop at Monroe Lake

Learn to identify, harvest and prepare wild edibles during a July 22 workshop at Monroe Lake's Northfork Marshes.

Monroe Lake interpretive naturalist Jill Vance will lead the workshop, which runs from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The workshop is designed for people with little or no experience. Vance will focus on four to six plants and cover steps to bring them from field to table.

Registration is required by July 19 at bit.ly/wildedibles2015. The workshop is limited to eight people, ages 16 and older. There is a \$20-per-person workshop fee.

Participants will spend the majority of time outside. The workshop will conclude with food sampling, "do's and don'ts," and info on how to expand your new skills.

The Northfork Marshes at Monroe Lake (stateparks.IN.gov/2954.htm) are on McGowan Road, off of State Road 46 between Bloomington and Nashville.

CNBC ranks Hoosier state as #1 for cost of doing business

Indiana ranked first in the nation for cost of doing business, as well as eighth for its economy, in the recent CNBC "America's Top States for Business 2015" scorecard.

"In a world where competition for job creation is tougher than ever, Indiana stands as the number one state for business affordability," said Governor Mike Pence. "Businesses choose Indiana because growing here means focusing on job creation and investment, not taxes, regulation or other job-killing expenses. Today Indiana is on the cusp of reaching a historic peak employment level because companies grow here with confidence, making the Hoosier economy one of the strongest in the nation."

According to CNBC, cost of doing business scores are based on each state's tax climate, state-sponsored incentives and utility and rental costs. Economy rankings consider economic growth, job creation, consumer spending, major corporation headquarters and the residential real estate market. In addition, the economic ranking serves as a measure of each state's fiscal health based on credit ratings and outlook, state revenues and budget projections.

Indiana's personal tax rate is scheduled to reduce to 3.23 percent by 2017, with the 2013 passage of largest tax decrease in state history. In 2014, Governor Pence signed legislation also placing Indiana's corporate tax on a reduction schedule, which is decreasing to 4.9 percent by 2021. Combined with Indiana's AAA credit rating from all three major credit rating agencies, Indiana's

economy stands out around the world as a stable and affordable choice for business.

This news comes on the heels of Indiana's recent recognition as the top state in the Midwest and sixth nationwide for doing business by Chief Executive magazine. Last year, Indiana was ranked best in the Midwest and 7th overall in Area Development magazine's "Top States for Doing Business" as well as best in the Midwest and 7th in the nation in the Pollina Corporate "Top 10 Pro-Business States for 2014" study.

The organization's rankings are based on publicly available data and cover more than 60 measures of competitiveness identified by a broad array of business and policy experts, official government sources, the CNBC Global CFO Council and the states themselves. The Hoosier State also earned top 10 rankings for cost of living (No. 4) and business friendliness (No. 9). The full survey results are available online at www.cnbc.com/id/101747925.

About IEDC

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) leads the state of Indiana's economic development efforts, focusing on helping companies grow in and locate to the state. Governed by a 12-member board chaired by Governor Mike Pence, the IEDC manages many initiatives, including performance-based tax credits, workforce training grants, public infrastructure assistance, and talent attraction and retention efforts. For more information about the IEDC, visit www.iedc.in.gov.

Indiana reforms its local income taxes

It started in 1973, when Governor Bowen pushed his property tax relief package through the Indiana General Assembly. Counties could adopt the county adjusted gross income tax (CAGIT) if they wanted more property tax relief than the new state program delivered. About a third of the counties adopted, most of them rural. Later CAGIT was changed to provide more revenue for budgets. Now 56 counties have CAGIT.

Then came the double-dip recession in 1979-82, and cities needed cash. In 1984 the General Assembly responded with the county option income tax (COIT) which could raise revenue for city, town and county budgets. The COIT decision was made by the new COIT Councils, which were dominated by city votes in the biggest counties. Twenty-eight counties adopted COIT.

EDIT came along in 1988. That's the economic development income tax. It raised money for counties, cities and towns to pay for infrastructure to promote business growth, or for other public facilities. Eventually the General Assembly allowed EDIT to be used for any purpose. Seventy-two counties have EDIT.

There it stood for 15 years, until the big tax reform of 2002. The legislature exempted business inventories from the property tax, phased-in over five years. Counties were allowed to adopt an additional EDIT to fund a homestead credit to protect homeowners from higher property tax bills. Thirty-six counties adopted the extra EDIT.

