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Judge to county council: Do your job

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Martin County Council held two days of budget hearings where they were tasked with cutting \$400,000-\$500,000 from next year's general fund and \$250,000 from the CEDIT (County Economic Development Income Tax) fund. Council Member Warren Albright arrived at the budget hearings a few hours after they started.

One of the first to present their budget on Monday morning was Judge Lynne Ellis. After learning the amount that needed to be cut, Judge Ellis told the council that she finds it difficult to do a budget when there is not enough money to cover the things she needs. She provided the council with a breakdown of what money the circuit court brings in. "How come we are so short of money?" she asked. "As a member of the community and a department head, can we bring in more money?"

Council Member Randy Wininger said the council just cuts what the department of local government finance says they have to cut and asked the auditor if that was correct.

Auditor Bobbie Abel said that the department of local government finance doesn't tell the county how much they need to cut; they rely on the county council to present a budget based on the amount of revenue coming in. She said that if there is more going out than coming in, the budget has to be cut so it breaks even.

Judge Ellis said she has been coming to meetings as judge for nine or 10 years and every year it's cut, cut, cut. "Are we doing anything to bring in more income to the county?"

Ellis went on to say that she is frustrated as a resident because she has lived in the same house for 30 years and she doesn't have a decent road to drive on. "You're on me all the time, you don't pay my people what they should be paid because we don't have

One-vehicle accident kills Martin County man

At approximately 8:49 p.m. on Monday, August 5, the Martin County Sheriff's Office received multiple emergency calls advising of a single-vehicle accident on US Highway 50, just east of Shoals. Deputy John Wright, Shoals Fire Department, Martin County Ambulance and Martin County Coroner's Office responded to the crash.

The pick-up truck was traveling westbound on US Highway 50 when, for unknown reasons, it went off the north side of the roadway striking a road sign. The vehicle then came to rest on the south side of the roadway in a ditch after crossing the eastbound lane of Highway 50 where it caught fire.

The driver of the vehicle, Grady Key, 22, of Shoals, was pronounced deceased at the scene by Martin County Coroner's Office.

This accident remains under investigation by the Martin County Sheriff's Office.

any money," she said. She asked again what the council is doing to make money for the county. She said she brings in \$30,000 to \$50,000 to help the county so she is doing her part.

She asked Council Member Sherri Bowling what she was doing. Bowling replied that she is still learning. Judge Ellis replied that Bowling should know what needs to be done if she is sitting on the council and is at budget hearings. "You should know that. That's your job," she said.

"What do you want us to do?" asked Council Member Buck Stiles.

"I want you guys to do your job," replied Judge Ellis. "And to figure out how you are going to bring in more money."

"That's not our place to figure out," replied Stiles.

"Yes, it is, you are council," said Judge Ellis. "You're in charge of our money, that's your job as council, to make sure the county runs appropriately." She went on to say that if they have to raise taxes, add a wheel tax, or do whatever needs to be done to bring in more revenue, it's their job. "I don't know why you think it's not," she said.

She said that it was suggested a few years ago to have the county evaluate taxes each year to possibly plan for small incremental increases, if needed. She said nothing was ever done. Council Member Barb McFeaters said it was a suggestion, but it wasn't someone on the council who suggested it, the department heads suggested it. Judge Ellis replied that it doesn't matter who suggested it, it was the council's job to evaluate the tax revenue and adjust it if needed.

Ellis also told the council that she suggested finding grant writers. "Did anyone try to look at that?" she asked and then answered for the council saying "no".

Council Member Stiles said Esolve Solutions is working on a grant now for money from Eli Lily but it can only be spent on certain things.

Judge Ellis asked the council if they have looked into getting grant writer who receives a percentage of each grant that is awarded. She said if they would be awarded \$100,000, that's \$50,000 for the county. "A percentage of zero is zero," she said. "There's all kinds of grants out there."

She said she will be livid if the county doesn't get the Community Crossings grant. She said that the county received nothing last year and lost \$750,000 this year. She asked if the council hired a

Martin County launches new government website

Martin County has launched a website for Martin County Government. You can find an array of information pertaining to Martin County and the government offices through the new website. The funding for this project was provided by Tim Kinder and the Martin County Alliance. The site can be viewed at <https://martincountyindiana.com/>.



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Extension Educator Dena Held, front center, and supporters of Martin County 4-H talked to the Martin County Council during budget hearings on Monday afternoon. In the front, are Kristi Ausbrooks, Dena Held and Julinda Adams, presenting on behalf of 4-H and the Extension Office. From left to right, around the table, are Council Members Warren Albright, Keith Gibson, Sherri Bowling, Randy Wininger, and Richard Summers, Auditor Bobbie Abel, and Council Members Buck Stiles and Barb McFeaters.

Sheriff wants new security camera system for jail

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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Sheriff Travis Roush talked to the Martin County Council at their meeting Monday morning, August 5, about a new surveillance system for the jail. Jail Commander Josh Brulla explained that he has spent the last 5 months trying to get quotes from various companies. He was only able to get two quotes, however. Those quotes were from Koorsen and Area One Protection.

Sheriff Roush said he isn't sure how old the current camera system is in the jail, but he knows it is at least 10 years old. A jail inspection is planned for Friday and the camera system was noted in the last jail inspection. The sheriff said he would like to show they are moving forward with getting it replaced.

The cost from Area One is \$45,000 and the cost from Koorsen is \$39,000. Jail Commander Brulla recommended going with Area One because the camera system offered is higher quality for not much more.

It was noted that due to the current camera system, some areas of the jail are not covered, and the sheriff said some inmates figure that out pretty quickly. The new system will provide two cameras per cell and cover all areas. They can also provide sound for an additional \$50 per camera. The cameras will be accessible remotely and have more storage. The current camera system can only store two weeks of data. The sheriff said they expect the new system to go up to 90 days which will help in cases of incidents in the jail that were not reported right away.

When asked if there would be a monthly charge for the new surveillance equipment, Brulla replied that there is no monthly charge that he is aware of. He said there may be charges if a service call is needed but not for a

monthly maintenance fee.

The council made no decision on whether to purchase the cameras as the additional appropriation has to be advertised. It will be voted on in their September meeting.

The sheriff requested that a few members of the council be appointed to the committee for the jail remodel. Council Member Buck Stiles questioned why the project was going forward without council approval. He said from what he is reading and hearing, the jail remodel was a done deal. He added that he doesn't consider it a remodel, he considers it an expansion since more beds will be added.

Sheriff Roush said he will go on the record now saying the remodel project is not a done deal. He said this was the point of forming a committee to discuss the project. He told Stiles that the project is a remodel or repurposing of the current indoor recreation area, there is nothing being added on to the jail. He said the purpose of the remodel is to be able to take in more out of county inmates to generate revenue for the county.

Stiles expressed concern that the out of county inmates are never a guarantee and the state could decide that marijuana is legalized and release any inmate housed for a marijuana violation. He said a number of changes could be made at the federal level that could affect the number of inmates in Vigo County which would then affect Martin County.

The sheriff said he doesn't see that happening at the state level but regardless wanted input from the public before moving forward with the project. He again noted that if the project is not financially feasible, it can be scrapped.

The council approved Council Members Barb McFeaters and Richard Summers to serve on the jail remodel committee.

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BUDGET HEARINGS

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different company this time to write the grant. Some council members responded that no, it's the same company. Ellis asked why. Council Member Randy Winger said the county highway department hires the companies. Ellis disagreed saying the council is the one that pays for the services, since they hold the purse strings.

"I think people in Martin County have reached a point where they are real tired of getting nothing for nothing," said Judge Ellis.

Ellis went on to say that she came into budget hearings hoping to see where the money is coming from and why she has to cut from her budget when she doesn't ask for anything more than what she needs. She said she has jumped through hoops for the council for years and this is why she doesn't attend their meetings.

Council Member Rich Summers asked the judge where the money goes that the circuit court takes in.

"I don't know, that's your job," replied Ellis. "You should already know that, Rich."

