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Shown above are members of the Martin County judicial system with Indiana Chief Justice Loretta Rush at the State of the Judiciary in January. From left to right are Martin County Community Corrections Director Kathy Collins, Martin County Prosecutor Aureola Wright, Public Defender for Martin County Isha Wright-Ryan, Chief Justice Rush, Martin County Judge Lynne Ellis and Martin County Sheriff Travis Roush.

Coalition working to reform Martin County's judicial system, planning "Transparent Martin County" event

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

A coalition involved in the Martin County judicial system are currently meeting regularly to help improve their approach to pre-trial offenders. The coalition includes the sheriff, judge, prosecutor, community corrections director, probation officers, defense counsel lawyers and representatives of the Samaritan Center.

Kathy Collins, director of Martin County Community Corrections said transparency is one of the main focuses along with working through the underlying issues of substance abuse and mental illness that often plague offenders, especially repeat offenders.

Open house to be held this Saturday for Redeeming Grace Center

A grand opening and open house for Redeeming Grace Center for Women Ministries will be held this Saturday, July 11 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Their new location is at 300 Williams Street in Loogootee.

Redeeming Grace Center will offer emotional and spiritual support for women whose lives feel broken. The center will offer peer counselors, support groups, community programs, ministry presentations, prayer support, training classes, and bible study.

At the open house, attendees will have the opportunity to tour the facility, meet the volunteers and peer counselors, and learn more about the services provided by the center. The center will serve Martin, Daviess and the surrounding counties. Light refreshments will be provided, and the public is invited to attend. Face masks and social distancing is encouraged.

For more information, or if you would be interested in volunteering at the center, call 812-709-2397.

County Community Foundation, Collins, along with the Judicial Coalition, is planning a "Transparent Martin County" event in August. The event is designed as a forum, with a moderator, to answer the public's questions, in real time. Members of each department will be present to take questions as they pertain to each division of the judicial system. Collins said the goal is to help make residents more aware of how things work in the court system and said sometimes, even the most basic information may not be known. For example, what a family member needs to do if their loved one is arrested – where to they post bail, how do they pay, etc.

Collins said that the court system needs to be modified to help problem solve in areas most affecting Martin County. The coalition is working hard to implement those modifications related to recidivism, education, job training and interaction with law enforcement. The goal, she said, is to stop incarcerations for nonviolent offenders by getting them the help they need before they interact with law enforcement. Martin County, in its rural setting, provides little to no help for those who are battling drug addiction or mental illness. The Samaritan Center, located in Loogootee, currently provides counseling services a few days a week and Collins has been advocating to get more for the county. With incarceration rates skyrocketing in the state, many counties have failed to address these underlying issues, which has led to jail overcrowding and recidivism.

At a recent conference, Collins and her colleagues learned a tremendous amount about how the judicial system is working in Martin County and found how much is lacking.

At the State of the Judiciary in January, Martin County was recognized by Chief Justice Loretta Rush for putting together the coalition and developing a pre-trial release matrix to fit the county's culture. Chief Justice Rush commended (See 'COALITION' on page 2)

Sheriff wants more money for his staff

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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Martin County Sheriff Travis Roush talked to the county council Monday night, July 6, about raises for his staff. The sheriff said he knows that budget hearings are next month and talking about raises now is preemptive however he wanted to go on record with the request now. He said that he is looking at a three percent increase for his entire staff and understands that some departments put in higher and then it gets negotiated down. He said he is not looking to negotiate from the three percent, which would cost an estimated \$24,000 per year.

The sheriff went on to say that his employees' salaries are not competitive compared to neighboring counties and with the unrest with law enforcement these days, it is a lot for his people to deal with. Roush said he has been holding off on taking in anymore Vigo County inmates due to COVID and right now only has 11. He said he knows he committed to keeping at least 15 at all times and has had well over that amount in the past, before the coronavirus. Vigo County is ready to bring more over and Roush said he thinks they are prepared for that. He told the council that he can increase the Vigo County inmate numbers to 25 and has had as many as 29. The jail currently has 58 total inmates including the 11 from Vigo County. The maximum capacity is 84 inmates.

Roush said they have been so careful to prevent getting COVID in the jail and his staff has gone above and beyond to keep it that way and he has to commend them for that.

Council Member Buck Stiles asked if new Vigo County inmates would be required to stay in quarantine for 14 days. The sheriff replied that their standard quarantine, prior to COVID, was 24 hours however they may increase that to 72 hours. He added that they have substantially increase personal hygiene in the jail and have gone as far as making staff and inmates walk through bleach to get to the cells.

The sheriff said that at 25 Vigo County inmates, he would bring in \$400,000 a year for the county. Out of that amount, he estimates 85 percent of it would be profit margin, after expenses related to housing the inmates. "I have consistently under promised and over delivered with you guys," he said.

Council Member Randy Winger said that in a normal year, three percent would be pretty achievable. He also noted that he is in favor of doing percentage increases as opposed to dollar amount increases.

No more discussion was held related to salaries however Council Member Stiles asked the sheriff if his officers have body cameras and if the state requires such. Sheriff Roush replied that no, they do not have cameras and he is ambivalent to the idea of cameras. He said the first time an officer fails to turn it on, that's when they have an issue of

being accused of wrongdoing.

Stiles asked how much the cameras would be. The sheriff replied that the cameras are not the expensive part, it is the server that holds the footage that is pricey, because the footage has to be kept for a certain number of days. Roush used Daviess County as an example and said they have their own IT person to take care of the server and data. On top of having an IT person, the server itself is around \$30,000. Roush said there are pros and cons to body cameras and ultimately, it's adding another task onto a limited staff.

Council Member Stiles said the pros and cons would have to be weighed, but he was looking at how the sheriff's department could protect the county.

Sheriff Roush also presented his commissary report for review. Council Member Sherrie Bowling asked where the commissary money goes. The sheriff replied that state statute regulates how the money is spent and there was recently an ordinance passed at the county level to allow for expanded expenditures. Roush said that the commissary is used to buy flowers when family members of staff pass away, to pay for landscaping around the jail, for uniforms and equipment, the jail Christmas party, and controlled buys for drug busts. He added that it is also used to subsidize vehicle purchases and said that \$20,000 was spent out of commissary last year to help pay for maintaining the fleet.

The council approved \$1,199.25 from the general fund to go toward a raise for the sheriff. Council Member Buck Stiles asked why Roush wouldn't wait for budget hearings to receive increase in salary. Council Member Randy Winger also told the sheriff that several years ago elected officials received a raise mid-year and had to pay it back, as this goes against state statute. Roush replied that he checked into the statute to make sure it was legal to change his salary now but would triple check.

The council approved \$8,000 from the general fund to pay for psychiatric evaluations for offenders. Judge Lynne Ellis said she has three that have been completed and an order to send one offender to the state hospital. The \$8,000 is for current bills owed plus extra for one other possible evaluation she expects to be needed in the near future.

Auditor Bobbie Abel was questioned about a tax abatement brought forward at last month's meeting for ManTech, in the WestGate Tech Park. Dale Ankrom, the landowner and Tim Kinder, Martin County Alliance Director, had talked to the council about the forthcoming tax abatement request. They were expected to return at the July meeting to provide further information. Auditor Abel said she reached out to Kinder however he resigned his position with the Martin County Alliance effective June 30, so he is no longer involved in the abatement request. She said she understands the abatement was on this month's agenda but doesn't have any further information.

