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## Commissioners try to solve multiple road issues

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Martin County Commissioners talked roads at their meeting Tuesday night, July 31. County Council Member Buck Stiles was present in the audience and asked multiple questions about the Community Crossings grant funds and blacktopping.

Stiles wanted to know how much blacktopping from the Community Crossings grant money had been completed. Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett responded that all the blacktopping for this year had been done. It was explained that the county applied for \$1 million for the grant but only received \$670,000, therefore some roads on the original list had to be removed. The county will be applying again this year for the Community Crossings grant and will again be asking for \$1 million. Commissioner Paul George explained that this year, there will be a combination of roads and bridges. Council Member Stiles responded that he thought the grant money was going toward blacktopping only. Commissioner George replied that there are three bridges in the county that need repairs, too costly for what the highway department has in their budget, so grant funds are going to have to be used.

Stiles also questioned how the commissioners were able to pass a vote choosing Farm Bureau Insurance as the insurance agent of record if two of the commissioners abstained making it a 1-0-2 vote. Commissioner George said Commissioner Kevin Boyd made the motion to accept Farm Bureau with George making the second, but George and Commissioner Dan Gregory abstained. County Attorney Dave Lett said the vote was legal.

Highway Superintendent Padgett reported that one of the highway trucks, that has been working on patching, hit a deer recently. The truck is at Greene's Body Shop awaiting a response from

the insurance company.

A resident in the audience asked if his road, Poplar Grove, was now an unimproved county road due to its sorry state. He said the potholes are terrible and tore up his motorcycle. Commissioner Paul George said that Poplar Grove is one of the roads on the list to be patched and asked that the highway superintendent check out the road to see if it is worth saving. George said that if the asphalt cannot be saved, they may need to tear it up and instead do chip and seal.

Highway Superintendent Padgett said that a resident on Friends Creek Road, off Mt. Pleasant Road, has requested dust control on a 100-foot section of the road. The commissioners agreed to have the highway department spray the road at the owner's expense.

Padgett also reported that Butler Bridge Road's chip and seal work has been completed.

Sheriff Travis Roush told commissioners that there are currently 72 inmates in the jail with 21 of them from Vigo County. Commissioner George asked if the county had received all the money due from Marion County, from housing their inmates last year. Sheriff Roush replied that yes, they are paid in full. Sheriff Roush was asked by Commissioner Kevin Boyd how much Vigo County pays per day for Martin County to house their inmates. Roush replied that it was \$35 a day and that amount was modeled after the state. The state pays counties \$35 a day to house department of corrections inmates so county to county inmates cost the same. Roush added that there has been talk about increasing that per day rate to \$55.

Commissioner George said that he didn't think the construction of a new jail was moving along very quickly in Vigo County. Sheriff Roush replied that he believed a vote will be coming up soon to move it forward however it will (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 2)



## Opioid summit

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An Indiana Statewide Opioid Summit was held at the Indiana Convention Center on July 25, sponsored by Indiana Office of Court Services. Martin County attendees were (back row) Stephanie Helton, Martin County DCS Case Manager; Michael Steiner, Prosecutor; Sheriff Travis Roush; Lisa Brittain, Chief Probation Officer; (front row) Director Kathy Collins, Community Corrections; Attorney Aureola Wright, Public Defender; Honorable Lynne Ellis; and Attorney Sandra Bowman, Guardian Ad Litem.

## U.S. Department of Commerce invests \$50,000 in feasibility of entrepreneurial network in Southern Indiana

Southern Indiana Development Commission, in Loogootee, received a \$50,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration to support entrepreneurship in the region through the study of the Southwest Indiana Technology and Collaboration Hub Network or "SWITCH."

This study will help establish a network of entrepreneurial centers in southwest Indiana and allow the sharing of resources throughout the network. Once completed, this study will bring together the public and private sectors by building an economic development roadmap to strengthen the regional economy, support private capital investment and create jobs throughout the region.

Kent Utt, president Knox County Economic Development Corporation stated, "Two of KCDC's primary goals vetted out during our recent comprehensive strategic plan are to create an entrepreneurial ecosystem and improve retention and attraction of talent. These goals will be further advanced through the SWITCH feasibility study and enhance a collaborative region focused on innovation and entrepreneurship."

The study is a partnership of 11 different local economic development organizations (Crawford, Daviess, Dubois, Greene, Knox, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Orange, Pike and Washington), three regional planning commissions (SIDC, River Hills and IN 15), two regional economic development organizations (Radius Indiana and the Southwest Indiana Development Council), as well as Regional Opportunity Initiatives, Inc. and the Indiana Economic Development Corporation.

"Regional partnerships are challenging, but with clear focus the benefits created from a region working together create more opportunities than working alone. This initiative, if done right, will be a model for the rest of the country for increasing entrepreneurship and collaboration in rural America," said Greg Jones, director of SIDC.

Radius Indiana received an initial grant from the IEDC to begin studying the concept of a SWITCH network and will use those funds to match the EDA grant.

"We cannot thank IEDC enough for the initial investment in this concept and by partnering with the EDA I believe we will have enough funds to study the issue and stand up the framework for a lasting entrepreneurial ecosystem," added Jeff Quyle, president and CEO of Radius Indiana.

Local economic development organizations are excited for the next

steps in the process. Ed Cole with Dubois Strong said, "I am looking forward to the expanded opportunities for co-working space collaboration the SWITCH Network will bring to Southwest Indiana."