"It should be going in the general," said Summers.

"Well, you should know that, it's your job, we are here for budget hearings," replied Ellis.

"You guys have a job to do and Martin County is falling behind," Ellis went on. "It's your responsibility to make sure that we can do what we need to do to survive."

"I've got to go," said Ellis adding that if the county wanted to cut her entire \$100,000 budget they were welcome to. "Cut it all, it makes no difference to me," she said. She added as she was leaving that if she needs money the council will get an additional appropriation letter.

After the judge left, Council Member Stiles asked Auditor Abel to explain to him the possibility of surplus funds being left over at the end of the year and if that money could be used to help pay bills. The auditor said it could but if the surplus is not there, they cannot pay the bills and they won't know until the end of the year.

Stiles said it would be nice to have a budget printout like the auditor had and if he had that, he may be doing his job as the judge says. Auditor Abel replied that nothing is stopping Stiles from coming to her office and getting a copy of the budgets.

The council expressed concern with the massive amount of charges related to telephone usage, throughout all departments. Council Member Buck Stiles said that prior to the budget hearings, he added up the phone charges just in the circuit court and it was more than \$10,000. It was noted that other departments each had thousands toward phone lines.

Auditor Bobbie Abel said she is working on getting the phone situation fixed. She is looking into getting a 23-line rolling system. She doesn't know how much it will cost, but the goal is to get one bill for the entire courthouse instead of different bills for every office.

At the end of day one of the hearings, the council had cut \$212,000, with minor cuts from the circuit court, probation, the sheriff's department and the prosecutor.

Starting with the commissioners' budget on Tuesday morning, August 6, the council cut \$15,000 from the insurance opt out fund saying they would figure out how to pay the estimated \$24,000 that will most likely still be needed before the end of 2020, when the time comes. They cut the court-

house repair projects fund by \$50,000. Commissioner Paul George said the sidewalk around the courthouse needed to be repaired before someone was seriously injured and the front doors of the courthouse are leaking water into the basement when it rains so those will need repaired. He told them to take the \$50,000 away and they would get done what they could with the remaining \$25,000.

The council spent a bit of time discussing whether to give the Martin County Community Foundation \$4,000 as they have since its inception. Commissioner Dan Gregory, who also serves on the foundation board, said he may zero that out next year, but he doesn't feel the foundation is self-sustaining to date and would like to continue receiving the \$4,000.

Council Member Buck Stiles recommended giving the foundation zero, saying that taxpayers should not be required to give to the foundation, and they can donate if they want to.

Council Member Barb McFeaters said the foundation has done a lot for the community and for the community's youth and there are several organizations that receive funds from the county council and also receive donations from the community.

In the end, the council decided to cut the money to the foundation by \$1,000 giving them \$3,000.

Commissioner Dan Gregory said the TIF (tax increment financing) fund has around \$400,000 saved. He wanted the council to know that the redevelopment commission plans to use some of that money to help the Town of Crane with infrastructure projects since they are losing tax revenue from WestGate, due to an allocation error.

After the commissioners' budget was complete, the council had made a total of \$391,250 in cuts.

After a few more cuts from various departments, the council ended with \$398,900 for both days from the general fund.

The highway superintendent secretary Terri Alcorn made the \$130,000 cuts needed for the highway department prior to the budget hearings. The council approved all her recommended cuts.

The health department requested a five percent increase to their budget due to moving to their new building and now having to pay utilities. Utilities were included in their rent at the former building. The council approved.

Coroner Tina Franklin and Deputy Coroner Mark Franklin requested

SHERIFF

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The council approved \$68,000 in additional money from the general fund for the circuit court for public defender fees. They also approved \$15,000 for the coroner for autopsies. Deputy Coroner Mark Franklin said that the state has mandated that an autopsy be done for any death suspected to be an overdose. They have spent \$18,000 so far this year on autopsies, for nine people.

Highway Clerk Terri Alcorn told the council that they will be coming forward with a transfer request for equipment repairs. She said they have sent out five pieces of equipment recently that could not be repaired in house. She wanted the council to know that this would be coming next month.

The council approved \$1,600 for the auditor's office to upgrade their front desk computer and public computer. Some of the money for the upgrades will come from the auditor's budget.

hiring another deputy. They currently have four deputies, but all work other jobs and they provide the county with 24 hour coverage if a coroner is needed. Tina Franklin said this can be difficult if one of the coroners is at their other job or on vacation. They have another deputy in mind if approved. Deputies make \$500 a year and have to go to school and be licensed. The cost of the training is \$75, and the coroner's office pays for that as well. The council approved.

The final order of business was to decide if the council would be able to provide raises to county employees. Most departments put in for a five percent increase. A lengthy discussion ensued about whether a three percent increase or a 50-cent across the board raise would be more beneficial. Council Member Warren Albright said he felt the 50-cent increase was more fair to those who are lower paid in the county.

Julie Fithian, employee in the clerk's office, asked how much insurance was expected to increase next year. Auditor Abel said they are being told it would be around 15 percent. She said the county pays 90 percent of insurance premiums so the increase would be shared by both the county and the employees.

Not knowing how much would be available to give raises, in the end, the council decided to put in for 50 cents for all full-time employees and make a final decision next month during budget adoption. The raise would not include part-time employees or the county council or commissioners.

During Extension Educator Dena Held's budget review, she requested that her administrative assistant's salary be increased to be in line with other department's deputy salaries. Her current assistant is paid \$21,000 a year and works 37.5 hours per week. After the salary discussion, the council de-

cid to increase the administrative assistant's salary to \$24,756 which does not include the potential 50-cent raise if approved. This puts the employee equal to other deputy's salaries.

They also discussed the salary of Soil and Water Director Teresa Harder who is salaried at \$21,000 a year, working 32.5 hours per week. Harder also does not receive health insurance benefits. The council expressed interest in increasing her salary however didn't make a decision to do so.

The council approved the auditor's office to hire an additional part-time employee to help with the workload and \$1,500 a year to the auditor for note taking and doing the minutes for the commissioners' and county council's meetings. She has been paid roughly \$8 per meeting in the past. This would increase that to roughly \$38 per meeting if no special meetings are called throughout the year.

As far as the CEDIT budget, it was \$250,000 over budget. Auditor Bobbie Abel discovered that the ambulance contract was advertised in two areas of the budget, saving \$125,000 right away. \$75,000 more was cut from the ambulance service.

The Martin County Alliance gave up \$8,000 from their budget and the council cut \$15,000 from the housing rehab grant matching funds. Commissioner Paul George said that SIDC is currently working on that grant but if they don't have the money to do it this time around, they will just try again next year. \$10,000 was removed for repairs to the former courthouse for the Martin County Historical Society.

This left the CEDIT cuts at \$233,000 and Auditor Abel said she felt that was sufficient to get the budget passed.

All budgets will not be sent to the state for approval.

Guns, Antique Furniture and Dishes, Dolls, Knife Collection

PUBLIC AUCTION

Sunday, August 11 at 3 p.m.

Auction will be held inside the American Legion Hall, Shoals, Indiana.
Rain or shine. Air conditioned building, guns will sell at 4 p.m.

Larry was a master at building furniture that looked exactly like furniture from 1890's, early 1900's. He sold furniture to people from Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and some in California. His craftsmanship was number one. This will be your last chance to buy some of the items, special auction.

Items: Spectrum Keyboard, four beautiful Pie Safes with the tins, 1950's Drum Table, eight or ten Oak night stands and wash stands, Lady's Secretary Desk, very old; Oak filing cabinet, nice Oak cabinet, Oak antique old cupboard.

Attn: Oak step back cupboard over 7 feet tall, over 3 feet wide, this was special made for himself, have to see this one.

Items: Small oak kitchen cabinet w/flour bin Larry built, old sleds, 1930's Sellers Oak Kitchen Cabinet w/ flour bin - one of the best I have seen w/granite slide out, Oak cabinet w/top shelves.

