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Shown above is the newly-renovated clerk's office, now veterans' room of the Martin County Museum, formerly used as the county courthouse. The photo on the left is what the room looked like before renovations were done.



Museum restores old clerk's office, now veterans' room

Last year, the Martin County Museum had to be closed because of the COVID-19 pandemic. While it was difficult for them to shut their doors, they were able to keep working. Volunteers, often working alone in a room or at their homes, continued to help realize the vision of a dedicated room to honor veterans. From pulling down ceiling tiles to painting walls to gathering artifacts and creating displays, the work did not stop. The Martin County Historical Society proudly announces that they have completed restoration of the old clerk's

room in the old courthouse. This room is now the county's veterans' room; a place to honor local heroes.

The historical society asked for money to help with some repairs. They were overwhelmed with the response and were able to accomplish things they only had dreamed of. They want to thank all who donated their time or money to make this project successful. The museum's hours are Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. or by appointment by contacting Bill Greene.

Commissioners stand by hiring financial advisor for the county

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

The residents who attended Monday night's county council meeting returned Tuesday night for the Martin County Commissioners' meeting.

Steve Magdaleno, who said he is new to the county, told the commissioners that he feels the county council passes money requests very quickly and the commissioners do it too. He wanted to know why the commissioners approved hiring a financial advisor for the county.

Commissioner Paul George said the council has discussed hiring someone for several years. Magdaleno said that only three of the seven council members did. Commissioner George replied that only three of seven council members interviewed firms, but all the council members were on board with hiring a company. Auditor Bobbie Abel noted that more than three council members cannot be together

at the same time or it constitutes a quorum and a public meeting has to be advertised. Three council members were chosen to interview financial advisors.

Magdaleno said he would like the commissioners to rescind agreeing to the contract with the financial advisor. He said he would like the process to be slowed down and looked at more. "I hope I am speaking for everyone when I say this," he said.

Commissioner Cody Roush asked Magdaleno if he really feels that having an advisor to help with the budget wouldn't be beneficial. He said that what the company hired can do is beyond his own abilities.

Magdaleno replied that the financial advisors offer a sales pitch to get the contract and will say anything. He said he would prefer that the county council do the job they were hired to do as opposed to hiring someone else to do it.

Commissioner George said that the firm will look at the budget to see where the (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 2)

Martin County awarded almost \$1 million for roads

Governor Eric J. Holcomb and Indiana Department of Transportation Commissioner Joe McGuinness last week announced 218 Indiana cities, towns, and counties received a combined \$100.2 million in state matching funds for local road projects through Community Crossings, a component of the Governor's Next Level Roads program.

Martin County was awarded \$997,626.75 which will pave 11.3 miles of county roads. The county also had to match 25 percent of the award.

"Superior transportation infrastructure – from interstates to local roads and everything connecting in between – make our communities safer attractive places to do business and create jobs," Governor Holcomb said. "Thriving communities, in turn, provide exceptional places for Hoosiers to call home and raise families. With that in mind, I'm so pleased to invest and partner with local leaders to deliver on high-priority projects that keep Indiana moving forward."

The Community Crossings initiative has provided more than \$931 million in state matching funds for local construction projects since 2016. Communities submitted applications for funding during a highly competitive call for projects held in January. Applications were evaluated based on need and current conditions and impacts to safety and economic development. Funding for Community Crossings comes

from the state's local road and bridge matching grant fund.

"Community Crossings is a major asset to Indiana cities, towns and counties as they build and modernize local roads and bridges," INDOT Commissioner Joe McGuinness said. "The state's funding partnership allows local partners to tackle larger scale project more quickly than would otherwise be possible, maximize their resources to complete more projects and achieve the best possible value for Hoosiers."

To qualify for funding, local governments must provide local matching funds, 50 percent for larger communities or 25 percent for smaller communities, from a funding source approved for road and bridge construction. They must also submit an INDOT-approved asset management plan for maintaining existing roads and bridges. State law requires annually that 50 percent of the available matching funds be awarded to communities within counties with a population of 50,000 or fewer. State lawmakers identified long-term funding for Community Crossings as part of House Enrolled Act 1002, passed by the legislature and signed into law by Gov. Holcomb in April 2017.

The list of all communities receiving matching funds in the 2021 winter/spring call for projects is online at www.in.gov/indot/communitycrossings.

The next call for projects in Community Crossings will open in July 2021.

County council again answers questions from taxpayers

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Martin County Council was riddled with questions at their meeting Monday night, May 3. Residents in the audience asked several questions regarding the county's financial status.

Steve Magdaleno, who was in the audience, asked why the county is outsourcing a financial advisor position. He asked if a contract with the company has been signed. The council and commissioners decided two weeks ago to hire FSG Corporation for an amount not to exceed \$30,000.

Council Member Warren Albright replied that the position is not being outsourced, it is simply a second set of eyes to help the council find funding they may not know about. He said many have suggested to the council they hire a financial advisor.

Council Member Randy Winger said a month ago, he didn't think the county needed to hire someone to advise them. However, he said, he found out information that changed his mind such as the firm helping the council spend TIF district funds or access township funds that have previously been untouchable.

Magdaleno asked the council if they are too overwhelmed with their job as council members. He said the budget may have extra money to pay a financial advisor now but not in a few years.

Several council members, in unison, replied that the firm is only hired for this year. The council would have to discuss

and approve any additional contracts.

Council Member Sherri Bowling told Magdaleno that in the public hearing held last year to raise income taxes, they told those in attendance they would get someone outside the council to review the budget.

Magdaleno said he feels the council is paying two entities to do the same job – the council and the firm.

Council Member Albright said the council will still do the budget each year, the company will just help them find ways to allocate funds per state statute. He said the goal is to find money elsewhere to reduce the general fund and help save the county money. He added that the council has tried to get guidance on spending TIF district funds however they have been unsuccessful.

Council Member Adam Greene said he is a business owner, and the county is just like running a business. He said a financial advisor will help find ways to help with the budget.

Magdaleno said he would like the council to rescind approving hiring a financial advisor until it's investigated more.

Council Member Albright, along with a few other council members, replied that the commissioners actually approved hiring the financial advisor.

Magdaleno said he would go to the commissioners then, however, he wanted it noted in the minutes that he asked the council to rescind the contract with the advisors.

Council Member Winger said many (See 'COUNCIL' on page 2)

COMMISSIONERS

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county may be overspending.

Magdaleno said \$55,000 was just spent to hire a lawyer to resolve an employee issue and that didn't benefit the county in any way. He said hiring the financial advisor could have the same outcome.

