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Council split on purchasing decisions

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Loogootee City Council was split on two decisions at their meeting Monday night, June 10, and a tie breaking vote had to be cast by the mayor. Council Member Ruth Smith was not present for the meeting.

The first issue involved the fire department purchasing a 2001 model brush truck for \$45,000. Fire Chief JD Flynn said the truck is one and a half ton and holds 600 gallons of water. The department's current model holds 200 gallons of water and is a half-ton. Flynn also noted that a new brush truck is \$125,000. He told the council that the owner of the brush truck will hold it through Monday only, so he needed a decision. He said they have around \$75,000 in their budget to make the purchase.

Council Member Roger Downey asked what would be done with the current brush truck if they purchased the newer model. Flynn replied that the current truck belongs to the DNR so if they decided to get rid of it, they would have to contact them. He said he plans to keep both trucks, however.

Council Member Downey said he would prefer to table a decision until next month.

Council Member Carroll Rayhill made the motion to purchase the brush truck but no one made a second, so the motion died.

At the end of the meeting, Jason Greene, with the fire department, asked if the council would reconsider letting

them purchase the brush truck.

Council Member Nolley said it sounds like a "heck of a salesman" who would offer a truck but then need a decision by the end of the day.

Members of the fire department said the truck just became available last week in Texas and the Loogootee Fire Chief has been talking to the fire chief in Texas via text for the past few days.

Council Member Downey said he would like to see an up-to-date budget prior to approving the purchase. The accounts have not been updated since last year. Clerk-Treasurer Carol Harder has been on leave for medical reasons.

Council Member Collin Padgett made a motion to allow the fire department to purchase the truck with Council Member Rayhill making the second. Nolley and Downey voted against but Mayor Harty broke the tie and the truck purchase was approved.

The second issue started when Council Member Downey questioned how bills are being paid without the council's approval. He said receipts are also not being included with the claims and he was told by the clerk-treasurer's office that they are not required to provide those anymore. Mayor Harty said he didn't change the way claims are done however some bills are paid with a credit card. Council Member Downey said that nothing should be paid without council approval. The mayor replied that the credit card bill isn't paid until after the council approves the claims. Downey replied that this may be the case, but the charge was already on the credit card, so the bill

was essentially paid without council approval. The mayor said he would look into it.

Council Member Teresa Nolley also asked why trees were cut down on High Street and Bloomfield Road and the bill was on the claims docket to be paid but the council never approved cutting the trees.

Superintendent Bo Wilson said the board of public works approved the work to be done at last month's meet-

Shoals preps for Catfish Festival

Meeting minutes provided by Shoals Clerk-Treasurer Sierra Rutledge

The Shoals Town Council met Wednesday, June 5 at the Shoals Town Hall. Those in attendance were Council President Cecil Ragsdale, Council Vice-President Cary D. Albright, Council Member Clint Hoffman, Clerk-Treasurer Sierra Rutledge, Municipal Utilities Manager Kevin Crece-lius, Town Attorney Paul Vogler, Town Marshal Todd Eckert, S.V.F.D. Chief Jim Hamby, Shoals Park Board President Zack Brown, Shoals Park Board Members Sara Clark and J.J. Johnson, Shoals Beautification Board President Amber Hoffman. Others in attendance were Tim Kinder, with Martin County Alliance; Audra Deckard, with The Shoals News; Cori Lukomski, with The Washington Times Herald; Kristy Winger, Michelle Roush, Richard Summers, Dick Cresgy, Adam Greene, Carl Wiscaver, Richard Dicks, Tom Lake, James Brown, Ted Oshier and Chad Gibson.

ing. Mayor Harty added that the money was budgeted to do tree cutting in the city and therefore it didn't have to be approved by the council.

Nolley replied that everything is being done differently now. "We don't do anything consistently is my problem," she said. She went on to say that last year they went through the city and chose trees that were in the worst condition and needed to be taken down. City Su-

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Council President thanked the Lions Club for placing an order for new banners for the light poles to be placed on Main Street. He was unaware of the details but wanted to thank them. Audra Deckard stated she believed they are flags with brackets to be placed out on Holidays.

Next on the agenda was the Beautification Board update. President Amber Hoffman presented the council with meeting minutes from the board's last meeting. President Hoffmann stated the board received a very thoughtful donation from a resident. The resident ordered all new edging from Indian Creek Stone for the flower bed that is located between RJ's ad Bo-mac's. Hoffman asked if a town vehicle could be used to pick up the edging to help save money on a delivery fee. The council let Hoffman know they would allow use of the vehicle. Utilities Manager Crece-lius will use the dump truck to pick up the edging.

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Loogootee Summerfest starts tomorrow night downtown

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The Loogootee Summerfest will kick off this Thursday, June 13 in downtown Loogootee. Mayor Noel Harty will start things off Thursday night at 5 p.m. with opening remarks. The kid's carnival, ice cream social at St. John's Lutheran Church and craft booths and food stands will be open from 5-10 p.m. The exercise/dance group Zinsanity will perform in front of the main stage at 5:30 p.m. and the Summerfest Queen contest will start on the main stage at 6:30 p.m.

Barefoot Sundays will perform on the main stage from 8-10 p.m.

On Friday evening, June 14, the kid's carnival, craft and food booths and ice cream social will again be held from 5-10 p.m. A talent show will take place on the main stage from 6-8 p.m. The talent show is open to everyone and winner will be decided by \$1 votes. Entry fee is \$10. To enter, contact the mayor's office at 812-295-4770.

A Texas Hold'em Tournament will start at the KofC at 6:30 p.m. and the Loogootee Fire Department will have a smoke house from 5-9 p.m.

Breathing Rm will perform on the main stage from 8-10 p.m.

On Saturday, the days starts early with a 5K run/walk starting at the corner of West Main and West First streets at 7:30 a.m. A golf scramble will be

held at Lakeview Golf Course starting at 9 a.m. and a dodgeball tournament, organized by the Loogootee Police Department, will be held in the JFK Gym starting at 10 a.m.

The Loughmillers will be providing rib dinners to benefit the humane society, in the St. John's Lutheran parking lot, starting at 4 p.m. Craft and food booths, the kid's carnival and ice cream social will be held from 4-10 p.m. on Saturday night.

Toy's Auto Parts and Route 50 Cruisers will sponsor a car show on Mill Street starting at 4 p.m. and a sidewalk chalk contest for kids will be hosted by Tri Kappa at 5 p.m. in front of Jolene's Decorating on West Main Street.

At 5:30 p.m., the Loogootee Fire Department will perform a vehicle extrication.

The talent show will take place on the main stage from 6-7 p.m. with the annual parade held at 7 p.m. This year's parade grand marshalls are Don and Jackie Arthur. The couple has been married for 49 years and have resided on Church Street in Loogootee since the day they were married. They have been heavily involved in Loogootee basketball and Loogootee Little League, where Don was president for five years and coached for 10-plus. Jackie was president of the Ladies Auxiliary, spent many years volunteering at Loogootee

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-Photo provided

Shown above are the Loogootee Summerfest Queen Contest candidates. The queen contest will be held tomorrow night, Thursday, June 13 at 6:30 p.m. on the main stage. In the front row are the Tiny Tot contestants. From left to right are Abigail Bradley, daughter of Neil and Mikki Bradley; Autumn Ray, daughter of Andrew and Theresa Ray; Payton Shoultz, daughter of Nathan and McKenzie Shoultz; Landry Strange, daughter of Nick and Chelsey Strange; Mason Sanders, daughter of Caleb and Cameron Sanders; Fara Fisher, daughter of Barrett and Ashly Fisher; Gracelyn Shoultz, daughter of Nathan and McKenzie Shoultz; MKenna Gregory, daughter of Monty and Brooke Gregory; and Grace Kemp, daughter of Keith and Danielle Kemp. In the second row are the Little Miss contestants and Junior Miss contestants. From left to right are Chloe Ramsey, daughter of Robin Keller; Jenna LeTourneau, daughter of Kelly and Traci LeTourneau; Peyton Harger, daughter of Caleb and Cameron Sanders; Madison Machmer, daughter of Greg Machmer and Krista Nicholson; and Abigail Nonte, daughter of Brent and Bobbi Nonte. In the back row are the Queen candidates. From left to right are Brooklyn Arthur, daughter of Danny Sr. and Tabitha Arthur; Karoline Tedrow, daughter of Charlie and Jennifer Tedrow; and Brittany Potts, daughter of Brian and Paula Potts.

COUNCIL

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perintendent Bo Wilson said that the tree on High Street was a serious risk and needed to come down. Nolley replied that the tree didn't make it on the list last year because it is not in the city's right of way. Wilson said that yes, this is the case however the tree was still a danger. "I saw it as a hazard for the public," he said. He said he talked to the mayor about it and the mayor told him to get quotes to take it down. Nolley asked if the homeowner was approached about the tree. Wilson said the homeowner was not. He said he felt it was a safety hazard so made the decision to have it removed.