Ron Arnold with Daviess County Economic Development Corporation said, "SWITCH Network will allow Daviess County and the region to identify and understand steps needed to participate in an ever changing economy. I applaud the efforts of Radius Indiana and SIDC to bring the region together."

The planning process will kick off in the fall of 2018.

## Kinder gives WestGate updates to commission

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Martin County Redevelopment Commission held a brief meeting Tuesday night, July 31, prior to the commissioners' meeting. Alliance Director Tim Kinder gave updates on happenings in the WestGate Tech Park.

Kinder said that due to a soil study, the proposed WestGate Hotel is being moved slightly from its original building location.

The hotel is a combination of a Sleep Inn and Mainstay hotel and is being built by Mike and Debbie Hicks who also own the Comfort Suites in French Lick and the Legend of French Lick Resort Boutique Hotel and Event Center. The new hotel will be situated west of the Battery Innovation Center in the tech park and will include 72 rooms, meeting space, a business center and fitness center.

The cost of the hotel is estimated at \$7 million and is located on Greene County's portion of the tech park. There is no start date on the hotel at this time.

Kinder also reported that a defense contractor will be leasing the Wagsbaugh building, formerly owned by Chris Baugh, in mid- to late-August. The company will have 10 employees. The building is located in the Martin County portion of the tech park. Kinder said more information will be released by the company in the near future.

Also, SAIC will be leasing the WestGate 5 building in the tech park. SAIC already occupies the Martin County 2 building.

Greg Jones, with SIDC, spoke to the commissioners about the Southwest Indiana Technology and Collaboration Hub Network. (See separate story on this page). Jones spoke to the board about the importance of working with other counties more in the future and the impact that is having on southern Indiana.





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First place winner of the Parkview Village Annual Golf Scramble was German American Bank, with team members Steve Swartzentruber, Joel Stroud, David Winger, and (not pictured) Travis Brett.



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Second place winner of the Parkview Village Golf Scramble was Ray Lengacher Construction, with team members Marv Graber, Ray Lengacher, Johnny Wagler, and Ervin Graber.

# Parkview Village holds annual charity golf scramble

The Parkview Village Annual Charity Golf Scramble was held Friday, July 20 at the Country Oaks Golf Club. First place winner was German American Bank, with team members Steve Swartzentruber, Joel Stroud, David Winger, and Travis Brett.

Second place winner was Ray Lengacher Construction, with team members Marv Graber, Ray Lengacher, Johnny Wagler, and Ervin Graber.

Third place winners were Joey Riggins, Mitch Jeffers, Mark Jeffers, and Terry Butcher.

Skins Pot was divided by: GAB/Ray Lengacher Construction/Joey Riggins' Team. Gold sponsors were German American Bank and Stoll Graber CPA. Silver sponsors were The Insurance Shop, K & W Fencing and Harvest

Health & Rehab. Closest to the Pin: Johnny Wagler and Longest Drive: Marty Graber. \$10,000.00 Hole-in-One, Putting Contest and additional (4) Hole-in one contest sponsor was Assured Partners.

Hole sponsors were Dent Smart-El-nora Body Shop, K & W Fencing, K&K Industries, Odon Pharmacy, Gordon Food Service, Harvest Health and Rehab, Jones & Sons Concrete, Office Connection, Odon Locker, First Savings Bank, Blake & Wagler Funeral Home, DCL Media, Memories 107.9 FM, Assured Partners, Alan Bubalo, Helena Chemical Co., Daviess Community Hospital, Wagler & Sons Construction, The Loogootee Tribune, WWBL, The Odon Journal, Daviess County Chamber of Commerce, Norris Law Office,

and Mike and Becky Burch.

Prize donations were made by Casey's, Parkview Village Christian Care, German American Bank, Graber Post Buildings, Casa Savilla, Boggs Golf Course, Country Oaks, and Fish & Carry. Parkview offers a special thank you to German American Bank for donating their first-place cash prize back to Parkview, to German American Bank and Harvest Health and Rehab who volunteered to help with the registration table, Dennis Kissinger for providing the meal and Jeff Kunce for assisting. Proceeds from this year's event are going toward the new van.

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## COMMISSIONERS

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be several years before the jail is complete. He expects to have Vigo County inmates for quite a while. He also noted that he has been contacted again by Marion County and also, he heard Vanderburgh County is looking for open beds. He expects the county will be able to make money housing out-of-county inmates for some time.

Greg Jones, with SIDC, presented a budget request to the commissioners. He also gave a hand-out on what SIDC has been able to accomplish for the county and the region. The commissioners give SIDC \$2,500 from their budget each year. Jones said that they are asking for the same for 2019. The commissioners agreed to add that to the budget.

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# Obituaries

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## BETTY GRAY

Betty L. Gray passed away at 5:50 a.m. Tuesday, July 31, 2018 at Loogootee Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. A resident of Loogootee, she was 81.

She was born October 11, 1936 in Loogootee; daughter of the late Orville "Pete" James and Gletis Irene (Patterson) Strawn.

Betty was a member of St. John Lutheran Church. She was an avid Loogootee Lions sports fan and active in the Relay for Life of Martin County. She retired from NSWC Crane after many years of employment.

She was preceded in death by her children, Daniel J. Daily and Deborah L. Hedrick; granddaughter, Delaney Semple; parents, Orville "Pete" and Gletis Strawn; siblings, Eileen (Harold) Green, Orvilla (James) Bowling, Lucille (Fred) Brown, James (Donna) Strawn and Charlotte (Dale) Meyer.

