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County's population drops by 522 residents

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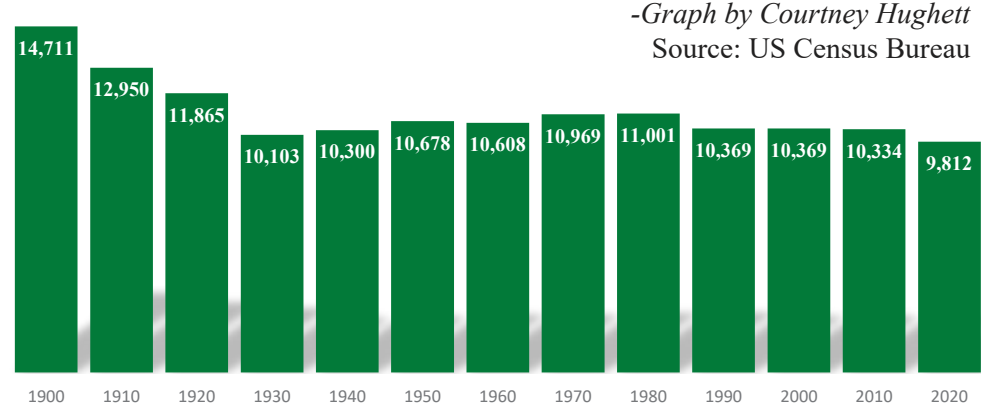
According to the 2020 Census, Martin County lost a little over 5 percent of its population over the past 10 years. In 2010, the county had a population of 10,334 residents and that dropped to 9,812 in 2020.

In 2020, 7,563 of residents were over the age of 18 with 2,249 under 18 years of age.

The City of Loogootee's population lost 150 residents over the past 10 years, from 2,751 residents in 2010 to 2,601 residents in 2020. The Town of Shoals had a population decrease of 79 residents, from 756 in 2010 to 677 in 2020. The Town of Crane's population dropped by 18 residents, from 184 in 2010 to 166 in 2020.

In 2020, 95.4 percent of Martin County was white with 0.2 percent black, 0.4 percent Asian, 0.5 percent another race and 3.5 percent who are two or more races. 99.1 percent are non-Hispanic and 0.9 percent were Hispanic. In 2010, 98.4 percent of Martin County residents were white and 99.3 percent were non-Hispanic.

Martin County Population since 1900

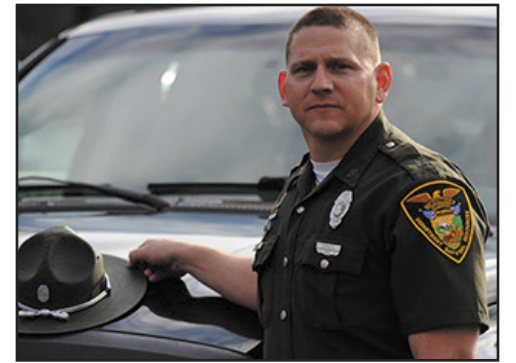


Martin County had 4,576 housing units in 2020 and 516 of them were unoccupied. In 2010, the county had 4,786 housing units and 570 of them were vacant.

Daviess County had a total population of 33,381 residents in 2020 up from 31,648 in 2010. Daviess County, in 2020, was 90.9 percent white and 93.7 percent non-Hispanic. Daviess County had a total of 12,738 housing units in 2020 and 1,001 of them were unoccupied. 71 percent of Daviess County's population in 2020 were over the age of 18 with 29 percent under 18 years of age.

Dubois County's population moved from 41,889 residents in 2010 to 43,637 in 2020. Dubois County, in 2020, was 89.1 percent white and 90.5 percent non-Hispanic. Dubois County had a total of 18,618 housing units in 2020 and 1,206 of them were vacant. A total of 76.4 percent of the county's residents were over the age of 18 and 23.6 percent were under 18.

Indiana's total population is 6,785,528 with 77.2 percent white and 91.8 percent non-Hispanic. In 2010, Indiana's population was 6,483,802.



ERIC DOANE

Doane retires after 28 years of service

Corp. Eric Doane is retiring from DNR Law Enforcement after serving 28 years. Doane was recognized for exemplary service on multiple occasions, including receiving the 2007 James Pitzer Indiana Conservation Officer of the Year Award. He also received the 2017 William J. Nattkemper Brotherhood Award in 2017, and the 2018 Director's Leadership Award in 2018, and was selected as a District Officer of the Year four times.

During his career, Doane served on many specialty teams for DNR Law Enforcement, including Scuba, Peer Support, Cave Rescue, Wildland Firefighter, Field Training Officer, Search and Rescue, Firearms and Patrol Rifle Instructor, Defensive Tactics Instructor, and Use of Force Instructor. In addition, he attended more than 50 specialty schools and was a graduate of the Police Executive Leadership Academy. In 2015 he was promoted to corporal and became a field supervisor to the officers in District 7.

His first county assignment as an Indiana Conservation Officer was in Union County in District 9. After five and a half years there, he transferred to Martin County in District 7, where he has served since 1998.

On July 30 this year, Doane accepted a faculty position at Vincennes University, his alma mater, as the department chairman of the Conservation Law Enforcement Program.

Mosquito in Shoals tests positive for West Nile virus

A mosquito sample from Shoals tested by Indiana State Department of Health personnel was positive for the West Nile virus. The infected sample was collected at the boat ramp at 8th and Main on August 3, 2021.

The best way to protect yourself from West Nile virus is to prevent mosquitoes from biting you and reduce mosquito breeding areas. Here are some tips to help avoid mosquito-borne diseases and reduce mosquito populations:

-Avoid being outdoors when mosquitoes are active (especially late afternoon, dusk to dawn and early morning);

-Apply an EPA-registered insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus or para-menthane-diol to clothes and exposed skin;

-Cover exposed skin by wearing a hat, long sleeves and long pants in places where mosquitoes are especially active, such as wooded areas;

-Install or repair screens on windows and doors to keep mosquitoes out of the home.

(See 'VIRUS' on page 3)

Shoals Community Schools enrollment up 52 students

The Shoals School Board met August 12. Board members in attendance were Drexel Turpin, Jenell Hoffman, Jerry Braun and Sam Boyd. Staff in attendance were Dr. Candace Roush, Amanda Heckard, Kindra Hovis, Josh Mullis, Shannon Wagoner and Brandi Gilbert. Patron in attendance was Lorna Troutman.

During patron input, Brandi Gilbert requested to use the cafeteria after school on Tuesdays for Cub Scouts. Also, she would like to see the school start an Archery class and would like to run the program. Lorna Troutman commented that middle school robotix begins next Friday.

