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Summerfest Queens -Photo courtesy Loogootee Summerfest

The Loogootee Summerfest Queens were crowned last Thursday night. In the back row are Junior Miss Karmen Wilson and Queen Ava Fuhrman. In the front row are Tiny Tot Taylor Mathias and Little Miss Tenlee Mathias.

Recycling center getting caught up on past due bills

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Martin County Solid Waste Board met last Wednesday, June 19. Board Members Aaron Summers, Roger Abel and Mike Engleman were not present for the meeting.

Board Member Brian Ader reported that the \$200 credit card discrepancy reported at the last meeting had been figured out and the charge was for software and gloves, so it was legit.

Ader told the board that all past due bills for the center have been paid to date except for \$25,000 to BKI Recycling for baler payments and around \$6,000 for backpay to Director Janell Freeman, who hasn't received a paycheck in several weeks due to the lack of funds. According to Freeman, there is currently \$51,000 in the accounts but that does not include the \$31,000 owed to her and BKI. She said they have sorted out bookkeeping and are now billing customers regularly, which has made a big difference.

Lane closures planned for State Road 550 in Martin County

The Indiana Department of Transportation announced lane closures for State Road 550 in Martin County beginning on or around today, Wednesday, June 26. Crews will begin alternating lane closures for State Road 550 near Loogootee. These lane closures will occur between U.S. 50 and U.S. 150. These lane closures will allow for pavement patching on the roadway.

Work will occur between 7 am to 5 pm on weekdays and Saturdays. Work is expected to last through July. Traffic will be controlled by a flagger. INDOT urges drivers to slow down and stay alert near crews

The board told Freeman that she needed to pay herself right away and several said they wouldn't work without being paid. Freeman agreed but said she was waiting to see how much the recent truck breakdowns were going to cost to repair before she spent the money. The board again told Freeman to pay herself what she is owed. Freeman said she would.

The board also asked how much is still owed on the baler. Freeman said she is currently in dispute with the company because they thought they had paid the baler down to \$90,000. She said before Bookkeeper June Eckerle left; she overheard a conversation with BKI that the balance was \$137,000. Now, she said, BKI is saying the balance is \$150,000. She said she has no idea what the issue is, and they are digging through paperwork to try and get it worked out. Board Member Paul George asked how much was paid for the baler. Freeman said that the baler cost \$163,000, she thinks, but the extras involved with the interest and getting it installed, etc., it was around \$250,000. She said last year, they received \$110,000 in grants that went toward the payments but not the principal which she doesn't understand. She said that was before her time so there is nothing that can be done about it now. She said she is working with BKI to get the true amount owed.

After the meeting, Freeman noted that the county has also been paid back for the recycling center employees' insurance premiums, through August, and the \$8,600 borrowed for the truck transmission and building light repairs.

Board Member Ader said Duke Energy will be upgrading the building lights on July 1 and it will take one day. He said the recycling center is closed to the public on Mondays, so it works out well.

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39th Annual Catfish Festival kicks off next Wednesday

The 39th Annual Shoals Catfish Festival will kick off next Wednesday, July 3 with a business decorating contest at 5 p.m. followed by a men's softball tournament at the ballpark at 6 p.m. Also, at 6 p.m., the Kids & Chalk on Sidewalk, sponsored by Tri Kappa, will be held in front of SC Draperies on Main Street. The annual benefit auction will be held at the fire station starting at 6:30 p.m.

On Thursday, July 4, the 5K Catfish Run and Walk will be held at the ballpark at 7:30 a.m. A women's softball tournament will start at the high school at 10 a.m. along with a pickleball tournament at the ballpark. At 2 p.m., an egg toss will take place in front of the post office followed by the Catfish cooking contest on the east side of the post office at 3 p.m. A horseshoe tournament will be held at the boat landing at 4:30 p.m. Opening ceremonies will begin at 4:45 p.m. on the stage. The Battle of the Bands will start at 5 p.m. on the stage and the annual fireworks display will begin at the ballpark at 10 p.m.

On Friday, July 5, the bridge fishing contest will be held from 7 a.m. to noon. A pie baking contest will be held at St. Mary's Church Hall at 4:30 p.m. with judging at 5 p.m. An Old Time Tent Meeting, featuring the Clay Harding Band and speaker Scott Shipman will be held in the Bailey Bros. lot at 6 p.m. Also, at 6 p.m. a kickball tournament and softball tournament will start at the ballpark. At 6:30 p.m., the queen contests will begin on the stage and at 8:30 p.m. the group Puking Buzzards, with members Brian Lee Tharp, "Rooster" Baesel, Jonah Shaw,

Redevelopment board approves TIF district

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Martin County Redevelopment Commission met last Thursday, June 20.

The board agreed to contribute \$200,000 toward the development of the Country Court V subdivision project. They also agreed to create a residential TIF district within that subdivision for Martin County. The Loogootee City Council had decided against creating one for the city last year. A TIF district captures the taxes of the newly created assessed value, and it can only be used for improvements to that area. The TIF district will last for 20 years. Redevelopment Member Monty Gregory said that another subdivision is planned for that area as well and asked if they should go ahead and extend the TIF district to include it. After discussion, the board said they can do that down the road because there is no limit on the number of TIF districts allowed.

Alliance Project Coordinator Michelle Grace discussed the need to get moving on the income survey as part of the comprehensive plan so the redevelopment commission can qualify for grants. The income survey was supposed to be completed that day, but Grace said Michelle Carrico, with SIDC, can extend it for 30 days. She said Carrico recommended two or three redevelopment commission members actually conduct the surveys. According to Grace, there are 37 addresses that were chosen at random around the



Jerry Sanders and Ron Crowder will take the stage.

On Saturday, July 6, the bridge fishing contest will commence at 7 a.m. with weigh-in at the Shoals Fire Station from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. A volleyball tournament will begin at the ballpark at 9 a.m. and the kickball tournament will resume also at 9 a.m. A bike show, sponsored by ABATE, will be held at the old Jay C building at 10 a.m. The Catfish Festival Parade will begin downtown, with Grand Marshal Carla Harner, at 10:30 a.m. At 1 p.m., a Texas Hold'em Tournament will begin at the American Legion Post 61. "Hook, Line & Laughter" will begin at the Methodist Church at 2 p.m. At 6 p.m., the Old Time Tent Meeting will continue

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county and the resident will be asked to answer a basic questionnaire. Redevelopment Commission Members Monty Gregory, Paul George and Aaron Summers said they would like to see the list of addresses first and then possibly divide them up based on who is in which district. Gregory said he would go to SIDC after the meeting and talk to Carrico and get a

Commissioners get department updates

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Martin County Commissioners held a quick 10-minute meeting Tuesday morning, June 25.