The start of annual assessment trending in 2007-08 helped cause a shift in property taxes towards homeowners. The General Assembly responded in 2007 with three new local option income taxes (LOITs). Counties could freeze the property tax levy and pay for added spending with an extra LOIT rate. They could adopt a LOIT to fund property tax credits for homesteads, rental housing or all property. They also could adopt a LOIT to pay for public safety spending. Technically, these new LOITs were CAGIT, COIT or EDIT rates, but for new purposes. Thirty-nine counties adopted one or more of the new LOITs.

And through the years special legislation

allowed individual counties to use local income taxes for particular purposes. There are 17 counties with special income taxes in 2015.

Now all 92 counties have at least one local income tax. Total rates range from 0.2% to 3.13%. The median total rate is 1.46%, and there are 53 different total rates.

The appropriate response to all this, dear readers, is "Huh?"

But this year the General Assembly passed and the Governor signed House Enrolled Act 1485, which will reform Indiana's local income taxes. You can find the bill on the General Assembly's website, but look at the fiscal note for a readable explanation.

In 2017 the many local income taxes will be merged into one. The revenue from this local income tax can be used for three purposes. It can be used for budgets, distributed among the county, cities and towns and other units to support public services. It can be used for property tax relief, to fund property tax credits for various property owners. Or it can be used for special purposes, where this has been authorized by past special legislation.

It's definitely easier to explain than our existing system. But it will be a challenge for the State Budget Agency and Department of Local Government Finance to recreate existing revenue distributions and credits under the new system. The reform is not intended to change tax rates, and is not supposed to change revenue uses very much.

Counties will have more flexibility under the new system. If a county wants more for property tax relief and less for added services, or the reverse, now they might have to rescind one tax and enact another. The new system will let them change the distribution shares under their existing tax rate. There also are new options for providing property tax relief among categories of property.

From the taxpayer's point of view nothing much will change. Local income taxes still will be withheld from paychecks, and we'll still check for that dreaded local rate come tax time in April. But this is a big reform for local governments. With the new flexibility come 2017, many counties may consider changes in the way they use local income tax revenue.



JOSLYN GRAY

Gray is appointed to VU Board of Trustees

Joslyn Denise Gray, Indianapolis, has been appointed to a one-year term on the Vincennes University Board of Trustees. Indiana Governor Mike Pence appointed Gray.

"I want to bring the actual students' voice to the trustees. I want them to hear what students see as the true vision for the school," Gray said.

A 2010 graduate of Ben Davis High School in Indianapolis, Gray is pursuing a bachelor's degree at VU in Elementary Education/Special Education. She serves as president of Today's Black Women and is a VU Student Ambassador. She represented VU at the National Association of Campus Activities National Conference. Gray is an Unlimited Horizon Scholar and the recipient of a 21st Century Scholarship.

"I believe that without education there is no future. I strive to do my personal best each and every day," Gray said.

Public input requested on child support guidelines

The Indiana Supreme Court will consider changes to child support guidelines. The guidelines are court rules which provide the measure for determining the child support obligation amount for each parent. Comments from the public about proposed changes will be accepted until August 11, 2015.

The Domestic Relations Committee of the Indiana Judicial Conference of Indiana already reviewed certain changes. It is now considering final revisions before making recommendations to the Indiana Supreme Court.

Specific information about the proposed changes can be found online at <http://courts.in.gov/4299.htm>. Generally, the proposed changes include revisions concerning the availability and cost of health insurance for children under the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA), the change in the age of emancipation from 21 years to 19 years, and clarification of educational and extracurricular activity expenses.

There is a form online for submitting comments electronically or comments can be submitted in writing to the following address: Jeffrey Bercovitz Director, Juvenile and Family Law Indiana Judicial Center c/o the Domestic Relations Committee, 30 South Meridian Street, Suite 900, Indianapolis, IN 46204-3564

The Domestic Relations Committee is made up of trial court judicial officers from across the state. Once comments are submitted to the Committee it will review the responses and prepare a final draft for submission to the Indiana Supreme Court. The Supreme Court will determine if the guidelines are approved.

