



Catfish Queen 2015

-Photo by Bill Whorrall

Julie Dorsey, daughter of Janet Shroud and Gary Dorsey, of Shoals, was named the 2015 Shoals Catfish Festival Queen last Thursday night at the start of this year's festival.

Loogootee School Board to hold public hearing on superintendent contract

The Loogootee School Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, July 21 at 5:30 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office.

The purpose of the public hearing is to discuss and hear objections to and support for a proposed superintendent contract. A summary of the proposed contract is as follows:

Base Annual Salary: \$76,723 (2015-2016); \$72,981 (2016-2017)

Contract Term: July 7, 2014-June 30, 2017

Work Days: 190 days (2015-2016); 180

Deadline approaching for MCCF Scholarships

Two Martin County Community Foundation scholarships are still open for applications until July 21.

The Martin County Non-Traditional Scholarship is available to a student who:

Is a resident of Martin County
Has been out of high school at least one year

Seeks to further their education at an accredited college, university, vocational, or trade school

Is able to demonstrate a need for assistance.
The Second Door Scholarship is for non-traditional students who meet the following criteria:

Must be a resident of Martin County
Must have graduated or left high school at
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days (2016-2017)

Vacation Days: 15 paid vacation days/year

Health insurance, vision insurance, and dental insurance: Superintendent shall be entitled to those contract benefits accorded certified employees under the collective bargaining agreement in the school corporation.

(Health insurance: \$10,800 max/year; vision insurance: \$127.08/year; and dental insurance: \$390/year.)

All other conditions as established in the original contract and addendum will be in force through the duration of this contract.

This notice and the complete proposed contract of the superintendent will be available on the website of the Loogootee Community School Corporation and will be presented at the July 21, 2015, public hearing. After the hearing, the board of school trustees will consider the input and then consider the proposed contract as an agenda item at the regular school board meeting on Tuesday, August 18 at 5:30 p.m.

Miss Martin County Contest

Four young ladies will vie for the title of Miss Martin County this Friday, July 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the free stage on the 4H Fairgrounds. This year, the committee has added audience prizes for seven people in attendance at the contest. Everyone will receive a ticket when they enter. You must be present to win the prizes, valued at \$25 each.

County council discusses whether to buy property

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

Community Corrections Director Kathy Collins and Commissioner Paul George went before the Martin County Council at their meeting Monday night, July 6 to discuss funding for a new building to house the corrections department. At the last commissioners' meeting, the possibility of building a new structure was discussed at a cost of around \$350,000. Another option was the former River Church building, located behind the courthouse. The asking price is \$150,000 and Collins said it would cost around \$75,000-\$80,000 to do renovations. She has the renovation money in her budget. The owner of the property, John Lengacher, agreed to a lease-purchase of the property at six percent interest. One option was with no down payment and the first payment of \$26,500 would be due October 1, 2016 and annual payments for the next six years. The second option would be to pay a down payment of \$26,500 in October of this year with payments spread out over six years.

Collins said that she and Auditor January Roush met with local financial institutions to get ballpark figures on financing. She said that the interest rates were all well below six percent.

Council Member Barb McFeaters asked if the building had been appraised. Collins replied that it had not. She said that since an appraisal would be a part of the financing, she didn't want to spend the money twice.

An appraisal is estimated at \$500.

According to the sales disclosure on the state public records site, the property was purchased by Lengacher in 2011 for \$60,000. Some renovations have been done to the property since that time.

The council discussed where the money to purchase the building would come from. EDIT (Economic Development Income Tax) was discussed along with what has been encumbered to the pool, the housing rehab grant and other projects. Roush said there is also cumulative capital money that could be used.

Council Member Richard Summers asked Collins and George if there was a deadline on when this needed to be decided. George replied that there was no timeframe per say however the downstairs of the courthouse is crowded and they need to move people out. Collins said that her department is unable to do the things the state is providing money for in the space they currently have. "We need a facility to be able to offer programming to help addicts and bring in mental health," she said. She said the two days a week that the Samaritan Center is currently providing is not sufficient. She said the county is paying them almost \$50,000 annually to provide those two days a week of service. She said she is going to work diligently to get funding to bring in more services but she will need space to do that.

Council Member Warren Albright said he would be more comfortable if the building
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One killed, four injured in single-vehicle crash north of Loogootee

A single vehicle crash last Friday afternoon north of Loogootee killed an Indianapolis woman and injured four others.

Around 3:20 p.m., Barry P. Matesick, 69, of Indianapolis, was traveling northbound on US 231 near Abel Lane (approximately one mile south of West Boggs Lake), when his 2005 Chevrolet Suburban and trailer he was towing left the east side of the roadway. Matesick overcorrected the vehicle, causing it to cross the center line and leave the east

side of the roadway. The Chevrolet came to rest after suffering a head-on collision with a tree. Matesick was transported to St. Mary's Hospital in Evansville due to his injuries, which are unknown at this time.

Matesick's front seat passenger, Lorretta Matesick, 65, of Indianapolis, suffered massive chest trauma from the impact and died as a result of her injuries. Three children in the back seat, Cheyenne McIntyre, 17;
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COUNCIL

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was purchased and other offices could be moved in as well. Collins replied that if rooms were taken, she would not have space to do the things she needs to do as far as bringing in counselors and clinicians.

Dave Sutton, who was in the audience, said that if corrections moves out of the basement of the courthouse, that will open up space downstairs. Roush replied that this would not be possible because the downstairs is not open to the public due to the circuit court offices.

Council Member Buck Stiles asked if the surplus the township trustees have could be used for any of this project. No one was sure what their money could be used for.

Council Member Randy Winger said he is just concerned with things coming up that are going to cost the county such as the upcoming murder trial that could cost up to \$300,000.

"I'm in no way implying that things like the pool or anything else have been any less needy but I am going to say if you look at per capita who this affects, I can tell you the numbers are high guys," said Collins.

The council advised Collins and George to get bids from financial institutions and bring them back to the next meeting in August. The all agreed they are not committing to purchasing any property at this time.

Collins also provided the council with a large packet of information that was given out at the state board of accounts meeting with county council members. She said Martin County was not represented at the meeting and there have been a lot of legislative updates that affect the county. She also told the council that if they ever wanted someone to go to represent the county, she would be happy to do it.

Economic Development Director Tim Kinder provided the council with a roadway wish list put together by Conexus Indiana for Southern Indiana. Martin County is included in the plan. There were four projects listed:

-Project 1408: Indiana Rail Road Company Rail Road Ties. This affect railroads on 450 in Martin County.

-Project 5101: US 50 Additional Travel Lanes - Convert from two lanes to four lanes along US 50 from US 231 to US 150. The reason is to relieve bottleneck of truck congestion along the US 50 corridor ensuring efficient traffic flow from state line to state line. The estimated cost is \$98.3 million.

-Project 5102: US 231 Improvements
-Project 5103: US 150 Improvements

Kinder also provided the council with compliance statements from the businesses who have requested tax abatements from the county. The following is each property and what is listed on the statement that was estimated when asking for the abatement:

-WestGate Six, LLC: 30,000-square-foot office/lab/conference center building located on 2,864 acres in Martin County WestGate Certified Technology Park. Started in September, 2010. Estimated 75 additional employees but actually only added 12. Estimated salaries of \$3.75 million, actual is \$720,000

-Martin County Two, LLC: 37,800-square-foot, two-story steel frame office building with specialty security features lo-

cated upon 3 acres of the Martin County WestGate Certified Technology Park. Started in March, 2008. Estimated 50 additional employees with salaries of \$2.75 million. No actual reported on statement.

-Indian Creek Quarries, LLC: Stated in 2012. Estimated seven employees with salaries paid of \$280,000. Actually have 21 employees with salaries of \$574,295.

-WestGate Five, LLC: 30,000-square-foot office/lab/conference center building located on 2.54 acres in the Martin County WestGate Certified Technology Park. Started in September, 2010. Estimated 30 additional employees with salaries totaling \$1.65 million. Actual employees is 20 with salaries totaling \$1.35 million.

-Martin County One, LLC: Multi-tenant 16,800-square-foot office/lab/warehouse building located on 2.321 acres in Martin County WestGate Certified Technology Park; currently 100 percent leased. Started in September 2007. Has 32 employees paying a total of \$1.76 million in salaries. No estimate on the statement provided. Estimated \$1.4 million in real estate value after completion. Actual value is \$1.2 million.

-United State Gypsum Company: Started in August, 2014. Estimated 30 additional employees with salaries at \$29,120. Actually hired 47 additional employees at \$29,993.

-Wagbaugh Property, LLC: 7,645-square-foot, one-story building on Gene Shaw Technology Drive. Start date of June, 2013. Estimated 20 additional employees with salaries totaling \$438,000. None reported on statement as actual.

The council approved all the businesses as being in compliance. Council Member Barb McFeaters asked Kinder if the businesses could still be in compliance even though they didn't meet what they had committed to as far as employees. Kinder replied that a lot of factors go into whether the businesses meet their commitments and oftentimes it's out of the business owners' control. He said the owners are trying to meet their commitments.

Josh and Courtney Hughett, with the Martin County Humane Society, provided the shelter's quarterly report from April through June. The report stated that the shelter has taken in 26 dogs and 16 cats over the past three months and had 36 dogs and 17 cats adopted. The shelter spent \$3,041 in vet bills from April to June, \$1,173 in dog and cat food, and \$863 on utilities and trash disposal. Shelter volunteers had 301 messages, phone calls and emails over the three-month period.

Dave Sutton, who was in the audience, asked Council Member Lonnie Hawkins if he has found the money he said was available to give to the highway department for road improvements. Hawkins replied that he is waiting to see what will be left over in the EDIT funds which can be used to pay salaries to free up money in the general fund.

Sutton also asked how much the county attorney is paid and if his bills were available for public viewing. The council replied that he is paid \$100 an hour. Sutton asked when the employee handbook the attorney is working on would be ready. Auditor Roush said the commissioners have reviewed the handbook a few times and it is in the final stages.



Catfish Grand Marshals

Martha Kidwell (left) and Wanda Cooper (right) served as Grand Marshals for this year's Catfish Festival Parade held on the Fourth of July.