Nolley said she isn't denying that the tree was a hazard, as are several trees in the city. She said she wanted to know why the tree was so dangerous now and wasn't last year. She said, again, that her concern was not following proper procedure by bringing issues involving money to the city council for approval.

Silence fell over the city council chambers with no one making a motion to approve the claims. Mayor Harty then said, "I guess we won't pay the claims this month."

Council Member Nolley then made a motion to approve all claims except the one for the tree removal. The council approved with Council Member Roger Downey voting against because he wasn't present for last month's meeting.

Wilson asked what he was supposed to tell the tree cutting company as to why their bill is not getting paid. Nolley replied that he could tell the vendor that proper procedure was not followed.

The mayor then said again that money budgeted didn't require council approval.

Council Member Collin Padgett said he agreed that the request should have been brought to the council prior to work being done. He said he didn't know the city could spend money without the council approving it. The mayor said again that they can.

Downey said that the homeowner typically pays half when trees are removed in this fashion. Wilson said that no one paid for half of tree removal last year. Downey argued that they did. Wilson said they did not. Someone mentioned that it was in 2017 and prior that the city asked homeowners to pay for half of the cost for tree removal.

Wilson said there has been \$9,000 a year approved for tree removal for the past two years. Nolley said again that last year, they went around and assessed the trees in the city and chose the ones that were the most dangerous to have removed. She said those were put out for bids and she felt that a lot got done for the money by doing them together. "Then this year, all of the sudden, we are back to the old way," she said. Wilson said they are not back to the old way, he said he presented the danger of the tree, on High Street, to the mayor's office and got approval to have it cut down. The mayor said that there was no quorum at last month's meeting, and it was an emergency to have the tree removed so the board of works approved it. Nolley said she questioned whether the tree coming down was an emergency.

Council Member Padgett said if it was an emergency, a special meeting could have been called. The mayor replied that this isn't how they usually do things.

Don Greene, who was in the audience, said that the tree on High Street should have been put on the list last year. He said he called in and reported it last year because a limb fell and blocked the road. The other tree, on Bloomfield Road, he said is across from his house and semi-trucks hit the limbs all the time dropping them in the roadway. He said

the tree is right on the road and should have been cut last year. Nolley said the stump is still on the road, despite being topped, and she feels that is a bigger hazard than the limbs were. Greene said he complained multiple times to the mayor about the two trees in question.

Wilson said he had a lot of complaints about the tree on High Street. Nolley said she questions the legality of trespassing on a property, not owned by the city, and cutting it. Wilson said he doesn't know about that, but it was a matter of public safety.

Council Member Padgett said that if it is indeed the case that the council doesn't need to approve money spent, then he made the motion to approve all claims, including the bill for the tree cutting. Council Member Carroll Rayhill made the second. Nolley and Downey voted against, but the mayor used his tiebreaking power to vote to pay all the claims.

Superintendent Wilson then spoke to the council about purchasing a new vacuum truck for the water/sewer department. The current vacuum truck, a 1994 model, has problems with the debris body. The cost to repair the debris body is \$40,000, said Wilson, and the cost to replace the debris body is \$90,000.

Wilson said he found a 2003 vacuum truck for \$110,000. A new truck is \$405,000 and the company has offered a demo truck at a discount of \$350,000. The current vac truck has a trade in value of \$10,000. He recommended purchasing a new model.

Wilson said financing through German American for the 2003 model would be \$35,000 a year for three years. To purchase the demo model it would be \$41,110 per year for 10 years. He noted that the new truck comes with a warranty for the debris body for the life of the truck. Wilson said a new truck could last 25 years and a used truck may last only a few.

When asked how often the vacuum truck is used, Wilson replied that they use it around once a week except in the winter when it can't be used due to freezing. He said they would use a vacuum truck more if it was properly equipped.

After discussion about how expensive a new truck would be, Council Member Carroll Rayhill asked Council Member Downey what he thought. Downey said he would like to see them get back to including big purchases like this in the budget each year. He said that if the vacuum truck was in this bad of shape, it should have been discussed last year at budget time. Wilson said he had no idea it was in this bad of shape. Downey said he thinks it's time to give back to the taxpayers of Loogootee by repairing things when they need repaired instead of just buying new equipment. He said with the roads, potholes, wastewater and drainage problems, they need to start giving something back to the citizens. "There's got to be a balance somewhere," he said. He suggested putting it in the budget for next year.

Padgett said he thinks repairing or replacing the debris body would be the best idea because they have no idea what is in the equipment fund for the department since it's not been updated in six months.

The council agreed to table the discussion until next month so they can find out how much is in the fund.

Four Rivers, a/k/a The Red Door, said they recently discovered that they don't own their building. They said they have put a lot of money into improving the building and would like to own it prior to putting more money into it. They would like to know what steps they need to take to get the building transferred to them.

It was mentioned that no one has read the lease because it cannot be found however the mayor said they know the city owns the 1.65 acres and Four Rivers have occupied the building for 30 years. They believe the lease is for \$1 a year for 100 years. The city attorney is going to look into finding the lease and report back. She said she will not be at the July meeting but will have information for the August meeting.

Susan Harrawood, Loogootee Public Library Board Member, told the council that there has been a lot of controversy with the construction of the new library. She said the first complaint was about safety with children playing in the construction area. They did what they could to correct this complaint. Now, residents in the area are complaining about construction noise. The current city ordinance states that nuisance noise cannot start prior to 8 a.m. or go past 10 p.m. Violation of the ordinance comes with a fine of \$50 per day.

Negotiations were done and the residents agreed to allow the construction crew to start at 7 a.m. instead of 8 a.m.

Library Director Darla Wagler said she would like the city to amend the ordinance to not include construction noise at all. She said with all the rain and the heat coming, any construction crew needs to get working on the jobsite as soon as they can each morning and having construction noise considered a nuisance, slows progress on any development in the city.

The mayor said he has never, until now, had a complaint about construction noise.

Harrawood said she believes the complaints are coming from the same people who didn't want the library built in that area at all. Someone else in the audience noted that even after the library is built, those same complainants will find another issue.

City Attorney Isha Wright-Ryan said the council can vote to suspend any fines incurred however changing the ordi-

nance would take some time and include a public hearing.

The board voted to exempt construction noise and start the process of changing the ordinance.

Harrawood also told the council that they plan to ask the city council for a financial contribution for the new library in the future. She said they don't have a specific dollar amount at this time.

During the board of public works and safety meeting, the board voted to accept bids from Adam Greene for \$1,500 and Donald Mann for \$1,800 to sell the city's two 2003 model trucks they no longer need.

The board of works also voted to allow the Town of Shoals to use the city's street sweeper at the end of the month, prior to the Catfish Festival. The city would also provide an operator for the sweeper at \$50 per hour.

During the council meeting, Council Member Teresa Nolley questioned the minutes from the previous meeting. She said it states that all the council members were in agreement to items that were never voted on. She said no vote was taken so she isn't sure how all the council was in agreement. She asked that the minutes be corrected. The council approved.

SUMMERFEST

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Schools, and helped operate the family business, The Locker Room, that was located on the square downtown for 10 years. Don is retired from NSWC Crane after 39 years. The couple has four children, Scott of Loogootee, Jason of Cincinnati, Ohio; Kerri of Evansville; and Staci of Loogootee. They have nine grandchildren.

Studebaker will perform on the main stage from 8-10 p.m.

The VFW will host a beer garden starting at 5 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Fireworks will conclude Summerfest at 10 p.m.

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MARY TREGO

Mary Louise Trego passed away peacefully in her bed on May 1, 2019. A resident of Florida, she was 82.



Mary Lou was born October 21, 1936 in Loogootee; daughter of James Talford Walton and Helen Louise (Smith) Walton. She graduated from Loogootee High School in 1954. She was married for 26 years to Chester Lee Harding, raising two children in Shoals, and working in the office at Shoals Community Schools.

In 1985, Mary Lou married her close friend from school Ed Trego and they lived several years in Terre Haute. She worked as an accountant for Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology and St. Mary-of-the-Woods College, from which she graduated summa cum laude on May 6, 1990. In 2000, they moved to The Villages, Florida, where they lived with their beloved little dog Zoe. Mary Lou loved movies and was passionate about genealogy, being an active member in the Daughters of the American Revolution and the National Society of Colonial Dames. She loved her family, supported her friends in The Villages and never forgot a birthday or anniversary. She will be missed by the many lives she impacted.

She is survived by her brother, Ronald Walton and sister, Judith (Walton) Smith; children, Lori Lee (Harding) Meyers and Lance Joseph Harding; step-children, Stephen Robert Trego and Jane Elizabeth (Trego) Pfister; grandchildren, Tricia (Meyers) Sacchetti, Vanessa and Hope Harding, Tatum and Murphy Trego, Jack and Will Pfister; and great-grandchildren, Talon and Skylar Sacchetti.

