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## Townships hold close to \$1.1 million in unused funds

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Martin County has six township trustees' offices – Perry, Halbert, Lost River, Mitcheltree, Rutherford, and Center. At the end of 2020, the six townships combined had \$1,093,756.22 in unused funds that rolled over to this year. All six townships spent a total of \$326,110.58 in 2020. Of that \$141,629 was spent on salaries and office expenses.

Each township has a trustee, an elected official with a four-year term. Each trustee also can have a paid secretary (Lost River Township chooses not to) and a paid advisory board of three people. All six township trustees in Martin County in 2020, operated the trustee's office from their homes and were reimbursed for rent, utilities, phone, and travel, in some cases.

There are 1,008 townships in Indiana. The main job of a township trustee is to provide money to people in need. Township assistance is given to individuals who are in an emergency situation and have no other means to provide the basic essentials of life. Residents in need can request help paying for funeral expenses, utilities, rent, medical and dental expenses, prescriptions, vehicle repairs, fuel, groceries, and clothing.

The trustee also provides fire protection to its citizens when the township is not incorporated into a city or town. This includes making an annual payment to a fire department to provide fire service to their township residents. Townships, such as Lost River, also help by providing funds for buildings, equipment, and vehicles for the department.

The trustee also maintains cemeteries by hiring people to provide mowing services. Other duties, per state statute, can include helping by providing and maintaining township parks and community

centers, destroying detrimental plants, noxious weeds, and rank vegetation; and providing insulin to the poor.

Money is provided to the townships from property taxes, auto excise tax, and county option income tax. Interest earned from the rollover of cash balances is also included in the budget.

Each year the township trustees are required by state law to file an annual report. Those reports, according to the state Gateway site, must be provided to the state for upload onto the state database 60 days after the end of the year. To view all reports, visit [https://gateway.ifionline.org/report\\_builder/](https://gateway.ifionline.org/report_builder/). Information directly from the state reports is broken down below for each township.

### Rutherford Township

Rutherford Township's trustee is Terry J. Street. His clerical assistant is Renee Street. The three-member advisory board consisted of Virgil S. Street, Danny Berry, and Jeff Horney. In 2020, Rutherford Township began with a balance of \$77,481.13. After disbursements, totaling \$43,556.95 the township ended 2020 with a balance of \$73,450.84.

Of the \$43,556.95 that was paid out, \$17,631.31 went toward salaries and office expenses including the trustee's salary of \$6,180, his secretary's salary

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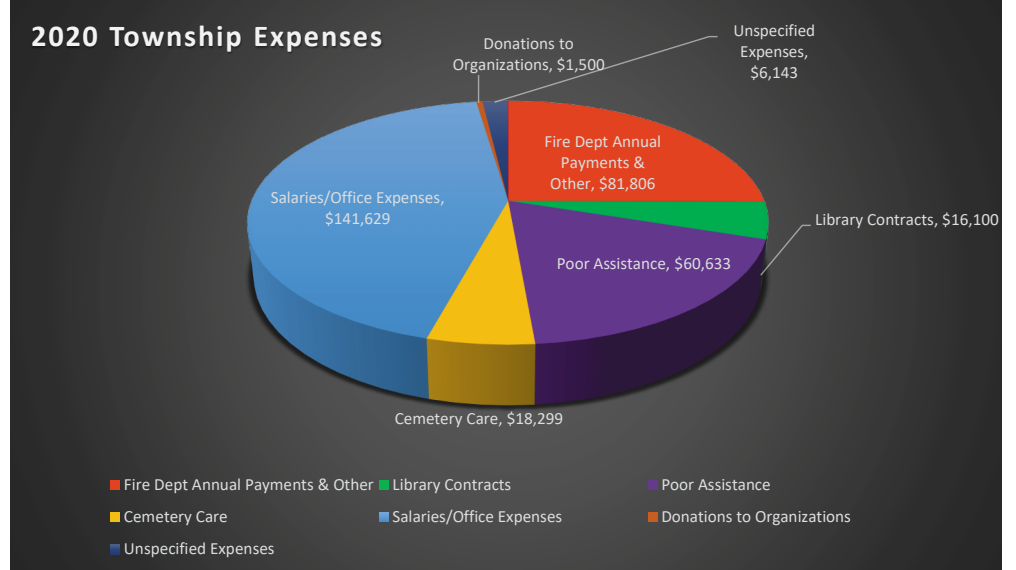
### How to get assistance from your trustee

Someone in need of assistance must apply at the township trustee's office where they live, have an emergency need, and be willing to help themselves as much as possible. A state approved township assistance application should be provided to each applicant. Assistance can include help with clothing, food, cleaning and hygiene items, medical assistance, housing, utilities, funeral expenses, and transportation to seek or maintain employment. Townships receive tax dollars each year to provide assistance to the public. And monies not handed out in that fund for the year, roll over to the next year.

According to Indiana code, a township trustee cannot give aid to an individual who receives food stamps or other government assistance. If a trustee believes that the applicant or any member of their household qualifies for food stamps, Social Security or other government benefits, they cannot provide aid. If the applicant has applied for other assistance and been denied in the last 180 days, they have to provide proof in order to receive assistance.

In the case of emergency assistance, a township trustee must promptly act when receiving an application for assistance. In non-emergency situations, the trustee must act on a completed application within 72 hours after receiving it, excluding weekends and legal holidays. If an application is denied, the trustee has to include a statement listing the specific reasons the assistance was denied. Applicants denied can then go to the county commissioners to appeal the decision. The trustee is required to provide the applicants information on how to appeal the decision to the commissioners, which must be done within 15 days of the denial.

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-Graph by Courtney Hughett

The graph above breaks down the expenses of all six Martin County Townships by category. The townships combined spent \$326,110.58 last year.

## County council defends position on paying the bills

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Legal fees topped the discussion at Monday night's Martin County Council meeting. An additional appropriation request for \$55,000 prompted members of the audience to ask questions. Barbara Hager, Kim Showalter and several others who didn't give their names, asked the county council what the money was for and who it was going to. Council Member Warren Albright said the money was to pay legal fees for a personnel situation but apart from that, they had no other information.

Hager said she has been a Martin County taxpayer for 50 years and would like to know where the tax dollars are going. "Is it standard procedure to just pay out money not knowing who it's going to?" she asked.

Council Member Randy Winger responded that they were only presented the additional money request that night, so they haven't approved it yet. He said that they need to hear from the commissioners, who handle all personnel issues.

Kim Showalter then read a letter to the council regarding the recent termination of Community Corrections Director Kathy Collins. Showalter said that Collins didn't know, nor would she approve of her speaking out on the matter. She said that the termination of Collins stemmed from four disgruntled employees submitting complaints about Collins. Showalter said that after the complaints were made and an investigation was opened, Collins felt uncomfortable going into the office and working with the employees who had problems with her, until the investigation was over, and the results publicly released. After the investigation was complete in December and no wrongdoing was found, Collins requested to return to work. According to Showalter, Collins wasn't given direction on returning to work by the commissioners. Then later, she was told not to return to work at all and fired by the commissioners in an open meeting on February 19. Showalter said that Collins never got the opportunity to defend herself against allegations made against her

and only the complainants were offered the opportunity to speak. She said the employees were angry that they were not allowed to work from home and required to show up in the office to meet with clients while following COVID safety protocols. Showalter said she would like to be able to name employees involved in the situation but knows she is not allowed to do that by law. She said the former president of the community corrections advisory board also had an axe to grind to get rid of Collins and it worked.