Middle School Principal Josh Mullis began saying the school year is starting off great. They have 175 students enrolled in Grades 6-8. Growth is good and very exciting. That is up 23 students since July 1. They have been utilizing the regular ed aide, Nici Key, to work with 6th grade students to help provide students with a better ratio of students to teachers. Ms. Key, Mrs. Harder, and Mrs. Fuhrman have been working very well together. They have been working on kindness and having good manners the first week of school. They have managed to give out 36 Pride passes this week and will draw out five names tomorrow to receive a medium fountain drink from RJs. A big thank you to RJs for sponsoring this program. They would like to thank Ann Stewart and others for donating backpacks for the students who were in need. Middle school sports seasons will begin to take off next week with cross country on Monday, soccer on Wednesday, and volleyball the following Monday. Mr. Mullis also commented he was able to get moved down here and is renting a place so the drive to work is great. Also, all three of his boys are attending school at Shoals along with his youngest being in preschool.

High School Principal Kindra Hovis started with exciting news that they have 12 new students. It has been a very busy

week and the teachers and students have hit the ground running. A new advisory period has begun with 30 minutes of real-life lessons. She said they have an animal handling lab, where the material has been delivered and students have begun and are excited. Cammie Sanders is teaching agriculture classes to free up more construction trade sections. They have signed with Vincennes University as a partner school. They will be able to offer the ICC at the end of this school year.

Elementary Principal Shannon Wagoner began with the teachers working on project-based learning. They currently have 40 preschool students, and Mrs. Wagoner said the new preschool team is phenomenal. The rooms are full and they are excited to have these growing pains. Student lab days are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Kids are excited to be back in school and it has been a fun first week back to school.

Dr. Roush informed the board that she would be writing a FEMA grant to try to provide two additional classrooms at the high school which would also serve as safe rooms during a tornado or earthquake. She informed the board that the school currently has two positive COVID cases and the school will continue to monitor the number of cases on a daily basis. She stated that teachers put on a long-term quarantine would be allowed to virtually teach students from home because it would help cut down on the learning loss while the teacher is out of the room. She informed the board that enrollment is up this year by 52 students and many of the classrooms are reaching capacity. If the trend continues, they may need to look at adding additional classrooms across the corporation. Dr. Roush reminded the board about the COSMOS executive session set for August 31 and reminded the board that the teacher contract will be coming up to renew in the next couple of months.

The board approved the following personnel recommendations:

-Amber Daniels, Chris Reed, Jessica Wagler, Chris Boswell, Jocelyn Berger-Davis and Matthew Sullivan as substitutes

-Crystal Fultz as a substitute teacher and sub cook.

-Amy Baesel as a cafeteria aide.

-Amber Daniels to cover Raysha Wininger FMLA leave

-Alicia Wildman to fill in for Danielle Cornett's maternity leave

-Michael Archer as 5th grade elementary boys' basketball coach

-JD Turpin as 6th grade boys' basketball coach

-Resignation of Aimee Farhar as varsity softball coach

-Wesley Stephenson as chess club sponsor

-Tina Rue /Wesley Stephenson as academic team sponsors

-Tina Rue as spell bowl and SADD sponsor

-Erin Cage as Spanish club sponsor

-Ben Kent as Young Men with a Purpose sponsor

-Cammie Sanders as FFA sponsor

-Megan Hawkins and Ashley Montgomery as high school Beta sponsors

-Audrey Gibson, Jessica Hert, and Cammie Sanders as senior class sponsors

-Terra Boyd, Amy Norrington, and Myrna Greene as junior class haunted house sponsors

-Jonathan Holt and Jeff Gee as junior class magazine sales/concession sponsors

-Wes Stephenson and Erin Cage as junior class prom sponsors

-Mimi Hawkins as student council sponsor

-Jessica Hert and Wesley Stephenson as IMPACCT club sponsors

-Dennis Dahlen as yearbook and newspaper sponsor

-Jennifer Mauntel and Dean Troutman

(See 'SHOALS' on page 2)



Shoals Vision Grant

-Photo provided

The Martin County Community Foundation recently presented a \$578 Vision Grant to the Town of Shoals Volunteer Fire Department to replace their United States Flag that was stolen. Shown, from left to right, are Town of Shoals Clerk-Treasurer Sierra Rutledge, MCCF Board members Jenell Hoffman, Angie Risacher, Garry Smith, and Jerry Braun; Town of Shoals Council Members Clint Hoffman, Cary Albright, and Cecil Ragsdale, Shoals VFD Chief Jim Hamby, and MCCF Board member Annette Taylor.

SHOALS

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as robotics sponsors
-Cammie Sanders to teach the following agriculture classes: Introduction to Ag (grade 8), Animal Science (along with Principles of Agriculture, which was approved this summer)
-Audrey Gibson and Jessica Hert as pep club sponsors
-Warren Allbright as a substitute bus driver
-Aimee Harder FMLA beginning tentatively February 9, 2022 and returning at the beginning of 2022-2023 school year.
-Cassie Phillips FMLA beginning January 7, 2022 and returning March 28, 2022.
The board approved the high school principal's recommendation for the disposal/recycling of 2011-2012 Indiana Government textbooks, the elementary principal's recommendation to discard unusable library books and Tina Rue's request to dispose/recycle old textbooks.
Abel's business classes and interns would like approval to sell old uniforms

to the staff, public, and students in that order. The board approved.
The board approved the following fundraisers:
-Varsity girls' basketball to sell Merkleley Meat
-Varsity soccer to sell tumblers
-High school cheerleaders to sell detergent
-Class of 2022 to host their annual MUM Fundraiser. MUMS are from Eichmiller Farm.
-Shoals Parent Association to host the annual craft show on November 6.
Superintendent Roush presented the budget preview to the board and the updated Back-to-School Plan.
The board approved the professional growth and evaluation plan.
Before adjourning, Board Secretary Jennell Hoffman read a thank you card from the Liz Walker family.
The meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm. The next regular board meeting will be September 9.

CLASSIFIED ADS

HELP WANTED

THE LOOGOOTEE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS CURRENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR A FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER

Qualification standards require that an applicant:
-Must be a citizen of the United States.
-Applicant must be 21 years of age and less than 40 years of age.
-Must have a high school diploma or GED.
-Cannot have a felony conviction or misdemeanor conviction involving domestic battery that would prohibit the applicant from possessing a firearm.
-Must possess a valid driver's license from their state of residency.
-Cannot have been dishonorably discharged from the military.
-Must pass a mandatory drug screening test.
-Must be willing to reside in the City of Loogootee
-Must be physically able to perform duties of a police officer.
The Board of Works and Public Safety will make the final determination on which applicant will be extended an offer of employment.

Applications may be picked up at the City Hall, 401 JFK Ave., Loogootee, during normal business hours.

Close date for this process is September 1, 2021.

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To be considered for an open position, interested candidates are encouraged to pick-up an application at the Martin County Sheriff's Office: 318 Capital Avenue, Shoals, IN 47581.
REQUIREMENTS:
1. Must be at least 18 years of age
2. Must be a citizen of the United States
3. Must have a high school diploma or GED
4. Must not have any Felony, Misdemeanor Battery or Domestic Violence convictions
5. Must be willing to submit to pre-employment drug screening
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OBITUARIES

MARY JANE FIELDS

Mary Jane (Ison) Fields, formerly of Bedford, passed away peacefully on August 15, 2021, at IU Health in Bloomington. She was 73.