Highway Superintendent Scott Seals reported they are working on the roads as part of the Community Crossings grant and are patching holes and doing brush cutting. He said they are doing it as quickly as they can. He also reported he currently has a grader and dump truck out of service.

Highway Secretary Theresa Ray told the commissioners that the proposals to do the county's bridge inspections are due July 9. She said they have four or five firms interested in doing the work. The commissioners will have two weeks once those proposals come in to decide on which firm to work with.

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Time to get your registration forms in for the Loogootee Schools Alumni Celebration

BY GREG BATEMAN

Martin County Journal Contributor

The Annual Loogootee Schools Alumni Celebration is quickly approaching, so be sure to get your registration form along with payment (\$25 per person) in for the Saturday, July 27 annual Loogootee Schools Alumni Celebration. This 49th annual celebration is a reunion of those who attended Loogootee or St. John High School.

This year's event, held in the lower level of St. John Center, will begin the evening with a social hour from 6-7 p.m. followed by a catered dinner by Carla's Catering. After dinner, there will be a special tribute to our veteran heroes in attendance.

The program will include introductions of the honored class attendees from the LHS class of 1974 (50 years) and the LHS class of 1999 (25 years). We are honored to have a small group representing several classes, included among them a small group from St. John and Loogootee Class of 1964 for their 60th reunion.

This year's Outstanding Alumnus is Wayne Flick, Loogootee High School Class of 1974. Wayne is a retiree of over 40 years from the Indiana State Police and past Executive Director of the Indiana State Police Alliance. Wayne and his wife, Kelley, reside in Fishers, Indiana but his local connections and contributions to our community remain strong. He, along with Tracy Baker are co-chairmen of the annual Butcher-Gee-Brett Hall of Game Golf outing which brings in funds to be

REDEVELOPMENT

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copy of the address list. The commission also wanted the public to know that if one of the redevelopment members goes to their house, they would appreciate the cooperation with answering the survey. They said residents' cooperation will help the county get funding they need via grants for roads, etc.

Project Coordinator Grace said she has visited with 14 businesses in the county and provided the board with results of a survey from each on their thoughts about doing business in Martin County. The results were almost all positive with all businesses asked saying they would recommend another business to locate to the county. The reasons given that the businesses want to stay in Martin County were location, quality of life and the safe environment. Four of the 14 businesses said they have plans to modernize, renovate or expand their current business. Most respondents said the availability of workers was average or poor with two saying it was good.

Director Jessica Potts reported that she received the permit for the shelter house at Hindostan and the project will be out for bid very soon.

The next redevelopment commission meeting is Thursday, July 18 at noon at the Martin County Alliance office in Loogootee.

able to offer scholarships to Loogootee High School Senior Athletes. Wayne also serves on the Loogootee Schools Alumni Celebration Committee making several trips to his hometown each year to help the celebration be the best it can be, among many other generous gifts of talent and treasure to our community.

It's not too late, but time is running short to get yourself and your classmates to attend this year's reunion.

Send your name, year of graduation and school, along with \$25 per person to: Loogootee Schools Alumni, P.O. Box 78, Loogootee, IN 47553

This year, Venmo is an option as a form of payment as well. The Venmo address is @Wayne-Flick-1.

If you need a registration form, you can email Greg Bateman at gbateman8159@gmail.com.

CATFISH

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with the Clay Harding Band and speaker Wes Morris, in the Bailey Bros. lot. Rumble by the River, presented by Tri-State Wrestling, will take to the stage at 7 p.m. to finish out Saturday night.

On Sunday, the Old Time Tent Meeting will continue at the Bailey Bros. lot featuring the COC Praise Band and speaker Pastor Dennis Cecil. A baby show for 0-12-month-olds will start at the fire station at 3 p.m. followed by babies 13-24 months at 3:30 p.m. A gospel sing featuring The Conquerors Quartet, Robert Sullivan and the Judith Montgomery Family, will be on the stage starting at 5 p.m.

The Martin County Museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. There will be food and vendor booths open throughout the festival. Steel Horse Midway Attractions will provide the rides for children.

COMMISSIONERS

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Emergency Management Agency Director Monte Wolf reported they have a tanker truck that is having issues with the heating and air conditioning system. They are getting that fixed.

Clerk Julie Fithian, who was in the audience, said she has heard different rumors about what the plan is for the Old National Bank building next door that the county recently decided to purchase. She said she thought that it was going to be used for the prosecutor and community corrections offices. Commissioner Paul George said that isn't necessarily the case, but they haven't decided who will go in there yet. He said he is talking to the judge also.

Commissioner Cody Roush discussed the need to get the old county records out of the county museum because they have told the historical society they would do that for several years. He said they have the recycling center building across the street now, so it needs to get done. He said the sheriff has offered to provide labor.

The next commissioners' meeting is Tuesday, July 9 at 5:30 p.m.

RECYCLING

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The recycling center received a \$10,000 grant from the Martin County Community Foundation which Ader said was to be used to purchase trailers. The center's box truck recently broke down and according to Freeman, it is going to cost almost \$10,000 to fix based on what she is being told by Sternberg's. Ader said the community foundation has agreed to allow the center to use the \$10,000 grant for the box truck instead. Freeman said it's frustrating because they only spent \$20,000 to purchase the box truck and it's going to cost \$10,000 to get it running again.

The board approved working with German American to extend the recycling center's \$65,000 loan until next year. Board Member Ader said German American is going to require a \$5,000-\$10,000 payment before they will do it.

Board Member Ader reported the Shoals' recycling building has been cleaned out and Freeman turned over the keys to the building to the commissioners

at the meeting. Freeman asked if there is any way they can install a portable restroom outside the garage in the parking lot, that will now be used for Shoals recycling services. The board discussed it but said the person working at the recycling center only works four hours a day and can use one of the restrooms in a nearby establishment. Freeman said she wasn't sure if there was a law that required them to provide a restroom. Attorney Dave Lett said he wasn't sure because no one has ever asked him that before.

Freeman also asked if she could install a few fluorescent lights inside the garage. It was noted that the garage currently doesn't have electricity. Board Member George said it used to, but they must have had the meter pulled. It was decided to look into getting electricity reestablished.

Freeman reported she is working on grants to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management and the DuBois County Community Foundation.

School board candidacy filing is now closed

School board candidacy filing for the 2024 General Election is now closed. The following school board candidates filed:

- Loogootee-at-Large (2 seats available):
Brooke Hawkins
Thomas Joseph McAtee (TJ)
- Shoals has the following districts on the ballot:
Shoals District #2:
Ethan Jones
Shoals District #3:
Jerry Braun
Lorna Troutman
Shoals District #5:
Drexel Turpin

All the winning candidates from the primary will go on to be on the 2024 General Election ballot on November 5. The Democratic, Libertarian, and Republican parties have until July 3 to file ballot vacancy paperwork with the clerk's office. Independent candidates can file declara-

tion 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.