She is survived by her husband, Joe Gray; grandchildren, Kristi Howard and James Honeycutt; 12 great-grandchildren; sister, Sue Page; step-children, Brian Gray, Diane Semple, Lori (James) Ray and Jennifer (Tim) Lowe; step-grandchildren, Logan and Jaylon Gray, Danielle Hammer, Dacie Broshers, Madison and Emma Semple, Chase Helms, Taylor, Olivia, Grace and Natacha Carroll, Mitchell and Morgan Cox and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, August 6 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial will follow in St. John Cemetery in Washington.

Visitation will be held Sunday, August 5 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Blake Funeral Home and Monday, August 6 from 10 a.m. until the time of service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial dona-

tions can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be made online at [blakefuneralhomes.com](http://blakefuneralhomes.com). Arrangements were provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

## LOIS THARP

Lois Tharp passed away at her home at 4:35 a.m. July 28, 2018. A resident of Shoals, she was 74.

She was born March 21, 1944 in Letcher County, Kentucky; daughter of Riley and Clearinda Miles. She married Charles Tharp in Clintwood, Virginia in December of 1962.

She was previously employed by Perfect Fit in Loogootee and was a member of the Shoals Nazarene Church.

She is survived by Julie Tharp of Shoals and Tammy (Robbie) Goldsberry of Shoals; one son, Charles "Tony" (Mary) Tharp of Shoals; sisters Jean Sandlain of Kentucky, Annalee Maggard of Kentucky, Rosalee Earl of Shoals; brothers, Riley Miles Jr. of Kentucky, and Danny Miles of Kentucky; 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by sisters, Jenette Fields, Shirley Jarret, Elva Brown and brothers, Arnold Miles, Richard Miles and Arvil Miles.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. today, Wednesday, August 1 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with Brother Kevin Quinn officiating. Burial followed in the Spring Hill Cemetery.

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

## FRANCES TROUT

Frances M. (Fannie) Trout passed away at 10:10 a.m. Monday, July 30, 2018 at Loogootee Healthcare and Re-

habilitation Center. A resident of Loogootee, she was 95.

She was born May 25, 1923 in Bramble; daughter of the late Roscoe J. and Ella (Williams) Strange.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church. She liked watching sports and especially enjoyed watching the Chicago Cubs.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, Jack Trout; grandson, Ben Trout; parents, Roscoe J. and Ella (Williams) Strange; and siblings, Gordon Strange, Andy Strange and Doris Smith.

She is survived by her children, Mark (Karla) Trout of Loogootee, Jack (Nancy) Trout of Sellersburg, Jim (Sandy) Trout of Franklin, Kentucky; Jeff Trout of Scotland, Indiana, and Sharon (Dick) Mentzer of Tucson, Arizona; grandson, Will Trout; grand-

daughters, Jessica Bruner, Jodi Trout and Tori Trout; great-granddaughter, Amelia Bruner; many step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren; sister, Camilla Summers and brother, Phil Strange, both of Loogootee.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at 11:30 a.m. Friday, August 3 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bramble. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be held Thursday, August 2 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery Association.

Condolences may be made online at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com). Arrangements were provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

**Making A Difference**

MARTIN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

By Curt Johnson  
MCCF Executive Director



Pictured is Dave Brown presenting a \$544 grant check to Joan Harker for the preservation and maintenance of the Old Union Cemetery.

-- FAMILY --

The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines family as "the basic unit in society traditionally consisting of two parents rearing their children; also: any of various social units differing from but regarded as equivalent to the traditional family." Also important is that it also considers family as "a group of persons of common ancestry."

-- IMPACTS --

Family is such an important part of our lives. Our families impact our lives from the day we are born and well into adulthood. Our beliefs, attitudes and feelings about own selves are largely influenced by family, primarily our parents or guardians. Whether good or bad influences, we remember our family for life.

-- REMEMBERING --

There are many ways to remember your family members. There are memorials, stories, and pictures to name a few. Here at the Martin County Community Foundation, we also have endowment funds that can be created to remember them. One such fund is the "David Arthur Brown and Jewell Kelso Brown Memorial Fund."

-- ENDOWMENTS --

This fund is one of five different types

of funds (discussed in other articles - contact me if you're interested), and it is a "donor advised fund." With these types of funds, the founding donor or representative are allowed the privilege of recommending a grant recipient each year.

This year, the \$544 grant from the "David Arthur Brown and Jewell Kelso Brown Memorial Fund" went to the Old Union Cemetery for its preservation and maintenance. Dave Brown, representative for the fund and shown in the picture, is happy to be able to remember his family who are buried in this same cemetery. And for Dave, his family here is his parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles. The Merriam-Webster folks define well what the Brown's call family.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

For more information about the MCCF and how we can help you remember your family, please contact the Executive Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or [mccf@cfpartner.org](mailto:mccf@cfpartner.org).

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, JULY 23

5:58 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on US 231, north of Loogootee. Deputy Wright responded.

7:29 a.m. - Jail commander Abel transported one female to prison.

8:23 a.m. - Received two reports of a small fawn running along SR 450, north of Shoals. Captain Dant and ICO Mann responded. Nothing was located.

8:48 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle identification check north of Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

9:14 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded and all was okay.

11:03 a.m. - Received a report of a theft near Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

11:37 a.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

12:38 p.m. - Loogootee Chief Rayhill performed a vehicle identification check in Loogootee.

1:22 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded and all was okay.

2:38 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

4:12 p.m. - Received a report of a broken-down semi on US 50, east of Shoals. MCSO responded.

