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## Shoals Library grant

The Martin County Community Foundation (MCCF) recently granted the Shoals Public Library a \$200,000 matching grant to go towards the library expansion project which will add additional space and make the Library ADA compliant. The project's planning began a few years ago and at that time several grants were obtained for the cost. But as Library Director Sylvia Albaugh was beginning to start construction, she discovered that the costs increased significantly since the initial estimates, to the tune of an additional \$200,000. The MCCF caught wind of the library's dilemma and voted to step in and grant the library the funds needed to begin the project. Shown above, from left to right, are MCCF Director Curt Johnson, Library Board President Marilyn Read, MCCF Board member Greg Bateman, Library Board Treasurer Jenell Hoffman, Assistant Librarian Mary E. Holt, MCCF Board members Kristi Ausbrooks and Paula Ringwald, Library employee Madison Rich, Library Director Sylvia Albaugh, MCCF Board member Tracy Rayhill, CFP CEO Hope Flores, CFP Grants Officer Lisa Staff, and MCCF Grants Committee Chairperson Megan Hawkins.

## Martin County had lowest jobless rate in the state for May

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher

Martin County's jobless rate rose from 2.8 in April to 3.1 percent in May giving the county the top spot in the state for lowest unemployment, tied with Daviess and Gibson counties.

In May, the county had 5,301 residents in the workforce with 166 of them unemployed. In April, there were 5,241 residents able to work and 148 of them were without jobs.

In May of 2023, Martin County's unemployment rate was 3 percent with 5,278 residents in the workforce and 159 of them without work.

Daviess County's jobless rate also rose in May to 3.1 percent, up from 2.5 percent the month before. The county had the lowest jobless rate in the state for May, tied with Martin and Gibson counties.

In May, the county had 16,970 residents in the workforce and 527 of them were without jobs. In April, there were 16,729 residents able to work and 416 of them were without work. In May of last year, Daviess County's jobless rate was 2.6 percent with 16,838 residents in the workforce and 434 of them were unemployed.

Dubois County's jobless rate moved from 2.5 percent in April to 3.2 percent in May. The county had the fourth lowest jobless rate in the state for May, tied with four other counties.

In May, the county had 21,804 resi-

dents in the workforce and 694 of them were unemployed. In April, there were 21,531 residents able to work and 543 of them were without jobs.

In May of 2023, Dubois County's jobless rate was 2.7 percent with 21,869 residents in the workforce and 595 of them without work.

Greene County's unemployment rate increased to 4.6 percent in May, up from 4.1 percent the month before. The county had the 7<sup>th</sup> highest unemployment rate in the state for May, tied with three other counties.

In May, the county had 13,472 residents in the workforce and 617 of them were without jobs. In April, there were 13,464 residents able to work and 554 of them were unemployed. In May of last year, Greene County's jobless rate was 3.8 percent with 13,414 residents in the workforce and 510 of them without jobs.

The top ten spots in the state for lowest jobless rate for May were Martin, Gibson and Daviess counties at 3.1 percent; White, Hamilton, Dubois, Clinton and Boone counties at 3.2 percent and Wells, Union, Tipton, Pulaski, LaGrange, Johnson, Hendricks and Decatur counties at 3.3 percent.

The top ten spots in the state for highest jobless rate for May were Howard County at 5.7 percent, Fayette County at 5.5 percent, Lake County at 5.4 percent, Delaware, Miami and Vermillion counties at 4.7 percent; and Blackford, Greene, Starke, and Vigo counties at 4.6 percent. (See 'RATE' on page 2)

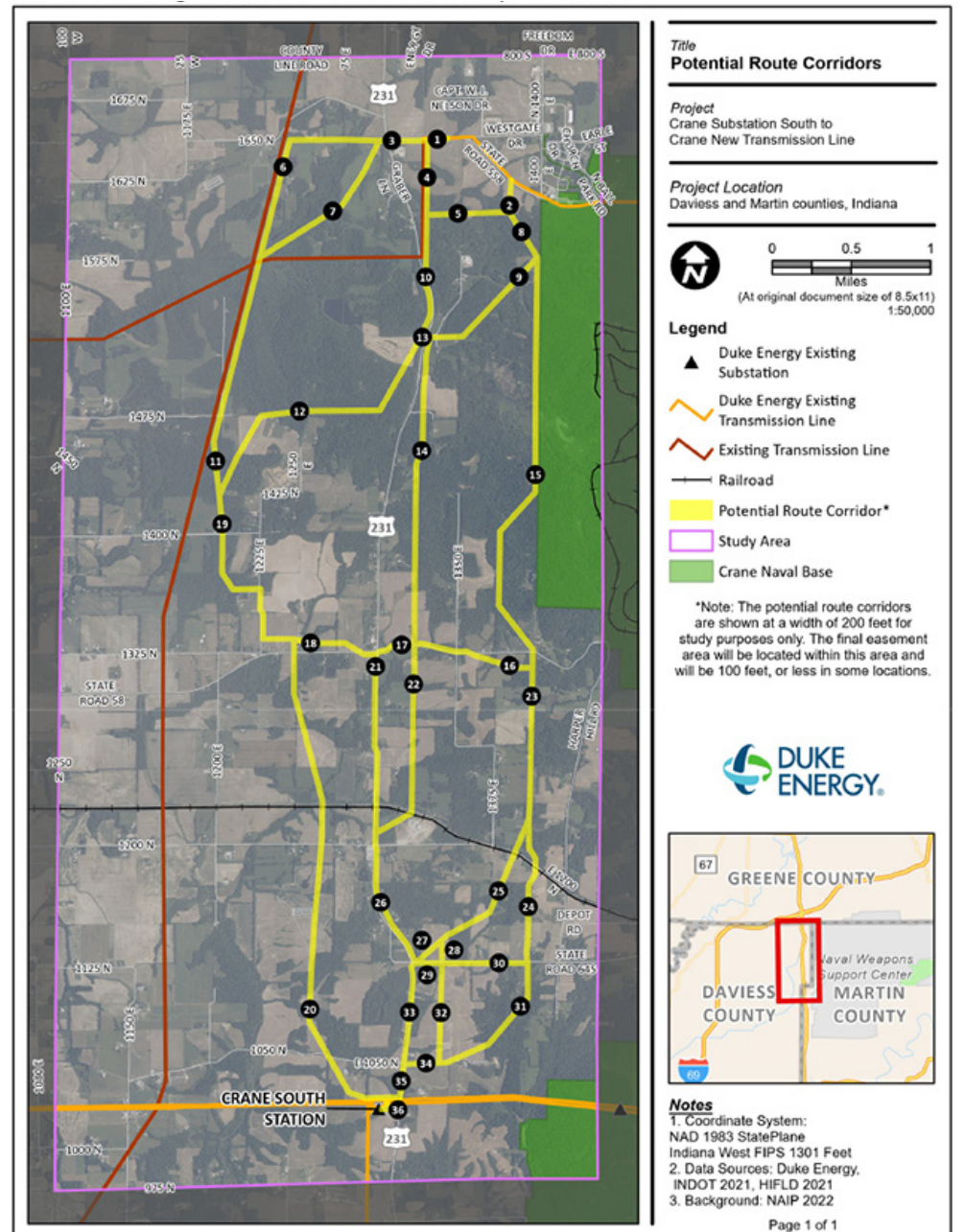
## County council discusses purchasing fourth ambulance

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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The Martin County Council met Monday night, July 1. Ambulance Director Jeramey Osborn provided the council with the service's quarterly report. The ambulance service has had 357 runs in the second quarter of 2024 and a total of 776 runs this year. There were 613 in the first six months of last year.

Osborn said they have brought in \$229,132 so far this year in payments and he said he knows the county estimated making \$400,000 for 2024 so they are on track to meet that. He said there are still several outstanding invoices as well and they should probably discuss working with a collections agency to get the money not being paid.