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



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OBITUARIES

THOMAS DAGES

Thomas L. Dages passed away June 22, 2024. A resident of Plainfield, he was 89.



He was born in Loogootee on October 14, 1934; son of the late James and Catherine (Bradley) Dages.

Tom served honorably in the United States Army from 1956 to 1958. He later worked in human resources for GM Truck & Bus plant for 37 years. Tom was a member of Knights of Columbus, the American Legion and St. Susanna Catholic Church. He enjoyed visiting gambling boats, playing cards, especially bingo and euchre. Above all he was a faithful servant to the Lord.

Survivors include his sons; Steve Dages, Greg (Melanie) Dages, Chris (Karen) Dages, Patrick (Kelly) Dages; three grandchildren, Maks, Justin Thomas and Kyra Rose; step-grandchildren; Marianne and Taylor; eight step-great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Tom is preceded in death by his loving wife, Martha Rose Dages; brothers, Mike Dages, Carl Dages, Louie Dages, Shorty Dages; and sister, Pauline Birch.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, July 1 at 1 p.m. in St. Susanna Catholic Church (1210 E. Main St. Plainfield, IN 46168) where friends may visit from 11 a.m. until the time of service at 1 p.m. Burial will follow at Maple Hill Cemetery with military honors.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be

made to the American Heart Association.

LOUIE SMITH

Louie O. Smith passed away at 11:29 a.m. Friday, June 21, 2024, at Indiana University Paoli Hospital. A resident of Bedford, he was 93.



He was born August 9, 1930, in Martin County; son of Hayden and Lela (Kale) Smith.

He married Betty Turner on July 29, 1956, and this year marked their 68th wedding anniversary. He attended Fayetteville School, graduating with the class of 1949. He entered the United States Army on June 28, 1951, and completed his military service during The Korean War. He was discharged as a Sergeant First Class on May 30, 1953. Louie was a lifelong farmer; he owned and operated a water well drilling business for many years in addition to being a school bus driver for over 40 years. He was a Mason, receiving the 50-year award of gold from the Bedford Masonic Lodge #14, as well as a Shriner, a member of the American Legion Gillen Post #33, served on the Lawrence County Council, Farmer's Home Administration Board, Lawrence County Soil and Water Board, and the Farm Bureau Co-op Board. Louie served on the Lawrence County 4-H Fair board and was one of the founding members of the Indian Creek Volunteer Fire Department as well as a member of New Union Christian Church.

Survivors include his wife, Betty; a

son, Scott Smith and wife, Nikki; grandchildren, Casey Smith (Brandi), Hayden Smith (Lindsey), and Gracie Smith; great grandchildren, Louie Smith, Stella Smith, Kennlyn Smith, and Stori Smith.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Maurice Smith, and a son, Jim Smith.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, June 25 at the Day & Carter Mortuary with Rev. Richard Tallman officiating. Burial followed in Green Hill Cemetery where military rites were accorded at the graveside by members of the American Legion Gillen Post #33.

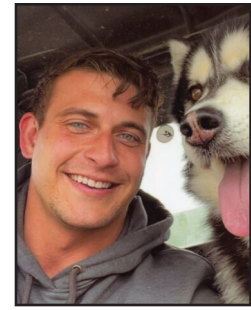
The family asks that memorial contributions be made to Indian Creek Volunteer Fire Department. The family would like to extend a special thanks to the volunteers of Indian Creek Fire Department for the response, care and compassion shown over the past few challenging years, as well as the staff of Paoli hospital IU for going above and beyond in providing excellent care, patience and dignity during a very difficult time.

DOUG BAYS

Douglas Wayne Bays passed away Wednesday, June 19, 2024, in Loogootee. A resident of Crane, he was 27.

He was born November 26, 1996, in Vincennes; raised by Todd and his mother, Dawn M. (Vaughn) Chambers.

Doug was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and had been working at SAIC as an Explosive Tech. His Christian faith was very important to him. Doug enjoyed spending time with his family, friends and his dog, Aizen (AKA his baby). He loved fishing, motorcycle racing, snow skiing, working out in the gym and being



the life of the party.

Family left to cherish the memories of Doug include his mother, Dawn, and step-father, Todd L. Chambers; sister, Brooke (Phillip Archer) Bays of Odon; niece, Skylar; aunts, Deanna (Kent) Gingerich, Durenda (Jason Lindy) Vaughn, Trina (Kurt) Streepy; bonus aunt, JJ (Brian) Arney; maternal grandmother, Carolyn Vaughn; paternal grandfather, Perry Bays; and step-grandmother, Donna Chambers.

Doug was preceded in death by maternal grandfather, Wayne Vaughn; aunt, Carrie Ann Vaughn, maternal great-grandfather, Virgil Vaughn; great-grandmother, Mary Vaughn; step-grandfather, Dale Chambers; great-grandfather, Dwight Bowers; and great-grandmother, Doris Bowers-Ainscough.

Funeral services to honor the life of Doug will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 27, at Plainville United Methodist Church with Pastor Darrel Weaver and Dennis Cecil officiating. Doug will be laid to rest in Plainville Cemetery.

Family and friends may call from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 26 at the Plainville United Methodist Church and from 9 a.m. until the time of service at 10 a.m. on Thursday at the church.

Arrangements and care have been entrusted to Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family online at www.mengfuneralhome.com.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department activity log

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

12:50 a.m. - Received a call from Orange County requesting an officer south-east of Shoals. Deputy Shields responded.

1:49 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a possible domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded.

2:33 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Deputy Shields responded.

4:06 a.m. - Received a call from Koorsen Monitoring Center advising of a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Deputy Shields responded.

5:12 a.m. - Received a call from Koorsen Monitoring Center advising of a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Deputy Shields responded.

8:54 a.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check west of Shoals. Sergeant Wells responded.

12:29 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

1:35 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Sergeant Wells responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:09 p.m. - Received a call reporting suspicious individuals in Shoals. Sergeant Wells and Corporal Hawkins responded. Indiana Conservation Officer Fuhrman was also notified.

3:38 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting a deputy south of Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

5:04 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Sergeant Wells responded.

7:43 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

9:04 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle south of Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

9:35 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a possible trespasser in Loogootee. Deputy Erwin responded.

10:15 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver in Shoals. Deputy Erwin responded.

10:23 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

10:25 p.m. - Received a call reporting a disabled vehicle east of Loogootee. Deputy Erwin responded.