Commissioner George asked the other two commissioners if they would like to rescind the approval of the contract with the financial advisor. Commissioner Roush said he thinks the advisor will be beneficial. Commissioner Aaron Summers said he feels all the council members are in favor of trying this option and they are expecting the firm to save the county money. "We're not hiring them for no reason," he said.

Commissioner George added again that the council has spent a long time considering hiring someone.

Angela Magdaleno, who was in the audience, said the county council knew what the job was before they ran for the position. "It sure is easy to spend money when it's not your money," she said.

She said she's noticed that oftentimes the county council passes things off to the commissioners and the commissioners pass things off to the council. She said she would simply like to see more discussion and investigation before things were approved so quickly. Commissioner Roush said that the commissioners receive the claims via email prior to the meeting and have time to review them beforehand.

Commissioner George said the commissioners do disagree with the county council on some things. He noted that he is getting along well with the county council right now and he doesn't want to say anything against them that could change that.

Auditor Abel said that residents at the public hearing, held to discuss raising income taxes last year, wanted the council to come up with a plan. This was when a financial advisor was discussed. She said that many counties have advisors to help them come up with long-term plans, to help

with capital investments, repairs that need done on county-owned buildings, and to scrutinize the budget. She said some council members are new and some have been on the council a long time so she feels it will be beneficial for all of them. She said that she has served as auditor since 2016 and the county has never had a financial advisor look over the budget or help make a long-term plan.

Magdaleno said she just wanted the commissioners to know that there is flawed management running the county.

Commissioner George said that for the past few years, the county has had trouble making budget. He said with one third of the county being state forest or federal land with Crane, it takes a toll on property taxes collected. He said the council is trying to come up with alternatives to raising taxes.

Angela Magdaleno said there are continuing education courses the council could attend to help them better understand finances.

Mary Smith, who was in the audience, said she thinks it would be helpful if the company hired could educate the council instead of the company just doing the work without teaching.

Brian Esch, who was also in the audience, asked what other areas the financial advisors plan to look into, such as shared resources with other counties or unused township funds.

Commissioner George said he didn't think they could do anything with the township's money. Commissioner Summers added that the highway department, for example, works with other counties when it comes to cost sharing and buying equipment. He said they have a good relationship with other counties.

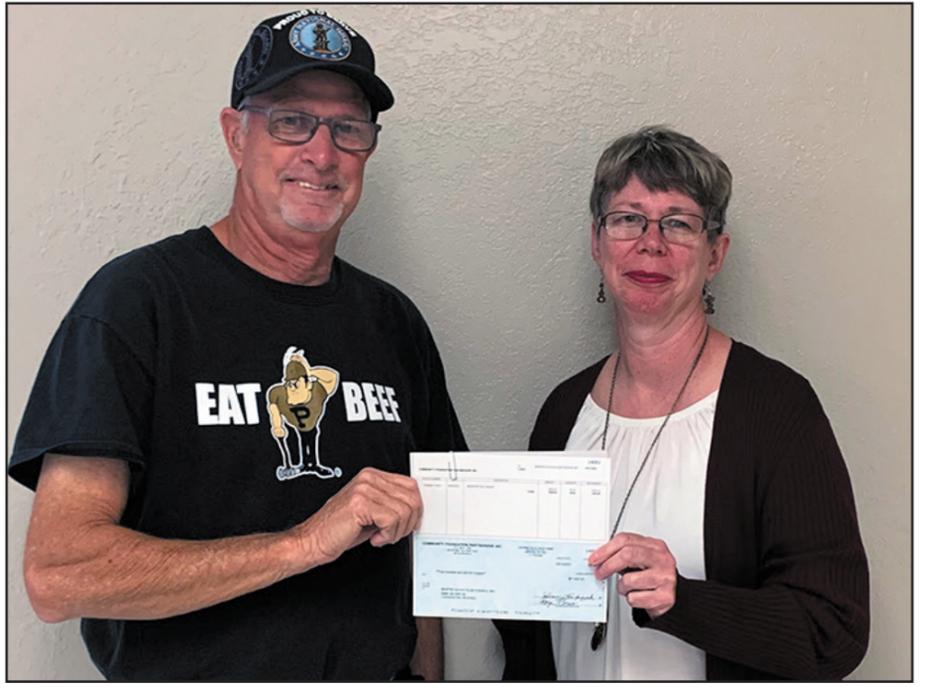
Angela Magdaleno said she thinks the county council is too concerned with finding money to spend as opposed to cutting spending. She said she thinks the focus needs to be more on curbing spending not finding more money.

Paul said he honestly doesn't know if the advisors will find any money in the current budget because the departments already run bare bones. "We're in the position we are in and it hasn't happened overnight. We just keep fighting the fight. This has been going on for decades," he said. He added that every department's budget takes a hit every year at budget time. And he said every year they scramble to make budget.

A member of the audience asked how to prevent the need to hire a lawyer for personnel issues in the future. Commissioner George said they need to consider hiring a human resources person. He noted that there again, that involves money that the county does not have. He said they hired the lawyer who specializes in human resources because the county doesn't have anyone doing that job.

The commissioners were asked if they received a bill from the lawyer hired to handle the personnel issue in the community corrections department. Commissioner George said they did receive an itemized bill for \$54,900 and they don't expect to need the lawyer again for this issue. He said the bill is available for the public to review in the auditor's office.

Julia Albright, with the Martin County Health Department, reported there were 55 new COVID cases in April and several of those were in the last week of the month. She said the county will go to orange status today, Wednesday, due to that increase, which comes with some restrictions including limited attendance at gatherings and events. She said the health department has administered 3,600 COVID vaccines to date and they will have clinics every Tuesday and Thursday for walk-ins. Commissioner George asked if prom was the reason for the increase in positive COVID cases. Albright replied that it was a variety of issues because the positive cases were a mix of ages. She said she can't say any one specific thing caused it.



4-H Make My Day grant

-Photo provided

The Martin County 4-H Club Council recently received a \$500 Make My Day grant from the Martin County Community Foundation. Shown is MCCF Board Member Dan Gregory presenting the check to Paula Ringwald, a member of the 4-H Council.

COUNCIL

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Magdaleno and his wife felt the county spends money on things that are not needed. Council Member Albright said in the case of the community corrections issue, the county had no choice.

Another member of the audience said she feels the council is too quick to approve money requests. She said he would prefer them to slow down and take more time to investigate additional appropriations. She said there needs to be more "nays" as opposed to "yays" when approving. She said having a financial advisor may make things easier on the council.

Magdaleno asked if hiring an outside source would help the council or help the taxpayers. Winger replied the purpose is to help the taxpayers.

Council Member Barb McFeaters said the firm the county hired is full of CPAs. She said none of the county council members are CPAs even though they do the best they can. "The firm will go through every fund to see if anything has been missed," she said. She noted that the contract with the financial advisor ends December 31, 2021.