4:13 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50, near Shoals. All county units were contacted.

6:40 p.m. - Received a report of possible animal neglect. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

7:11 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

### TUESDAY, JULY 24

4:04 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute near Shoals. Deputy Wright and Sheriff Roush responded.

6:50 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance was contacted but did not transport.

9:52 a.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

12:59 p.m. - Captain Dant took four inmates to court.

3:45 p.m. - Captain Dant assisted the department of child services with a welfare check east of Shoals.

3:50 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

5:13 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

5:15 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:23 p.m. - Received a dog complaint north of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

7:16 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:23 p.m. - Received a report of harassment near Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

8:34 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded and all was okay.

8:53 a.m. - Received a report of a tree blocking US 150, just east of Shoals. Captain Dant, Town Marshal Eckert,

Shoals Fire, and the state highway department responded.

9:32 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50, just west of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

10:26 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check north of Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded and all was okay.

1:08 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill, Captain Dant, and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

2:55 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

6:33 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Dunn Memorial Hospital in Bedford.

6:55 p.m. - Received a report of trees out on US 231, south of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

9:02 p.m. - Received a request for medical equipment assistance in Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

### THURSDAY, JULY 26

12:28 p.m. - Captain Dant performed a vehicle identification check in Shoals.

1:14 p.m. - Major Burkhardt took three inmates to court.

1:53 p.m. - Received a report of debris on US 50, west of Shoals. Captain Dant responded and removed the articles.

2:30 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Captain Dant, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

3:51 p.m. - Received several reports of a truck losing large rocks on US 50, near Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded and made contact with the driver.

8:08 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### FRIDAY, JULY 27

6:36 a.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

12:53 p.m. - Jail Officer Fox transported one inmate to the doctor.

1:15 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:40 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:45 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded and the subject was transported to the hospital by personal vehicle.

4:41 p.m. - Major Burkhardt performed a vehicle identification check in Shoals.

10:23 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

11:23 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic disturbance in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette, Deputy Shinn, and Deputy Seymour responded.

### SATURDAY, JULY 28

1:47 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire, Martin County Ambulance, and Deputy Shinn responded. The subject was

transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:43 a.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

12:23 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

1:36 p.m. - Received a report of property damage near Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

2:47 p.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist in Shoals with a vehicle unlock.

3:00 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50, near Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

6:15 p.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

7:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Deputy Shinn and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:45 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless vehicle on US 231, near Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department was advised.

### SUNDAY, JULY 29

8:13 a.m. - Received a report of cows

## ARRESTS

### MONDAY, JULY 23

7:42 a.m. - Brian Conley, 19, of Shoals, was arrested by ICO Doane and charged with minor in consumption and resisting arrest. He is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond. Captain Dant assisted with the arrest.

2:10 p.m. - Bambi Wyatt, 40, of Velpen, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents on a Dubois County warrant and is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest was Captain Dant.

### TUESDAY, JULY 24

5:39 a.m. - Jessica Martin, 28, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Wright and charged with public intoxication, domestic battery, theft, neglect of a dependent, and criminal mischief. Her bond has been set at \$25,000 10%. Assisting with the arrest was Sheriff Roush.

7:37 a.m. - Amanda Krodel, 28, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Wright and charged with domestic battery in the presence of a minor and battery causing serious bodily injury. She is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest were Captain Dant and Sheriff Roush.

### SATURDAY, JULY 28

12:15 a.m. - Amber Cissell, 29, of Odon, was arrested by Deputy Shinn and charged with domestic battery and is being held on a \$10,000 10% bond. Assisting with the arrest were Deputy Seymour and Loogootee Captain Hennette.

12:15 a.m. - Judy Harker, 52, of Odon, was arrested by Deputy Shinn and charged with domestic battery and is being held on a \$10,000 10% bond. Assisting with the arrest were Loogootee Captain Hennette and Deputy Seymour.

### SUNDAY, JULY 29

9:55 p.m. - Sonya Davis, 48, of Crane, was arrested by ISP Trooper McBeth and charged with criminal mischief, battery on a public safety officer, and resisting arrest. She is being held on a \$50,000 10% bond. Assisting with the arrest were Sergeant Keller and ICO Mann.

out on SR 450, north of Shoals. The owners took care of the situation.

9:50 a.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

10:49 a.m. - Received a report of a property dispute near Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

11:05 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

11:25 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded and all was okay.

11:25 a.m. - Received an alarm call south of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded and all was okay.

1:10 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Loogootee. Loogootee Office McBeth and Sergeant Keller responded.

2:10 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:30 p.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist south of Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

3:54 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

4:15 p.m. - Received a report of a structure fire near Loogootee. Shoals Fire, Martin County Ambulance, Martin County Civil Defense, and Loogootee Fire responded.

5:03 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. IU Health responded and transported the subject to IU Health in Bedford.

5:07 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Crane. ISP Trooper McBeth, Sergeant Keller, and ICO Mann responded. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

6:06 p.m. - Deputy Shinn assisted a motorist south of Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

## Sheriff's Mitcheltree Township meeting

The Martin County Sheriff's Department Mitcheltree Township Meeting will be held on Saturday, August 4, at 6 p.m., at the Mustering Elm Park, in Trinity Springs. The public is welcome to attend.

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# COURT NEWS

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

## CRIMINAL COURT

June 28

Diana M. Schutte, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor.

James D. Sears, public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor; disorderly conduct, a Class B Misdemeanor.