She was born October 25, 1947, in Kentucky; daughter of Shelby and Geneva (Cornett) Ison. She married Eugene Fields and he preceded her in death.

MARY JANE FIELDS

Mary graduated from Kingdom Come High School in Line Fork, Kentucky. She pursued her passion for cosmetology in Bedford and worked diligently to be-

come a Master Cosmetologist. Mary tirelessly perfected her skills at Broadview Salon and Kib's Hair Care in Bedford. She purchased Kib's Hair Care and operated the business until she retired, becoming a full-time Mamaw to her three grandchildren who were her world.

Mary Jane is survived by one son, Scott (Missy) Fields of Loogootee; grandchildren, Amber and Shelby Fields of Loogootee, and Shawn Patrick Fields of Bedford; brothers, James, Phillip, and Robert Ison; sisters, Thelma Carson and Lisa Graebe; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and one son, Shawn Fields.

Funeral services were held today,

Wednesday, August 18 at 1:00 p.m. at the Ferguson-Lee Chapel of Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes in Bedford with Pastor Roger Allen officiating. Burial followed at White River Baptist Cemetery.

Online condolences to the family may be sent to www.fergusonlee.com.

JANET FRENCH

Janet Sue (Hert) French passed August 12, 2021, at her home. A resident of Shoals, she was 76.

She was born November 30, 1944, in Shoals; daughter of Richard and Helen (Hopkins) Hert. She married Donald French and he preceded her in death.

She is survived by her children, Kimberly Fisher, Carolyn Smith, Nina Sherrick and Larry Holt.

One son, Steven Lee Holt, preceded her in death.

Cremation was chosen.

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

VIRUS

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To reduce mosquito populations around your home and neighborhood, get rid of any standing water available for mosquito breeding. Even a container as small as a bottle cap can become a mosquito breeding ground. Mosquitoes will breed in any puddle or standing water that lasts for more than four days. Here are some steps you can take:

- Dispose of, or empty, any water-holding containers on your property, like buckets, tin cans, or flower pots or other containers that can hold water.
- Pay special attention to discarded tires that may have collected on your property. Tires are a common place for mosquitoes to breed.
- Drill holes in the bottoms of garbage containers that are left outdoors to let water drain out.
- Clean clogged roof gutters; remove leaves and debris that may prevent drainage of rainwater.
- Turn over plastic wading pools and wheel-barrrows when not in use.
- Do not allow water to stagnant in bird-baths. Aerate ornamental ponds or stock them with fish.
- Keep swimming pools clean and properly chlorinated; remove standing water from pool covers.
- Frequently replace the water in pet

bowls.

-Use landscaping to eliminate standing water that collects on your property.

-Repair failed or discharging septic systems. Preferred breeding areas are waters contaminated by manure and septic.

-Remove tall weeds and Keep grass cut short and shrubbery trimmed.

Making A Difference

By Curt Johnson
MCCF Director



Shown above, from left to right, are Lisa Starr (CFP Grants Officer), Bill Greene (Martin County Historical Society President) receiving a \$20,000 grant from Hope Flores (CFP CEO), and Jo Ann Kasprzycki (CFP Treasurer).

-- IMPORTANT? --
What is important to you? Have you thought about why? About how you are going to treasure it? I would think that the "why" and "how" will be different depending upon what it is. Look around at those things important to you and you'll have different responses to each. But are you just reacting without much thought? Or should you be taking a deeper look?

-- WHY? --
Sometimes someone will come along that helps you see beyond the immediate to something more lasting. What is important is still important, but your response is taken to another level. Sometimes that spark for something different comes from someone taking a different look. A new look into the old can spark that lasting impact.

-- HOW? --
Several years ago, the Martin County Historical Society (MCHS) was looking for funds to repair the museum. The MCHS was fortunate to get a new look at this important issue. And what better look than from someone outside of our county? A look like that has the potential to be as objective and thoughtful as it can be.

The MCHS had found a spark for that lasting impact, and that spark came from an anonymous donor. Upon hearing the need for museum repairs, this donor looked deeper and asked that question of how the MCHS was going to sustain the museum? Repair for the sake of repair, without the realistic hope of someone caring for it years down the road, is not a lasting answer. People must be a part of the solution.

-- PEOPLE WHO CARE --

That answer for the museum and the MCHS was to grow its membership, those who care. So, this anonymous donor challenged the MCHS to grow their membership with a matching grant. They are donating \$20,000 for every 200 new members, looking for them to stay on for 5 years. Every time the MCHS gets another 200 members, they'll receive another \$20,000, up to \$100,000 of grant money.

-- THE IMPACT --
The MCHS recently received the fourth \$20,000! So, the MCHS has now received \$80,000 from this donor! They knew that people have to come first in almost any answer; this is happening with the MCHS and the museum.

-- YOU CAN HELP --
For just \$10 a year you can help the MCHS get those additional 200 members to reach the maximum of the \$100,000 grant potential. For you Facebook fans, the MCHS group has over 3,800 people in it. And for those of you who aren't a MCHS member, how about just a small portion of you give \$10 for a membership? You can help preserve your heritage. Contact the MCHS at 812-247-1133 for more information or visit their website at martincountyhistory.com to pay online or download a membership application.

-- MORE INFORMATION --
And for more information about the MCCF, please contact the Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cf-partner.org.

You are also welcome to visit our webpage at www.cfpartner.org and "like" the MCCF Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mcccommunityfoundation.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, AUGUST 9

5:15 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

5:55 a.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant McBeth and Captain Reed responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

8:52 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Major Keller responded.

9:37 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Sheriff Roush, Major Keller, Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire, and the Martin County Coroner responded.

10:21 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to IU Health in Bloomington.

10:33 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Police responded.

10:46 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:04 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Daviess County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

1:08 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

3:32 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Crane. Crane Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

4:58 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50 near Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

5:38 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. LPD responded.

6:59 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing in Shoals. Sergeant Gibson, Deputy Shaw, and Deputy Hawkins responded.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10

6:30 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Shoals. Major Keller responded.

9:20 a.m. - Received a report of an altercation near Shoals. Major Keller and Deputy Hawkins responded.

10:38 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:08 a.m. - Received a dog complaint north of Loogootee.

12:45 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231 near Loogootee. ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

1:14 p.m. - Corporal Seymour took one inmate to court.

1:24 p.m. - Corporal Seymour took one inmate to court.

2:29 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

2:45 p.m. - Received a report of a break-in, in Shoals. Deputy Flanagan and Deputy Hawkins responded.

2:58 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Lawrence County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:00 p.m. - Corporal Seymour took one inmate to court.

5:33 p.m. - Received report of a property dispute south of Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan and Deputy Hawkins responded.

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7:53 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check east of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

9:14 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

9:19 p.m. - Received a report of a theft south of Loogootee. ISP responded.

10:05 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

7:35 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check east of Shoals. Major Keller responded.

9:01 a.m. - Received a report of debris on SR 150 east of Shoals. Major Keller responded.

2:56 p.m. - Deputy Flanagan assisted a motorist east of Loogootee with a vehicle identification check.

3:08 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:55 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. County highway responded.