A Memorial Mass was held Friday, May 31 at St. Timothy's Catholic Church in The Villages, Florida Burial followed later that day at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida with the remains of her husband, Robert Edward Trego.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, please donate to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

FRANCES MATTHEWS

Frances E. Matthews passed away at 5:46 p.m. Monday, June 10, 2019 at Loogootee Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. A resident of Loogootee, she was 97.

She was born July 3, 1921 in Daviess County; daughter of the late William A. and Clara E. (Graves) Cahill.

Frances married Jerome P. Matthews on June 28, 1941.

She was a member of St. John the

Evangelist Catholic Church where she was a eucharistic minister and a funeral dinner committee member. She was a recipient of the first Brute Society Award from St. John Catholic Church in 1992. She was a former member of the Vocations Board for the Diocese of Evansville. She was charter member of the Daughters of Isabella and a member of the Legion of Mary. Frances enjoyed quilting and crocheting for her family, especially for her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jerome P. Matthews; sons, Denny Matthews and Bob Matthews; grandson, Eric Baker; brother, John Cahill; sisters, Marcella Cahill, Josephine Dunn and Miriam Cahill.

She is survived by children, Steve (Jerry) Matthews of Jefferson, Georgia, Jerry (Cathy) Matthews of Indianapolis, Kevin Matthews of Evansville, Mark (Beth) Matthews of Westfield and Mary Lou Matthews of Loogootee; 24 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren; daughters-in-law, Kay Matthews and Roberta Matthews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at 11 a.m. Friday, June 14 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial will follow in St. John Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Thursday, June 13 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. with a rosary service to be held at 6:30 p.m. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to St. Vincent De Paul.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Arrangements were provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

BETTY LINDLEY

Betty J. Lindley passed Monday morning, June 3, 2019, at the Bliss House in Bedford, where she currently resides. A longtime resident of Shoals, she was 85.

Betty was born in Seville, Ohio, on June 6, 1933; daughter of Frank and Lula (Ensinger) Haldiman. It was in Seville that Betty graduated from Seville High School and married her husband, Carl Vernon Lindley on March 3, 1953. Carl preceded Betty in death in 2001.

While living in Shoals, Betty was a member of the Shoals United Methodist Church, attending the church for over 50 years. Mrs. Lindley also belonged to the Order of the Eastern Star and the Shoals American Legion Auxillary. She was the former owner of the Busy Bee Café. In later years, she was employed at Crane NAD, retiring in 1974. She also volunteered as a Pink Lady at the Daviess Community Hospital and the American Cancer Society.

She is survived by two daughters, Marcy Pride and husband, Tracy, of Washington and Judy Heichelbech and

husband, Jon, of Bedford; two grandchildren, Jamie Nikirk and her husband, Scott, of Bedford and Adam Heichelbech and wife, Jill, of Bloomington; four great grandchildren, Kaden, Allison, Elijah, and Hudson Nikirk, all of Bedford; and one sister, Phyllis Ramsier and husband, Roy, of Rittman, Ohio.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; and siblings, Sylvia Bauer, Tressa Rufener, Nina Rufener, Marie Gasser, and Bill and Fred Haldiman.

A Memorial Service was held Sunday, June 9 at the Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes.

Memorial donations are encouraged to the Martin County Humane Society, 507 N. Oak Street, Loogootee 47553, or the White River Humane Society, 3511 Pumphouse Road, Bedford, In 47421.

DONALD "BEN" BENJAMIN

Major Donald R. "Ben" Benjamin, USAF Ret., passed quietly at his home the evening of June 1, 2019. A resident of Sachse, Texas, he was 89.

He was born January 13, 1930; the son of Mary Gwendolyn Willis Benjamin and Maurice Earl Benjamin.

Ben saw the world courtesy of the US Air Force and SAC from 1948 to 1968. Ben progressed from the enlisted ranks and ended his long career as Major, Electronic Warfare Officer and Assistant Chief on B-52s.

Prior to enlistment he attended St. Meinrad Seminary in Indiana near his family home in Loogootee, where he



DONALD BENJAMIN

grew up with his parents and siblings, Mary, John, Willis, Joseph, Edward, Gerald & Robert.

Ben and Mary Frances "Fran" Norred married in 1962. During their 57 years of marriage, they raised eight children, Victor, Linda, Jim, Madonna, Patsy, Gwen, Molly and Alice, and later welcomed 15 grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren.

After his retirement, Ben continued seeing the world as he and Fran traveled from Alaska to Florida and acquired a BA in Journalism from UTA along the way.

He was a lifetime musician and loved playing as a member of the Dallas Banjo Band. Above all, Ben had a passion for storytelling.

His stories will continue to be shared for generations to come.

A Celebration of Life was held Sunday, June 9 at the Ted Dickey West Funeral Home, located at 7990 George Bush Turnpike, Dallas Tx. 75252.

Burial followed on Monday, June 10 at the Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery, located at 2000 Mountain Creek Parkway, Dallas, Texas 75211.

Ted Dickey West Funeral Home in Dallas, Texas was in charge of arrangements.



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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, JUNE 3

8:00 a.m. - Received a report of a large tree blocking the road north of Loogootee. Martin County Highway was notified.

9:00 a.m. - Deputy Shinn took one inmate to court.

9:44 a.m. - Received a report of an illegally parked vehicle near Shoals. Major Keller and Corporal Reed responded.

12:40 p.m. - Received a cat complaint southeast of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

12:41 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle on US 50, near Shoals. Deputy Barnett and Sheriff Roush responded.

1:00 p.m. - Deputy Shinn took two inmates to court.

2:45 p.m. - Deputy Shinn took three inmates to court.

6:15 p.m. - Received a report of an out-of-control teenager in Loogootee. Deputy Seymour responded.

10:32 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person north of Loogootee. Deputy Seymour responded.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

12:12 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:09 a.m. - Received a call about a cow being in the road south of Loogootee. Deputy Seymour responded.

8:10 a.m. - Received a report of a horse loose in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

11:11 a.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Loogootee on US 231. Major Keller, ISP Trooper Beaver, ISP Trooper Weir, ISP Trooper Wilson, Loogootee Fire, Carne Fire, Martin County Civil Defense, and Air Evac responded.

11:31 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

11:55 a.m. - Received a harassment call in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

12:13 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

12:23 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

1:49 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Major Keller responded and all was secure.

4:20 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

4:21 p.m. - Received a report of an altercation in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette, Deputy Lents, and Deputy Shinn responded.

5:40 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

8:18 p.m. - Received a report of an accident southeast of Shoals. Deputy Lents, Deputy Barnett, Lost River Fire, Dubois Fire, Martin County Ambulance, and Dubois County Ambulance responded.

9:05 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

11:00 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle identification check in Shoals. Deputy Wright responded.

1:00 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Shoals. Deputy Bar-

nett responded and all was okay.

1:32 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check south of Shoals. Deputy Wright responded and all was okay.

1:42 p.m. - Received a cat complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

8:28 p.m. - Received a report of a large tree down near Loogootee. Martin County Highway responded.

9:09 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on SR 550, west of Shoals. Shoals Fire responded and removed the tree.

10:58 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Deputy Gibson and Reserve Deputy Harmon responded.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

8:30 a.m. - Deputy Shinn took three inmates to court.

9:29 a.m. - One inmate was transported to the doctor.

9:35 a.m. - Deputy Shinn took two inmates to court.

9:40 a.m. - Deputy Barnett performed a vehicle identification check near Shoals.

9:45 a.m. - Deputy Shinn took two inmates to court.

10:49 a.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

12:09 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

12:28 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

1:00 p.m. - Deputy Shinn took four inmates to court.

2:35 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

5:17 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50, near Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

9:36 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. No one was transported.

10:51 p.m. - Received a report of smoke in a house east of Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

11:49 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Deputy Gibson, and Loogootee Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

7:45 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled semi south of Loogootee on US 231. ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

7:45 a.m. - Received a report of a cow out south of Loogootee on US 231. ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

7:50 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism near Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

11:39 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down in Loogootee. Loogootee Street Department removed the tree.

7:00 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Shoals. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

8:38 p.m. - Received an alarm call north of Loogootee. Deputy Seymour responded and all was secure.

9:16 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris and Deputy Seymour responded.

11:37 p.m. - Shoals Town Marshall Eckert assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock in Shoals.

11:50 p.m. - Received a request for an

ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

12:02 a.m. - Received a noise complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Floyd responded.

8:32 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Todd responded.

10:07 a.m. - Loogootee Officer Todd assisted with a funeral procession in Loogootee.

7:27 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

12:27 a.m. - Received a report of a fire in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded.