Council Member Albright replied that they are not trying to make their job easier. He said residents have questioned why the council raised taxes and had several ideas on ways the county could save money however those residents didn't understand the whole process. He said the council told the public they would get outside help to find legal ways to incorporate funds the county has been previously unable to access.

More discussion ensued regarding additional appropriation requests and the county spending money to hire an attorney for an employee issue with the community corrections department.

In other business, Danielle Murphy, who is taking over as director of Martin County Community Corrections, said she will start at the corrections office on Wednesday. She, along with Pat King, presented the annual report for the corrections department. They explained that community corrections operates primarily on grant funding. Due to COVID, some of that grant funding didn't get used last year, such as the grant for the jail treatment program. Murphy said they plan to get that program running again soon. She said one of her focuses as director is to make sure grant funds are completely utilized so funds do not have to be sent back to the state. Murphy said they currently have 12 clients for community corrections which will be down to nine shortly.

Public Health Nurse Julia Albright requested the council approve spending grant funds to help cover the cost of COVID vaccine clinics. The request was for \$55,000 for clerical work, \$26,720 to pay contract workers who help at the clinics but are not employees of the health department, and \$3,600 for equipment. Albright said the county will not be out any money for any of the vaccine clinic expenses. The council approved the request.

Albright said the health department's vaccine clinics are slowing down now as she believes everyone who wanted to get the COVID vaccine has done so. They are primarily filling appointments now for the second shot.

Highway Secretary Terri Alcorn reported that Martin County was awarded almost \$1 million in funds from Community Crossings. The money will go toward paving 11.3 miles of roads.

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VIC CREW

Victor Crew passed away at 6:15 p.m. Saturday, May 1, 2021 at Loogootee Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. A resident of Loogootee, he was 80.



VIC CREW

He was born September 8, 1940 in Paxton; son of the late Seward B. and Frances (McCammon) Crew.

Vic married Mary Jane Norris on December 26, 1960 and she survives.

He worked for Larkin Brothers for 22 years as a manager. Vic went on to open his own clothing store, Vic's Men and Boys Wear, that he owned and operated for eight years.

Vic served as a past Loogootee Little League coach and Loogootee girls softball coach. He enjoyed crossword puzzles. He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and donated to Catholic Charities Diocese of Evansville routinely.

Vic held various roles at the Martin County Courthouse. First, he was the Martin County Surveyor for two terms, then the Martin County Auditor for two terms, next he was the Martin County Clerk for a partial term of two years and lastly, he served on the Martin County Council for one term. Vic always said, "I worked for the people. I wasn't a politician."

He was preceded in death by an infant son, Robert Edward Crew; parents, Seward B. and Frances Crew; and siblings, Benny Crew, Sharon Simes and John Crew.

Vic is survived by his wife, Mary Jane Crew of Loogootee; children, Jeff (Micky) Crew of Shoals, Kathleen (Wade) Bege-man of Greenwood and Paul (April) Crew

of Loogootee; brothers, Ron (Karen) Crew of Washington and Pete Crew of Texas; grandchildren, Candace (Matt) Clark, Cassi (Corey) Mueth, Tyler Lanter, Katie (Randy) Taylor, Bethany (Kai) Tuomi and Derek Sipes; great-grandchildren, Audrey and Colton, Landon, Garrett, Vincent and Gracie; many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker this morning, Wednesday, May 5 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Burial followed in St. John Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee is honored to serve the family of Victor Crew.

CHARLOTTE RUSSELL

Charlotte R. Russell passed away at 4:48 p.m. Friday, April 30, 2021 at Memorial Hospital and Healthcare Center. A resident of Alfordsville, she was 60.

She was born March 2, 1961 in Washington; daughter of Charles Thomas Fields and the late Anna Laura (Kaiser) Fields.

Charlotte enjoyed the outdoors, camping and gardening. She was a mother to all and cared for many through the years. Charlotte was a member of the Alfordsville United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Anna Laura Fields.

Charlotte is survived by her husband of 31 years, Herschel Wayne Russell of Alfordsville; sons, Ryan Thomas Fields of Alfordsville, Kyle Wayne (Samantha) Russell of West Terre Haute and Beau Patrick Russell of Alfordsville; father, Charles Thomas Fields of Loogootee; grandchildren, Jade Ryan Fields

and Jakob Stone Mattingly; and siblings, Charles James (Debbie) Fields and Carol Ann (Jason) Jones, both of Loogootee.

A funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m. today, Wednesday, May 5 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

SIDC seeks community to complete survey regarding COVID relief

The Southern Indiana Development Commission invites the region to participate in a survey that will help businesses recover from the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The Southern Indiana Economic Development Commission (SIDC), which serves the counties of Daviess, Greene, Knox, Lawrence, and Martin, has received Economic Development Administration (EDA) funds as part of the CARES Act to complete the development of short- and long-term economic recovery and resiliency strategies for the region. SIDC kicked-off this process in April and is building off of the previous community needs survey to better understand the negative impact of COVID on businesses, organizations, governments, public-agencies, non-profits, consumers and the workforce of the five-county region.

The following is a link to the survey, which can also be found SIDC's website (www.surveymonkey.com/r/SIDCcommunityneeds). The survey will take five minutes to complete, and questions are tailored based on if you are responding as a business owner or leader, government, non-profit, public agency, consumer, or employee in the region. The results of the survey will be used to create short-term strategies and long-term strategies that help businesses recover from the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Following the completion of the survey, additional community stakeholder meetings will be held to further explore the complex and unique challenges for businesses in the region.

Burial followed in Alfordsville Community Cemetery.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Blake Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Charlotte R. Russell.

Jessica Potts, the Economic Resiliency Coordinator for SIDC has stated that, "We hope to gather input from as many organizations and individuals in the region as possible. We believe the results of this survey will help us create strategies that will truly help our region better respond to the negative impacts of the pandemic and urge as many people as possible to

take this survey." The short-term and long-term recovery strategies are expected to be completed by August of this year, allowing SIDC to utilize EDA funding to implement these strategies as soon as possible.



Economic Recovery & Resiliency Plan

Daviess County, Greene County, Knox County, Lawrence County, Martin County.

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Take this brief online survey and participate in a regional planning effort that will result in the implementation of funding and strategies to solve challenges related to COVID-19!

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I may be that person to grow up and discover a cure for cancer or be instrumental in solving some other big problem the world may face. Or I could be just an ordinary human being that is loving and caring and help you in your older days!

Only God knows what my future will be but you have played a part in God's plan for me!

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, APRIL 26

2:43 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan and Loogootee Officer Lents responded.

6:10 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan and Loogootee Assistant Chief Rayhill responded.