10:57 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department, Deputy Erwin, and Big John's Towing responded. No one was transported.

MONDAY, JUNE 17

7:44 a.m. - Received a 911 call, transferred from Lawrence County, requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, Loogootee Chief Hunt and Loogootee Officer Clark responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:21 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

10:22 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, Loogootee Chief Hunt, Loogootee Assistant Chief Long and Loogootee Officer Clark responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:53 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Lost River Fire responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:06 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded.

8:51 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner, Sergeant Wells and Corporal Hawkins responded.

10:44 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Crane. Martin County Medic 1 and Crane Fire responded. Medic 1 did not transport.

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

12:35 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded. Medic 1 transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:12 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Corporal Hawkins responded.

11:33 a.m. - Received a report of a dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded.

11:51 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, Loogootee Chief Hunt and Loogootee Officer Clark responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:14 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County Medic 2 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:05 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50 traveling east into

Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

1:21 p.m. - Deputy Baumgart transported one inmate to court.

2:02 p.m. - Received a 911 call on Crane Base. Transferred call to Crane 911.

2:06 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

2:48 p.m. - Received a 911 call south of Loogootee with no one on the line. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded.

4:04 p.m. - Received a call from Area 1 Protection advising of a commercial burglar alarm in Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

4:06 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Medic 3 responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:50 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle identification number check on a dirt bike in Shoals. Sheriff Greene responded.

4:58 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check on an ATV south of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

5:02 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 and Deputy Branham responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:28 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded.

6:05 p.m. - Received a call reporting an accident with no injuries northeast of Loogootee. Deputy Branham and Big John's Towing responded.

7:24 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Deputy Branham responded.

9:15 p.m. - Deputy Erwin advised of a pursuit north of Shoals. Corporal Hawkins and Deputy Shields also responded.

9:45 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded.

9:48 p.m. - Received a call requesting extra patrol northeast of Shoals. Advised on duty deputies.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

7:40 a.m. - Received an animal complaint south of Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded.

9:38 a.m. - Received an animal complaint east of Shoals. Deputy Baumgart responded.

12:00 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:26 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Lost River Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:06 p.m. - Received a call from Area 1 Protection advising of a commercial burglar alarm in Shoals. Captain Gibson and Sergeant Wells responded.

4:42 p.m. - Received a call from Life-line Alarm advising of a medical alarm south of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department responded.

5:00 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 2 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

6:17 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded.

6:30 p.m. - Received a 911 call report- (See 'SHERIFF'S LOG' on page 5)

OBITUARIES

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RUBY PORTER

Ruby Isabelle Porter passed away Tuesday June 18, 2024, at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper surrounded by her family. A resident of Loogootee, she was 82.



She was born October 15, 1942, in Paoli; daughter of Frances Holt and Ellie Byers.

Ruby married Dennis Porter and he passed away in 2006. She was a homemaker most of her life, keeping house and raising her family. Ruby loved going for long rides. She loved flowers, especially the snowballs bushes. Ruby loved the color pink. She will be deeply missed by her family.

Ruby is preceded in death by her husband, Dennis Porter; her parents, Frances Holt and Ellie Byers and her brothers, Ronald Byers, and Raymond Byers.

She is survived by her children, Carl (Deanna) Porter and Cindy (Tom) McBeth; several grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

A visitation was held Saturday June 22 at Blake Funeral Homes with Pastor Taj Eaton. A private burial followed.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks you to say prayers for family and friends.

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

Blake Funeral Homes is honored to serve the family of Ruby Porter.

JOHN TOW

John Bruce Tow passed away Thursday, June 20, 2024, at Jasper Memorial Hospital. A resident of Shoals, he was 70.



He was born April 27, 1954, in Bedford; son of Vergil and A. Ruth (Jones) Tow.

John attended Shoals Community School.

He married Donna Abel, and she preceded him in death in 1990.

John was a lineman for many years and enjoyed playing pool at the local pool halls.00000000

Surviving are his two granddaughters, Kadence Sutton and Anna Fox; sister, Cookie (Roger) Taylor; two aunts, Josephine Zabo and Mary Bridges; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Donna Sue; son, Jonathan Tow; siblings, Ronnie Tow, Ruthie Tow,

and Gwyn Tow.

Cremation was chosen and no services will be held at this time.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.queenlee.com.

TONY YARNELL

Douglas Anthony "Tony" Yarnell passed away Saturday, June 22, 2024. A resident of Loogootee, he was 65.



He was born February 2, 1959, in Bedford; son of Teddy and Judy (Greene) Yarnell.

Tony graduated from Loogootee High School class of 1977 and attend-

ed Drexel University in Pennsylvania and Pace University in New York. He served in the United States Coast Guard for eight years as an electrical technician.

He was employed by Huntington Ingalls Industries, supporting the Department of the Navy Integrated Training Program.

Tony was a member of the La-Or-Ma Shrine Club and the Shriner's International. He also was a member of the White River Mason Lodge - Post 332, where he was a Master Mason and a 32nd degree with the Scottish Rite and a York Rite. Tony also was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, American Legion - Post 120, Knights of Columbus - Council 732 and Midwest Willys Jeep Club.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Kay Yarnell; paternal grandparents, Max and Thelma Yarnell and maternal grandparents, Dale and Mary Ann Greene.

Tony is survived by his children, Mason Yarnell and Kerri Kramer; parents, Ted and Judy Yarnell; sister, Karen (Jerry) Rumble; partner, Connie Walker; grandchildren, Isla Yarnell, Feryn Yarnell, Violet Yarnell, Thomas Kramer and Henry Kramer; and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 29 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial will follow in St. John Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Friday, June 28 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee and Saturday, June 29 from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Murat Shrine Building Fund.

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

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee, Indiana is honored to serve the family of Douglas Anthony "Tony" Yarnell.

SHERIFF'S LOG

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ing a reckless driver on US 231 South, traveling north. Loogootee Chief Hunt, Loogootee Assistant Chief Long, Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner, Loogootee Reserve Captain Harmon, Sergeant Wells, Martin County Medic 1, Martin County Medic 2, Loogootee Fire Department, Sheriff Greene, and Martin County Coroner responded.

8:15 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn west of Shoals.

8:43 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

12:43 a.m. - Received a call from Indiana Recovery advising of a vehicle repossession south of Loogootee.

2:48 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

6:45 a.m. - Received a call reporting possible vandalism in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Hunt responded.

6:55 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Hunt and Loogootee Officer Rayhill responded.

7:53 a.m. - Received a call requesting assistance northeast of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller and Captain Gibson responded.

10:56 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer. Advised caller to contact Loogootee Police.