Health departments sets immunization clinics

The start of a new school year is just around the corner. Kindergarten or first-time first grade students, students in grade six and college students may need immunizations before they can begin classes this fall. The Martin County Health Department immunization clinic will be giving vaccinations on the following dates before school starts:

Wednesday, July 8: 8:30 a.m.-noon and 12:30-4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 15: 8:30 a.m.-noon and 12:30-4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 22: 8:30 a.m.-noon and 12:30-4:30 p.m.

No school shots on Wednesday, July 29.

Wednesday, August 5: 8:30 a.m.-noon and

12:30-6 p.m.

The health department office is located in the Shoals Federal Building (Post Office). The Martin County Health Department can bill most insurance companies if the patient has coverage for vaccines. The patient must bring their insurance card at every visit. The health department can vaccinate children on Medicaid, the uninsured and those who have insurance that does not pay for vaccines through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. The health department also provide TB testing for a fee. Please bring a copy of your child's immunization record with you.

If you need additional information or if you have any questions, call 247-3303.

MCCF

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least two years prior to applying for the scholarship

Must demonstrate a financial need
The scholarship cannot be used for GED test fees

The scholarship cannot exceed the cost of course and course materials

Applicant must provide evidence of program acceptance

Program must be administered by a qualified institution/organization.

A simple one page application is available online at <http://www.cfpartner.org/mccf-grants.htm> or at the MCCF Office located at

the west door of the Martin County 4-H Community Building, 2668 U.S. Highway 50, Loogootee.

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

Applications must be returned to the Community Foundation by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, July 21 at either the MCCF office or by mailing to MCCF, PO Box 28, Loogootee, IN 47553. The MCCF office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If mailing, be sure to allow delivery time so that the application is received by the deadline in to be considered for a scholarship.



Pool grand re-opening

-Photo provided by Mayor Noel Hartly

The Loogootee City Pool will hold their grand re-opening on Friday, July 17 from 5-9 p.m. There will be no charge for admission. The public is invited to come check out the renovated pool with new slide and splash pad.



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JIM HUGHETT

James Mark "Jim" Hughett died suddenly at home July 4, 2015. A resident of Indianapolis, he was 51.



He was born July 19, 1963 in Indianapolis; son of James (deceased) and Nina (Carpenter) Hughett. He was employed by Safe Care automatic door company and a graduate of Shelbyville High School

Class of 1981.

Jim was a rare person who could fix anything, and was often asked to do so. An avid reader of Sci-Fi and history, he was well loved by many, and gone too soon.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda (Delbecq) Hughett; his children, Heather and Mark Hughett of Fairland; his mother, Nina Hughett of Shelbyville; brothers, Timothy Hughett (Linda-deceased) of Indianapolis, Steven Hughett (Kelly) of Cincinnati, Ohio and Titus Hughett (Rachel) of Borger, Texas;

six nieces, six nephews and several cousins including Josh Hughett of Loogootee.

A memorial gathering will be held Thursday, July 9, from 4-7 p.m. at the Oakley-Hammond Funeral Home in the Irvington Chapel, 5342 E. Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46219.

In lieu of flowers contributions can be sent to the American Heart Association, or the donor's favorite charity.

KEVIN SUTTON

Kevin B. Sutton passed away at 9:46 a.m. July 3, 2015 at Memorial Hospital in Jasper. A resident of Loogootee, he was 58.

He was born January 25, 1957 in Jasper; son of Frieda (Hovis) Sutton and the late Walter "Hack" Sutton.

He was an passionate hunter, fisher and outdoorsman. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. He was employed at Hoosier Uplands for over 30 years.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon (Nolley) Sutton of Loogootee; son, Matt Murray



and fiancé, Jaclyn Howell, of Loogootee; grandchildren, Kylie Murray, Collin Howell and Trinity Howell of Loogootee; mother, Frieda (Hovis) Sutton of Loogootee; sisters, Carol Sutton of French Lick and Diane Tortelero of New York; sisters-in-law, Jane (Jerry) Bowling of Montgomery, Karin (Jim) Chandler of Loogootee, Rachel (David) Burriss of Sellersburg, Teresa Nolley of Loogootee, Donna Souerdike of Shoals, Helen (Clay) Dearwester, Chris (Norman) Bratton and Jonelle Sutton, all of Loogootee; brothers-in-law, Ed (Tina) Nolley,

Frank Nolley and Denny (Gina) Nolley, all of Loogootee; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Walter "Hack" Sutton and brother, Terry Sutton.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Monday, July 6 at St. Martin Catholic Church in Whitfield, officiated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker. Burial followed in St. Martin Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Truelove Church Cemetery Fund. Brocksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee was in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be made online at brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com.

Arts Commission accepting nominations for 2015 Indiana Governor's Arts Awards

The Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) announced that it is now accepting nominations for the 2015 Governor's Arts Awards.

Guidelines and nomination forms are now available on the IAC website www.in.gov/arts/2332.htm. Nominations will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. (EDT) August 14, 2015. Nominators are encouraged to carefully read the awards application form before submitting their nomination. Nominations will be accepted online, or completed in .PDF format and submitted by email.

Nominations originally made, but not selected for the 2013 awards will automatically be reconsidered for 2015. However, nominators may wish to submit updated information if there are significant changes in the nominee's accomplishments or contributions to the arts since the original nomination was made.

"This will mark the 22nd edition of the Governor's Arts Awards, and will also serve as a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the creation of the Indiana Arts Commission," said Lewis C. Ricci, Executive Director of the Indiana Arts Commission. "We are also very excited that the awards will be recognized as a signature event of the Indiana Bicentennial. This will be a very special awards program."

Originally conceived in 1973, the biennial awards recognize excellence in artistic achievement, philanthropy, arts education, and leadership in the arts, and at the same

time build statewide awareness of the important role the arts play in Indiana.

Previous recipients of the state's highest honor in the arts include 2013 recipients singer / songwriter John Hiatt; producer, actor, director Sydney Pollack; philanthropist Christel DeHaan; music educator Cynthia Hartshorn; and Bloomington Mayor Mark Krizan. To see a complete list of all Governor's Arts Award recipients, please visit the IAC website.

Questions about the 2015 Governor's Arts Awards should be directed to Rex Van Zant at 317-232-1273 or by email to rvanzant@iac.in.gov.

CRASH

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Meghan McIntyre, 15; and Erik McIntyre, 13, were all transported to Memorial Hospital in Jasper for minor injuries.

State police were assisted at the scene by Indiana Conservation Officers, Martin County Sheriff's Department, and the Loogootee Fire Department. US 231 was closed for just over two hours while the crash was investigated.

Investigating Officer: Senior Trooper Jarrod Lents

Assisting Officers: Master Trooper Gary Wier and Trooper Ross Johnson

Governor Pence pens op-ed regarding Indiana laws taking effect

Governor Mike Pence penned the following op-ed regarding Indiana laws that take effect today.

With the close of the 2015 session of the Indiana General Assembly, Hoosiers can be proud of the many accomplishments that will make Indiana a better place to get a job, raise a family or start a business. Today marks the start of the new fiscal year in our state and with that, a number of new laws come into effect that I want to highlight for you.

Small Hoosier businesses will now benefit from an exemption of business personal property taxes for taxpayers with less than \$20,000 in assessed value in a county, effectively eliminating this tax for half of all filers. Hoosiers will also be pleased to know that our tax code is now simpler, with fewer adjustments and add-backs that complicate filing.

And, to continue to attract new investment and talent across our state, our Re-

gional Cities Initiative will encourage Hoosier communities to development a new, collaborative approach to economic development.

The state's biennial budget goes into effect today, and Hoosiers can be confident that Indiana will continue to live within its means, while reducing state debt and making historic investments in education, innovation and reform.

This new budget marks a renewed commitment to serving our kids by investing more than half of our state budget on K-12 education, \$20 million to continue Indiana's first-ever pre-K program and \$48 million to further advance career and technical education.

New laws also give our teachers more freedom to teach and more flexibility to school districts to use innovative techniques in the classroom. Our budget also dedicates \$70 million in teacher performance grants to meet our commitment of paying good teachers more.

To lessen the burden on cash-strapped local governments and schools, the common construction wage for public projects is now lifted, allowing the market to set wages on public projects. This will put taxpayers first and open doors of opportunity for small businesses to compete on public projects across the state.

In a continuing effort to ensure that our government is as good as our people, new ethics laws affecting both the legislative and executive branch close loopholes and increase transparency with regard to state officers and employees.

Our efforts to reduce the heartbreak of infant mortality and domestic violence will see greater resources, and the department of child services will have \$15 million in new funding for additional caseworkers. For those struggling with opioid addiction or who have substance abuse disorders, family members or friends may now obtain overdose intervention drugs to help save the lives of loved ones gripped by addiction.

Victims of human trafficking, prostitution and sexual assault will now be better protected under Indiana law with the creation of a dedicated human trafficking prevention and victim assistance program. "Jenny's Law" also lengthens the statute of limitations for sexual assault and is named after a courageous Hoosier.

Hoosier businesses will also be able to give preference to veterans when it comes to employment decisions, and we doubled the resources for the state Department of Veterans Affairs to ensure these heroes get our support when they come home.

As these new laws come into effect, Hoosiers should know that with common-sense leadership, fiscal integrity and a heart for all our people, Indiana will continue to be a state that works.

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THREE FAMILY YARD SALE!! Friday, July 10, 8 a.m., at 1074 Pleasant View Lane, Loogootee. Baby gear, boy and girl baby/children's clothes and shoes-name brands (Gap, Osh Kosh, Guess, etc) king bedding, nursery bedding, home decor-end tables, area rugs, toys, womens' clothes and more!! Directions to the house: about a half a mile down Hwy. 550, turn left on Pleasant View Lane, Smith residence is 3rd house on the right!

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COPS & COURT

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, JUNE 29

8:27 a.m. - Received a request for an officer for a report in Loogootee. Chief Rayhill responded.

9:30 a.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to court.

10:50 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

2:00 p.m. - Sheriff Roush took one inmate to court.

5:00 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

5:46 p.m. - Received a request for an officer in Loogootee. Captain Akles responded.

8:27 p.m. - Received a report of an alarm north of Loogootee. Captain Akles responded.