5:25 p.m. - Received a report of people in the roadway east of Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan responded.

6:27 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

6:49 a.m. - Received a report of debris in the roadway on SR 150, east of Shoals. Deputy Shaw responded.

7:13 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

7:35 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

9:22 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:55 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

11:43 a.m. - Major Keller took one inmate to court.

3:00 p.m. - Deputy Flanagan took one inmate to court.

3:20 p.m. - Deputy Flanagan took one inmate to court.

3:57 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

7:24 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan and Civil Defense responded.

7:26 p.m. - Received a report of several trees down north of Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan, Loogootee Sergeant McBeth, and Civil Defense responded.

7:42 p.m. - Received a report of several tree limbs on US 50, east of Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan and Civil Defense responded.

9:07 p.m. - Deputy Shaw assisted a motorist with a vehicle identification check in Shoals.

9:43 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

9:54 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down northeast of Loogootee. Civil defense responded.

10:35 p.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Shoals. Deputy Shaw, Loogootee Sergeant McBeth, ISP Trooper McBeth, and ICO Hembree responded.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

5:24 a.m. - Received a report of a dis-

abled vehicle on US 50 just east of the state forest. Deputy Shaw responded.

5:28 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:37 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

4:18 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Crane. Deputy Flanagan responded and all was okay.

4:24 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Lost River Fire, Martin County Ambulance, and Deputy Flanagan responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:38 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

4:23 a.m. - Received a report of a smoke alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Means and Deputy Shaw responded.

9:28 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic in Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan, Deputy Hawkins, and Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

10:31 a.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Shoals. Deputy Flanagan and Deputy Hawkins responded.

12:05 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

2:11 p.m. - Deputy Flanagan assisted a motorist with a vehicle identification check near Shoals.

3:07 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Deputy Flanagan and Deputy Hawkins responded.

3:44 p.m. - Received a report of an impaired driver in Loogootee. ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

4:46 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Means and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

5:16 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Crane. Deputy Flanagan, Crane Fire, and Crane EMS responded. The subject was transported to IU Health in Bloomington.

5:55 p.m. - Deputy Shaw assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock south of Shoals.

10:31 p.m. - Deputy Shaw assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock in Loogootee.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

1:43 a.m. - Received a report of an impaired driver in Loogootee. Deputy Shaw responded.

2:50 p.m. - Received an alarm call north of Loogootee. Deputy Hawkins, Sergeant Gibson, and Loogootee Officer Wells responded.

7:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.



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COURT NEWS

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

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

August 9

Gregory A. Machmer, convicted of battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 271 days suspended and credit for 47 actual days previously served plus 47 Class A credit days. Defendant received 9 months of probation.

Mary G. Peek, convicted of criminal recklessness, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 180 days with 168 days suspended and credit for 6 actual days previously served plus 6 Class A credit days. Defendant received 5 months of probation.

Christopher Minks, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 Felony. Sentenced to serve 1,095 days with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 109 actual days previously served plus 36 Class B credit days. The remainder of the executed sentence of 950 days shall be served on work release program through Greene County Work Release.

CRIMINAL COURT DISMISSED

August 6

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

August 9

Gregory A. Machmer, domestic battery, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

Christopher Minks, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

August 9

Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs. Rebecca Parfitt, civil collection.

CIVIL COURT DISMISSED

August 8

Martin County real estate transfers

Ashton T. Wagler, of Martin County, Indiana to **Thomas R. O'Brien and Valerie G. O'Brien**, of Dubois County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in the City of Loogootee, Indiana, containing .3 acre, more or less, except a section containing .016 acre, more or less.

Joanie Johnson, of Monroe County, Indiana to **Hiram Mace and Haleigh Gibson**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 14 in the original plat of West Shoals, now Shoals, Indiana.

Douglas Anthony Yarnell, of Martin County, Indiana to **Mervin L. Mellinger**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter and a part of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 13, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 42.315 acres, more or less.

Loogootee Standard Service, Inc., an Indiana Corporation, of Martin County, Indiana to the **State of Indiana**, a part of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.008 acres, more or less.

Tyson K. Hilderbrand and Rebecca L. Hilderbrand, of Martin County, Indiana to the **State of Indiana**, a part of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 5, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.031 acres, more or less.

Michael Ringwald and Paula Ringwald, of Martin County, Indiana to **Timothy P. Ringwald and Shelly L. Ringwald**, of Martin County, Indiana, the east half of the east half of the north fractional Section 21, Township 3 North, Range 4

West, containing 77.33 acres, more or less.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT New Suits Filed

August 6

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance a/s/o Jilda Tow vs. FedEx Freight, Inc., complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

August 6

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Propane Direct and against the defendant Alfred D. Radcliff in the amount of \$1,974.59.

August 9

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Deborah A. Haviland in the amount of \$4,579.49.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Tessa I. Brown in the amount of \$3,936.74.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Dylan Ray Erwin of Shoals and Nicole Elaine Harder of Shoals.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, AUGUST 9

11:04 a.m. - Isaac Davis, 29, of Shoals, was arrested by Town Marshal Eckert and charged with domestic battery, intimidation, and resisting arrest. His bond has been set at \$15,000 cash only.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

3:30 a.m. - Bradley Williams, 51, of Mitchell, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Means and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated refusal, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangerment, and criminal recklessness. He is being held on a \$15,000 10% bond. Assisting with the arrest was Deputy Shaw.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, AUGUST 9

9:20 a.m. - Chief Floyd responded to an alarm at a local business.

10:47 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Church Street.

11:50 a.m. - Chief Floyd completed a welfare check.

5:37 p.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill responded to an alarm at a local business.

9:58 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Brooks Bridge Road.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10

9:10 a.m. - Chief Floyd assisted EMS with a medical call on Church Street.

10:41 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Hill Street.

12:30 p.m. - Chief Floyd spoke with a complainant regarding illegal dumping.

12:49 p.m. - A caller reported reckless driving nearing Loogootee on US 231 North.

3:08 p.m. - Caller reported found property.

5:27 p.m. - Chief Floyd completed a welfare check.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

8:10 a.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a call regarding an abandoned vehicle.

9:20 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department was contacted regarding a possible dangerous level of carbon monoxide in a residence.

9:58 a.m. - Chief Floyd responded to a report of illegal dumping.

2:10 p.m. - Captain Hennette completed a vehicle check.

3:02 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call at Southwind Manor.

4:37 p.m. - Chief Floyd responded to a traffic complaint.

7:20 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth completed a welfare check.

10:30 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth completed a welfare check.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

7:13 a.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a report of a suspicious person around a local business.

9:23 a.m. - School Resource Officer Rayhill completed a welfare check.

Martin County Recorder and Auditor offices expand payment options

The Martin County Auditor and Recorders' offices have partnered with Indiana-based PayGOV.US to process electronic payments. These offices join a growing number of Indiana county offices who have selected PayGOV. The program will allow customers to pay with credit or debit.

The expanded payment capability offers customer convenience. By partnering with PayGOV, the county will better serve residents with cutting edge technology without bearing the cost. Customers can pay at the county offices during normal office hours.