July 3

Joseph G. Turano, invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Joshua W. Brawdy, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Matthew D. Parola, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; obstruction of justice, a Class 6 Felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Dane R. Bolin, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; obstruction of justice, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

July 6

George D. Ringen, possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Kathryan C. Deckard, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

July 9

Eric J. Kern, possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Joseph R. Miller, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

July 10

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

Cody L. Sebade, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 5 Felony.

Courtney E. Sutton, fraud on a financial institution, a Class 5 Felony; forgery, a Class 6 Felony; theft, a Class 6 Felony.

Cassie M. Olsen, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

July 11

Christopher J. Senne, three counts of invasion of privacy, Class A Misdemeanors.

Thomas M. Belcher, five counts of check deception, Class A Misdemeanors.

July 13

Brandy R. Gregory, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Blaine J. Laughlin, nonsupport of a dependent child, a Class 6 Felony.

July 16

Danny J. Arthur, domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor.

James R. Honeycutt, operating a vehicle as an habitual traffic violator, a Class 6 Felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor; two counts of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, Class 6 Felonies; habitual vehicular substance offender sentence enhancement.

Robert D. Woodall, domestic battery, a Class 6 Felony.

July 18

Brandy R. Gregory, theft, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Timothy W. Bryant, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Richard W. Corns, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Matthew J. Mauer, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Cody W. Combs, reckless driving, a Class C Misdemeanor.

July 19

Austin A. Bradley, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor.

July 24

Brian M. Conley, resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor; illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Adam S. Gibson, criminal trespass, a Class A Misdemeanor.

## CIVIL COURT

### New Suits Filed

July 18

Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC vs. Ruth E. Gilbert, civil collection.

July 19

John S. Owen vs. Brandee L. Owen, petition for dissolution of marriage.

July 20

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Michael Brassine, civil collection.

July 23

Brian McCauley and Priscilla McCauley vs. Board of Commissioners of Martin County, the Town of Shoals and Boomer's Lawn Care, civil tort.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGEMENTS

July 24

# Loogootee Police log

## MONDAY, JULY 23

5:58 a.m. - Officer Floyd reported a property damage accident on US 231.

9:14 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

11:37 a.m. - Male came on station to report a theft.

12:38 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

1:15 p.m. - Chief Rayhill and Captain Dant assisted Senior Trooper Lents with a warrant arrest.

2:38 p.m. - Female reported a property damage accident.

7:35 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on US 231.

## TUESDAY, JULY 24

9:52 a.m. - Caller reported a vehicle losing gravel on JFK Avenue.

1:00 p.m. - Captain Hennette tagged two abandoned vehicles on Queen Street.

3:50 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person on John C. Strange Street. Male checked okay.

8:35 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

10:34 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on Hwy 50.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

8:34 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

11:30 a.m. - Male came on station to report property damage.

11:34 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the county with a welfare check on a female.

1:08 p.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the county with a property damage accident on Cherry Road.

7:35 p.m. - Female reported a civil complaint.

11:35 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted the county with welfare check on a male.

## THURSDAY, JULY 26

10:50 a.m. - Caller reported a tri-axle dropping gravel on JFK Avenue.

12:33 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

3:51 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle with a leaky load.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC and against the defendant Stephanie Huff in the amount of \$1,062.24.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT

### New Suits Filed

July 23

Martin County Credit Union vs. Johnna Anderson, complaint.

July 24

Joe Turano vs. Jennifer Turano, complaint.

5:50 p.m. - Female reported a possible illegal burn near Cedar Street.

7:35 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Broadway Street.

## FRIDAY, JULY 27

6:45 a.m. - Caller reported a disturbance in Redwing Trailer Court.

8:48 a.m. - Caller requested a security check at her residence.

11:03 a.m. - Chief Rayhill tagged three abandoned vehicles on North Kentucky Avenue.

1:15 p.m. - Caller reported a personal injury accident on West Main Street.

1:40 p.m. - First responders were requested on Cedar Street for a medical call.

1:45 p.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the ambulance service.

4:15 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231. Captain Hennette located the vehicle.

6:34 p.m. - Caller reported a possible impaired driver on Hwy 50.

8:45 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance at McDonalds.

10:03 p.m. - Caller reported a loose dog on her property.

## SATURDAY, JULY 28

9:38 a.m. - Caller reported a controlled burn.

12:23 p.m. - Male reported a property damage accident on US 231.

7:05 p.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a medical call.

10:30 p.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a business alarm.

11:01 p.m. - Male reported a possible intoxicated driver on US 231.

## SUNDAY, JULY 29

12:17 a.m. - Caller reported a disturbance in Country Place Apartments.

11:00 a.m. - Male requested an officer for a child exchange.

11:05 a.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident in the Redemption parking lot.

11:25 a.m. - Officer McBeth responded to a business alarm.

4:15 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was dispatched to a house fire on SR 550.

# Martin County real estate transfers

**Jennifer Mapalad and Gerald R. Yarnell II**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Northern Properties & Development, LLC**, the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 11, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, in Martin County, Indiana, containing 40 acres, more or less.

**James R. Ader and Donna M. Ader**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Deana L. Chambers**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 2 in J.W. O'Brien's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana. 70 feet off the west side of Lot Number 3 in J.W. O'Brien's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana. 70 feet off the west side of Lot Number 6 in J.W. O'Brien's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana. Except a section in Lot Number 6 containing 6,999 square feet, more or less.