11:58 p.m. - Received a noise complaint in Shoals. Deputy Harmon responded.

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

3:39 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded. Subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:13 a.m. - Received a report of a parking complaint in Loogootee. Captain Hennette responded.

10:00 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

11:30 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

1:00-2:00 p.m. - Captain Dant took seven inmates to court.

2:28 p.m. - Received a request for fire personal in Loogootee for a small fire. Loogootee Fire responded.

2:30 p.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to court.

4:25 p.m. - Received a request for traffic assistance on Hwy. 50 to replace pole. Shoals Fire assisted.

5:31 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute north of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

8:15 p.m. - Received report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Nolan responded.

9:20 p.m. - Received request for assistance from Daviess County for a domestic dispute in Alfordsville. Sergeant Keller responded.

10:10 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on Hwy. 231. Sergeant Keller responded.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

12:20 a.m. - Received a noise complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Nolan responded.

7:48 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. Subject was trans-

ported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

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

11:10 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Advised Chief Greene of the call.

12:00 p.m. - Monthly weather test for Loogootee.

5:05 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. Subject was transported to Good Samaritan in Vincennes.

8:55 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. Subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:36 p.m. - Received a report of water over Hwy. 231 South at the grain bins. Advised the state highway department so they can put up signs.

11:52 p.m. - Received a report of a partial garage collapse south of Loogootee with no injuries. REMC was contacted to shut off power and Deputy Harmon responded.

THURSDAY, JULY 2

12:27 a.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Nolan responded.

1:57 a.m. - Received a report of someone knocking and ringing doorbells in Loogootee. Officer Nolan responded.

5:31 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on Hwy. 50 near Loogootee. Deputy Harmon responded.

6:19 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident involving a deer on Hwy. 231 South, near Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

9:34 a.m. - Received a request for traffic control from the state police for an accident on Hwy. 50 near the state forest. Captain Dant, Shoals Fire and Major Burkhardt responded.

10:48 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Chief Rayhill responded.

2:33 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

3:58 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident south of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

6:04 p.m. - Received a request for traffic control on Hwy. 231 South near Alfordsville. Conservation Officer Tony Mann responded.

8:40 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Corp. Baker responded along with Sheriff Roush and Chief Deputy Greene.

10:59 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County Am-

bulance and Shoals Fire responded. Subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:14 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. Subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

FRIDAY, JULY 3

12:19 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. Subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:47 a.m. - Received a report of an alarm south of Shoals. Deputy Harmon responded.

9:02 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. Subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:08 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. Subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:52 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded. Subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:20 p.m. - Received a report of a personal injury accident on Hwy. 231, north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Fire and Deputy McBeth responded. Subjects were transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:24 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded along with Loogootee Fire. Subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:39 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

8:51 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

11:37 p.m. - Received a report of a deer accident north of Shoals. Cpl. Baker responded.

Martin County real estate transfers

Robert E. Witt to Darren S. Gilmore and Tanya C. Gilmore, part of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 34, Township 4 South, Range 4 West, containing 9.01 acres, more or less.

Jill S. Tow, of Martin County, Indiana to **Christopher D. Radcliff**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 18, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing 2 acres, more or less.

Devon W. Roach, of Martin County, Indiana to **Beth Ann Mathies**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 40 in Campbell & Breen's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Edward D. Green, of Martin County, Indiana to **Rick Norris**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 33 in Campbell & Breen's Addition to the Town, now City of Loo-

SATURDAY, JULY 4

9:12 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

11:50 a.m. - Received a report of a drive off of gas from Odon possibly heading towards Martin County. Martin County units were advised.

4:17 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle driving erratic towards Loogootee. Captain Akles was advised.

7:55 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident in Shoals. Trooper Sexton responded.

8:08 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Shoals. Cpl. Baker responded.

9:55 p.m. - Received a report of a noise complaint in Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal responded.

11:15 p.m. - Received a report of a noise complaint in Shoals. Cpl. Baker responded.

SUNDAY, JULY 5

12:52 a.m. - Received a report of a noise complaint east of Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

6:52 a.m. - Received a report of an alarm north of Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

10:33 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

12:32 p.m. - Received a report of damage to a car in Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

12:37 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. Subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

2:44 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. Subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:04 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

MONDAY, JULY 6

2:12 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident south of Loogootee. Cpl. Baker responded.

gootee, Indiana.

Allen Wagler and Connie Wagler, of Martin County, Indiana to **Darrin Jay Lengacher and Janet Sue Lengacher**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 12, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.551 acres, more or less.

Edna J. Allbright, trustee of the Edna J. Allbright Living Trust by Julie Gomez, Power of Attorney, of Lee County, Florida to **Julie Allbright-Gomez**, of Lee County, Florida, the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 40 acres, more or less. A part of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 27, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 1.5 acres, more or less.

JAIL BOOKINGS

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

10:12 p.m. - Robin Bruner, 36, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Andrew Beaver and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated with prior. Bond set at \$25,000/10%.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

2:00 p.m. - Richard O'Connor, 54, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with public intoxication. He has no bond at this time.

THURSDAY, JULY 2

12:45 p.m. - Crystal N. Tarr, 26, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Chief Rayhill and charged with domestic battery with a child present and transported to the Martin County Security Center. Chief Rayhill was the arresting officer.

FRIDAY, JULY 3

12:59 a.m. - Dianna Freeman, 51, of Shoals, was arrested by Cpl. Baker and charged with intimidation, obstruction of justice, possession of a controlled substance, and resisting arrest. She has no bond at this time. Deputy Harmon assisted with the arrest.

12:59 a.m. - Andrew Stone, 31, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Harmon and

charged with obstruction of justice, possession of a controlled substance and false informing. He has no bond at this time.

12:59 a.m. - Rocky Baker, 37, of Loogootee, was arrested by Cpl. Baker and charged with possession of methamphetamine, maintaining a common nuisance, possession of a controlled substance, and possession of paraphernalia. He has no bond at this time.

SATURDAY, JULY 4

3:08 p.m. - Kennlee Endicott, 24, of Lebanon, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia, and false informing. Bond set at \$10,000/10%.

7:45 p.m. - Jacob Jones, 28, of Shoals, was arrested by Cpl. Baker and charged with obstruction of justice, possession of marijuana, and visiting a common nuisance. Bond set at \$25,000/10%.

8:03 p.m. - Brandon Stone, 31, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper Sexton and charged with resisting law enforcement, obstruction of justice, maintaining a common nuisance, possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, and possession of paraphernalia. Bond set at \$25,000/10%.

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Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, JUNE 29

3:16 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Cedar Street.

8:14 a.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from Smokers Host.

10:30 a.m. - Caller reported a vehicle on private property.

7:22 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious males at Family Dollar.

8:35 p.m. - Captain Akles responded to a residential alarm.

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

5:13 a.m. - Caller reported a parking complaint.

12:11 p.m. - Caller requested a vehicle identification check.

12:22 p.m. - Caller requested a vehicle check on a trailer.

2:28 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to a small fire in Shaded Estates.

5:13 p.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

5:27 p.m. - Caller reported a possible domestic dispute on US 231.

8:17 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shaded Estates.

9:24 p.m. - Officer Nolan assisted with a domestic dispute in Daviess County.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

5:10 p.m. - Caller reported a parking complaint in the city lot near the railroad tracks.

8:21 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on the high school parking lot.

9:40 p.m. - Received a complaint of fireworks.

10:21 p.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

THURSDAY, JULY 2

12:27 a.m. - Caller reported harassment.

1:57 a.m. - Caller reported juveniles ringing doorbells. Officer Nolan spoke with the juveniles.

10:50 a.m. - Caller reported a domestic

Cops Cycling for Survivors event

Monday, July 13, 2015, will mark the start of the 12th annual Cops Cycling for Survivors bicycle ride around Indiana. A departure ceremony will be held at 8:30 a.m. EDT at the Law Enforcement/Firefighter Memorial, adjacent to the State Capitol, in downtown Indianapolis. The cyclists will depart shortly after the key note comments by Franklin College head football coach, Mike Leonard. Coach Leonard was Officer Nick Schultz's (Merrillville PD, EOW 9/7/2014) coach when he attended Franklin College.

After the 9 a.m. departure from the memorial the cyclists will head north to Indianapolis Metro Police North District to honor IMPD Officer Perry Renn (EOW 7/5/2014). The cyclists will ride through Noblesville and then onto Tipton where they will honor Tipton County Deputy Jacob Calvin (EOW 6/28/2014). Their journey will last 13 days and cover nearly 1,000 miles riding the perimeter of Indiana honoring fallen police officers and their families.

Cops Cycling for Survivors Foundation, Inc. annual bike ride consists of active and retired police officers, law enforcement survivors, law enforcement family members and friends of law enforcement riding their bicycles around the perimeter of Indiana to raise funds and awareness of the sacrifices made by Hoosier law enforcement families across Indiana. Funds raised from this event are used to perpetuate the memories of officers killed in the line-of-duty and to aid surviving family members and co-workers of those officers. Previously raised funds have been directly donated to foundations, scholarships and camps that have been started in memory of fallen officers or by Indiana survivors in honor of their fallen heroes. In addition, funding has been donated to Concerns of Police Survivors, the Indiana Chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors and Project Blue Light at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy.

This year the cyclists are recognizing the sacrifice made by four Indiana police officers killed in the line of duty in 2014:

Deputy Jacob Calvin, Tipton County Sheriff's Office, end of watch: June 28, 2014

dispute at Marathon.

3:05 p.m. - Caller reported someone had put trash in their dumpster.

4:31 p.m. - Caller requested extra patrol.

11:14 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted with a suicidal subject.

FRIDAY, JULY 3

12:19 a.m. - First responders were requested on Vine Street for a medical call.

12:27 a.m. - Captain Hennette assisted a motorist.

12:30 a.m. - Captain Hennette assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a criminal arrest.

3:24 p.m. - First responders were requested for a traffic accident near Able Lane.

4:26 p.m. - Caller reported a sinkhole on North Line Street.

6:03 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody issue.

6:25 p.m. - First responders were requested at West Boggs Park for a golf cart accident.