11:02 a.m. - Received a call requesting a deputy. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

12:14 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2, Loogootee Fire Department, Chief Deputy Keller, Captain Gibson, and Martin County Assistant Coroner responded.

1:05 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.

1:59 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller and Deputy Baumgart responded.

4:27 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check northwest of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

4:32 p.m. - Received a call from Smithville Alarm advising of a commercial burglar alarm north of Loogootee. Keyholder advised to disregard.

5:08 p.m. - Received a report of a possible scam. Deputy Branham responded.

7:47 p.m. - Received a call reporting a suspicious odor south of Shoals. Deputy Branham and Reserve Deputy Dorsey responded.

8:48 p.m. - Received a call from Lenders Recovery advising of a vehicle repossession northwest of Loogootee.

10:19 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting assistance northeast of Shoals. Deputy Branham and Reserve Deputy Dorsey responded.

10:22 p.m. - Received a call from CSX advising of a crossing arm malfunction in Shoals. Advised all on duty deputies.

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

12:08 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

7:56 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting possible gun shots northeast of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller, Deputy Baumgart, Jail Commander Phillips, ISP Master Trooper Lents, Loogootee Chief Hunt, Martin County Medic 1, and Lawrence County Units responded. No one was transported.

9:18 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Loogootee Chief Hunt re-

sponded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:34 a.m. - Received a report of a scam call in Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

10:38 a.m. - Received multiple 911 calls reporting a motorcycle accident south of Shoals. Martin County Medic 2, Chief Deputy Keller, Deputy Baumgart, and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:59 a.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock with child in car. Deputy Branham, Deputy Baumgart, Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Medic 1 responded. No one was transported.

1:54 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

2:47 p.m. - Received a call advising of reckless driving northeast of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

3:35 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:54 p.m. - Received a call reporting a traffic hazard northeast of Loogootee. Martin County Highway Department responded.

7:35 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting reckless driving on US 231 South, traveling south. Notified Dubois County.

7:57 p.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down north of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

8:34 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Chief Hunt, Loogootee Assistant Chief Long, Loogootee Fire Department and Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

4:28 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident south of Shoals. Deputy Shields responded.

8:08 a.m. - Received a call reporting a possible disabled vehicle west of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

11:11 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Rayhill responded.

1:12 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a phone line down on roadway east of Loogootee. Frontier responded.

1:32 p.m. - Received a call from Area 1 Protection advising of a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Rayhill, Loogootee Officer Stivers and Keyholder responded.

4:17 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, Loogootee Officer Baumgart, Loogootee Officer Stivers and Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

4:51 p.m. - Received a call requesting a deputy north of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

6:31 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock east of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

7:22 p.m. - Received multiple 911 calls requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Chief Hunt and Deputy Shields responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:27 p.m. - Received a call advising of a verbal dispute north of Shoals. Deputy Shields responded.

11:06 p.m. - Received a call reporting an accident with no injuries in Shoals. Reserve Commander Gammon responded.

11:31 p.m. - Received a 911 call with no one on the line, north of Loogootee. Deputy Shields and Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, JUNE 17

7:44 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department, Chief Hunt and Officer Clark responded to a medical call on Sherman Street.

10:13 a.m. - Assistant Chief Long responded to a call at Eagle Place Apartments.

10:23 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department, Chief Hunt, Assistant Chief Long and Officer Clark responded to a medical call on Wood Street.

12:40 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long responded to a call at Marathon gas station.

1:07 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long responded to a call on Green Street.

8:06 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call on Pine Street.

8:51 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call at the Eldorado Motel.

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

12:35 a.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call at Bowling Trailer Court.

8:17 a.m. - Chief Hunt and Officer Clark responded to a call on Walker Street.

9:54 a.m. - Chief Hunt and Officer Clark responded to a call at Eagle Place Apartments.

11:30 a.m. - Chief Hunt, Assistant Chief Long and Officer Clark responded to a call at Blake Funeral Home.

11:51 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department, Chief Hunt and Officer Clark responded to a medical call on Poplar Street.

2:09 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Poplar Street.

2:48 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long and Officer Clark responded to a call on True-love Drive.

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

5:28 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call at O'Reilly Auto Parts.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

9:50 a.m. - Assistant Chief Long responded to a call on Williams Street.

12:02 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Assistant Chief Long responded to a medical call on Poplar Street.

3:27 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long and

Officer Clark responded to a call on True-love Drive.

4:42 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Emmons Ridge Road.

4:44 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call at McDonald's.

6:30 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner, Officer Harmon, Chief Hunt, Assistant Chief Long and the Loogootee Fire Department responded to a call on US Highway 231.

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

6:45 a.m. - Chief Hunt and Officer Rayhill responded to a call on Oak Street.

8:14 a.m. - Officer Rayhill responded to a call on Mulberry Street.

12:18 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a call in Burns City.

1:14 p.m. - Officer Rayhill responded to a call on Oak Street.

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

7:55 a.m. - Chief Hunt responded to a call on Cale Road.

9:18 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Chief Hunt responded to a medical call on Vincennes Street.

3:35 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Assistant Chief Long responded to a medical call at the Loogootee Police Station.

8:34 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department, Chief Hunt, Assistant Chief Long and Officer Baumgart responded to a medical call on Main Street.

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

1:32 p.m. - Officer Rayhill and Officer Stivers responded to a call on Mill Street.

4:17 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department, Assistant Chief Long, Officer Baumgart and Officer Stivers responded to a medical call on Southwest First Street.

7:22 p.m. - Chief Hunt responded to a medical call at the Knights of Columbus.

9:11 p.m. - Officer Baumgart responded to a call near North Line Street.

9:13 p.m. - Chief Hunt responded to a call near North Line Street.

11:31 p.m. - Officer Baumgart responded to a call on Reinhart Road.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

4:08 p.m. - Officer Baumgart responded to a call on Oak Street.

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCINGS

June 18

Linda Robinson, convicted of disorderly conduct, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 180 days with 178 days suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served plus 1 Class A credit day.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

June 18

Linda Robinson, residential entry, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

June 13

Alexis Ivey vs. Brandon Ivey, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Terri L. Greene vs. Edward T. Greene, petition for dissolution of marriage.

June 17

LVNV Funding, LLV vs. Melissa Wisley, civil collection.

Patrick R. Johnson vs. JayC Food Stores and Kroger Limited Partnership, civil tort.

Jerry Luna vs. Stacie Floyd Luna, petition for dissolution of marriage.