Showalter said that Collins was doing great things for the county and built up the community corrections program to what it is today and because her employees didn't follow the proper chain of command, Collins was fired. She said that Collins offered to meet with the commissioners to answer any questions they had but they were not interested. "10 years of a career she loved and being innocent of the charges against her," said Showalter.

Barbara Hager said she would just like to find out more information before paying the legal fees. She asked if the commissioners could be capped on the amount they can spend. "Did you get your money's worth?" asked Hager. She added that it looks to her that the lawyer is on "the gravy train" because he doesn't think the issue is going to be over any time soon. She said that Collins has the right to "sue the heck out of this county" which will result in more legal bills.

A gentleman in the audience asked if there has been any investigation from the county council at all pertaining to the issue. Council Member Albright said that the contract with the attorney was entered into by the commissioners and the county council is obligated to pay the bill. He said that questions should be directed to the commissioners.

Council Member Randy Winger said he believes he is speaking for the entire council when he says that it is a personnel case. He said they may incur more legal fees for refusing to pay the bills. "It's legal fees. I don't like it either," he said.

Council Member Albright said the council didn't even know the issue was

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### Township Trustee Contact Information

**Center Township**  
Trustee: Ann Stewart  
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Phone: 812-388-7185

**Halbert Township**  
Trustee: Exzelia Montgomery  
Office address: 11545 Hilltop Honey Road, Shoals IN 47581  
Phone: 812-709-2434

**Lost River Township**  
Trustee: Millie Brown  
Office address: 6490 Brown Lane, Shoals IN 47581  
Phone: 812-247-3490

**Mitcheltree Township**  
Trustee: Tammy Gore  
Office address: 20472 Sipes Road, Shoals IN 47581  
Phone: 812-388-5612

**Perry Township**  
Trustee: Jason Hennette  
Office address: 804 North JFK Avenue, Loogootee IN 47553  
Phone: 812-295-3237

**Rutherford Township**  
Trustee: Terry Street  
Office address: 4224 Beard Road, Loogootee IN 47553  
Phone: 812-644-7949

# TOWNSHIPS

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of \$3,090 and the advisory board member's salaries of \$625 each. To maintain the trustee's office in his home, Street was paid \$5,280, (\$440 per month) in rent, utilities and phone for the township office and \$146.95 was reimbursed to Street for mileage.

Rutherford Township paid Shawn Truelove \$2,000 to provide mowing of cemeteries. The township also gave \$18,332 to the Haysville Fire Department for a fire service contract and \$278 each was paid to Keith Keller, Kenny Haven, Steven Buchta, Brandon Epple, Bailey Holt, and Derrek Johnson from the firefighting fund.

As for helping the poor, \$3,925.64 was given to eight people (eight households) who requested help last year. Of that \$2,068.28 paid to Daviess-Martin REMC, \$1,200 to Blake Funeral Home, \$257.36 to East Fork Water and \$400 to Jason McCoy Rentals.

## Halbert Township

Halbert Township's trustee is Exzelia Montgomery. Her clerical assistant is Pauletta Montgomery. The three-member advisory board includes Stephanie Horton, Travis Montgomery, and Kimberly Albright. Halbert Township started 2020 with a cash balance of \$273,378.69 and ended the year at \$296,966.73.

Of the \$54,826.65 total spent in 2020 by Halbert Township, \$23,119.87 was used to pay for salaries and office expenses including the trustee's salary of \$11,903.92, the clerical salary of \$2,710.48 and \$795.14 each to the three advisory board members.

Also \$2,417.04 (\$201.42 per month) was paid to Exzelia Montgomery for the use of her home and phone for the trustee's office.

For Halbert Township's cemetery care \$300 was paid to Janie Johnson and Jaron Gibson, \$600 was paid to Marlin Courtwright, \$900 was paid to Bill Keller and \$150 was paid to Vaughn Montgomery.

For money given to the needy, 48 requests were made for help and 26 households received poor assistance, totaling \$12,907.03. Of the 26 households receiving help, money was paid to the following on behalf of those seeking help: Daviess-Martin REMC \$4,201.60, Duke Energy \$2,235.79, Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes \$1,700, Property Sure \$800, Town of Shoals \$750, Sexton Wilbert Vault Company \$750, Kenneth Jones \$650, Kevin Boyd \$400, White River Co-Op \$300, Propane Direct \$299.33, Bloomington Oral Surgery \$246.98, Vectren \$127, Shoals Municipal Utilities \$89.86, Williams Bros. Pharmacy \$65, Jay C Food Store \$53.35, RJ's Food Mart \$40.

Also, \$10,336.69 was paid to the Shoals Fire Department and \$5,000 to the Shoals Public Library.

## Lost River Township

Lost River Township trustee is Mildred Brown and she chooses not to have a secretary. The 2020 advisory board consisted of Alice Butler, Keith Emmons, and Bruce Fithian. At the beginning of 2020 the trustee's cash balance was \$83,921.03 and was \$79,999.48 at the end of the year.

For 2020, a total of \$43,087.14 was paid out. Of that, \$7,295.64 was spent on salaries and office expenses including \$2,884.12 for the trustee's salary and three advisory board members were paid \$545.64 each for the year.

Brown paid \$738.99 (\$61.58 a month) for the use of her home as the township office.

For cemetery care in Lost River Township, Keith Albright was paid \$1,000, Blake Cooper and August Bauer were paid \$800 each, and David Butler was paid \$500.

The township paid \$27,130.13 to the Lost River Fire Department. The township paid \$1,500 to the Shoals Public Li-

brary.

Four people requested hardship assistance from the Lost River Trustee last year and four households were helped totaling \$3,308.37. Of that, \$1,908.37 was paid to Daviess-Martin REMC, \$700 to Emberton, \$600 to Gilmore and \$100 to JayC Food Store.

## Center Township

Center Township's trustee was Ann Stewart for 2020. Her secretary was Kevin Stewart. The three-member advisory board includes Norma Baker, Matthew Sullivan and Dean Crandall.

Center Township's cash balance was \$107,248.32 at the beginning of 2020. At the end of the year the balance was \$108,800.22.

A total of \$45,903.23 was spent by the township last year. \$17,703.13 was spent on salaries and office expenses. Of that, \$6,777.48 was paid to Ann Stewart for her salary and \$3,085.92 to her secretary Kevin Stewart. The advisory board members were paid \$606.34 each for the year.

The rent for the trustee's office was \$1,854 (\$154.50 per month) to Ann Stewart for the use of her home.

For cemetery care, \$953 was paid to Roy Dale Grafton and \$1,546 to Jayce Graber.

Center Township gave \$10,000 to the Town of Shoals for a firefighting contract and paid \$339.67 for fire department insurance. The township gave \$6,100 to the Shoals Public Library.