Osborn said they had discussed last year purchasing a fourth ambulance for the county, but he had wanted to wait to see what kind of money would be coming in. He said he thinks he is ready to discuss purchasing the fourth ambulance now. He said the fear is that if one of the three current ambulances breaks down, they will only have two ambulances available. He said this also limits the number of convalescent transports they can do because if one ambulance is out of service, the other two have to stay in the county. The cost of a new ambulance is \$320,000-\$395,000 so without grants, he understands they can't purchase new. He said used ambulances have worked out fine. Osborn said he could get an ambulance for \$50,000-\$60,000 and (See 'COUNTY COUNCIL' on page 2)



Shown above is the proposed route for upgrades. For a larger version, click [here](#).

## Duke Energy to upgrade portion of the electric system in Martin, Daviess counties

Duke Energy's electric system is essential in helping to meet the energy needs of its communities, customers and neighboring electric cooperatives. Duke Energy will be upgrading a portion of the electric system in Martin and Daviess counties to help improve reliability and increase capacity.

The Crane South Substation to Crane New Transmission Line Project includes a new 69-kilovolt (kV) transmission line that will connect the existing Crane

South Substation to an existing transmission line along IN-558, east of U.S. 231. The new transmission line will provide additional capacity to help Duke Energy continue to meet the growing energy needs of the region. The project will also help improve reliability and make the electric grid more resilient against severe weather.

The company is studying potential route corridors and seeking public input (See 'DUKE' on page 2)



# RATE

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 percent.  
 The unemployment rate of the State of Indiana in May stood at 3.7 percent, according to the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. By comparison, the national unemployment rate for May stands at 4.0 percent.  
 In addition, Indiana's labor force participation rate stands at 62.4 percent for May, remaining slightly below the national rate of 62.5 percent. This rate is the percentage of Hoosiers 16 and older that are either working or actively looking for work. Those not in the labor force include, primarily, students, retirees and other non-working populations, such as individuals unable to work due to a disability or illness, or adults responsible for their family's childcare needs.  
 Indiana's total labor force stands at 3,377,185 - a decrease of 1,679 from the previous month.

Private sector employment in Indiana increased by 3,400 jobs over the last month. In May of 2024 Indiana saw a gain of 36,100 jobs over this time last year in 2023. Indiana's May private employment stands at 2,850,400.  
 Industries that experienced job increases in May included:  
 Trade, Transportation & Utilities (+1,200);  
 Professional and Business Services (+1,600);  
 Construction (+700);  
 Financial Activities (+400); and  
 Leisure and Hospitality (+300).  
 As of June 17, 2024, there were 98,693 open job postings throughout the state. As of the week ending on May 25, 2024, Indiana had 19,458 continued unemployment insurance claims filed.  
 Individuals looking for work, training or career information are encouraged to visit [in.gov/dwd/job-seekers](http://in.gov/dwd/job-seekers).

# COUNTY COUNCIL

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 they have equipment to outfit another ambulance enough to get it licensed by the state. The cost to have all-new equipment purchased plus a used ambulance would be around \$153,000. He said one ambulance currently has 75,000 miles on it, one has 57,000 miles and the other has 46,000 miles.  
 Osborn said the county never put together a replacement plan for ambulances and that is something that needs to be done now. Council Member Jordan Dant said they knew from the beginning that the ambulance service wouldn't make enough money to sustain itself, but the replacement of ambulances was never discussed. Osborn said he's not expecting a decision on purchasing the fourth ambulance now, he just wants to get discussions going. Osborn said he just didn't want an emergency situation where they were without coverage for the county. The council said they can discuss it further during the 2025 budget hearings.  
 The council approved an additional appropriation request of \$18,035 from the riverboat revenue fund for part of the down payment for the county to purchase the Old National Bank building next door to the courthouse. The rest of the down payment, \$18,690, came from the cumulative capital fund. There has not been discussion about where the remaining balance of \$350,000 will come from.  
 The council also approved appropriating \$1,000 from a grant for the circuit court for translation services. The court received the grant last year, but the money hasn't been needed until now.  
 The council approved ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds to pay for tires for the tanker truck with the emer-

gency management agency for \$5,600 and \$1,300 for signage for EMA.  
 Council Member Adam Greene said he received an email from the county's new veteran service officer, Ryan Persinger, providing his contact information. The council agreed they were pleased that the county found a new VSO.  
 Extension Educator Dena Held along with several 4-H participants and volunteers spoke to the council about their experience with 4-H and how it has benefited the youth and the community.  
 The council's next meeting will be Monday, August 5 at 8 a.m. Following the regular meeting will be the budget hearings for 2025.

# DUKE

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 to help inform its selection of a preferred route for the new transmission line.  
 Duke Energy will host an informational open house and public comment period to gather input used in evaluating and selecting a transmission line route for the project. The open house will take place on Tuesday, July 30, from 5-7 p.m. at the Odon Community Center located at 311 Park St. in Odon. The project team will be available to address questions, share project information and collect feedback.  
 Residents who have questions or comments about the project can visit [duke-energy.com/Crane](http://duke-energy.com/Crane), email [Midwest-Transmission@duke-energy.com](mailto:Midwest-Transmission@duke-energy.com) or call 800.820.9362. Comments on the potential route segments can be submitted from July 30 through August 30, 2024.  
 The company expects to announce its preferred route in early 2025. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2026 and be completed by the end of 2027.



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# OBITUARIES

## RYAN BURRIS

Ryan Tyler Burris passed away June 26, 2024, at the University of Louisville Hospital following a vehicle accident. He was 49.



Ryan was a man with many friends and even more stories that he loved to share. Ryan was born August 25, 1974, in Washington; son of Ronald L. (Gov) Burris and Linda (Cannon) Burris. He was married to Alicia Hembree on December 27, 2014, and they had two children, Addisyn Eileen Burris and Chase Leo Burris. Ryan also has three stepchildren, Phillip Fellers, Erika Fellers, and Allan (Kayla) Fellers, along with a new grandchild, Laney.

Ryan was employed by the Department of Defense at NSWC as a logistician. He graduated from Loogootee High School in 1993; obtained an Associate's Degree from Vincennes University in Diesel and Heavy Equipment Mechanic; an Associate's Degree from Ivy Tech-Bloomington in Electronics Technology; and a Bachelor of Science from Oakland City University in Organizational Management. As part of his job responsibilities with the Department of Defense, Ryan travelled around much of the country providing technical support to our Armed Forces drone and reaper programs. Ryan enjoyed cultivating his friendships and also greatly enjoyed farming and working around the farm. He was a member of St. Martin's Catholic Church, the St. Martin's Men's Club, and the Southern Indiana Farm Stock Pullers.

Ryan is survived by his wife, Alicia and his children, Addisyn and Chase, as well as his mother and stepfather, Linda and David Lett; his sister Jackie Foddrill and niece Grace Foddrill. On the Burris side of his family, Ryan is survived by his uncles, Gary (Wanda) Burris and Rick Burris; his aunts, Carol (Ron) Boyd and Helen Burris; and his first cousins, whose friendship he immensely valued, Jarrod Burris (Amy), Kory (Kari) Boyd, and Kyle (Rochelle) Boyd. On the Cannon side of his family, Ryan is survived by his aunts, Kim (Bobby) Williams; Cheryl (Lonnice) Schneider; uncles Don (Nancy) Cannon; Randy Cannon; and Scott Cannon. There are also a large number of cousins surviving Ryan as well.

Ryan is predeceased by his father, Ron Burris; his grandparents, Alberta and Virgil Burris; Harold and Anna Cannon; his godparents, Bernard and Kay Burris; his uncle, Mike Burris and his aunts, Helen Colvin and Betty McDonald. His uncle, Doug Cannon, also predeceased Ryan.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by the Very Reverend J. Kenneth Walker on Monday, July 1 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Burial followed in St. Martin's Catholic Cemetery.

The family requests that any gifts be made in Ryan's honor to the St. Martin's Men's Club.

Ryan was fortunate to receive a kidney and pancreas transplant in 2005. The family respectfully requests all Ryan's friends to register as organ donors and help others in need of improving their health challenges.

Condolences may be made online at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com)

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee, Indiana is honored to serve the family of Ryan Tyler Burris.

## CHERYL CARRICO

Cheryl A. Carrico passed away Tuesday, June 25, 2024. A resident of Loogootee, she was 56.