June 18

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Sara Fee, civil collection.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

June 14

Kevin Boyd vs. Cheryl Holt Crowder, eviction.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

June 17

Angela Marie Barnes of Loogootee and Matthew James Guthrie of Loogootee.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, JUNE 17

4:44 p.m. - Jackson Ruiz-Ramos, 27, of Nicaragua, was arrested by Sergeant Wells and charged with driving while never being licensed. He is being held on \$3,000 10% bond.

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

6:48 a.m. - Joshua Rush, 42, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Erwin on a Dubois County warrant. He is being held without bond awaiting Dubois County.

10:00 p.m. - Abraham Wittmer, 48, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Schnell on a Vanderburgh County warrant. He is being held without bond awaiting Vanderburgh County.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

2:09 a.m. - Weldon Edwards, 59, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Erwin and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. He is being held on \$30,000 10% bond. Corporal Hawkins assisted with the arrest.

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

10:00 a.m. - Bryan Hayden, 38, of Bedford, was arrested by ISP Master Trooper Lents and charged with driving while suspended-prior, possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. He is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

7:15 p.m. - Dalton English, 24, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Nolan and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment. He is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.



G2

By Gordon Grindstaff

One of the tasks involved in retirement – also known as “every day’s a Saturday”, is to pay close attention to your finances when your income acquires the title of “fixed”. In our case, I did not have the good sense to work for a company that would provide me with a pension but thanks to the 401k program that the government initiated in the early 1980’s, we managed to save enough money that, combined with our Social Security, has allowed us to live a comfortable lifestyle.

Over the past 23 years of retirement, the chances of having to drastically change our lifestyle has not been a big concern; we are quite contented with it although I wouldn’t consider it ‘high on the hog’ living. We no longer have season tickets to the Colts, the Symphony, or the Repertory Theater. There will be no more buying new cars every few years.

Now, we drive a ten-year-old car, and our home of the past 8 years checks in at slightly over 1,100 square feet. (1)

The Golden Corral is now our choice of steakhouses, replacing the occasional visits to one of the big city’s numerous five-star eateries. We also have Saturday night outings with friends from church at various restaurants around Mooresville.

This way of life has suited us well for the last two plus decades; we have been very careful of that savings we accumulated over 45 years of employment; the people at Fidelity and their algorithms (2) that take care of it for us tell me that the money should carry us through to our early nineties. I’m now 84 and living for most of the next decade is in the realm of possibility. I’m more than thankful for this; that longevity is a gift that many of my friends and relatives did not receive.

With all that said, since the pandemic, our rosy future predicted by algorithms is not looking so rosy right now because of the inflation we are trying to cope with. I’m pretty certain that Fidelity’s algorithms didn’t count on that. (3)

But that’s enough of that. I didn’t set out to make this some sort of gloom and doom piece; we’re still okay; we’re not yet paying close attention to the cat food commercials for the best tasting variety, and we can still avoid eating anything containing high fructose corn syrup. (4) And to add to that, our garden will soon be bearing fruit including my favorite, tomatoes.

In fact, during the tomato season, one of my favorite things in life is to see myself

enjoying a big roast beef sandwich on rye bread smeared with mayo and topped with some fresh lettuce and a thick slice of red, juicy homegrown tomato. (5) However, when it comes to my choice of deli meats, I have lowered my expectations somewhat.

Last fall, after picking a big red Brandywine heirloom tomato from my garden, I scurried down to the giant grocery store and headed straight for the deli. I scanned the meat case looking for roast beef. There it was - Boar’s Head London broil cap-off top round oven roast beef- \$14.99 a pound.

‘14.99? It’s been a while since I bought roast beef.’ I said, talking to myself, a bad habit I have. ‘Okay we’ll have corned beef instead.’ That’s my second favorite deli meat. Nope, also \$14.99.

What to do? What to do? Downcast, I wandered off to get a loaf of soft Rye bread and that’s when the silver lining to this story appeared in the shape of the lunch meats display. I had forgotten how good a sandwich with plain old lunch meat, lettuce, mayo, a slice of sweet onion and a juicy slice of tomato all on two pieces of soft rye bread can taste.

My bologna has a first name, it’s O-S-C-A-R.

G2 notes:

1: That 1,100 square feet is less than one half of the average 2,500 feet of new home construction in the United States today.

2: Over the years, I have read extensively about retirement planning; most of what I have read assumes that if you have the money, retirement life will be all peaches and cream. I have yet to come across a plan for what to do if an adversity such as Susie’s dementia strikes. The planning really only begins after a calamity has occurred.

3: Don’t get me started on that inflation business. The paper would have to add a page just to cover my rants.

4: We have though, cut back where we can. We now split a meal on our Saturday night outings to area restaurants. We also now look forward to the \$4.99 Costco roasted chicken and their dollar fifty giant hot dog. In addition, we turn the thermostat down or up, depending on the season, a little cooler in the winter, a little warmer in the summer.

5: I also like a sandwich with nothing but two slices of bread, mayo, and a thick slice of tomato with salt and pepper. Slather that mayo on the bread to the point where you have to lean over the sink to eat that bad boy.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dog/Cat Wellness Clinic

The next scheduled dog and cat wellness clinic at the Martin County Humane Society Spay/Neuter Clinic will be Friday, July 19 from 5-6 p.m. The clinic offers low-cost vaccines, testing, microchips, nail trims, etc. No appointment is required, first come first serve.

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 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 be 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.

Shoals Church of the Cross to host old-time tent meeting

The Shoals Church of the Cross will be hosting an old-time tent meeting in conjunction with the Shoals Catfish Festival.

Pastor Dennis Cecil invites everyone to attend the meeting, which will be held on July 5 and 6 at 6 p.m. and will conclude with the regular service on Sunday morning at 10 a.m.

The meeting will be held on the property of Bailey Brothers Auto, 510 Second Street, in Shoals.

The theme of the meeting is “Celebrating Freedom in Christ” and will feature guest speakers Scott Shipman on July 5 and Wes Morris on July 6. Pastor Dennis Cecil will bring the message for the Sunday morning service.

~LETTER TO THE EDITOR~

‘We want them loud and leading the way’

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

“Those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer, those days of soda and pretzels and beer” are upon us. The time for outdoor activities, county fairs, street festivals and general good feeling and fun. The time to celebrate our patriotism and show our support for our elected officials as they parade and sponsor our summer activities.

The Mid-States Corridor is one of those issues that community-minded organizations and elected officials sometimes try to hide from or ignore. Some organizations choose not to publicly state their position and some elected officials play cagey and evade the question. Organizations and elected officials need to be held to account. It’s not in our best interest to allow them to avoid these issues because “Well, it’s always done right in the past” or “Well, he’s a good ol’ boy whose fun to be around”. No, we want support from these organizations and officials, we want them loud and leading the way, not meekly following.

