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Sheriff wants raises for rest of jail staff

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The Martin County Council spent two-and-a-half hours at their meeting Monday night, November 1 talking about jail repairs and jail staff.

Sheriff Travis Roush told the council that he is having a hard time getting dispatchers, deputies and cooks and needs to increase the salaries.

Council Member Sherri Bowling said she asked the sheriff at the last meeting when he requested an increase to \$17 per hour for jailers if the rest of the staff was going to be upset. She said Sheriff Roush said they would not. She asked why now he is asking for increases for the rest of his department.

Sheriff Roush replied that they are in crisis mode with the employment situation.

"It is a crisis everywhere," replied Bowling.

The sheriff replied that he was wrong about the other jail staff being upset about the jailers' pay increase. "I was wrong and now I have to move forward," he said.

Council Member Bowling went on to say that she was upset how the council was portrayed at the last meeting, by the sheriff, claiming that the council doesn't support the sheriff's department financially. She said the general fund budget is \$3.5 million and \$1.2 million of that is spent on the sheriff's department.

Sheriff Roush replied that he never said that at the last meeting.

Bowling again said that she doesn't appreciate the backlash she received for not supporting the sheriff's department when she and the council do support them. She asked how many staff members have been added under Sheriff Roush's tenure. Roush replied that they have added two deputies, three jailers and two dispatchers.

"Is the county higher in crime than it used to be?" asked Council Member Bowling.

Sheriff Roush didn't answer, and Council Member Bowling said she feels she and the sheriff are now being vindictive to each other. "All hell's broke loose now," she said. She said she thinks it is very misleading to make the public believe that the council doesn't give back to the sheriff.

Sheriff Roush replied that he is not being vindictive toward Bowling, but he has a job to do to protect his constituents and she has a job to protect taxpayer money. He said he didn't get elected to be the most popular boss, he was elected to protect Martin County and he needs staff to do that. He said he never claimed the council doesn't give back to him. He said other taxpayers at that meeting may have said that, but he did not.

Bowling said that now the jailers, increased to \$17 per hour, make more than elected officials, such as the auditor, treasurer and clerk. She said she doesn't have anything against the deputies, but she feels everyone deserves raises. She said they have increased the sheriff's department employees' salaries more than once along with giving a stipend last year to reward the department for working through COVID. "I feel like we've gone above and beyond for your department," said Bowling.

Roush replied that he is bringing the amount of increases he would like however the council are the ones who have to

approve it. "I am asking for the chance to present it," said Sheriff Roush. "The county council meetings are your forum and venue, and you can shut me down."

Council Member Bowling also noted that she is upset that for years the sheriff said they could get out-of-county inmates from all over the state and then after the budget was approved, he now wants to drop the number down.

Roush replied that he believes building a budget on inmate income sets up the county for failure.

Bowling replied that they are not basing the budget on housing out-of-county inmates.

Commissioners approve policies, discuss insurance

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The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, November 2. Commissioner Aaron Summers was not present for the meeting.

Public Health Nurse Julia Albright reported that the county will move to orange status due to 22 new COVID cases this past week. The health department is now doing booster shots for COVID and a mobile drive-up site at the fairgrounds will be set up from Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 8 p.m. Vaccines and testing will be provided, and no appointments are required.

Highway Superintendent Scott Seals reported that county bridge inspections will start November 9. The week of November 15, Brooks Bridge Road will be closed for inspection of Brooks Bridge. Seals said he will give a specific date when he gets it.

Seals also asked the public to please be cautious of their employees who are mowing around the county. He said there have been a few close calls and drivers need to be aware.

Sheriff Travis Roush requested approval of a resolution requiring deputies who leave the department to go to another department to repay the county for academy costs. Roush said the resolution calls for 100 percent pay back if the deputy leaves within one year and one-third to be paid back if the deputy leaves within 1-2 years. The costs include the actual academy cost, ammunition, uniforms required for the academy and meal costs. Roush said the reimbursement would be from \$4,000-\$8,000. The sheriff said he wanted to get wages back too but his lawyer said he can't do that. The commissioners approved the resolution.

Roush also requested approval of the retention bonus, the hire bonus and referral bonus policies. He said the monetary portion of the policy was approved by the council, but he doesn't think he ever brought it to the commissioners for official approval. The hiring bonus would be \$1,000, half after three months and the other half after six months. The referral bonus is \$500 to the referring employee after the new hire has been employed for six months. The retention bonuses vary based on length of employment and are dependant on how much money is in the commissary fund. Roush said if the commissary fund doesn't make money one year, bonuses would not be given. He also said the policy states bonuses cannot exceed (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 3)

mates. She said there are more funds other than just the general fund that contain revenue.

"If I am wrong then Martin County is set," said Roush. "You can explain it to the constituents the same way I do to mine."

Roush then went on to explain what he was asking for with salary increases. He requested that dispatchers, part-time and full-time, be increased to \$15, from \$12.50 per hour for part-time and \$13.36 per hour for full-time. He explained that they are having a tough time finding dispatchers due to the work it entails and currently have many staff members who have not been on the job long thus are not as experienced. He said the jail runs 24 hours a day, seven days a week, unlike other county offices so if the council were to divide up budgets based on hours worked, they would see that the sheriff's department is not that much different. "We are not getting people in the door and the future is not looking good if we don't increase the salaries," he said.

He provided the council with comparisons with like-sized counties in the state. The dispatch commander, who was also present, said they have five full-time dispatchers working 12 hours shifts for the next two months because the rest of the staff has not gone through all of the training. She said only one dispatcher works per shift and she finds that scary. "One person can't answer all the calls and it's impossible for us to do our job with the staff we have right now," she said. "We are in survival mode." She said they are begging people to apply but are being told that work at McDonald's is comparable pay with less stress than being a dispatcher. She said they have one full-time position open currently and no part-time employees aside from one person who agreed to work a few Sundays a month. She also said they have zero applications on file to pull from.

Council Member Warren Albright said it sounds like part-time pay is the problem. He said Martin County cannot be compared to other counties such as Dubois who pay \$22 per hour. He said studies have shown that most people do not leave a job because of pay, they leave because of how they are treated or what they have to put up with. Sheriff Roush agreed but said that's based on competitive pay at the start.

The sheriff also requested to increase the cooks' pay to \$13 per hour from \$12.29. There are currently two full-time cook positions during the week, and one position vacant.