8:51 p.m. - First responders were requested on NW 1st Street for a medical call.

SATURDAY, JULY 4

12:52 a.m. - Received a complaint of fireworks.

11:50 a.m. - Received a report of a drive off at Chuckles.

12:16 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

2:23 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on US 231.

SUNDAY, JULY 5

12:37 p.m. - First responders were requested on Brooks Avenue for a medical call.

1:40 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

8:03 p.m. - Caller reported property damage on Vine Street.

Officer Perry Renn, Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Dept., end of watch: July 5, 2014

Patrolman Jeffrey Westerfield, Gary Police Dept., end of watch: July 6, 2014

Patrolman II Nickolaus Schultz, Merrillville Police Dept., end of watch: September 7, 2014

The ride is scheduled to conclude on the afternoon of Saturday, July 25, 2015, at Crown Hill Cemetery, Heroes of Public Safety Section. The closing ceremony will begin at 2:30 p.m. EDT. Survivor Mike Laird, father of IMPD Officer Jake Laird (EOW 8-18-2004) will provide the closing message. All are welcome to attend.

As a kick-off to the ride, some of the participants will be on Monument Circle in front of Emmis Communications Friday, July 10 from 7 a.m. to approximately 3:30 p.m. riding stationary bikes, selling shirts, collecting donations and providing information about the Cops Cycling for Survivors to the public. The wrap on the support truck that will honor the four fallen officers from 2014 will be unveiled that morning.

To see the route the cyclists will follow, please visit their website: www.copscyeling4survivors.org/route.html

Additional information on specific locations of meals and overnights can be found by clicking on the Calendar tab of the website. www.copscyeling4survivors.org/events.php

Cops Cycling for Survivors Foundation, Incorporated was granted 501(c) 3 status as a not-for-profit in late 2011, and the inaugural 13 day tour around Indiana under the new name took place in July of 2012. However, the spirit of this ride began many years before. In 2002 a group of police officers decided to support survivors by riding their bicycles from Indianapolis, Indiana to Washington, D.C. to honor officers who had been killed in the line of duty and to support their survivors. The ride has gone through many changes over the years, but one thing has remained constant...the cyclists' dedication to honoring fallen law enforcement heroes and supporting their survivors left behind.

Martin County Court News

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

CRIMINAL COURT

New Charges Filed

June 2

David G. Pittman, operating while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; maintaining a common nuisance, a Class D Felony.

Matthew C. Shoultz, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Dylan V. Bruner, arson, a Level 4 Felony; criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Aaron L. Rogers, resisting law enforcement, a Level 6 Felony; operating while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor.

June 5

Timothy W. Witt, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Anthony B. Richmond, battery resulting in bodily injury to a pregnant woman, a Level 5 Felony; criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor.

June 10

John P. Kendall, battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Phillip A. Freeman, Jr., driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor; false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Jason A. Hudson, operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Justin R. Boyd, battery in the presence of a child, a Class 6 Felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor.

June 11

Robin A. Salmon, neglect of a dependent, a Class 6 Felony.

June 16

Charles E. O'Connor, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor; driving while suspended, a Class A Infraction; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Daniel L. Goepfner, intimidation, a Level 5 Felony; criminal recklessness, a Level 6 Felony.

June 18

Cody J. Flinn, battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Daniel Serrano-Diaz, operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Richard L. Shoultz, speeding, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Ryan H. Emard, use of private land without consent, a Class C Misdemeanor; hunting wild animals without a license, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Jony Lascare-Gayardo, operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor; operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Brett W. Morris, use of private land without consent, a Class C Misdemeanor; hunting wild animals without a license, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Jesus Torres-Valdez, battery with moderate bodily injury, a Class 6 Felony.

Michael P. Cundiff, battery with moderate bodily injury, a Class 6 Felony.

June 22

Kevin B. Streete, dealing in methamphetamine, a Class 2 Felony; two counts of dealing in a narcotic drug, Class 5 Felonies; maintaining a common nuisance, a Class 6 Felony; two counts of dealing in a schedule IV controlled substance, Class A Misdemeanors; dealing in marijuana, a Class 6 Felony; two counts of dealing in a narcotic drug, Class 4 Felonies; two counts of dealing in a schedule IV controlled substance, Class 6 Felonies; dealing in marijuana, a Class 5 Felony; habitual offender sentence enhancement; possession of marijuana, a Class 3 Felony.

Steven J. Davidson, battery with moderate bodily injury, a Class 6 Felony.

June 24

Joseph L. Campbell, maintaining a com-

mon nuisance, a Class 6 Felony; possession of a narcotic drug, a Class 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor.

June 25

Edwin Rovelo-Castro, false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor; operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Devon M. Payne, two counts of cruelty to an animal, Class A Misdemeanors.

Donna Lou Foster, operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor.

June 29

Robert F. Neal, driving while suspended, a Class A Infraction; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

June 30

Aaron J. Sanders, driving while suspended, a Class A Infraction; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Devon M. Payne, false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Danny L. Krodell, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; two counts of maintaining a common nuisance, Class 6 Felonies; possession of paraphernalia, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; driving while suspended, a Class A Infraction; possession of methamphetamine, a Class 5 Felony; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Jackie R. Edmondson, Jr., possession of methamphetamine, a Class 5 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance, a Class 6 Felony; neglect of a dependent, a Class 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class A Misdemeanor.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

June 25

Melanie F. Stepanek, 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 26

Erin Kate Hawkins vs. Floyd Leon Hawkins, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Nationstar Mortgage, LLC vs. Carolyn Sims, Hiram G. Sims, unknown occupants, and USA Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, mortgage foreclosure.

June 30

Barclays Bank Delaware vs. Travis P. Stoll, civil collection.

Bank of New York Melon Trust Co. vs. Michael T. Cox, mortgage foreclosure.

John M. Divine and Linda M. Divine vs. Wagler Farm Storage, Inc., civil plenary.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

July 1

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Liberty Mutual Insurance and against the defendant Tracy French in the amount of \$6,469.95.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC and against the defendant Stanley D. Pender in the amount of \$1,661.99.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

July 6

Tyler Eugene Bratton of Loogootee and Sarah Marie Allen of Loogootee.

Accident reports

THURSDAY, JULY 2

10:15a.m. Terri E. Souerdike, of Loogootee, was operating a 2015 Chevy on Church Street. Souerdike proceeded out onto JFK Ave. and struck a 2007 Chevy operated by James W. Wagler, of Loogootee. Chief Rayhill investigated.

SUNDAY, JULY 5

5:05 p.m. - Diana Mehringer, of Jasper, was operating a 2007 Chrysler attempting to exit the Produce Patch parking lot when she pulled into the path of 2002 Chrysler operated by Jeremy L. Sanders, of Loogootee. Captain Akles investigated.



In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

It is summer vacation time, but the absence of a gardener for a week may wreak havoc in a garden. However, with a little advance preparation, one may take a vacation without the fear of returning to a garden out of control.

The best way to prevent a disaster is to have the garden in near-perfect shape before leaving on vacation. Mow the lawn the last day before you leave. Pull weeds out of planting beds and mulch plantings to keep the soil moisture even and to block re-growth of weeds.

Plants in pots need to be watered regularly. If possible, get someone to check on your potted plants while you are gone. Make it easy for the help. Group pots together according to their water needs. A group of succulents will not need to be watered as often as a group of foliage plants. Make sure you substitute knows which groups need to be watered when.

If you are unable to find someone to look after your garden, you may wish to make up some sort of system. The best system is a drip system on a timer or with a moisture sensor that will water the plants as needed. Such systems are a bit expensive for most of us, but there are some lower-tech alternatives. One may fill a large bucket with water and run cotton wicks to the various planters. Placing the containers in a shady spot will also help keep the plants from drying out too quickly and the temporary placement in shade will not bother sun-loving plants. Be sure to put them back in the sunny locations when you return.

I took a vacation to Tennessee with some family members last week. As it were, there was no need to have someone water plants, as we had rain almost daily both here and in Tennessee. The rain affected my usual vacation activity of visiting public gardens, but I always take time to notice the gardens in the areas I visit.

We spent the first part of the week in the Smokies. There are not many public gardens in the Gatlinburg area, but there are many beautiful nature trails and overlooks. The great number of plants is actually responsible for the haze that gives the Smokey Mountains their name.

We did pay a visit to the Christ of the Smokies Museum and Garden. The museum was nice and depicted the life of Jesus in a series of vignettes. The garden was not

Anglers and fisheries biologist plant trees for fish habitat

Over the past two Saturdays, anglers from fishing organizations helped a DNR fisheries biologist plant bald cypress trees along the shore of Monroe Lake to help improve the lake and create fish habitat.

Twenty-six anglers from Crappie.com, Indiana Slab Masters and Bass Unlimited planted 400 trees at Fairfax State Recreation Area.

Monroe Lake is Indiana's largest reservoir and was completed in 1965. According to southern fisheries research biologist Sandy Clark-Kolaks, who organized the project, as reservoirs age, much of the natural habitat—stumps, standing timber and logs—decompose.

"In addition to creating habitat for fish, these trees will help stabilize the shoreline and improve water quality in the lake," Clark-Kolaks said.

Volunteers came from across the state to participate, including Bret Cunningham from Indiana Slab Masters.

"I think it's important to help maintain our fisheries," Cunningham said. "I know projects like these are easier to accomplish when you have a lot of volunteers."

President of Bass Unlimited Wil Newlin said, "Our organization wants to help provide resources for conservation, preservations and restoration of bass populations in

spectacular, but a nicely planted cross-shaped bed was the highlight.

Throughout the area, many of the resorts and shopping centers boasted beautiful gardens. The most noticeable plant at this time was crape myrtle. It is obvious that Tennessee is far enough south that the harsh winter we had did not affect the crape myrtles as it did here. Most of the crape myrtles in Indiana died back to the ground and had to re-grow from the roots, delaying the flowering. In Tennessee, where crape myrtles grow into large trees, flowers atop the plants were to be seen everywhere. Ranging from white to various shades of pink to bright red, the large clusters of blooms grabbed attention.