Dolls: Porcelain Marilyn Monroe dolls, very nice; Millennium, Autumn Glory dolls

Woodworking: Sears 10 inch blade radial saw, the one he used making his furniture; 10 inch Sears miter saw, belt sanders, skill saw, drills, Sears belt and disc sander, drill press - floor model, stacked tool box, Sears tiller 5.0 HP front tine tiller, 40 or more hammers

Guns: Red Ryder BB gun, Model 37 Winchester 12-gauge single barrel - good shooting match gun; 12-gauge single barrel Iver Johnson, single-shot 20-gauge Topper Jr Classic H/R, H/R model 18-71 LLC Pardner Pump 12-gauge, very nice gun; Ithaca model 66 super single 12-gauge lever action, Henry Rifle lever action w/Simmons scope, Stevens 12-gauge double-barrel classic, nice; Black Powder pistol 44 cal., copy of Army Revolver 1851, some gun holsters, some shells.

Special Gun: One owner 20-gauge Belgian Browning automatic bought new in 1966 at Loogootee Hardware Store, shot only a few times, have to see

Classic Attn: You must have an Indiana carrying permit to buy this Heritage Rough Rider gun w/wooden handle, 22 cal. LR gun is still in box

Gun Cabinet: Larry built this cabinet to suit himself, holds 10 guns, fancy trim, solid oak, dark varnish color. This is one of the fanciest items in the auction, one of a kind, only one like it.

Items: Four or five pocket watches

Knives: Collection approximately 70 knives - Case, Remington, Buck, etc.

Glassware: All depression glass collectors we have approximately 30 pieces of pink, also green, blue and yellow. Carnival glass that stopped being made in 1972, beautiful pitcher and glasses, some Fenton, beautiful white glass, lots of misc. glassware

Rare Items: 1920s built in oak frame flour sifter that fits in wall, rare

Furniture: Maple table and four chairs w/glass inserts, curio cabinet w/lights, glider rocker, rod iron lamp made by Longaberger, 1922 oak cabinet made in Bloomington, IN.

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Obituaries

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JAMES CLINE

James Cline passed away July 30, 2019 at Eastgate Manor in Washington. A resident of Loogootee, he was 60.

He was born July 4, 1959; son of James D. Cline and the late Wanda F. (Healy) Cline.

He is survived by his loving father, James; sisters, Sheila R. (Bob) White and Kim L. Lents; nephews, Robert E. White III, Shane K. (Michelle) Wagler, and Chase A. Lents; niece, Jodi L. (Matt) Croucher; great niece, McKenzie R. White; and great nephew, Ethan C. White.

James is preceded in death by his mother, Wanda.

Condolence gifts can be sent to Gill Funeral Service at 308 E. Walnut Street Washington, Indiana 47501; or the residence of James Cline 15111 Mt. Calvery Road Loogootee, Indiana 47553.

The family would like to thank Eastgate Manor staff and Sharon Banks from Helping Hands Hospice for their kindness and support during this difficult time. Entrusted by Gill Funeral Service.

DONALD LYNCH

Donald Lee Lynch entered into eternal rest Friday, August 2, 2019, at IU Health Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. A resident of West Baden Springs, he was 82.

He was born in rural Martin County, Indiana on July 14, 1937; son of Guy Wilbur Lynch Sr. and Louisa Alice (Moore) Lynch. Don married Norma Jean Switzer on June 30, 1961 and she survives.

He was a 1956 graduate of Shoals High School and a past Chief of the West Baden Volunteer Fire Department. He was a skilled farmer, truck driver, mechanic, welder-fabricator, heavy equipment operator, and a master finish carpenter.

Don loved playing basketball, baseball and softball in his youth and was an avid bowler. A favorite pastime was pitching horseshoes with family and friends. He continued to follow all his favorite sports up to the end.

He is survived by his wife, Norma Lynch of West Baden Springs; three sons, John Lynch (Tawana) of French Lick, Tim Lynch (Marsha) of Jasper; Joe Lynch (Tara) of West Baden Springs; daughter, Donna Reynolds of West Baden Springs; 18 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Guy W. Lynch, Jr. and Claude "Duke" Lynch.

A funeral ceremony will be conducted by Brother Wayne Pendley at 11 a.m. Friday, August 9, 2019 at Brosmer-Kemple Funeral Home in French Lick. Burial will follow at Ames Chapel Cemetery.

Visitation will be Thursday, August 8 from 4-7 p.m. and from 10 a.m. until the time of service on Friday at the Brosmer-Kemple Funeral Home.

Arrangements are in the care of Brosmer-Kemple Funeral Service, 9640 W. State Road 56, French Lick, Indiana 47432. Condolences may be made on their Facebook page, Brosmer-Kemple Funeral Home or at their website, www.brosmer-kemplefuneralhome.com.

DANNY MOODY

Danny Gene Moody passed away Sunday, July 28, at his home surrounded by family. A resident of Loogootee, he was 74.



He was born April 2, 1945; son of Garnet and Elva (Gordon) Moody in Anderson.

He married the love of his life, Wanda (Marshall) Moody, on December 12, 1964, and she survives. God blessed them with five children, as well as a granddaughter to raise.

Danny graduated from Bedford High school in 1963. He then joined the Indiana National Guard and served active duty from 1963 to 1969. He enjoyed a career in skilled trades at GM in Bedford. He retired in 2001 and was able to devote more time to his favorite hobby, gunsmithing. He was an avid sportsman and skilled hunter. He loved spending time in the woods, out fishing, going to races, or on the shooting range with his family and friends.

He was a Master Mason for 44 years and belonged to the American Patriot Lodge #750 in Oolitic.

Danny accepted Jesus as his Savior on March 9, 1980 at East Oolitic Baptist church, where he was later ordained as a minister. His greatest accomplishment and passion in life was studying God's Word and sharing the good news of the gospel with others. He gave all glory to

God for allowing him to touch lives and introduce many people to Jesus.

Danny is survived by his wife of 54 years, Wanda of Loogootee; and children, Danny Moody Jr. and daughter-in-law, Pam, of Bedford; Susan Moody of Mosheim, Tennessee; Pamela Moody of Johnson City, Tennessee; Amy Grafton and son-in-law, Andrew, of Loogootee; and granddaughter, Abigail Moody of Nashville, Tennessee. Also surviving are eight grandchildren, David, Timothy, Kyle, Kody, Micah, Alyssa, Brittany, and Jean-Claude; 15 great-grandchildren and two on the way; sisters-in-law, Sonnie Moody of Bedford and Jeannie Moody of Mitchell; many nieces and nephews; and his faithful canine companion, Mugsey.

He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter, Kim Gearlds; grandson, Sheldon Gearlds; granddaughter, Amanda Grafton; his brothers, Maurice and Gale Moody, and Dale Moody in infancy.

The family would like to acknowledge Tony Holt, FNP; Jonathan Cropp, FNP and staff Carla, Donna, and Retha; and the Heart-to-Heart Hospice team for taking such good care of Danny. Your care and compassion had a great impact on his life.

A service of Masonic Rite will be conducted at the American Patriot Lodge #750, 103 Hoosier Avenue, in Oolitic on Friday, August 9 at 7 p.m., with a dinner preceding at 6 p.m. Family and friends are welcome to attend. Chastain Funeral Home & Cremation Center in Mitchell is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.chastainfuneralhome.com.

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Positions: Varsity Dance Coach

Location: Shoals High School

Job Expectations/Qualifications: Our dance coach will be able to do the following tasks

1. Be knowledgeable on all aspects of Dance
2. Create an environment of positivity and support for our athletes and our programs
3. Plan and lead a team based programs and routines
4. Be present, with team at home Varsity/Junior Varsity Boys Basketball Game
5. Schedule practices around events
6. Work fundraising events through athletic department
7. Communicate with parents about events and AD about all aspects of team
8. Create and enforce team expectations in a positive manner
9. Model professional behavior both with the team and within the community.