1:10 p.m. - Deputy Seymour assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

1:14 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire, Deputy Seymour, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

3:30 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

5:58 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

7:04 p.m. - Deputy Wells assisted a motorist south of Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

7:17 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

7:45 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

TUESDAY, APRIL 27

12:25 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

8:00 a.m. - Major Keller assisted a motorist north of Shoals with a vehicle identification check.

9:46 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:30 a.m. - Deputy Seymour took two inmates to court.

11:13 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

12:02 p.m. - Major Keller assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

1:30 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took one inmate to court.

1:44 p.m. - Received a cat complaint north of Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

3:12 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took one inmate to court.

3:46 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. ICO Doane, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:50 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals Deputy Wells responded.

7:30 p.m. - Received a report of a brush fire east of Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

7:31 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:17 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Captain Reed responded.

11:10 p.m. - Received a noise complaint in Shoals. Captain Reed responded.

11:40 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50, west of Shoals. Captain Reed responded.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

12:29 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee

Sergeant McBeth, Captain Reed, and Deputy Wells responded.

2:20 a.m. - Received a report of cows out north of Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

3:51 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

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

5:22 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle near Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

10:02 a.m. - Received a medical alarm call in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

11:04 a.m. - Received a dog complaint north of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

12:00 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals on US 50. Chief Deputy Greene, Town Marshal Eckert, Deputy Seymour, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

2:10 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert and Chief Deputy Greene responded. All was secure.

4:49 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 231, south of Loogootee. Reserve Deputy Dorsey responded.

6:01 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

7:00 p.m. - Received a horse complaint east of Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

8:15 p.m. - Reserve Deputy Dorsey assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle identification check.

10:03 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Floyd responded.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

4:49 a.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

6:14 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down on SR 150, east of Shoals. Captain Reed and Shoals Fire responded.

6:50 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down on US 50 near the Jug Rock. Shoals Fire responded.

7:08 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

9:12 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down on SR 150, east of Shoals. Corporal Barnett, Deputy Seymour, Shoals Fire, and INDOT responded.

9:26 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check north of Loogootee. Corporal Barnett assisted adult protective services.

9:42 a.m. - Received a horse complaint north of Shoals. Major Keller and Corporal Barnett responded.

10:32 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. County highway responded.

10:51 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle on US 50, west of Shoals. Major Keller responded.

11:30 a.m. - Deputy Seymour took one inmate to court.

12:55 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took three inmates to court.

1:03 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle south of Loogootee. ISP Trooper Wilson and ISP Detective Lents responded.

5:50 p.m. - Received a horse complaint north of Shoals. Animal Control

Office Hughett was notified.

8:25 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle east of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

8:50 p.m. - Deputy Flanagan assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

8:55 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle south of Loogootee on US 231. Captain Reed responded.

10:40 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded, and Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

12:29 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to IU Health in Bedford.

8:47 a.m. - Corporal Barnett assisted the department of child services with a welfare check in Loogootee.

10:07 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

10:14 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

12:52 p.m. - Received a report of trees down near Shoals. County highway responded.

3:40 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted Dubois County Community Corrections with an investigation near Loogootee.

4:20 p.m. - Received a report of a log in the road east of Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

4:32 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Police responded.

6:04 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:23 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

SATURDAY, MAY 1

3:31 a.m. - Captain Reed assisted a motorist near Shoals.

7:45 a.m. - Received a horse complaint north of Shoals. Corporal Barnett responded.

8:55 a.m. - Received a request for lift assistance near Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

9:22 a.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

1:30 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving near Loogootee. Loogootee Police responded.

2:56 p.m. - Corporal Barnett assisted a motorist near Shoals with a vehicle identification check.

Martin County real estate transfers

Hembree Properties, Inc. to Daisy Holdings, Inc., Lot Number 6 and the south half of Lot Number 5 of Cray's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana. Also, the north half of Lot Number 5 in Cray's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana. More commonly known as 101 NW 1st Street, Loogootee IN 47553.

Frank F. Fee, Jr. and Susan P. Fee to Cole Arvin and Loryn J. Arvin, a portion of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 24, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, in Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 7.82 acres.

Michael L. Fields and Vicki L. Fields, of Marion County, Indiana to Jerry L. Fish and Patricia A. Fish, of Marion County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of Section 28, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Lost River Township,

5:19 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Haysville Fire responded. No one was transported.

7:10 p.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

7:15 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

7:35 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

9:10 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Deputy Lents responded.

SUNDAY, MAY 2

11:30 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.

1:17 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:42 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

3:00 p.m. - Corporal Barnett and Loogootee Assistant Chief Rayhill assisted a motorist south of Loogootee.

5:00 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism east of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson and ICO Mann responded.

5:54 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals on US 50. Sergeant Gibson, Town Marshal Eckert, and Shoals Fire responded.

ARRESTS

TUESDAY, APRIL 27

9:40 p.m. - Jason Stone, 45, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Wells and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated. His bond has been set at \$15,000 10%.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

4:10 p.m. - Sierra Hudson, 32, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Beaver and charged with neglect of a dependent x2, neglect of a dependent x3, possession of methamphetamine, and possession of paraphernalia. Her bond has been set at \$30,000 10%.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

10:02 p.m. - Timothy Guy, 73, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Nolan and charged with possession of child pornography and is being held without bond.

Martin County, Indiana, containing 10 acres, more or less.

Larry D. Hembree, of Martin County, Indiana to Daisy Holdings, Inc., of Martin County, Indiana, a part of Lot Number 22 in Risacher's Fourth Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Monty J. Holt, of Lawrence County, Indiana to John Wininger and Martha Wininger, of Hernando County, Florida, Lot Number 10 in S.A. Chenoweth's Addition to the Town of Shoals, formerly Memphis, Indiana.

Jason R. Hennette and Brandi R. Hennette, of Martin County, Indiana to Raymond K. Chesser and Tina M. Chesser, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, City of Loogootee, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.292 acres, more or less.

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL COURT New Charges Filed March 31

Nathan T. Harmon, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor; knowingly or intentionally operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Hannah R. Flynn, 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.

April 5

Stacy L. Voorhies, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Christopher H. Raney, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Trystan K. Schroeder, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor; minor in possession of alcohol, a Class C Misdemeanor.

April 7

Bradley C. Beasley, 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.

Jason B. Wagler, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Level 6 Felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor.

April 13

Nathaniel J. Hart, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor; minor in possession of alcohol, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Brayton C. Meade, shooting into or across the waters of the state, a Class C Misdemeanor; shooting from or across a public highway, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Leon D. King, leaving the scene of an accident, a Class B Misdemeanor.