2:45 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

Martin County real estate transfers

Dairy Master Properties, LLC, of Denton County, Texas to **KABM Properties, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of Factory Site 2, Town of Loogootee, Indiana, containing 0.684 acres, more or less.

Waldo W. Harshaw, of Martin County, Indiana to **Samuel Chapin**, of Daviess County, Indiana, property located in Section 9, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana.

Gustavo Fuentes-Aguilar, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Terrance W. Craney and Denise D. Craney**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing 0.2 acres, more or less.

Dairy Master Properties, LLC, of Denton County, Texas to **Phillip M. Smith and Amber N. Smith**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of Factory Site 2, Town of Loogootee, Indiana, containing 0.684 acres, more or less.

Tracy R. Rayhill and Donna I. Rayhill, of Martin County, Indiana to **Corbin M. Cooper and Kristin L. Cooper**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 13, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, containing 2.3 acres, more or less.

5:06 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person near Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded.

6:38 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

10:17 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:17 p.m. - Major Keller assisted the department of child services with a home visit near Shoals.

2:06 p.m. - Major Keller assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock near Shoals.

4:54 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

8:51 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Officer McBeth, and Deputy Seymour responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

Larry R. Winger and Nancy M. Winger, of Martin County, Indiana to Christina A. Fegan, of Martin County, Indiana, the north half of Lot 15 and 44 feet off of the west side of the north half of Lot 16, all in the First North Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Jaron K. Gibson and Alyssa D. Gibson, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jonathan A. Drummond**, of Martin County, Indiana and David W. Drummond and Twila D. Drummond, of Marion County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Judith E. Dorsett to the Dorsett Credit Shelter Trust, part of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 1 and part of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 12, all in Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 15.68 acres, more or less. Also, a part of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 1, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2.21 acres, more or less. Also, 252.70 acres, 186 2/3 acres, 80 acres, 20 acres, 20 acres, 10.87 acres, 4.1 acres, 20 acres, and 169.97 acres, all in the same section.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, JUNE 3

11:33 a.m. - James Sisco, 44, of Washington, was arrested by Sheriff Roush on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

2:32 p.m. - Mary Blanton, 33, of Loogootee, was arrested by Chief Rayhill and charged with operating while intoxicated and neglect of a dependent. She is being held without bond.

4:11 p.m. - Dakota Browning, 26, of Jasper, was arrested by ISP Trooper Staggs on a Martin County warrant for rape and child molesting. He is being held without bond.

4:40 p.m. - Mandy Luker, 48, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Captain Hennette and charged with public intoxication and disorderly conduct. She is being held without bond. Deputy Lents assisted with the arrest.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

12:30 p.m. - Jeremy Scalf, 43, of Bedford, was arrested by Crane Detective Griffey on a Lake County warrant and is being held without bond.

8:04 p.m. - Marissa Foley, 31, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Gibson and charged with domestic violence in the presence of a minor x3, intimidation, neglect of a dependent x3, and false informing. She is being held without bond. Deputy Barnett assisted with the arrest.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

3:26 p.m. - Courtney Hawkins, 30, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Barnett on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

5:18 p.m. - Bridgett Adams, 46, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Seymour on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCINGS

May 8

Corey J. Carrithers, convicted of forgery, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 730 days with 480 days suspended and credit for 125 actual days previously served plus 125 Class A credit days. Defendant received 18 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

May 8

Corey J. Carrithers, theft, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

May 31

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

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

May 31

TOWD Point Mortgage Trust vs. James M. Sorrells, Amanda D. Sorrells, Capital One Bank, and Accounts Recovery Bureau, Inc., mortgage foreclosure.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

June 10

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff OneMain Financial Group, LLC and against the defendants Levi C. Brown and Lindsey Brown in the amount of \$2,334.37.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff

Prestige Financial Services and against the defendant William Grafton in the amount of \$7,611.37.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Nathan J. Kohlhaas in the amount of \$7,713.54.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Wells Fargo Bank and against the defendant Thomas Mullins for mortgage foreclosure in the amount of \$71,632.37.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

May 29

Rick Lind vs. Tyler Garrison, complaint.

SHWS Development, LLC vs. Jeremy Terry, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

June 10

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Cory Baker in the amount of \$1,515.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Karyn Shawver in the amount of \$2,194.58.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

June 10

Wade Steven Arvin of Loogootee and Kyanna K. Strange of Loogootee.

June 11

Ashley Nicole O'Brien of Loogootee and Dustin Mark Cissell of Loogootee.

Three District 7 Conservation Officers win awards

Three District 7 Indiana Conservation Officers have recently been recognized for their outstanding service to the public.

Kyle Hembree-Lifesaving Award

Officer Kyle Hembree was awarded a lifesaving award for saving a person from the East Fork of White River on June 18, 2018. Hembree was off duty when he overheard radio traffic of there being an unoccupied vehicle near the Haysville Bridge and a person floating down the river. Having strong knowledge of the river and knowing that the water was high and had a lot of current, Hembree launched his boat and headed upstream toward where the person was last seen. He observed the person was struggling to stay afloat near a log jam. Hembree ran his boat onto a submerged log and wrapped a rope around a tree to hold his position. He then grabbed one of the person's arms and held him against the boat while he attempted to get a life jacket on him. Hembree dragged the nearly lifeless person onto the log jam, and then onto the bow of his boat.

Hembree then transported the person to the Portersville Ramp, where he was met by EMS and other emergency responders. The person had traveled nearly five miles in the water before being rescued. Hembree is assigned to Daviess County.

Tony Mann-Tree Stand Manufacturers Association Officer of the Year

Master Officer Tony Mann was presented with the inaugural Conservation Officer of the Year award by the Tree Stand Manufacturers Association (TMA) at the association's annual conference in Ashland, Nebraska. Mann is an expert on tree-stand safety and has done numerous public appearances on the subject. Mann tracks and reviews accidents that occur in Indiana and has been featured in safety videos promoting tree-stand safety. Links to two of his safety videos are below. Mann is assigned to Martin and Dubois counties.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VUZJoiVt94Y>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T_s9oTAaknk

Jon Watkins-District 7 Boating Officer of the Year

Officer Jon Watkins was named the 2018 District 7 Boating Officer of the Year. Watkins serves as a National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) instructor and annually ranks near the top of the district in boating enforcement actions taken, as well as public appearances.



TONY MANN



JON WATKINS

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, JUNE 3

8:45 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

11:09 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

1:30 p.m. - Caller reported two juveniles being disruptive at the city pool.

6:13 p.m. - Caller reported a male being disruptive at Family Dollar.

6:27 p.m. - Caller reported an unruly juvenile.

8:15 p.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted the county with an arrest.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

12:12 a.m. - First responders were requested on Walker Street for a medical call.

8:10 a.m. - Caller reported a horse out on State Road 550.

11:11 a.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a vehicle accident.

5:03 p.m. - Caller reported a shop-lifter at Family Dollar.

5:46 p.m. - Caller reported an intoxicated male walking near US 231.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

9:02 a.m. - Caller reported a civil complaint.

12:56 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

2:45 p.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

3:13 p.m. - Caller requested assistance for a transient.

7:56 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on Hwy 50.

He also serves the district as a boat accident investigator and sonar operator.

Watkins is assigned to Dubois County, where flooding occurs on numerous roadways near the river systems.

This is the fourth time Watkins has been District 7 Boating Officer of the Year, and he was the State of Indiana Boating Officer of the Year in 2015.



KYLE HEMBREE

Single-vehicle crash leads to one dead in Lost River Township

The Martin County Sheriff's Office responded to a single vehicle crash that killed the driver on Windom Road at Simmons Creek Road last Tuesday evening.

On June 4, 2019 at approximately 8:18 p.m., Martin County Sheriff's Office received several 911 calls reporting a semi-trailer crash with unknown injuries. Martin County Sheriff's Office Deputy Robert Lents and Deputy Andrea Barnett, Dubois County EMS, Dubois Fire Department, Lost River Fire Department, Storks Service Center and Ruxer Ford-Sterling out of Jasper responded to the crash.

The driver, Dalton T. Sutt, 28, of Carlisle, was southbound Windom Road at

11:01 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance on North Street.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

6:56 a.m. - Caller on West Washington Street reported the gas cap off his vehicle.

9:05 a.m. - Female requested a vehicle identification check.

10:49 a.m. - Male requested a child custody matter.

12:09 p.m. - Female reported a property damage accident.

2:26 p.m. - Caller reported a runaway juvenile.

2:35 p.m. - Caller reported vandalism to a vehicle.

8:42 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

9:58 p.m. - Caller reported a noise complaint on Park Street.

10:45 p.m. - Caller reported an animal complaint.

11:49 p.m. - First responders were requested on Bellgrade Lane for a medical call.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

7:50 a.m. - Caller reported vandalism to a sign on Bloomfield Road.