In the effort to rid our community of the intrusive Mid-States Corridor we need people, like Jason McCoy, who are willing to spend their time shining a light on the details of the Mid-States Corridor that the Dubois/Spencer County cabal don’t want known. We need our local organizations elected leaders to be more in the vein of Mr. McCoy

We all need to continue to bring our opposition to the Mid-States Corridor to the attention of our local organizations, elected officials and community individuals. Remember, it just takes half of us to say “No” to stop the Corridor.

Jim Arvin
Rutherford Township
Martin County



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Martin County Community Foundation awards over \$58,000 in the April grant cycle

The Martin County Community Foundation Board of Directors awarded \$58,518 in Impact and Boost Grants to seven local organizations in the most recent quarterly round of grants in the open application grant cycle. With this grant process, grantseekers can apply online year-round; applications are pulled and evaluated quarterly.

Curt Johnson, the MCCF Development Director, commented on this most recent grant cycle, "It's always good to see so many organizations applying for grants that are so impactful to our community. This last round of grants was no exception. We're thankful for the organizations that serve our county and for all the donors that help make these grants happen."

MCCF also issued a challenge grant to Goodwill Cemetery Association. A challenge grant provides matching funds, helping organizations gain public awareness of their project goals and raise funds for their mission. Once the challenge amount is raised, Goodwill Cemetery Association will be awarded a \$15,000 grant.

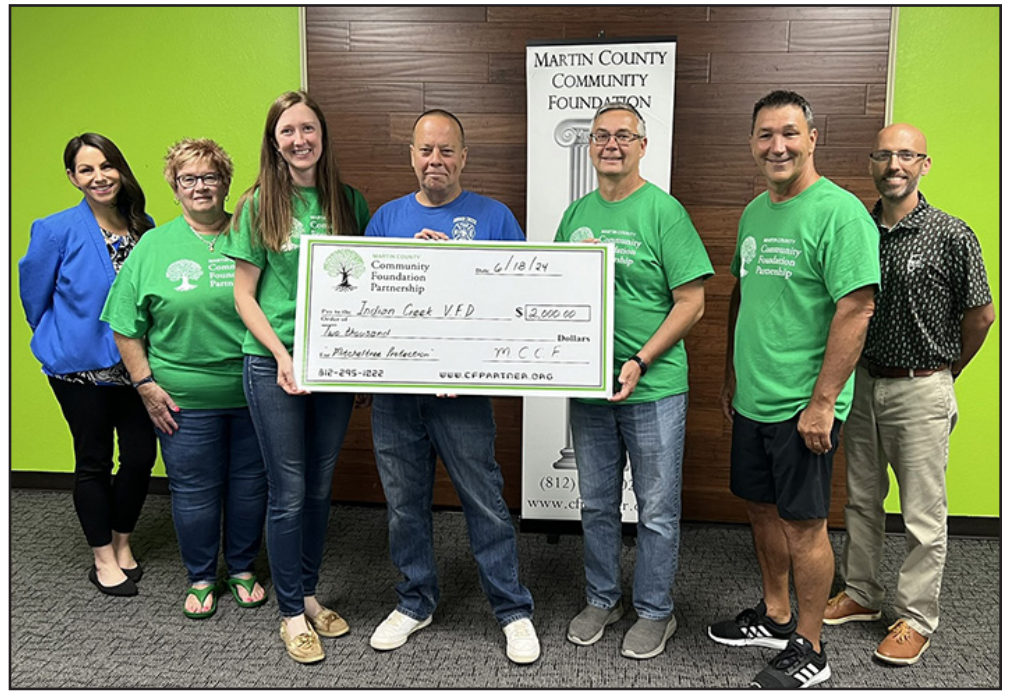
Grant Recipients:

Martin County Fire & Rescue, Prepare & Respond
Davie-Martin Joint County Parks and Rec., Lakeview Golf
Martin County Historical Society, Comfort & Preserve
Haysville Community VFD, Stay Safe
Martin County Solid Waste Management District, Pickup and Recycle
Indian Creek VFD, Mitchelltree Protection

Loogootee Jr/Sr High School, Dig Deep, Set High

This grant cycle was funded by unrestricted endowments whose flexible funds can be used to meet the needs of Martin County as they arise. MCCF is currently offering a 2:1 match on gifts to its unrestricted endowments. By giving during this match period, you can triple your impact in Martin County. Contact Curt Johnson at 812-295-1022 or MCCF@cfpartner.org to learn more.

The Martin County Community Foundation is a charitable, non-profit whose mission is to be proactive in creating and growing an enduring source of charitable assets and to identify and respond to the changing needs of Martin County.



-Photos provided

The Indian Creek Volunteer Fire Department received a \$2,000 Boost grant to help purchase self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) for the firefighters. Pictured left to right in the front row are Kelli Wilson, Liz Chattin, Megan Hawkins, Monty Wright, Greg Bateman, Tracy Rayhill, and Kevin Lewis.



Loogootee Jr/Sr High School received \$7,268.55 for a volleyball net system. Pictured left to right are Liz Chattin, Kelli Wilson, Phil Goodpaster, Greg Bateman, Hope Flores, and Megan Hawkins.



The Davie-Martin Joint County Parks & Recreation received \$1,750.00 for the Lakeview Golf Course to repair and replace grass in problem areas. Pictured left to right are Megan Hawkins, Lisa Starr, Kelli Wilson, Liz Chattin, Nathan Rihm, Tracy Rayhill, Kevin Lewis, and Greg Bateman.



The Martin County Fire & Rescue unit received a \$12,500.00 grant for personal protective equipment and disaster preparedness efforts. Pictured left to right are Kelli Wilson, Mike Arvin, Bory Brassine, Cameron Wolf, Andy Ringwald, Hope Flores, and Tracy Rayhill.



The Martin County Historical Society received a \$15,000.00 grant to help purchase a heating/cooling system to help preserve the museum contents. Pictured left to right are Lisa Starr, Paula Ringwald, Liz Chattin, Kelli Wilson, Mike Arvin, Hope Flores, Rick Bowling, Greg Bateman, Tracy Rayhill, Kevin Lewis, and Megan Hawkins.



Martin County Solid Waste Management District received a \$10,000.00 grant for truck and trailer costs to help with the pickup and recycle initiatives. Pictured left to right are Liz Chattin, Kevin Lewis, Tina Buse, Paula Ringwald, Jackie Jones, Megan Hawkins, Mykaela Rice, Ryan Trambaugh, Janell Freeman, Greg Bateman, and Tracy Rayhill.



The Haysville Community Volunteer Fire Department received \$10,000.00 to go toward the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) for the firefighters. Pictured left to right are Lisa Starr, Paula Ringwald, Megan Hawkins, Kristi Ausbrooks, Charles Nehmer, Tracy Rayhill, Kevin Lewis, and Liz Chattin.



