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The Loogootee Summerfest Queen Contest will be held this Thursday, June 20 in downtown Loogootee, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Shown above are Summerfest Queen contestants Chloe Ramsey, Anistyn Aiman, and Khloe Dills. Not pictured are 2023 Miss Summerfest Queen Abbigail Nonte and Ava Fuhrman.



Shown above is the Junior Miss Summerfest 2023 Aubri Jo Gilbertson and candidates for 2024, Josie Mathies, Karmen Wilson, and Kensleigh Carrico. Not pictured is MKenna Gregory.

Summerfest Queen Contest tomorrow Indiana ACLU files lawsuit against the City of Loogootee

diana filed suit in U.S. District Court against the City of Loogootee, on behalf of the sponsors of PrideFest 2024. After initially approving a permit for PrideFest 2024 to take place on September 7, the Loogootee City Council has since passed two new ordinances changing the application process for using city property, rescinded its prior approval of PrideFest 2024, and failed to vote on the new application the sponsors properly submitted in February 2024.

The first Loogootee Pride Festival was successfully held in June 2023 at the Public Square, in the center of town. where numerous community events have been held over the years. About 200 people attended the 2023 festival, and organizers had no reason to suspect that the town's leadership would not approve a permit for a festival in 2024.

Since submitting a new application for PrideFest 2024 in February, the organizers of PrideFest, Patoka Valley AIDS Community Action Group, have attended each subsequent Loogootee City Council meeting. The PrideFest application has been on the council's meeting agenda, but council members never discussed or voted on it. On June 10, the council passed the most recently revised ordinance setting up numerous roadblocks to PrideFest. Another event, Summerfest, is scheduled to be held in the public square this week, apparently without the organizers of that event even applying for a permit.

The First Amendment lawsuit filed

Last Thursday, June 13, ACLU of In- today calls for the court to enjoin Loogootee's Special Events Ordinance and allowing plaintiffs to hold PrideFest 2024 at the Public Square on September 7, 2024.

Statement from ACLU of Indiana Legal Director Ken Falk:

"The City of Loogootee's revocation of its November 2023 permission to hold PrideFest 2024 and its actions since that time violate the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. The latest city special events ordinance is unconstitutional in many ways. It, and the actions of the city council, clearly indicate that councilmembers are trying to deny our plaintiffs the ability to hold their event because they disagree with a celebration of the LGBTQ community."

The complaint can be found here.

Commissioners agree to purchase **Old National Bank** building for \$385,000

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT Martin County Journal Publisher

The Martin County Commissioners held a special meeting Monday morning, June 17 to discuss purchasing the Old National Bank building next to the courthouse in Shoals for \$385,000. Commissioner Cody Roush was not present for the meeting. Commissioner Paul George said they negotiated the price down as low as they could get it. The building was up for auction online and had a bid of \$77,500 as of Monday morning but the reserve had not been met. The auction was planned to end on Tuesday. (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 2) **Shoals Town Council** approves paving bids, discusses utility issues

The Shoals Town Council met Monday, June 10. Those in attendance were Council Members Cary D. Albright and Micky Crew, Clerk-Treasurer Tina Franklin, and Attorney Dave Lett, Matt Copeland. Dylan Way, Kevin Boyd, Darlene Grogan, Dianna Ragsdale and Shoals Volunteer Fire Chief Jim Hamby. Councilman Roger Abel was not in attendance at this session. Council Member Albright presented surplus inventory of a white 2014 Ford F150 that will be posted for bids at least 10 days prior to the sale date. The council approved the sale. Albright presented bids for the Community Crossings grant for 2024. Bids were received from E&B Paving, LLC; Milestone Contractors LP and Temple and Temple. E&B Paving's total bid was \$343,700, Milestone Contractor's total bid was \$330,146 and Temple and Temple's bid was \$238,265. Temple and Temple did not have the proper qualifications per INDOT regulations to be considered for the bid. The second lowest bid was Milestone Contractor LP and the council approved their bid. Town Attorney Dave Lett discussed (See 'SHOALS' on page 2)



Shown above are the Little Miss candidates. In the front row, from left to right, are Avabelle Worm, Avrie Bratton, Madalyn Abrams, Tenlee Mathias, Olivia Keller, and Meadow Edwards. In the back row are Little Miss Summerfest Queen 2023 Landry Strange, Ezny Sluder, Ava Wade, Kimber Padgett, Adelyn Matthews, and Lily Phillips.



Shown above are the Tiny Tot contestants. In the front row, from left to right, are Havilynn Burris, Briclynn Graber, Kinsley Wininger, Cheyanne Hudson, and Paisley Wininger. In the back row are Emberlyn Wittmer, Taylor Mathias, Preslee Bledsoe, Ashlynn Ayers, Kynzlee Mann, Adventure Edwards and Tiny Tot Summerfest Queen 2023 Isabel Toy.

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New businesses

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On Saturday, June 15, the Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth, Inc. celebrated a ribbon cutting for Ryah Rose Boutique and Wagler Pyrotechnics LLC & Fireworks, located at 121 Cooper Street in Loogootee. Family and friends gathered to celebrate the opening of this new business to the community. The owners are Ashton and Jessica Wagler, husband-and-wife business partners. Ryah Rose Boutique is a children's boutique. Business hours for this new business are Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

School board candidacy filings end tomorrow

School board candidates (non-partisan) can file to be on the ballot until this Thursday, June 20 at noon. Candidates will need 10 valid signatures certified prior to filing deadline to qualify. Currently the following school board candidates have filed:

Loogootee-at-large (2 seats available): Brooke Hawkins

Shoals has the following districts on the ballot:

Shoals District 2: Ethan Jones Shoals District 3: Jerry Braun Lorna Troutman Shoals District 5: No filings to date

All the winning candidates from the primary will go on to be on the 2024 General Election ballot on November 5.