There were 42 poor assistance requests to the trustee last year and 25 households were given assistance. The amount given in assistance in 2020 was \$9,261.43. Of that, \$2,012.71 was paid to Duke Energy, \$1,829.25 to Daviess-Martin REMC, \$1,307.52 to Shoals Municipal Utilities, \$1,200 to Queen Lee Funeral Home, \$1,200 to Blake Funeral Home, \$600 to East Fork Water, \$300 to White River Co-Op, \$229 to Shoals Senior Housing, \$225 to Propane Direct, \$121.59 to Vectren, \$100 to RJ's Food Mart, \$86.55 to Kroger, and \$49.81 to Dollar General Store.

## Mitcheltree Township

Mitcheltree Township's trustee was Tammy Gore and her clerk was Steven Anderson. The three-member advisory board included Charity Tolbert, Sharon Belcher and Becky Sellers.

At the start of 2020, the trustee's cash balance was \$249,315.86 and stood at \$239,857.38 at the end of the year.

A total of \$36,156.58 was spent last year and of that \$18,326.03 was spent on salaries and office expenses including \$7,000 for the trustee's salary, \$5,000 for the clerk's salary and \$800 for each advisory board member.

The trustee's office, located in Gore's home, had \$1,300 (\$108 per month) for rent and telephone expenses.

Mitcheltree paid out \$5,500 to William Heckard for cemetery care. \$1,500 was donated to the Trinity Springs Mustering Elm Park.

The trustee paid \$4,000 to Indian Creek Fire Department and \$3,500 to the Shoals Public Library.

There were six requests for township assistance in Mitcheltree for 2020 and six households were helped. \$3,330.55 was paid out, all to Daviess-Martin REMC.

## Perry Township

Perry Township's trustee is Jason Hennette and his clerk for last year was Steven Anderson. The three-member advisory board consists of Brandi Hennette, Tony Dant, and Julie Green.

Perry's cash balance at the beginning of 2020 was \$270,073.95 and was \$294,681.57 at the end of the year.

A total of \$102,580.03 was paid out in 2020. Of that, \$57,552.52 was paid in salaries and office expenses including \$18,000 for the trustee, \$13,000 for his clerk and \$2,500 for each advisory board

member).

A total of \$6,000 (\$500 per month) was paid in rent to Hennette for the use of his home as the trustee's office and \$1,721.80 was paid to Frontier for his phone and internet.

Shawn Truelove Mowing was paid \$2,950 for cemetery care and \$3,800 was paid to Gregory & Sons for unknown maintenance and repairs. \$10,000 was paid to the City of Loogootee for fire protection and \$634.04 was paid from the Rainy Day Fund to Collins Flag Company.

Perry Township gave out \$27,900.35 in

## ASSISTANCE

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Township trustees gather a plethora of information from applicants including their name, income, assets, wasted resources, relatives capable of providing assistance, past or present employment, pending claims or causes of action, and medical conditions in relation to employment. They must also get consent from any other adult member of the household to check with government benefits offices to see if the applicant or any member of the family is receiving or has filed for assistance, including unemployment benefits.

## COUNCIL

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happening because of privacy laws. He said in the past, the commissioners would have kept them informed however now they risk their own lawsuit for revealing information. "You can talk to the commissioners, but . . ." Albright said not finishing the sentence.

Commissioner Aaron Summers, who attended the meeting via Zoom, said that the original dollar figure for the attorney escalated beyond what they originally thought. "It is what it is," he said adding that the attorney hired did the job he was asked to do. "No one anticipated the situation being what it was." He said the decision was made, and they hate it, but he felt anyone sitting in his position would have done the same thing. "No one was giving high fives when she was fired," said Summers. He said they are not allowed to go into details of the situation beyond that.

Commissioner Wininger asked Summers if the county is still accumulating bills from the attorney. Summers didn't respond.

The council decided to table approving the additional appropriation request until they could research it more.

A gentleman in the audience said he hoped they hadn't ruined the good that has been going on with community corrections by letting Collins go.

"Leave the council out of this," said Council Member Albright. "We didn't fire anyone."

"We didn't hire, and we didn't fire," added Council Member Wininger.

Back in November of last year, two members of the community corrections advisory board, Isha Wright-Ryan and Candace Roush, attended the commissioners' meeting requesting they approve hiring Ziemer, Stayman, Weitzel, Shoulders, LLP to advise them on a legal matter associated with the community corrections department. The fee was \$250 per hour and at that time, Wright-Ryan and Roush didn't think the charges would exceed \$10,000. The advisory board chose to hire a firm outside the county to avoid a conflict of interest with in-county attorneys. The commissioners had approved that request for up to \$10,000.

Auditor Bobbie Abel said on Tuesday that the additional appropriation in question was advertised for \$55,000 to cover the cost of any legal bills that come in due to the issue. She noted that they haven't

received any bills yet, she was being proactive with the request so that they bills would be covered once they arrive. She said the amount could be more or less, they have no way of knowing.

In other business, Clerk Gerald Montgomery approached the council about increasing his part-time employee's pay to \$10 per hour from \$9.25 and adding an additional part-time position. He said that he had two full-time staff members leave last year and he only replaced one, so the money is available for the increase and additional part-time employee. He said also that the saved money could be passed out to all employees in the form of a raise. He said that due to the county switching to Odyssey, there is a \$20,000 annual savings plus it helps the workload decrease in the office.

Trustees can also require able-bodied applicants to seek employment. They can withhold approving assistance until satisfied that the applicant is actively seeking a job. The township trustee is required to help the applicant in seeking the employment.

According to Indiana code, each township is required to have a published phone number in the name of the township. See the side bar for contact information for each township in Martin County. To apply for assistance, contact the trustee of the township in which you live.

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The council decided to table a decision because the salary ordinance would have to be changed and that can't be done in one meeting.

The council also approved a transfer of \$2,000 to his travel budget to pay mileage to his employee who drives to Loogootee each day to do the banking. He said it's 16 miles for each trip. The county's rate for reimbursement on mileage is 44 cents per mile.

The council received information to look over on potentially hiring a financial advisor for the county as has been discussed at previous meetings.

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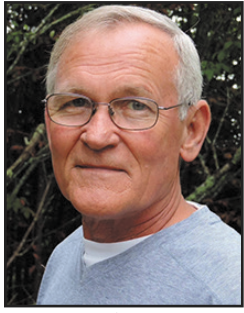
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# OBITUARIES

## DAVID QUALKENBUSH

David Grant Qualkenbush passed away at 9:35 a.m. Monday, March 1, 2021 at his home surrounded by his family. A resident of Loogootee, he was 70.



**DAVE QUALKENBUSH**

He was born August 25, 1950 in French Lick; son of the late Harry Grant "Fuzz" and Martha Patsy (Morgan) Qualkenbush.

Dave was a United States Navy veteran and served two tours in Vietnam on the USS Enterprise. He proudly served Martin County for 28 years, 12 of those years as the Sheriff of Martin County and 16 years as a Sheriff Deputy. Dave also was the first K-9 Handler in Martin County. He then was employed by NSWC Crane for 6 years as a police officer.

He was a lifetime member of the Indiana Sheriff's Association and the White River Masonic Lodge. He was the Past Master of the Loogootee Masonic Lodge.