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COALITION

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ed Martin County's approach, with all agencies working together toward one common goal. Director Collins said that it is rare for a county to have leaders in every aspect of the judicial system actively working together to make change. It's something that makes Martin County stand out.

Collins noted that other larger counties have separate divisions specializing in specific issues, such as domestic violence, drug abuse, mental health, family court. Martin County has to manage those issues in just one courtroom with a limited staff.

Martin County Community Corrections was recently awarded a grant of \$60,000 to come up with a plan to help offenders have a better chance of avoiding getting back into the system. With the grant, three main areas of focus have been targeted – peer recovery, sober living, and the county's lack of public transportation. Collins said they all go hand in hand.

For example, a resident arrested for meth use will get arrested, wait out a court hearing in jail (most cannot post bail), receive a sentence, serve the sentence and then reoffend again right away. Collins said the goal is to offer a way out to repeat offenders by providing peer counselors to serve as "sponsors" to keep the person on track. There are currently zero sober living facilities in Martin County, something Collins is hoping to correct. She said transportation is also a huge issue because most who offend do not have a driver's license and cannot get to a job, scheduled counseling or appointments and thus end up back in the court again.

Collins said she has big plans for Martin County to get the system on the right track. Offering a sober living community, run by those who have recovered, is her ideal scenario. Those recovered offenders have trouble finding work due to their criminal record, so this idea also provides income and a service that Martin County does not currently have.

Indiana is also discussing reforming bail requirements, by not requiring low-level offenders to pay bail to get out of jail. Each offender would have to be evaluated and risk assessed however Collins said the goal is to allow fairness regardless of wealth.

The "Transparent Martin County" event is scheduled for Thursday, August 27 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the community building on the fairgrounds. The judicial coalition is ready to start taking questions from residents and has set up a link so questioners can remain anonymous. If you have a question about the Martin County judicial system, ask it here: www.surveymonkey.com/r/F7D7KSF. Questions may be asked to the judge, prosecutor, sheriff, community corrections director, public defenders, probation department, or others in the court system. No questions related to specific offenders or court cases will be allowed. The event will require social distancing and face masks are encouraged.

SHERIFF

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tion about why Ankrum didn't attend the meeting. She added that the county attorney does have documents related to the abatement, however.

Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett withdrew his \$300,000 request for paving supplies. He said that with the decrease in state MVH (Motor Vehicle Highway) funds, he wants to wait on spending any money to do more paving until he knows how much the highway department will be losing. He added that he doesn't want to keep coming back to the council asking for more money and would prefer to wait until he has a better figure, which will be higher than this request. Highway Secretary Terri Alcorn said that they received \$20,000 less in MVH for April and \$50,000 less for May. She said she is very curious to see how much worse it gets for June.

The next county council meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 3 at 6 p.m.

Miss Martin County pageant to be held Friday

The Martin County 4-H Fair Queen Pageant will be held Friday, July 10 at 6:30 p.m. There are four contestants:

- Katie Sims, daughter of Mark and Krista Sims of Loogootee
- Cassidy Esch, daughter of Brian and Jackie Esch, of Loogootee
- Julianne Bell, daughter of Bob and Susan Bell, of Loogootee
- Melanie Hawkins, daughter of Rodney and Mimi Hawkins, of Shoals.

No outside spectators are allowed and each contestant can have five guests. The pageant will be broadcast live on Facebook via the Miss Martin County Queen page.

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OBITUARIES

JACOB SHAW

William Jacob Shaw passed away Monday, July 6, 2020 in Loogootee. A resident of Shoals, he was 31.



He was born March 26, 1989 in Bedford; the son of Terry and Rheta (Crowder) Shaw.

He was a member of the Shoals High School Class of 2007, was formally employed by U.S. Gypsum and the White Stallion Coal Mine in Montgomery. He was of the Christian Faith.

Survivors include his parents; his grandfather, William Shaw of Shoals, two daughters Kamdyn Shaw and Kamryn Shaw, both of Shoals; four brothers, Eric (Jamie) Shaw, Chad (Kellie) Shaw, Joby (Megan) Shaw and Jonah Shaw, all of Shoals; nieces and nephew, Maggie Shaw, Gracie Shaw, Carson Shaw, Kenley Shaw and Kyra Shaw; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Preceding him in death are maternal grandparents, Roy Crowder and Vera Crowder and paternal grandmother, Barbara J. Shaw.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, July 10 at the Shoals Christian Church with Bro. Joe Crow officiating. Burial will be in the Spring Hill Cemetery.

Visitation will be 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals and 12 p.m. until the time of service at the church.

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

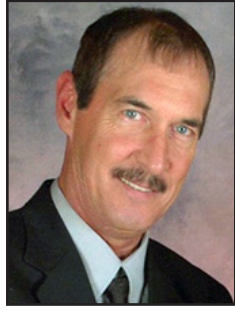
STEVEN BAKER

Steven Joseph Baker passed away on Thursday July 2, 2020 at his home. A resident of Shoals, he was 63.

He was born in April 15, 1957 in Washington; son of the late Kenneth and Jacqueline (Ellis) Baker of Loogootee. He married Lisa J. Sexton on October 12, 1985 and she survives.

He was employed with several coal mines in Indiana and Kentucky throughout his life. Steve was a member of the Shoals Sons of American Legion, Eagles and VFW. He enjoyed spending time with his grandkids, watching Cubs baseball, Colts football, anything IU, fishing, bowling, taking cruises, and walking on the beach.

Steve is preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth and Jacqueline; and his grandparents, George and Maxine Baker.



STEVEN BAKER Baker of Shoals and Jamie (Lana) Baker of Bloomington; sister, Kimberly (Roger) Kyger of Loogootee; his grandchildren, Isaiah and Josie Roush and Mailey and Easton Baker; his uncles, Cecil (Linda) Baker, Gary (Rachel) Baker, Ronnie (Sandy) Baker, and Junior (Carol) Baker, all of Shoals; his brothers-in-laws, Gary (Nancy) Sexton of Shoals and Jeffrey (Nina) Sexton of Loogootee; his sister-in-law, Brenda Bearden of Shoals; mother-in-law, Minnie Ellen Baker of Shoals; and many nieces and nephews.

A visitation was held Sunday July 5 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Indiana Chapter of the ALS Association.

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

PAUL SMITH

Paul Roy Smith passed away July 1, 2020 in Washington. A resident of Loogootee, he was 66.

He was born in Knox County on December 12, 1953; the son of William Elmer and Maggie Laverne (Blake) Smith.

Survivors include two sisters, Carolyn Tello and Martha Jane Fisher, both of Michigan; three brothers, Cassius Lee Smith of Odon, and Mark Ray Smith and John Henry Smith, both of Shoals; and two daughters, Tammy Renee Smith and Jamie Lynn Smith.

He is preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Richard Smith and Amos Joe Smith; and two sisters and one brother in infancy.

No services are planned.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes is in charge of the arrangements.

GAYLE ABEL

Evelyn "Gayle" Abel passed away July 4, 2020 in Bedford. A resident of Shoals, she was 77.

She was born December 16, 1942 in Martin County; daughter of Gene and Joyce (Sims) Harding. She married Alan

He is survived by his sons, Daniel (Lisa) Baker of Shoals and Kenneth Brand (Samantha) Baker of Flat Rock, Illinois; daughter, Candace (Travis) Roush, of Shoals; his brothers, Michael



GAYLE ABEL Abel on June 6, 1964 at the Shoals Church of Christ and he preceded her in death on July 25, 2019.