Governor announces tax amnesty to be conducted in the fall

Governor Mike Pence Monday announced that the Indiana Department of Revenue will conduct Tax Amnesty 2015 from September 15 through November 16, 2015. Of the outstanding taxes collected, the first \$84 million will fund the Indiana Regional Cities Development Fund.

"To continue to attract new investment and talent across our state, we must grow locally and think regionally," said Governor Pence. "The 2015 Tax Amnesty program plays a critical role in helping to jumpstart the Regional Cities Initiative, encouraging collaboration among Hoosier communities to develop ways to bolster investment, attract talent, and continue Indiana on a pathway to economic growth and success."

Tax amnesty is a limited-time opportunity for both individuals and businesses to pay past-due base tax liabilities free of penalty, interest, and collection fees. Existing tax liabilities, for all tax types managed by the department, for periods ending prior to January 1, 2013, are eligible to participate in Tax Amnesty 2015. Approximately 40 different tax types are eligible for participation.

In return for the full payment of the base tax, the state will:

- Waive penalties, interest, and collection fees for eligible liabilities;
- Release tax liens that have been imposed on existing liabilities; and
- Not seek civil or criminal prosecution against any individual or entity.

Indiana's first tax amnesty program was conducted in 2005, during which the state collected \$244 million in taxes. Taxpayers who participated in the 2005 amnesty program are not eligible to participate in Tax Amnesty 2015.

Tax Amnesty 2015 is authorized by the biennial budget in House Enrolled Act 1001, which was signed into law by Governor Mike Pence in May 2015.

Additional program details can be found at www.taxamnesty.in.gov.

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New Beginnings Church *WEEKLY MESSAGE*

BY ERNIE CANELL
Pastor, New Beginnings Church

Face to Face- Nicodemus
 We have been studying different people in the scripture who when came face to face with God had transforming experiences. Their lives were totally and miraculously changed. In this case we can see what we must do to understand why we need to have this face to face with Jesus. What we must understand to have the hope and future that God planned all along.

Today, I want to get more personal with you and your face to face with God. What happens when we come face to face? In Nicodemus' case he was born again. He was a religious man. He was a Pharisee a ruler of the Jews. He called Jesus Rabbi, a teacher, even though he hadn't gone to Rabbi school. Nicodemus had seen the great signs and wonders that Jesus had done. He knew God was with Him. No one could do those things if God wasn't with Him.

Jesus uses some examples that Nicodemus would understand. First was Birth. Let me see if I can explain this. We are all born. We are born in the body. And we have a spirit. No one is born without a spirit. But that spirit is free to choose. And it goes around trying to fill this emptiness because it needs to have something to complete it. As we grow we look to parental love. How to please mom and dad because we think that is what will fill it. Then many rebel because we don't like to obey. Our spirit is flawed, it was born into

sin. So then we look for it in others, in relationships, love from another human being. Or we look for it in something else when we find that others will let you down. Many turn to a career, trying to find their worth in work. Or they stray into other things like drugs, alcohol, gambling, and other addictions that only leave them wanting. Jesus knows that Nicodemus hasn't found it in his religion because it was powerless. Jesus tells him unless you are born again you cannot see the kingdom of heaven.

Otherwise all the religious stuff in the world will not get you there. Being good enough will never be good enough. Even if you are in the chosen race of God it won't do any good. True salvation, the one that opens your heaven to the kingdom of God, is that you must be born again.

The problem we have here is that people believe that Jesus died on the cross for their sins; they believe they can have forgiveness for their sins: That Jesus is Lord. Because He is. That Jesus is the son of God because He is. But they are never born again. They never die to their old self and live in a relationship with Jesus. Jesus said you must be born again. The old spiritual self that was flawed because of sin, has to be mended. It has to be fixed. Jesus used birth as an allegory, because just like when you were in your mother's womb, in darkness, in confinement and you were born in to the light (into freedom from your captivity), your spirit is confined and in darkness without being born again to a filled life with Jesus Christ.

Too many have come to believe the knowledge about Christ without being born again in their spirit. One of the things we learned is that salvation is by grace alone. Nothing we can do can earn it. And nothing can take it away. It's like being born, you can't go back to your mother's womb. It is the same as being born again in the spirit. Once you are born again you can't be un-born.

Once you have the new birth, new spirit of God living in you and have died to the old spirit you cannot be un-reborn.