Dave loved to mow and go to the river. He was a skilled woodworker. He enjoyed traveling with Vicki and spending time with his grandchildren. Dave loved to play the guitar and a favorite of his was to play music at local nursing homes.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Vicky Lynn Qualkenbush; his parents, Harry "Fuzz" and Martha Qualkenbush; his brother, Dennis Qualkenbush.

Dave is survived by his wife, Vicki (Padgett) Qualkenbush; children, David H. Qualkenbush of Shoals, Ame Qualkenbush and fiancé, Jeremy Schneider of Loogootee, Kasey (Chris) Becher of Ferdinand, Kelly (Corey) VanMeter of Loogootee and Emily (Tony) Ferraro of Tell City; grandchildren, Chasity Lee, David A. Qualkenbush, Madison Mann, Andrew Zins, Helen, Carter and Cecelia Becher, Hannah and Bailee VanMeter, Lathen Letterman, Ollie Wendholt, Charlotte Kollmeyer, Chase and Grace Ferraro; two great-grandchildren; siblings, Paula Mills of Bloomington, Marcy Holland of French Lick, Manya (Kevin) Carnes of French Lick, Odis (Debbie) Qualkenbush of Louisville and Regina

(Glen) Handford of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada; sister-in-law, Carol Singlestad of French Lick.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 1 p.m. on March 13 at the Dave and Vicki Qualkenbush residence.

A graveside service will be held at South Martin Cemetery on June 26, 2021 at 10:30 a.m., weather permitting.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to South Martin Cemetery, c/o Chris Fisher, 2973 South Martin Road, Loogootee, Indiana 47553.

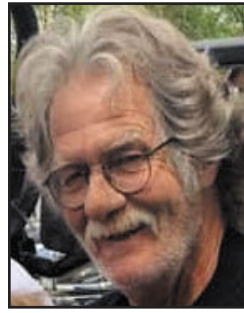
Condolences may be made online at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com).

Blake Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of David Grant Qualkenbush.

## GARY POTTS

Gary Evertt Potts passed away unexpectedly, Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at his home. A resident of Loogootee, he was 65.

He was born July 2, 1955; son of Opal (Burton) Miles and the late Lowell Potts.



He was a United States Army and National Guard Veteran.

On September 14, 1985, Gary married the love of his life, Annette Dyer, and she survives. They celebrated 35 years of marriage.

He attended Vincennes University and received an associate degree in drafting. Gary visited many states during business trips while employed at Crane. He made many friendships and memories. He retired from Crane after 28 years of employment.

Gary enjoyed watching the St. Louis Cardinals in his free time. Gary and Annette always enjoyed spending time with each other and did everything together. They spent many years together on a bowling league where they traveled different places and Gary even bowled a perfect 300! He was a member of the Loogootee United Methodist Church.

He was one of a kind. He was an outdoors, hardworking, family man. He often enjoyed mowing the lawn, maintain a garden, fishing, and camping with his wife.

Gary is survived by his wife and two

daughters, Valerie Hughes of Washington and Natalie Mundy of Vincennes. He also leaves seven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter, who was his pride and joy. Gary loved spending time with his grandchildren. He never missed a ball game or an important event that involved his grandkids. In addition, Gary had much love for his dog, Bella, who never left his side.

He is also survived by his brothers, Tony Potts of Montgomery, Doug and Peggy Potts of Texas and sister, Linda and Earl Slover, of Monroe City.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 1 at Blake & Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery. Burial followed in Oak Grove Cemetery - Reeve Twp.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Blake & Wagler Funeral Home, P.O. Box 120, Montgomery, Indiana 47558.

Condolences may be made online at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com).

Blake & Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery is honored to serve the family of Gary Evert Potts.

## DONALD BROWN

Donald E. Brown passed away Thursday, February 25, 2021 at River Pointe Health Campus. A resident of Newburgh, he was 88.

He was born March 15, 1932 in Shoals; son of the late Carl L. and Edith (Cannon) Brown.

Don was a graduate of Memorial High School in 1950 and went on to graduate from Lockyear's Business College. He served in the United States Air Force and was a veteran of the Korean War. Retiring from the Air Force Reserves with a rank of E8 Senior Master Sergeant, First Sergeant of the 930th tactical fighter group having served more than 40 years of active and reserve duty; he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. Don was employed at Whirlpool as a head operator and in Material Control where he retired after 36 years. He was a long standing and proud charter member of Nativity Catholic Church, current member of Holy Rosary Catholic Church, and a member of the VFW Post 1114. At Nativity, he coached youth baseball where he won numerous



**DONALD BROWN**

championships with Hagan Appliances. He was active in scouting at Nativity as Cub Scout Leader and Scoutmaster for all 5 of his sons. He oversaw many blue & gold banquets, fishing rodeos, and jamborees. An avid runner since 1967, Don ran 32 marathons, the Boston Marathon in 1979, 2 ultra-marathons, one of which was 50 miles and another that was 62.1 miles. During his 52 years at the YMCA (1967-2019) he acquired many lifelong friendships. His passion for running, physical fitness, and his raw grit and determination inspired every person he met along the way.

Donald is survived by his sons, Donald E. (Bethanne) Brown, Mark R. Brown, David R. (Mary) Brown, Jeffrey K. (Dana) Brown, all of Evansville and Richard N. (Stephanie) Brown of Boonville; daughters, Susan L. Flick of Evansville and Melissa J. (Tim) Wesbecher of Newburgh, 21 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren (and one on the way), several nieces and nephews and running buddy and special friend of many years, Dr. Steven Elliott.

In addition to his parents, Donald was preceded in death by his wife, Jane (Miller) Brown on October 9, 2001 after 49 years of marriage; his brothers, Joseph C. Brown, William Robert Brown, and Carl Brown Jr.; his sisters, Mary Divine, Betty Baize, and Reva Bledsoe; and grandchildren, Tiffany M. Brown on February 9, 2004, and Matthew D. Brown on April 1, 1987.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 2 at Ziemer Funeral Home East Chapel. A Mass of Christian Burial was also held at Holy Rosary Catholic Church with Father Ziliak officiating. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery with military rights.

Memorial contributions may be made to Chemo Buddies, 3700 Bellemeade Ave., Suite 118, Evansville, IN, 47714 or Holy Rosary Catholic Church.

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

12:08 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant McBeth responded.

11:49 a.m. - Major Keller assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

12:12 p.m. - Received a report of a semi in the roadway east of Shoals. Major Keller responded.

6:38 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

7:04 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:18 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to Dunn Memorial Hospital in Bedford.

7:40 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Daviess County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

8:03 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.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

6:35 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

9:23 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle with a safety violation on US 50 near Shoals. Major Keller responded.

10:00 a.m. - Deputy Seymour took one inmate to court.

11:00 a.m. - Deputy Seymour took one inmate to court.

11:40 a.m. - Major Keller assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

1:07 p.m. - Received a medical alarm call in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Chief Floyd responded. No one was transported.

2:30 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took one inmate to court.

4:06 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

4:40 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

10:46 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded. No one was transported.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

4:19 a.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

11:54 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Shoals. Major Keller responded.