She graduated Shoals High School Class of 1961, worked at Essex in Orleans after high school, The Ellettsville Journal, was secretary for Shoals Community Schools and was a member of the Ellettsville Church of Christ and the West Shoals Church of Christ.

Survivors include two sons, Bart (Bran- dy) Abel of Bloomington and Bryson (Ashley) Abel of Bedford; and five grandchildren, Abby, Paige, Ty, Elise and Mia.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, stepfather, James Tuttle; an infant daughter, Ambrea Abel and one brother, Loren "Tuffy" Harding.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, July 9 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with Stan Day officiating. Burial will be in the Trinity Spring Cemetery. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until the time of service Thursday.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes is in charge of the arrangements.

FRANCES LAY

Frances L. (Arvin) Lay died July 4, 2020. A resident of Camby, she was 86.

She was born in Loogootee on May 21, 1934; the daughter of Clarence and Mary Arvin.

She graduated from St. John's High School Class of 1952. Fran was mostly a stay-at-home mom and was the original snack mom before it was popular. She attended all the activities the children were involved in. She was married to Marvin Lay for 62 years. They loved to travel and visited all 50 states, Mexico, Canada, and



FRANCES LAY ten countries in Europe. They wintered in St. Petersburg, Florida for 23 years. She was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church for many years.

Survivors include her five brothers and her five children, Mark (Nancy) Lay, Brenda (Andy) Littrell, Chuck (Michelle) Lay, John (Pam) Lay, and ten grandchildren, Nick and Sam Littrell, Courtney and Mikayla Lay, Alyssa, J.J. and Ashley Lay, and triplets, Elizabeth, Jessica, and William Lay.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday, July 9 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Ann Catholic Church 6350 Mooresville Road Indianapolis, IN with visitation Wednesday, July 8 from 4-8 p.m. at Flanner Buchanan Decatur Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Ann Catholic Church. The family has requested that health recommendations be observed while visiting them at the funeral home.

To sign the online guest book or leave a story or message for the family go to www.flannerbuchanan.com.

DANNY COLLINS SR.

Danny Lee Collins Sr. passed away Friday, July 3, 2020 at his home. A resident of Shoals, he was 66.



He was born November 6, 1953 in Muncie; the son of William and Patricia (Wilson) Collins. He married Lynn Wilkinson on June 29, 1973 in Eaton, Indiana.

Danny was a retired truck driver and attended Natchez Community Church.

He is survived by his wife, Lynn; two sons, Danny Lee (Rachel) Collins Jr and Zachariah Walker, both of Shoals; one step-grandson, Damon Roach of Shoals; two sisters, Carol (Mark) Humbert of Jasper and Judy Martin of Shoals; and two brothers, David (Ann) Collins of Eaton and Frank Collins of Hartford City.

Preceding him in death are his parents; two grandchildren in infancy; and two sisters, Freda Bell and Beverly Sue also in infancy; and one brother, Ronnie Collins.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. today, Wednesday, July 8 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with burial in the Pleasant Valley Cemetery. Pastor Kevin Quinn officiated.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes is in charge of the arrangements.

It is now illegal to hold your phone while driving

Starting on July 1, most of the bills that were enacted earlier this year by the Indiana General Assembly officially became law. Perhaps the law with the biggest impact on the day to day life of Hoosiers is the Hands Free Driving law. Starting on July 1, it became illegal to operate or hold an electronic device while you are driving in a vehicle. This includes texting, making a phone call, searching for directions, checking your fantasy football lineup and anything else you can do with a phone.

Distracted driving is a huge problem in Indiana. Even a brief glimpse away from the road can be enough to cause a crash. Starting July 1, if a police officer sees you on your phone while driving, for any reason, you could be subject to a stop and a ticket.

Although the preference would be that phones be placed in do-not-disturb mode while driving, there are plenty of hands-free options available. Many cars now come with the ability to connect with your phone via Bluetooth or a cable for hands-free navigation and phone calls. There are also many different clips and holders that can be used to mount your phone inside your car.

The hope behind this new law is to save lives and reduce crashes. Indiana State Police Superintendent Doug Carter has repeatedly said that law enforcement will not be looking to write hundreds of tickets for this new infraction. Which is the reason for this reminder on the new law. "It is our job to keep people safe and I hope people will take this to heart and simply put the phone down when behind the wheel," he said.

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12:30 a.m. - Received a report of a motor vehicle accident in Loogootee. Sergeant Reed, Loogootee Sergeant Floyd, and Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

1:09 a.m. - Received a noise complaint south of Loogootee. Sergeant Reed responded.

5:25 a.m. - Received a request to assist a semi south of Shoals. Sergeant Reed responded.

7:48 a.m. - Received a report of a possible fire south of Loogootee. Major Keller and Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

8:24 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check. Major Keller responded.

8:34 a.m. - Received a request for a vin check in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

9:53 a.m. - Received a report of a dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

10:25 a.m. - Received a report of a runaway horse and buggy in Loogootee. ISP Trooper Beaver and Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

1:35 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Shoals. Major Keller responded.

2:15 p.m. - Received a report of a burglary alarm. Major Keller, Deputy Wells, and ISP responded.

2:56 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver west of Loogootee. Advised All Martin County Law Enforcement Officers.

5:39 p.m. - Received a report of bank scams.

6:05 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant McBeth responded.

8:50 p.m. - Received a report of a break-in near Shoals.

11:35 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person walking in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant McBeth responded.

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

12:20 a.m. - Received a report of a semi in an unauthorized area on US Hwy 150. Sergeant Reed responded.

1:10 p.m. - Received a request for a deputy near Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

6:55 p.m. - Received a request an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire responded.

7:42 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

11:21 p.m. - Received a request for a vin check in Shoals. Major Keller responded.

11:52 p.m. - Received a request to speak to a deputy. Deputy Lents responded.

5:27 p.m. - Received a report of a fire in Shoals. Shoals Fire, Shoals Town Marshal Eckert, and Deputy Lents responded.

6:23 p.m. - Received a request to speak to animal control. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

6:28 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Shoals. Advised All Martin County Law Enforcement Officers.

7:10 p.m. - Received a report of a car fire south of Shoals. Shoals Fire, Deputies Gibson, Seymour, and Lents responded.

10:03 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

10:13 p.m. - Received a report of someone burning trash in Crane. Dep-

uty Seymour responded.

THURSDAY, JULY 2

8:24 a.m. - Received a request for an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

9:56 a.m. - Received a request for a vin check. Major Keller responded.

10:12 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Major Keller responded.

10:20 a.m. - Received a reporting a disabled semi in Shoals. Major Keller responded.

11:40 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Major Keller responded.

12:10 p.m. - Received a request for animal control. Advised Animal Control Office Hughett.

1:42 p.m. - Received a request for an officer and an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County EMS, Shoals Fire Department, Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, Major Keller, and Deputy Barnett, ISP Troopers Nolan and Johnson, Detective Lents, Investigator Dana Miller and the Martin County Coroner responded.

2:38 p.m. - Received a request for an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill and Loogootee Officer Means responded.

4:05 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled semi in Daviess County. Advised Daviess County Sheriff's Office.