The sheriff also requested to increase deputies' pay. He gave a few options. The first one was a \$1.58 per hour increase which would put the lowest paying deputy 31 cents higher than the jailers. The second option was a raise up to \$3.64 per hour which is the same amount of increase the jailers received.

Council Member Barb McFeaters said she isn't opposed to giving raises to the dispatchers, but she believes the council needs more time to speak to the financial advisor about increasing the deputies' salaries.

Council Member Bowling said they need to do something with dispatch if the jail is having that much trouble finding dispatchers.

It was discussed that perhaps the dis-



Drive thru vaccine clinic started today

The Indiana Department of Health mobile vaccination and testing unit will be at the Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds Wednesday, November 3 to Saturday, November 6 from noon to 8 p.m. This drive-through clinic will offer Moderna, Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson vaccines and can administer booster doses to those who qualify (see below). Covid-19 vaccines can be given to anyone age 12 and up. Those 12 to 18 must receive the Pfizer vaccine. Rapid and PCR Covid testing will also be available. This will be a drive through clinic/testing site. No appointment is necessary. The address for the fairgrounds is 2666 US Hwy 50, Loogootee.

Booster dose information: For individuals who received a Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, the following groups are eligible for a booster shot at 6 months or more after their initial series:

- 65 years and older
- Age 18+ who live in long-term care settings
- Age 18+ who have underlying medical conditions
- Age 18+ who work or live in high-risk settings

For people who got the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine, booster shots are also recommended for those who are 18 and older and who were vaccinated two or more months ago.

Next year's Primary

The Martin County Primary Election will be held May 3, 2022. The following local offices will appear on the ballot:

- County Assessor
- County Clerk
- County Council Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4
- County Commissioner District 2
- Circuit Court Judge
- County Prosecutor
- County Sheriff
- All Township Trustees
- All Township Board Members
- Shoals Town Council – 3 members
- Shoals Clerk/Treasurer
- Crane Town Council – 3 members
- Crane Clerk/Treasurer
- Democrat Precinct Committeemen (only on ballot if there is a contest)

Democrat and Republican State Convention Delegates (only on ballot if there is a contest)

The first day to file for candidacy is January 5, 2022 and the last day to file is February 4, 2022 at noon. You can pick up necessary paperwork at the Martin County Clerk's Office any time after December 17, 2021. If you have any questions, contact the clerk's office at 812-247-3651.



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Sunday, November 7.

SHERIFF

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patchers could be approved now and the deputies later.

"Are we going to wait until I'm in the same position with the deputies to do something?" asked Sheriff Roush.

Council Member McFeaters said again that they need time to talk to the county's financial advisor. She suggested they approve increasing dispatcher wages now and discuss the deputies next month.

"The difference between my office and others is life or death," said Sheriff Roush.

Roush also requested that the dispatch commander and assistant commander get an increase, so they are higher than the regular dispatchers. The commander would receive \$17.06 per hour and the assistance commander would be at \$15.48.

The council approved the increases for the dispatchers including the commander and assistant commander. They also approved increasing the cooks' salaries, including part-time, to \$13 per hour.

In other business, Matt Stechly, with Core Facilities, along with Commissioner Paul George, talked to the council about replacing the jail's intercoms and door controls. Stechly explained that both projects are tough to find vendors for. He presented two quotes to the council however Commissioner George asked that the amounts of the quotes not be mentioned. Commissioner George said they could use the federal American Recovery Plan funds to pay for the project and they feel it can be linked to COVID which is a requirement with the ARP funds.

It was also discussed that a climate-controlled room needed to be built in the basement of the jail to house the servers. They are currently in the room with the boiler and Stechly said it is too hot and humid for the infrastructure to be housed there.

That will be a separate project, however. Stechly also noted that once the door controls are replaced, it will give them a better idea of which of the 20 door locks need replaced also. He expects once the commissioners approve moving forward, the work will start in four to six months. He said getting parts will be the deciding factor since many things are hard to get. The council agreed to move forward with the intercom and door controls. Council Member McFeaters noted that the ARP funds are allowing the county to get projects done that they wouldn't be able to do otherwise. Stechly said the cost for Core Facilities to facilitate this work was a part of the contract he has with the county to not exceed \$18,000.

Auditor Bobbie Abel said the council will be approving the salary and wage ordinance at their next meeting and she needs clarification about what the part-time courthouse staff pay should be. After discussion, the council said to put the range from \$7.25 per hour to \$13 per hour and each department can work within that range.

The council approved the minutes from the September 13 meeting that were in question. The minutes said Council Member Adam Greene brought up the deputy surveyor position in that meeting. Greene said he did not however he did talk about it in the September 16 meeting. Auditor Abel said Council President Albright was supposed to listen to the meeting. Albright said he did listen to it several times but couldn't make out what was said. Council Member Greene asked why they are approving minutes that are not accurate. Albright said they were going to leave them as is. Council Members Greene and Winger voted against approving the September 13 minutes.

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- A college degree or the equivalent experience in the field of Business Administration, Marketing, Economic Development, or a related field is preferred

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OBITUARIES

MARTHA WININGER

Martha "Sue" Winger passed away at 4:04 a.m. October 25, 2021, at her home. A resident of Shoals, she was 83.

She was born February 17, 1938 in Miami, Florida; daughter of Francis Marion George and Mabel (Bibb) George. Sue married Sherman Elmer Winger on December 21, 1955, in Temple, Texas and he preceded her in death in 2008.

She was a homemaker and of the Protestant Faith.

Survivors include her children, Aloha E. (Joseph) Jones of Shoals, Frank Winger of Shoals, Sabra Sue (Terry) Bough of Shoals, Angie M. Diamond of Shoals and Sabrina "Bina" Graham of Brownsburg and several grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, one daughter, Aloha Lynn Winger in infancy; and one son, Thomas S. Winger in 2019.

Cremation was chosen with burial in Allbright Cemetery.

Cresthaven Funeral Home was entrusted with her care.

MARGARET NEUKAM

Margaret A. Neukam passed away at 5:45 a.m. Wednesday, October 20, 2021, in the Northwood Retirement Community in Jasper. A resident of Jasper, she was 98.

She was born in Shoals, on December 11, 1922; daughter of John and Barbara (Angerer) Mann. She married Wallace "Wally" Neukam on August 17, 1946, in St. John's Lutheran Church at the Dubois Crossroads. He preceded her in death on January 18, 1987.