12:00 p.m. - ISP Trooper Beaver assisted the department of child services with a welfare check south of Loogootee.

12:41 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department was notified.

1:11 p.m. - Loogootee Chief Floyd and ISP Trooper Nolan assisted the department of child services on welfare check south of Loogootee.

2:36 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on SR 150, east of Shoals. Lost River Fire, Major Keller, Sergeant Gibson, and INDOT responded.

2:52 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

3:18 p.m. - Major Keller assisted a motorist near Shoals with a vehicle unlock.

4:43 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire, Major Keller, Deputy Lents, and ICO Mann responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

10:24 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded. No one was transported.

1:30 p.m. - Major Keller took one inmate to court.

1:50 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

3:02 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

4:29 p.m. - Received a deer complaint east of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

6:55 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Police responded.

7:13 p.m. - Deputy Lents assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

9:58 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

12:15 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan and Loogootee Officer Means responded.

9:18 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

11:35 a.m. - Deputy Seymour took two inmates to court.

11:42 a.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

12:24 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.

1:06 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

2:25 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Loogootee. Sheriff Roush responded.

3:39 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in French Lick. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported

ed the subject to the helicopter landing zone.

6:15 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute near Loogootee. Corporal Barnett and Loogootee Police responded.

7:47 p.m. - Received a report of a fight in Shoals. Deputy Flanagan, Reserve Deputy Dorsey, Reserve Deputy Ochs, Loogootee Officer Means, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

8:03 p.m. - Received a report of a possible break-in, in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Floyd, Reserve Deputy Ochs, and Loogootee Officer Means responded.

9:52 p.m. - Received a report of threats north of Shoals. Corporal Barnett, Deputy Flanagan, Reserve Deputy Dorsey, and Reserve Deputy Ochs responded.

10:00 p.m. - Received a report of an accident west of Shoals. Corporal Barnett responded.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

8:22 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Corporal Barnett, Loogootee Officer Seymour, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The ambulance did not transport.

9:19 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

10:26 a.m. - Received a dog complaint east of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

3:11 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Corporal Barnett, Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Fire, and AirEvac responded. The subject was transported to Evansville Hospital.

3:13 p.m. - Received a report of reckless drivers near Shoals. Corporal Barnett responded.

6:36 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:20 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing east of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan and Town Marshal Eckert responded.

10:38 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

9:37 a.m. - Received a report of a tree limb on SR 150. Martin County Civil Defense removed it.

10:00 a.m. - Received a report of suspicious activity east of Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan responded.

10:11 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down on US 50, east of Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

10:20 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported

ed the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:39 p.m. - Sergeant Gibson assisted a motorist near Shoals with a vehicle identification check.

6:41 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on SR 550, west of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

## ARRESTS

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

9:24 p.m. - James Blunk, 34, of Jasper, was arrested by ISP Trooper Blunk on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

1:30 p.m. - Elizabeth Grant-Kermode, 30, of Vincennes, was on station for petition to revoke. She is being held without bond.

5:59 p.m. - Jobe Sergent, 21, of Shoals, was on station for a court commitment. He is being held without bond.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

6:39 p.m. - Amy Wright, 22, of Lawrence, Illinois, was arrested by Deputy Wells on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

9:01 p.m. - Rory Browder, 55, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Flanagan and charged with battery with moderate bodily damage and is being held on a \$15,000 10% bond.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

1:15 a.m. - James Wildrick, 64, of Shoals, was arrested by Reserve Deputy Dorsey on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest were Corporal Barnett, Reserve Deputy Dorsey, and Reserve Deputy Ochs.

11:53 a.m. - William Bradley, 34, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Lents and charged with possession of precursors with intention to manufacture. He is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest was Loogootee Officer Seymour.

12:44 p.m. - Joy Grace, 39, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Lents and charged with possession of precursors with intention to manufacture, possession of methamphetamine, and maintaining a common nuisance. She is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest was ICO Mann.

1:17 p.m. - Nicholas Baker, 34, of Shoals, was arrested by Corporal Barnett and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated controlled substance, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangerment, unlawful possession of a firearm, and possession of a legend drug. He is being held without bond.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

9:16 p.m. - Alias Keasling, 23, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Means and charged with criminal mischief, destruction of property, public intoxication, and resisting law enforcement. He is being held without bond.

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# COURT NEWS

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## CRIMINAL COURT

### New Charges Filed

February 1

William J. Vaughn, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; leaving the scene of an accident, a Class B Misdemeanor; refusal to submit to breath or chemical test, a Class C Infraction.

Reshel D. Garcia, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

February 4

James S. Holt, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

February 8

Kelby L. Roberts, operating a vehicle after being habitual traffic offender, a Level 6 Felony.

February 10

Howard N. Phillips, dealing in methamphetamine, a Level 2 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Level 3 Felony; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony; dealing in marijuana, a Level 6 Felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Shelby R. Harder, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance -controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

February 11

Dylan V. Bruner, criminal recklessness, a Class B Misdemeanor; leaving the scene of an accident, a Class B Misdemeanor; reckless driving, a Class C Misdemeanor.

February 12

James L. Wildrick, intimidation, a Level 5 Felony; pointing a firearm at another, a Level 6 Felony.

Cole Tyson Ross, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

James Anthony Blunk, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Ulrich W. Kinnaman, theft, a Level 6 Felony; theft, a Class A Misdemeanor.

February 17

Michael D. Elliott, Jr., operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Level 6 Felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Level 6 Felony.

February 19

Brent L. Wagler, minor consuming alcohol, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Amy M. Wright, theft of a firearm, a Level 6 Felony.

February 23

Ashley C. Green, dealing in methamphetamine, a Level 2 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Level 3 Felony; basic offense of dealing in a schedule III controlled substance, a Level 6 Felony; possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor.

## CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

February 19

Kyle A. Gudorf, convicted of use of private land without consent, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to pay \$500 to the conservation officers' fish and wildlife fund and have hunting/fishing license suspended for one year.

John Robert Huebner, convicted of improper temporary transportation tag for white-tailed deer, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Sentenced to pay \$500 to the conservation officers' fish and wildlife fund.

February 23

Brian D. Walls, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 361 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

## CIVIL COURT

### New Suits Filed

February 17

Rent to Own Rentals vs. Kathleen Croddy, civil collection.

February 18

Midland Credit Management vs. Brian McNabb, civil collection.

February 23

Discover Bank vs. Donald D. Holt, civil collection.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

February 22

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC and against the defendant Barbara Otto in the amount of \$721.34.

February 23

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Cavalry SPV I, LLC and against the defendant James Hunt in the amount of \$3,464.09.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff OneMain Financial Group, LLC and against the defendant Robert Willhite in the amount of \$11,182.11.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Logan King in the amount of \$16,444.96.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT

February 19

Greene's Body Shop vs. Tina Willis, complaint.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

February 22

John Luke Jewell of Shoals and Katina Lynn Clifton of Shoals.

Nathan Patrick Arvin of Loogootee and Derni Nataly Osio of Loogootee.

# Martin County real estate transfers

**Michael A. Holt**, of Orange County, Indiana to **Kevin R. Boyd and Riza L. Boyd**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots 1 and 2 in Block 6 of Freeman's Addition to the Town of Shoals, Indiana.