She was born January 3, 1968, in

Washington; daughter of the late John B. Kelley and Margaret Frances (Ellis) Wagoner. Cheryl married Robert D. Carrico on August 2, 1996.

Cheryl was employed at NSWC Crane for 21 years. She loved her dogs, Chloe and Ella.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John B. Kelley and Margaret F. Wagoner; sister, Brenda Burch; father-in-law, Robert L. Carrico; and brother-in-law, William Beltz.

Cheryl is survived by her husband, Robert D. Carrico; son, Josh Rasico; siblings, Danny Kelley, Tony (Ginger) Kelley, Donna (Terry) Norris, Kevin Kelley, Kent Kelley, and Jule Beltz; mother-in-law, Elaine Carrico; brother-in-law, Tom (Trish) Carrico; and many nieces and nephews.

A private service will be held at a later date.

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Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee, Indiana is honored to serve the family of Cheryl A. Carrico.

## CHAD "CHLOE" FARHAR

Chad "Chloe" Edward Farhar, formerly of Loogootee, passed away Thursday June 27, 2024, in Jasper. A resident of Indianapolis, she was 36.

Lovingly referred to as CC, by family, CC was born August 18, 1987, in Jasper, to Ed Farhar and Patti Sue (Seals) Brumley.

CC was a beautiful, talented, and funny soul. CC always had a fabulous aura and wonderful laugh. CC will be missed by family, friends, and Pridefest friends. She was one in a million.

CC is preceded by stepfather, Brant Brumley; maternal grandparents, John "Jr." Seals and Harriette Fern; paternal grandparents, Janice S. and Lewis Brann, Martha Farhar, and Ray Woodsmall.

CC is survived by mother, Patti Sue Brumley; father, Ed (Christy) Farhar; grandfather, Richard D. Farhar; grandmother, Becki Woodsmall; siblings, Aimee (John) Harder, Cole Kimmel, Jadaya Farhar, Daniel Farhar, Ryken Farhar, and Millie Farhar, and niece and nephews, Savannah and Paul Harder.

Cremation was chosen following CC's wishes, a private burial will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to PVACAG, or Loogootee Pride Festival at

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Online condolences can be made at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com).

Blake Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Chad Chloe Farhar.

## MARY JO HARDY

Mary Jo Hardy passed away surrounded by her daughters on Thursday, June 27, 2024, at Poplar Care Strategies. A resident of Loogootee, she was 75.



She was born September 2, 1948, in Shoals; daughter of the late Cornealus and Josephine (Stone) Johnson.

Mary Jo retired from NSWC Crane as an Explosive Handler and later worked at the Martin County Senior Center. She attended the West Shoals Church of Christ and Antioch Christian Church. Mary Jo loved to cook, working on crafts and taking walks.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Cornealus Johnson and Josephine Richardson; siblings, Carroll Johnson,

Dick Johnson, and Kenny (1<sup>st</sup> wife, Jan and 2<sup>nd</sup> wife, Eva Jean) Johnson.

Mary Jo is survived by her children, Angie (Stan) Hodges, Auna (Kris) Beasley, Tera Trambaugh, Shane Hall, Stacy (Craig) Seitz, and Tom Hall; grandchildren, Zach (Shateria) Hodges, Shelby (Mackenzie) Hodges, Brittney (Joey) Rehl, Haleigh Beasley, Nick (Kendyl) Beasley, Tyler Trambaugh, Tanner (Jennica) Trambaugh, Tia (Harvey) Abrams, Beatrice Hall, Amanda Barnett, Jessica Seitz, Josh Seitz, and Shelley Seitz; great-grandchildren, Cam, BriLee, Josie, Harper, Maddie, Posie, and baby Luka due in September; siblings, John (Janice) Johnson, Mike Johnson, Nina (Richard) Holt, Sally (Ronnie) McKibben, and Cindy (Dave) Entingh; and sisters-in-law, Darlene Johnson and Judy Johnson.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 6 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial will follow in Goodwill Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Friday, July 5 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Please wear purple in honor of Mary Jo and Alzheimer's awareness.

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee, Indiana is honored to serve the family of Mary Jo Hardy.

## WILLIAM "FRANK" CAMPBELL

William Franklin "Frank" Campbell passed away Thursday, June 27, 2024. A resident of Shoals, he was 75.

He was born November 29, 1948, in French Lick; son of Roscoe F and Ruby P (Jones) Campbell.

He married Ruby Sue Holt on January 2, 1970, and she preceded him in death on February 3, 2017.

Frank graduated from Springs Valley High School with the class of 1967.

He worked at Crane and was a veteran of the United States Army. He was a member of VFW Post #8589.

Frank enjoyed playing pool, cards, and spending time with his family.

Surviving are his children, Will F. (Sherri) Campbell Jr., Jason D. (Melissa) Campbell, Sherri M. Campbell, and Travis R. Campbell; grandchildren, Bryce Campbell, Josie Campbell, Dusty Campbell, Shayla Campbell, Storm Bradley, Shondale Campbell, Johnny Arnett, Austin Bradley, Scarlett Campbell, and Aubree Campbell; six great-grandchildren;

and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Ruby Sue; four brothers, Forest, Alvin, Wayne, and Ellis Campbell; and two sisters, Violet Campbell and Marie Heneke.

A funeral service was held this morning, Wednesday, July 3, at the Queen-Lee Chapel of George Funeral Care. Burial followed in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the Queen-Lee Chapel in lieu of flowers to assist the family with final expenses.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.queenlee.com](http://www.queenlee.com).

## DAVID ARVIN

David F. Arvin passed away on June 28, 2024, in Mitchell. He was 67.

He was born in Washington on September 9, 1956; son of John and Virginia Arvin. David was a graduate of Loogootee High School and spent much of his life

working as a plumber.

Survivors include his sons, Shaun Arvin and Eric Arvin; grandchildren, Aubree Arvin and Rilee Arvin; sisters, Linda Nolan, Marlene Bush, Nancy Dant, and Judy Pennington; and a brother, Patrick Arvin.

David was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Laura Arvin; his son, Brandon Arvin; parents, John and Virginia Arvin; and his brothers, Jerry Arvin, Tony Arvin, and Danny Arvin.

David enjoyed sports—especially IU Basketball, Major League Baseball, and football. His love of sports began with track and field in high school and continued to adulthood as a member of softball and bowling leagues as well as pickup basketball.

A visitation will be held for David on Friday, July 5 at Allen Funeral Home (4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington, IN 47401) from 5-7 p.m.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory have been entrusted with the arrangements. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencare.com](http://www.allencare.com).

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department activity log

### SUNDAY, JUNE 23

2:45 a.m. - Received a call reporting a possible theft south of Shoals. Deputy Shields and Reserve Commander Gammon responded.

4:39 a.m. - Received a call reporting a disabled vehicle south of Loogootee. Deputy Shields responded.

4:44 a.m. - Received a call requesting a deputy south of Shoals. Deputy Shields responded.

5:50 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:42 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down west of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

7:45 a.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down west of Loogootee. Advised caller that is Daviess County. Contacted Daviess County.

7:50 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a tree down west of Shoals. Advised that units are enroute.

4:06 p.m. - Received a call reporting a disabled vehicle south of Loogootee. Sergeant Wells responded.

4:08 p.m. - Received a call reporting a possible theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

5:45 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

7:44 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Lost River Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:02 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver north of Loogootee. Deputy Erwin responded.

8:39 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer. Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

9:28 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County Medic 2 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### MONDAY, JUNE 24

4:32 a.m. - Received a call reporting a car-deer accident south of Shoals. Deputy Erwin responded.

5:32 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a cable down in the roadway in Shoals. Deputy Erwin responded.

5:40 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Loogootee. Dubois County EMS and Haysville Fire Department responded.

7:14 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:21 a.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check in Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

8:29 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Deputy Baumgart responded.

8:45 a.m. - Received a call reporting an accident with no injuries in Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

8:56 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2, Loogootee Fire Department and Loogootee Officer Clark responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:41 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a Duke transformer on fire in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Loogootee Officer Rayhill and Duke Energy responded.