She was the Martin County Deputy Treasurer for one term, then worked at the Jasper Laundry, at Newberry's and most recently at the Dollar General.

She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church at the Dubois Crossroads, where she was a member of the W-ELCA and the choir. She enjoyed doing word searches and enjoyed being a seamstress and doing embroidery.

Surviving are two sisters, Jeanette Beard of Columbus, Ohio and Dorthea Krukmeyer of Pemberville, Ohio; one brother,



MARGARET NEUKAM

er, John (Marlene) Mann of Dubois, and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death besides her husband, are an infant daughter, two sisters, Lydia Braun and an infant, Mary Jane Mann, and two brothers, Rev. Luther Mann and Hilbert Mann.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, October 26 at St. John's Lutheran Church at the Crossroads in Dubois with burial following in the church cemetery. Pastor Timothy Fleece officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church at the Dubois Crossroads or to a favorite charity.

Online condolences may be made at www.becherkluesner.com.

MARTHA HAMILTON

Martha Hamilton, formerly of Loogootee, passed away Sunday, October 31, 2021, at McCormick's Creek Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center. A resident of Loogootee, she was 66.



MARTHA HAMILTON

She was previously employed by GE for 30 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Victor and Anna Jean Mathias and sister, Patricia Mathias.

Martha is survived by her husband, Alex Hamilton of Bloomington; daughters, Erin McGhee (Jeff Eads) of Carmel, Angie Gentry (Derek Jarrard) of Bloomington and Andrea Hamilton (Jeremy Martin) of Bloomington; grandchildren, Haley, Spencer, Shaun, Brenden, Tyler, Krista and Lisa McGhee, Caelan Hamilton and Kira

er, John (Marlene) Mann of Dubois, and several nieces and nephews.

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Curran; three great-grandchildren; brother, Rick (Lisa) Mathias of Loogootee; and nieces and nephew, Vickie Mathias, Cassie Mathias and Tanner Mathias.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Tuesday, November 9 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee, officiated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker. Burial will follow in St. John Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, November 9 from 10 a.m. until the time of service at the church.

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

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee is honored to serve the family of Martha Hamilton.

TERRY SINGER

Terry Singer passed away at 9:07 a.m. Friday, October 29, 2021, at his home. A resident of Loogootee, he was 62.

He was born March 23, 1959, in Huntington; son of the late Ralph and Rosalee (Thacker) Singer.

Terry loved baseball and the New York Yankees. He was a jokester and enjoyed dancing.

Terry loved being a PowPow to his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Rosalee (Thacker) Singer and brothers-in-law, Merv Egloff and Gary Blaize.

Terry is survived by his wife of 24 years, Lois Singer of Loogootee; children, Keith Singer of Bicknell, Kody Singer of Evansville, Lisa (Alphonso) Gantt of Annapolis, Maryland and Randy Johnson of Mitchell; 13 grandchildren; siblings, Gordon (Georgeann) Singer, Rick (Julie) Singer, Gary (Rita) Singer, Don Singer, Charlene Egloff, Peggy Blaize and Phyllis Roberts.

No funeral service will be held.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Dementia Society of America. Donate online at www.dementiasociety.org/donate

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

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee is honored to serve the family of Terry Singer.

COMMISSIONERS

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\$20,000. The commissioners approved all three policies.

Commissioner George reported that he and Sheriff Roush are still working on getting two appraisals for property they are interested in purchasing on behalf of the county, near the jail. They currently only have one appraisal and two are required. County Attorney Dave Lett said they may have to reach out further for an appraiser if the local ones do not get back to them.

Auditor Bobbie Abel asked the commissioners if they wanted to approve Juneteenth (June 19) as a holiday for county employees. Juneteenth is celebrated as the freedom of slaves at the end of the Civil War and was recently approved by President Joe Biden as a federal holiday. Commissioner Cody Roush said he is not in favor of approving it as a holiday. County Attorney Lett said the Indiana Legislature has not met since the holiday was approved federally. Commissioner George said that until they hear from the state, they will not include it in the holiday schedule for the county.

Marilyn McCullough, with Thompson Insurance, Ed and Alyssa Kerns, with Kerns Insurance, and Bridget Redmon and Ky Yarling, with ISU Insurance and Investments and Colonial Life, talked to the commissioners about becoming the county's agent of record for health, life and optional insurance. Auditor Abel said the rates are basically the same, the commissioners just need to decide on which company they would like to have serve the county. Each company gave a presentation and the commissioners decided to wait until next meeting to pick an agent so Commissioner Summers can vote too.

Alliance Director Angie Risacher said she would like to change the redevelopment commission meetings to more than quarterly next year due to the projects she is working on. She said they can discuss it at their January commission meeting.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25

12:19 a.m. - Received a report of tree down north of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

6:00 a.m. - Received a report of an accident near Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

8:35 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:10 a.m. - Received a report of disabled vehicle north of Shoals. Major Keller responded.

12:29 p.m. - Sergeant Gibson assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock in Loogootee.

12:35 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:09 p.m. - Sergeant Gibson assisted a motorist near Shoals with a vehicle identification check.

1:31 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 dial.

1:57 p.m. - Sergeant Gibson assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock in Loogootee.

2:16 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:22 p.m. - Received an animal complaint call north of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson was advised.

7:53 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire, Loogootee Police and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:44 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett and Sergeant Gibson were advised.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

3:41 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant McBeth responded.

9:06 a.m. - Received a report of traffic hazard in Loogootee. INDOT and Loogootee Police were notified.

9:31 a.m. - Corporal Seymour took one inmate to court.

10:30 a.m. - Corporal Seymour took one inmate to court.

11:08 a.m. - Corporal Seymour took three inmates to court.

12:24 p.m. - Received a report of traffic hazard south of Shoals. Major Keller responded.

12:33 p.m. - Received a report of tree down west of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

1:19 p.m. - Received a report of an accident west of Loogootee. Loogootee Police, Major Keller, ISP Trooper Lents and Martin County Ambulance responded, but did not transport.

1:21 p.m. - Corporal Seymour took two inmates to court.

1:25 p.m. - Received an animal complaint south of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was advised.

2:22 p.m. - Corporal Seymour took two inmates to court.

3:34 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

4:39 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:05 p.m. - Received a request for welfare check in Loogootee. Major Keller responded.