11:39 a.m. - Caller reported a tree across the road near Goodwill Cemetery.

5:49 p.m. - Received a report a disruptive juveniles at the city park.

6:29 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

7:37 p.m. - Caller reported a child sitting too close to the road.

9:16 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on North Line Street.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

12:02 a.m. - Received a report of loud music in Redwing Trailer Court.

8:32 a.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated walker on Hwy 50.

10:07 a.m. - Officer Todd assisted with a funeral procession.

12:20 p.m. - Caller reported a civil matter.

5:00 p.m. - Caller reported a controlled burn.

6:35 p.m. - Officer McBeth assisted the county with a traffic stop.

7:13 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check a male.

9:22 p.m. - Female reported lost medication.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

11:00 a.m. - Female requested a welfare check on a male.

2:56 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

6:30 p.m. - Caller reported an animal complaint.

8:48 p.m. - First responders were requested on Cedar Street for a medical call.

9:04 p.m. - Caller reported an ATV on the city street.

the time of the crash. Sutt was ejected from the vehicle as it descended the county road curve. The semi-trailer continued off the road and into a wooded tree lining. It is unknown at this time as to what caused the crash. Sutt was transported by Dubois County Ambulance to Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper, where he was later pronounced deceased by Dubois Coroner Tony Matthews.

The scene and surrounding area on Windom Road was closed for approximately five hours while the crash scene was processed. The Indiana State Police assisted with accident reconstruction. The investigating deputy is Andrea Barnett.

More Neat Stuff



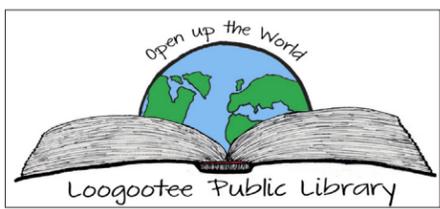
By Ann Ackerman



As most of you know, Courtney, Martin County Journal publisher, and Humane Society Board Member, is a Cat Lover Extraordinaire. The following cat quotes are dedicated to her:

***Nicknames** – According to a recent survey, the most popular cat nicknames are: “Cutie,” “Sweetie,” “Honey,” and the most popular, “Get Away From that Pizza!”

***Cat Qualities** – You’ll find your cat frisky and fun loving; you’ll find your



BY DARLA WAGLER
Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

A generous local family that desires to be anonymous has pledged a \$5,000 donation match for 60 days (began on June 1) plus an additional donation of \$5,000. If you have considered donating to the building project, every cent will go toward the \$5,000 donation match. The down payment reduces the principal, annual payment, and frees up money to provide more services to the community.

Friends of Loogootee Library (FOLL) will have a fundraiser cookout on Friday, June 28 from 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. (or until we sell out). Grilled Dewig Brats and Odon Locker Marinated Chicken Strips will be available to purchase with a drink and bag of chips for a \$5 donation. FOLL volunteers will deliver free to businesses and organizations. All money made from the cookout will go toward the \$5,000 donation match. Canceled if rain.

It is not too late to sign your kids up for the 2019 summer reading program “A Universe of Stories”. Daily activities are scheduled, and a calendar is available at the library or posted to the Loogootee Public Library Facebook page.

The New Books:
Mystery Fiction: “The Oracle” by Clive Cussler.

Fiction: “Mrs. Everything” by Jennifer Weiner.

Inspirational Fiction: “The Farmer’s Bride” by Kathleen Fuller, “A Reluctant Belle” by Beth White, “The Number of Love” by Roseanna White, “Wherever You Go” by Tracie Peterson, and “Hold on Tight” by Shelley Shepard Gray.

Nonfiction: “Amish Friends Gatherings Cookbook” by Wanda Brunstetter and “Under Pressure: Confronting the Epidemic of Stress and Anxiety in Girls” by Lisa Damour, PH.D.

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

cat cute and adorable, and you’ll find your cat in your best linens drawer.

***The Rewards** – Owning a cat guarantees that you will always have joy in your heart, companionship in your home, and little footprints on the hood of your car.

***Snacks** – At times your cat will desire a between-meal snack, so keep plenty of houseplants within easy reach.

***Dry Cat Food** – A good, crunch, dry cat food will add strength to your cat’s teeth, luster to his coat, and small painful indentations to the bottom of your feet.

***Litter Box** – The litter box is a small flat tray that you temporarily fill with litter so that your cat can scatter it all over the room.

***Shedding** – During shedding season, try to keep your cat away from dark clothing and fine furniture. Shedding season usually runs from January to mid-December.

***Cat Sitters** – When going out of town, one option is to leave your cat with trusted friends. It’s best to choose people who are conscientious, mature, and who have no furniture or lamps.

(More next week)

Remember, if a dog was the teacher you would learn things like:

- When your loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
 - Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.
 - Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.
 - Take naps.
 - Stretch before rising.
 - Run, romp, and play daily.
 - Thrive on attention and let people touch you.
 - Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
 - On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass.
 - On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.
 - When you’re happy, dance around and wag your entire body.
 - Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.
 - Be faithful.
 - Never pretend to be something you’re not.
 - If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.
 - When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by, and nuzzle them gently.
- That’s the secret of happiness that we can learn from a good dog.

Make someone smile today

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Shoals School Board meeting

The Shoals School Board will meet Thursday, June 13 at 6 p.m. in the central administration office. The meeting is open to the public.

Library Board meeting

The Loogootee Public Library Board has rescheduled their monthly meeting to Monday, July 17 at 5 p.m., at the library.

Attention small business owners

The Martin County Alliance is hosting the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) on Wednesday June 19, from 1-4 p.m., at the Martin County Learning Center to meet with, and offer assistance to, entrepreneurs and small business owners. There is no cost to the entrepreneur or small business owner to meet with the SBDC. The goal is to offer this no cost resource to entrepreneurs and small business owners every third Wednesday of the month from 1-4 p.m. at the Learning Center for the foreseeable future given the activity level from these sessions. You can learn more about the SBDC here: <https://isbdc.org/>.

Food pantry hours

The Loogootee United Methodist Food Pantry will be open the first, sec-

Grantseekers meeting

The Martin County Community Foundation will offer information about the 2019 Impact Grant Cycle on Tuesday, June 18 at the community building on the Martin County 4-H fairgrounds.

Details of the 2019 grant cycle will be shared and changes to the grant application process will be reviewed beginning at 4 p.m. in the meeting room. A question and answer session for new and experienced grantseekers will follow; all groups interested in applying are encouraged to attend.

The Martin County Community Foundation Impact Grant Cycle is open to 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations, governmental entities, and educational institutions serving the residents of Martin County.

To RSVP for the meeting, call Curt Johnson, Director, at (812) 295-1022 or email mccf@cfpartner.org by Friday, June 14.

Taylor family benefit

Kecia (Boyd) Taylor’s husband, Dusty, was on his way home from work on April 26 when a big tree fell on his truck and cut short his life. He also left behind three sons, Aiden, Hunter and Ethan. The community is coming together to help provide for this young family in their hour of need by holding a benefit on Saturday, June 15 from 4-8 p.m. at the Shoals Christian Church Resource Center. Organizers will be serving an Italian meal, donated by the Olive Garden, for a free will offering and conducting a silent auction which ends at 7 p.m. If you have any questions, call Ann Stewart at 812-709-9338 for further information.

ond, third and fifth Thursdays of the month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and also the first Monday of the month from 5-6:30 p.m.

Free lunch for kids

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

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!

Humane society meetings

The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 5:30 p.m.

Solid waste board

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

Soil and Water meetings

The Martin County SWCD meets the third Monday of the month at the SWCD office located at Martin County Learning Center. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays except Thursdays when it is closed. Visit www.martinswcd.com or call at 295-3149.

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Museum grant

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The Martin County Historical Society recently received \$20,000 as part of a challenge grant based on member numbers. With the help of the Martin County Community Foundation Membership Challenge Grant, set up by Steve Ferguson, the challenge grant gives the historical society \$100 for everyone that signs up for a five-year membership. The grant will payout each time they add 200 new members. They have grown over 600 new members in the past 18 months. The historical society wants to thank Steve Ferguson, the Martin County Community Foundation, local businesses that support them, and most of all everyone who has joined as members of the historical society. Shown in the photo are Jenell Hoffman, MCCF board member; Phil Todd, MCHS Board member; Lisa Starr CFP, Grants Coordinator; Mary Wildman MCHS board member; Cathy Todd MCHS member; Bill Greene MCHS President; and Martha Greene MCHS member.

Chamber of Commerce holds monthly meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce met May 22 at West Boggs Park Activity Center. Lunch was served by Dairy Master. Present for the meeting were representatives from the following businesses: The Candy Mill-Carolyn Parsons-Downey, Hollie's Eat & Treats -Theresa Abney, City of Loogootee-Mayor Noel Harty, Martin County Community Foundation-Curt Johnson, American Tree Expert & Overlook Rental-Marie Hawkins and Rodney Wright, SERVPRO-Tammy May, Tourism-Karen Whorrall, Loogootee Public Library-Darla Wagler, Williams Bros.-Carrie Lengacher, Loughmiller Machine-Pam Loughmiller, Daviess Community Hospital-Angie Steiner and Martin County Alliance-Tim Kinder.