Two other attention-grabbing plants are not so loved by folks in Tennessee. Many people love the pink powder-puff blooms of the mimosa tree, but in Tennessee, they have become invasive, crowding out native plants and disrupting the ecosystem. The other out-of-control invasive is kudzu. Nick-named the "vine that ate the south", kudzu grows at a dizzying pace and in many areas literally covers acres of hillsides. The foliage is so thick that it eventually smothers out the native plants that it covers. Some kudzu has made its way into southern Indiana. Our colder winters help keep it in control, but if we have several warmer-than-normal winters, it could become a problem here also.

The second part of our trip was spent at a resort near Crossville, Tennessee. A trip to a pizza place with an arcade turned out to be a horticultural highlight. Behind the restaurant was a miniature golf course that was landscaped with a variety of interesting plants, including weeping mulberries, contorted filberts, several hydrangeas and a Hinoki cypress. Each hole included a signpost with a Bible verse. I spoke with the owner, who noted that his wife and daughter were responsible for the plant diversity. It was obvious that they were fellow plant enthusiasts and used their family business to be able to show a collection in a beautiful setting.

I returned to Sandhill Gardens to a sight as beautiful as any I had seen on vacation. My front garden was aglow with several colors of daylily, multiple coneflowers, tall bellflowers, several hostas, feverfew, and caladiums. It was a nice way to be welcomed home.

public assessable waters for bass anglers of today and for future generations."

DNR hopes to have more events like these in the future.

Bald cypress trees are native to southern Indiana and are adapted to living in wet conditions along riverbanks and in swamps. Bald cypress trees are known for their "knees" which are a special kind of root. It's thought that the "knees" transport air to drowned roots underground. They also might help to anchor the tree.

Kayaking at Patoka Lake on July 25

Bring your kayak (or canoe) and join the naturalist for a tour on the lake Saturday, July 25 at 9:30 a.m. at Wall's Lake Boat Ramp off Highway 145. Look for beaver, osprey, bald eagles, and other wildlife along the way. Discover a bit of Patoka's past during this morning paddle as you make your way to "the lake within the lake". Travel over the remnants of Wall's Lake dam as you paddle the waters of Patoka River. Bring life jackets, snacks and refreshments, and sunscreen for this journey. If you prefer, meet the naturalists at the Nature Center by 8:30 a.m. to car caravan to the ramp. Non-motorized boat launch permits are required and will be sold at the event for \$5, but may

Hurt: Indiana crop losses now potentially up to \$475 million

BY KEITH ROBINSON
Purdue University News Service

Indiana's corn and soybean crops in a month of rain have gone from among the best to among the worst, with Purdue Extension agricultural economist Chris Hurt now estimating that production could decline by \$475 million.

Indiana has dropped from having above average corn and soybean yield prospects in the first week of June to well below normal at the end of the month, noted Hurt, who analyzed the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Crop Progress report released Monday, June 29.

"It is not hard to find the culprit - excessive amounts of rainfall," he said Tuesday.

On June 8, the USDA's Agricultural Statistics Service rated Indiana's corn crop at the 77th percentile based on the previous 15 years. That means that this year's crop was ranked about the eighth best out of 10 years based on the distribution of crop ratings from 2000 to 2014. Three weeks later, the Indiana corn crop is ranked at the 18th percentile, about the second worst crop out of 10 years.

Seventy-five percent of Indiana's corn crop was rated good to excellent as of the USDA's June 8 report. As of this week's report, the crop dropped to 48 percent good to excellent.

The crop ratings from USDA can give an idea of the weather's effect on yields by using a model that examines historic crop ratings and historic yields, Hurt said. Indiana's corn yield potential in the June 8 report was 178 bushels per acre, 6 bushels higher than a "normal weather" yield of 172. The declines in crop conditions in the following three weeks dropped that model-determined yield to about 163 bushels per acre, a decline of 15 per acre and about 9 below a "normal weather" yield.

State climate office: Indiana rains set record for month of June

BY KEITH ROBINSON
Purdue University News Service

Indiana set a record for rainfall in the month of June, with a state average of 9.03 inches, the Indiana State Climate Office said Wednesday, July 1. June also was the fourth-wettest of any month on record since 1895.

The rainfall surpassed the previous June record of 8.13 inches set in 1958. The climate office, based at Purdue University, said nearly all parts of Indiana received above-normal rainfall. Normal rainfall ranges from 4.1 inches to 4.3 inches across the state.

The heaviest rain totals generally were in a west-to-east band stretching from Newton to Adams counties across northern Indiana. A rainfall monitoring station in Rensselaer in Jasper County had the most rain - 18.06 inches. Two locations in Newton County had more than 17 inches.

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The decline of 15 bushels per acre since early June represents about 85 million bushels of corn with a value of \$300 million, Hurt said.

"A similar story has occurred for soybeans," Hurt said, with the crop rank dropping from the 84th percentile early in June to 25th by the end of the month. The model estimates of yield have dropped from nearly 53 bushels per acre in early June to 49.4 bushels by the end of the month.

That is a potential decline of about 20 million bushels of soybeans with an estimated value of \$175 million, Hurt said.

Hurt noted that the potential yields for corn and soybeans are estimates based on weekly crop ratings from USDA of the latest week. "The current ratings can still improve during the rest of the growing season, and they can decline even more if weather remains harmful," he said.

Hurt said that despite bleak current conditions, there are two potential positives for the crop economy: Prices that farmers receive for the crops likely will be higher on the reduced number of Indiana bushels produced, and crop insurance payments to farmers are likely to be higher, helping to offset some of the impacts of fewer bushels to sell.

Also, Hurt said, the impacts of the wet season on yields and prices will likely affect the amount of government payments farmers ultimately receive for their 2015 crops.

"Right now that appears to be reducing the expected government payments farmers may receive," he said.

Although the eastern Corn Belt has suffered with too much water and lower yield prospects, states in the northwestern portion of the Corn Belt have above-normal corn and soybean yield prospects, Hurt said. As a result, the national corn and soybean yield prospects, based on the June 29 crop ratings, remain close to normal.

During the entire month there were only four days when it did not rain somewhere in Indiana. On seven days, some areas had more than 4 inches.

The rain has exacted a heavy toll on crops planted in the spring, flooding fields in many areas of the state - especially in the north - and keeping the young corn and soybean plants under water for days on end. Purdue Extension agricultural economist Chris Hurt said this week the value of the crops already could have declined by \$475 million because of the damage.

Not all areas of Indiana received heavy rainfall in the same weeks:

* June 1-7 was generally dry across most of the state.

* June 8-16: When high pressure blocked storms from moving normally across southeast states, storm systems passed through a narrow corridor in northern Indiana to reach the Atlantic Coast, funneling large rain amounts to that part of the state.

* June 19-20: The remnants of Tropical Storm Bill carried heavy rain across the southern half of Indiana, which was largely missed earlier in the month.

* June 22-30: A fast jet stream across the northern tier of the United States set the stage for more wet, stormy weather across all of Indiana as fronts stalled here.

Only three other months are on record as wetter in Indiana: January 1950, with 10.11 inches; April 2011, with 9.61 inches; and January 1937, with 9.23 inches.

The climate office said Indiana's July forecast calls for more of the same: above-normal precipitation and cool temperatures. It said the cooler temperatures should help limit the extreme downpours as the heaviest rainfall tends to occur in the warm, muggy air mass ahead of cold fronts.

Grazing Bites

By Victor Shelton
NRCS State Agronomist/Grazing Specialist

For much of Indiana, June was quite wet. Some areas had in excess of 10 inches of rain dumped on them. A recent map from the Midwestern Regional Climate Center showed other areas in the 12- to 15-inch range. More than once I could have described the rain as "in sheets". This isn't fun if you are trying to work or drive in it. If this keeps up, perhaps I should consider building an ark.

It was just a few weeks back that I was starting to be a little concerned about how dry it was getting...that is not a problem now. Excess water has turned the focus more on trying to maintain forage quality and a rarity for this time of year, "pugging." Saturated soils are more susceptible to animal pugging from their hooves breaking through the soil surface. Pugging forces soil particles together reducing pore space; causing compaction. This loss in pore space reduces water holding capacity, slows drainage, and can greatly reduce needed oxygen in the soil. Lack of oxygen means less soil microbes and less nutrients being available to plants. A typical soil should contain about 50% pore space, occupied by about half water and half air by volume. Soil particles of varying degrees of sand, silt, and clay, organic matter, and living organisms make up the remaining 50%.

You will not find a livestock farm without any compaction. You won't find too many row crop farms without any compaction either, but that is a slightly different story and usually caused by different means. High traffic areas such as walkways or trails, along fences, and heavily used feeding and watering areas will almost always have compacted soils and almost can't be avoided. Pastures can be managed to reduce pugging and thus compaction.

When you think about pugging, you normally think about early spring conditions; wet soils with limited new growth and residual dead forage left from the previous growing season. We can't control the amount of rain we get, but we can impact what happens to that water. When a rain drop hits an impervious surface like your roof, concrete, blacktop or a highly compacted soil, it runs off. If it doesn't find a permeable material with available space to soak into, then it keeps heading downstream. Too much not being absorbed can cause flooding. Each year, there is less permeable acreage due to new roads and new development, all with impervious surfaces. This means the rest of the land needs to be more efficient to maintain below ground aquifers and reduce flooding.

Mercy, where was I? Okay, here are some ways to reduce pugging and compaction on pastures. The shorter and less mature the forage, compounded with the lack of, or small quantity of dead plant residual from the previous year increases the burying and uprooting of plants from grazing livestock hooves, especially under wet conditions. With a small amount of cover and or new forage growth, you also have a reduced amount of live roots below the surface. You can probably see where I'm heading with this. The more growth you have above ground, the more live roots you have below the ground and that cover and those live root systems stabilize and protect the soil.

If we maintain good cover and don't compact the surface layer, then the soil can perform as it is supposed to and readily collect a large amount of rainfall with its ideal permeable structure and store enormous amounts of water for later use and recharge the deep below ground aquifers. Where pastures with good management have returned to being good water accumulators, you suddenly notice that water and sediment control basins (dry dams) don't have as much or any water in them with normal rains and those fields have a new incredible resilience to droughty periods which is easily seen in forage growth, health and production.