4:10 p.m. - Received a request to speak to animal control. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

4:48 p.m. - Received a report of a dead deer in the roadway along with car parts near Shoals. Shoals Fire cleared the roadway.

5:49 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check. Chief Deputy Greene, Deputy Gibson, Martin County EMS, and Shoals Fire responded.

7:24 p.m. - Received a request for animal control. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

7:30 p.m. - Received a report of a possible drunk driver. Deputy Gibson and Deputy Barnett responded.

FRIDAY, JULY 3

12:11 a.m. - Received a noise complaint in Lost River. Deputy Seymour responded.

1:32 a.m. - Received a report of fireworks in Crane. Deputy Seymour responded.

4:03 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic in Crane. Deputy Seymour, Loogootee Sergeant Floyd, Greene County Sheriff's Office, and Daviess County Sheriff's Office responded.

4:48 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire responded.

8:53 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS, Shoals Fire, Chief Deputy Greene, Major Keller, and Martin County Coroner's Officer responded.

2:42 p.m. - Received a request for a deputy in Shoals from an off-duty deputy that had located a wanted person out of Orange County. Chief Deputy Greene and Deputy Barnett responded.

3:41 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee.

3:47 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle accident south of Loogootee. Martin County EMS, all Martin County Law Enforcement and Loogootee Fire responded.

4:26 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded.

5:32 p.m. - Received a report of a ve-

hicle accident in Loogootee. Advised Loogootee Dispatch.

9:42 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Shoals. Deputy Gibson responded.

SATURDAY, JULY 4

8:14 a.m. - Received a report of livestock out south of Loogootee. Deputy Barnett and ICO Mann responded.

9:00 a.m. - Received a request for an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

11:26 a.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Shoals. Deputy Barnett responded.

2:08 p.m. - Received a request to speak to animal control. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

3:35 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

3:50 p.m. - Received a report of a traffic light out in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

4:40 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Deputy Barnett responded.

7:10 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle north of Shoals.

7:38 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle accident in Shoals. Deputy Lents and Deputy Gibson responded.

7:57 p.m. - Received a report of livestock out south of Loogootee.

8:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Shoals Fire, Martin County EMS, and Indian Creek Fire responded.

9:15 p.m. - Received a firework complaint in Loogootee. Advised Loogootee Dispatch.

10:14 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic battery west of Shoals. ISP responded.

10:15 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle accident west of Shoals. Deputy Lents and Deputy Seymour responded.

10:23 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Floyd and Loogootee Officer Means responded.

10:57 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded.

11:07 p.m. - Received a noise complaint. Deputy Gibson responded.

11:20 p.m. - Received a request to speak to a deputy. Deputy Gibson responded.

11:38 p.m. - Received a report of a power line issue east of Loogootee. Deputy Seymour and Duke Energy responded.

11:42 p.m. - Received a report of a break-in, in Shoals. Deputy Gibson and Deputy Seymour responded.

SUNDAY, JULY 5

12:02 a.m. - Received a report of a cows out south of Shoals. Deputy Gibson and a Dubois County Sheriff's Officer responded.

7:48 a.m. - Received a request to speak with a deputy. Deputy Barnett responded.

8:03 a.m. - Received a request to speak to a deputy. Deputy Barnett responded.

9:20 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS, and Shoals Fire responded.

11:06 a.m. - Received a report of a power line issue east of Loogootee Deputy Barnett and Duke Energy responded.

4:45 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check. Deputy Lents responded.

10:36 p.m. - Received a fireworks complaint.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, JUNE 29

1:34 a.m. - Brandon Stone, 36, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Sergeant Floyd for leaving the scene of an accident, criminal recklessness, aggressive driving, and possession of methamphetamine. He is being held on a \$20,000 cash only bond.

6:40 p.m. - Jordan Davis, 32, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Wells and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated, possession of methamphetamine, and possession of paraphernalia. He is being held on \$20,000 10% bond.

8:15 p.m. - Robert Hawkins, 38, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper Nolan on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

11:00 p.m. - Russell Cook III, 34, of Washington, was arrested by ISP Trooper Noland and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated-prior and operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangerment. He is being held on a \$15,000 10% bond.

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

4:00 p.m. - Jason Grow, 43, was arrested by Deputy Wells on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

11:59 p.m. - Amanda Krodel, 30, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Wells and charged with criminal trespassing, possession of marijuana, and possession of paraphernalia.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

1:12 p.m. - Dylan Henke, 24, was arrested by Deputy Lents on a Martin County warrant. He is being held with-

out bond.

THURSDAY, JULY 2

12:35 a.m. - Troy Arvin, 46, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Seymour on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

3:18 p.m. - Maria Hale, 33, of Bloomington, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene on a Martin County warrant. She is being held without bond.

5:52 p.m. - Veronica Abrams, 31, of Bloomington, was arrested by Deputy Barnett and charged with driving while suspended prior and possession of methamphetamine. She is being held without bond.

7:58 p.m. - Jon Moffitt was arrested by Deputy Gibson and charged with habitual traffic violator for life and operating a vehicle while intoxicated. He is being held without bond.

FRIDAY, JULY 3

5:40 p.m. - Amanda Krodel, 30, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Wells for burglary, criminal trespass, auto theft, possession of marijuana, and possession of paraphernalia. She is being held without bond. Deputy Barnett assisted with the arrest.

11:58 p.m. - Mackenna Groomer, 26, of French Lick, was arrested by Deputy Seymour and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance, driving while suspended prior, operating a vehicle while intoxicated prior, and operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangerment. She is being held on a \$15,000 10% bond.

COURT NEWS

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

CRIMINAL COURT New Charges Filed May 27

Howard S. Stiltz, theft, a Level 6 Felony.
Jordan D. Armstrong, theft, a Level 6 Felony; possession of salvia, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Ramone L. Stroud, theft, a Level 6 Felony; operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor.

May 28

Dustin A. Joy, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Clayton M. Spreen, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; forgery, a Level 6 Felony; leaving the scene of an accident, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Cassandra Lynn Pavey, operating a vehicle as an habitual traffic violator, a Level 6 Felony.

May 29

Robin Matthew Bruner, dealing in methamphetamine, a Level 2 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Level 4 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

June 1

Johnna L. Anderson, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Samantha M. Mateen, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Nathan Tyler Harmon, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

June 3

Kyle A. Gudorf, use of private land without consent, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Michael A. Oliver, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor.

June 8

Ryan G. Worton, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Dustin A. Joy, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Darin T. Brooks, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Katelynn A M Nonweiler, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Richard Doug Denson, unlawful taking of a deer or wild turkey, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Julie E. Lents, strangulation, a Level 6 Felony; domestic battery, a Level 6 Felony.

June 10

Eric Wilson, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

June 11

William J. Stewart, II, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

June 17

Catherine C. Salmon, operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Brent M. Haycraft, intimidation, a Class A Misdemeanor.

June 23

Heaven Marie West, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Robin Matthew Bruner, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony.

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS

June 8

Thomas R. Moffitt, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony and dealing in marijuana, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 548 days with Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 38 actual days previously served plus 38 Class A credit days. Remainder of sentence to be served as a direct commitment to Martin

County Community Corrections.

June 10

Megan L. Lane, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 298 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 149 actual days previously served plus 149 Class A credit days.