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The Democratic, Libertarian, and Republican parties have until July 3 to file ballot vacancy paperwork with the clerk's office. Independent candidates can file declaration of candidacy and certified petitions of nomination for their names to appear on the 2024 General Election ballot anytime between now and July 15[,] by noon. Independent candidates will need 67 valid signatures certified prior to filing deadline to qualify. All paperwork is available at the Martin County Clerk's Office at 129 Main Street, Shoals. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Absentee mail-in ballot applications will be accepted by the clerk now through October 24. Please request your application by October 18 to allow time for mail processing.

The 2024 General Election will be on November 5. All voter registration should be updated before Monday, October 7. Please remember that the address on your voter ID should match your voter registration. If you are unsure of your registration, please contact the Martin County Clerk's office at 812-247-3651.

SHOALS_

(Continued from page one) the refund for the Thelma Witt Family Gravesite. He requested to table the discussion until he has the opportunity to go over the documents with Clerk-Treasurer Tina Franklin.

Clerk-Treasurer Tina Franklin presented an outstanding bill for 607 Second Street Shoals. The bill totals \$5,747.30. Franklin explained there is a leak on the residence's side of the property, and the resident refuses to fix or pay. Attorney Lett advised the town to fix the leak, then apply a tax lien against Mesarosh for the repairs and bill. The council approved.

Clerk-Treasurer Franklin presented a quote for broken cameras at the ballpark. Attorney Lett advised the council members to table discussion because he believes there needs to be additional quotes provided before voting. The discussion was tabled.

Clerk-Treasurer Franklin presented a credit of \$100 for the address 8084 US Highway 50. The council approved the credit.

The Town Hall will be closed Thursday, July 4 and Friday, July 5.

The next regular council meeting will is for that building yet.

be Monday, July 8 at 4 p.m. at the Shoals Town Hall.

With no further business, Councilwoman Crew made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Councilman Albright seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting closed at 4:39 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS

(Continued from page one) The bank would not disclose the reserve amount, according to Commissioner George. "I think we got a good deal," he said.

The down payment of \$35,000 will come from the cumulative capital fund and the riverboat fund. There has been no decision regarding where the remainder of the money will come from. The building will be used as an annex to the courthouse.

Clerk Julie Fithian, who was in the audience, asked if the commissioners are planning to sell the recycling center building across the street from the courthouse that was recently purchased for \$100,000. Commissioner George replied that they haven't decided what the plan is for that building yet.





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JASON BRADLEY

Jason M. Bradley, formerly of Loogootee, Indiana passed away June 15, 2024.



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napolis, he was 39. He was born April 18, 1985, in Jasper; son of Martin J. and Mary J. (Bullock) Bradley. married Jason

JASON BRADLEY

tee

He was baptized and confirmed in the catholic faith. Jason was a 2003 graduate of Loogootee High School. He then graduated in 2005 with an associate's degree in aviation maintenance technology from Vincennes University - Indianapolis. Jason also held his A&P license.

He loved hunting and fishing. Jason was the life of the party and never met a stranger. He enjoyed weightlifting and competitive kickboxing. Most of all, Jason loved his family and friends.

Jason was employed by the Indianapolis Colts - Flight Department. He recently was promoted to Aircraft Maintenance Manager.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Bob and Bernice Bullock and Jerry and Wanda Bradley; uncle, Tony Bullock; aunts, Patrice Bullock and Becky Bullock; cousins, Jeff Nigg and Tonya Bullock; father-in-law, Jeff Lindsay; grandfather-in-law, Rollin Fogle; fur best friend, King Bear.

Jason is survived by his wife, Amber Bradley of Indianapolis; parents, Marty and Mary Bradley of Loogootee; fur best friends, Brody and Riley; siblings, Brett (Lexi) Bradley of Poland, Stephen (Tara) Bradley of Mitchell, and Ashley (Zach) Albin of Bedford; nieces and nephews, Addalyn, Jayven, Colter, Amelia, Wren, and Hudson; mother-in-law, Sheri Lindsay; sister-in-law, Ashley (Kevin) Harry; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at 1 p.m. Friday, June 21 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial will follow in St. John Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Thursday, June 20 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee and Friday, June 21 from 12 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Martin County Humane Society.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.



Amber Lindsay on October 12, 2013, at St. John Catholic Church in Loogoo-

Burris; her children, Benny Lynn (Craig) Cain, Jerry Eli "Jeb" (Dawn) Burris, Honi Michele Overton, and Bryan (Tiffany) Burris; her grandchildren, Chantele,

She is survived by

her husband, Benton

Justin, Chana, Lu-LUCY BURRIS

cas, Chastin, Josh, Tylan, Lydia, Jaite, Jaithan, Lexis, Phillip, Jeryco, Taijai, Melanie, Carmen, Bryan, Kyra, Aurora, Drea, Kendra, Travis, Trevor, Jerrad, and Emily; her great- grandchildren, Ezny, Havilynn, Myah, Isabelle, Callie, Chance, Isaiah, Elayah, Kizer, Alyxzandrean, Catalina, Gabby, Wrenlee, and Reina; her siblings, Junior Carroll, Rosie Carroll, and Juanita Carroll, and several nieces and nephews, and friends.

A funeral service was conducted Tuesday June 18 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

Online condolences can be made at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

Arrangements provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

JANET LIMBACH

Janet Elaine Limbach passed away Sunday June 9, 2024, at her home. A resident of Loogootee, she was 56.

She was born May 18, 1968, in Franklin; daughter of Ernest and Janet Sue (Rooks) Robinson.