9:58 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Officer Rayhill and

Loogootee Officer Clark responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

10:53 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

12:54 p.m. - Received a request to speak with a deputy. Deputy Baumgart responded.

3:38 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting smoke in Daviess County. Contacted Daviess County.

4:14 p.m. - Received a report of an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. ISP Master Trooper Lents responded.

5:12 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231 South, traveling north. Sergeant Wells and Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 25

7:13 a.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Clark responded.

9:04 a.m. - Received a call from Mid America and Duke advising of a road closure today in Loogootee.

9:24 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, Loogootee Chief Hunt, Captain Gibson, Loogootee Officer Clark and Martin County Assistant Coroner responded.

9:42 a.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check south of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

9:50 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Hunt and Loogootee Officer Clark responded.

1:03 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:30 p.m. - Received a call requesting extra patrol in Loogootee. Advised all on duty deputies.

3:34 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting ambulances in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Martin County Medic 2, Loogootee Assistant Chief Long, Loogootee Officer Clark, Loogootee Fire Department, Captain Gibson, Sergeant Wells and Deputy Baumgart responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital. Medic 2 did not transport.

4:12 p.m. - Received a report of a tree limb down in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

4:23 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Captain Gibson responded. REMC was notified.

4:24 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

4:27 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire Department responded. REMC was notified.

4:29 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down northeast of Shoals. Indian Creek Fire Department responded.

4:31 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department responded.

4:36 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down southeast of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Sergeant Wells responded.

4:42 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down northeast of Shoals. Indian Creek Fire Department responded.

4:51 p.m. - Received a call reporting a power outage south of Shoals.

4:58 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

5:13 p.m. - Received a report of phone lines down in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Sergeant Wells responded.

5:23 p.m. - Received a call reporting vandalism in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded.

5:50 p.m. - Received a report of an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Sergeant Wells responded.

5:50 p.m. - Received a call requesting assistance east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

8:17 p.m. - Received a call reporting a neighbor dispute in Daviess County. Advised caller to contact Daviess County for assistance.

8:50 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down southwest of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

9:39 p.m. - Received a call from Care Center Medical Alarms advising of a medical alarm push in Loogootee. Owner advised to disregard.

11:13 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

11:16 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

3:23 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231 North, traveling south. Deputy Erwin responded.

5:01 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle south of Loogootee. Deputy Erwin responded.

5:50 a.m. - Received a call reporting a possible traffic hazard west of Loogootee. Deputy Erwin responded.

6:11 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a tree down south of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

8:36 a.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

11:02 a.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn north of Loogootee.

1:26 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, Loogootee Chief Hunt, Loogootee Assistant Chief Long and Loogootee Officer Clark responded. No one was transported.

2:37 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn west of Shoals.

2:42 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a neighbor dispute north of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

3:57 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Deputy Branham responded.

4:30 p.m. - Received a call reporting a possible scam. Captain Gibson and Deputy Branham responded.

5:30 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle north of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

6:43 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident northeast of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, Loogootee Assistant Chief Long, Deputy Branham and Big John's Towing responded. No one was transported.

8:06 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department and Deputy Branham responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:38 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Deputy Branham responded.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 27

2:44 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a tree down east of Shoals. Deputy Erwin and Shoals Fire Chief Hamby responded.

4:14 a.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down south of Shoals. Shoals Fire Chief Hamby responded.

12:08 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a tree down south of Shoals. Captain Gibson and Shoals Fire Department responded.

12:15 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a tree down south of Shoals. Captain Gibson and Shoals Fire Department responded.

1:00 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to a deputy. Deputy Erwin responded.

3:23 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to a deputy. Deputy Branham responded.

4:30 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock north of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

5:58 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded.

4:02 p.m. - Received a 911 call stating they needed to be transferred to Dubois County. Transferred 911 call to Dubois County Dispatch.

6:36 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

6:43 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 2, Shoals Fire Department, and Deputy Branham responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:45 p.m. - Received a call in regard to an animal complaint in Loogootee. Assistant Chief Long responded.

8:02 p.m. - Received a call in regard to an animal complaint in Loogootee. Assistant Chief Long responded.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 28

5:29 a.m. - Received a call reporting a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Deputy Shields responded.

7:06 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Chief Hunt, and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:30 a.m. - Received a call reporting a water issue in Loogootee. Loogootee City Utilities responded.

10:53 a.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver north of Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Long, Loogootee Officer Clark, and Conservation Officer Mann responded.

12:08 p.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down east of Shoals. INDOT and Deputy Branham responded.

12:42 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Medic 1. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

1:10 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to a deputy. Deputy Branham responded.

3:03 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to a deputy. Deputy Branham responded.

3:25 p.m. - Received a call reporting an incident east of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

4:51 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to a deputy. Deputy Branham responded.

5:15 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute north of Loogootee. Deputy Branham, Loogootee Reserve Officer Shaw, and Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded.

6:07 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock north of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.



# COURT NEWS

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

## CRIMINAL COURT

### New Charges Filed

**June 3**

Michael W. Baker, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

**June 4**

Cody Major, failure to register as a sex or violent offender, a Level 6 Felony.

**June 5**

Myles Hayden, possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor; minor consuming alcohol, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Kayden Honeycutt, minor consuming alcohol, Class C Misdemeanor.

**June 7**

Russell W. Erwin, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Bryson C. Haines, criminal trespass, a Class A Misdemeanor.

**June 10**

Jeremiah R. Wells, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor; minor consuming alcohol, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Jessie Sebastian Schofield, reckless driving, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Mame F. Gueye, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Billy E. Koontz, three counts of cruelty to an animal, Class A Misdemeanors.

Jerry Allen, Jr., child molesting where defendant is at least 21 years of age, a Level 1 Felony; child molesting fondling or touching with child under 14, a Level 4 Felony; voyeurism, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Stephanie Ruiz, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Joshua T. Rush, operating a vehicle while intoxicated with prior conviction within 7 years, a Level 6 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Andrea E. Thurman, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 Felony; possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

**June 12**

Laura L. Henninger, domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Alfredo Aleman, knowingly or intentionally operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Alejandro Leon, knowingly or intentionally operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Anthony S. Pulliam, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Aaron McNeal, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Elijoe G. Yoder, burglary, a Level 4 Felony; domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Jack Holland, failure to register as a sex or violent offender, a Level 6 Felony.

**June 17**

Lester G. Taber, II, reckless driving, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Larry J. Stuby, resisting law enforcement, a Level 6 Felony.

**June 18**

Ashley Nicole Carr, theft, a Class A Misdemeanor.

**June 19**

Weldon L. Edwards, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

**June 24**

Dalton J. English, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Bryan S. Hayden, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Timothy Tincher, intimidation, a Level 6 Felony; strangulation, a Level 6 Felony; battery, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Logan Deleonypena, resisting law enforcement, a Level 6 Felony; reckless driving, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Darrell Lee Kemp, possession of chemical reagents/precursors, a Level 6 Felony.

## CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCINGS

**June 24**

Carolyn S. Bacidore, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 30 actual days previously served plus 30 Class A credit days.

Brian M. Conley, convicted of driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor and operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 361 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

**June 24**

Brian M. Conley, operating a vehicle while intoxicated with prior conviction within 7 years, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; leaving the scene of an accident, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; refusal to submit to breath or chemical test, a Class A Infraction.

Kassy-Ann Marie McCarty, possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT

### New Suits Filed

**June 19**

Scott J. Kern and Tori Kern vs. Kenneth J. McGuire, civil tort.

Hoosier Hills Credit Union vs. Dawn Taylor, Greg Taylor and Larita Taylor, et al, mortgage foreclosure.

**June 25**

Tracy Stoll vs. Rocket Fuels, Inc. d/b/a Marathon, civil tort.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

**June 18**

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Synchrony Bank and against the defendant Audrey Hopkins in the amount of \$3,163.52.

**June 19**

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff LVNV Funding, LLC and against the defendant Krystal McCracken in the amount of \$3,321.14.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

**June 20**

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Jeryco K. Burris in the amount of \$2,628.79.