The treasurer's report was given by Carolyn Parsons-Downey. The annual dinner is wrapping up this month, balance for the year is \$13,482.79. Marie Hawkins made

a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Theresa Abney seconded with all in favor.

Cade Chezem sent a thank you card to the Chamber for the scholarship he was awarded this year at the annual dinner.

Loogootee Summerfest is June 13-15
Catfish Festival in Shoals is July 4-7
Martin County 4-H Fair is July 12-16

Carolyn Parsons-Downey made a motion to donate \$250 to both the Summerfest and Catfish Festival this year, seconded by Marie Hawkins, and all were in favor.

Chamber membership dues will be sent out starting in June

Angie Seiner, with Daviess Community Hospital, reported that they had an open house last week at the Daviess-Martin Clinic in Loogootee. It was a light attendance, but they did have several new people to come in and meet the local pro-

Community Foundation scholarships available

The Martin County Community Foundation (MCCF) is pleased to announce it is accepting applications for two non-traditional scholarships.

There are many paths to higher education... many students choose to postpone college; many move directly into the workforce, bypassing a university education altogether; others put their college careers on hold, choosing the more difficult task of raising a family. It is only later that they decide to pursue a higher education, either to improve their personal and professional opportunities, or to expand their general knowledge. The community foundation is grateful for the donors in the community who have established non-traditional scholarships for returning students. These scholarships give preference to helping a student begin or return to college or trade school, years after leaving high school. The two scholarships and criteria are below.

Martin County Non-Traditional Scholarship

This scholarship is for non-tradition-

al students who meet the following criteria:

- Must be a resident of Martin County
- Must have graduated or left high school at least one year prior to applying for the scholarship
- Must seek to further their education at an accredited college, university, vocational or trade school
- Must demonstrate a need for assistance.

The Second Door Scholarship is named after the saying "When one door closes, another one opens..."

This scholarship is for non-traditional students who meet the following criteria:

- Must be a resident of Martin County
- Must have graduated or left high school at least two years prior to applying for the scholarship
- Must demonstrate a financial need
- The scholarship cannot be used for GED test fees
- The scholarship cannot exceed the cost of course and course materials
- Applicant must provide evidence of program acceptance
- Program must be administered by a qualified institution/organization.

Applications are available online at <http://www.cfpartner.org/mccfgrants.htm> or at the MCCF office located in the Community Learning Center on the Martin County 4-H fairgrounds, 2668 U.S. Highway 50, Loogootee.

Applications must be returned to the Community Foundation by 4 p.m. on Friday, June 28 by either hand-delivering to the MCCF office or by mailing to MCCF, PO Box 28, Loogootee, IN 47553. The MCCF office hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 8 a.m. to 4 pm; call ahead to be sure someone is in the office. If mailing, be sure to allow delivery time so that the application is received by the deadline in order to be considered for a scholarship.

If you have any questions, please e-mail the MCCF Director, Curt Johnson, at mccf@cfpartner.org or call 812-295-1022.

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LEONNA HEDRICK

Leonna Lynn Hedrick is the daughter of Rodney and Melissa Hedrick. After graduation, Leonna plans to attend the University of Southern Indiana to study dentistry. While in high school, Leonna has participated in Beta Club (9-12), FACS Club (11), Job Shadow (10-11), Musical (11), Pep Club (9-12), Right to Life (11), SADD Club (9-12), Show Choir (11), Spanish Club (9-12), Student Council (9,12), Tennis (9-12), and Volleyball (9-10).



MADELINE STRANGE

Madeline Victoria Strange is the daughter of Pat Strange and Denise Strange. After graduation, Maddie plans to attend Indiana University-Bloomington to study nursing and pre-med. While in high school, Maddie has participated in Band (9-12), Beta Club (9-11), French Club (9-12), and Recycling (9-11).



NICHOLAS BOWMAN

Nicholas Todd Bowman is the son of Deanna Smith and Todd Bowman. After graduation, Nick plans to attend Vincennes University for Engineering Technology. While in high school, Nick participated in Math Academic Team (11), Intern (12), Intramural (11-12), Pep Club (9-12), SADD Club (11-12), Spanish Club (9-11), Basketball (9-10), and Golf (9-12).



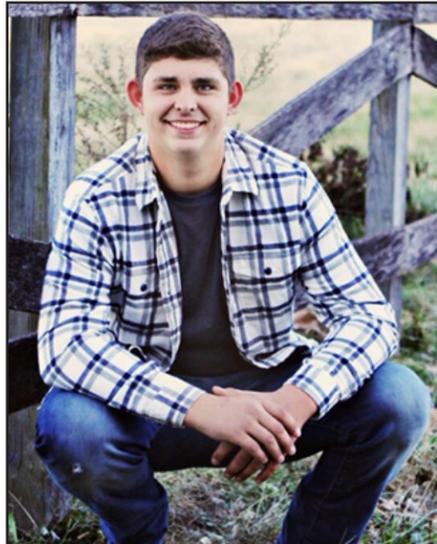
CRYSTAL TOLBERT

Crystal Rose Tolbert is the daughter of Lonnie and Teresa Tolbert. After graduation, Crystal plans to attend Vincennes University to study agribusiness. While in high school, Crystal participated in Intern (11), Job Shadow (12), Spanish Club (10-12), and FFA (9-12).



SYDNEY DAVIS

Sydney Jane Davis is the daughter of Travis and Angel Davis. After graduation, Sydney plans to attend Oakland City University. While in high school, Sydney participated in Beta Club (9), Cadet Teaching (11, 12), Job Shadow (10, 11), Pep Club (9, 10), SADD (9-12), Spanish Club (9-11), Student Council (9, 11), Basketball (9-12), Softball (9-12), and Volleyball (9).



TANNER FUHS

Tanner Kade Fuhs is the son of Todd Fuhs and Tara Lengacher. After graduation, Tanner plans to stay in the workforce. While in high school, Tanner did internships throughout high school (10-12).



AMBER PAGE

Amber Marie Page is the daughter of Brian Ward and Brenda Ward. After graduation, Amber plans to attend a place of higher education. While in high school, Amber has been on the English, Social Studies, and Fine Arts Academic Teams (10-11). She has also been a part of Band (9-12), Chorus (10-11), French Club (9-12), Musical (9-10,12), SADD Club ((9-11), Spell Bowl (10-12), Yearbook (9). Amber was a manager for Loogootee's Cross Country and Track Teams(10-12).



JACOB ARVIN

Jacob K. Arvin is the son of Troy Arvin and September Trambaugh. After graduation, Jacob plans to attend the University of Southern Indiana to study business. While in high school, Jacob participated in Intern (12), Job Shadow (11), Recycling Club (12), Pep Club (9-12), SADD Club (10), Student Council (9-10), Yearbook (10), and Baseball (9-12).



TYANNA GRABER

Tyanna Marie Graber is the daughter of Tony and Angie Graber. After graduation, Tyanna plans to attend Lake Land College to study Pre-medicine. While in high school, Tyanna participated in Spanish Club (9-12), FCA (12), Beta Club (9-12), SADD (9-12), Student Council Vice President (12), SADD Vice President (12), Basketball (9-12), Softball (9-12), Volleyball (9).



JACOB CARRICO

Jacob Thomas Carrico is the son of Tom and Trish Carrico. After graduation, Jake plans to attend ISU to pursue a degree in the medical field. While in high school, Jake has participated in Beta Club (9-12), Chorus (10-12), Intramural Basketball (10-12), Job Shadow (12), Pep Club (9,12), SADD Club (9-12), Show Choir (10-11), Spanish Club (9-11), Spell Bowl (9-11), Student Council (9-12), Class President (11-12), Class Vice President (9-10), Basketball (9), and Tennis (9-12).



TREY DENNY

Trey Adam Denny is the son of Donna Denny and Adam Denny. After high school he plans to receive a higher education.

TRISTIN MOFFATT

Tristin Michael Moffatt is the son of Eric L. Moffatt and Michelle J. Carrico. After graduation, Tristin plans to enter the workforce. While in high school, Tristin participated in Kitchen (11,12).



KENDALL BERRY

Kendall D. Berry is the daughter of Danny and Stacy Berry. After graduation, Kendall plans to further her education at the University Of Southern Indiana. While in high school, Kendall has participated in Cadet Teaching (11), Chorus (9-10), FACS Club (9-11), Pep Club (9-12), SADD Club (12), Spanish Club (10-12), and Softball (9-12).