8:10 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Crane. Crane Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported

to Daviess Community Hospital.

11:21 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Means and Sergeant Gibson responded.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

6:55 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:54 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock in Shoals.

2:35 p.m. - Loogootee Officer Wells assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock in Loogootee.

4:42 p.m. - Received a report of car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson responded.

5:10 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

6:44 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driver south of Loogootee. All Martin County units were advised.

10:00 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious person east of Shoals. Captain Reed and Sergeant Gibson responded.

10:33 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

11:30 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Crane Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

12:24 a.m. - Received a report of suspicious person in Shoals. Captain Reed responded.

7:35 a.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn south of Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Floyd and Chief Deputy Greene responded.

9:34 a.m. - Corporal Seymour took one inmate to court.

10:47 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:20 p.m. - Corporal Seymour took three inmates to court.

1:26 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:30 p.m. - Corporal Seymour took two inmates to court.

2:35 p.m. - Received a dog complaint south of Shoals. Deputy Hawkins was advised.

2:44 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:41 p.m. - Received dog complaint in Shoals. Deputy Hawkins was advised.

3:50 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene, Deputy Hawkins and Town Marshal Eckert responded.

4:46 p.m. - Received a report of tree down south of Loogootee. Civil Defense responded.

5:14 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

6:21 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Shoals. Deputy Hawkins and Town Marshal Eckert were advised.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

2:09 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

4:55 a.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

8:58 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Floyd, ISP Trooper Beaver, Loogootee Fire Department, Martin County Ambulance responded.

10:39 a.m. - Received a cow complaint north of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was advised.

11:09 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

11:57 a.m. - Received a report of car-deer accident east of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

4:13 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:37 p.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Loogootee. Deputy Hawkins responded.

5:30 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

5:33 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious vehicles south of Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert was advised.

6:33 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

6:40 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Police were notified.

7:16 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious person in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert was notified.

7:55 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

9:50 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Crane Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

2:19 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

4:36 a.m. - Received a report of tree down south of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

4:36 a.m. - Received a report of a mud slide east of Shoals. INDOT was notified.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

9:22 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour and Deputy Hawkins responded.

9:36 a.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn north of Loogootee.

10:53 a.m. - Received a report of a disturbance southeast of Shoals. Deputy Hawkins responded.

1:28 p.m. - Received a report of a fire in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

1:42 p.m. - Loogootee Officer Seymour assisted with a funeral detail in Loogootee.

4:31 p.m. - Deputy Hawkins assisted a motorist in Loogootee with vehicle unlock.

3:47 p.m. - Received seven accidental 911 calls over the next five hours.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

12:06 a.m. - Received a report of suspicious person north of Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

1:35 a.m. - Received a report of an alarm west of Shoals. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

4:47 a.m. - Received a report of an accident southwest of Shoals. Deputy Wells, Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded, but did not transport.

10:15 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

12:51 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driver near Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

1:26 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

2:16 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driver south of Loogootee. Loogootee Police and Deputy Hawkins were advised.

2:24 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance northeast of Shoals. Indian Creek Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to IU Health in Bedford.

3:06 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to IU Health in Bedford.

3:09 p.m. - Received a report of an accident southeast of Shoals. Deputy Hawkins and Town Marshal Eckert responded.

3:17 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Daviess County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Daviess County Hospital.

4:55 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

6:19 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

6:47 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident north of Shoals. Deputy Shaw responded.

10:13 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Deputy Shaw and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

11:20 p.m. - Received a report of car-deer accident near Loogootee. Deputy Shaw responded.

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Nominations for new directors for East Perry and Mitcheltree townships will be accepted before December 3rd at the East Fork office located at 213 S. Main Street in Shoals, Indiana. Fifteen or more members may make nominations for new directors in writing, by certified mail, or personal delivery. The annual meeting will be held January 31st, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. and nominees will be voted upon at that meeting. All members are invited to attend.

COURT NEWS

Persons listed on criminal charges are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

CRIMINAL COURT New Charges Filed September 30

Nathan Hoffman, domestic battery, a Level 6 Felony; domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor.

October 1

Jessica Lynn Foll, resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor.

October 4

Jarle Castro-Ruiz, knowingly or intentionally operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Kelly E. Winger, burglary, a Level 4 Felony; residential entry, a Level 6 Felony; theft, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Julie E. Lents, operating a vehicle after being a habitual traffic offender, a Level 6 Felony.

Timothy Warren Keathley, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Issac D. Davis, two counts of intimidation, Level 6 Felonies; domestic battery by bodily waste, a Class A Misdemeanor; invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor.

October 5

Nathan D. Hoffman, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor.

October 15

Issac D. Davis, invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor.

October 18

Donald L. Hawkins, intimidation, a Level 6 Felony; domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor; theft, a Class A Misdemeanor; invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Charles A. Vahl, resisting law enforcement, a Level 6 Felony; reckless driving, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Dakota M. Priddy, residential entry, a Level 6 Felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor; intimidation, a Class A Misdemeanor.

October 19

Blaine J. Laughlin, nonsupport of a dependent child, a Level 5 Felony.

Hayden D. Burton, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor.

October 25

Carl E. Wiscaver, Sr., operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Shelly Anne Myers, operating a vehicle while intoxicated with prior conviction within 7 years, a Level 6 Felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Level 6 Felony.

October 26

James D. (Hunt) Sears, two counts of battery by bodily waste, Level 6 Felonies; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor; criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor.

CRIMINAL JUDGMENTS AND SENTENCING

October 22

Jeremiah T. Thomas, convicted of providing false information to DNR, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 0 days. Defendant's hunting license shall be suspended for one year from Septem-

ber 23, 2021.

Arturo Yanez Peza, convicted of driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 365 days suspended.

Bradley S. Williams, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 364 days with 360 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

October 25

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

October 26

Jared R. Butcher, possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

October 18

Creditone, LLC vs. Jerry Sanders, civil collection.

October 20

Crane Credit Union vs. Ryan Persinger, civil collection.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

October 21

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff LVNV Funding, LLC and against the defendant Tammy Nelson in the amount of \$1,474.23.

October 25

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Eagle Finance Company and against the defendant Ami Slaubaugh in the amount of \$1,829.56.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT New Suits Filed

October 19

Family Dental Care vs. Ray Bishop, complaint.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

October 21

Kevin James Byron of Loogootee and Nina Deanne Cook of Loogootee.