Janet was a natural caregiver, earning her CNA and working at various nursing homes over the years. She loved spending time with her family and friends and will be missed by all that knew her.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Janet Sue Robinson.

Janet is survived by her father, Ernest Robinson; her children, Jordan Limbach, Justin (Jenna) Limbach, and Jacob (Julie Coleman) Limbach; and her grandchildren, Jianna and Jilliann Limbach, Nova and Reid Limbach.

A funeral service was held Thursday June 13 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee with Pastor Ed Frost officiating. Burial followed in Goodwill Cemetery.

Online condolences can be made at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

JAMES JONES

James Leo Jones passed away at 11:28 p.m. Monday, May 27, 2024 at his home. A

> resident of Loogootee, he was 75.

He was born April 21, 1949, in Washington; son of the late Edgar "Light-

and Berna-

(Spaulding)

ly (Roger) Lemon of Washington; three nephews, Mick Clark, Scott Lemon and Matthew Lemon.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker on Friday, May 31 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial followed in St. John Catholic Cemetery. A Knights of Columbus Memorial Service took place Thursday, May 30.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the St. John Catholic Church, St. Vincent De Paul, or Gibault Children's Services.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

BRIAN HOWELL

Brian Lee Howell passed away Thursday, June 13, 2024. A resident of Mitchell, he was 52.



cember 3, 1971, in Washington; son of Richard Sanders and Joyce Ann (Lundy) Ragens and was raised by his caring grandparents, Woodrow and Mar-

He was born De-

BRIAN HOWELL tha Lundy. He married Carolyn Jean Falco on July 31, 2010, and she survives.

Brian had worked at Martin County Motors, National Gypsum, and had been a welder. He was a 1990 graduate of Shoals High School and a member of American Legion Post 250. Brian was an avid outdoorsman always hunting, fishing, canoeing, and camping. He loved life and being around his grandchildren and dogs.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Howell of Mitchell; son, Stephen Howell of Evansville; stepchildren, Karla Jean (Jeremy Reynolds) Mann of Springville, Karie (Jeremy) Mullins of Springville, and Ronnie (Jessica Wilcox) Mann, III of Raleigh, North Carolina; grandchildren, Michael Bell, Kylee Bell, Tristan Reynolds, Alexus Reynolds, Kevin Reynolds, Dustin Jamison, Gracei Mullins, Lexon Mullins, and Maylee Mullins; brothers, Tim (Fiancé Kim Anderson) Howell of Dover Hill, Jason Scott (Shyanne) Salmon of Paoli, and Chris Howell of Washington; and his dogs, Whiskey and Eddie.

His parents and grandparents preceded him in death.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, June 18, in the Memorial Chapel of Chastain Funeral Home & Cremation Center. Burial followed at Mount Union Cemetery in Dover Hill, Martin County.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.chastainfuneralhome.com.

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into what is now Country Oaks Golf Club. In addition, he and investors built the Baymont Inn. He was also instrumental in bringing GPC to Washington, and with a partner's help, provided the warehousing they

SWARTZENTRUBER needed. In his retirement years, he loved to tinker with his excavating and farming equipment. He wintered in Sarasota, Florida, where he loved to fish and visit friends and family in the unique community that Pinecraft, Sarasota is. Whatever his mode of transportation was down there (three-wheeled bike, golf cart, and later his motorized scooter), he loved to find people and play cards. He was a gentle soul, and a delight to know. He lived out Colossians 3:24-25: Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

In his success, he remained humble and generous toward all. He hated the spotlight and dodged it aggressively. He worked in generous ways behind-the-scenes, where he thrived, and many people were the recipients of his generous heart. He will be most greatly missed.

Kenny loved his Savior, Jesus Christ, and he attended Providence Mennonite Church for the last ten years and became a member there last summer. Prior to that he was a long-standing member of Bethel Mennonite Church, leaving only to follow his preacher-son to Providence. His relationship with the Lord gave him such peace, and his life was a testament to his faith in the shed blood of Christ and the hope of resurrection to eternal life.

Kenny's family meant the world to him. He loved his wife Elizabeth (Lengacher) Swartzentruber of nearly 59 years. His three boys were his greatest earthly achievement, and he was so proud of all of them. His grandchildren were his joy and delight and he loved to be near them.

Kenny is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; his children, Kenneth (Patricia) Swartzentruber Jr., Donald (Shirley) Swartzentruber, and Kevin (Amanda) Swartzentruber; his grandchildren, Kendrick (Kelci) Swartzentruber, Collin (Jess) Swartzentruber, Bethany Swartzentruber (with special friend, Nate Reynolds), Kaitlyn (Cody) Keith, Lance (Jean) Swartzentruber, Kiah (Micah) Sydow, Ellie Swartzentruber (with fiancé Hunter Russell), Ava Swartzentruber, Kari Swartzentruber, Margo Swartzentruber, Judah Swartzentruber, Thad Swartzentruber, Zeke Swartzentruber; and his great-grandchildren, Anna Swartzentruber, Oliver Swartzentruber, Carter Swartzentruber, and a new little great to be born in a few weeks, which he would have loved meeting. Kenny is also survived by his siblings, Merv (Janet) Swartzentruber, Fred (Gaya) Swartzentruber, Mary Lou (Marv) Knepp, PJ (Terri) Swartzentruber, Sue (Vaughn) Graber; sister-in-law, Orpha Stutzman and brother-in-law, Lynden Miller. Kenny is preceded in death by his parents, John and Elizabeth (Stoll) Swartzentruber, siblings Kurt (Orpha) Swartzentruber, Donna Jean (Jay) Crisenbery, Shirley (Lynden) Miller, and brother-in-law Jay (Donna Jean) Crisenbery. A celebration of Kenny's life will be held on Thursday June 20 at 10 a.m. at Providence Mennonite Church in Montgomery. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Daviess County 4-H or Our Community Foundation (localforever.org) Online condolences can be made at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.