PayGOV.US, a leading provider of electronic payment options is a Certified MWBE, based in Indianapolis. They were a 2009 Indiana Companies to Watch Award Winner and have similar agreements with government entities and utilities in over 46 states.

9:50 a.m. - Captain Hennette spoke with a complainant regarding an aggressive dog.

10:21 a.m. - Chief Floyd spoke with a complainant regarding a scam.

2:30 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted with a funeral escort.

4:55 p.m. - Chief Floyd spoke with a complainant regarding a report of vandalism.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

8:05 a.m. - Captain Hennette completed a golf cart inspection.

10:18 a.m. - A caller reported harassment of her child on her phone.

1:49 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted the Daviess County Sheriff's Department with traffic control at the scene of an accident on US 50 West.

3:38 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle running a school bus arm.

10:19 p.m. - Caller reported telephone harassment.

11:03 p.m. - Officer Means assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a report of a suspicious person.

11:57 p.m. - Officer Means spoke with a complainant regarding phone harassment.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

4:23 a.m. - Officer Means responded to an alarm at a local business.

9:31 a.m. - Officer Todd responded to a domestic dispute on Northeast Third Street.

3:47 p.m. - Officer Todd responded to a domestic dispute at the Marathon station.

7:52 p.m. - Officer Means completed a welfare check.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

3:00 p.m. - Officer Seymour assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a silent alarm at a camper in West Boggs Park.

Martin County man arrested for child exploitation

Yesterday, August 17, detectives with the Indiana State Police, Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC) arrested a Martin County man on charges of child exploitation and possession of child pornography.

The investigation by the Indiana State Police ICAC began when a cybertip was received from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). The cybertip and subsequent investigation by Master Trooper/Detective Kevin Getz ultimately led to an arrest warrant being issued for Camden S. Cobb, 38, of Shoals, for the following charges: one count of child exploitation, a Level 4 Felony and 14 counts of possession of child pornography, a Level 5 Felony.

The Indiana State Police ICAC was assisted by Trooper Sam Gillespie who then transported Cobb to the Lawrence County Jail.

Anyone having any information related to crimes against children is encouraged to contact their local law enforcement agency or visit the NCMEC website at www.missingkids.com/home and find the link to make a CYBERTIP report.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

More Neat Stuff

By Ann Ackerman



Three male dogs are walking down the street when they see a beautiful female poodle. They all scramble to reach her first but end up arriving in front of her at the same time.

Aware of her obvious effect on the suitors, she tells them, "The first one who uses the words *liver* and *cheese* together in an imaginative sentence can go out with me

"I love liver and cheese!" the golden retriever blurts out.

"Oh, how childish," says the poodle.

The Labrador tries next. "Um, I hate liver and cheese?"

"My, my," says the poodle. "I guess it's hopeless."

She then turns to the last of the three dogs and says, "How about you, little guy?"

The Yorkie, tiny in stature but big in finesse, gives her a smile and a sly wink, turns to the other dogs and says, "Liver alone—cheese mine!"

THOUGHTS

Generations to host STEP IT UP program

Generations will be hosting its First Annual STEP IT UP program the entire month of September. Physical activity doesn't mean you have to go to the gym. Simply becoming more active doing things like taking a walk on your lunch break, either alone or with co-workers will benefit your overall fitness!

This is a FREE program. You may register in either a walker or a runner category and will register either as an individual, team of three or business group less than five. Simply log your activity each day the entire month of September and return to Generations by October 3.

Weekly prize winners and a free t-shirt to the first 100 participants who complete the entire month of STEP IT UP!

You may register by contacting Alma Kramer at 812-888-4527, by e-mail at akramer@vinu.edu or you can print and return the registration form found on the Generations website at www.generationsnetwork.org. Registrations due no later than August 23.

Magazine recognizes Loogootee as a best city for retirees

MoneyWise Magazine recently named Loogootee as the best city to retire in Indiana and was listed 17th of the 50 states. The rating was based on a list put together by 24/7 Wall Street of the best counties to retire in each U.S. state, based on health care and economic factors such as the number of physicians and dentists and median home values and cost of living.

The review said the following: "The City of Loogootee is situated in Perry Township in scenic Martin County, with its beautiful wooded hills and trails. The city is a mere five minutes away from the 630-acre West Boggs Park, where you can boat, fish, camp and swim. Loogootee offers restaurants, a city pool and park and the Jack Butcher Arena, which seats more than 4,000 people. The Hoosier State is fairly affordable for retirees, with its low property taxes and decent cost of living. Income from your pension and re-

*Done with dating sites. I'm now focusing on pizza delivery guys because I know they have a job, a car, and pizza.

*Eleanor Roosevelt once said to "do one thing every day that scares you." Today, I'm going jeans shopping.

*Honestly, officer, I wouldn't have pulled over had I known you were just going to criticize me.

*If I was stuck on a desert island with only one record, I would want it to be the record for being able to swim the farthest.

*This recipe adds up: The sum of the cabbage is directly proportional to the square root of the carrot divided by the mayo. That is Cole's Law.

*My husband wants to make cauliflower crust pizza, so now I have to run to the grocery store and find a new husband.

*As a child, I truly did not understand how good I had it not having to decide what to eat for dinner every single night.

*Almost left the grocery store without buying a bag of spring mix to throw, unopened, into the garbage in two weeks.

*No one makes more observations than a child sharing a stall with his mother in a public restroom.

10 LIFE LESSONS FROM JAY SHETTY (shared by Laura Albertson)

1. Your new life will cost you your old one.
2. Don't judge your life in a day.
3. Don't let people who do so little for you define so much of you.
4. You don't have to have it all figured out to move forward.
5. We are defined by the stories we tell ourselves.
6. The best lessons come from the worst moments.
7. Love doesn't hurt. People who don't know how to love, hurt.
8. It's ok to outgrow people who aren't growing.
9. What a strange life. We trade our days for things.
10. Remember, growing always feels like braking at first.

Make someone smile today!

tirement savings will be taxed, but your Social Security is exempt.

MoneyWise, whose parent company is Wise Publishing, is based in Toronto, Canada and is a digital personal finance publication with seven million monthly readers.

24/7 Wall St., LLC is a Delaware corporation which runs a financial news and opinion company with content delivered over the Internet.

Night of Praise

Providence Mennonite Church, located at 4738 U.S. Highway 50 in Montgomery, will be hosting a Night of Praise on August 20 for First Choice Solutions, formerly the Pregnancy Care Center. Everyone is welcome to attend. The event will begin at 7 p.m. with Yolonda Taylor, Executive director of FCS, giving an update on what is happening at the clinic, followed by music provided by the Providence Mennonite Worship Band. Doors will be open at 6:30 p.m. Free will offerings are welcome to help support the clinic.

Shoals School Board meeting

The Shoals School Board will hold an executive session with Mitchell and Orleans school boards on Tuesday, August 31 at 6 p.m. in the Shoals high school library. The purpose of the meeting is to receive information about and interview prospective employees. The meeting is closed to the public.