Then Jesus uses the example of the wind. Nicodemus with all his theological learning, lacked spiritual insight. He failed to see the supernatural birth of which Jesus was speaking of. He has yet to learn that God's creative power is not limited to the material and the physical. There exists a realm of spirit in which God is at work. It's like the wind; we know it is there because we feel it but we don't know where it comes from. We feel its effect. When you are born again you feel its effects. You have a new spirit. You are a new creation. That is why Paul says in Galatians

Galatians 5:16-25 (NASB) But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law. Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, en-

mities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

Because you have a new Spirit; It's born again into faith in Jesus Christ, you can tell in your own heart when the wind of the spirit re-births your spirit and heart.

When Nicodemus came face to face with Jesus he was changed from the inside out. How are you born again? By looking to the cross and the accomplishment of Jesus Christ in taking the total punishment for our sins. When you look to the cross, you repent of your sins and He gives you a new birth.

Why would people not want to be born again? Could it be because people don't want their sins revealed to them? They will be exposed. When we are born again, the old person will become a new creation in Christ Jesus. Their sins will be taken always and their lives will be changed. There is no greater good news than that of being born again when you come face to face with Jesus Christ.

Hope to see you this Sunday at New Beginnings Community Church at 10:30 a.m.

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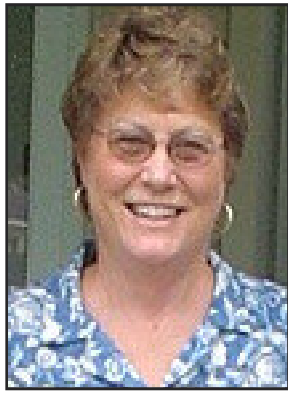

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More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



I recently had the opportunity to renew a friendship from many years ago. Pauline Hotz, a wonderful artist, just recently finished a painting of the St. John School where I spent many years learning and painting. Great to see you again, Pauline. Glad to hear that you enjoy this column.

CAR KEYS

They weren't in my pockets. Suddenly, I realized I must have left them in the car. Frantically, I headed for the car park. My husband has scolded me many times for leaving my keys in the car's ignition. He was afraid that the car could be stolen.

As I looked around the car park, I realized he was right. The car park was empty. I immediately called the police. I gave them my location, confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen.

Then I made the most difficult call of all to my husband: . . . "I left my keys in the car and it's been stolen."

There was a moment of silence. I thought the call had been disconnected, but then I heard his voice. "Are you kidding me?" he barked, "I dropped you off!"

Now it was my turn to be silent. embarrassed, I said, "Well, come and get me."

He retorted, "I will, as soon as I convince this police officer that I didn't steal your darn car!"

Welcome to the silver years.

A few weeks ago I shared "new words" from a Mensa contest. The Washington Post has also published the winning submissions to its yearly contest, in which readers are asked to supply alternate meanings for common words.

And the winners are:

1. Coffee, n. The person upon whom one coughs.
2. Flabbergasted, adj. Appalled by discov-

ering how much weight one has gained.

3. Abdicate, v. To give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.

4. Esplanade, v. To attempt an explanation while drunk.

5. Negligent, adj. Absent mindedly answering the door when wearing only a nightgown.

6. Lymph, v. To walk with a lisp.

7. Gargoyle, n. Olive-flavored mouthwash.

8. Flatulence, n. Emergency vehicle that picks up someone who has been run over by a steamroller.

9. Balderdash, n. A rapidly receding hairline.

10. Testicle, n. A humorous question on an exam.

11. Rectitude, n. The formal, dignified bearing adopted by proctologists.

12. Pokemon, n. A Rastafarian proctologist.

13. Oyster, n. A person who sprinkles his conversation with Yiddishisms.

14. Frisbeetarianism, n. The belief that, after death, the soul flies up onto the roof and gets stuck there.

15. Momster, n. What happens to mom after she counts to three.

WEEKLY PONDERISMS

1. That awkward moment when you're not sure if you actually have free time or if you're forgetting everything.

2. Don't worry about walking in my shoes, just try a day thinking in my head.

3. Heaven seems a little closer when you're in Alaska.

4. I was always taught to respect my elders, but it keeps getting harder to find one.

5. That awkward moment when you put something in a safe place so you don't lose it, then you forget where that safe place is.

Make someone smile today!