LUCY BURRIS

Lucy Fay Burris passed away Thursday June 13, 2024, at her home. A resident of Loogootee, she was 70.

She was born February 16, 1954, in Frankfort; daughter of the late William Eli and Alma (Harness) Carroll.

Lucy married Benton Burris on April 3, 1971. She was a God-fearing woman and believed in the truth. She worshiped and prayed religiously. Known as "Mother Goose" Lucy was a grandmother not only to her own grandchildren but to many kids in the community. She held ice cream socials for children at the park. Lucy coordinated family holidays and loved cooking for her friends and family. She was generous and a friend to everyone she met. Lucy was loved by so many. The more love she received, the more she gave. She was the most wonderful woman to her family and left her mark on them with her love. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Lucy is preceded in death by her parents, William and Alma Carroll and her brothers, Sammie Carroll, and Claude Cassida.



JAMES JONES of St. John the Evan-

gelist Catholic Church. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 732, where he was a Fourth Degree Knight, leader of the Second Degree team, a past Grand Knight, and a past Indiana State District Deputy. Lee was a faithful supporter of Gibault Children's Services.

Lee loved the Indianapolis 500 and attended 54 races. He was an avid Loogootee Lions fan. Lee enjoyed woodworking, mowing grass and representing Santa Claus each winter.

He retired from NSWC Crane after 30 plus years of dedicated employment as an Engineering Technician.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edgar "Lightning" and Bernadette Jones.

Lee is survived by his wife, Brenda (Clark) Jones, who he married on April 30, 1988; siblings, Sue Jones and Steve Jones, both of Loogootee; brother-in-law, Bill Clark of Vincennes; sister-in-law, Bever-

KENNY SWARTZENTRUBER

Kenneth Lee (Kenny) Swartzentruber passed away on Sunday, June 16, 2024, as he was fishing, doing exactly what he loved. He was an avid fisherman, and spent many days of his life on the water. How fitting that he took his last breath while doing one of the things he loved most. A resident of Montgomery, he was 78.

He was born October 28, 1945. He had an incredible work ethic and spent his entire life working hard. He started working out at the age of 14 as a farmhand for Bob Boyd. From there he went to work for Harry Knepp for a total of 21 years, later becoming manager of Hillcrest Farm Supply. In addition, he tried his own hand at farming. He did a short stint of driving a mail truck to St. Louis during the night hours among other odd jobs to keep his family afloat. In 1984, he joined his brother-inlaw John Lengacher Jr. in a partnership at Daviess County Metal Sales, and together they built it into a thriving construction business of over 125 employees and three manufacturing divisions. In 1996, he and other investors turned his father's farm

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Martin County Sheriff's Department activity log **MONDAY, JUNE 10**

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12:25 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident north of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Deputy Erwin responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:04 a.m. - Received a call from Mid America advising of a road closure today in Shoals.

9:41 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Captain Gibson responded.

10:38 a.m. - Received multiple 911 calls reporting an accident in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Chief Hunt and Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded. No one was transported.

12:48 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Corporal Hawkins responded.

12:51 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Deputy Baumgart responded.

1:05 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Corporal Hawkins responded.

1:27 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231 North, traveling south. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded.

2:56 p.m. - Received a 911 call in Loogootee. No one was on the line. Deputy Baumgart responded.

3:00 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long, Captain Gibson, Sergeant Wells and Deputy Baumgart responded.

3:06 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident south of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Lost River Fire Department, Sheriff Greene, Sergeant Wells, Corporal Hawkins, and Big John's Towing responded. No one was transported.

3:06 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting the same accident.

3:37 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded.

4:04 p.m. - Received a report of a traffic hazard east of Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded.

4:14 p.m. - Received a call requesting a Vehicle Identification Number check on a motorcycle in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded.

4:54 p.m. - Received a 911 call from an Orange County address. Transferred call to Orange County 911.

5:58 p.m. - Received a call requesting an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Ascal alarm advised to disregard.

8:08 a.m. - Received a report of animal neglect east of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

2:00 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:03 p.m. - Deputy Baumgart transported three inmates to court.

4:02 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Sergeant Wells responded.

6:52 p.m. - Received a 911 call from CVS Pharmacy. Loogootee Chief Hunt and Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded. Ongoing phone issues.

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2:11 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting loud voices outside a home in Loogootee. Loogootee Reserve Officer Shaw and Loogootee Officer Clark responded.

2:26 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting the loud voices again. Loogootee Reserve Officer Shaw and Loogootee Officer Clark responded.

3:00 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Reserve Officer Shaw and Loogootee Officer Clark responded.

5:36 a.m. - Received a 911 call from CVS Pharmacy. Ongoing phone issues.

6:43 a.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn east of Loogootee.

9:30 a.m. - Received a report of a fire alarm east of Shoals. Was advised to disregard.

10:14 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:30 a.m. - Received a report of traffic hazard north of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

11:58 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:26 p.m. - Received a report of a traffic hazard north of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

2:15 p.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn in Loogootee.

2:37 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231S nearing Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Rayhill responded.

3:04 p.m. - Received a report of a traffic hazard south of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:32 a.m. - Received a 911 call on Crane Base. Transferred call to Crane 911.

9:09 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:35 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver near the Lawrence County line. Transferred call to Lawrence County 911.

11:00 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

11:28 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with the sheriff about a paving project. Sheriff Greene responded.

1:56 p.m. - Sergeant Wells transported four inmates to court.

2:27 p.m. - Received a request to speak with a deputy. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

2:30 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an aggressive driver on US 50, traveling east toward Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

2:42 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded.