In the Garden

By **Ralph Purkhiser**
Purdue University Master Gardener

The blackberry is known as the Queen of the Brambles. Like the raspberry, the blackberry is in the genus *Rubus*, which is in the rose family. However, the blackberry bears its cluster of drupelets attached to a juicy white core, while a ripe raspberry separates from the core when picked, making the berry hollow. In general, blackberries are larger than raspberries, and the blackberry season is a little later than raspberry time.

There are literally tens of thousands of blackberry cultivars, including natives and hybrids. They range from the groundcover dewberries to giant bramble reaching eight feet tall. Like raspberries, wild blackberries can become weedy and can take over an area. However, they play an important part in the ecosystem. The leaves provide food for various insects, including being a host plant for some butterfly caterpillars. The blooms are very rich in nectar, as one can clearly see by the number of bees that visit during this stage. Not only do humans enjoy the berries, but they are food for many birds and other animals.

Southern Indiana is also home to one of the superstars of the blackberry world. In 1975, Mr. Thomas Doyle patented a new blackberry cultivar that continues to be one of the best. This was accomplished on his farm in Barr Township of Daviess County. Doyle's Thornless Blackberry became an instant hit, and they are still hard to beat. Being thornless makes picking much easier. The berries are also huge, often double the size of wild blackberries. They are also exceptionally sweet. The sugar content of most blackberries is about six percent, but Doyle's berries are around eleven percent. The large canes also yield well, with a three-

year-old plant capable of producing up to twenty gallons of berries.

Although Thomas Doyle passed away in 2001, a few months past his 100th birthday, his family continues to sell the patented plants from the farm at 1600 Bedford Road, Washington, IN 47501. If you are wanting to start a blackberry patch, I heartily recommend buying Doyle's Thornless Blackberries.

Blackberry canes may be planted any time between the spring frost-free date up until two weeks before the autumn freeze date. That will ensure that the plants become established before the ground freezes. While sandy loam is the best soil for blackberries, they will tolerate almost any soil type, as long as there is good drainage. Hybrid canes should not be planted within 600 feet of wild blackberries to ensure diseases do not transfer to the new bramble patch. Like raspberries, blackberries should not be planted where vegetables in the nightshade family have been grown. Most of the serious blackberry diseases are fungal-related, so the best defense is cultural. Plants should be planted to give them good air circulation and pruned to keep the patch open. Plants may be grown against a trellis or espaliered on a wall or fence. Plants usually produce a crop in the second season, but the third season is usually when they really come into their own.

Blackberries may be eaten fresh, cooked in cakes and pies or made into jams and jellies. They may also be juiced, and that juice may be served alone or mixed into various drinks. Blackberries are high in vitamin C, iron and antioxidants. Once established, a healthy blackberry will continue to produce fruit for several decades.

Reserved hunt applications open July 8

Beginning Monday, July 8, hunters can apply for reserved hunts online by visiting on.IN.gov/reservedhunt.

The online application method is the only way to apply for the hunts listed. No late entries will be accepted. Applicants must possess a hunting license that is valid for the hunt for which they are applying.

Applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. ET on Sunday, August 4. More specific hunt information for individual properties can be found at on.IN.gov/reservedhunt.

Dove hunts on Fish & Wildlife areas (FWAs):

- Atterbury FWA
- Deer Creek FWA
- Goose Pond FWA
- Jasper Pulaski FWA
- Kingsbury FWA
- Pigeon River FWA
- Wilbur Wright FWA

Deer hunts on National Wildlife Refuges:

Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge: firearms, archery, and primitive muzzle-loader deer

Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge: youth deer

Youth deer hunts on Indiana Private Land Access (IPLA) sites in the following counties:

- Bartholomew County
- Cass County
- Greene County
- Harrison County

- LaPorte County
- Sullivan County
- Scott County

Archery deer hunts on Indiana Private Land Access (IPLA) sites in the following counties:

- Bartholomew County
- Cass County
- Harrison County
- LaPorte County
- Sullivan County
- Scott County

Small game hunts on Indiana Private Land Access (IPLA) sites in the following counties:

- Bartholomew County
- Harrison County
- Scott County

Teal and early goose hunts on Indiana Private Land Access (IPLA) sites in the following counties:

- Bartholomew County
- Dekalb County
- Sullivan County

Hunters will be selected through a random computerized drawing. Applicants will be able to view draw results online within two weeks after the application period closes. An email will be sent to all applicants when the draws have been completed.

Please note that only one application per hunt is allowed. No changes can be made once an application is submitted.

More information is available at on.IN.gov/reservedhunt.

Farm Service Agency seeking nominations for farmers to serve on local county committees

Nominations are now being accepted for farmers to serve on local U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees. These committees make important decisions about how federal farm programs are administered locally. All nomination forms for the 2024 election must be postmarked or received in the local FSA office by August 1, 2024.

"Serving on a Farm Service Agency county committee is your chance to ensure that other producers who share your interests, your production practices, and your perspective are represented. County committee service is a unique opportunity in the federal government for citizen stakeholders to participate in the implementation of policy and programs at the local level," said FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux. "Nominations are now open, and elections will begin in November; don't miss this chance to help FSA serve all producers."

Elections for committee members will occur in certain Local Administrative Areas (LAA). LAAs are elective areas for FSA committees in a single county or

multi-county jurisdiction and may include LAAs that are focused on an urban or suburban area.

Customers can locate their LAA through a geographic information system locator tool available at fsa.usda.gov/elections and determine if their LAA is up for election by contacting their local FSA office.

Agricultural producers may be nominated for candidacy for the county committee if they:

Participate or cooperate in a USDA program.

Reside in the LAA that is up for election this year.

A cooperating producer is someone who has provided information about their farming operation to FSA, even if they have not applied or received program benefits.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others and qualifying organizations may also nominate candidates. USDA encourages minority, women, urban and beginning farmers to nominate, vote and hold office.

Nationwide, more than 7,700 dedicated members of the agricultural community serve on FSA county committees. The committees are made up of three to 11 members who serve three-year terms. Committee members are vital to how FSA carries out disaster recovery, conservation, commodity and price support programs, as well as making decisions on county office employment and other agricultural issues.

More Information

Producers should contact their local FSA office today to register and find out how to get involved in their county's election, including if their LAA is up for election this year. To be considered, a producer must be registered and sign an FSA-669A nomination form. This form and other information about FSA county committee elections are available at fsa.usda.gov/elections.

All nomination forms for the 2024 election must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by the Aug. 1, 2024, deadline. Election ballots will be mailed to eligible voters in November 2024.



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