Skelton Museum announces 2015 Entertainment Showcase

The Red Skelton Museum of American Comedy will offer monthly presentations as part of its 2015 Entertainment Showcase, beginning in August.

Series tickets are available now and cost \$100 each. Tickets can be purchased by contacting the museum at 812-888-4184. If seating is available, tickets for individual performances will go on sale July 21 and range in price from \$15 to \$25.

Opening the series on August 12 will be "The Mayberry Detective presents: Tied Up in Knotts." The comedy performance features David Browning and Karen Knotts, the daughter of Don Knotts who portrayed the loveable character Barney Fife on The Andy Griffith Show.

Jake Gill, upcoming country singer from "The Voice," will perform in concert on September 16. His music is best described as a red dirt/rock fusion and is influenced by many artists, most recently singer/songwriters like Eric Church, Josh Thompson, and Brantley Gilbert, as well as Kenny Chesney.

Internet sensation Andy "Splitman" Gross will bring his mind-boggling variety show to VU on October 14. Gross, who bills himself as a magician, ventriloquist, and comedian, is widely known for his "Split Man" video that has been watched by more than 30 million Internet viewers.

The November 18 showcase will feature the Ball State University Singers. Founded in 1964, the world-renowned collegiate show choir has performed and traveled in Europe, Asia, and across the U.S. Affectionately known as "Indiana's Goodwill Ambassadors," the group earned the title of Number One Collegiate Entertainment Ensemble in 2012.

The season culminates on December 19 with the Evansville Ballet's presentation of "The Nutcracker." Complete with dancing Snowflakes, adorable Bon-bons, and the radiant beauty of the Sugarplum Fairy and her Cavalier, the performance is a "visual feast for the eyes," and a genuine classic.

For more information or to purchase tickets contact the Red Skelton Museum at 812-888-4184.

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Calendar of Events

Courthouse holiday closing

The Martin County Courthouse will be closed Thursday, July 2 due to the Catfish Festival. The courthouse will also be closed Friday, July 3 for Independence Day.

Talk to a lawyer for free

Thursday, July 2 is the next scheduled opportunity to talk to a lawyer for free. The monthly telephone clinic will take place on Thursday, July 2 from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. CST (5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. EST). With the 4th of July right around the corner, this is a great opportunity to get some last minute legal information for those trivia games being played during the holiday weekend or for concerns regarding legal rights. Anyone can access this program, as long as the question relates to Indiana law. The telephone numbers are 812-618-4845 and 888-594-3449. If there's a busy signal, don't give up, keep trying. Talk to a Lawyer is co-sponsored by Volunteer Lawyer Program of Southwestern Indiana, Evansville Bar Foundation and Indiana Bar Foundation. The date for the August clinic is August 6.

Senior Center Ham and Bean Dinner

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

Boy Scouts

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

Cub Scout meetings

Several state parks offering holiday fireworks

The public is invited to fireworks shows at three Indiana state parks and Patoka Lake to celebrate Independence Day.

Indiana Dunes State Park will have fireworks at dusk on July 1, with a rain date of July 9.

Versailles State Park will offer fireworks

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

SOAR Tutoring

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

Solid waste board

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

Humane society meetings

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

Tourism meetings

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

Soil and Water meetings

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

at 10 p.m. on July 3.

Pokagon State Park is offering fireworks at dusk on July 4. The show is sponsored by the Lake James Association. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and come early for a good seat on the Potawatomi Inn front lawn.

Patoka Lake's Thunder over Patoka will start at 9 p.m. on July 4 at the beach in Newton-Stewart State Recreation Area.

Versailles is offering free admission from 7 to 10 p.m. on July 3. Otherwise, standard admission fees apply at all properties having fireworks. Standard admission at Pokagon and Patoka is \$7 per in-state vehicle or \$9 per out-of-state vehicle. At Indiana Dunes, admission for in-state vehicles is the same but the fee for out-of-state vehicles is \$12.

Personal fireworks are prohibited on DNR properties.

Animal Shelter featured pets



In the top photo is Melvin, a 2-3 year old beagle. He is very sweet, loves attention

and loves other dogs. He is neutered and had all his shots. Adoption fee is \$80. In the other photo is Sassy, a female cat around a year old. Very loving, gets along with other cats. Adoption fee is \$40. If interested in adopting, stop by the animal shelter at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. Shelter hours are Monday and Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by appt.



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