October 22

Anthony Shane Wilson of Shoals and Amanda Sue Wilson of Shoals.

October 25

Jordan Avery Whitaker of Thomasville, North Carolina and Jarilyn Michelle Gibson of Shoals.

ARRESTS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

11:56 p.m. - Taylor Kavenaugh, 28, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Wells and charged with escape and possession of a firearm by a serious violent felon. He is being held without bond.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

2:16 a.m. - Aaron Johnson, 26, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Wells and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated with a prior, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangerment and reckless driving. Bond was set at \$15,000 10%.

11:26 p.m. - Jacob Friede, 34, of Bedford, was arrested by Loogootee Officer McBeth and charged with dealing marijuana, possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. Bond was set at \$10,000 10%.

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Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25

2:22 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Byron Street.

7:48 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on South Oak Street.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

3:41 a.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a civil disturbance on North JFK Avenue.

9:15 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department assisted with traffic control at US 231 North and US 50 intersection due to the traffic light not functioning.

11:30 a.m. - Chief Floyd assisted with a funeral procession.

1:24 p.m. - Chief Floyd and first responders were dispatched to a personal injury accident on US 50 West.

11:23 p.m. - Officer Means completed a welfare check in Redwing Trailer Court.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

3:00 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of a delivery.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

7:35 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department checked a report of a fire on US 231 South.

12:51 p.m. - Complainant on station to report harassment.

2:47 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on South Oak Street.

6:15 p.m. - Officer Means responded to a report of a reckless driver nearing Loogootee on US 50 West.

gootee on US 50 West.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

8:51 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call in Lyon Court.

10:31 a.m. - Chief Floyd responded to a domestic dispute on Cooper Street.

11:21 a.m. - Chief Floyd and first responders were dispatched to a medical call on Terrace Drive.

4:16 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Cedar Street.

5:12 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a noise complaint.

6:35 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Cedar Street.

6:45 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a report of a possible impaired driver in the area of Country Place Apartments.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

1:30 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department was dispatched to a report of a smoke alarm sounding at a residence on East Main Street.

2:15 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a report of a domestic disturbance on Truelove Drive.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

9:03 a.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle parked outside of a local business.

3:31 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call at Lark Ranch.

10:36 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle.

Martin County real estate transfers

Jim Cook and Joyce Cook, of Martin County, Indiana to **James P. Cook**, Trustee of the Jim Cook and Joyce Cook Irr. MAP Trust, part of the west half of the northeast quarter of Section 3, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2.5143 acres, more or less.

Robert L. Henderson, of Martin County, Indiana to **Donald E. Kerr and Teri J. Kerr**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of Section 35, Township 4 North, Range 4 West, situated in Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 18 acres, more or less.

Jim Cook and Joyce Cook, of Martin County, Indiana to **James P. Cook**, Trustee of the Jim Cook and Joyce Cook Irr. MAP Trust, part of the west half of the northeast quarter of Section 3, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 4.521 acres, more or less. A part of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 3, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, containing 1.5 acres, more or less.

Jennifer L. Swartzentruber, f/k/a Jennifer L. Mathies, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jennifer L. Swartzentruber**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 22 in Summers, Cannon and Crane Addition to the City of Loogootee, Martin County, Indiana.

N.J. Warner, of Martin County, Indiana to **Norma C. Hughes**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of Lot Number 51 in the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Trustees of the Loogootee Church of Christ, of Martin County, Indiana to **Delmar R. Yoder and Geneva Yoder**, of Daviess County, Indiana, Lot Number 6 and the south one-half of Lot Number 5 in Block "F" of the Loogootee Land Company Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Norma C. Hughes, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jayson D. Swartz**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a portion of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing .40 acres, more or less.

Stephen D. Sorrells and Gaye E. Sorrells, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Travis L. Davis and Angel L. Davis**, of Martin County, Indiana, ten acres in a strip of even width from east to west off of the west side of that part of the east half of the southwest quarter of Section

1, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, which lies north of the New Albany and Vincennes Road, now known as the State Highway 550.

Joseph M. Troutman and Kristina N. Troutman, of Martin County, Indiana to **Clifford S. Goodman and Kari L. Goodman**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 36 in the Town of Shoals, Indiana.

Sandra A. (Mattox) Ray, of Martin County, Indiana to **Rebecca Yoder**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 31, Township 5 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.17 acres. Also, part of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 31, Township 5 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.92 acres.

Eric J. Andrews, of Martin County, Indiana to **Paige A. Andrews**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 6, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.28 acres, more or less.

Justin M. Andis, of Martin County, Indiana to **Scott Wood and Debra L. Wood**, of Johnson County, Indiana, 1.70 acres in Section 4, Township 2 North, Range 3 West.

Martin County Two, LLC, of Indiana to **Westgate III, LLC**, of Indiana, part of the south half of the west half of the northwest quarter of Section 6, Township 5 North, Range 4 West of the second principal meridian, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 3.101 acres, more or less. More commonly known as 14064 SGM Gene Shaw Technology Drive, Crane IN 47522.

James H. Purkiser and Mary B. Purkiser, of Martin County, Indiana to **Nathan King**, of Marion County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 12, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, containing 5.3 acres, more or less.

Westgate Five, LLC, of Indiana to **Westgate V, LLC**, of Indiana, part of the northwest quarter of Section 6, Township 5 North, Range 4 West, situated in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, more commonly known as 27582 SGM Gene Shaw Technology Drive, Crane IN 47522.

More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



IN HONOR OF ALL VETERANS:

The following was sent to me by my good friend, Beth, and I immediately wanted to share it with you. I had the honor of visiting the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery in Washington, D.C. It was an awesome and inspiring experience. Here are some interesting facts:

1. How many steps does the guard take during his walk across the Tomb of the Unknowns and why?

21 steps: It alludes to the twenty-one-gun salute which is the highest honor given any military or foreign dignitary.

2. How long does he hesitate after his about face to begin his return walk and why? 21 seconds for the same reason as answer number 1.

3. Why are his gloves wet? His gloves are moistened to prevent his losing his grip on the rifle.

4. Does he carry his rifle on the same shoulder all the time and, if not, why not?

He carries the rifle on the shoulder away from the tomb. After his march across the path, he executes an about face and moves the rifle to the outside shoulder.