June 23

Michael D. Clements, convicted of dealing in methamphetamine, a Level 3 Felony, amended from a Level 2 Felony. Sentenced to serve 10 years with Indiana Department of Corrections with 912 days suspended and credit for 167 actual days previously served plus 56 Class B credit days. Defendant received 30 months of probation.

June 24

Jason J. Wagoner, convicted of child molesting, a Level 3 Felony, amended from a Level 1 Felony. Sentenced to serve 5,110 days with Indiana Department of Corrections with 590 days suspended and credit for 29 actual days previously served plus 10 Class B credit days. Also, credit for 1,081 actual days served on the Martin County Community Corrections Pre-Trial Home Detention Program plus 270 Class P credit days. The remainder of time to be served through Martin County Community Corrections with 590 days suspended to probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

June 8

Thomas R. Moffitt, neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

June 10

Megan L. Lane, false informing, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

June 23

Michael D. Clements, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 3 Felony, dismissed; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

June 16

Shad Truelove vs. Matthew C. Kinnick, Justine Kinnick, Gerald Yarnell II, and Jennifer Malapad, civil plenary.

June 18

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Akela Wells, civil collection.

June 19

Sumitomo Mitsui Finance and Leasing vs. Timothy Wagler, civil collection.

June 24

Larry Baxter vs. Amy J. Patton, Charles Perkey, Jason Smoot, estate of Jerry Lee Baxter, Jed Zumhingst, Mark West, Danny Green, Janet Patton, Dale White, and Bill Baxter, civil plenary.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

June 23

Miranda Mullins vs. Adnan Dhahir, complaint.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

June 29

Justin A. Moss of Loogootee and Carly D. Combs of Loogootee.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, JUNE 29

7:48 a.m. - Caller reported a possible small fire on SR 550. Everything checked okay.

8:34 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

9:53 a.m. - Caller reported a parking complaint.

10:25 a.m. - Caller reported a runaway horse and buggy. Chief Rayhill and Trooper Beaver responded.

2:56 p.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the county with a drug arrest.

6:05 p.m. - Caller reported a possible battery in the IGA parking lot.

6:20 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

11:35 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious male on Cooper Street.

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

9:54 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

2:10 p.m. - Male reported a civil complaint.

6:10 p.m. - Female reported a male harassing her.

7:00 p.m. - First responders were requested on Redbud Street for a medical call.

8:34 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

10:51 p.m. - Jasper Police Department requested to be on the look-out for a male involved in a domestic dispute.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

9:00 a.m. - Female reported a possible syringe on Wood Street. Chief Rayhill located the item.

1:10 p.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted with a traffic detail.

4:05 p.m. - Male reported a civil complaint.

4:31 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident on East Broadway Street.

7:00 p.m. - Caller reported finding a lost license plate.

8:55 p.m. - Caller reported a traffic complaint.

THURSDAY, JULY 2

3:10 a.m. - Caller reported a traffic complaint.

8:24 a.m. - Male reported a parking complaint.

9:30 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle

identification check.

1:15 p.m. - Caller reported debris in the road on US 231.

2:38 p.m. - Chief Rayhill and Officer Means assisted the department of child services.

2:55 p.m. - Female reported a reckless driver on Church Street.

4:05 p.m. - Received a report of a broken-down vehicle on County Road 150 E.

4:21 p.m. - Caller reported a parking complaint.

5:25 p.m. - Male requested a title check.

8:24 p.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

8:45 p.m. - Caller reported a utility problem.

FRIDAY, JULY 3

4:03 a.m. - Sgt. Floyd assisted the county with a domestic dispute.

8:38 a.m. - Captain Hennette assisted a motorist.

5:32 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident on SW 2nd Street.

7:12 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

8:00 p.m. - Male reported a civil complaint.

SATURDAY, JULY 4

9:00 a.m. - Male reported a parking complaint.

11:30 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on Hwy 50.

7:09 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on US 231.

8:35 p.m. - Caller reported a fireworks complaint.

9:21 p.m. - Caller reported a fireworks complaint.

9:58 p.m. - Caller reported a fireworks complaint.

10:00 p.m. - Caller reported a dispute on North Line Street.

SUNDAY, JULY 5

9:15 a.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on Hwy 50.

1:45 p.m. - Male requested a title check.

8:45 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on juveniles.

9:40 p.m. - Male reported a civil complaint.

10:26 p.m. - Male reported a fireworks complaint.

Martin County real estate transfers

Robert C. Vollmer, of Palm Beach County, Florida to **Aslan Haw Creek Co., LLC**, of Daviess County, Indiana, the south half of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 20, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, containing 20 acres. Also, the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 20, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, containing 40 acres. Also, a part of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 20, Township 2 North, Range 4 West.

Aureola S. Wright, of Martin County, Indiana to **Steven R. Bernstein and Jennifer L. Bernstein**, of Shasta County, California, a part of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 11, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 10 acres, more or less.

City of Loogootee, Indiana to **Four Rivers Resource Services, Inc.**, of Bartholomew County, Indiana, a portion of

the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in the City of Loogootee, Indiana, containing 1.07 acres.

John D. Underwood and **Jamie M. Underwood**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Victoria Breeanne McClary and Rafael Carrera**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the northwest quarter of Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.58 acres, more or less.

Raymond E. Hopkins and Kimberly R. Hopkins, of Martin County, Indiana to **Raymond E. Hopkins, Kimberly R. Hopkins, Brock D. McMillen and Sabrina R. McMillen**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of Section 1, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 1 acre, more or less.

Raymond D. Boyd and Vicki D. Boyd to **Anthony Devin Taylor and Allison Marie Taylor**, a part of the south half of the northeast quarter of Section 24, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 5.427 acres, more or less.

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More Neat Stuff

By Ann Ackerman



I borrowed the following from my friend, Jamie Cropp Bell. It is to the point and something to think about. Times were different then, and in many respects, it was probably a better time. You be the judge.

I was born in and grew up in Loogootee, IN. When I was a child, eating out at a restaurant was a huge deal that only happened for a special occasion. Fast food was a grilled cheese or pb&j sandwich to take outside in the yard. Eating ice cream was a treat on a hot day purchased from the neighborhood ice cream truck.

You took your school clothes off and church clothes off as soon as you got home and put on your play clothes. We had to do our homework before being allowed outside to play.

We did not have much air conditioning. You were hot, you turned on the fan. If you were too sick to go to school or church you were also too sick to see your friends, play ball or go outside.

We ate dinner at the table. We went to school every day. There was no taking or picking you up in the car, you walked!

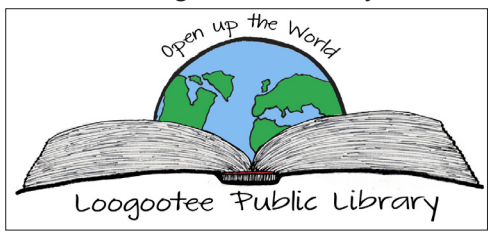
Our phone hung on the wall in the kitchen and had what seemed like a 100-foot cord attached to it, there were no private conversations or cell phones! Everyone in the household shared the same phone number.

We played Cowboys and Indians, and Cops and Robbers, 1,2,3 Not It, Red Light Green Light, Kick the Can, Tag, Hide & Seek, Truth or Dare, Freeze Tag, Baseball, Football, Army, Whiffle Ball, Basketball, Capture the Flag and rode our bikes EVERYWHERE!!

We climbed trees as high as we could and sit there for hours reading books. Our backyard was our local playground.