Compensation: Stipend position

Apply To: Bryson Abel & Danielle Cornett- Athletic Directors; Shoals Community Schools, 7900 US HWY 50, Shoals, IN-47581; (812)-247-2090, athletics@shoals.k12.in.us. Include Letter of Interest, Resume and Non-Certified Application

Closing Date: Until filled.

ANIMAL SHELTER *Pet of the Week*



ROSCOE is a male lab mix, large, high energy, 1.5 years old. He is neutered, up to date on shots, heartworm and Lyme negative and microchipped. The Martin County Humane Society Animal Shelter is located at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. For info visit www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, JULY 29

8:59 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

10:12 a.m. - Major Keller responded to a medical alarm in Loogootee.

10:28 a.m. - Received a report of a scam in Shoals. Major Keller responded.

12:15 p.m. - Loogootee Captain Hennessee assisted with a custody exchange in Loogootee.

12:32 p.m. - Martin County Ambulance assisted with a medical request in Shoals.

12:59 p.m. - Major Keller responded to a minor vehicle accident in Shoals.

1:45 p.m. - Loogootee Captain Hennessee assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

2:25 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle in Shoals. Major Keller and Shoals Fire responded.

3:29 p.m. - Deputy Lents performed a welfare check in Shoals. Everything checked out okay.

3:32 p.m. - Received a report of a small tree across the road in Shoals. Shoals Fire responded and removed the tree.

3:34 p.m. - Received a report of a tree on a power line at Hindostan. REMC and Martin Co. Highway responded.

4:30 p.m. - Deputy Lents performed a boat identification check in Shoals.

4:41 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person near Shoals. Deputy Lents responded. Everything checked out okay.

5:44 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

5:56 p.m. - Received a report of a large limb in the road in Shoals. Shoals Fire responded and removed the tree.

8:23 p.m. - Deputy Lents performed a vehicle unlock in Loogootee.

11:00 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Norris and Corporal Reed responded.

TUESDAY, JULY 30

2:11 a.m. - Martin County Ambulance and Corporal Reed responded to a medical alarm in Shoals.

5:20 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Corporal Reed and Martin County Ambulance responded.

8:00 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious car in Shoals. Major Keller responded. Everything checked out okay.

9:25 a.m. - Deputy Wells transported two inmates to court.

9:50 a.m. - Jail Commander Brulla transported one inmate to the doctor.

10:03 a.m. - Loogootee Captain Hennessee performed a vehicle identification check in Loogootee.

10:35 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Major Keller and Loogootee Captain Hennessee responded.

11:18 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Captain Hennessee and Major Keller responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:18 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennessee responded.

1:25 p.m. - Deputy Wells transported two inmates to court.

1:30 p.m. - Deputy Barnett assisted

with a funeral detail in Shoals.

1:50 p.m. - Loogootee Captain Hennessee performed a wellness check in Loogootee.

3:23 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

5:06 p.m. - Received a report of a harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

5:17 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee First Responders responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

5:22 p.m. - Received a request for officer assistance in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

9:03 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:21 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee First Responders responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:10 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee First Responders responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

5:10 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to St. Vincent Dunn Hospital.

6:05 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle fire in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire, Corporal Reed and Loogootee Captain Hennessee responded.

9:27 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennessee responded.

9:46 a.m. - Received a report of a panic alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennessee responded. Everything checked out okay.

9:53 a.m. - Jail Commander Brulla transported one inmate to the doctor.

10:44 a.m. - Deputy Wells transported one inmate to court.

11:30 a.m. - Deputy Wells transported one inmate to court.

1:20 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

9:25 p.m. - Received a report of an alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennessee responded. Everything checked out okay.

10:16 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

12:25 a.m. - Received a report of reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

5:38 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle accident in Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded.

7:53 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

9:44 a.m. - Received a report of reckless driving in Shoals. Major Keller responded.

10:00 a.m. - Deputy Barnett took two inmates to court.

11:00 a.m. - Deputy Barnett took two

inmates to court.

1:06 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving near Shoals. Major Keller responded.

2:04 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving near Shoals. Major Keller responded.

2:21 p.m. - Deputy Barnett took one inmate to court.

2:25 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennessee responded.

2:40 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle accident in Shoals. Major Keller and Martin County Ambulance responded.

3:58 p.m. - Received a report of a tree limb across a road in Shoals. Shoals Fire responded and removed the limb.

5:19 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle near Shoals. Reserve Deputy Harmon and Deputy Wright responded.

5:49 p.m. - Received a report of a hay bale in the roadway on US 231, south of Loogootee. Deputy Wright responded.

7:25 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Office Hughett was notified.

10:48 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious male in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded. Everything checked out okay.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

8:00 a.m. - Received a report of cows in the roadway on State Road 450, north of Shoals. Deputy Wright responded.

9:00 a.m. - Jail Officer Shaw took one inmate to the doctor.

10:30 a.m. - Deputy Barnett took one inmate to court.

11:07 a.m. - Deputy Wells completed two vehicle identification checks.

1:10 p.m. - Received a report of loitering at McDonald's in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennessee responded.

1:15 p.m. - Jail Officer Shaw took one inmate to the doctor.

3:42 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

4:26 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

6:23 p.m. - Deputy Wells performed a vehicle unlock in Shoals.

8:12 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded. Everything checked out okay.

9:00 p.m. - Deputy Wells performed a vehicle unlock in Loogootee.

11:26 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Loogootee. Deputy Seymour responded.

11:32 p.m. - Loogootee Officer McBeth responded to an alarm in Loogootee. Everything checked out okay.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

2:29 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

2:48 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn in Shoals.

3:17 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

3:22 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin Co. Ambulance and Haysville Fire responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:34 p.m. - Received a report of chil-

dren driving a golf cart in Shoals. Deputy Barnett responded.

6:25 p.m. - Received a report of a water accident at Hindostan. Indiana Conservation Officers, Martin County Ambulance, Deputy Barnett and Shoals Fire responded.

6:38 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Crane. ISP Troopers responded.

7:05 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

8:03 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

11:19 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident, south of Loogootee. Deputy Seymour responded.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

12:14 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded.

7:12 a.m. - Received a report of an accident west of Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennessee responded.

7:17 a.m. - Received a report of a disoriented male in Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded and transported subject back home.

8:46 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded.

12:33 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

2:28 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennessee responded.

5:38 p.m. - Martin County Ambulance responded to a private call in Loogootee.

6:48 p.m. - Deputy Wells performed a vehicle identification check.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, JULY 29

4:27 p.m. - Dawson Hicks, 20, of Springville, was arrested by Lawrence County and charged on a Martin County warrant for theft. He is being held on a \$25,000/10% bond.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

12:19 a.m. - Danielle Sanders, 26, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Nolan and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment-passenger less than 18 years of age. She is being held on a \$25,000/10% bond.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

10:03 p.m. - Paul Smith, 65, of Loogootee, was arrested by Reserve Deputy Greene and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated with a BAC >.15. He is being held on a \$25,000/10% bond.

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COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL COURT New Charges Filed July 2

David H. Sorrells, domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Courtney E. Sutton, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Allison B. Winger, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; illegal possession of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Vanessa L. Pursell, battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor; interference with the reporting of a crime, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Nicholas R. Wathen, criminal recklessness, a Level 6 Felony.

July 8

Christina D. Stinebaugh, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

July 10

Zachary R. Kelsey, 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.

Joshua R. Hedrick, public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor.

July 12

Kevin D. Lawyer, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

July 15

Benjamin J. Shelton, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; failure to remain at the scene of an accident, a Class B Misdemeanor; open alcoholic beverage container during operation of a motor vehicle, a Class C Infraction.

Matthew C. Shultz, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Level 6 Felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Level 6 Felony.

July 17

Neil A. Samples, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

July 18

David Shane Lents, criminal mischief, a Class A Misdemeanor; criminal recklessness, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Charles E. O'Connor, theft, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Justin Ray Boyd, residential entry, a Level 6 Felony; criminal trespass, a Class A Misdemeanor; public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor.