**June 24**

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Property Sure and against the defendants Natalie and Dylan Adams for eviction in the amount of \$10,000.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Zachary Quinn Taylor of Loogootee and Mercedes Rebecca Moore of Bloomfield.

Lee Harold Sorrells of Loogootee and Storm Lynn Bradley of Loogootee.

Tanner Daniel Earl of Loogootee and Nicole Stonecipher of New Albany.

# Loogootee Police log

**MONDAY, JUNE 24**

8:59 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department, Chief Hunt and Officer Clark responded to a medical call on Bellgrade Avenue.

9:41 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department, Officer Rayhill and Officer Clark responded to a call at Gate Avenue.

10:01 a.m. - Assistant Chief Long and Officer Clark responded to a call at the IGA.

10:01 a.m. - Assistant Chief Long, Officer Rayhill and Officer Clark responded to a call on JFK Avenue.

5:12 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long responded to a call on US Highway 231.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 25**

7:13 a.m. - Officer Clark responded to a call on Truelove Drive.

9:24 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department, Officer Rayhill and Officer Clark responded to a medical call on Ridge Road.

9:51 a.m. - Chief Hunt and Officer Clark responded to a call on Washington Street.

10:24 a.m. - Officer Rayhill responded to a call on Butcher Street.

1:04 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Pineview Drive.

3:34 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department, Assistant Chief Long and Officer Clark responded to a medical call at the city pool.

4:12 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a call near Grant Street.

4:36 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a call on Hart Road.

5:23 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long responded to a call on Broadway Street.

6:19 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long responded to a call at the CVS Pharmacy.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26**

8:33 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on JFK Avenue.

2:17 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Assistant Chief Long responded to a call on Church Street.

3:46 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long and Officer Clark responded to a call at the Family Dollar.

6:43 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Assistant Chief Long responded to a

call on Williams Road.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 27**

11:49 a.m. - Assistant Chief Long responded to a call on Washington Street.

5:58 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long responded to a call on Broadway Street.

# ARRESTS

**MONDAY, JUNE 24**

2:26 a.m. - Timothy Tincher, 18, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Erwin and charged with strangulation, battery, intimidation and on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

2:26 a.m. - Logan Deleonypena, 19, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Erwin and charged with resisting law enforcement with a vehicle and reckless driving. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 28**

10:44 a.m. - Kelli Odell, 28, of Indianapolis, was arrested by Deputy Baumgart for a Martin County Warrant. She is being held without bond.

10:36 p.m. - Alyssa Robbins, 36, of Mitchell, was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated-controlled substance, neglect of a dependent x2, and operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangerment. She is being held at \$15,000 10% bond.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 29**

8:10 p.m. - Julia Dyke, 44, of Mitchell, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Baumgart and charged with resisting law enforcement with a vehicle and reckless driving. She is being held at \$15,000 10% bond.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 30**

11:13 a.m. - Kevin Dyke, 34, of Mitchell, was arrested by Sergeant Wells and Loogootee Officer Baumgart and charged with resisting law enforcement, false informing, resisting law enforcement with a vehicle, reckless driving, leaving the scene of an accident, and a Lawrence County Warrant. He is being held at no bond.

4:33 p.m. - Julia Earl, 40, of Shoals, was arrested by Sergeant Wells on a Martin County Warrant. She is being held without bond.

# Martin County real estate transfers

**Robert N. Wraley and Roger L. Wraley and Shirley Wraley to Chase H. Hembree**, a part of the east half of the southeast quarter of Section 6, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 3 acres, more or less.

**Margaret M. Hall and Scott Hall**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Billy Walker and Lorissa Walker**, of Daviess County, Indiana. Tract I: A part of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Martin County, Indiana. Tract II: A 17-foot wide strip of ground located on the west side of North Kentucky Avenue, in the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Mark A. Riggins**, of Calloway County, Kentucky and **James A. Riggins**, of Monroe County, Indiana, and Diane E. Vaupel, of Martin County, Indiana to Larry Wagler and Rita Wagler, of Martin County, Indiana, 12 acres in Section 13, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, Martin County, Indiana.

**Paige A. (Andrews) Gogel**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Abigail E. Survance**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 6, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.28 acres, more or less.

**Paul D. Sanders and Dora D. Sanders**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Benjamin D. Sanders**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter and southeast quarter of Section 1, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, and lying in Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 5.78 acres, more or less.

**Ohio River Veneer, LLC to Mark A. West and Kimberley A. West**, of Martin County, Indiana. Parcel 1: The northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 13, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, containing 10 acres, more or less. Parcel 2: The south half of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 13, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, containing 20 acres, more or less.

**Matthew Jones**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Martha Winger and John Winger**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Numbered 19 in the Town of Memphis, now Shoals, Martin County, Indiana. Also, ten feet off of the south side of Lot Number 20 in the Town of Memphis, now Shoals, Martin County, Indiana, which strip of land is of even width.

**Stephen Hendrix**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Frank L. Fields and Pamela S. Fields**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of Section 10, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 7.94 acres, more or less.

**Levi K. Murdach and Emilee D. Murdach**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Kenneth F. Knoblock**, of Vigo County, Indiana, a portion of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.44 acre, more or less.

**Neil Strange and Emily Strange**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Helm 44, Inc.**, of Daviess County, Indiana, the north half of Lots 1 and 2 in the First North Addition to the town, now City of Loogootee, Martin County, Indiana.



## G2

By Gordon Grindstaff

As some of you might know, Susie and I spent many years volunteering in state and federal parks, including a 6-month stint volunteering at a National Historic Site in the San Juan Islands of Washington State 14 years ago. Part of our duties required us to dress in clothing representative of the time period just before the Civil War. Accordingly, Susie was issued two long dresses, an apron and a bonnet consistent with mid-19<sup>th</sup> century garb while a federal Army uniform, complete with hat, muzzle loading rifle, sword and canteen was issued to me. I couldn't wait to wear that uniform; it brought me closer to fulfilling another item on my personal bucket list; that of joining a group of Civil War re-actors.



To that end, I joined a group of mostly old guys with a sense of history who made up Battery D in the Federal Army of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. We worked on a couple of grade school field trips, showing kids how the soldier of 1859 lived and worked. The citizens of the Islands loved parades, so we marched in the town of Friday Harbor's Memorial Day parade. Friday Harbor is the county seat but still a small-town of less than 3,000 people, however the population swells with tourists during the summer.

'Fiddler on the Roof'. For any of you who might not know the story, it is about an early 20<sup>th</sup> century Russian Jewish family whose lives are torn apart by the Russian Revolution and the persecution that followed. The lead character, a fellow named Tevye the Milkman, tries desperately to hold on to his Jewish traditions as outside influences encroach upon his family's lives, all the while coping by managing to find a silver lining in several disruptive events.

I have watched the movie version a couple of times, but I never really understood the connection to the title of the play. But then, as I sat there in a darkened theatre waiting on the play to start, I thumbed through the program, struggling to read in the dim light and this sentence jumped out at me:

"The character of the Fiddler represents the same metaphor expounded by Tevye; that our lives can be as shaky as the Fiddler on the roof and tradition allows us to keep our balance."

Later, I looked on the internet for further explanation and found this: "The character of the Fiddler is a metaphor for survival through tradition in a time of uncertainty in our lives."

I now understood the meaning of the title and what's more, I suddenly realized that there is another side of the coin to the changes in our country and that is the destruction of our traditions. Tradition is one of the cornerstones of our society and for better or worse, our traditions are being assaulted from all corners in the name of freedom and I worry that when they have all been reduced to a heap of rubble, what will we use to keep our hedonism in check. Sorry folks, we can't all just go on doing whatever feels good; the moose out front should've told you that. There has to be some boundaries, otherwise our society is going to crumble.

Add to all that the spectacle of the recent presidential debate. I don't know, folks. I feel like I'm watching another version of Tevye the Milkman struggling to save his traditions and I doubt that he is going to find very few silver linings along the way.

All we can do, I'm afraid, is hope that the Fiddler doesn't fall off the Roof.

## ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



**LINCOLN** is a male pit mix, very sweet, loves everyone. He is neutered and up to date on shots. For more info or to apply to adopt, visit [www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org](http://www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org).

We also marched in two Independence Day parades; the first of these on Orcas Island had a relatively flat route with fewer entries so the marching was easy. The Friday Harbor parade was another story, with a hundred entries and a route best described as hilly. The streets were lined with what looked to me like 10,000 people as we marched up and down the parade route. I was carrying a 9-and-a-half-pound rifle, and it didn't take many blocks before it began to weigh a ton. Being at that time a youngish 70-year-old, I knew I could march the whole route with one caveat, I would need a break somewhere along the way.

Luckily, I got that break. We paused at the reviewing stand to sing a verse of 'The Battle Hymn of the Republic.' I sneaked the chance to rest the rifle on my foot and surreptitiously looked around to see if anyone saw what I was doing. I decided there weren't more than a thousand people who saw me and none of them seemed to care what I was doing.

As we sang 'He has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword', I noticed Susie in the crowd in her long, Gingham dress wiping tears from her eyes even as she belted out 'Glory, Glory, Alleluia'.

I couldn't have felt any more patriotic if I tried.

Contrast that long ago day with last year's Independence Day. Susie and I were sitting on the near southeast side of Indianapolis waiting for nightfall and the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks show presented from the top of one of the city's taller buildings. While we were waiting, I sat in my lawn chair reflecting on the holiday and its original meaning of freedom. The past couple of decades have seen a lot of changes to that concept with government policies that the founding fathers, in their wildest dreams, could not have imagined. The authorities in our government and our courts have introduced many newly found 'freedoms' into the mainstream of our lives, pleasing some segments of our society, displeasing others and just leaving many of us with our heads spinning. In the last few years, my head has made more trips around my neck than A.J. Foyt has made around the 500 track.

Why is that? Let me tell you. Some years ago, Susie and I were given the opportunity to see a live production of

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Dog/Cat Wellness Clinic

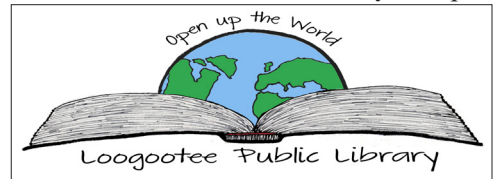
The next scheduled dog and cat wellness clinic at the Martin County Humane Society Spay/Neuter Clinic will be Friday, July 19 from 5-6 p.m. The clinic offers low-cost vaccines, testing, microchips, nail trims, etc. No appointment is required, first come first serve.

### Celebrate Recovery meetings

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

### St. Vincent Food Pantry

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, on Park Street in Loogootee, is open the fourth Thursday of the month except November and December when they are open



### BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The library will be closed Thursday, July 4 for Independence Day. Patrons can access eBooks, audiobooks and eMagazines via the Libby app.

Professor Steve's Excellent Adventure will be moved to the Loogootee Methodist Church Family Life Center. It is at 10:30 a.m. on July 13. Pre-registration is required. His program focusses on Science, Magic and lots of fun.

On July 16 at 7:30 p.m., the library and Martin County Historical Society have teamed up to offer Campfire Stories. Join us for an evening of Martin County Folklore and the spooky tales of our past around the campfire. This program is for tweens, teens and adults. The library will provide s'mores and refreshments.

New Books:  
Mystery: "Eruption" by Michael Crichton and James Patterson and "Flashback" by Iris Johansen.

Fiction: "Swan Song" by Elin Hilderbrand.

Inspirational Fiction: "What We Hide" by Colleen Coble.

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the third Thursday. The hours are 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3:30 p.m.

### Free lunch for kids

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### LUMC Food Pantry

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### Soil and Water meetings

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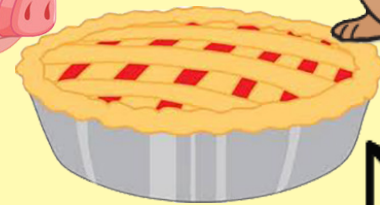
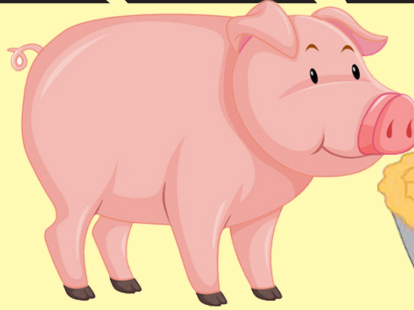
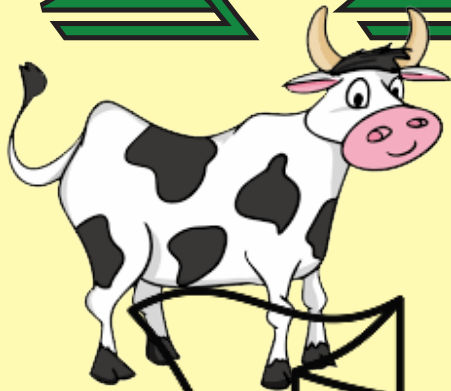
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# Martin County

# FAIR



**Thursday, July 11-  
Tuesday, July 16**

## Thursday, July 11

5 pm: Community Building opens  
5 pm: Silent Auction opens  
6:30 pm: Queen Contest at Free Stage  
6:30 pm: 4-H Fashion Revue  
6:30 pm: Mini Sewing Modeling

## Friday, July 12

2 pm: Cat Show in the EMA building  
5 pm: Community building opens  
5 pm: Silent Auction opens  
6 pm-8:30 pm: Fire and Police Safety Night  
6 pm-8:30 pm: Pop-Up Market  
6:30 pm: Beef & Dairy Cattle Show (Old Timers Showmanship to follow)  
7 pm: Eighty-Six Band at Free Stage

## Saturday, July 13

10 am-1 pm: Horse & Pony Check In (Option 2)  
1 pm: Community Building opens  
1 pm: Silent Auction opens  
2 pm: Poultry Show  
4:30 pm-6 pm: Craft Corner: Seed Paper & Magic Painting  
5 pm: Sheep & Goat Show (Old Timers Showmanship to follow)  
6:30 pm: Goat Costume Contest  
6 pm-8:30 pm: Health Night at the Fair  
7 pm: Bar MC Rodeo (\$10 per person, 5 and under free)

## Sunday, July 14

10 am-11 am: Horse & Pony Check in (Option 3)  
1 pm: Community Building opens  
1 pm: Silent Auction opens  
1 pm: Horse & Pony Show (Day 1 of 2)  
1:30 pm-3 pm: Craft Corner: Windchimes & Birdseed Ornaments  
2 pm: Farm Bureau Games  
4 pm: Kiddie Tractor Pull  
5:30 pm: Read a book with Loogootee Library  
6 pm: Baby Show  
7 pm: Jake Dodds at Free Stage

## Monday, July 15

4 pm: Oreo Stacking & Watermelon Seed Contest (by 4-H Jr. Leaders)  
5 pm: Community Building opens  
5:30 pm: Clockworks Corps De Ballet at Free Stage  
6 pm: Swine Show (Old Timers Showmanship to follow)  
6 pm: Horse & Pony Show (Day 2 of 2)  
6 pm: Ice Cream Making Contest  
6 pm: Spring Blossom Bluegrass Band at Free Stage  
6:30 pm: Legos with Shoals Robotics

## Tuesday, July 16

5 pm: Community Building opens  
5 pm: Silent Auction open until 5:30 pm  
5 pm: Supreme Showmanship  
5 pm: Pie Baking Contest  
5:15 pm-7:30 pm: Static Projects released  
6:45 pm: Silent Auction pick-up  
7 pm: 4-H Ten Year and Last Year Member Recognition at the Livestock Arena  
7:15 pm: Premium Livestock Auction

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One of the most celebrated native berries in recent times is the American elderberry, *Sambucus canadensis*. An examination of botanicals in a pharmacy or health food store will turn up several products containing extracts of this plant. In addition to the berries, which are actually drupes, the leaves, stems, flowers and roots are often used to manufacture concoctions that are sold to address many health problems. Many cold and flu medications contain *Sambucus*, as do many medications for inflammation and balancing blood-sugar levels. However, I recommend leaving these applications to trained pharmacists and herbalists, as many parts of the elderberry plant contain toxins.