Staying in the house was a punishment and the only thing we knew about "bored"--- "You better find something to do before I find it for you!"

We ate what mom made for dinner or we ate nothing at all and if you asked



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The last day for the summer reading program is Friday, July 10. Please turn in your reading logs by 5 p.m. There will be take home crafts starting on Monday, July 20-31, while supplies last. Please pick up at the circulation desk or go to the south door and ring the bell a staff member will bring it out.

The monthly library board meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 13 at 4 p.m. followed by an executive meeting starting at 5:30 p.m. to discuss employee job performance evaluations.

New Books:

DVDs: "Yellowstone: Season 2"

Library hours: Monday and Thursday 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Tuesday and Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Closed Wednesdays,

Library board meetings begin at 4 p.m. the 2nd Monday each month unless it is a holiday. The library webpage is www.loogootee.lib.in.us.

mom what she was making the only answer you got was "food".

There was no bottled water; we drank from the tap or the garden hose that always had warm water first before it ran cold.

We watched cartoons on Saturday mornings, rode our bikes for hours around the neighborhood. We weren't AFRAID OF ANYTHING. All of the neighborhood kids were friends. If someone had a fight, that's what it was and we were friends again a week later, if not SOONER.

We played 'til dark, sunset was our curfew and we didn't dare make our parents come looking for us.

School was mandatory and teachers were people who you could TRUST and RESPECT. We watched our MOUTHS around our elders because ALL of our aunts, uncles, grandpas and grandmas AND our parents' best friends were also our PARENTS and you didn't want them telling your PARENTS if you misbehaved. And if you DID misbehave, your parents knew about it before YOU even got home!

I loved my childhood; I wouldn't trade those memories or those friendships for anything.

Make someone smile today!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Merit board meeting

The Martin County Sheriff's Department Merit Board will meet Thursday, July 9 at 5:30 p.m. in the jail. The meeting is open to the public.

Shoals School Board meeting

The Shoals School Board will meet Thursday, July 9 at 6 p.m. in the central administration office. The meeting is open to the public.

Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Monday, July 13 at 5 p.m. in the library/media room. The meeting is open to the public.

Food pantry hours

The Loogootee United Methodist Food Pantry will be open the first, second, third and fifth Thursdays of the month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and also the first Monday of the month from 5-6:30 p.m.

Mental Health Task Force

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

Celebrate Recovery meetings

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

Local recovery meetings

Wednesdays-Alcoholic Anonymous, Martin County Community Corrections

Building at 8 p.m.; Thursdays-Narcotics Anonymous, Redemption Church Loogootee at 8 p.m.; Fridays-Alcoholic Anonymous, Loogootee Municipal Building Loogootee at 8 p.m.

Free lunch for kids

New Beginnings Community Church will be offering a free lunch to all school age children every Saturday. Lunches can be picked up at the fellowship hall of the church, located at 105 Wood St, Loogootee no later than 10:30 a.m. Deliveries will begin between 10:30 and 11 a.m. Saturdays.

SOAR Tutoring

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

Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the 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.

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.

Making A Difference

By Curt Johnson
MCCF Executive Director



-- ACTS OF KINDNESS --

Isn't it nice when someone makes that extra effort to say "hi" or to give you a helping hand? Most times it's someone you know personally. Sometimes it's not. Sometimes you don't even know who it was. Sometimes it's a simple act, sometimes it's not. Seen or unseen, these acts of kindness can lift up your mood, spirit and outlook.

-- FEELING OF GIVING --

And how do you feel when you do something good for another person? Does it lift you up a little bit as well? A smile in return makes you smile too? Sure it can. But let me ask you this - do you feel as satisfied when you do that something and the other person doesn't know it was you? Reach deep inside to answer that one. The true sense of giving also comes from deep inside. That's a special gift. Doing good for others is a good thing. But be sure it's for them and not for you.

-- REACHING OUT --

We have people all around the county that are here to help others, and to help sincerely, from deep down. They are individuals, groups and organizations who are looking to reach out and help in some way. Your county non-profit groups and organizations are a large part of those looking to do just that. They are here to serve with a goal of providing some help in some way. And those include your schools, churches, and county and city governments.

-- SHOALS BEAUTIFICATION BOARD --

The Town of Shoals and its Beautification Board is one of those organizations in our county that serve and want to help



Pictured on the left is Dr. Candace Roush (MCCF Board member) presenting a \$500 grant check to Sierra Rutledge (Town of Shoals Clerk-Treasurer) for Beautification Board projects.

their community. They do this by making improvements that can cause passersby to stop and take a look. And then perhaps spend some more time in our community and even come back again if they don't live here. And maybe tell their friends about Shoals and what it has to offer. All this can mean visitors walking down the street, stopping in a store or two, finding some good food to eat, or just to get a friendly "hi" from someone they meet on the street. The Beautification Board is finding ways to help improve the quality of life in our community. Dr. Candace Roush (MCCF Board member) was hap-

py to present a \$500 grant to Sierra Rutledge (Town of Shoals Clerk-Treasurer) to help with those efforts.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

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

You are also welcome to visit our webpage at www.cfpartner.org, follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/MartinCountyCF](https://twitter.com/MartinCountyCF), and "like" the MCCF Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mccommunityfoundation.



I am sure we will never forget the summer of 2020—the summer without garden shows and many other activities that have come to be a big part of our lives. However, it will also be the summer of virtual reality. I’ve become reliant on my computer for work and enjoyment. The traditional spring flower shows were cancelled outright, but later events have re-invented themselves as virtual events.

My fellow master gardeners rely on garden shows and other garden events for the required educational hours that one must log for advancement in the program. The virtual events will allow them to visit a variety of events right from their own homes.

One such annual event is the American Hort Cultivate '20. The annual event is a time when many gardening-related companies unveil the new plant, tool and décor offerings that will grace garden centers next summer. The event will begin July 13 and one may register at CultivateVirtual.org. Attendance is free, but there may be some charges for certain educational events for non AmericanHort members. There will be 30 virtual exhibitor booths, live and on-demand educational programs and opportunities for virtual networking. For many of us, this may be an opportunity to attend a major horticultural event without traveling and hotel expenses.

Meanwhile, the extra time spent at Sandhill Gardens, with the willing assistance or some great kids, has resulted in a lot of progress. There are still plenty

of weeds to pull and several projects that have not made headway, but it has been a good summer so far. The moon garden is looking good as the white-flowering annuals carry the load. The perennials will mature in future years, but there will always be a need for annuals to ensure there are white blooms and silver foliage all summer. The latest addition to that space is a light fountain. With the help of a couple of nephews, I hung an antique watering can from a shepherd’s hook. I then affixed the solar-collector of some umbrella lights on the handle of the watering can and the lights at the rose. The strands of light look very much like the spray of water from a watering can. Since the lights are solar, you may situate such an ornament anywhere in your garden where there is enough sun to charge the battery. That spray of light appears to land in an old cracked iron kettle, planted with a mix of white flowers and silver foliage plants. With that spray of lights and the moonlight, the planter seems to glow.

The flowers continue to put on a great show at Sandhill Gardens. It may be my imagination, but I believe the coneflowers and daylilies have been more numerous and larger than past years. The bellflowers have added sprays of blue and purple flowers and hostas are sending up scapes of pink, white and purple. Sometimes I marvel that such beauty exists just outside my door. Come and enjoy it with me sometime.