In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

June 17 through 23 is National Pollinator Week. Actually, it has become an international observation, with events being held throughout the United States and in several other countries to draw attention to the plight of pollinators and their importance in the environment. Pollinators are insects, birds, bats and even other animals who do the important task of carrying the pollen from one plant to another of the same species, resulting in pollination. Successful pollination results in the formation of fruits and seeds. Many of those fruits are useful as food for men and animals.

While some plants, such as grains and grasses, are pollinated by releasing pollen into the wind, most of our food crops depend on some sort of pollinator to do the job. That is the purpose of flowers. Flowers attract pollinators, promising nectar, and tricking the pollinator into carrying out the process of pollination.

In recent years, scientists have noticed a decline in the number of pollinators. The reasons are not always clear. In some cases, disease has resulted in the death of pollinators. In other cases, the loss of habitat is the culprit. The use of insecticides also plays a role in pollinator decline.

Pollinator Week is all about what you can do to improve the situation. Building a pollinator garden is something that anyone can do. It does not take great acreage. Even a balcony garden may be pollinator friendly.

The most important step is to eliminate or severely limit the use of insecticides. Most insecticides are indeter-

minate, meaning they kill all types of insects—the good and the bad. There are often residual effects for other pollinators. Birds which eat insects that have consumed insecticide may also be poisoned and die. In other cases, the insecticide may be responsible for weak eggshells, resulting in the loss of young.

Providing a pollinator-friendly habitat means providing what is needed for life—food, water and shelter. Leaving a portion of your yard a little wild will go a long way toward providing habitat. Many butterflies have specific host plants, and those plants are often “weeds”. Modern farming practices have eliminated the fence rows where many of the host plants have traditionally grown. Urban sprawl has also been responsible for habitat loss.

Variety is really the spice of life for pollinators. Different flowers attract different pollinators. Providing a variety of blooming plants will ensure your garden will attract pollinators. Native plants or cultivars of native plants are the best pollinator magnets, but any nectar-rich flower will provide the energy for pollinators.

Sandhill Gardens will be one of the sites hosting a pollinator program. The program will be Tuesday, June 18 beginning at 6 p.m. Expert speakers will provide information on a variety of topics, including invasive plants, honeybees and native bees. It will be an interesting and informative evening. Sandhill Gardens is located at 3061 N. County Road 810 W. (Sandhill Road), West Baden Springs. Come and join us.



Gardens of Ketcham

-Photo provided

On Thursday, May 30, administrators, board members, staff, residents and friends of the Bertha G. Ketcham Memorial Center in Odon gathered to break ground for The Gardens of Ketcham. The Gardens will be a residential small home setting for 10 residents and a staff who live and work together. Medical care and skilled therapies, as needed, will be provided to the residents. A grand opening is anticipated in April 2020.

Faerie Gathering returns to Paynetown SRA

Monroe Lake invites imaginative crafters of all ages to its Faerie Gathering at Paynetown State Recreation Area, 4850 S. State Road 446 in Bloomington, on Saturday, June 22.

The event kicks off with a woodland faerie scavenger hunt at 10:30 a.m. The scavenger hunt meets in front of the overflow parking area.

From 1 to 3 p.m., there is a drop-in faerie crafting circle at the activity center featuring six different faerie-themed crafts for people to make, while supplies last.

A clay pot faerie house workshop is at 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$3 per participant. A faerie door workshop is at 8 p.m.

Cost for the faerie door workshop is \$4 per participant. Both workshops are limited to 10 participants.

Reserve your spot for the two workshops inside the activity center between 1 and 5 p.m. Any remaining openings will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis at the workshops. Cash or check only.

Questions about this event should be directed to Jill Vance, interpretive naturalist for Monroe Lake, at jvance@dnr.IN.gov. The daily fee to enter Paynetown SRA is \$7 per vehicle with Indiana plates, \$9 per vehicle with out-of-state plates. Indiana State Park annual entrance permits are also accepted.

Grazing Bites

By Victor Shelton
NRCS State Agronomist/Grazing Specialist

I cannot believe the weather. I have never seen a spring quite like this. After a long discussion recently with an old friend who is 79, he said he hadn't either and we both agreed that we would rather not see another, but only because the weather didn't repeat itself. We have gone from soggy wet pastures with forages that were hesitating to grow to runaway forage on wet or saturated soils.

I'm still an advocate for utilizing grazing first as the main means of forage management. The normal recommendation is to continue moving animals through the system until the first pasture or allotment is ready to be grazed again. Then go back to that first field and start over. The fields that are skipped can be used as summer stockpile as is, clipped to remove seed heads, or mowed for hay. I want to discuss these choices, but first I encourage you to do a simple assessment.

On average, by early to mid-June, most cool season forages have reached about two-thirds of their dry matter yield. Stop and think about that for a moment. By this point, most cool season grasses have gone from leaves only, to pollinating, to seed production. Removal of vegetation by grazing has slowed the process down some, but it won't stop it.

What you need to assess, is how much forage you have presently. You should not be able to completely control all forages by grazing this time of year. Consider this. If two-thirds of the potential forage that you can normally grow on the farm have now been grown, there had better be more forage out there than what you need for the time frame. If the cows are keeping up with the forages, then you either don't have enough forage or more likely, you have too many cows.

It would be nice if forages grew at approximately the same rate as consumption. There are times when this is possible, but it will not stay that way long. Pastures can be managed by what I call “put and take” grazing, which is actually more like a continuous grazed system, than a rotated system. Animals are added or removed to keep consumption more in balance with forage growth. This method is not very practical. This method, if workable at all, is probably best done with stocker cattle of which numbers might be slightly easier to adjust, as needed. If you have a cow-calf operation, it will not work.

Continuing with our discussion on making an assessment, do you have excess forage right now in early June? If yes, then good, animal numbers are at least somewhat in balance with forages long-term. If no, then forages will be even shorter in supply as the year progresses, reducing the number of grazing days and increasing the number of feeding days. The more “feeding” days, the more out-of-pocket expense in the cost of operation.

Our cool season forages grow with good soil moisture and moderate temperatures but will slow down drastically or stop growth in response to low soil moisture and high temperatures later in the summer. That's why you need to stockpile some growth for lat-

er. You also want to go into summer with as much vegetative forage and cover as possible because that live vegetative cover helps to keep the soil cooler and slow evaporation (although it certainly is not an issue right now), which helps promote at least some continued growth.

Grazing, especially when you graze just the top portion of the plant, helps to promote more growth, more tillering of grasses, as long as moisture is present and summer heat has not slowed the process down too much. Now getting back to the original discussion about your options: fields that are skipped can then be used as summer stockpile as is, clipped to remove seed heads, or mowed for hay.

If you skip the fields and stockpile them and do nothing else, the forages will mature. Mature forages are usually lower in protein and higher in carbon. There is still some good feed value in this forage, but animals will tend to eat the best and leave the rest. If the field could use some extra soil organic matter or benefit from extra rest, then this would be a very good choice. When you finally get through those earlier paddocks the second time and find that the first-grazed field is not ready to be grazed again, then you could go back to the skipped stockpiled field. It is best to either strip-graze or allocate out in sections to maintain some quality as you move across the field. While the livestock are grazing this summer's stockpile, the rest of the pastures are resting and recovering the best they can for later use.

There is some value in clipping or topping that summer stockpile with a rotary mower, but timing is important. It needs to be done early enough to help promote some continued growth. Once the seed heads start drying off, you are mainly only making the plants look better cosmetically. New growth is harder to achieve at this stage, especially as drier, hotter days increase. Clipping must be done while the seed stalks are still green and before the plants are too big.

It is almost impossible to mow high enough to only remove seed heads and not remove too much leaf. Mowing too short will remove potential feed and the better part of the solar panel or cover it up with the clippings. After it is clipped, stems and cut forage is often coarser and in some cases may be less desirable to the animal. I've seen this go both ways—again timing is everything. The more vegetative the field is when clipped the better. There is a cost to clipping, so the added value of forage, potential extra regrowth, or weed control needs to be obtained to justify the expense. Most pastures I've been in so far this year that have good fertility and have not been grazed yet, are too dense and tall to clip, so you would lose more than you would ever gain. You would be better off just grazing it as discussed earlier, or my least favorite option—haying it.

If you are in what I refer to as the “building” stage of soil fertility – in other words, it still needs some, then you would be better off bringing in (See 'GRAZING BITES' on page 10)

SHOALS

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Hoffman asked for approval to purchase mulch from the donation fund for the next clean-up day. Councilman Albright made a motion for the board to purchase the mulch needed. Councilman Hoffman made the second all were in favor. Council President asked Hoffman if she could move the next clean up from June 29 to June 22 due to the level of work being done before the start of the Catfish Festival. Hoffman stated she would see if they could move the date. Hoffman let the council know that if they had any questions about the report of projects, to let her know.