2:50 p.m. - Received a call reporting an abandoned ATV northeast of Loogootee. Captain Gibson and Big John's Towing responded.

3:20 p.m. - Received a call requesting a deputy south of Loogootee. Deputy Branham and Loogootee Officer Clark responded.

5:21 p.m. - Received a call from Smart Med Alert requesting an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Haysville Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

6:00 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a farm equipment fire south of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Medic 1 responded. No one was transported.

7:42 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. Deputy Branham, Loogootee Officer Clark, Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner and Martin County Medic 1 responded. No one was transported.

8:40 p.m. - Received a 911 call from CVS Pharmacy. Ongoing phone issues.

9:52 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Depart-

8:40 a.m. - Received a call advising Loogootee will be testing weather siren batteries.

8:45 a.m. - Received a 911 call advising of a reckless driver on US 231 South, traveling south. Advised Dubois County.

12:52 p.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn west of Shoals.

2:00 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Sheriff Greene responded.

2:20 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with Sheriff Greene. Sheriff Greene responded.

2:48 p.m. - Received multiple 911 calls advising of an accident north of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Sheriff Greene, Chief Deputy Keller, Sergeant Wells, Deputy Branham, Loogootee Officer Clark, Shoals Fire Department, Air Evac, and Big John's Towing responded. Air Evac transported one patient to the University of Louisville Hospital.

5:29 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:40 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 2, Shoals Fire Department, Deputy Branham and Loogootee Officer Clark responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:17 p.m. - Received a call requesting a lift assist in Shoals. Deputy Branham and Shoals Fire Department responded.

6:40 p.m. - Received accidental 911 call.

6:54 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Crane. Daviess County EMS and Crane Fire Department responded.

7:06 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner, Loogootee Officer Clark and Deputy Branham responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

7:19 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 2 and Shoals Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

7:56 p.m. - Received a 911 call from CVS Pharmacy. Ongoing phone issues.

8:14 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Deputy Branham responded.

11:13 p.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn west of Shoals. **SATURDAY, JUNE 15**

1:13 a.m. - Received a 911 call report-

sistant Chief Long responded.

7:01 p.m. - Received a report of a possible traffic hazard south of Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner and Loogootee Officer Clark responded.

7:10 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner and Loogootee Officer Clark responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:38 p.m. - Received a call reporting a possible domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner and Loogootee Officer Clark responded.

9:14 p.m. - Received a call reporting a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Corporal Hawkins responded.

11:20 p.m. - Received a call reporting a loud bang and smoke west of Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner and Loogootee Officer Clark responded. **TUESDAY, JUNE 11**

7:19 a.m. - Received a call from Alarm Company advising of a medical alarm push east of Loogootee. Owner of medi-

3:27 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting traffic hazard south of Shoals. Advised it had been taken care of.

4:18 p.m. - Received a report of a verbal dispute west of Loogootee. Captain Gibson, Deputy Branham and Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded. Daviess County was notified.

4:25 p.m. - Received a call reporting an abandoned vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long and Big John's Towing responded.

5:16 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Deputy Branham responded.

11:01 p.m. - Received a 911 call from CVS Pharmacy. Ongoing phone issues. **THURSDAY, JUNE 13**

2:32 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to IU Health Paoli.

5:36 a.m. - Received a 911 call from CVS Pharmacy. Ongoing phone issues. 5:44 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin ment, Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner, Loogootee Officer Clark, Deputy Branham and Martin County Coroner responded.

11:25 p.m. - Received a noise complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

12:06 a.m. - Received a 911 call from CVS Pharmacy. Ongoing phone issues.

12:23 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to a deputy. Deputy Shields responded.

5:35 a.m. - Received a call reporting a car-deer accident west of Shoals. Deputy Shields responded.

6:03 a.m. - Received a call reporting a possible trespasser in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Hunt responded.

7:28 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Sheriff Greene responded.

8:28 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department and Chief Deputy Keller responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

ing a reckless driver east of Loogootee. Deputy Shields responded.

1:31 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver east of Loogootee. Deputy Shields responded.

2:54 a.m. - Received a report of suspicious individuals in Shoals. Deputy Shields and Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

8:46 a.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn west of Shoals.

9:41 a.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

12:35 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Deputy Branham responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:04 p.m. - Received multiple 911 calls reporting a tree down south of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Deputy Branham responded.

1:15 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

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CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed June 7

Deere & Company vs. Paul Davis, civil collection.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS June 10

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Synchrony Bank and against the defendant Audrey Hopkins in the amount of \$3,006.52.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT **New Suits Filed** June 7

Dixie, LLC vs. Stephanie Ellis and Heather Carrico, et al, eviction.

> MARRIAGE LICENSES June 7

Melissa Ruth Wagler of Loogootee and Anthony Merle Stemen of Loogootee.

Joni Lynn Brett of Shoals and Steven Victor Mayle of Shoals.

Real estate transfers

Michael H. Matheis, of Martin County, Indiana to the State of Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.200 acres, more or less.

SHERIFF'S LOG_ (Continued from page 4)

1:28 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Deputy Branham responded.

2:28 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

2:48 p.m. - Received a report of an ATV fleeing and driving through yards in Loogootee. Indiana Conservation Officer Fuhrman responded.

4:29 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:02 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check. Deputy Shields responded.

9:28 p.m. - Received a call advising of a dumpster fire west of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

9:57 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver north of Shoals. Deputy Shields responded.

MONDAY, JUNE 3

call at Blake Funeral Home.

10:34 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Bramble Road.

11:30 a.m. - Assistant Chief Long responded to a call near Vine Street.