**Charles Robert Parfitt Jr.**, of Mar-

tin County, Indiana and **Jalayne Renee Ullom**, of Jay County, Indiana to Charles Robert Parfitt Jr. and Ailene G. Parfitt, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 3 in Risacher's Third Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Michael J. McAtee**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Cody D. Hert**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the south half of the northeast quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in the City of Loogootee, Indiana, containing 0.09 acre.

**Cody Hert**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Dustin K. Kalb**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 3 acres, more or less.

**David L. Lundy Sr. and Barbara C. Lundy**, of Martin County, Indiana to **David L. Lundy Sr. and Barbara C.**

**Lundy**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 30 in Ackerman's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Stanley D. Young and Mary J. Young**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Joseph M. Qualkenbush and Cyndi B. Stalker**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the east fractional Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 3.331 acres, more or less.

**Loogootee Holdings, LLC**, of an Indiana limited liability company to **Marvin Holstine and May Holstine**, Lots Numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4 in Block C to the Loogootee Land Company's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Justin Y. Dorsey and Judith A. Dorsey** to **DH 10, LLC**, of Hendricks County, Indiana. Tract I: The northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 5, Township 1 North, Range

3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 40 acres, more or less. Tract II: The northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 5, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 40 acres, more or less.

**Richard A. Burch**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Dustin R. Letterman and Emma R. Letterman**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a portion of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 13, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, and a portion of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, all in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing .80 acre.

**Thomas A. Strawn**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Daniel A. Wadsworth**, of Daviess County, Indiana, Lots Numbered 9 and 10 in the First North Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.



## More Neat Stuff

By Ann Ackerman



### WEDDING AT THE VILLAGES IN FLORIDA

Two very active seniors (Jacob, age 92, and Mary, age 89), living in The Villages, are all excited about their decision to get married. They go for a stroll to discuss the wedding, and on the way, they pass a drugstore. Jacob suggests they go in.

Jacob addresses the man behind the counter, "Are you the owner?"

The pharmacist answers, "Yes."

Jacob says, "We're about to get married. Do you sell heart medication?"

The Pharmacist: "Of course we do."

Jacob: "How about medicine for circulation?"

Pharmacist: "All kinds."

Jacob: "Medicine for rheumatism?"

Pharmacist: "Definitely."

Jacob: "How about suppositories and medicine for impotence?"

Pharmacist: "You bet!"

Jacob: "Medicine for memory problems, arthritis, and Alzheimer's?"

Pharmacist: "Yes, a large variety. The works."

Jacob: "What about vitamins, sleeping pills, Geritol, antidotes for Parkinson's disease?"

Pharmacist: "Absolutely."

Jacob: "Everything for heartburn and indigestion?"

Pharmacist: "We sure do."

Jacob: "You sell wheelchairs and walkers and canes?"

Pharmacist: "All speeds and sizes."

Jacob: "Adult diapers?"

Pharmacist: "Sure, how can I help you?"

Jacob: "We'd like to use this store as our Bridal Registry."

### TOP TEN WAYS TO TELL YOU ARE FAT

10. You dance and make the band skip.

9. You go bungee jumping and go straight to hell.

8. You go to the zoo and elephants throw you peanuts.

7. Your driver's license says picture continued on other side.

6. You go to a restaurant and instead of a menu, you get an estimate.

5. You have to use a boomerang to put a belt on.

4. Your family portrait has stretch marks.

3. People have to take three trains and a bus ride to get on your good side.

2. Your nickname is HOLY MOLEY.

1. You get runs in your jeans.

At the end of the day, I parked my police van in front of the station house. My K-9 partner, Jake, was in the back barking, which caught the attention of a boy who was passing by.

"Is that a dog you have back there," he asked.

"It sure is," I said.

"What did he do?"

Notice in a pet shop window: Five puppies, FREE. Mother is crossbred Labrador, father, a small brown and white dog capable of climbing six-foot fence.

I think dogs are the most amazing creatures; they give unconditional love. For me they are the role model for being alive. -Gilda Radner

The best doctor in the world is a veterinarian. He can't ask his patients what is the matter - he's just has know. (Thank you, Scott, for all you do for the animals).

Make someone smile today!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Talk to a lawyer for free

The Volunteer Lawyer Program and the Evansville Bar Association offer twice monthly Talk to a Lawyer hotlines to answer brief legal questions from residents of Southwestern Indiana. Volunteer attorneys are available the first Thursday of the month from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Central Time and again on the third Tuesday of the month from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Central Time. Attorneys can answer questions on family law issues, estate planning concerns, contract matters, as well as guide residents to legal resources to help address their problems. This free hotline has been offered by VLP and the EBA for nearly two decades as a public service and is sponsored by the Indiana Bar Foundation and the Evansville Bar Foundation. The next two hotline sessions are scheduled for Thursday, August 2 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Central Time and Tuesday, August 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Central Time. The telephone number to call is 812-618-4845.

### Revival Center Church special service

The Loogootee Revival Center Church, 205 NW First Street, will have a one-night-only service, Saturday, August 4 at 4:30 p.m. Special guest ministers, Pastors Sonny and Cassie Flock, of Covenant Life Church Indiana, will be ministering. There will be Children's Church during this service. The public is invited to attend.