State park deer management draw hunt application period opens

Starting today, hunters can apply online for state park deer management draw hunts at on.IN.gov/reservedhunt. The online method is the only way to apply.

Applicants must possess any valid license to take a deer in Indiana at the time of the application, not including apprentice licenses. Applicants must be Indiana residents (or possess a valid lifetime license to take deer in Indiana) and be 18 years of age by the date of the first hunt. Once an application has been submitted online, information cannot be changed. Applications must be completed by the application deadline.

Primary applicants can apply by themselves or with up to two secondary applicants (aka “buddies”). There is no preference in the draw based on whether the application includes buddies. If you have buddies listed on your application, you must supply their information on your application in order for them to participate. This includes each buddy’s hunting license number and date of birth. Buddies must meet all age, residency, and licensing requirements of state parks deer management hunts. Each applicant may appear on only one application per hunt period. Applications close August 17.

Hunters will be selected through a random computerized drawing. A link to view drawing results will be posted at on.IN.gov/reservedhunt after August 31.

Firearm hunts include any firearm legal to take deer on public land in Indiana. Archery hunts include any archery equipment legal to take deer in Indiana, including crossbows.

Properties participating include Brown County, Chain O’Lakes, Charlestown, Fort Harrison (archery only), Harmonie, Lincoln, McCormick’s Creek, Ouabache, Pokagon, Potato Creek, Prophetstown, Shades, Spring Mill, Turkey Run, Versailles, and Whitewater Memorial state parks, and Trine State Recreation Area (ar-

chery only). Early hunts are November 16-17, and late hunts are November 30-December 1. More information is available at on.IN.gov/reservedhunt.

2020 spring turkey season results

During the 2020 spring season, hunters harvested 14,492 wild turkeys in 90 of 92 Indiana counties. This spring’s harvest is a 21 percent increase compared to that of the 2019 spring season. The 2020 spring season also broke the 2010 record high harvest of 13,742 birds. Spring harvests increased in 76 counties with 12 counties exceeding 300 birds, compared to three in 2019. A total of 1,635 birds (11 percent of total harvest) were taken during the youth-only weekend prior to the regular season. The estimated number of hunters afield was 74,500 in 2020 (25 percent increase compared to 2019) with an estimated hunter success of 19 percent.

A detailed breakdown of spring harvest data, including previous seasons, is available at www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/10340.htm.

Optimism about current conditions pushes farmer sentiment index to all-time high

Farmer sentiment improved in June for the second month in a row, rebounding from sharp declines that took place in both March and April, according to the Purdue University/CME Group Ag Economy Barometer. The index was up 14 points from May to a reading of 117. The Ag Economy Barometer is based on responses from 400 U.S. agricultural producers with this month’s survey conducted from 22-26.

Ag producers became more optimistic about both their current and future farming operations compared with a month earlier. The Index of Current Conditions rose 19 percent from May to a reading of 99, and the Index of Future Expectations climbed 12 percent from May to a reading of 126. Over the last two months, farmers’ perspective regarding making large investments in their farming operations improved markedly. The Farm Capital Investment Index recovered to a reading of 60 in June, compared with just 50 a month earlier and a reading of 38 in April. Although much improved since bottoming out in April, the recovery still left the Farm Capital Investment Index 12 points below the 2020 high established in February, before coronavirus impacted markets.

“This month’s survey was conducted after the USDA announced details regarding the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP),” said James Mintert, the barometer’s principal investigator and director of Purdue University’s Center for Commercial Agriculture. “A more favorable spring planting season combined with assistance from CFAP helps explain this month’s improvement in farmer sentiment, yet a majority of producers believe additional economic assistance will be needed in 2020.”

Despite their concerns, when asked about the impact of the virus on their farms’ profitability, 64 percent of respondents indicated they were “very worried” or “fairly worried,” down from 71 percent in May. The June survey provided the first opportunity to survey farmers after details about the CFAP were made available. Sixty percent of surveyed farmers indicated that CFAP “somewhat” (53 percent) or “completely” (7 percent) relieved their

concerns about the impact of the virus on their 2020 farm income, while just over one-fourth of respondents (26 percent) responded “not at all.” However, 64 percent of farmers surveyed indicated that they think it will be necessary for Congress to pass another bill to provide more economic assistance to U.S. farmers.

When asked about their short-run outlook for land values, farmers’ perspective improved over the last two months. Respondents expecting land values to decline over the next 12 months fell to 21 percent in June, down from 29 percent in May and 35 percent in April. The shift in perspective was even more pronounced when farmers were asked about farmland values in five years. Fifty-five percent of respondents said they expect farmland values to rise over the next five years, up from just 40 percent in May. Meanwhile, just 17 percent of farmers surveyed who rent farmland said they expect to ask their landlords to lower their cash rental payments in 2021 as a result of COVID-19, down from 27 percent that planned to do so in May.

Read the full Ag Economy Barometer report at <https://purdue.ag/agbarometer>. This month’s report includes insight into farmers’ profitability expectations, their plans for machinery purchases in the upcoming year and their concerns about the ethanol industry’s future. The site also offers additional resources – such as past reports, charts and survey methodology – and a form to sign up for monthly barometer email updates and webinars. Each month, the Purdue Center for Commercial Agriculture provides a short video analysis of the barometer results, available at <https://purdue.ag/barometervideo>. For even more information, check out the Purdue Commercial AgCast podcast. It includes a detailed breakdown of each month’s barometer, in addition to a discussion of recent agriculture news that impacts farmers. It is available now at <https://purdue.ag/agcast>.

The Ag Economy Barometer, Index of Current Conditions and Index of Future Expectations are available on the Bloomberg Terminal under the following ticker symbols: AGECEBARO, AGECCURC and AGECEFTX.

DNR launches ‘Where to Paddle’ map

DNR’s Division of Outdoor Recreation has launched a new interactive “Where to Paddle” map that is designed to highlight Indiana’s water trails.

It can be found at on.IN.gov/wheretopaddle.

“Previous river guides that were available for Indiana were outdated,” said

Dale Brier, director of of Outdoor Recreation. “This new map provides Hoosier paddlers with critical and updated information about our water trails in one convenient resource.”

Public access sites, canoe and kayak outfitters, low-head dam locations and river miles are displayed in the map, which also includes USGS water gauges that display real-time stream flow at stations across the state.

The map compiles data layers that were collected over many years and managed by multiple divisions into one location.

“Indiana has needed a good statewide paddle guide for many years,” said Dan Valleskey, co-founder of the statewide paddling organization Indiana Paddlesports Alliance. “We have some great rivers in this state, and paddle sports are growing rapidly. I look forward to having the use of a good, up-to-date portable tool that will help plan trips.”

For more information on Indiana’s water trails, see dnr.IN.gov/outdoor/4236.htm.

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National unemployment rate at 11.1 percent for June

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 4.8 million in June, and the unemployment rate declined to 11.1 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week. These improvements in the labor market reflected the continued resumption of economic activity that had been curtailed in March and April due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and efforts to contain it. In June, employment in leisure and hospitality rose sharply.

Notable job gains also occurred in retail trade, education and health services, other services, manufacturing, and professional and business services.

This news release presents statistics from two monthly surveys. The household survey measures labor force status, including unemployment, by demographic characteristics. The establishment survey measures nonfarm employment, hours, and earnings by industry. For more information about the concepts and statistical methodology used in these two surveys, see the Technical Note.