July 23

Angela E. Chastain, resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor; disorderly conduct, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Donnie Knepp, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Thomas James Ehrman, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Kendra P. Lents, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Demetrius J. Howard, neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 Felony; visiting a common nuisance – controlled substances, Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor; operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Teresa R. Snyder, neglect of a depen-

dent, a Level 6 Felony; visiting a common nuisance – controlled substances, Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

July 24

Beau D. McDowell, intimidation, a Level 5 Felony.

July 26

Bobby L. Leighty, neglect of a dependent resulting in serious bodily injury, a Level 3 Felony; neglect of a dependent resulting in death, a Level 1 Felony.

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCING

July 11

Eman Mashouga, convicted of domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 118 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 59 actual days previously served plus 59 Class A credit days.

July 16

Ryan S. Bergman, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor; and two counts of operating while intoxicated with previous conviction within 5 years, Level 6 Felonies. Sentenced to serve 720 days with 680 days suspended and credit for 20 actual days previously served plus 20 Class A credit days. Defendant received 22 months of probation.

Breanna L. Ervin, convicted of possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor and possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 261 days suspended and credit for 52 actual days previously served plus 52 Class A credit days. Defendant received 8 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

July 16

Breanna Lei Ervin, possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; illegal possession of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Ryan S. Bergman, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

July 29

Amanda M. Watkins vs. Ryan P. Watkins, petition for dissolution of marriage.

July 30

Nutrien Ag Solutions, Inc. vs. Chris Goller, civil collection.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

August 1

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Cavalry SPV I, LLC and against the defendant Roger L. Robinson in the amount of \$2,506.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

July 12

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Crystal Huff in the amount of \$928.29.

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Martin County real estate transfers

Delbert Fellers and Shirley A. Fellers, of Martin County, Indiana to **Brent E. Fellers**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 78 in the original town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Mickey L. Bates and Cindy L. Bates, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jug Rock Land Trust, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana, 20 feet by parallel lines, off of the north side of Lot Number 11 of the original plat of Memphis, now Shoals, Indiana.

Carrie A. Spears, n/k/a Carrie Arvin, of Martin County, Indiana to **Emily Nicole Walton**, of Martin County, Indiana, the south half of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 12, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, containing 3.5 acres, more or less.

Jeffrey Dorsey, a/k/a Jeffery Dorsey, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jeffery Dorsey and Shelby Bridgewater**, of

Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 35, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 7.758 acres, more or less.

Ryan P. Wood, of Martin County, Indiana to **Charles M. Shartzter**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing .5 acre, more or less.

Timothy C. Sorrells and Cynthia G. Sorrells, d/b/a S & S Rentals, of Martin County, Indiana to **Byron Albright and Susanna R. Albright**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the east half of Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.19 acres, more or less.

President Trump is right to embrace 'red flag laws' in the wake of mass shootings, AG Curtis Hill says

Attorney General Curtis Hill on Tuesday expressed support for President Trump's embrace of "red flag laws" in the wake of recent mass shootings in Dayton, Ohio, and El Paso, Texas. Red flag laws are statutes allowing law enforcement officers to take possession of firearms from people they believe to be dangerous as defined in the statutes.

Indiana was one of the first five states in the nation to enact red flag laws, passing such a statute in 2005. Today, 17 states and the District of Columbia have such laws.

"Indiana's red flag law is a common-sense measure that in no way inhibits the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens," Attorney General Hill said. "As President Trump takes concrete actions to stop gun violence in our country, he is wise to encourage more states to adopt these kinds of provisions."

Under Indiana's law, a person is considered "dangerous" if the person presents an imminent risk of physical injury to himself or others. A person can also be considered dangerous if the person presents a potential risk of physical injury and has either been diagnosed with a mental illness and *failed to take pre-*

scribed medication, or if there is documented evidence that the person has "a propensity for violent or emotionally unstable conduct."

Indiana's law prescribes that within 14 days after a firearm is seized from a person deemed dangerous, a court hearing must be held to determine whether the firearm should be returned. To keep possession of a firearm, law enforcement officials have the burden of proving by "clear and convincing evidence" that a person is dangerous.

In an August 5 address to the nation, President Trump said, "We must make sure that those judged to pose a grave risk to public safety do not have access to firearms, and that, if they do, those firearms can be taken through rapid due process. That is why I have called for red flag laws, also known as extreme risk protection orders."

On a White House visit in February of 2018, Attorney General Hill touted the value of red flag laws in conversations with President Trump and other officials. He traveled to Washington D.C. again in March of 2018 to discuss red flag laws with U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina.



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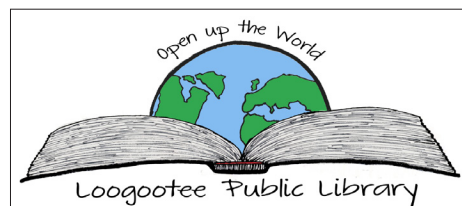
With all the bickering and fighting going on in our country, I thought the following to be worth repeating:

An old Cherokee told his grandson, "My son, there is a battle between two wolves inside us all."

"One is Evil – It is anger, jealousy, greed, resentment, inferiority, lies and ego. The other is Good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, humility, kindness, empathy, and truth."

The boy thought about it and asked, "Grandfather, which wolf wins?"

The old man quietly replied, "The one



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

I am excited that my Library Clerk Nicole Fahey has created a Loogootee High School Yearbook link on the library website. Currently, we are working on adding St. John's from 1963-1969 to the library website too. I took part in an OCI grant to have LHS and St. John's yearbooks digitized. I borrowed yearbooks from the high school library and St. John's Historical Society that we didn't have and in return had a cd made for them.

The new library building is coming along nicely. The drywall has been finished and sanding will begin this week on the inside. The LP SmartSide siding prefinished by Kline will be installed starting this week. The projected finished date is November 27, 2019

The summer reading program ended with a pool party at the Loogootee City Pool. Duane Mann, IGA, grilled hot-dogs for the kids and families that attended. We appreciate your support and grilling in ninety-degree temperatures goes above and beyond. Children's Librarian Jen Zehr did an awesome job planning a wonderful summer program. The winner of 2019 Universe of Stories program was Bradley Quinn. We used a point system and he had 718 points and won a \$100 VISA gift card.

New Books:

Mystery: "The Inn" by James Patterson, "A Dangerous Man" by Robert Crais, and "The Russia Account" by Stephen Coonts.

Nonfiction: "Forever and Ever, Amen" by Randy Travis, "Life to the Extremes" by Ty Pennington, and "Shotgun Angels" by Jay Demarcus"

Inspirational Fiction: "A Perfect Silhouette" by Judith Miller, "Vow of Justice" by Lynette Eason, "A Song of Joy" by Lauraine Snelling, "Mountains of Grace" by Kelly Irvin, and "King's Shadow" by Angela Hunt.

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

you feed."

A judge was interviewing a woman regarding her pending divorce, and asked, "What are the grounds for your divorce?"

She replied, "About four acres and a nice little home in the middle of the property with a stream running by."

"No," he said, "I mean what is the foundation of this case?"

"It is made of concrete, brick and mortar," she responded.

"I mean," he continued, "What are your relations like?"

"I have an aunt and uncle living here in town, and so do my husband's parents."

He said, "Do you have a real grudge?"

"No," she replied, "We have a two-car carport and have never really needed one."

"Please," he tried again, "Is there any infidelity in your marriage?"

"Yes, both my son and daughter have stereo sets. We don't necessarily like the music, but the answer to your questions is yes."

"Ma'am, does your husband ever beat you up?"

"Yes," she responded, "About twice a week he gets up earlier than I do."

Finally, in frustration, the judge asked, "Lady, why do you want a divorce?"

"Oh, I don't want a divorce," she replied. "I've never wanted a divorce. My husband does. He said he can't communicate with me!"