April 22

Tyler M. McCarty, hunting wild animals without a license, a Class B Misdemeanor; illegal taking of a wild animal, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Shannon F. Blankenship, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

April 27

Austin W. Deel, leaving the scene of an accident, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Christopher A. Howell, domestic battery, a Level 6 Felony.

Michael L. Kane, unlawful possession or use of a legend drug, a Level 6 Felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

April 23

Brook Nathan Hawkins, convicted of theft, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 913 days with 681 days suspended and credit for 116 actual days previous-

ly served plus 116 Class A credit days. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

April 26

Gregory D. Bough, convicted of two counts of invasion of privacy, Class A Misdemeanors. Sentenced on each count to serve 365 days with 359 days suspended and credit for 3 actual days previously served plus 3 Class A credit days. Defendant received 9 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

April 22

Brook Nathan Hawkins, domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; burglary, a Level 5 Felony, dismissed; invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

April 23

Oswaldo Mondragon Alanis, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

April 26

Gregory D. Bough, criminal trespass, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

April 21

Howard Phillips vs. Jalisa Phillips, petition for dissolution of marriage.

April 22

OneMain Financial Group, LLC vs. Bryan Cole, civil collection.

Cavalry SPV I, LLC vs. Michael Hopkins, civil collection.

Discover Bank vs. Victoria Lawson, civil collection.

April 23

World Finance Company of Indiana, LLC vs. Brittney Steimel, civil collection.

April 26

Capital One Bank vs. Dawn Taylor, civil collection.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs. Rocky Morton, civil collection.

State of Indiana vs. McDonald's USA, LLC, Martin County, Indiana, civil plenary.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

April 21

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midland Credit Management, Inc. and against the defendant Brandon Grimes in the amount of \$4,955.44.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Cavalry SPV I, LLC and against the defendant Michael Hopkins in the amount of \$1,411.54.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Capital One Bank and against the defendant Jason Wathen in the amount of \$7,275.91.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

April 27

Family Dental Care vs. Shannon Carri-co, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

April 19

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Tracy J. Smith and against the defendants Courtney Emmons and Kelby Roberts in the amount of \$8,117.83.

April 26

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Noah Cox and against the defendant Michaela Grubb in the amount of \$2,125.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Kevin Boyd and against the defendants Brooke McMackins and Jon Deckard for court costs totalling \$135.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, APRIL 26

2:43 a.m. – Officer Lents assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a welfare check on East Broadway Street.

7:45 a.m. – Assistant Chief Rayhill responded to an alarm at a local business on East Broadway Street.

1:13 p.m. – Assistant Chief Rayhill assisted with a child locked in a vehicle.

2:40 p.m. – Assistant Chief Rayhill responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle.

3:30 p.m. – Assistant Chief Rayhill assisted an individual with getting person property from a residence.

7:42 p.m. – First responders were dispatched to a medical call on North Line Street.

TUESDAY, APRIL 27

11:17 a.m. – First responders were dispatched to a medical call on East Broadway Street.

11:35 a.m. – Assistant Chief Rayhill completed a welfare check.

12:35 p.m. – Caller reported a possible molestation case.

1:36 p.m. – Chief Floyd tagged an abandoned vehicle.

5:29 p.m. – Chief Floyd completed a vehicle check.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

10:06 a.m. – First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Boston Street.

10:38 a.m. – Captain Hennette responded to a report of a broken window at a residence in Country Court.

10:50 a.m. – Captain Hennette responded to a complaint of a speeding vehicle on city streets.

12:38 p.m. – Captain Hennette responded to a property damage accident in CVS parking lot.

2:18 p.m. – Captain Hennette assisted the department of child services on a case.

6:08 a.m. – First responders were dispatched to a medical call on John Street.

10:04 p.m. – Chief Floyd responded to a report of a possible impaired driver on US 231 South.

10:10 p.m. – Caller advised of an erratic driver nearing Loogootee on US 50 West.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

1:50 p.m. – Captain Hennette responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle nearing Loogootee on US 231 North.

3:13 p.m. – Captain Hennette assisted the Indiana State Police with an arrest.

3:13 p.m. – Chief Floyd completed a vehicle check.

10:38 p.m. – Caller reported erratic driving in a local church parking lot.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

12:29 a.m. – First responders were dispatched to a medical call at Eldorado Motel.

9:50 a.m. – Caller reported a utility line down on North Line Street.

1:07 p.m. – Captain Hennette completed a vehicle check.

4:17 p.m. – Captain Hennette completed a welfare check.

5:19 p.m. – First responders were dispatched to a medical call on 1300 East.

SATURDAY, MAY 1

9:25 a.m. – First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Church Street.

1:45 p.m. – Assistant Chief Rayhill assisted with a funeral procession.

1:30 p.m. – Caller reported an erratic driver nearing Loogootee on US 50 West.

2:11 p.m. – Assistant Chief Rayhill completed a welfare check.

4:10 p.m. – Assistant Chief Rayhill assisted an individual with getting personal property from a residence.

5:29 p.m. – Assistant Chief Rayhill completed a welfare check.

10:21 p.m. – Sgt. McBeth responded to a domestic disturbance on Lincoln Avenue.

SUNDAY, MAY 2

10:40 a.m. – Assistant Chief Rayhill completed a vehicle check.

10:53 a.m. – Assistant Chief Rayhill spoke with a complainant in reference to a possible theft.

11:30 a.m. – First responders were dispatched to a medical call at a business on West Broadway Street.

1:20 p.m. – First responders were dispatched to a medical call at Country Place Apartments.

3:00 p.m. – Assistant Chief Rayhill assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a stranded motorist.

3:19 p.m. – Chief Floyd spoke with a complainant in reference to a domestic dispute.

6:50 p.m. – Sgt. McBeth responded to a report of a possible impaired driver nearing Loogootee on US 50 East.

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More Neat Stuff

By Ann Ackerman



COWS DON'T GIVE MILK

A peasant used to say to his children when they were young, "When you all reach the age of 12, I will tell you the secret of life."

One day when the oldest turned 12, he anxiously asked his father what was the secret of life. The father replied that he was going to tell him, but he should not reveal it to his brothers.

The secret of life is this – "The cow does not give milk."

"What are you saying?" the boy asked incredulously.

"As you hear it son, the cow does not give milk, you have to milk it. You have to get up at four in the morning, go to the field, walk through the corral full of manure, tie the tail, hobble the legs of the cow, sit on the stool, place the bucket and do the work yourself."

"That is the secret of life, the cow does not give milk. You milk her or you don't get milk. There is this generation that thinks that cows GIVE milk. That things are automatic and free; their mentality is that if I wish, I ask..... I obtain."