St. Vincent Food Pantry

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, on Park Street in Loogootee, is open the fourth Thursday of the month except November and December when they are open the third Thursday. The hours are 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m.

LUMC Food Pantry

The Loogootee United Methodist Church Food Pantry is open every Thursday (except the fourth Thursday) from 11 a.m.-1 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,

Lady Lions Volleyball lose first match to Jasper

The Loogootee High School Varsity Volleyball Team was defeated by Jasper on Monday in four sets, 22-25, 25-22, 22-25, and 20-25. This was the first match of the year for the Lady Lions.

Brooklyn Summers led in serving points with 14 followed by Kyleigh Courter with 11. Courter also contributed 10 digs. Kylie VanHoy led in kills with 29 and had 13 digs and three blocks. Jocelyn Strange led the team in digs with 28 and Haylie Mathies finished with eight kills.

The junior varsity Lady Lions were also defeated by Jasper in two sets, 16-25 and 18-25. Vittoria Zoia led in serving points with six and also had two kills. Alana Hedrick and Cacia Wilcoxon also contributed two kills each. Lindsey Nolan led in digs with seven followed by Breanna Courter with four. Courter and Abigail Nonte had three assists.

The Loogootee "C" team was defeated by Jasper in three sets, 25-21, 11-25, and 14-16.

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.

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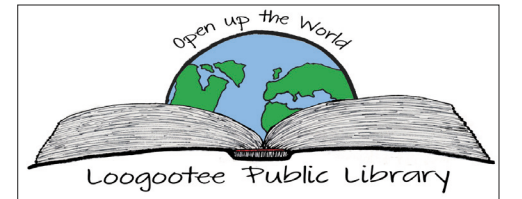
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Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 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.



BY DARLA WAGLER
Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Makenzie Wagoner will be having a Story Time and Craft at 4 p.m. on Fridays and 11 a.m. on Saturdays. On Saturday, August 28, Library Detectives program is for kids ages 8 and up. Look on the library Facebook page for calendar of events or stop by and pick one up.

Teresa Crim Haag will be at the library for a book signing on Monday, August 23 at 6 p.m. Teresa will have a few of her book "Innocent Betrayals" available to purchase.

Recently, I visited Mackinac Island, Michigan and bought some children's books that tell about the island. "A Grand Hotel" by Mary Jane Barnwell is autographed by the author. Ms. Barnwell wrote "To Loogootee Public Library Kids, we hope you can visit Mackinac Island someday".

If the COVID cases keep increasing and Martin County slips into the red category, we will go back to requiring masks inside the library and limiting how many patrons can be in the building.

New Books:

Mystery: "Bloodless" by Preston & Child, "Viral" by Robin Cook, "Another Kind of Eden" by James Lee Burke, and "The Noise" by James Patterson.

Fiction: "Complications" by Danielle Steel.

Inspirational Fiction: "Prime Directive" by Davis Bunn and "To Write a Wrong" by Jen Turano.

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

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser,
Purdue University Master Gardener

Last week, we looked at planting now for fall gardens, both in the vegetable plot and among ornamentals. The waning days of summer are also a good time to plant seeds of biennials and perennials for future flowers.

Biennials are plants that have a two-year life cycle. The first year, a biennial will sprout and grow foliage. The plant will not flower in that premier appearance. The plant will likely die back in the winter and re-emerge in the spring. During the second season, the plant will flower and set seed.

Most biennials flower in mid-summer and set seed late in the season. Most are self-seeders, dropping those seeds to the ground, where they take root. Although not a full growing season, that period from germination until killing frost is usually enough to be the first year for the biennial and the resulting plant will flower and produce seed the following year.

Some of our most beloved cottage garden plants are biennials. The re-seeding quality accounts for the movement of these plants around the garden. Best-loved biennials include hollyhocks, Canterbury bells, forget-me-nots, foxglove, honesty (silver dollar plant), mulleins, stock, sweet Williams, poppies and wallflowers. Many vegetables are actually biennials, including cabbage, carrots, parsley and parsnips.

It is also a good time to plant seeds for perennials. Growing perennials from seed requires patience, since most take about three years to produce their first flowers. However, like biennials, this growing period until frost is enough to count as a full year and sometimes one may actually get flowers the second

growing season and by the third season, the plant is fully mature. Coneflowers and other common prairie flowers are easy perennials to grow from seeds sown in late summer. In a few years, those flowers will multiply and provide plenty of plants you can move to other areas or share with friends.

It is also time to think of seeding grass for lawns. If you have an abundance of broadleaf weeds and would prefer to have turf grass, it is time to set about killing off the weeds in the old lawn. Apply a broadleaf herbicide on a day when temperatures are no higher than 80 degrees. Give it a couple of weeks to kill off the old lawn before preparing the soil for seeding. This needs to be done early enough to allow the grass to become established and produce a good root system before the ground freezes.

If your yard is not too weedy, but could use a little more grass, you may be able to overseed the existing lawn. Remove any thatch from the lawn and rake in some compost. Spread the seed evenly over the lawn, making passes at right angles to ensure good coverage. Be sure to keep the area well-watered to get your lawn off to a good start.

The green light has been given to feed the birds again in most counties of southern Indiana. Clean your feeders well with a bleach-water solution before putting them back up. Some experts are recommending cleaning hummingbird feeders each time you refill them.

As evenings start to cool, spending a little time in the gardens watching the birds is a wonderful way to end the day. Enjoy these fleeting days of summer.

COVID-19 grants available for specialty crop growers open September 1

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA), beginning September 1, will seek project proposals from Indiana's specialty crop industry for funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Specialty Crop Block Grant Program. This special round of funding is provided by congressional COVID-19 stimulus funding. Eligible projects must provide industry relief for the impact of COVID-19 and enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops in Indiana, defined as fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, horticulture and nursery crops.

"This additional funding is a welcomed surprise from USDA for our specialty crop growers," said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch. "I am looking forward to this agriculture sector advancing research, market development, education and training as well as seeing how this industry will best mitigate COVID-19 risks."

The USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant Program offers federal funding annually to the state departments of agriculture to support their specialty crop industries. USDA has allocated an additional \$644,100 to Indiana for this program this year.

Applicants can include non-profit and for-profit organizations, governments and public or private colleges and universities. Special consideration will be given to non-traditional applicant organizations, such as local non-profit and for-profit organizations and governments. Funding will not be awarded to projects that benefit a particular commercial product, or provide a profit to a single organization, institution or individual.

Projects should explain how they will

relieve an impact of COVID-19 on the specialty crop industry and identify at least one expected measurable outcome that specifically demonstrates the project's impact on enhancing the competitiveness of eligible specialty crops. Applicants are encouraged to develop projects focused on issues such as enhancing food safety, pest and disease control, increasing organic production practices and sustainable growing methods, and developing local and regional food systems. Additional scoring points will be awarded to projects that benefit beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers.

ISDA's funding priority will focus on three main areas:

Funding Area I: Market Enhancement
Funding Area II: Access, Education and Training
Funding Area III: Research

"Indiana's specialty crop sector is significant for our agriculture industry and this additional funding is a great opportunity for specialty crop growers," said ISDA Director Bruce Kettler. "I would encourage anyone interested to apply and leverage this generous opportunity."