I was recently with a group of New Zealanders that were touring farms here in

the states. The topic of cover and runoff came up while looking at a pasture fence line between two different managers. The over grazed side of the fence had bare spots, more weed issues, and evidence of soil movement and increased runoff. The managed side of the fence had been grazed just a few days prior and had an average of 4 to 6 inches of forage remaining, no soil visible with a nice amount of duff covering the soil surface. It was nice to hear one of the New Zealanders note that the over grazed side didn't have a runoff problem, it had an infiltration problem! That comes from a country that is dominant in short perennial ryegrass and white clover.

Noteworthy remarks included "On the slope you have to leave more sward to maintain it." "Down on the flat and where it will go to arable crops the next year, you can graze it down to the boards." There was some humor in watching a couple people from Tennessee asking, "Can you say that again?" It's all English, just not the same. Always a treat to be around those guys. (For reference, "arable crops" are planted row crops and "grazed to the boards" is the same as grazing down to the dirt or floor.)

On a grass-based dairy just a few days ago, pugging was starting to be an issue on some poorly drained soils. It is important on a dairy operation to try and maintain quality forage for milk production with sufficient intake. They were doing a good job of moving the cows every twelve hours to a new area to reduce the amount of time on any one area, but also were giving the cows a larger allotment than they normally would to lessen the impact during the wet period. Those fields will also be rested longer before being grazed again to allow for not only plant growth recovery, but to allow that plant to tiller more and regrow more new roots that will help heal those pugged areas. Longer rests after an instance like this will start the healing process. It is amazing what a growing plant can accomplish given the opportunity. Pugged areas need longer rest to recover, allowing plants to recover, tiller and re-establish themselves. If they don't, you will see an increase of weeds in this area later on.

Too much rain can make it more challenging to manage pastures. Forage growth can increase, but forage quality can sometimes lower due to tied up nitrogen and lack of sufficient sunlight which can reduce crude protein and energy of the forage. Once things start drying out and the sun returns, forage generally improves.

Try and maintain good cover and adequate stop grazing heights during this wet weather. Those stop grazing heights for our cool season forages should be at least 4 inches, not the tallest stuff left, but the shortest! Move animals when possible to new paddocks when forage is dry and if that is not possible, move before sooner than later so they don't gorge on wet forages increasing the risk of bloat, especially where forages are kept very vegetative.

Minimize high density grazing and any vehicular traffic when soils are wet. Maintain or increase organic matter of the soil over time by improving a maintaining plant cover and plant production. Longer rest periods will allow for deeper root growth and penetration and over time will increase soil organic matter and infiltration. Improved infiltration will mean less saturation and improved resilience to compaction during wet periods.

Keep on grazing!
Reminders & Opportunities
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Rows of young soybean plants in rain-soaked, saturated ground in Tippecanoe County. (Purdue Agricultural Communication photo/Tom Campbell)

Farmers face crunch time to replant flooded soybean fields

BY DARRIN PACK
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With rainy conditions expected to continue across parts of the Midwest for the next week, northern Indiana soybean farmers will have to race against the clock to get in an initial crop or replant their flood-damaged fields, a Purdue Extension specialist says.

"We are quickly marching on the end of time to successfully plant soybeans for grain," said Shaun Casteel. "It's going to be extremely tight."

Whether planting an initial crop or replanting flood-damaged fields, Casteel recommends using a shorter-season variety and planting at least 200,000 seeds per acre.

"If soybeans are to be planted for grain harvest, we need to shorten the maturity group by 1.0 unit relative to the full season in your area," he said. "We will mature about 7 to 10 days faster with that shorter-season variety."

High seeding rates are needed to "push the plants and first pods higher, produce more nodes on an area basis and canopy faster," he said.

Farmers also need to determine the latest possible planting date for their area. Even shorter-season varieties need about 90 days to mature or be close enough to maturity for harvest.

"If the fall freeze is typically October 10, then soybeans need to be replanted and emerged by July 10 to have a chance at producing harvestable grain this fall," he said. "Soil moisture and temperatures should allow soybeans to emerge quickly."

Casteel estimates that late planting could produce about 50 to 60 percent of a normal grain harvest.

According to the latest U.S. Department of Agriculture Crop Progress report, 96 percent of Indiana's soybean crop had been planted as of June 28, compared with 98 percent the same time last year. The report showed only 49 percent of the state's soybean crop rated as good to excellent, down from 58 percent a week earlier and 71 percent the week ending June 14.

Although time for initial planting or replanting soybeans is running short, farmers shouldn't rush into saturated fields, Casteel cautioned. Heavy equipment could compact the wet soil or leave deep ruts, making next year's planting season more difficult.

Casteel said farmers who were unable to get their soybean crops planted this year because of the wet conditions should still consider planting soybeans as a cover crop or look at alternative cover crops to preserve soil nutrients for next year.

"We should plant something in these fields and large drowned-out areas to help suppress weeds, take up moisture and nutrients and stabilize the soil for this year and next year," he said.

There is no need to use a shorter-season variety if the soybeans are planted as a cover crop, he said, because the goal is to produce biomass and ground cover, not grain.

Casteel has published a guide to late planting of soybeans in the latest issue of Purdue's Pest and Crop online newsletter. To read the full article, go to <http://extension.entm.purdue.edu/pestcrop/2015/Issue14/>.

Bonus deer antlerless quotas set for 2015

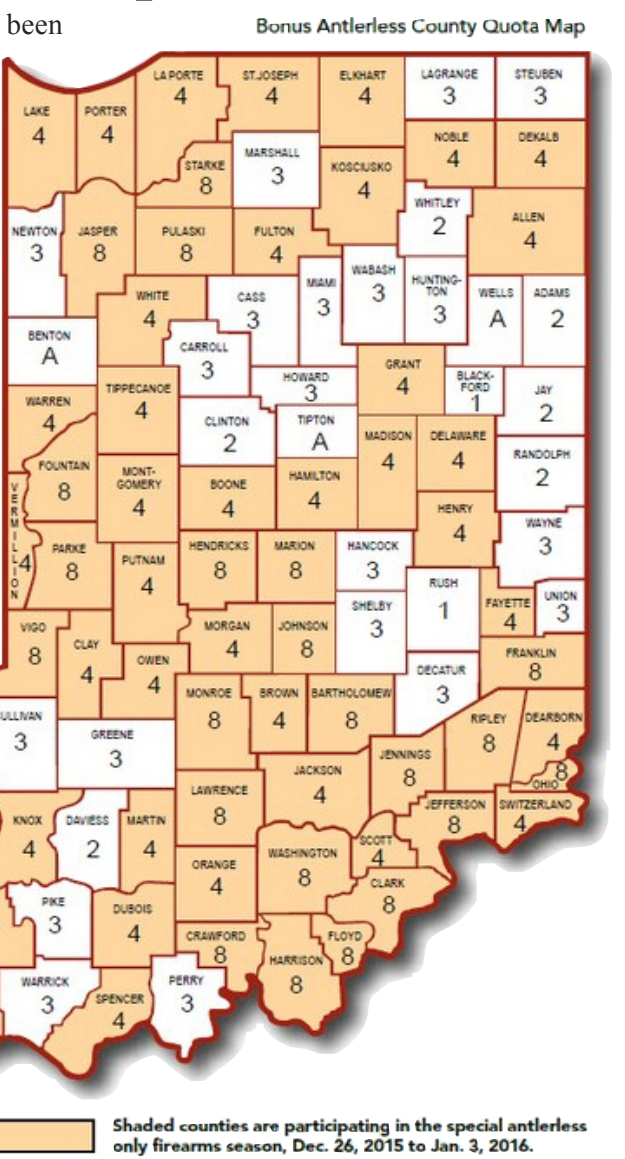
Bonus deer antlerless quotas have been reduced in eight counties and increased in one. As a result, 60 counties will be included in the special antlerless season compared to 63 in 2014-15.

In addition to basic bag limits, hunters can purchase bonus licenses to take additional antlerless deer based on the quota assigned to the county in which they hunt. Bonus antlerless licenses can be used in any season, except the Reduction Zone Season, using the equipment that is legal for that season.

Bonus licenses may be used in any county, but hunters may not take more than the county quota for bonus antlerless deer in any specific county.

County quotas range from A to 8. For counties designated as an "A," a bonus antlerless license can be used to take one antlerless deer from November 26 through January 3, 2016 (the last four days of the regular firearms season, plus muzzleloader and archery seasons). Bonus antlerless licenses cannot be used in an "A" county prior to November 26.

Since 2011, the number of counties with a bonus quota of 8 has dropped from 45 to 23 this coming season.



National unemployment drops to 5.3 percent

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 223,000 in June, and the unemployment rate declined to 5.3 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last Thursday.

Job gains occurred in professional and business services, health care, retail trade, financial activities, and in transportation and warehousing.

Household Survey Data

The unemployment rate declined by 0.2 percentage point to 5.3 percent in June, and the number of unemployed persons declined by 375,000 to 8.3 million.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rates for adult men (4.8 percent), adult women (4.8 percent), and blacks (9.5 percent) edged down in June, while the rates for teenagers (18.1 percent), whites (4.6 percent), Asians (3.8 percent), and Hispanics (6.6 percent) showed little change.

The number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) declined by 381,000 to 2.1 million in June. These individuals accounted for 25.8 percent of the unemployed. Over the past 12 months, the number of long-term unemployed has declined by 955,000.

The civilian labor force declined by 432,000 in June, following an increase of similar magnitude in May. The labor force participation rate declined by 0.3 percentage point to 62.6 percent in June. The employment-population ratio, at 59.3 percent, was essentially unchanged in June and has shown little movement thus far this year.

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons (sometimes referred to as involuntary part-time workers), at 6.5 million, changed little in June. These individuals, who would have preferred full-time employment, were working part time because their hours had been cut back or because they were unable to find a full-time job.

In June, 1.9 million persons were marginally attached to the labor force, little changed from a year earlier. (The data are not seasonally adjusted.) These individuals were not in the labor force, wanted and were available for work, and had looked for a job sometime in the prior 12 months. They were not counted as unemployed because they had not searched for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey.