Household Survey Data

The unemployment rate declined by 2.2 percentage points to 11.1 percent in June, and the number of unemployed persons fell by 3.2 million to 17.8 million. Although unemployment fell in May and June, the jobless rate and the number of unemployed are up by 7.6 percentage points and 12.0 million, respectively, since February.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rates declined in June for adult men (10.2 percent), adult women (11.2 percent), teenagers (23.2 percent), Whites (10.1 percent), Blacks (15.4 percent), and Hispanics (14.5 percent). The jobless rate for Asians (13.8 percent) changed little over the month.

The number of unemployed persons who were on temporary layoff decreased by 4.8 million in June to 10.6 million, following a decline of 2.7 million in May. The number of permanent job losers continued to rise, increasing by 588,000 to 2.9 million in June. The number of unemployed reentrants to the labor force rose by 711,000 to 2.4 million. (Reentrants are persons who previously worked but were not in the labor force prior to beginning their job search.)

The number of unemployed persons who were jobless less than 5 weeks declined by 1.0 million to 2.8 million in June. Unemployed persons who were jobless 5 to 14 weeks numbered 11.5 million, down by 3.3 million over the month, and accounted for 65.2 percent of the unemployed. By contrast, the number of persons jobless 15 to 26 weeks and the long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) saw over-the-month increases (+825,000 to 1.9 million and +227,000 to 1.4 million, respectively).

The labor force participation rate increased by 0.7 percentage point in June to 61.5 percent, but is 1.9 percentage points below its February level. Total employment, as measured by the household survey, rose by 4.9 million to 142.2 million in June. The employment-population ratio, at 54.6 percent, rose by 1.8 percentage points over the month but is 6.5 percentage points lower than in February.

In June, the number of persons who usually work full time increased by 2.4 million to 118.9 million, and the number who usually work part time also rose by 2.4 million to 23.2 million.

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons declined by 1.6 million to 9.1 million in June but is still more than double its February level. These individuals, who would have preferred full-time employment, were work-

ing part time because their hours had been reduced or they were unable to find full-time jobs. This group includes persons who usually work full time and persons who usually work part time.

The number of persons not in the labor force who currently want a job, at 8.2 million, declined by 767,000 in June but remained 3.2 million higher than in February. These individuals were not counted as unemployed because they were not actively looking for work during the last 4 weeks or were unavailable to take a job.

Persons marginally attached to the labor force--a subset of persons not in the labor force who currently want a job--numbered 2.5 million in June, little different from the prior month. 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 but had not looked for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey. Discouraged workers, a subset of the marginally attached who believed that no jobs were available for them, numbered 681,000 in June, essentially unchanged from the previous month.

Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 4.8 million in June, following an increase of 2.7 million in May. These gains reflect a partial resumption of economic activity that had been curtailed due to the coronavirus pandemic in April and March, when employment fell by a total of 22.2 million in the 2 months combined. In June, nonfarm employment was 14.7 million, or 9.6 percent, lower than its February level. Employment in leisure and hospitality rose sharply in June. Notable job gains also occurred in

retail trade, education and health services, other services, manufacturing, and professional and business services. Employment continued to decline in mining.

In June, employment in leisure and hospitality increased by 2.1 million, accounting for about two-fifths of the gain in total nonfarm employment. Over the month, employment in food services and drinking places rose by 1.5 million, following a gain of the same magnitude in May. Despite these gains, employment in food services and drinking places is down by 3.1 million since February. Employment also rose in June in amusements, gambling, and recreation (+353,000) and in the accommodation industry (+239,000).

In June, employment in retail trade rose by 740,000, after a gain of 372,000 in May and losses totaling 2.4 million in March and April combined. On net, employment in the industry is 1.3 million lower than in February. In June, notable job gains occurred in clothing and clothing accessories stores (+202,000), general merchandise stores (+108,000), furniture and home furnishings stores (+84,000), and motor vehicle and parts dealers (+84,000).

Employment increased by 568,000 in education and health services in June but is 1.8 million below February's level. Health care employment increased by 358,000 over the month, with gains in offices of dentists (+190,000), offices of physicians (+80,000), and offices of other health practitioners (+48,000). Elsewhere in health care, job losses continued in nursing care facilities (-18,000). Employment increased in the social assistance industry (+117,000), reflecting gains in child day care services (+80,000) and in individual and family services (+28,000). Employment in private education rose by 93,000 over the month.

Employment increased in the other services industry in June (+357,000), with about three-fourths of the increase oc-

curing in personal and laundry services (+264,000). Since February, employment in the other services industry is down by 752,000.

In June, manufacturing employment rose by 356,000 but is down by 757,000 since February. June employment increases were concentrated in the durable goods component, with motor vehicles and parts (+196,000) accounting for over half of the job gain in manufacturing. Employment also increased over the month in miscellaneous durable goods manufacturing (+26,000) and machinery (+18,000). Within the nondurable goods component, the largest job gain occurred in plastics and rubber products (+22,000).

Professional and business services added 306,000 jobs in June, but employment is 1.8 million below its February level. In June, employment rose in temporary help services (+149,000), services to buildings and dwellings (+53,000), and accounting and bookkeeping services (+18,000). By contrast, employment declined in computer systems design and related services (-20,000).

Construction employment increased by 158,000 in June, following a gain of 453,000 in May. These gains accounted for more than half of the decline in March and April (-1.1 million combined). Over-the-month gains occurred in specialty trade contractors (+135,000), with growth about equally split between the residential and nonresidential components. Job gains also occurred in construction of buildings (+32,000).

Transportation and warehousing added 99,000 jobs in June, following declines in the prior 2 months (-588,000 in April and May combined). In June, employment rose in warehousing and storage (+61,000), couriers and messengers (+21,000), truck transportation (+8,000), and support activities for transportation (+7,000).

Wholesale trade employment rose by 68,000 in June but is down by 317,000 since February. In June, job gains occurred in the durable goods (+39,000) and nondurable goods (+27,000) components.

Financial activities added 32,000 jobs in June, with over half of the gain in real

estate (+18,000). Since February, employment in financial activities is down by 237,000.

Government employment changed little in June (+33,000), as job gains in local government education (+70,000) were partially offset by job losses in state government (-25,000). Government employment is 1.5 million below its February level.

Mining continued to lose jobs in June (-10,000), with most of the decline occurring in support activities for mining (-7,000). Mining employment is down by 123,000 since a recent peak in January 2019, although nearly three-fourths of the decline has occurred since February 2020.

In June, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls fell by 35 cents to \$29.37. Average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees decreased by 23 cents to \$24.74 in June. The decreases in average hourly earnings largely reflect job gains among lower-paid workers; these changes put downward pressure on the average hourly earnings estimates.

The average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls decreased by 0.2 hour to 34.5 hours in June. In manufacturing, the workweek rose by 0.5 hour to 39.2 hours, and overtime was unchanged at 2.4 hours. The average workweek for production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls fell by 0.2 hour to 33.9 hours. The recent employment changes, especially in industries with shorter workweeks, complicate monthly comparisons of the average weekly hours estimates.

The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for June was revised down by 100,000, from -20.7 million to -20.8 million, and the change for May was revised up by 190,000, from +2.5 million to +2.7 million. With these revisions, employment in April and May combined was 90,000 higher than previously reported. (Monthly revisions result from additional reports received from businesses and government agencies since the last published estimates and from the recalculation of seasonal factors.)

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