"They have been accustomed to get whatever they want the easy way...But no, life is not a matter of wishing, asking and obtaining. The things that one receives are the effort of what one does. Happiness is the result of effort. Lack of effort creates frustration."

"So, remember to share with your children, from a young age, the secret of life so they don't grow up with the mentality that the government, their parents, or their cute little faces are going to give them everything they need in life.

Remember: Cows don't give milk. You have to work for it.

THOUGHTS

*Dieting is easy. It's like riding a bike, except the bike is on fire and the ground is on fire, and everything is on fire because you're in hell.

*Bigfoot is sometimes confused with Sasquatch. Yeti never complains.

*You know you are getting old when "friend with benefits" means having someone who can drive at nights.

*You ever look at someone and get a headache?

*One day you'll find someone that's obsessed with you. It's probably going to be a dog, but it is what it is.

COFFEE

Notice of release, spill or overflow from an underground storage tank system

Local health departments are required by statute (IC 13-23-16) to inform the public of the discovery of released regulated substances at an underground storage tank site or in the surrounding area under 329 IAC 9-4-1 (1) or a spill or overflow under 329 IAC 9-4-4 (a). The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) was notified on April 29, 2021 of such an incident from the owner or operator of The Bobber Stop facility located at 16272 US Highway 231 in or near Loogootee in Martin County.

For further information on the Leaking Underground Storage Tank program, please go to www.in.gov/idem/tanks/2333.htm. Or contact the Indiana Department of Environmental Management at (317) 232- 8900 or by e-mail at LeakingUST@idem.IN.gov.

*Without coffee, I am always walking into rooms and forgetting why I went in there. With coffee, I still don't remember, but at least I have something to sip while I try to figure it out.

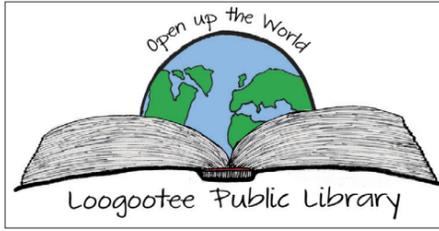
*I love the smell of freshly brewed coffee in the morning...and I love the sound of no one talking to me while I drink it.

*Last night I dreamed I wanted to drink coffee. This morning I am drinking coffee. Follow your dreams people.

*Studies have shown that the smell of coffee reduces the stress of how painful it is to be awake.

*I'm trying to live a more positive lifestyle so this morning I'm positive I need a coffee.

Make someone smile today!



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The May activity calendar has been posted on the library Facebook page but more activities will be available. Makenzie Wagoner will be providing children's programming for the summer. Saturday, May 8, at 10 a.m., she will have a Mother's Day story time with a craft.

Registration for the 2021 Tails & Tales summer reading program begins on Saturday, May 15. Also on that day, if the weather allows for an outdoor event, I will bring two of my Nigerian Dwarf goats at 10 a.m. for kids to meet.

Christina Mattingly Frisz will provide a Keto healthy eating program on Saturday, May 22 at 11 a.m. Christina has provided this lifestyle in the past and is very knowledgeable on the subject.

New Books

Mystery: "21st Birthday" by James Patterson and "The Final Twist" by Jeffery Deaver.

Inspirational Fiction: "The Jam and Jell Nook" by Amy Clipston and "Blackberry Beach" by Irene Hannon.

Juvenile Fiction: "Who Eats Oranges" by Dianne White.

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

ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



SERENA is a female calico cat, 6 months old. She doesn't like to be held but is very loving. She is spayed and up to date on shots. Adoption fee is \$45. The shelter is open by appointment only. For more info, visit www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Property taxes due

The Martin County Treasurer's Office is open to the public again and wants to remind taxpayers that the deadline for the spring installment of property tax payments is Monday, May 10.

Merit board executive meeting

The Martin County Sheriff's Merit Board will hold an executive session Thursday, May 6 at 5:30 p.m. followed by a special meeting at 5:45 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Martin County Jail. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss personnel records classified as confidential by state and federal statutes as authorized by I.C. 5-141.5-5.1 (b) (7) and to discuss a job performance evaluation of an individual employee as authorized I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9).

Flag retirement ceremony

An American flag retirement ceremony will be held Saturday, May 15 at 1 p.m. at the Martin County Community Building on the fairgrounds. Flags may be dropped off anytime at the Shoals or Loogootee American Legions or VFWs. Questions may be directed to Dan Gregory at 812-631-2635 or Ken O'Conner at 606-499-2200.

Night of Praise

First Choice Solutions, (FCS), formerly the Pregnancy Care Center, will hold a Night of Praise at 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 14, hosted by Wheatland Christian Church located at 330 IN-550, Wheatland, IN 47597. The event will conclude at 7:45 p.m. At 6:30 p.m., the executive director of First Choice Solutions, Yolonda Taylor, will update everyone on the latest news regarding FCS and the services that they provide for the local communities. Then from 6:45 to 7:30 p.m., the Wheatland Christian Worship Band will perform. Free-will donations will be collected after the band has performed.

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 or call at 295-3149.



GARDEN DIG

When: Monday, May 3rd thru Friday, May 14th 2021

Who: Any resident who is located within the corporate Town limits

What: Residents wanting a small to medium size area tilled up for a garden.

Any resident who is wanting a small to medium sized garden area tilled can call the Shoals Town Hall at (812) 247-2110 and schedule a garden dig. The work will be done during the dates listed above. The desired garden area should be clearly marked. The desired area must be able to fit a small size tractor to perform the work.





In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser,
Purdue University Master Gardener

The spring Black Friday is coming this week. Actually, most florists and garden centers are expecting to have the biggest weekend of the year this week. There are a couple of reasons for the anticipation. For several weeks, I have been relating that one should wait until after May 10 to set out tender plants. With that date coming up quickly, many people will be out looking to purchase plants in anticipation. After a year of Covid 19, many people have discovered the joy of gardening and raising their own food. During the pandemic lock-down last spring, garden centers ran out of many plants. This year, the nurseries that provide plants for the large retailers have stepped up production to have supplies for everyone's needs.

The other reason for the anticipation is that Sunday is Mother's Day. Mother's Day and flowers have always gone together. At one time, the tradition was to buy one's mother a corsage to wear to church on Mother's Day. A red flower was a sign that the woman's own mother was still alive and a white flower honored her mother if she were deceased. As the corsage tradition waned, the natural progression was to buy mothers a nice bouquet. That made the florists very happy. After all, if one lived far from his or her mother, it was easy to send flowers to Mom.

Then there were mothers like mine. She never really liked being given cut flowers, unless they were flowers out of one's own garden. However, she really liked having flowers in her garden. Mom was especially fond of pink flowers. I remember giving her a hanging basket with a pink double-flowering tuberous begonia. The beautiful pink flowers continued all summer.