12:03 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long performed a traffic stop near Bellbrook Road.

9:05 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Sergeant Wagoner responded to a medical call on Cedar Street.

11:08 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call on Oak Street.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

12:00 a.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call on Sherman Street.

11:02 a.m. - Chief Hunt responded to a call on Bledsoe Lane.

11:43 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department, Assistant Chief Long and Officer Rayhill responded to a medical call on Church Street.

12:53 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long responded to a call on First Street.

6:02 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner and Officer Clark responded to a call at the Loogootee City Pool.

7:30 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner and Officer Clark responded to a call on Hart Road.

7:50 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a call on US Highway 231. 9:40 p.m. - Officer Shaw responded to

a call at Sunset Trailer Court. 11:21 p.m. - Officer Shaw responded to

a call near 100 South.

11:45 p.m. - Officer Shaw responded to a call at Sunset Trailer Court.

11:49 p.m. - Officer Shaw responded to a call on Bellgrade Avenue.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

4:44 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner and Officer Clark responded to a call on Hart Road.

6:39 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner and Officer Clark responded to a call on Cedar Street.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

11:01 a.m. - Chief Hunt and Assistant Chief Long responded to a call on US Highway 231.

5:05 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call at Redwing Trailer Court.



Position: Environmental Health-Food Inspector Location: Martin County Health Department

7:02 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner and Offi- Pharmacy. 9:33 a.m. - Chief Hunt responded to a cer Clark responded to a call at Redwing Trailer Court.

Loogootee Police Department log

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

6:46 a.m. - Officer Harmon responded to a call on US Highway 231.

6:55 a.m. - Chief Hunt and Officer Harmon responded to a call at Shear Perfection.

7:00 a.m. - Officer Harmon responded to a call at Shear Perfection.

11:07 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Assistant Chief Long responded to a medical call on JFK Avenue.

1:29 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department, Chief Hunt and Officer Rayhill responded to a medical call at the Corner Café.

3:08 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long responded to a call on US Highway 231.

9:07 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner and Officer Clark responded to a call on Cedar Street.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

2:57 a.m. - Sergeant Wagoner and Officer Clark responded to a call on Park Street.

3:13 a.m. - Sergeant Wagoner and Officer Clark responded to a call on Bellgrade Avenue.

2:10 p.m. - Officer Baumgart responded to a call at Bullseye Car Wash.

5:59 p.m. - Officer Baumgart and Officer Harmon responded to a call on Dover Hill Road.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

1:47 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on North Street.

2:39 p.m. - Officer Baumgart responded to a call at CVS Pharmacy.

5:45 p.m. - Officer Baumgart responded to a call at US Gypsum.

MONDAY, JUNE 10

11:39 a.m. - Chief Hunt and Assistant Chief Long responded to a call on Main Street.

12:45 p.m. - Chief Hunt responded to a call at St. John's Cemetery.

1:27 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long responded to a call on US Highway 231.

3:00 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long responded to a call at McDonald's.

4:14 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long responded to a call on Church Street.

5:58 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long responded to a call at the city park.

7:07 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner and Officer Clark responded to a call near Wood School Road.

7:10 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department, Sergeant Wagoner and Officer Clark responded to a medical call on Kentucky Avenue.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

6:52 p.m. - Chief Hunt and Sergeant Bedford, was arrested by Corporal Haw-Wagoner responded to a call at CVS

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

5:44 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call at Redemption Church.

8:44 a.m. - Assistant Chief Long responded to a call at Country Place Apartments

12:45 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long responded to a call on Main Street.

2:45 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Assistant Chief Long responded to a medical call on Cedar Street.

7:42 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner and Officer Clark responded to a call on Cedar Street.

9:52 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department, Sergeant Wagoner and Officer Clark responded to a medical call on Park Street.

11:25 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call at the city pool.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

6:03 a.m. - Chief Hunt responded to a call on Oak Street.

2:44 p.m. - Officer Clark responded to a call on State Road 450.

5:40 p.m. - Officer Clark responded to a call on Railroad Street in Shoals.

7:56 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call at CVS Pharmacy.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

2:54 a.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call on Main Street in Shoals.

12:35 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Cedar Street.

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

10:23 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Park Street.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, JUNE 10

8:42 a.m. - Jessie Schofield, 26, of Mitchell, was arrested by Captain Gibson and charged with reckless driving. He is being held on \$3,000 10% bond.

8:26 p.m. - Jack Holland, 32, of Loo-

10:36 p.m. - Laura Henninger, 52, of

gootee, was arrested by Corporal Haw-

kins and charged with failure to register.

Jasper, was arrested by Loogootee Ser-

geant Wagoner and Loogootee Officer

Clark and charged with battery. She is

4:39 p.m. - Anthony Pulliam, 36, was

arrested by Sergeant Wells and charged

with driving while suspended-prior. He is

being held on \$10,000 10% bond. Corpo-

kins on a Martin County warrant. He is

7:05 p.m. - Jeffrey Deckard, 32, of

ral Hawkins assisted with the arrest.

He is being held without bond.

being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

Hours: Up to 16 hours per week. Schedule varies including some weekends and evenings. May be required to travel out of town/overnight for training.

Job requirements:

- High School diploma or GED.
- Must have the ability to communicate well with others.
- Food Service Manager training (ServSafe or equivalent) and experience in retail food service or as inspector for retail food establishments. If not currently certified as a food service manager, must obtain certification within 6 months of employment.
- Must have valid Driver's License and proof of insurance and own vehicle. Mileage will be paid.
- Must have basic computer and office skills.