Among the marginally attached, there were 653,000 discouraged workers in June, essentially unchanged from a year earlier. (The data are not seasonally adjusted.) Discouraged workers are persons not currently looking for work because they believe no jobs are available for them. The remaining 1.3 million persons marginally attached to the labor force in June had not searched for work for reasons such as school attendance or family responsibilities.

Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 223,000 in June, compared with an average monthly gain of 250,000 over the prior 12 months. In June, job gains occurred in professional and business services, health care, retail trade, financial activities, and in transportation and warehousing.

Employment in professional and business

services increased by 64,000 in June, about in line with the average monthly gain of 57,000 over the prior 12 months. In June, employment continued to trend up in temporary help services (+20,000), in architectural and engineering services (+4,000), and in computer systems design and related services (+4,000).

Health care added 40,000 jobs in June. Job gains were distributed among the three component industries—ambulatory care services (+23,000), hospitals (+11,000), and nursing and residential care facilities (+7,000). Employment in health care had grown by an average of 34,000 per month over the prior 12 months.

Employment in retail trade increased by 33,000 in June and has risen by 300,000 over the year. In June, general merchandise stores added 10,000 jobs.

In June, employment in financial activities increased by 20,000, with most of the increase in insurance carriers and related activities (+9,000) and in securities, commodity contracts, and investments (+7,000). Commercial banking employment declined by 6,000. Employment in financial activities has grown by 159,000 over the year, with insurance accounting for about half of the gain.

Transportation and warehousing added 17,000 jobs in June. Employment in truck transportation continued to trend up over the month (+7,000) and has increased by 19,000 over the past 3 months.

Employment in food services and drinking places continued to trend up in June (+30,000) and has increased by 355,000 over the year.

Employment in mining continued to trend down in June (-4,000). Since a recent high in December 2014, employment in mining has declined by 71,000, with losses concentrated in support activities for mining.

Employment in other major industries, including construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, information, and government, showed little or no change over the month.

The average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls was 34.5 hours in June for the fourth month in a row. The manufacturing workweek for all employees edged down by 0.1 hour to 40.7 hours, and factory overtime edged up by 0.1 hour to 3.4 hours. The average workweek for production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls was unchanged at 33.6 hours.

In June, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls were unchanged at \$24.95. Over the year, average hourly earnings have risen by 2.0 percent. Average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees edged up by 2 cents to \$20.99 in June.

The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for April was revised from +221,000 to +187,000, and the change for May was revised from +280,000 to +254,000. With these revisions, employment gains in April and May combined were 60,000 lower than previously reported. Over the past 3 months, job gains have averaged 221,000 per month.

Indiana Grown Initiative gives new meaning to buying local

It's about to be easier for Hoosiers to identify, find, and purchase products grown, produced, and processed in Indiana thanks to the Indiana Grown Initiative. Developed by the Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) and back by some of Indiana's most prominent names in the industry, the statewide, all-inclusive and collaborative program promotes Indiana-produced agricultural products.

The new initiative, led by Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann, ISDA and a 12-member Indiana Grown Commission, will connect businesses that use or sell agricultural products such as restaurants, grocers, wholesalers, processors and farmers' markets with Indiana-based producers of meat, milk, cheese, fruit, vegetables, wine, beer and forest products.

Indiana Grown has immense potential to create new local and regional market channels for Indiana agricultural and food businesses through three initiatives:

- Educate consumers on the importance of buying Indiana Grown products;
- Increase networking and sales opportunities for Indiana farmers; and
- Expand support for Indiana processors in their effort to process more Indiana Grown products.

"The Indiana Grown Initiative will be an incredibly useful and economically impactful tool for consumers and producers alike," said Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann. "I applaud the collaborative work of the Indiana Grown Commission over the last year to thoughtfully develop a program to identify and promote Hoosier products and facilitate moving them from the farm to the table."

Hoosiers spend \$16 billion per year buying food, yet more than 90 percent is sourced outside of Indiana. Statistics such as this prompted the creation of Indiana

Grown. Starting this month, consumers will begin seeing Indiana Grown decals, kiosks, and logos highlighting products that are grown, produced, and processed in the Hoosier state.

"Indiana Grown is the first statewide, state-supported program that creates a clear understanding as to where products are farmed, produced and/or processed in Indiana," said ISDA Director Ted McKinney. "Indiana Grown is aimed at lifting up the state's robust food and beverage industry by providing the necessary tools to further promote local products to Hoosier consumers."

Consumers will be able to identify Indiana Grown members' products using four categories:

-100% Indiana - Products within this category must be grown in Indiana and/or all ingredients must come from Indiana.

-Prepared in Indiana - Product ingredients can be sourced from anywhere, but 100 percent of the production must be done in Indiana.

Partner - To be an Indiana Grown partner, a company or institution must assist in marketing Indiana grown products and members.

Indiana Grown - This category applies to all other Indiana Grown members.

Program members and partners include farmers, producers, processors and artisans, as well as retailers, grocers and restaurants. Member applications are available at IndianaGrown.org. Applicants must provide business information and answer questions to ensure their products meet Indiana Grown's guidelines. There is no cost to become a member.

For more information on Indiana Grown or to apply for membership, visit IndianaGrown.org.

AG announces settlement to ensure competition remains following Dollar Tree/Family Dollar merger

Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller announced the terms of a settlement that he and 16 other states have reached with Dollar Tree, Inc., following their review of the company's proposed acquisition of Family Dollar Stores, Inc. The merger combines two large national chains of deep discount stores.

Working with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the state attorneys general are requiring Dollar Tree to sell more than 300 Family Dollar stores to a new competitor in order to complete the acquisition. All of the affected stores are to be sold and re-branded as DollarExpress stores, a new chain of deep discount stores being launched by Sycamore Partners.

Zoeller said he was concerned that the merger would substantially lessen competition in certain Indiana cities and is requiring five stores in the following areas to be sold to Dollar Express:

Diplomat Plaza, 4157 Cleveland St., Gary Ind., 46408

County Market Place, 2535 Garfield St., Gary, Ind., 46404

5307 Decatur Rd, Ft. Wayne, Ind., 46806

715 E. 38 St., Indianapolis, Ind., 46205

9950 Pendleton Pike, Indianapolis, Ind., 46236

In addition to these stores being sold to Dollar Express, Dollar Tree will be required to report or notify the Indiana Attorney General's Office of future acquisitions or store relocations or closings.

Dollar Tree operates stores under both the Dollar Tree and Deals banners. Stores using the Dollar Tree banner typically price all merchandise for \$1 while both Deals stores and Family Dollar stores offer additional merchandise for higher prices. The stores tend to be smaller in size and are often lo-

cated within or near neighborhoods.

"The several stores impacted in Indiana are important to the everyday options for local residents," Zoeller said. "I wanted to ensure competition remained despite this large merger so that consumers had access to fair prices and the best merchandise."

Zoeller said his office worked with the FTC and the other state attorneys general in conducting a national review of the transaction. The attorneys general have filed their lawsuit and proposed consent judgment in the Federal District Court for the District of Columbia.

Sycamore Partners is expected to acquire the stores being divested over the coming few months and operate them under its DollarExpress banner.

Dollar Tree (NASDAQ: DLTR) is headquartered in Chesapeake, Virginia and operates more than 4,200 stores. Family Dollar (NYSE: FDO) is headquartered in Matthews, North Carolina and operates more than 8,000 stores nationwide.

The other states involved in the settlement are Florida, Maine, Missouri, Alabama, Iowa, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, Utah and West Virginia.

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New Beginnings Church WEEKLY MESSAGE

BY ERNIE CANELL
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Face to Face with the woman at the well
 We have been talking about having a face to face encounter with God the last few weeks. I think this series is so important because it makes us realize that it is powerful transforming and life changing when we have an encounter with God. We must realize that things can't be the same when we are confronted with God.

Like Moses, God doesn't take excuses like Jacob; everything has to change when we encounter God. We get a new mission, a new direction, a new pattern of thinking, even a new name. Today, we will see that an encounter with the living Jesus results in a change of heart.

The story of the woman at the well is not just a story but a one-on-one meeting with an immoral outcast of society with God made flesh. The woman came to fulfill a physical need and Jesus filled a spiritual one.

Jesus initiated the encounter, he asked if she would give Him a drink. By Jesus asking her to give Him a drink, he breaks traditions that were in place. Jewish men didn't talk to women in public and especially one of their enemies. You know I think people made Jesus an enemy of theirs but Jesus didn't make anyone an enemy, but an opportunity to share eternal life.

Jesus will go to whatever length to help someone in sin and pain. Think about the timing; God's perfect timing. They had to be walking for days, they would have had to leave Jerusalem at the right time, had to be at the well at the right moment, and the disciples would have had to leave to get food at the right time. They would have to have taken the exact route to get to the well at precisely the right moment in time to have this encounter face to face with this woman.

Isn't that the way God is. His timing is always perfect. He knows what we need when we need it and how to be at the right place at the right time to meet us. Even though Jesus initiated this face to face encounter for His plan and purpose, the woman had a perceived need that Jesus turned into her real need - the need of spiritual healing. Every time we see God having an intimate face to face with someone he offers more than just good words, he offers a gift that you cannot get anywhere else or any other way. She knew that this was no ordinary encounter. And Jesus responded in no ordinary way. Aren't you glad we don't have an ordinary God?

Jesus said, "If you knew the one you were talking to, you would have asked for living water." Oh, how that is what we need to ask for; living water- the kind that never runs out. The kind that keeps us filled. That is what we need. Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirst let him come to me and

drink. Whoever believes in me as the scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water. Now this he said about the Spirit whom those who believed in him were to receive for as yet the Spirit had not been given because Jesus was not yet glorified."

Are you full of the living water...if you truly believe in the Lord Jesus and have made Him Lord and Savior of your life then yes, you have this living water. If not, then you too need to say as the woman at the well, Jesus give me this water so that I will not be thirsty. The one who thirsts for God comes to Jesus and drinks. This means to believe in Him; to enter into a trusting ongoing relationship with Him. It is a whole hearted personal involvement and participation. That is what happens with the woman at the well. Her whole life was changed. She went out and told others so they would know Jesus as Savior and Lord also. When you have an encounter with the living God. You can't keep silent. You can't stop talking about Jesus. It is in you. The Spirit of God isn't inside you to keep it for yourself. It is to give away. It's to help others realize their need for God. When the Pharisees in Luke 19:40 asks Jesus to keep his disciples quiet, Jesus said I tell you if these were silent the very stones would cry out.