THOUGHTS

*I'm the kind of person who stares at a menu for 20 minutes and ends up choosing the same meal every single time.

*For my horsey friends: If your butt hurts at the end of a ride, your stirrups are too long. If your knees hurt, your stirrups are too short. If everything hurts, they're just right. -Tony Dant

*A tomato family is walking down the road. Baby tomato falls behind. Daddy tomato smacks him on the head and says, "Ketchup!"

*Remember when you were little you could rip off your diaper and run around naked and everyone thought it was funny? Anyway, I need bail money.

PUNS

*I saw an ad for burial plots, and thought to myself, "This is the last thing I need."

*To the mathematicians who thought of the idea of zero, thanks for nothing.

*I'm glad I know sign language. It's pretty handy.

*Most people are shocked when they find out how bad I am as an electrician.

*I ordered 2,000 lbs. of Chinese soup. It was Won Ton.

*My boss told me to have a good day. So, I went home.

*I couldn't quite remember how to throw a boomerang, but eventually it came back to me.

*I worked in the woods as a lumberjack, but I just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the ax.

Make someone smile today!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Shoals School Board special meeting

The Shoals School Board will meet in executive session on Thursday, August 8 at 5 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to receive information about and interview prospective employees. The meeting is closed to the public.

Golf Scramble

The Loogootee Girls' Basketball Team is hosting a golf scramble at Lakeview Golf Course on Saturday, August 17 with a 9 a.m. start time. The scramble will be in ABCD Format and entry fee is \$45. For more information, call Lonnie Hawkins at 812-947-8413.

Jones Family Reunion

The 46th Annual Jones Family Reunion for descendants of James and Rachel (Gallagher) Jones will be held Saturday, August 10, 2019 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Daylight time) at the Martin County Community Building located on the Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds, two miles east of Loogootee on Hwy. 50. The building will be open at 11 a.m. with lunch at noon (Eastern Daylight time). Please bring a covered dish. Plates, tableware, napkins, tea, lemonade and coffee will be furnished. Please feel free to bring any family heirlooms, genealogy records, pictures, etc. for display as well as an item to be included in the silent auction.

Indiana Main Street meeting

An Indiana Main Street planning meeting will be held Tuesday, August 13 at 6 p.m. in the city hall meeting room. Christmas Hudgens, with the Office of Community and Rural Affairs and Mary Shaw, the Indiana Main Street Coordinator, will be the guest speakers. The meeting is open to business owners and residents who are interested in the Indiana Main Street project.

Sons of the American Revolution meeting

The quarterly meeting of the Indiana Society Sons of the American Revolution, Daniel Guthrie Chapter, will be held Tuesday, August 20 at the Free Methodist Church, 630 R Street in Bedford. Dinner starts a 6 p.m. with the meeting at 7 p.m. Chapter and in-

Mustering Elm Park holds annual car show

The Mustering Elm Park/Route 50 Cruisers had a successful 8th Annual Car Show on Saturday, July 27. There were approximately 40 cars registered.

Polly Tilford, from Bloomington, provided music with her bagpipe and information and history concerning the bagpipe.

Winners for door prizes included Randy Bromm, Mike and Kristi Jones, Alphonso Cook, Larry Jones, Jacob Higginbotham, David Asbell, Donald Jones, Kevin Byrer, Butch Bovenschen, and Nelson Brown.

The park appreciates the businesses for their willingness to donate door prizes, gift certificates, gift cards, coupons, etc. Those include Big Splash Water Park, Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant, Blake Hi-Y Car Wash, Lark Ranch, Spring Water Soaps & Crafts, Faytastic Pizza, Old National Bank, Michael's Car Wash, and Jones Oil.

Trophies were presented for Oldest Car – Mike and Sharon Akles, Shoals, a 1930 Ford Model A Roadster; Newest Car – Christopher Jones, Loogootee,

dividual awards will be presented. A new member will be inducted. Any question please contact the Chapter Secretary at 812-876-1753.

Local recovery meetings

Wednesdays-Alcoholic Anonymous, Martin County Community Corrections Building at 8 p.m.; Thursdays-Narcotics Anonymous, Redemption Church Loogootee at 8 p.m.; Fridays-Alcoholic Anonymous, Loogootee Municipal Building Loogootee at 8 p.m.

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. 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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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 or call at 295-3149.



tee, a 2012 Ford Mustang GT; Coming the Farthest – Jacob Higginbotham, Clay City, a 1993 Nissan 240SX; and Officer Choice – Steve Ham, Bloomfield, a 1967 Chevy Nova.



The Indiana State Fair is underway and will continue through Sunday, August 18. The State Fair is the chance for Indiana agriculture to be showcased in the big city. Trips to the fair are a tradition in many farm families, whether to see the exhibits, take part in some show or to visit the host of vendors of farm and garden products.

Last week, I made my annual trip to the fairgrounds for a pre-opening judging of horticulture projects. If you go to the fair this year, you will not see many vegetables on exhibit, but you will see a lot of flowers. I suppose the weather had a lot to do with the lower-than-normal number of exhibitors in the 4-H garden project. Actually, the garden project judges were finished with the judging in just over an hour. We had no difficulty in selecting the grand champion exhibit, as there were few really outstanding exhibits this year. However, even if there had been tons of vegetables brought in, there would not be many on exhibit at the fair. A few years ago, at the suggestion of a 4-H member, it was decided to donate the fresh vegetables to area soup kitchens and food pantries, instead of leaving good vegetables to wilt and rot in the State Fair heat during the two weeks of the fair.

After judging vegetables, I moved on to the Floriculture project judging. There were abundant flowers to judge. One reason is the rule changes in the project a few years ago. 4-Hers no longer have to exhibit just flowers from their gardens. New options include posters, notebooks and using silk or purchased flowers in arrangements. My specific task in the floriculture judging

this year was judging arrangements. I was truly in awe of the craftsmanship with which the arrangements were constructed. I told other judges that many of the arrangements were as good, or better than, those I had seen at flower shows where professional florists exhibited. There were also many cut flower specimens, potted plants and terrariums brought in for judging. While I was not judging in those categories, I took time to look over the projects that were there for exhibit. If you make the trip to Indianapolis for the fair, be sure to stop by the Horticulture Building and look at the garden and floriculture exhibits.

Back at Sandhill Gardens, most of my time in the garden has gone to weeding and cutting grass. Both tasks seem to be un-ending. It is important to keep up with the weeding at this time of year. The plants will soon be setting seed, and weeds tend to produce a lot of seeds. If one gets them out before that happens, there will be fewer weeds next year. By being diligent in pulling out some of the most noxious weeds, I have greatly reduced their numbers in my yard.

Preparations continue for the fall gardens, both for vegetables and flowers. There is plenty of time for planting turnips and leafy greens. These crops do best in the cooler temperatures of autumn. Similarly, there are some flowers that do best in cooler temperatures, including violas and pansies. Planting seeds now will result in beautiful flowers that will stand up to the early frosts. It is possible that some of the flowers will persist until Christmas.

DNR free activities, bargains highlight State Fair

See live reptiles, teach a child to fish, talk with DNR experts, and enjoy loads of more free activities with the DNR at the Indiana State Fair, August 2-18. A DNR favorite, the Kids Fishin' Pond, kicks off day one of the fair and will be offered daily.

"Reptiles Rule," a live reptile show, will also be offered daily throughout the fair. Interpretive naturalists from across Indiana will talk about reptiles Hoosiers might find throughout their state.

Also featured each afternoon is a program with at least one live bird of prey.

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 for the entire DNR schedule, which is subject to change.

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 there 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, ask

questions of DNR experts, visit Mother Nature's Mercantile to buy unique outdoors-themed items, or just take an air-conditioned break. The Mercantile will be selling state park Annual Entrance Passes to use for the remainder of 2019 for \$20. The regular price is \$50. The 2019 Golden Hoosier Passport, which is for senior citizens and also expires at the end of the calendar year, will be available for \$10. Regular price is \$25. Both offers are available only at the Mercantile at the State Fair.