The unripe berries may have low levels of toxins, but ripe elderberries are fine, especially after they have been cooked. Elderberries have been used for making syrups, jellies, wine and confections. They are low in calories and contain many nutrients, being especially high in antioxidants.

I have to confess that my favorite food from the elderberry plant comes before the berries appear. I love to dip the flower clusters in batter and deep-fry them. I have also had a simple syrup made by infusing the flowers in boiling water and adding sugar. That syrup may be used as a glaze on cakes and cookies.

Like the brambles, elderberries may become a nuisance to farmers. The seeds are often dropped by birds, and they spread by root suckers to form thickets. However, the root systems are not extensive, so it is easy to pull them out in the spring.

Elderberries do best in full sun and in moist, well-draining soil. Their shallow roots mean they suffer during periods of drought, but they also do not want to be in standing water. They will grow in partial shade, but berry production is usually adversely affected by the lower light.

Elderberries are susceptible to some fungal diseases, but plants rarely die from these diseases. If you see elderberry plants that look diseased, cut them to the ground and remove the diseased foliage. They will usually grow back and be fine. There are some insects that feed on the elderberry foliage, but I have never seen a thicket destroyed by insects. They are

a host plant for several moths and butterflies, including the cecropia moth, more commonly known as the giant silk moth, North America's largest moth. The flowers are a great pollinator food source, attracting moths, butterflies, bees and hummingbirds.

Until recently, elderberries have been relegated to the category of road-side weedy plants, but in recent times, they have been included in the landscape. The flower umbrells are very attractive at bloom time and the thickets may be used as a screen. A few years ago, Black Lace, a cultivar of the European *Sambucus nigra* was widely touted as a replacement for Japanese maples in northern areas. I planted a couple of them, but they lasted a few years and disappeared over winter. More recently, a chartreuse cultivar of *Sambucus racemose*, has been released in the nursery trade. I have not yet tried them, as they are a little pricey.

The pithy stems of the elderberry also have many uses. I have made many houses for native bees by bundling stems of various diameters. Perhaps my favorite childhood use for elderberry stems was making whistles. I caution you to not try to blow a whistle made from a green stem, as the toxins in the stems may burn your lips. However, as the stem dries, the toxins dissipate, and you may then whistle to your heart's content.

## Report your observations of wild turkey hens and their young to DNR

You can help the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) learn more about the state's wild turkey populations by reporting observations of hens with and without poults (chicks) through August 31.

Anybody who observes wild turkey hens with poults or hens without poults is encouraged to report their observations online at DNR's turkey brood reporting web page, [on.IN.gov/turkeybrood](http://on.IN.gov/turkeybrood). Observations take only a few minutes to report, and no log-in is required.

The survey will be open from July 1 through August 31, with a goal of receiving 3,000 observations across the state during that time.

DNR uses the reported observations to monitor wild turkey reproduction and calculate the state's poult-to-hen ratio, or Production Index (PI). The information gathered from the survey will be made available to the public in the annual Wild Turkey Brood Report.

"Statewide turkey populations appear to be stable in Indiana, and monitoring hens and poults gives DNR a better understand-

ing of population trends across the state," said DNR furbearer and turkey research biologist Andy Byers. "Observations reported by the public are an important part of helping DNR manage wild turkeys."

For more information on how to identify turkey broods, as well as look at past survey reports, visit [on.IN.gov/turkeybrood](http://on.IN.gov/turkeybrood).

## Fair open class entry deadline reminder

Just a reminder that all open class exhibits at the Martin County 4-H Fair should be entered on Monday, July 8 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

These entries will then be released on Tuesday, July 16 from 7 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

Organizers would like to thank this year's open class sponsors: Martin County Farm Bureau, Inc., Chastain's Flowers, Hometown Flowers & Gifts, Hometown IGA, Jones Oil, Rosie's, Velma's Diner, Williams Bros. Healthcare Pharmacy, The Corner Café and The Garden Park. Without their support this event would not have been possible.

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# Grazing Bites

By Victor Shelton  
NRCS State Agronomist/Grazing Specialist

Getting the first cutting of hay done this year was challenging in many areas. Forages were already slightly ahead of normal maturity due to an early spring, and subsequent weather conditions—either timely rains pushing harvest dates further or dry spells—varied depending on location. Despite these challenges, most hay fields with good fertility were dense and yielded well, except for areas experiencing dry conditions.

Living in Indiana, the old adage is, “If you don’t like the weather, just wait five minutes.” While weather patterns can vary widely depending on location and time of year, most areas do experience consistent patterns over time that help define their climate and weather characteristics. Understanding these patterns is crucial for predicting weather events, managing agricultural practices and preparing for potential hazards like storms or droughts.

In recent years, the Midwest is seeing a trend towards wetter springs followed by drier summers and falls. The variability of weather patterns means conditions can still vary widely from season to season and year to year. Therefore, it is always important to have some type of contingency plan. By implementing a contingency plan for your pasture system, you can minimize the impact of unforeseen events on livestock health, pasture productivity and overall farm profitability. It ensures preparedness, promotes resilience and enhances the ability to adapt to changing conditions in agriculture.

I can’t say it often enough: maintain good soil cover. That is true for both row crops and forages. That cover protects the soil from erosion, helps to maintain moisture by slowing evaporation, increases infiltration of rain received, and keeps the soil cooler.

When grazing tall cool-season forages like orchardgrass and fescue, you should have at least four inches of residual left behind—that’s the shortest stuff, not the tallest. Warm-season forages benefit from even more left behind. If things start getting hot and dry, more cover left behind is always beneficial.

If the dry period continues long enough, even rotating and maintaining that needed residual will eventually give in to the reality that if you continue to graze, you will be hurting future potential forage yield most likely for the rest of the year and perhaps into the next. It is at this point in time, unless you have somewhere else to move the animals to or something else to graze (annuals, hay aftermath/regrowth), that the livestock need to be moved to a dry lot and fed hay or other stored forage/feed until moisture has returned and sufficient regrowth is present and ready to graze again.

Looking back at the drought of 2012, hindsight is 20/20. I pushed very hard that year for fellow producers to not overgraze, get off pastures, feed hay and wait for rain. That was difficult for some because hay was also short that year.

I took clippings and measured residual in August and early September on several farms that year, including both people that pulled livestock off and fed hay, and also ones who continued to graze. Most that pulled them off fed hay for five to eight

weeks. When the rains finally returned in early October, the pastures that had been deferred from grazing quickly came out of dormancy caused by the drought and produced a good amount of fall forage.

The fields that were continued to be grazed hardly recovered and were still in poor condition the following spring. Continuing to graze stressed forages with no recovery is very detrimental to the forages. The plant is weakened from being grazed under these conditions. The roots of the plant are sharply pruned back, reducing even further the ability to seek moisture, and when it does finally rain, a lot of energy will go to replacing roots to sustain the plant prior to providing energy for leaf growth.

By feeding hay during that dry spell instead of continuing to graze, those fields recovered very well and provided a lot of good grazing and even some stockpile for a few people. When I measured the amount of forage in early November after recovery, the pastures that were rested instead of being grazed averaged a little over a fourfold advantage in forage present. Those protected pastures looked good the following spring, whereas some producers were having to decide whether they needed to replant or not. Feeding hay in the middle of summer in this case reduced the total amount of hay fed for many of those same producers.

I’m not going to borrow trouble, but we always need to have that contingency plan. Paul Harvey once stated, “Despite all our accomplishments, we owe our existence to a six-inch layer of topsoil and the fact that it rains.”—how true that is.

Warm-season perennial grasses such as big bluestem, Indiangrass, or switchgrass could be a good addition to the grazing system. These forages like hot weather and grow roots that travel deep into the soil after moisture and nutrients and are much more drought-tolerant than cool-season forages such as orchardgrass or tall fescue. A field or two of warm-season grasses can quite often help you keep grazing through a droughty period. They do have to be managed slightly differently but are well worth the trouble. There are financial assistance programs available to help establish these forages. Contact your local soil and water conservation office for more information.