**Angela B. Smith**, of Dubois County, Indiana to **Alan Robert Nonte and Suzanna L. Nonte**, of Dubois County, Indiana. Tract I: A tract of land south of the intersection of Sheridan Street and South Second Street, on the west side of Sheridan Street, thence west to Dewey Avenue, in the City of Loogootee, Indiana. Tract II: A part of the southwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Loogootee, Martin County containing 244 square feet, more or less.

**Mark L. Taylor** to **Zach M. Taylor** Tract I: A part of the northeast quarter of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2.85 acres, more or less. Tract II: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14 and 15 in the South Ridge Subdivision. Also, Lot Number 16 in the South Ridge Subdivision containing 1.32 acres.

**James Newkirk**, of Martin County, Indiana to **James Newkirk and Caroline Lambert**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 20, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 2 acres, more or less.

**Leland A. Wagler and Darla R. Wagler**, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Nathan A. Yoder and Logan D. Yoder**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the west half of the northwest quarter of Section 31, Township 5 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, Martin County,

# Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

12:07 a.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a commercial burglar alarm at a local business.

2:00 a.m. - Sgt. McBeth charged and cited a female into court on a charge of possession of marijuana.

2:03 p.m. - Chief Floyd completed a welfare check.

7:14 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call at a local business.

7:46 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on South Kentucky Avenue.

8:06 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Southwest Third Street.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

1:09 p.m. - Chief Floyd completed a welfare check.

10:50 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Southwest Third Street.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

9:35 a.m. - Chief Floyd took a report of property damage.

12:10 p.m. - Complainant reported a possible scam by telephone.

1:15 p.m. - Chief Floyd assisted the Indiana State Police and child protective services with a case.

2:54 p.m. - Chief Floyd assisted with a medical call at a local business.

3:53 p.m. - Chief Floyd cited a male into court and charged him with driving while suspended.

7:27 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a domestic dispute on Cedar Street.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

10:27 a.m. - Chief Floyd assisted Martin County Ambulance with a medical call on Walker Street.

1:28 p.m. - Sgt. Hennette completed a welfare check.

1:54 p.m. - Sgt. Hennette responded to a property damage accident on US 50.

3:54 p.m. - Chief Floyd and Sgt. Hennette responded to a possible domestic dispute on North Line Street.

7:09 p.m. - Officer Means completed a security check of a local business.

7:12 p.m. - Officer Means responded to a report of theft at a local business.

9:55 p.m. - Officer Means responded to a domestic dispute on North Line Street.

10:02 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Bloomfield Road.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:40 a.m. - Sgt. Hennette completed a welfare check on Northeast Third Street.

12:23 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on East Washington Street.

1:12 p.m. - Chief Floyd completed a welfare check.

2:00 p.m. - Sgt. Hennette spoke with a complainant in reference to property damage.

8:20 p.m. - Chief Floyd and Officer Means responded to a report of a breaking and entering in progress at a residence.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

8:26 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Killion Mill Road.

2:01 p.m. - Officer Seymour spoke with a complainant in reference to a missing person report.

3:13 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a personal injury accident near Cherry Street.

10:39 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on US 231 South.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

9:06 a.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill completed a welfare check.

10:28 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Mt. Calvary Road.

5:23 p.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill responded to a report of a semi with a leaky load.

5:45 p.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill and Officer Means responded to assist the Martin County Sheriff's Department with an inmate.

Indiana, containing 12.43 acres, more or less.

**Alan Robert Nonte and Suzanna L. Nonte**, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Tyler Trambaugh**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: A tract of land south of the intersection of Sheridan Street and South Second Street, on the west side of Sheridan Street, thence west to Dewey Avenue, in the City of Loogootee, Indiana. Tract II: A part of the southwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Loogootee, Martin County containing 244 square feet, more or less.

**Sheryl L. Ogg**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Rodney Sipes and Anna Sipes**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Numbered 42 and 44 in Sim's Addition to the Town of Indian Springs and Lot Numbered 43 in Sims' Extension to the Town of Indian Springs.

**Barbara Sue Buskirk**, of Monroe County, Indiana to **Barbara Sue Buskirk and Frank E. Garbett**, of Monroe County, Indiana, part of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 20, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 0.74 acre, more or less.

**Vicky Anderson**, of Green County, Kentucky to **Kerry Tirey**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 26, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing 1.3 acres, more or less.

**Kerry Tirey**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Howard R. White and Nina S. White**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 26, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing 1.3 acres, more or less.

**John K. Dixon**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Brooke M. Jones**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 33, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing 10 acres, more or less.

**Dustin J. Rumble and Rhonda J. Rumble**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Ephrum Hovis**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the north half of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 12, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.94 acre.

**Kirby J. McGuire**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Christopher Stone**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter and part of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 2.42 acres, more or less.

**Justin T. Jones**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Allie M. Walker**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.337 acres, more or less.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



When Beth Lett sent me this story, I thought it was worth sharing. It really makes you think.

A lady in a faded gingham dress and her husband, dressed in a homespun threadbare suit stepped off the train in Boston and walked timidly, without an appointment, into the Harvard University President's outer office. The secretary could tell in a moment that such backwoods, country hicks had no business at Harvard, and probably didn't even deserve to be in Cambridge.

"We'd like to see the president," the man said softly.

"He'll be busy all day," the secretary snapped.

"We'll wait," the lady replied.

For hours the secretary ignored them, hoping that the couple would finally become discouraged and go away. They didn't, and the secretary grew frustrated and finally decided to disturb the president, even though it was a chore she always regretted.

"Maybe if you see them for a few minutes, they'll leave," she said to him.

He sighed in exasperation and nodded. Someone of his importance obviously didn't have the time to spend with them, and he detested gingham dresses and homespun suits cluttering up his outer office.

The president, stern faced and with dignity, strutted toward the couple.

The lady told him, "We had a son who attended Harvard for one year. He loved Harvard. He was happy here. But about a year ago, he was accidentally killed. My husband and I would like to erect a memorial to him, somewhere on campus."

The president wasn't touched. He was shocked. "Madam," he said, gruffly, "we can't put up a statue for every person who attended Harvard and died. If we did, this place would look like a cemetery."

"Oh, no," the lady explained quickly. "We don't want to erect a statue. We thought we would like to give a building to Harvard."

The president rolled his eyes. He glanced at the gingham dress and homespun suit, then exclaimed, "A building! Do you have any earthly idea how much a building costs? We have over seven

and a half million dollars in the physical buildings here at Harvard."

For a moment the lady was silent.

The president was pleased. Maybe he could get rid of them now.

The lady turned to her husband and said quietly, "Is that all it costs to start a university? Why don't we just start our own?" Her husband nodded.

The president's face wilted in confusion and bewilderment.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Stanford got up and walked away, traveling to Palo Alto, California where they established the university that bears their name, Stanford University, a memorial to a son that Harvard no longer cared about.

You can easily judge the character of others by how they treat those who they think can do nothing for them.

A TRUE STORY By Malcolm Forbes

#### OTHER THOUGHTS

\*Good friends help you find important things when you have lost them...things like your smile, your hope, and your courage.