Applications open on September 1, 2021 and are due by 11:59 p.m. ET on October 7, 2021. Proposals must be submitted online through the Indiana State Department of Agriculture's Grants Management System.

For more information and the solicitation click www.in.gov/isda/grants-and-funding-opportunities/. For a full list of eligible specialty crops please visit www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/scbgrp/specialty-crop

Crop report takeaway: 'Indiana crop production doing very well'

BY ABBY LEEDS
and MAUREEN MANIER
Purdue University News Service

Purdue College of Agriculture and Extension and United States Department of Agriculture experts gathered at the Indiana State Fair on Thursday, August 12 to discuss the results of the 2021 USDA crop report and the current status of Indiana's major cash crops.

Jason Henderson, director of Purdue Extension and senior associate dean of the Purdue College of Agriculture, moderated the discussion among panelists. Panelists were Nathaniel Warenski, state statistician of the USDA, NASS, Indiana field office; Dan Quinn, Purdue assistant professor of agronomy and new extension corn specialist; Shaun Casteel, Purdue associate professor of agronomy and extension soybean and small grains specialist; Beth Hall, Indiana State Climatologist; and Jim Mintert, Purdue professor of agricultural economics and director of the Purdue Center for Commercial Agriculture.

Indiana corn production is forecasted to reach 1.02 billion bushels this year, which would be a 3.7 percent increase from 2020 production. The expected yield is up 3.7 percent from 2020 at 194 bushels per acre. As of Aug. 1, corn condition was rated 76 percent good to excellent.

"Indiana corn looks good to great, and we hope to keep this trend to finish strong. A few things that stood out to me include disease, specifically tar spot and

corn rust, and past saturated conditions that could potentially impact the yield," Quinn said.

Soybean yield is projected to reach 60 bushels per acre, compared to 58 bushels per acre in 2020. As of August 1, soybean condition was rated 72 percent good to excellent.

"In terms of the soybeans, this season has been anything but normal. We've had wet and drought conditions, affecting the root systems and causing disease. The next 35 days are critical for yield development," Casteel said.

The panel also discussed the crop market, trade and potential impacts from wildfires.

"We have started seeing some of the impacts of the wildfires, including traveling smoke, which is effective at blocking sunlight," Hall said.

Mintert said, "Today's report was a bit of surprise when looking at USDA estimates versus trade. This will be a very positive crop year in terms of income and does lead us to expect positive impacts on cash-rent."

Henderson ended the discussion by observing: "The main takeaway from this report is that Indiana crop production is doing very well. Other areas of the nation weren't so fortunate, which will potentially open up market opportunities for Indiana farmers."

The USDA August Crop Report is available online at <https://downloads.usda.library.cornell.edu/usda-esmis/files/tm70mv177/ks65j987z/s1785k223/crop0821.pdf>.

76 counties can resume feeding birds

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources announced that Hoosiers in 76 counties across the state can resume feeding birds but asks that residents of the remaining counties keep their feeders down while the investigation into what is killing songbirds continues.

DNR recommended a statewide moratorium on bird feeding on June 25 to slow the spread of a still-undetermined illness that is killing birds across the state. Hoosiers answered the call, removing feeders, cleaning birdbaths, and submitting more than 3,400 reports of sick or dead birds. DNR biologists believe there to be more than 500 cases in 72 counties that involve a very specific set of clinical signs (crusty eyes, eye discharge, and/or neurological issues).

Based on the data, it appears that the bird illness is consistently affecting specific areas. There is no imminent threat to people, the population of specific bird species, or to the overall population of birds in Indiana.

DNR recommends that residents of the following counties continue to re-

frain from feeding birds: Allen, Carroll, Clark, Floyd, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Lake, Marion, Monroe, Morgan, Porter, St. Joseph, Tippecanoe, Whitley.

Residents of other counties may again put out their feeders. Seed and suet feeders should be cleaned at least once every two weeks by scrubbing feeders with soap and water, followed by a short soak in a 10 percent bleach solution. Feeders should be thoroughly rinsed and dried before being filled with birdseed. Hummingbird feeders should be cleaned at least one a week with a 10 percent bleach solution and rinsed thoroughly.

The USGS National Wildlife Health Center's avian disease experts are working to determine the cause of this disease outbreak. Indiana will continue to support the effort by providing samples to the laboratory.

If you see a sick or dead bird with the above symptoms, report it at on.IN.gov/sickwildlife. Reports help DNR staff continue to track this outbreak.

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This event is dedicated to the memory of Clifford Lannan and Mike Burris.

Local Tri Kappa members attend State Convention

The 64th State Convention of Tri Kappa was recently held at the Indianapolis Marriott East. Council President Chris Klus presided with members of the Gary Merrillville, Winfield Beta Rho chapter acting as hostesses.

Representing the Loogootee-Shoals Chapter were Katie Milligan, Delegate and Pam Loughmiller, Alternate. Others who attended were Samantha Nelson and Audrey Robinson.

Several business sessions were held during the three-day meeting. There were informative and historical exhibits demonstrating Tri Kappa's work throughout the state. The Fine Arts winners from province were on display.

Tri Kappa's Philanthropy Committee continues to support Riley Hospital, including the Riley Children's Foundation, Riley Cheer Guild, HANDS in Autism and a program that supplies loaner hearing aids to severely hearing-impaired children.

The scholarship committee reported that local, province, and state scholarships total almost \$650,000 annually for Indiana students.

The mental health committee donated more than \$16,000 to organizations to promote mental health needs of children and adults. Donations were made to the following organizations: Alzheimer's Association, Best Buddies, Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Junior Mental Health Association, Mental Health America Indiana, Prevent Child Abuse, National Alliance on Mental Health and Special Olympics.

The memorial fund donated more than \$20,000 to local universities to help students with unexpected financial and personal hardships.

The Fine Arts committee has been actively involved in the Hoosier Salon since it was organized in 1926. The Tri Kappa Art collection is on display at the Logan Library at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute. The committee also presents art and music scholarships every spring.

The gifted and talented committee has donated \$11,300 to various programs including the Indiana Bar "We the People" enrichment program, the Indiana Academy for Science, Math & Humanities and Purdue University's Gifted & Talented Educational program.

Friday night dinner guests were entertained with a humorous skit by the province officers and a fun game of Parliamentary Bingo. On Saturday evening, the band "Hit Locker" entertained members while they danced the night away.

The council officers for the 2021-2023 term were installed. They are Janet Perry of Paoli Delta, President; Laurie Bloom of Kendallville Alpha Associate, Vice President; Valerie Murphy of Kentland Epsilon Iota, Secretary; Heather Nacke of Logansport Alpha Mu, Treasurer. The Adviser will be Chris Klus of the Gary, Merrillville Winfield Beta Rho chapter.

Tri Kappa is a statewide philanthropic

organization known for its work in charity, culture, and education. It has approximately 7,351 members in 143 active and 98 associate chapters throughout the State of Indiana.