5. How often are the guards changed? Guards are changed every thirty minutes, twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year.

6. What are the physical traits of the guard limited to? For a person to apply for guard duty at the tomb, he must be between 5'10" and 6'2" tall and his waist size cannot exceed 30.

They must commit two years of life to guard the tomb, live in a barracks under the tomb, and cannot drink any alcohol on or off duty for the rest of their lives. They cannot swear in public for the rest of their lives and cannot disgrace the uniform or the tomb in any way.

After two years, the guard is given a wreath pin that is worn on his lapel signifying he served as guard of the tomb. There are only 400 presently worn. The guards must obey these rules for the rest of their lives or give up the wreath pin.

The shoes are specially made with very thick soles to keep the heat and cold from their feet. There are metal heel plates that extend to the top of the shoe in order to make the loud click as they come to a halt.

There are no wrinkles, folds or lint on the uniform. Guards dress for duty in front of a full-length mirror.

The first six months of duty a guard cannot talk to anyone nor watch TV. All off duty time is spent studying the 175 notable people laid to rest in Arlington

National Cemetery. A guard must memorize who they are and where they are interred. Among the notables are: President Taft, Joe Lewis (the boxer), Medal of Honor winner Audie L. Murphy, the most decorated soldier of WWII and of Hollywood fame. Every guard spends five hours a day getting his uniforms ready for guard duty.

In 2003 as Hurricane Isabelle was approaching Washington, D.C. our U.S. Senate/House took two days off with anticipation of the storm. On the ABC Evening News, it was reported that because of the dangers from the hurricane, the military members assigned the duty of guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier were given permission to suspend the assignment. They respectfully declined the offer, "No way, Sir!" soaked to the skin, marching in the pelting rain of a tropical storm, they said that guarding the Tomb was not just an assignment, it was the highest honor that can be afforded to a service person. The tomb has been patrolled continuously, 24/7, since 1930.

The father of a good friend, Rick Graves, outstanding teacher and coach at Loogootee High School, served as a guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in 1953-54. If you would like to send him a card to honor his service, this is his address: Albert Graves, 150 Fox Ridge, Apt. 15, Vincennes, Indiana, 47591.

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Each year the Daviess-Martin Fraternal Order of Police sponsors a Cops and Kids program (formerly Shop with a Cop). This program helps local Head Start children have a brighter Christmas. With help from you, Cops and Kids can provide them with needed items such as clothing, coats, shoes and some toys. No donation is too small.

All money raised is used for the children's purchases. The shopping day will be on December 16.

For more information about this program contact Sheriff Travis Roush at 812-247-3726, Chief Deputy Sheriff Josh Greene at 812-247-3726, Loogootee Chief of Police Jim Floyd at 812-295-2246, or Deb Terry or DeAnna Porter at 812-295-4700.

Donations may be mailed to the following address: COPS AND KIDS c/o Head Start, 401 South Oak Street, Loogootee, IN 47553

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

St. Vincent Food Pantry

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, on Park Street in Loogootee, is open the fourth Thursday of the month except November and December when they are open the third Thursday. The hours are 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m.

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.

Mental Health Task Force

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

Celebrate Recovery meetings

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

Local recovery meetings

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

Free lunch for kids

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

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Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

Soil and Water meetings

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

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser,
Purdue University Master Gardener

Last week, we began a discourse on raised beds. We discussed the advantages of beds of different heights and noted that a raised bed of any height allows the gardener to control the type of soil in which he or she will garden. As promised, this week we will look at bed shapes and building materials.

Raised beds may be built using a variety of materials. Of course, wooden beds come to mind first. Beds may be constructed as boxes, or they may be built using metal or plastic corners that accept boards of a certain size. Railroad ties are often used to construct raised beds, but I do not recommend using the ties for beds where edible crops will be raised. The creosote will leach into the soil and could contaminate your food. The same goes for treated lumber. While the treated lumber available now is not made using dangerous chemicals, I am personally still leery of using it for vegetables. I have always used cedar or fir boards. I have some beds made of native red cedar lumber that have been in use for more than a decade and are still in pretty good shape.

I also have several metal beds. Some are old metal stock tanks that have been transformed into beds. Others were bought as raised bed kits. The metal beds are also holding up well. Old tires, especially tractor tires with the sidewalls cut out, have been used for raised beds on farms as long as tractors have been used. It is good recycling, and the heavy tires were often the only way to protect ornamentals from the mowers.

Several types of plastic beds have been introduced on the market. Some snap together like fake lumber. Others are molded into specific shapes. There are even some plastic grow bags that have been introduced that can be filled with soil and used as free-standing beds. They range in size from containers for a few plants to beds as large as twelve feet long. The

problem with plastic beds is that plastic tends to grow brittle after being out in the weather for a short time. String trimmers also may destroy a bed.

Straw bales may be used to construct beds. In the past, I have dedicated a column to straw-bale gardens, so I will not go into details here. However, the drawback with straw bales is that they will only last a couple of seasons.

For something a little more permanent, beds may be constructed using concrete blocks, bricks and natural stone. Capstones may be used to form seating atop the concrete blocks, allowing one to tend the bed from a seated position.

Finally, one may build a raised bed or berm using just soil. The soil is mounded in the center of the bed and tapered down to the level of the surrounding ground. Sometimes, edging may be added to hold the soil in place.

Whatever material used, the size of a bed is important. A raised bed should be narrow enough to be cultivated without stepping into the bed. I usually like to keep beds no more than four feet wide. If the bed is against some surface and must be tended from only one side, I keep it to no more than two feet.

Beds may be made in any shape. Squares and rectangles are more formal and orderly. Most vegetable gardeners tend to use rectangular beds, often creating rows of similar size and shape. Curved lines are less formal and are more relaxing. Kidney-shaped beds are common, but beds may take any shape to fit in the overall landscape. Go ahead and site a bed or two for next year. Use a garden hose or some rope to lay out the shape before covering the ground with cardboard. You may use scrap lumber, rocks or other items to hold the cardboard in place until you cover it with the soil. Building your bed now will give you a good head start next spring, when the beds will be ready for plants.



Grazing Bites

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I've mentioned before that I'm often lacking one of three things - time, energy or money. Some days, I believe it is all three. I've had a very challenging year multiple ways but have been lucky to have had timely and sufficient soil moisture for most of the season and that, in itself, creates opportunities. That said, I apologize for the blessings that others did not receive.