Free copies of the just-off-the-presses Hunting Guide, as well as the current Recreation Guide, and Fishing Guide, and other informational brochures will also be available. You can also subscribe to Outdoor Indiana magazine at a special State Fair deal. Simply buy a subscription at the Mercantile and you will be handed the current July/August issue. Your one- or two-year subscription will start with the September/October issue, so you will be getting one issue free.

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

Check video of some of what you'll see from the DNR at the Indiana State Fair at [youtube.com/watch?v=qF4EwdfaeE&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qF4EwdfaeE&feature=youtu.be).



I have driven down a lot of roads lately and observed pastures and crops across Indiana and several other states. Most pastures are thriving better than crops, at least the ones being managed well. In the areas where rain has never really completely stopped, forages, especially cool season forages like orchard grass and tall fescue, have not slowed down growth as much during what is normally a slump period or summer dormancy. If you haven't overgrazed, then there's a good chance your pastures look pretty good.

There is a lot more variability in the crops depending on when or if they even got planted. Plants quickly got accustomed to the frequent rains this year and some get lazy and don't put roots down as deep as normal. Well established perennials will do a better job of maintaining deeper roots than annuals or newly planted perennials under continued wet conditions. We need roots to go deep into the soil to be able to reach minerals and moisture under drier conditions. You maintain and support deeper roots in perennials by maintaining proper plant residual after any grazing event. That solar panel is critical for supporting the roots below ground. It all provides resilience for the system.

In some areas, after weeks and weeks of continued wet conditions, the rains stopped. This was especially true in parts of northern Indiana. Paraphrasing a good friend of mine in that area that has a dairy, he said: "...I was born in April of 1940, so I've seen a lot of spring and summers. We grazed until I was 25, then confinement until I was 49, then went to managed grazing and stayed there. In all of those 79 years, I cannot recall a more difficult spring and summer combination for farming in general and specifically grazing. Early spring was cold; then cold and wet. The amount of rain was not just the problem, but the frequency with a half to one inch every two to four days for two and a half months with no drying in between; just soggy wet fields with very little growth. It was impossible to plant crops or graze without creating problems. Corn and beans did not get planted until the middle of June at the earliest. Forages didn't grow, then they burst forth, and then went to head within two weeks. The fields were still wet, and we hesitated to potentially ruin a field by pugging it up even though we started earlier than we wanted to. Then it turned dry, and it did with a vengeance and growth had seemingly stopped and supplemental feeding has been a necessity seemingly all summer. Forages that normally have been consistently dependable struggled all spring and summer long."

I was glad to hear that they recently had an inch and a half of rain and forages turned a brighter green overnight.

The long continuous wet conditions this year have certainly added challenges. Cows eventually had to start grazing; hayfields had to be mown. There was a lot of activity done under very wet conditions. Those activities have had one major impact on all fields involved and an unintended consequence of most activities this year – compaction.

The most dominant physical issue in pasture soils is compaction. It's not hard

to recognize. Have you ever tried to dig a hole or put a step-in post in the ground in an area where livestock have been concentrated during wet conditions? Once it dries out some, those soils are hard. What's going on? When soil is compacted, air space is pushed out. A viable healthy soil will normally be about 50% mineral with some of that organic matter, 25% air, and 25% water. Under compaction, water storage is reduced some, but air space is greatly reduced. Compaction creates dense platy layers that limit root growth. Compaction layers can be very shallow and are often found in the very top portion of the soil profile. As a quick comparison, push a step-in post or tile probe in the ground in one of those areas utilized earlier this year under wet conditions and compare it to a fence row that didn't have that traffic. The difference is remarkable.

Compaction also affects the biological and chemical properties of the soil. Compacted soils tend to be more anaerobic and some graying of the soil can often be seen. That is, of course, caused by the lack of enough oxygen in the soil. Bacteria thrive under these circumstances, but it is much more challenging for earthworms and beneficial fungi. They exist in the pore spaces, so compaction directly impairs their ability to function. Plants depend on mycorrhizal fungi to exchange nutrients and this is one of the benefits of healthy soils; this synergy.

Compaction was almost unavoidable this spring and early summer. Pugged soil from grazing under very wet conditions added compaction. The first thing that comes to mind as a means to remedy compaction is some type of aeration. This is easier said than done and is usually very costly. I've seen a lot of para-plows used over the years to break up compaction in pastures. To be somewhat successful, this needs to be done under very dry conditions, so you get some fracturing of the soil. If done under moist conditions, even though it's a lot easier to do then, you tend to just move some of the horizontal compaction to vertical smearing. What appears to be improvements from such actions is quite often short term and the disturbance creates release of nutrients from oxidized organic matter.

Mercy, so what can you do? In the short-term, allow plants to have more residual after every grazing event and longer rests before being grazed again. Longer rests and more growth help to add organic matter to the soil and support increased root growth. Live growing roots can alleviate compaction over time and more roots and plant structure are more resilient. Keep grazing events short and keep them moving. In the long term, increase organic matter in your soils. Heavier soils, especially soils with more clay content are subject to compaction and the building of organic matter can help with compaction and certainly have other added benefits. Pasture management can help alleviate or reduce the effects of prolonged wet conditions, compaction, and certainly increase resilience for future events.

Where was I? Somewhere stuck between a challenging year and compaction that comes from it, I believe. (See 'GRAZING BITES' on page 8)

National unemployment rate unchanged for July

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 164,000 in July, and the unemployment rate was unchanged at 3.7 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week. Notable job gains occurred in professional and technical services, health care, social assistance, and financial activities.

This news release presents statistics from two monthly surveys. The household survey measures labor force status, including unemployment, by demographic characteristics. The establishment survey measures nonfarm employment, hours, and earnings by industry.

Household Survey Data

The unemployment rate held at 3.7 percent in July, and the number of unemployed persons was little changed at 6.1 million.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rate for Asians increased to 2.8 percent in July. The jobless rates for adult men (3.4 percent), adult women (3.4 percent), teenagers (12.8 percent), Whites (3.3 percent), Blacks (6.0 percent), and Hispanics (4.5 percent) showed little or no change over the month.

In July, the number of persons unemployed less than 5 weeks increased by 240,000 to 2.2 million, while the number of long-term unemployed (those

jobless for 27 weeks or more) declined by 248,000 to 1.2 million. The long-term unemployed accounted for 19.2 percent of the unemployed.

In July, the labor force participation rate was 63.0 percent, and the employment-population ratio was 60.7 percent. Both measures were little changed over the month and over the year.

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons (sometimes referred to as involuntary part-time workers) declined by 363,000 in July to 4.0 million. These individuals, who would have preferred full-time employment, were working part time because their hours had been reduced or they were unable to find full-time jobs. Over the past 12 months, the number of involuntary part-time workers has declined by 604,000.

In July, 1.5 million persons were marginally attached to the labor force, essentially unchanged from a year earlier. (Data are not seasonally adjusted.) These individuals were not in the labor force, wanted and were available for work, and had looked for a job sometime in the prior 12 months. They were not counted as unemployed because they had not searched for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey.

Among the marginally attached, there were 368,000 discouraged workers

in July, down by 144,000 from a year earlier. (Data are not seasonally adjusted.) Discouraged workers are persons not currently looking for work because they believe no jobs are available for them. The remaining 1.1 million persons marginally attached to the labor force in July had not searched for work for reasons such as school attendance or family responsibilities.

Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 164,000 in July, in line with average employment growth in the first 6 months of the year. In 2018, employment gains had averaged 223,000 per month. In July, notable job gains occurred in professional and technical services (+31,000), health care (+30,000), social assistance (+20,000), and financial activities (+18,000).

Professional and technical services added 31,000 jobs in July, bringing the 12-month job gain to 300,000. In July, employment increased by 11,000 in computer systems design and related services; this industry accounted for about one-third of employment growth in professional and technical services both over the month and over the year.