The Loogootee-Shoals Chapter was established in 1941 and now has 41 members. Its projects are Loogootee High School Top Ten High School Awards Dinner; Civil Service/Service Baskets; College Care Packages; Fleece Blankets and Kids in Chalk.

Donations in the local community are made to Loogootee High School and Shoals High School scholarships; LHS and SHS Valedictorian and Salutatorian Awards; LHS Art Department; LHS Band; LHS Senior Trip; LHS Library; LHS Choral Dept; LHS Musical; Loogootee Elementary Library; LHS Life Skills; Youth First; LHS & SHS Post Prom; Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts; Summerfest; Parades; Martin County Community Foundation; Martin County 4-H Council; MC 4H Dress Review/Grand Champion Awards; Loogootee Public Library; Martin County Humane Society; Martin County Museum; Martin County SOAR; Red Door Industries; Royal Family Kids Camp for Martin County Foster Child; Pregnancy Resource Center; Lincoln Amphitheater; Cops for Kids; and Shawnee Summer Theater.

Right to Life Banquet set for October 14

The local Right to Life organizations announced the Annual Right to Life Banquet will be held Thursday October 14, at 6:30 p.m. at the Simon J. Graber Building, south of Odon. For ticket information, contact any Right to Life member or call 812-486-3658. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students/children. Because of road construction, County Road 900 East, north of Cannelburg, is closed to local traffic. For additional information on travel to the banquet, go to www.daviesscountyrtl.com for suggested routes.

The speaker for the evening will be Kena Robling of Jasper. When Kena was a senior in high school, she had an abortion and that decision she has regretted to this day. Kena was just 18 years of age when she became pregnant and was talked into having an abortion. She did not think she had another option. Kena's says her life went from bad to worse after the abortion and never fully recovered until God came into her life. Her life turned around and she now looks forward to each day.

The banquet will also honor an adoptive family and the 2021 Pro-Life Award will also be presented. For information on the banquet, call 812-486-3658.



KENA ROBLING



North Daviess Class of 1981 reunion

-Photo provided

The North Daviess High School Class of 1981 kicked off their 40th Class Reunion weekend celebration on Friday, August 6 on the outdoor patio at Mi Pueblo, a dinner on Saturday, August 7 at Stoll's Lakeview, followed by an outdoor party at Tammy Lynn Burton's home. Classmates also enjoyed a family cook-out on Sunday, August 8 at Jane Porter Holder's home. Door prizes were won by Dave Brower (most grandchildren), Tammie Miley (living closest to NDHS), Tammy Burton (married the longest), Stan Summers (youngest grandchild), Chris Beasley (first to have all kids married), and Beth Hinkle (newest mother/father-in-law). The class shared fond memories of the classmates lost since 1981 - Charlie Burkhart, Tina Church, Marlina Clark, Don Fish, Dena Holland, Kim Keith, Roger Moore and Kevin Webster. They plan on getting together in again in 2026 to celebrate their 45th Class Reunion. In the front row, from left to right, are Ted Rusk, Kevin Latimer, Jim Franklin, Hubie Holland, and Beth Malone Hinkle. In the second row are Cheryl Waltz Walker, Becky Arford Chestnut, Tammy Lynn Burton, Gloria Sterling McCoy, Chris Borter Beasley, and Jane Porter Holder. In the third row are Bonnie Manning Jones, Terri Williams Kelson, Lisa Wittmer Gray, Lori Englehart Morrison, Norman Swartzentruber, and Tammie Chambers Miley. In the fourth row are Steve Swartzentruber, John Abrams, Lori Lengacher Mann, Randy Swartzentruber, Dave Brower, Doug Kutch, Kris Kohlman, Stan Summers, and Steve Myers.

Chamber of commerce holds monthly meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce met July 21 at The Loogootee Public Library. Present for the meeting were representatives from the following businesses: Hollie's Eats & Treats-Theresa Abney, City of Loogootee-Noel Harty, Martin County Alliance-Angie Risacher, RTC Communications-Becky Smith, KCARC-Cierra McCain, Amy O'Dell and Keith Peacock; Loogootee Public Library-Darla Wagler, Congressman Buechson's Office-Donna Lashley, MHHCC-Meredith Voegerl, Daviess Community Hospital-Angie Steiner, West Boggs Park-Jameson Hibbs, Crane Credit Union-Sherry Wade, MCF-Curt Johnson, Graber Realty Group-Adam Graber, Bramble Consulting-Darlene Ridgway, Martin County Tourism Council-Chrystin Maschino, WorkOne South Central-Linda Eslinger, German American Bank-David Stowers and Rita Denson, Loughmiller Machine-Pam Loughmiller, and Martin County Chamber of Commerce-Mikki Bradley.

The treasurer's report for July was given by Sherry Wade. Angie Steiner made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Theresa Abney seconded with all in favor. The motion passed.

The secretary's report was given by Mikki Bradley. The report was emailed out in August. Abney made a motion to accept the minutes, Jameson Hibbs seconded the motion, and all were in favor. The motion passed.

Guest speaker Cierra McCain provided the short program. Cierra provided a presentation for KCARC. Amy O'Dell and Keith Peacock were available to answer questions. Cierra is originally from Texas and recently started at KCARC. KCARC has maintained a contract with the US Armed Forces since 2009 and just started a fourth contract sewing a thermal pullover shirt. The Loogootee location produces over 50 percent of items for the Armed Forces. They sew approximately 33,000 shirts a month. They are currently hiring and do accommodate for employees with disabilities. You can schedule a tour of the facilities or sign up for their newsletter by contacting Cierra at cierra.mccain@knoxcountyarc.com.

The Summerfest and Catfish festivals were a success this year. A big thank you to all involved.

The Broadband Summit, Wednesday, June 23, at the Martin County Community Building was very well attended and highly informative. Representatives from area broadband companies were there to provide scheduled timelines for fiber installation. ROI provided studies and surveys that showed Martin County needs growth in housing and broadband. Results showed 13.1 percent of Martin County does not get 25.3 megabytes per second. Everyone is encouraged to take the surveys to ensure a more accurate coverage map. The FCC map is inadequate and to make sure areas are getting grant monies for areas that really need it your participation is needed. Martin County has an extremely high concentration of phone usage for internet. FCC says Martin County has too many above average salaries due to Crane numbers skewing actual salaries. RTC Communications have a survey on their website you can complete so they can track more concentration of interest in a specific area.

The small business grant application timeline has expired. There were 77 businesses that applied and 30 slots available.

There was a groundbreaking for RTC Communications on July 19 at the Loogootee Municipal Building. A public announcement was made, and a map of the new service areas was released.

The Loogootee Farmer's Market is the second and fourth weekend each month. It continues to attract new vendors.

Upcoming events:

West Boggs Park will be hosting their Summer Music Series August 21 with three bands performing.

The Loogootee Public Library will have a book signing with author Teresa Crim Haag Monday, August 23, 6-7:30 p.m.

Theresa Abney made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sherry Wade, with all in favor.

The next chamber meeting will be Wednesday, August 18 at noon at Bo-Mac's in Shoals.



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