Admittedly a Momma's Boy, the hunt was on to top the previous year's flowers

with each new Mother's Day celebration. Perennials with pink flowers would allow her to keep the Mother's Day presents for years. Pink hydrangeas were a big hit one year. She also loved various shades of pink dianthus and the pink peonies complemented the red and white ones her mother had grown on this property since Mon's childhood.

Mom's love of pink still shows up in the gardens. I have literally thousands of different flowers growing in the various beds, but the pink ones still remind me of a wonderful lady who always gave more than she received. From tiny bleeding hearts to huge pink rhododendrons, precious memories abound in the garden beds. Walking down the sidewalk that leads from the house to the garage, I walk under a pink-flowering Koussa dogwood and remember her excitement the year I planted it there.

This year, all I can do is cherish the memories and take some pink blooms to put in the vases of a headstone. Mother's Day is no longer a day for me to purchase flowers for someone special.

If your mother is still with you, my advice is to buy flowers. If she likes cut-flower bouquets, visit your local florist. If she, like my mother, prefers something that lasts longer, head to a garden center. Buy a beautiful hanging basket in her favorite color. Buy some annuals. Buy some perennials. Buy some bushes. Buy a tree. Celebrate the woman who gave you life. If all you can afford is a package of seeds, buy them and write a note telling her you love her. She will plant those seeds and care for the plants that result. She will think of you every time she looks at them this summer. She may even press some blossoms to keep in her Bible. You will make her happy and build awesome memories. Even a dandelion in a pop bottle will do, if that is the

Periodical cicada: Be ready but fear not

Brood X cicadas will begin to emerge within the next few weeks.

Remain calm. This fascinating phenomenon is normal. And even though cicadas look gruesome, will be loud and plentiful, and can damage some young trees, they are essentially harmless.

Currently, there are 12 different broods of 17-year periodical cicadas consisting of three different species. Each brood is designated by a Roman numeral. This is the year of Brood X. Brood X covers 15 states. Indiana is also home to two annual cicada species that emerge May through August and peak in July.

Brood X nymphs will emerge when the soil temperatures about 8 inches underground reach 65 degrees. A warm rain will often proceed large-scale emergence.

"It's thought that by emerging in such large numbers, they overwhelm would-be predators to ensure that enough of them will live long enough to reproduce and perpetuate the brood," said Megan Abraham, director of the DNR Division of Entomology & Plant Pathology.

Male cicadas make the noise most often associated with cicadas by using a special organ called a tymbal. The purpose of the large choruses you hear is to attract females.

While cicadas can damage smaller-diameter branches of many species of trees and shrubs, treatment is not warranted in most cases. If you have a small number of newly planted trees, they can be protected by covering them with netting. More information is at <https://extension.entm.purdue.edu/publications/E-47/E-47.html>.

You can be a citizen scientist and report cicada emergence by downloading "Cicada Safari" on your mobile device.

With the Brood X emergence, you will eventually cicada killer wasps, which are 2-inch-long predators of cicadas. Like their scary-looking and loud prey, these beastly looking winged creatures are nothing to be alarmed about, despite their horror-movie looks.

Some people may warn you, particular-



ly via social media, that these large wasps are murder hornets, the large insects that showed up on the northwest coast last summer. They're not. Because of climate differences, there is little chance of murder hornets surviving in Indiana or anywhere near the Hoosier state.

"They also don't have the ability to get here, to our knowledge," Abraham said.

Cicada killers attack cicadas in mid-air and use their massive, strong stingers to penetrate their shell. Once stung, their prey is paralyzed, jetted back to the nest, and eaten by the cicada killer's offspring grub. Sometimes called cicada hawks, cicada killers are here every year.

"Once their prey disappear, so will the cicada killers," Abraham said. "That will likely be early fall."

Cicada killers nest in the ground by burrowing up to 20 inches below the surface. As they dig their nests, they kick up dirt, which you may see at their nest openings.

Because cicada killers live in the ground, watch where you step. Avoid signs of nests. If you step on a cicada killer, if you are not wearing shoes, you will likely get stung on the foot. And if you step near a nest and disturb its resident, you could get stung elsewhere.

Avoiding cicada killers should be relatively easy because of their size and the tell-tale clues of nest location. If you get stung, treat it as you would any other sting from a bee or wasp.

More information on cicadas is at on.IN.gov/cicadas.

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BROOKLYN DOBSON

Brooklyn Paige Dobson is the daughter of Rick Dobson and Missy Dobson. She has three siblings, Frank Dobson, Paige Dobson, and Adriane Dobson-Payne. While in high school, Brooklyn participated in volleyball, dance, cheer, track, Beta club, Impacct club, SADD, Pep club, Spell Bowl, Student Council, Class Officer, Spanish Club, Cadet teaching, and Media. Her favorite high school memory is lifting weights before school with peers and Chase. After graduation, Brooklyn plans to attend King University and run track and continue with her acro/tumbling as a Tornado. She plans to major in Digital Media and Design.



CODY CRAIG

Cody Tyler Craig is the son of Chris and Pearl Craig. He has two siblings. While in high school, Cody participated in FFA. His favorite memory is helping Mr. Kent with his class and building a miniature house with Noah. After graduation, Cody plans to go into the workforce.



EMILY HARDING

Emily Elizabeth Harding is the daughter of Mark and Rachelle Jones. Her siblings are Haley and Nicholas Harding. While in high school, Emily participated in a band. Her favorite high school memory was enjoying school and working hard to earn good grades. After graduation, Emily plans to attend college for radiation therapy.



RAYMOND BAKER

Raymond Cole Baker is the son of Michol Jones and Carl Baker. His siblings include Caleb, Shannon, Brannon, and Wayne Baker. Cole's favorite high school memory was playing basketball with friends. After graduation, Cole plans to attend college, get an associates degree and work at Crane as an Electronics Technician.



AARON GREENE

Aaron Greene is the son of Jason Greene and Leia Roach. He has one sibling, Jonathan Tredway. While in high school, Aaron participated in baseball, soccer, and basketball. His favorite high school memory is being able to play baseball each year. After graduation, Aaron plans to enter the workforce.



CARLY RADER

Carly Joy Rader is the daughter of Sarah and James Micheal Sexton. Her siblings are Elly Rader and Lyla Sexton. Her favorite high school memory is how fun her junior year was up until COVID. She strengthened the bonds with her best friends, had a decent schedule with enjoyable classes, and was hopeful for my senior year. After graduation, Carly plans to attend Ivy Tech College and take general classes, as well as some exploratory classes, to really figure out what she wants to do.

Consumer alert: products recalled in April

Attorney General Todd Rokita is encouraging Hoosiers who purchased consumer products that were recalled in April to take advantage of the remedies available to them.