Council President Ragsdale stated the chlorine building located at the wells was in desperate need for revitalization. A quote was received in the amount of \$2,992. Councilman Albright made a motion to accept the quote with councilman Hoffman making the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Tim Kinder thanked Councilman Albright for attending recent events at WestGate. Kinder stated he is hosting a small business development center at the Martin County Learning Center on the third Wednesday of each month free of charge. Small business owners and entrepreneurs can come in and discuss their business and he will help them in any way in getting started and developed. Next, Kinder stated since the town was involved in the Broadband Ready Community Resolution he wanted to advise it was passed. Kinder stated this means Martin County is certified now as a Broadband Ready Community.

Council President Ragsdale announced that the Shoals Park Board received the Smithville Charitable Foundation Inc. grant in the amount of \$14,777.89. Councilman Ragsdale asked Chad Gibson, who was present, to speak concerning the grant. Gibson spoke about the work that went into applying for the grant and plans concerning the use of the grant money. The council thanked Gibson for doing this for the community. Clerk-Treasurer Rutledge stated she would like a motion to create a Smithville Grant Fund to keep track of how the money is spent separately from the park donation fund. She stated it would be beneficial for grant auditing purposes. Councilman Albright made a motion to create a Smithville Grant Fund with councilman Hoffman making the second and all were in favor.

The clerk-treasurer presented meter deposit returns for T. Jones and R. Potts. Councilman Hoffman made the motion to approve the deposit return with Councilman Albright making the second and all were in favor. Next Rutledge presented meter deposit transfer for J. Hert, C. Hoffman, T. Allen and K. Spurgeon. Councilman Albright made a motion to accept the transfers with councilman Ragsdale making the second. All were in favor.

Rutledge presented two cemetery lot buy backs. The first for Brian Fisher for three lots at ten dollars each and Judy Heichelbech with four lots at ten dollars each. Councilman Albright made a motion to purchase the lots back with councilman Hoffman making the second and all were in favor.

Rutledge presented Resolution 2019-1 for approval. The resolution puts set fees in place for work being performed on violations of Ordinance 83-4. Rutledge stated there are no set fees in place currently. Councilman Albright made a motion to accept Resolution

2019-1 with councilman Hoffman making the second. All were in favor.

Rutledge presented Resolution 2019-2 which is setting a rental agreement in place for rental of the ballpark for use of events and tournaments for organizations outside of the Shoals community. Councilman Albright made a motion to accept Resolution 2019-2 with councilman Hoffman making the second and all were in favor.

Rutledge also presented 2019-3 for approval. The resolution sets a mileage reimbursement rate for employees traveling to meeting on behalf of the town. Councilman Albright made a motion accept Resolution 2019-3 with councilman Hoffman making the second. All were in favor.

The clerk-treasurer presented a Ballpark Rental Agreement for approval to use for those renting the ballpark. Councilman Albright made a motion to accept the form for use with councilman Hoffman making the second and all were in favor.

Clerk-Treasurer Rutledge presented an invoice to be sent to a property owner on Main Street for work that had been completed due to being in violation of Ordinance of 83-4. Councilman Albright made a motion to approve the invoice with councilman Hoffman making the second. All were in favor.

Rutledge stated she wanted to let the council know she would be attending a free Department of Local Government Finance training seminar in Evansville on June 20. Rutledge stated she would also be attending the State Board of Accounts School in Fort Wayne on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. The council voted to approve a \$500 donation for the Catfish Festival Fireworks.

Rutledge asked if the council would like for the street sweeping and mosquito fogging to be scheduled for a week before the festival and the council were all in agreement. She stated the trash cans, portable toilets, large dumpster had all been ordered for the festival. She stated a letter had been sent to CSX as well letting them know the festival dates.

Next, Rutledge stated membership was due for the Shoals Business Association in the amount of \$50. Councilman Albright made a motion to renew the membership with councilman Hoffman making the second. She also presented an annual renewal policy from Travelers Insurance for the fire department workers compensation insurance in the amount of \$978. The council approved. Rutledge let the council know Martin County Community Foundation will be hosting the grant seeker meeting June 18 if anyone would like to attend with her.

Council President Ragsdale stated Municipal Utilities Manager Kevin Crecelius had interviewed several applicants for the open general laborer position. Ragsdale stated he would like to bring before the board applicant Chase Heckard as the person to fill the position. Attorney Paul Vogler asked Clerk-Treasurer Rutledge to read the conditions. Rutledge stated the position would have a six month probation period with performance reviews being done at three months and six months, he will not be eligible for any full time employee benefits until completion of the probation period, his starting hourly wage will be \$13.50, and his hire date will be dependent on the passing of a background check and pre-employment drug screen with being eligible to start the day after those results are received. Councilman Clint

Hoffman made a motion to hire Chase Heckard for the general laborer position with Council President Ragsdale making the second. Councilman Albright abstained. The motion passed.

Rutledge stated she would like present and amended Salary & Wage Ordinance for approval. At the last meeting, the council appointed a Municipal Utilities Manager with a salary of \$44,500 annually and gave the Town Marshal a fifty cents per hour rate increase. The amended ordinance reflected these changes. Councilman Hoffman made a motion to approve the amended #2 salary and wage ordinance with councilman Albright making the second. All were in favor.

Rutledge then stated she had a thank you card to be presented to the board from resident Pat Keefe. Ms. Keefe thanked the board having the drain cleared in front of her house as she had requested at the last regular meeting.

Councilman Albright said he wanted to state that himself and Clerk-Treasurer Rutledge had attended the AIM Budget Seminar that was held in Plainfield on May 16 to receive new information and updates concerning budgets and new bills trying to be passed.

Fire Chief Jim Hamby stated the pump for truck 383 was finished and came in under the original expected cost.

Amber Hoffman stated she would like to make a comment thanking all individuals, organizations and businesses for their contributions and efforts in supporting the new beautification board.

With no further business to discuss on the agenda, Council President Ragsdale opened the floor to those in attendance. James Brown stated he would like to know the town's stance on the topic of the letters that several cabin owners had received from the DNR. Brown stated he had received a letter and that several of the cabins that are in the town's corporate limits had received a letter. Town Attorney Paul Vogler stated that the town has no jurisdiction over the letters and that the letters had been sent under state statute. Vogler also stated he had no answer as to why the letters had been sent. He said he thought some of the owners had filed for permits and that there is a permit process. Brown stated he personally tried to get a permit and that he has an "abode or residence" and was told he couldn't file for a permit with having an "abode or structure". Brown stated the question he would like to ask was if this law had ever been brought to the town before specifically in the early 2000's. Vogler stated he was not aware of it ever being brought up. Brown stated it is his understanding it had been addressed during this time period on a county level. Ted Oshier stated he had traveled to Indianapolis the day before concerning the matter as he had filed an appeal. Tom Lake asked if the northwest side of the bridge along River Cabin Lane was in town limits. It was stated that it is in the town limits. Cori Lukomski, with The Washington Times Herald, stated

that she has been researching the matter through county ordinances and was going to continue the research through more county documents. She stated the owners had been paying taxes all of this time according to the assessed values. Attorney Vogler said he advised that the group of owners seek legal assistance together. A discussion ensued and council President called the meeting back to order and stated that one person is to speak at a time. Adam Greene asked if the town was going to cut off the water utility service due to the letters the owners had received. Council Vice-President Albright stated the town would not take a stance at this time to disconnect the water service but asked that Attorney Vogler research proper procedure if the town receives notice from the state to disconnect the service. Attorney Vogler stated he would research the matter.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

GRAZING BITES

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sources of fertility, such as hay, then to remove it. Hay harvested off a pasture will be removing nutrients from where they are needed and moving them to a "feeding" area where they are already high. When grazed, most nutrients which are present have a higher chance of remaining and being used for future forage growth.

Fields that you cannot graze for one reason or another, would be better choices for hay or fields where nutrients, especially phosphorus might be high from past heavy applications of manure. If a pasture is cut for hay, restore fertility back to that field as soon as possible to help promote and sustain the forage. Understand that those fields will take longer to recover than if they were grazed, especially as the days get hotter, and perhaps drier.

Keep on grazing!

Reminders & Opportunities

During hot and drier weather in July and August, warm-season forages grow quite well and are better suited while the cool-season forages usually take a vacation. Don't miss a chance to learn more about them later this month (information below).

Using Native Warm-Season Grasses in a Grazing System – Agency In-Service Day – June 20th, 2019. Producer/Landowner Day - June 21, 2019, Southern Indiana Purdue Ag Center. No registration fee, but registration required by June 7. RSVP to jhodge34@utk.edu.

Grazing 102 – June 21-22, 2019, Southern Indiana Purdue Ag Center. Grazing 102 is a program designed to help producers understand important concepts needed to make a management-intensive grazing program work for their own operation. Contact Jason Tower at towerj@purdue.edu or 812-678-4427.

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