### Sons of the American Revolution meeting

The National Society Sons of the American Revolution, Daniel Guthrie Chapter will hold the 3rd Quarter meeting on Tuesday, August 21 at the Free Methodist Church, 630 R Street Bedford. Dinner will begin at 6 p.m. (cost is \$15) with the meeting at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### Democrat meeting

The Martin County Democrat Party will meet Wednesday, August 15 at 6 p.m. in Shoals at the courthouse. Items on the agenda include the upcoming fundraiser to be held Monday, October 1 at the V.F.W. #9395 in Loogootee. All candidates will also be able to provide updates on their elections in November.

### Chamber meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce will meet Wednesday, August 15 at noon at the Maranatha Tabernacle Church in Loogootee. The meeting is open to the public.

### Lady Lions Golf Scramble

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Loogootee Lady Lions Basketball Golf Scramble will be held Saturday, August 18 at 9 a.m. at Lakeview Golf Course. The scramble will be four men/women in A-B-C-D format. Cost is \$45 per person or \$180 per team. To register, call Brian Smith

at 812-381-1026 or Lonnie Hawkins at 812-947-8413. Food and drinks will be provided at the golf course during play.

### 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.

### Free lunch for kids

New Beginnings Community Church will be offering a free lunch to all school-age children every Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. at the fellowship hall of the church, located at 200 West Main Street next to the post office. For more info, call 812-709-2525.

### 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!

### Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Loughmiller Machine, 12851 E 150 N, Loogootee. The public 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 5:30 p.m.

### Solid waste board

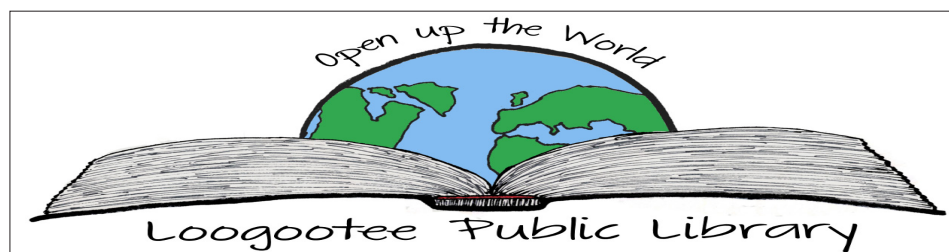
The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

### 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](http://www.martinswcd.com) or call at 295-3149.

### Attention Senior Citizens

The Loogootee Senior Citizen Center, located in the annex building attached to JFK Gym on JFK Avenue in Loogootee provides activities for seniors every Monday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon. For \$5 a year, seniors can participate in Euchre tournaments, games, puzzles, etc., with other local seniors. Anyone interested is welcome to stop by, there are no age or residency requirements to participate. Seniors are also offered lunch at the Loogootee Senior Center every Monday and Thursday. A freewill donation is requested. Call 812-295-3130 to make a reservation.



### BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The 2018 summer reading program has ended, and prizes have been drawn. German American Bank, Old National Bank and Friends of Loogootee Library were this year's sponsors. There were more than 150 kids registered for the program and Children's Librarian Jen Zehr did an awesome job of planning creative and fun activities. Bradley Quinn had the most points read with 1,010 points, Arwen Quinn was second with 954 points and several kids passed the 100 books to get their name entered in for the Children's Echo Dot grand prize. The grand prize winner was Dixie Riggins. Other nice prizes were awarded to Landon Stemen, Isaac Lagree, Clare Ringwald, Luke Guy, Lindsay Robinson, Ily Riggins, Bradley Quinn, Patrick Quinn, Madison Davis, Hadley and Harper Tinkle.

As you probably have heard, the library board received word that the USDA loan was obligated, and the next

step is to do the legal notices, put the plans and specs out for bid, and present a resolution to the county council requesting a bond issuance that will be paid with existing tax revenue the library already receives. If all the legal steps are done in a timely manner and no problems arise, the library board plans an October ground breaking.

### New Books:

Inspirational Fiction: "On the Mountain of the Lord" by Ray Bentley and Bodie Thoene, "Thief of Corinth" by Tessa Afshar, "A Simple Singing" by Leslie Gould, "Her Fear" by Shelley Shepard Gray, "Caught by Surprise" Jen Turano, "The Lady of Tarpon Springs" by Judith Miller, "Called to Protect" by Lynette Eason, "The Hope Jar" by Wanda Brunstetter, and "On the Mountain of the Lord" by Ray Bentley.

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](http://www.loogootee.lib.in.us) or like us on Facebook.

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I am writing this week's column sitting in a condo in the Great Smokey Mountains. It is a family vacation and a rare trip that does not include any flower shows. However, that does not mean that I do not pay a lot of attention to the landscape around me.

Right now, the star of the landscape in this area is the crape myrtles. In Indiana, we have some beautiful crape myrtles, mostly planted within the past ten years since cultivars with more winter hardiness have become more available and more affordable. However, in Tennessee and farther south, there are massive crape myrtle trees, lifting high their plumes of white, red and various shades of pink and purple. Every yard seems to have a couple of the beautiful trees and hardly a commercial plot exists without at least one crape myrtle.

Another stand-by for late summer flowers is the panicled hydrangea. As with the crape myrtle, the biggest difference in the hydrangeas in Tennessee and those in Indiana is size. The panicled hydrangea is a more reliable bloomer than some other hydrangeas, even in southern Indiana. In Tennessee, one sees more tree-sized plants, whereas we tend to use them as shrubs in Hoosier gardens. The abundant white, green or pink cones held high above the leaves are great summer blooms that will persist into fall. In most cases,

the flowers will gradually change colors, finally drying to a papery brown that often stays around all winter.