\*If you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always got. -Henry Ford

Make someone smile today!

#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR 'Gave her all and her best in a difficult job'

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

I read with regret that Kathy Collins was let go from her position as the Director of the Martin County Community Corrections. In my 11 years as a Martin County Commissioner, I had occasion to observe Kathy consistently working for the betterment of that program. I always found her to be professional and committed in her concerns for those in our community who found themselves in trouble. The goal was to try and get them turned around and on a track to success. Of all the people I came into contact, Kathy was one of those who I thought gave her all and her best in a difficult job.

Dan Gregory  
Loogootee, Indiana

#### Free community dinner

The Loogootee Christian Church, at 206 Sherman Street, is having their monthly free meal for the community. They would like to extend an invitation to the entire community for a free dinner to be held Thursday, March 4 from 6-8 p.m. at the church. The meal this month will be carry out only. Please line up in the parking lot and they will take your order.

#### Equipment auction

The Shoals Community School Corporation is auctioning off old playground equipment, two welders, and pieces of the gymnasium floor. The auction will close on March 20 at 12 p.m. ET. Pick-up will be on March 23, from 3-5 p.m. ET. The Graber Auctions link can be found at <https://graberauctions.com/catalog/266310/online-auction---shoals-community-school/>.

#### Grief support program

A grief support program is being provided by Thorne George Funeral Homes free of charge. The program, normally \$79, can be received for free by using the coupon code "Thorne-George". The program is confidential and self-directed. Those interested can visit [www.griefplan.com](http://www.griefplan.com) and click "take me to the grief plan program".

#### 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.

#### Mental Health Task Force

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

#### Celebrate Recovery meetings

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

#### Local recovery meetings

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

#### Free lunch for kids

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

#### SOAR Tutoring

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

#### Solid waste board

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

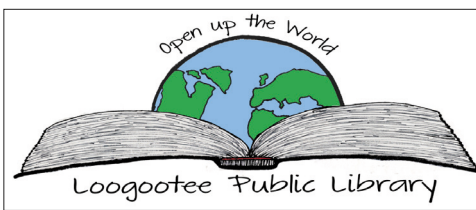
#### Soil and Water meetings

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

### ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



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#### BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The library will continue with the reduced hours through March 13.

Martin County Health Care, Shoals, is taking appointments for the COVID-19 vaccine. Registration is open for individuals in healthcare, first responders as well as anyone 55 years old and older. If you need assistance making an appointment, call the library and staff will help you with the registration process or provide a private space and computer for you to register.

#### New Books:

Mystery: "Triple Chocolate Cheesecake Murder" by Joanne Fluke and "Dark Sky" by C. J. Box.

Fiction: "The Affair" by Danielle Steel and "Calder Brand" by Janet Dailey.

Inspirational Fiction: "From this Moment" by Kim Vogel Sawyer.

DVDs: "Breach" and "Outlander Season 5"

The library phone number is 812-295-3713 or check out the website [www.loogootee.lib.in.us](http://www.loogootee.lib.in.us) or like us on Facebook. The library has free Wi-Fi service available for patrons.

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### Tri Kappa Week benefits nursing home workers

In honor of Tri Kappa Week in Loogootee, as deemed February 21-28 by Mayor Noel Harty, the Loogootee-Shoals Delta Tau chapter delivered lunch to the staff at the Loogootee Nursing Center and the Loogootee Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center on February 25.

The COVID pandemic has been difficult for everyone over the past year, and it has been extremely challenging for those who work at long-term care facilities. Nursing home staff have worked diligently to provide care for the residents who are most susceptible to COVID. Tri Kappa would like to express their sincerest appreciation to the staff who work at the Martin County long-term care facilities. Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do for Martin County's most vulnerable and precious residents.

An Indiana sorority, Tri Kappa is a philanthropic organization that promotes charity, culture, and education. The Loogootee-Shoals chapter of Tri Kappa supports many local organizations with donations, such as the Martin County Humane Society, Martin County Historical Society, Cops for Kids, Martin County 4-H, Loogootee Public Library, Martin County Community Foundation, and the Loogootee Summerfest. Delta Tau also supports the Loogootee schools by donating to the libraries, art department, choral department, musicals, band camps, and Life Skills class, as well as

offers scholarships to graduating seniors and monetary awards to the Loogootee and Shoals valedictorians and salutatorians.


Tri Kappa is able to give back to the community through our two fundraisers - selling Terri Lynn nuts and birthday calendars. Delta Tau members would like to thank the community for your continued support of Tri Kappa.




Shown above are Martin County Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center employees receiving their lunch from Tri Kappa. From left to right are Stacy Meade, Business Office Manager; and Liza Denson, Social Services Director.



Shown above are Tri Kappa members delivering lunch to the Loogootee Nursing Center. From left to right are Peggy Mattingly, Tri Kappa member; Brandi Gladish, Loogootee Nursing Center Administrator; Tabitha McCarter, Assistant Director of Nursing; and Barb McFeaters, Tri Kappa member.



## Making A Difference



By Curt Johnson  
MCCF Director

Last week I discussed things you need to consider when developing your charitable giving plan. So, once you've given good thought to the details of your plan, what's next?

-- ADVISORS CAN HELP --

Professional advisors can be invaluable guides in helping you plan and execute your charitable giving. When they are fully apprised of your values, interests and intentions, advisors can give detailed information on your giving options and how these options will work in your specific financial situation. They can also project how each option will affect your tax savings and legacy planning.

-- TYPES OF ADVISORS --

The type of advisor and expertise you most need may depend, in part, on the kinds of giving options you'd like to examine in depth. Most importantly is the level of trust and care you receive as a client.

When planning charitable giving, people most often work with one or more of the following types of professional advisors:

- Attorney
- Accountant
- Estate Planner
- Financial Planner
- Stock Broker
- Insurance Broker
- Philanthropy Consultant (may be part of the above, but focuses solely on helping with charitable giving)
- Planned Giving Officer (works for the nonprofits who would accept your donation and can provide good information for your advisors).

-- SELECTING --

Because advisors have different expertise and services, you may get a variety of opinions about your next steps. You need to find the right match of skills and personality to meet your needs. Talk to

your friends, family and others to learn about the advisor's experience in helping others make determinations about their values and giving style. You can also interview potential advisors about their expertise in the areas you are considering.

-- ADVISOR TRAITS --

While you are considering who your advisor(s) will be, keep in mind that donors such as yourself are typically most satisfied with their advisors when the advisor:

- Discusses philanthropy with them in detail, asks questions, and listens.
- Makes philanthropy a discussion about life goals, rather than about estate planning and mortality.
- Keeps the giving plan simple and/or limits discussions of complex giving vehicles to the top few options.
- Treats the plan as a vehicle for giving rather than as a financial product they are selling.

- Is a giver themselves.

- Knows when to look for additional help rather than trying to be an expert on all aspects of giving and family dynamics.

-- IT'S YOUR CHOICE --

Since charitable giving plans deal with personal and sometimes sensitive issues, it is important that you work with an advisor with whom you feel absolutely comfortable. When it comes to narrowing the field, trust your instincts.