Employment in health care rose by 30,000 over the month, reflecting a gain in ambulatory health care services (+29,000). Health care employment has increased by 405,000 over the year, with ambulatory health care services accounting for about two-thirds of the gain.

Social assistance added 20,000 jobs in July. Employment in this industry has increased by 143,000 over the year.

In July, financial activities employment rose by 18,000, with most of the gain occurring in insurance carriers and related activities (+11,000).

Mining employment declined by 5,000 in July, after showing little net change in recent months.

Manufacturing employment changed

little in July (+16,000) and thus far in 2019. Job gains in the industry had averaged 22,000 per month in 2018.

Employment in other major industries, including construction, wholesale trade, retail trade, transportation and warehousing, information, leisure and hospitality, and government, changed little over the month.

In July, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls rose by 8 cents to \$27.98, following an 8-cent gain in June. Over the past 12 months, average hourly earnings have increased by 3.2 percent. In July, average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees rose by 4 cents to \$23.46.

The average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls decreased by 0.1 hour to 34.3 hours in July. In manufacturing, the average workweek decreased by 0.3 hour to 40.4 hours, and overtime declined by 0.2 hour to 3.2 hours. The average workweek of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees declined by 0.1 hour to 33.5 hours.

The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for May was revised down by 10,000 from +72,000 to +62,000, and the change for June was revised down by 31,000 from +224,000 to +193,000. With these revisions, employment gains in May and June combined were 41,000 less than previously reported. (Monthly revisions result from additional reports received from businesses and government agencies since the last published estimates and from the recalculation of seasonal factors.) After revisions, job gains have averaged +140,000 per month over the last 3 months.

GRAZING BITES —

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You may want to plan ahead and get fall seeded annuals planted early. Most of the common fall-seeded, cool season annuals can be planted now. My favorite mix is still spring oats, a brassica such as radish, rape, or turnips, and cereal rye. The oats will grow fast with ample moisture, yield well and can make some very decent hay or grazing throughout the fall. The brassica is a nice component and readily consumed by most grazing livestock. The cereal rye will come on stronger later and will overwinter and provide good cover for the next growing season and perhaps even some early spring grazing if soil conditions are favorable. Other fall seeded options would include triticale, wheat, and barley.

I would continue to look for opportunities and take advantage of planting annuals or cover crops that can also be grazed or hayed yet this year. Challenges are what make life interesting. Overcoming them is what makes them meaningful. Keep a positive attitude and keep on grazing!

Reminders & Opportunities

Purdue Forage Management Day – August 7, 2019. Feldun-Purdue Agricultural Center. Register at <https://ag.purdue.edu/agry/dtc/Pages/Calendar.aspx> \$100 registration fee

Greener Pastures Field Day – August 20, 2019. 5 p.m. CDT at E & F Farms, ECA Evanston Park, 11581 East County Road 1050 North, Evanston, Indiana. \$5 door fee, dinner provided, reservations due August 9, Call Purdue Extension Office - Perry- (812)547-7084, Spencer- (812)362-8066, Dubois- (812)482-1782

More pasture information and past issues of Grazing Bites are available at www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/in/technical/landuse/pasture/

Right to Life Banquet to be held October 17

The Right to Life Banquet will be held this year on October 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Simon J. Graber Building off the Odon/Cannelburg Road. This banquet is sponsored by Daviess and Martin County Right to Life Groups and the general public is invited to attend and are asked to reserve the date.

The speaker for the banquet this year is Brad Mattes, who is President of Life Issues Institute, the pro-life organization which has now partnered with the Susan B. Anthony Organization. The Life Issues Institute organization was founded by pro-life pioneer Dr. John C. Willke. In 1991, Brad Mattes joined the organization which serves the educational needs of the pro-life movement. Its primary objective is to globally develop and disseminate effective pro-life educational material.

For eight seasons, Brad was host and executive producer of Facing Life

Head-On, a weekly pro-life TV program that was available to more than 100 million homes in the US and Canada. The program earned three regional

Emmy awards and several other industry accolades before production ceased in 2015.

Brad also hosts Life Issues, a daily radio commentary on abortion and other life issues which is carried on nearly 1,200 Christian and other radio outlets across the US. The program was recognized by National Religious Broadcasters with the

2016 Radio Impact Award.

The Right to Life Banquet, which draws over 500 people each year, is one of the larger Right to Life Banquets in the state. Tickets for the Banquet are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. They are available by calling 812-486-3658. President Louis Kavanaugh Jr. invites local churches and interested people to reserve the date for this event.



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Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch to chair Indiana's 2020 Census Committee

On Monday, Governor Eric J. Holcomb announced that Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch would serve as the chair of Indiana's Census 2020 Complete Count Committee.

"Indiana's active participation in Census 2020 is critical for the continued growth and success of our state," Holcomb said. "With Lt. Gov. Crouch leading the charge, I am confident we will work hard to reach Hoosiers in every corner of the state to encourage their participation."

"Over the past year, Indiana has worked diligently to prepare for Census 2020. The state and many communities throughout Indiana have participated in multiple technical programs to ensure the Census Bureau has an accurate address list. These technical programs include the Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) and just recently, the Count Review program. We have now assembled a statewide coalition of stakeholders, including community organizations, local governments, churches, and other groups," Lt. Gov. Crouch said. "This month, we will kick off the public-facing campaign and add additional state and community volunteers to our network."

Indiana's Census 2020 Complete Count Committee will hold a meeting on Monday, August 19, 2019, at 1 p.m. ET in the Indiana Government Center South Auditorium. The meeting is open to the public. The Census

2020 Complete Count Committee will be staffed by the Indiana Department of Administration. The purpose of the meeting is to continue coordinating the state's outreach efforts to encourage all Hoosiers to answer the census. Meeting speakers include Marilyn Sanders, regional director of the Chicago Census Bureau office and Carol Rogers, liaison to the Bureau. An accurate census count is vital to obtain federal funding for economic development, public health, education, housing and research, as well as to maintain Indiana's representation in the U.S. House of Representatives.

For more information, visit www.census.indiana.edu, or contact Jill Carnell, Indiana Department of Administration at jcarnell@idoa.in.gov.

2020 Census now hiring

The 2020 Census is hiring for a variety of temporary jobs, including census takers, recruiting assistants, office staff, and supervisory staff. To be eligible, you must be at least 18 years old, have a valid Social Security number, and be a U.S. citizen. Candidates must complete an online job application. The application includes assessment questions about your education, work, and other experience. Census takers in Martin County will be paid \$15 plus mileage when applicable. To apply, visit <https://2020census.gov/en/jobs/how-to-apply.html>.

Dr. Bucshon announces August Town Hall schedule

Congressman Larry Bucshon, M.D. (IN-08) announced he will hold town halls in Evansville, Linton, Terre Haute, and Washington during August. These events will allow Congressman Bucshon to provide an update about his work on their behalf in Congress and to hear directly from Hoosiers about the issues that are important to them.

"Throughout my time in Congress, I've always made it a priority to listen and be accessible to Hoosiers and communicate my views on the issues of great importance to the country through town halls, listening sessions, office hours, and a variety of other public events. My upcoming town halls are a great opportunity for me to continue this open, honest, and respectful dialogue with the citizens I represent in Congress. I'm really looking forward to it," said Dr. Bucshon.

Evansville
Monday, August 19
Doors open 5:30 p.m. CT
Town Hall 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. CT
Southern Indiana Career and Technical School - Assembly Hall; 1901 Lynch Rd, Evansville, IN 47711
Linton

Tuesday August 20
Doors open 5:30 p.m. ET
Town Hall 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. ET
Linton-Stockton High School - Auditoria; 10 H St. NE, Linton, IN 47441
Terre Haute
Wednesday August 21
Doors Open 5:30 p.m. ET
Town Hall 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. ET
Woodrow Wilson Middle School - Auditorium; 301 S. 25th St. Terre Haute, IN 47803
Washington
Thursday August 22
Doors Open 5:30 p.m. ET
Town Hall 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. ET
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