I regret now not measuring growth over the season. It just didn't happen. I know yield wise; it was a phenomenal year. Regrowth after grazing events was quicker than normal and keeping up with the forage was almost impossible at times. I have two paddocks that were grazed so fast that you would never know that they were grazed by looking at them. They continued to be skipped over the season because it was hard enough keeping everything else in check.

Those skipped paddocks will make good, stockpiled forage along with fields that also have enough regrowth to graze again. We've also been blessed this fall with extraordinary mild weather for the season - well, up until recently. My first major frost in 2020 was October 16. It is late October as I write this and so far, I have not had a frost of any significance yet, but I know it's coming soon.

What is the real difference between a frost and a freeze? When water vapor condenses and freezes without first becoming dew, a thin layer of ice crystals form - this is frost. It generally has to be below 36 degrees to frost and include clear skies, moisture present and little wind. Plant tissue can be impacted, but not as severely as a freeze.

When the surface air temperature falls to 32 degrees or below, you have a freeze. Generally, if it is above 29 degrees, it is a light freeze that can kill most tender plants. If it is below 28 degrees, then it is considered a killing freeze or hard freeze - this freeze kills annuals and initiates shutdown of hardy perennials. After three hard freezes, most winter hardy perennial forages are dormant.

Forages going dormant is significant. USDA-NRCS defines stockpiling as 'allowing standing forage to accumulate for grazing at a later period, often for fall and winter grazing after dormancy.' The key word here is dormancy.

Once dormant, they can be grazed with less harm to energy reserves. Forage plants are sensitive to grazing in the fall. That is why I usually promote the use of annuals or crop residue, or ideally the combination of the two in the early fall. It allows the pastures to recuperate and build reserves.

If you don't have annuals or crop residues to graze, then you always have the option of feeding hay for a while and then going back to grazing. Yes - that sounds a bit crazy. Why would I feed hay when I still have grass that could be grazed? Two reasons. Number one, you don't want to hurt plant reserves impacting the stand for next year's growth. Number two, you can potentially gain a lot more growth if moisture and fertility is in check with the increasing green solar panel.

There are times or situations when grazing prior to dormancy or a killing freeze is what is needed. If you want to suppress spring growth, then grazing hard prior to dormancy can be beneficial. If you are frost-seeding clover into the field later this winter, this suppression of the grasses in the spring provides a longer window for the clover to grow and become established due to reducing the competition of the existing perennial grasses. I've also

found fields that have become dominantly grass, especially a monoculture of tall fescue, can be grazed hard prior to early fall pre-dormancy and, if a good seed bank is present, you can have increased diversity - more clover the following year.

Utilize less freeze tolerant forages first. Orchardgrass loses value fairly quickly after several heavy frosts and literally falls apart after several hard freezes. Tall fescues hold their value a long time and are the easiest and most ideal for long term stockpiling so save them for last.

With frosts and freezing conditions, we do need to remember that some warm-season forages such as sudangrass and sorghum-Sudan hybrids, and johnsongrass produce a cyanide compound when frosted, causing the production of the prussic acid. Once these forages are frosted, livestock should be removed for at least two weeks to allow for the forages to "dry down" and the prussic acid to dissipate before grazing again. Frosted areas could start with only "pockets" in a field. Any regrowth from the base of the plant after a frost can also be very high in prussic acid. It is just safer to avoid until forages are brown and dry - if in doubt, test before grazing.

I highly recommend strip grazing the stockpiled forage once you start grazing it. If you have three sets of reels with poly-wire on them, enough step-in posts and connectors, you are in business. You generally want three sets. One set for that first break wire. The second set is for a back fence if needed. The third set is for the next day's move and it's always better to have that set up ahead of time. There is nothing like a group of impatient hungry cows complaining that you aren't setting up that new fence fast enough. If you already have it set up and just need to open it up to them then they won't care how long it takes you to move it for the next day. If you don't believe me, ask the cows. We'll try and discuss allocating that forage out next month.

If you do not have portable water, then they may have to walk over where they have been to get it. If this is the case, start on the water end of the paddock and be watchful of excessive trailing. Trailing will occur when the same path is used over and over and may disturb or destroy forages in the path and open the area up to erosion. When it is a problem, consider adding new water points in the future and reseed any disturbed areas.

Even after the forages become dormant, it is still better to not graze them too close. A little residual is always good. It certainly helps to slow runoff, increase infiltration of water, and it does speed up spring regrowth. Ideally, there should be at least two to three inches of residual left. Opening the gates and letting the cows roam freely all winter may make the cows feel adventurous and free but can hurt forage yields in the long run.

I challenge everyone to extend the time frame that they are grazing. It is certainly possible to graze a very long time and reduce the amount of feed needed. Livestock numbers have to be in balance with your forage base to do so. That forage base can include corn residue, fall or winter hardy annuals, and hay aftermath once dormant. Grazing is generally cheaper than most anything that you might feed; most nutrients are returned back to the soil where they were removed; and there is usually less mud to deal with over winter.

Remember, it's not about maximizing a grazing event, but maximizing a grazing season! Keep on grazing!



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Community Foundation announces 2021 grant recipients

The Martin County Community Foundation Board of Directors awarded \$115,036 to 16 organizations through the 2021 MCCF Impact Grant Cycle. Organizations were able to apply for boost grants, up to \$2,000 each, or for larger impact grants. The largest impact grants were \$19,209 awarded to the City of Loogootee for an event stage, and \$20,000 awarded to Daviess-Martin Joint Co. Parks & Recreation for critical maintenance at the Lakeview Golf Course. Grantee organizations received their grant checks from members of the board in October; videos of the presentations may be viewed at www.cfpartner.org.

The Community Foundation is governed by a volunteer board whose mission is to improve the quality of life in Martin County for this generation and generations to come. The Community Foundation accepts and manages individual and business contributions made to permanent endowments, some of which fund the annual grant cycle.