"I advise all Hoosiers who have purchased faulty products to seek a fair resolution," Attorney General Rokita said. "If something you recently purchased is defective, don't hesitate to act. Find out what the company that made the product is offering as a solution and take advantage of it."

The following consumer products were recalled in April, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission:

- Peleton Tread+
- Maxtrade Coolster Youth ATV
- Hudson Battery-Powered Sprayer
- Verizon Ellipsis Jetpack Mobile Hotspots
- Playgro Infant Activity Rattles
- Audio-Technica Charging Case and Wireless Headphones
- Battat Infant Teethers
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- Epicure Glass Prep Bowls
- RH Children's Bath Wraps
- BATTOP Infant Bath Seats
- Goal Zero Power Cables
- Black Diamond PIEPS DSP Avalanche Transceivers
- Cat & Jack Baby Rompers (Target)
- Bed Handles Inc. Three Models of Adult Portable Bed Rails

If you believe you purchased a recently recalled product, stop using it. A recall is generally issued when there is a concern that there is an unreasonable safety risk or failure of a product to adhere to minimum safety standards or regulations. Once you've discontinued use, check its recall notice and follow the notice's instructions. Generally, the instructions will include directions about where to return the product, how to get the product fixed, how to dispose of the product, how to receive a refund for the product, or what steps must be taken to receive a replacement product.

To view recalls issued, visit the Consumer Protection Safety Commission website at www.cpsc.gov/Recalls.

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2021 Senior SPOTLIGHTS



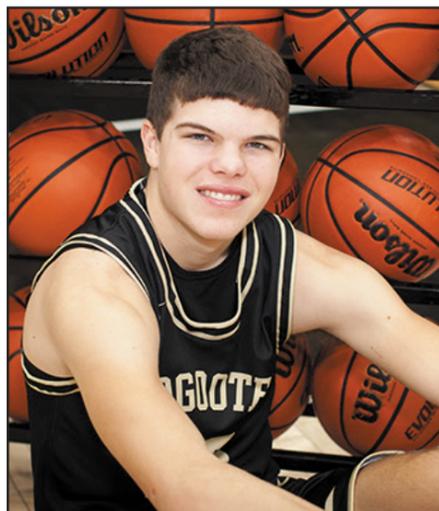
JORDAN WILDMAN

Jordan Allen Wildman is the son of Jeremy and Jamie Wildman. After graduation, Jordan plans to attend University of Southern Indiana to study business. While in high school, Jordan participated in FCA (9-10), Intern (12), French Club (9-11), Pep Club (9-12), SADD (9-12), Student Council (9-12), Baseball (9-12), Basketball (9-12), and Tennis (9-12).



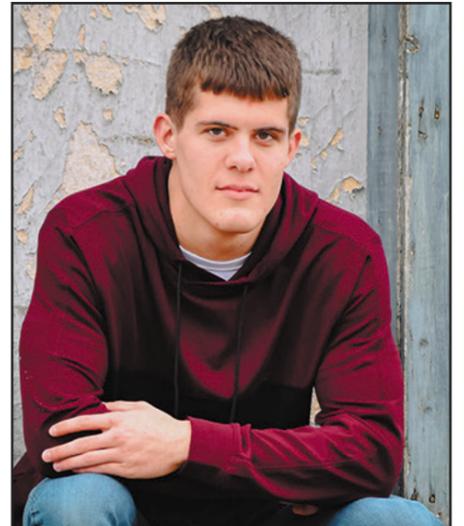
JACE WALTON

Jace A Walton is the son of Adam and Julie Walton. After graduation Jace plans on attending USI to study Computer Science. While in high school, Jace participated in Intern (12), French Club (9-11), Recycling (10), Student Council (9-12), Basketball (9-12), and Tennis (9-11).



JALEN WILDMAN

Jalen Lee Wildman is the son of Jeremy and Jamie Wildman. After graduation, Jalen plans to further his education. While in high school, Jalen participated in FCA (9-10), Intern (12), French Club (9-11), Student Council (9-12), Baseball (9-12), Basketball (9-12), and Tennis (9-12).



CONNER WILCOXEN

Conner J Wilcoxen is the son of Scott and Christie Wilcoxen. After graduation, Conner plans to attend Ivy Tech to study radiation therapy. While in high school, Conner participated in Band (9-12), Musical (11-12), Beta Club (9-12), Chorus (11-12), French Club (9-11), Intramural Basketball (9-12), Pep Club (11), Student Council (9-12), Show Choir (11), and Unified Flag Football (11-12). Conner also participated in Golf (10-12), Track (12), and was Class President his Junior Year.

Indiana launches Build, Learn, Grow initiative to help working families connect to early care and education

Today the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration announced the Build, Learn, Grow initiative, which is making 50,000 scholarships available to help connect Hoosier children from working families to high-quality early education and out-of-school-time programs.

The scholarships will be funded by more than \$101 million provided to Indiana by the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, or CRRSA.

Through the Build, Learn, Grow scholarship fund, Hoosier families working in essential industries with qualifying incomes can receive scholarships for each child age 12 and younger toward their early care and education, summer learn-

ing or out-of-school care. Scholarships run from May through October 2021 and will cover 80 percent of the early care and education program's tuition. Information is available at www.BuildLearnGrow.org.

"Access to high-quality early care and education is essential to Hoosier families and children," said Jennifer Sullivan, M.D., M.P.H., FSSA secretary. "These scholarships will help connect hard-working Hoosier families and their children to programs that prepare them for success in school, help reverse learning loss and provide additional support to the families who kept us going during the pandemic."

For families to qualify for Build, Learn, Grow scholarships, an adult in

the household must work in an essential business (examples include health care, human services, retail, restaurant and food service, essential infrastructure, media, manufacturing and logistics, religious and charitable organizations and many others) and meet income eligibility guidelines as outlined here. Families will qualify for The Build, Learn, Grow scholarship with incomes of up to 250% of the federal poverty level. For a family of four, that equates to an annual income of about \$66,000.

Qualifying families should complete the Build, Learn, Grow Scholarship Fund application found here and submit it to their early care and education provider. Families not currently connected to an early care and education program

will be able to find a list of participating programs on the Build, Learn, Grow website as they enroll and become qualified. All providers who currently accept federal child care assistance are encouraged to enroll.

To administer the Build, Learn, Grow scholarship program, the Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning has partnered with Early Learning Indiana and Indiana Afterschool Network, the state's leading organizations supporting early care and education and out-of-school-time programs.

Early care and education and out-of-school-time programs interested in receiving children with Build, Learn, Grow scholarships can learn more at www.BuildLearnGrow.org.

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