Remember, it is not about maximizing a grazing event, but maximizing a grazing season! Keep an eye on the forages, the weather, and cover, and keep on grazing!

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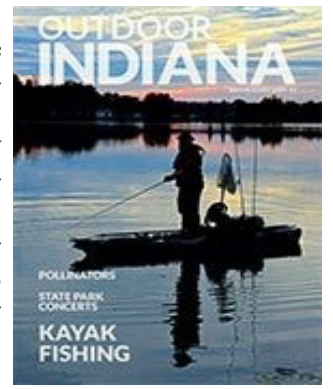
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**By Shoals Town Council President Cary D. Albright**

# Councilman's Corner

Summer Initiatives and Community Updates  
All Shoals All the Time

As we enjoy the summer weather in the Town of Shoals, our community is bustling with activities and improvements. Preparations are in full swing for the upcoming Catfish Festival, promising fun and festivities for all. Alongside the celebrations, we're also taking advantage of the good weather to enhance our town's infrastructure.

Our team is diligently working on a variety of projects. From installing electronic water meters to patching roads, spraying for weeds, and mowing, we're committed to keeping Shoals in top shape. These efforts not only improve our town's functionality but also ensure it remains a pleasant place for residents and visitors alike.

This week, I had the honor of participating in a meeting with the Martin County Alliance, where we had a special guest, Senator Mike Braun. During this intimate gathering of Alliance members and community leaders, we discussed several important issues, with a significant focus on the Mid-States Corridor.

I am pleased to report that Senator Braun is in full agreement with Shoals' stance on the corridor. We advocate for passing lanes originating at Dale, Indiana, on Highway 231 to Highway I69 at Crane, rather than a four-lane corridor. This approach supports our local infrastructure without bypassing crucial parts of Martin County.

Senator Braun provided valuable insights, emphasizing that the Mid-states Corridor project is currently low on Indi-



ana's priority list. He noted that, even if funding were available, it could be at least ten years before construction begins. He highlighted other projects across the state that are deemed more urgent and likely to receive funding first.

In addition to the Mid-States Corridor, we also discussed the Department of Natural Resources' role in collaborating with communities and the success of the Community Crossings program. This initiative allows small towns and cities to receive a 25 percent match from the local government for building roads and sidewalks, a vital resource for our infrastructure development. Senator Braun's visit, although brief, was greatly appreciated. His willingness to meet with our group on short notice and engage in meaningful dialogue demonstrates his commitment to our community. As we continue to work hard for the betterment of Shoals, I want to thank all residents for their ongoing support and involvement. Together, we are making our town a better place to live, work, and celebrate.

## ~LETTER TO THE EDITOR~

**'Their vision is not the restoration of our communities'**

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

We hear the word "vision" often from our community leaders and economic development organizations, especially with regards to the Mid-States Corridor. However, it is always followed by vague explanations of what those visions are. Comments like "it will improve the economy" or "it will provide better access to markets" or "it will be safer" but there are never any details.

What are these visions our politicians speak of really? Are they envisioning a restoration of our downtown areas? Do they see sidewalk cafes, bistros, restaurants, shops and stores, theaters? Are they wanting more affordable housing in the downtown area? Maybe cobblestone streets and landscaping, a place for people to gather? It would be nice to hear, and see, what they want our communities to be.

Are the visions for the future a nostalgic dream? Downtown Loogootee and Shoals, as well as Jasper, Huntingburg and Washington, were all bustling with shops, restaurants, movie houses and places to "hang out". Just 50 short

years ago all of these towns had this. There movie houses in Shoals, Loogootee, Huntingburg, Washington and two in Jasper. Why Jasper and Washington even had drive-in movies. There were "dance halls", drive-in restaurants, "pinball arcades" and other entertainment for young and old alike. Today, most of these entertainment venues are gone.

"Vision". What are the visions, or better yet, what are the plans for our future? Our elected representatives and economic development need to better explain what they "see" for our future. They need to be visionaries not just caretakers of our communities. We need answers, not platitudes and vague statements.

The Mid-States Corridor is not the vision for our community's future, it's the vision of those few Spencer/Dubois County Cabal members who will benefit greatly from the construction of the Mid-States Corridor. Their vision is not the restoration of our communities to their former glory; but, solely to line their pockets. We will stop the Mid-States Corridor and when we do we need to be ready to put our visions in place.

Jim Arvin  
Rutherford Township  
Martin County

## DONATIONS NEEDED FOR MATCHING GRANT

Goodwill Cemetery of Loogootee has received a \$15,000 Challenge Grant from the Martin County Community Foundation to repave the roads within the cemetery. In order to receive these funds, the Cemetery Board must raise a matching \$15,000 by December 31 of this year. Only contributions received after May 29 (the date the Challenge Grant was awarded) will be counted toward the \$15,000 goal. It has been over 30 years since the roads were paved within the cemetery and there are portions that have crumbled and corners that require widening in order to prevent cars falling into mud. It is the desire of the Cemetery Board to ensure that the cemetery remains a peaceful, serene place for relatives and friends to visit their loved ones who have passed. Anyone wishing to contribute toward the \$15,000 goal can donate to the following address: Goodwill Cemetery, PO BOX 24, Loogootee, Indiana 47553.

# PURE COUNTRY

## Throwback

By Dan Gregory

Originally published July 11, 2017

This week marks the start of the 60<sup>th</sup> Martin County & 4-H Fair. Like most fairs in Indiana, Martin County's version has changed with the times. When I was a kid there were many more small farms than there are today, as well as larger families. The result was the fairs had plenty of participants and also many that had livestock at home to use as projects they could bring to the fair.

Fast forward to today and you will find that almost all the participants have parents working off the farm, so there is not a ready supply of animals that can be mustered into service as 4-H projects. In reality there shouldn't be much difference in the animals at the fairs as compared to counterparts left at home. But the true reality is many animals are purchased specifically to be show animals. This may seem counter to the idea of 4-H, but actually it fulfills the dream that started 4-H.

In the early days of 4-H the clubs were referred to as Corn Clubs. The Land Grant Universities (Purdue in Indiana) had developed hybrid corn and proved that the hybrids were very much superior to what was being planted at the time. In the old days farmers were setting aside superior looking ears of corn for the next year's season. Genetically this made little sense because there were multiple factors that could affect the appearance of an ear of corn. There was little improvement in genetics and yields were stagnant because of this. Enter 4-H and a pathway from universities to farms was created through kids in 4-H. Kids could get packets of hybrid corn to take home and plant alongside their parents to prove the superiority of the hybrids. It didn't take long for the parents to be asking where they could get more of the hybrid seed. Seed corn companies were created and began to produce hybrid seed and that one thing changed the world in terms of

production.

The same theory can be applied to many agricultural products. Today we enjoy a bountiful harvest and incredible production, and we can credit the 4-H Clubs for helping make it possible.

The animal shows we see at the fairs are another demonstration of using 4-H as a teaching tool for all ages. The animals at fairs are supposed to be superior to the more average animals you may see along the road or in barns. They are the result of genetic selection that moves farms and industry in the direction of increased production, profitability, and consumer preference. For sure they may be prepped and pampered for showing purposes. That can be explained as part of the fun and does help teach responsibility to the youngsters as they take care of the animals both at home and at the fairs.

4-H has stood the test of time as a non-traditional teaching tool. It has served us well in making America a great country in terms of food production as well as teaching many other disciplines.

Our granddaughter Cora has been working with her steer (Mr. T) and heifer (Jewel) for months getting them ready for the fair. I see her out every day feeding and walking them, and yes, they get an almost daily bath in the breezeway of our old barn. It does my heart good to see the interest she takes in the animals. Last year she had a horse and pigs, but this year has decided to focus on the cattle project. She has dreams of success in the show-ring, but maybe more importantly the life skills she is acquiring will be the best part of the experience and she is becoming a part of the grand experience of 4-H.

If you have the chance to visit the Martin County Fair and take in a livestock show, remember some of this column and think about what it is all about.

Life is Good!



Happy Independence Day!



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