It seems that every store takes pride in presenting beautiful flower gardens. I cannot say that I have seen anything that is out of the ordinary, but I have seen ordinary annual bedding plants combined with perennials, shrubs and evergreen trees to make borders and island beds that are invitations for shoppers to come and take a look. This is particularly true on "The Island", a retail and entertainment center that was opened a few years ago.

No trip to the Smokies would be complete without spending some time in the Great Smokey Mountains National Park. We took a leisurely drive through Cade's Cove and climbed to the top of Clingman's Dome. I enjoyed the wildflowers as much as I did the views. Large patches of Angelica along the path to the Dome were attracting bees by the thousands. The red bee balm was also attracting bees and butterflies. In Indiana, the native bee balm is usually pink or mauve. One may plant a variety such as Jacob Cline to get the red blooms, but nothing is as impressive as the expanses of deep red blooms advertising nectar to pollinators. The Angelica and bee balm along the path are accompanied by Heleniums, turtleheads, Queen Ann's lace and many other common wildflowers.

By the time you will have read this, I will have returned to Indiana and traveled north to Indianapolis for my annual stint of judging at the Indiana State Fair. It is always fun to see the vegetables and flowers grown by 4-H members around Indiana. I also like to see the landscape changes that have been made around the fairgrounds. The fair begins its run on Friday, August 3. If possible, make a trip to the capital city for the fair. It is a fun way to support our youth and Indiana agriculture.

## Smokey Bear Birthday Party at Patoka

Join Patoka Lake as they celebrate Smokey Bear's birthday on Saturday, August 4 at the Patoka Lake Nature Center from 10 a.m.-noon. Bring family and friends and enjoy activities and fun for all ages. Bring a camera and take pictures with Smokey Bear. The Orange County Southeast Township Volunteer Fire Department will give a special presentation on fire safety which will include a demonstration with the Jaws of Life device! PetSense of Jasper will be onsite to talk about pet fire safety. A & B Fire Safety of Jasper will have information on fire extinguishers and household safety also. Play games and make a special craft to take home. Celebrate with cupcakes and refreshments. The event is free to attend.

The entrance fee of \$7 per vehicle for Indiana residents (\$9 out of state) is required for the Newton Stewart State Recreation area, Patoka Reservoir, located north of Wickliffe Indiana, Highway 164.

Patoka Lake (stateparks.IN.gov/2953.htm) is at 3084 N. Dillard Road, Birdseye, IN 47513.

## DNR free activities, bargains highlight State Fair

See live snakes, teach a child to fish, taste wild game and enjoy loads more of free activities with the DNR at the Indiana State Fair, August 3-19.

Two DNR favorites Snakes Alive and the Kids Fishin Pond kick off day No. 1 of the fair and will be offered daily.

An annual one-day favorite, the Taste of the Wild cookout, happens at 11 a.m. Saturday, August 4. It is the ultimate food superstar at the State Fair. Visitors can try free samples, typically of steelhead trout, venison, barbecued beaver, turtle soup, Asian carp and more. The food is prepared and provided by DNR staff and volunteer groups.

Those events and more will be in or next to the air-conditioned Natural Resources Building, the hub of DNR State Fair activities. Check [dnr.IN.gov/statefair](http://dnr.IN.gov/statefair) [<http://www.in.gov/dnr/5494.htm>] for the entire DNR schedule, which is subject to change.

Snakes Alive, a live snake show, will be offered daily throughout the fair. Interpretive naturalists from across Indiana will talk about snakes Hoosiers

might find in their backyards. Also featured each afternoon is a program with at least one live bird of prey.

The 312,000-gallon Fishin Pond is adjacent to the Natural Resources Building and is packed with fish that are ready to be caught and released. Youth fishing is available every day in the early evening and most mornings. Parents/guardians should check the daily schedule online or in the State Fair program. Exact hours differ on some days.

Visitors to the building also can view native Indiana fish in aquariums, pick up free copies of the just-off-the-presses Hunting Guide, the latest Recreation Guide and Fishing Guide and other informational brochures, subscribe to Outdoor Indiana magazine at a special State Fair deal, ask questions of DNR experts, visit Mother Nature's Mercantile to buy unique outdoors-themed items, or just take an air-conditioned break.

All DNR activities at the fair, except buying items at the Mercantile, are free after paying gate admission to the Indiana State Fair.

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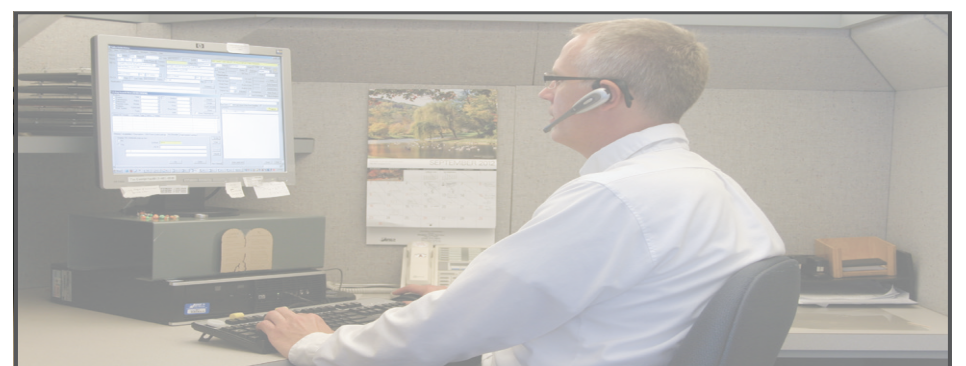
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