The 2021 grant cycle was funded by the Kenny and Ruth Greenwell Family Fund, Rich and Judy Kluesner Fund, Courter Family Fund, Tri-Kappa of Loogootee-Shoals Community Grants Fund, John T. and Elizabeth J. Chattin Community Fund, Michael B. and Beth A. Lett Fund, German American Bancorp Community Fund, Ken and Juanita Crane Fund, Expectant Mothers Assistance Fund, Old National Bank Unrestricted Fund, Donald and Janett Walton Fund, George M. and Barbara Cropp Fund, Smithville Charitable Foundation Fund, Leo Harding Family Unrestricted Fund, Loogootee Community Performing Arts & Cultural Events Fund, Gregory Family Humanitarian Fund, Al and Helen Friesenhengst Fund, Crane Credit Union Fund, Sarah Bowling Fuhrman Fund for Youth, Jeff and Nancy Meyer Fund, Wendell Bough Family Fund, and the Joseph and Mary Lannan Family Fund.

The MCCF Grants Committee, which makes grant recommendations to the board, is comprised of select board members and Martin County community representatives. Jerry Braun, 2021 MCCF Grants Committee Chair, said "Even though the number of grant proposals were slightly down from last year, our committee found it extremely challenging. They did a wonderful job in making selections that will substantially impact Martin County. This year we decided to present the grants with a Grant Night at the Martin County Community Building where we took pictures and had some soup for them to take home. It was a small way for us to extend our appreciation for all of the good things that they are doing for our community. It was a very special night that we plan to continue in the future."

The Martin County Community Foundation is a public charity recognized by the IRS as 501(c)(3) 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. For more information about the Martin County Community Foundation contact Curt Johnson, Director, at (812) 295-1022.

2021 Boost Grant recipients and projects include:

Family Life Service – Nurse Skills Assessment

Martin County 4-H Club Council – Delta

Martin County Historical Society – Portable Displays

2021 Impact Grant recipients and projects include:

American Legion Post 61 – Seeing Success

City of Loogootee – Festival and Event Stage

City of Loogootee – Community Pride Continued

City of Loogootee – K9 Officer Safety and Protection

Daviess -Martin Joint County Parks and Recreation – Lakeview Golf Course Life-line

Loogootee Musical – LHS Musical – "Let there be light"

Loogootee Musical – Lights, Camera, Action

Loogootee Public Library – Community Room Innovations

Loogootee United Methodist Church – Martin County Toy Store

New Beginnings Community Church – NBCC Children's Lunches

Shoals Volunteer Fire Department – SCBA Bottle Upgrade

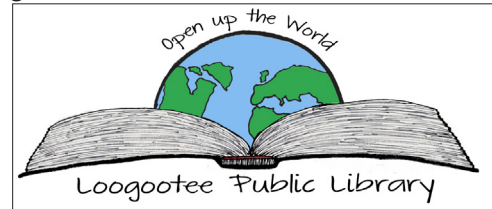
Town of Shoals – Let's Light Up "Shoals"

Shoals Community School Corporation – JugRox Robotics League Play 2021

Shoals Jr./Sr. High School – New Scoreboards

Shoals Shop Class – Animal Handling Facility

Shoals Public Library – Youth Programs, Clubs and Activities



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The library will be closed on Thursday, November 11, 2021 for Veteran's Day.

On Tuesday, November 16, from 3:30 p.m.-7 p.m., the Roasted Bean Coffee Company will be at the new library at 504 Park Street. Also, the library will offer a Coffee and Canvas program taught by Tyler Walton starting at 6:30 p.m. The program is free, but participants are encouraged to buy their specialty coffee or hot chocolate at the Roasted Bean Coffee truck. Pre-registration is required, and is limited to 20. Call the library to get your name on the list.

Fun programs for kids are scheduled this month on Saturdays, November 13 and 20 at 11 a.m. During the week, Lego playtime is on Thursdays and craft time is on Fridays.

New Books:

Fiction "The Stranger in the Lifeboat" by Mitch Albom.

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



New uniforms

-Photo provided

The Loogootee Junior High School Girls' Basketball team was facing starting a new season with uniforms that were old and typically didn't fit the size of the girls that age. The Martin County Community Foundation heard of their efforts to buy new uniforms for the junior high athletes and awarded a \$500 "Make My Day" Grant to help them with the purchases. Pictured from left to right are MCCF Board member Phillip Smith presenting the check to Junior High Coach Jayme Toy and High School Coach Brian Smith.

Somewhere In Between: Charity arts festival in support of Middle Way House

Nick Comer, a local indie filmmaker, will be hosting an arts festival to benefit Middle Way House, Inc. from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. November 13 at The FAR Center for Contemporary Arts in Bloomington. This event, "Somewhere In Between," will feature art of all mediums from local, Indiana University (IU) alum and IU student artists. The evening begins at 5 p.m. where guests can peruse showcases set up by some of Bloomington's most creative individuals. Around 5:30 p.m., live performances from local poets, dancers, and musicians will begin. At 7 p.m., a mini film festival will take place to end the night with some of IU's finest filmmakers, including the premiere of Nick Comer's newest art film, *Threesomes Are More Sad Than Fun (You, Yourself, and Me)*—an exploration into the cruel brutality of domestic violence. Guests can also purchase refreshments and alcohol, raffle tickets for a gift basket full of items from local businesses, and items from the artists themselves. All proceeds from the fundraiser will go to Middle Way House.

The FAR Center for Contemporary Arts is located at 505 W. 4th Street, Bloomington. The cost of admission is free, however there is a suggested donation of at least \$5-\$10.

If you would like more information about this event, please visit <https://bit.ly/SIB-Fest> or contact Nick Comer at nickccomer@gmail.com.

About Middle Way House
Since 1971, Middle Way House has been providing services to people in crisis. Today, they provide supportive and empowering services for survivors of domestic abuse, sexual violence, stalking and human trafficking such as emergency shelter; a 24/7 help and crisis line; on-scene advocacy, transitional and permanent housing solutions; legal advocacy; support groups; personal advocacy; childcare and youth programs; and educational and prevention programs. Middle Way House serves six counties in southern Indiana (Monroe, Greene, Lawrence, Owen, Morgan, and Martin) and relies on a staff of 70 and a volunteer force of 300-plus to provide services to those experiencing abuse or assault. It is not necessary that an individual reside in their emergency shelter or transitional housing program to access their services. Middle Way House believes, supports, and affirms the identities of ALL survivors. For more information, please visit www.middlewayhouse.org. If you or someone you know is experiencing violence, Middle Way House is here for you on their confidential 24/7 help & crisis line, (812) 336-0846, and confidential help & crisis live chat, www.resourceconnect.com/mwh/chat. You are not alone, and you deserve to live a life free of violence.

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