Job duties:

- Issue permits for all food establishments including mobile vendors and temporary events.
- Inspect all retail food establishments, food trucks and temporary vendors in Martin County.
- Follow up on any food complaints in Martin County.
- Respond to requests, questions, concerns and complaints regarding food establishments.
- Complete plan review for all new food establishments.
- Maintain accurate and detailed files of all inspections, complaints and related documents.
- Complete monthly report of all inspections and training completed. Resumes may be dropped off in person at the Martin County Health Department, 127 Water St, Shoals, IN or faxed to 812-247-3303.

Pharmacy. WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

2:11 a.m. - Officer Clark and Officer Shaw responded to a call on Mulberry Street.

2:26 a.m. - Officer Clark and Officer Shaw responded to a call on Mulberry Street.

3:00 a.m. - Officer Clark and Officer Shaw responded to a call on North Line Street.

10:08 a.m. - Assistant Chief Long responded to a call at Muffler Menders.

10:16 a.m. - Assistant Chief Long responded to a medical call at Poplar Care Strategies.

2:44 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long and Officer Rayhill performed a traffic stop on US Highway 50.

4:18 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long responded to a call at the Daviess-Martin Medical Clinic.

4:25 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long responded to a call at Bowling Green Trailer Court.

11:01 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner and Officer Clark responded to a call at CVS being held without bond.

9:34 p.m. - Alejandro Leon, 31, of Washington, was arrested by Sergeant Wells and charged with driving while never being licensed. He is being held without bond.

10:30 p.m. - Alfredo Aleman, 27, of El Salvadore, was arrested by Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner and charged with driving while never being licensed. He is being held without bond.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

2:06 a.m. - Aaron McNeal, 29, of Anderson, was arrested by Deputy Erwin and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment and refusal, possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. He is being held on \$10,000 10% bond. Loogootee Reserve Officer Shaw and Loogootee Officer Clark assisted with the arrest. **SATURDAY, JUNE 15**

3:26 p.m. - Larry Stuby, 52, of Shoals, was arrested by Indiana Conservation Officer Fuhrman and charged with resisting law enforcement with a vehicle. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

COMMUNITY & EVENTS MARTIN COUNTY JO<u>URNAL</u> Wednesday, June 19, 2024

~LETTER TO THE ED

'Let's not forget them'

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To the editor of the Martin County Journal,

This past Sunday was Father's Day. Although it's not as emotionally charged as Mother's Day, it should be. My father, Bob Arvin, was a career soldier (33 years in the Army), a war hero (awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for action on Corregidor and was a Japanese POW for 3 1/2 years) and a lifelong Democrat. However, he was a conservative Democrat and as a Martin County Councilman, in the early 1970's, he fought against the federal food stamps program. He fought the food stamps program because he believed, rightly so, that people would make the wrong decisions about what food to buy for their families. He felt the commodities program gave the families better, healthier food. After he passed away in 1974, Martin County, one of the last counties in the state to oppose the food stamps program, was forced onto the federal program.

It is people like my father who are willing to put partisan politics aside and do what they are elected to do. Our Martin County representatives, for the most part, are opposed to the Mid-States Corridor because it is not in the best interest of their constituents or the community. The Mid-States Corridor, as currently proposed, will bypass Loogootee and all of Martin and Daviess County. This will not bode well for either county's economies.

As I said in the beginning, Father's Day should be celebrated with as much emo-

tion as Mother's Day because without our fathers most of us would not have had male role models. It was our fathers, grandfathers and Founding Fathers that brought us this great country. It was through their sacrifices that we have been blessed with a country rich in heritage and opportunity. Without their foresight and guidance, we would be in a much different country. Let's not forget them and let's continue to say "No" to the Mid-States Corridor.

Jim Arvin Rutherford Township Martin County

Loogootee School Board meeting The Loogootee School Board will

ALENDAR OF EVENT

meet Thursday, June 20 at 5 p.m. in the high school media center. The meeting is open to the public.

Celebrate Recovery meetings

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

St. Vincent Food Pantry

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry,

on Park Street in Loogootee, is open the the



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The library will be closed Thursday, July 4 for Independence Day. Patrons can access eBooks, audiobooks and eMagazines via the Libby app.

Lethal Library will be held on Thursday, June 20 at 5:30 p.m. and Yoga will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 22 for ages 19 and up. BINGO for adults will be held on Monday, June 24 at 5 p.m.

The summer reading program for all ages has begun and stop in to sign up or inquire about the prizes. Some of the kids have collected fun prizes from the treasure chest already.

FOLL is having a Book, Bake, and Yard Sale on Saturday, June 29 from 8-noon. New Books:

Mystery: "Shadowheart" by Meg Gardner.

Inspirational Fiction: "Unforgiven" by Shelley Shepard Gray.

Library hours: Monday 10-6, Tuesday 10-5, Closed on Wednesday, Thursday 10-6, 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.

fourth Thursday of the month except November and December when they are open the third Thursday. The hours are 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3:30 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.

LUMC Food Pantry

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

Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 8:30 a.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 Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) meets the third Tuesday of the month at the SWCD office located at 404 JFK Avenue in Loogootee. The meetings are at 7:30 p.m. (April-October) and at 6:30 p.m. (November-March). Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Please call 812-295-3149 for assistance.



FARMING & OUTDOORS MARTIN COUNTY JOURNAL Wednesday, June 19, 2024



Because of the many different species, hybrids and cultivars, raspberries have a long harvest season. However, most of us here in southern Indiana associate the mid-June harvest of the wild black raspberry as raspberry season. The wild berries are prolific, and are often considered a weed, as the plants spread both by seeds in bird droppings and by eruptions of underground runners, which may occur several feet away from the mother plant. Weed or not, there is no doubt that the taste of raspberries is one of the true treats of late spring and early summer.