And you know what happens when you begin to witness of our wonderful savior? People will begin to believe on Him for

themselves.

There is a transforming life that takes place when we meet Jesus and have an encounter with the living God.

New service to be offered in Loogootee

Grief Share Support Group will be held at Loogootee United Methodist Church Multi-Purpose Room on August 3 at 6 p.m. This group will be helpful to those who have lost a loved one recently or decades ago. GriefShare is an international program. Every group includes a video featuring a combination of expert counselors as well as actual people recovering from their grief offering suggestions for going through life following the death of a loved one. Next, participants have an opportunity if desired, to share how the grief process is going for them. Those not willing to participate in this discussion still learn by listening. Finally, everyone attending receives a workbook with daily readings to give them something to think about until the next meeting. This support group will go through November. Each session deals with an individual issue related to grief so try to attend as many as possible but missing a week will not be detrimental. Refreshments will be served as each session last approximately one and a half hours. Please call the church at 295-3049 to register.

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More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



AIRLINE CATERING PROBLEM

Airborne approximately 30 minutes on an outbound evening flight, the "A" stew - lead flight attendant - for the cabin crew nervously made the following painful announcement: "Ladies and gentlemen, I'm so very sorry but it appears that there has been a terrible last minute error by our airport catering service. I don't know how this has happened but we have 103 passengers on board and, unfortunately, only 40 dinner meals. I truly apologize for this mistake and inconvenience."

When passengers' muttering had died down, she continued, "Anyone who is kind enough to give up their meal so that someone else can eat will receive free, unlimited drinks for the duration of our flight."

Her next announcement came 90 minutes later. "If anyone would like to change their minds, we still have 40 dinners available."

THOUGHTS ABOUT WEIGHT

1. I try to avoid things that make me fat . . . like scales, mirrors and photographs.

2. Age is only a number. Weight is only a number. I've decided that numbers are really starting to tick me off.

3. Why can't mosquitos suck FAT instead of blood?

4. If someone tells you that you put too much Parmesan cheese on your pasta, stop talking to them. You don't need that kind of negativity in your life.

5. I wish there were more hours in the day, everyone was nice, and bread didn't make you fat.

6. My version of a workout buddy is someone who tells me I look so good I don't need to work out.

7. I really think that tossing and turning at

night should be considered as exercise.

8. I just burned 1,200 calories. I forgot the pizza in the oven.

9. I decided to go for a jog today . . . As I set off I heard clapping behind me. Then I realized it was my butt cheeks cheering me on.

10. I wasn't planning on going for a run today . . . but those cops came out of nowhere.

11. Skinny people are easier to kidnap. Stay safe - eat pies.

12. You are not fat. You have fat. You also have fingernails but you are not fingernails.

13. I can never go swimming because it's always less than 30 minutes since I've eaten.

14. My thoughts and prayers go out to anyone trying on summer clothes.

15. Every box of raisins is a tragic tale of grapes that could have been wine.

16. Rule for wearing animal print yoga pants: weigh less than the animals they represent.

17.

COFFEE

I love how coffee fixes everything.

Tired? Drink some coffee.

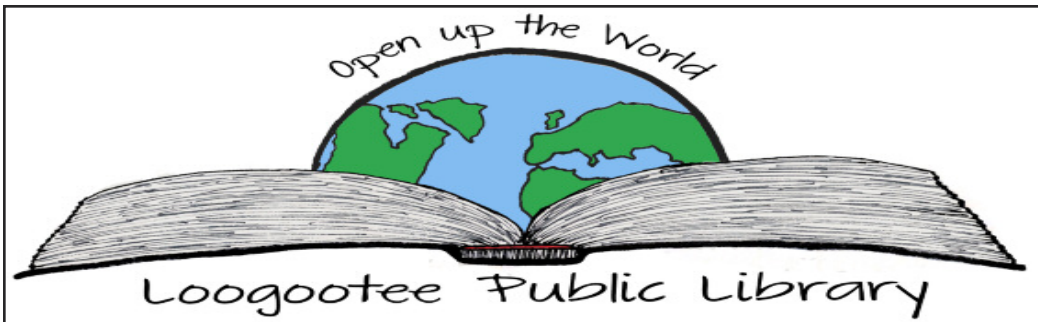
Headache? Drink coffee.

Cold? Drink coffee.

Someone make you angry? Bust them in the head with the cup!

Answering machine message, "I am not available right now, but thank you for caring enough to call. I am making some changes in my life. Please leave a message after the beep. If I do not return your call, you are one of the changes."

Make someone smile today!



BY DARLA WAGLER Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The July Every Hero Has a Story activity calendar is available in-house or posted on the library Facebook page. Last Thursday, WonderLab staff did an excellent job with their superhero theme program. There were 91 kids in attendance and several volunteered for the experiments. Each child received a free general admission coupon to WonderLab in Bloomington.

Next week, July 14, at 10 a.m., the library partners with West Boggs Lake activity center with SuperHero Camp. This is a fun program geared for kids ages 6-12 (must be registered in summer reading program pre-registration required). On July, 17, at 10 a.m. kids ages 3-6 will meet at German American Bank and learn about money. Each participant will receive a free piggy bank. At 11 a.m., kids ages 7-12 will learn about investing and banking from Alex Knepp. Pre-registration required.

New Books

Mystery Fiction: "Nemesis" by Catherine Coulter and "Code of Conduct" by Brad Thor.

Fiction: "Twice in a Lifetime" by Dorothy Garlock, "One Way or Another" by Elizabeth Adler, "The English Spy" by Daniel Silva, "Long, Tall Christmas" by Janet Dailey, "The

Scarlet Gospels" by Clive Barker, and "The Silenced" by Heather Graham.

Inspirational Fiction: "Hope Harbor" by Irene Hannon, "Blessing" by Lyn Cote, "Two Roads Home" by Deborah Raney, "The Friends of Jesus" by Karen Kingsbury, "Someday Home" by Lauraine Snelling, "Her Brother's Keeper" by Beth Wiseman, and "The Innocent" by Ann Gabhart.

Non-Fiction: "To Hell and Back" by Audie Murphy, "The Price of Valor" by David Smith, "Getting Real" by Gretchen Carlson, "Making the Case" by Kimberly Guilfoyle, and "And the Good News Is" by Dana Perino.

Young Adult: "Emmy & Oliver" by Robin Benway and "Prom Date" by Melody Carlson.

Juv. Fiction: "Ginny Louise and the School Showdown" by Tammi Sauer, "Just My Rotten Luck" by James Patterson, "The Return" by Ridley Pearson, "Squid Kid the Magnificent" by Lynne Berry, "It Takes Two Series" by Belle Payton, "Sparkle Spa Series" by Jill Santopolo, and "Shark School Series" by Davy Ocean.

The library hours are Monday and Tuesday 10-7, Wednesday closed, Thursday and Friday 10-5 and Saturday 9-1. The phone number is 812-295-3713 or check out the website www.loogootee.lib.in.us or like us on Facebook. The library has free Wi-Fi service available for patrons.

Calendar of Events

Loogootee School Board closed meeting

The Loogootee School Board will hold an executive meeting on Thursday, July 16 at 5 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is in accordance with I.C. 5141.56.1(b)(11) to train school board members with an outside consultant about the performance of the role of the members as public officials; (9) to discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. The meeting is closed to the public.

Grief support group

If you have lost a loved one recently or decades ago you are invited to GriefShare Support Group at Loogootee United Methodist Church Multi-Purpose room Mondays at 6 p.m. This multi-week group will run August 3 through November 16 but each session deals with an individual issue of grief - attend when you can. Tell a friend who needs this group!

Boy Scouts

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

Cub Scout meetings

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

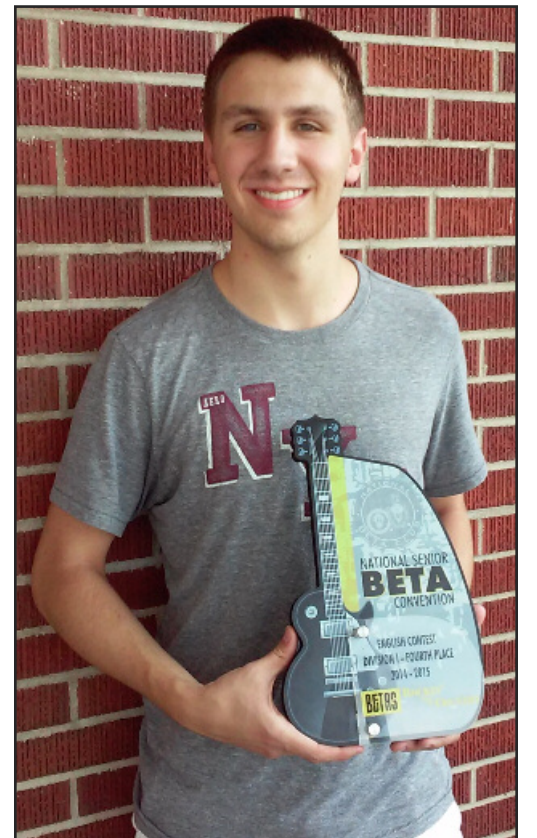
Loogootee, at 7 p.m. Members of the humane society are invited to attend. To find out how to become a member, call the shelter at 812-295-5900 or email mchs@frontier.com.

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.



4th in the nation

Chase Salmon attended the National BETA Convention held at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee during the week of June 29-July 2. He competed in the Division 1 English competition and received 4th place in the nation. Chase is pictured with the plaque he received at Nationals. He received 1st place in the State of Indiana back in November which qualified him to attend this National event. Chase is the son of Larry and Tammy Salmon, of Shoals.

Animal Shelter featured pets



In the top photo is Shep, a shepherd/basset mix. He is around a year old, loves people and gets along with other dogs. He is neutered and had all his shots. Adoption fee is \$80. In the other photo is Ruth, a female cat, 1-2 years old. Very loving, laid back 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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