Next week I'll talk about your decision to give and how the MCCF can help you.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

For more information about the MCCF, please contact the MCCF Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or [mccf@cf-partner.org](mailto:mccf@cf-partner.org).

You are also welcome to visit our webpage at [www.cfpartner.org](http://www.cfpartner.org) and "like" the MCCF Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/mccommunityfoundation](http://www.facebook.com/mccommunityfoundation).



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The Loogootee United Methodist Church (LUMC) received a \$41,360 grant from the LUMC Fund endowment of the Martin County Community Foundation. Shown from left to right are Curt Johnson (MCCF Director), John Drake (LUMC), Pastor Colleen Harden (LUMC), and Hope Flores (CFP CEO).



The Martin County Community Foundation presented a Shoals United Methodist Church (SUMC) Fund grant for \$41,360 to the Shoals United Methodist Church (SUMC). Shown from left to right are Jerry and Barb Loomis (SUMC), Curt Johnson (MCCF Director), Pastor Marty Evans (SUMC), Hope Flores (CFP CEO), and Alice and Daniel Lewis (SUMC).



## In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser, Purdue University  
Master Gardener

The National Garden Bureau has named the garden bean as the edible plant of the year. Following tomatoes, beans are probably one of the most widely planted garden crops. They are fairly easy to grow and produce a generous yield for the amount of work involved. That first pot of green beans is a memorable occasion for most gardeners each year.

Beans have been grown domestically for thousands of years. Beans were found in the tombs of the Egyptian kings and queens and in South American caves. They have been used as food for humans and livestock in nearly every civilization. In North America, indigenous peoples grew beans as part of the three-sisters method of gardening. Beans were interplanted with squash and maize. The beans fixed nitrogen, which the corn needed. The squash vines and large leaves acted as a natural mulch to control weeds.

Like peas, beans are legumes, meaning that they are able to fix nitrogen from the air and store it in specialized nodules on the plant roots. That means that beans do not usually require much fertilization to yield a bumper crop. In fact, beans are often used as a green manure crop and are grown simply to be turned under. The nitrogen stored in the root nodules is then available for the next crop being grown on that plot. Beans are also a great rotation crop, leaving nitrogen for corn or tomatoes being grown the following season.

Unlike peas, beans are a warm-season crop. Planting beans before soil temperatures top 70 degrees is likely to result in rotting seeds and few growing plants. However, once the soil is warm, beans will grow quickly. Some varieties grown for green beans may reach harvest state in as little as 40 days.

One of the hardest decisions to make concerning beans is which ones to plant. The world seed bank has more than 40,000 different kinds of beans, but even

though only a fraction of those are commercially available, there are still many choices. First, one must decide how the beans will be used. If growing beans for use as green beans, you will likely want to select one that has been developed to be slow to set seed. For snap beans, you may want a round bean pod, while a flat pod is better for Frenching. The choice of beans for dried beans is largely a matter of individual tastes and availability. Fewer gardeners tend to grow beans for shelling, but one of the best for our area is the French horticulture bean. These beans may be used as green beans when young and as shelled beans as they mature, so planting a large amount of these beans may satisfy all of one's bean needs.

Dried beans required thorough cooking. Some varieties contain toxins that could prove fatal if they are not cooked long enough to leach out the toxins. While death by beans is not common, it is possible, so make sure beans are cooked until they are tender. The other deadly property of beans is that they contain certain sugars for which humans do not have the enzymes to digest. The result, is the formation of methane gas in the intestines, earning beans the nickname of musical fruit. Soaking beans before cooking or taking an enzyme supplement may be a way around the unpleasant results of that bean property.

Another decision when planting beans is whether to plant bush beans, half runners or pole beans. Each has its good and bad qualities, so it is usually a matter of personal choice and the amount of room in the garden.

Beans have even entered the ornamental plant category. Several pole beans are grown as much for the blooms as for the pods or seeds. Last year, my great nieces helped me to plant a bean teepee on which we grew red and white runner beans and purple hyacinth beans. It was great fun and beautiful. Try planting some beans this year to celebrate the year of the garden bean.

## Hunters spur increase in number of deer tested for chronic wasting

A total of 893 wild deer in Indiana were tested for chronic wasting disease (CWD) through the end of the 2020-21 deer season, an increase from the 823 tested in 2019.

"While CWD has been found in the neighboring states of Illinois, Michigan, and Ohio, we have not detected CWD in Indiana to date," said Mitch Marcus, DNR fish and wildlife health supervisor.

CWD is a neurologic disease that affects white-tailed deer. The disease is always fatal to deer and is transmitted directly through body fluids, such as feces, saliva, blood, and urine, or indirectly through the contamination of soil, plants, and water.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), there have been no cases of CWD in humans. In areas where CWD is known to be present, the CDC recommends that hunters have deer tested before eating the meat.

## Specialty crop growers eligible for federal funding

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) is currently seeking project proposals from Indiana's specialty crop industry to present for funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Specialty Crop Block Grant Program. The proposals must enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops in Indiana, defined as fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, horticulture and nursery crops.

"Indiana is a thriving home to many agricultural endeavors, which includes producing a variety of outstanding specialty crops," said Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch. "This funding opportunity will allow our specialty crop industry the ability to advance through research, market development, and education and training."

The USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant Program offers federal funding annually to the state departments of agriculture to support their specialty crop industries. The allocation amount for Indiana is unknown at this time.

Applicants can include non-profit and for-profit organizations, governments and public or private colleges and universities. ISDA encourages applicants to develop projects focused on issues such as enhancing food safety, pest and disease control, developing organic and sustainable pro-

duction practices, and developing local and regional food systems.

Funding will not be awarded to projects that benefit a particular commercial product, or provide a profit to a single organization, institution or individual. Each project must identify at least one expected measurable outcome that specifically demonstrates the project's impact on enhancing the competitiveness of eligible specialty crops.

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

"It is more important now than ever to leverage these financial opportunities, and I want to encourage all eligible businesses or organizations to apply," said Bruce Kettler, Indiana State Department of Agriculture Director. "These dollars will go a long way in ensuring Indiana's robust specialty crop sector remains thriving for years to come."

Applications are due by 11:59 p.m. ET on March 25, 2021, and proposals must be submitted online through the Indiana State Department of Agriculture's Grants Management System.

For more information and the solicitation, visit [www.in.gov/isda/grants-and-funding-opportunities/](http://www.in.gov/isda/grants-and-funding-opportunities/). For a full list of eligible specialty crops, visit [www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/sc-bgp/specialty-crop](http://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/sc-bgp/specialty-crop).

## Outdoor Indiana magazine features wild turkeys

Outdoor Indiana magazine's March/April issue features a cover article on wild turkeys, which numbered about 30,000 nationwide around the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century but now have an estimated population of 6.5 million in the United States.

The issue also includes an article on a few of Indiana's outdoor mysteries and another on DNR land acquisitions through the Benjamin Harrison Conservation Trust in 2020.

Outdoor Indiana is available now at most Barnes & Noble stores in Indiana for \$4. Subscriptions are \$15 for one year (six issues, a 38% savings off cover) and \$28 for two years (12 issues, a 42 percent savings off cover).

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