If one is starting a cultivated raspberry patch, dormant canes are usually planted in late winter. Raspberries are not picky about the soil, but they do best in near neutral conditions. Fruiting is best in partial sun, and the wild berries are often found growing at the edge of wooded areas. They need plenty of moisture, but also need good drainage. Besides black raspberries, one may also cultivate red, gold and purple raspberries. All are in the genus Rubus, with various species accounting for the different colors and growth habits. That famous blue raspberry really exists only with the help of artificial coloring in the slushy machines at convenient stores. Breeders have produced raspberry plants that are dwarfed and plants that do not have thorns.

Raspberries should not be planted in areas where potatoes, tomatoes, peppers or eggplants have been recently cultivated. These plants in the nightshade family are alternate hosts for verticilium wilt, a fungus that will destroy your raspberry crop.

While all types of raspberries have perennial roots, the fruiting canes have a biennial nature. First year canes are usually bluish in color and do not flower. The second year, the cane will set flowers and bear fruit, then die. It is a good idea to prune the first-year canes back to about three feet as you are picking fruit from the second-year canes. This will encourage shorter and more bushy plants and increase fruit the following year. After the harvest season, cut the second-year canes to the ground.

Many people confuse the black rasp-

berry with the blackberry, which are generally larger and ripen later. We will deal with blackberries next week.

Preparations for the century celebration are underway at Sandhill Gardens. Thanks to some help from a young man, I was able to complete the new mulch layer in the rose garden. I then had help moving the new bench into the garden. A friend had purchased the bench last year and my sister re-upholstered it with waterproof fabric. It looks good and is a good place to sit for a few minutes in the garden. Plan on visiting the last Saturday in September as we celebrate 100 years of my family's gardening on Sandhill.

Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show to be held this weekend

The 59th Annual Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show sponsored by the Lawrence County Rock Club, will take place on Friday, June 21, Saturday, June 22 and Sunday, June 23. The show will be held at the Lawrence County Fairgrounds located on Highway 50, southwest of Bedford. Over 75 venders will offer a wide variety of gems, jewelry, beads, fossils, minerals, rocks, lapidary and prospecting supplies as well as specimens for 4-H and science projects.

The show will be open on Friday from 10 a.m. until 6:30 p.m.; on Saturday from 9 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. and on Sunday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

There is no admission or parking fee. For further information go to the Rock Club's website - www.lawrencecountyrockclub.org.

The Lawrence County Rock Club is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit educational organization which promotes the study of geology and earth sciences, collecting of gems, minerals, fossils and rocks, the protection and preservation of the earth and its many natural resources and educating people of all ages to enhance their interest and knowledge. Members of the Rock Club are from several area counties.



Originally published May 25, 2010

Nothing reminds me more of springtime in the country than the first cutting of hay. Our son David has been tuning up his hay-making equipment for the last week in preparation for the season. He has converted all of the Gregory Farms land to hay production and this past Sunday afternoon the first hay of 2010 was cut.

David takes hay seriously and has accumulated the latest equipment to provide an efficient and quality supply of hay for his cowherd as well as being a supplier for others. The hay specific equipment line-up includes both round and square balers, a disc mower, two tedders, two rakes, and the tractors to pull all this stuff including a new one he received just three weeks ago. He has converted turkey barn for inside storage as well as a new hoop-building that is yet to be constructed to hold the crop until it is needed.

The process of quality haymaking is one of weather dependency. Hay must be dry to keep from becoming moldy and requires it to lay on the ground for a day or two while Mother Nature provides the drying sun and wind. The tools used to help that along have evolved to shorten the timeframe and hopefully avoid rainfall that effectively re-moisturizes the crop and lengthens the process while reducing the nutritional quality of the hay.

The first tool is the mowing machine. David uses a high-speed disc mower. This mower is fast and besides cutting the crop a few inches from the ground level, it also mashes the stems and leaves through two rollers creating mashes and cuts in the material that allows moisture to escape faster. That's step one.

The second tool is called a hay-tedder. David has two different makes. The tedders fold out in the field to eighteenfeet-wide and stir/fluff and redistribute the hay to expose it to more sun and air. It is a fairly fast trip over the land and really shortens the drying time.

In a perfect world the hay is now dry and has retained as much nutritional value as possible and can be stored for years and not lose anything. Raking is the next process and is to gather the hay back into narrow rows for the balers to straddle and put into bales. Raking hay is considered the driver training grounds for farm kids. I recall raking hay as being nearly idiot-proof yet a very important part of the process. A small tractor and a hay-raking job guarantees a "farmers tan" (usually precipitated by a sunburn) that will last the summer.

When the hay is raked it is time for baling. This is done for the end-users packaging preference of bale type. David uses a round baler which can adjust to the customers chosen diameter, usually from four-to six foot and is based on their storage facility or the equipment they have to handle the bales. The bales can weigh from 700-2,000 lbs. The other package option is the small square bale weighing around forty pounds. There is still a place for the small square bale for the horse or small cow herd customer.

The tractor fleet David uses consists of four tractors. The new large cab-tractor does most of the heavy lifting of mowing and all the baling. With the stereo and air-conditioner on, the job is pleasant and provides one of the best days on the planet for the operator. The other tractors can do the tedding and raking operations. All four tractors can be going at once if there are enough drivers.

Completing the process is gathering and storage. The round bales require machines to lift and move them, while the square bales require human muscle, preferably young and healthy muscle. Getting the final product safely under a roof completes the hay-making process.

Next winter when the snow and wind blow the hay will reverse its trip and come out of the storage barns and finally make its way to the critters that rely on it for their winter feed. To see a baby calf born in March laying in a pile of hay made the previous summer is one that provides more than enough incentive to repeat the whole effort. It's almost like the heat of summer is stored in the hay.

Real Estate Auction

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