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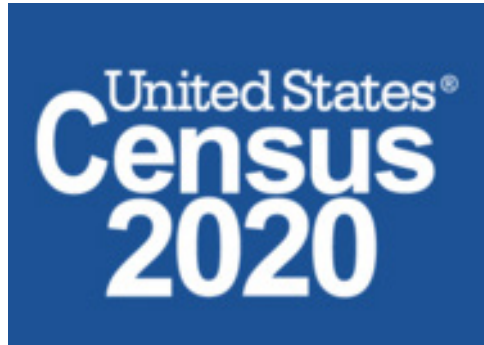
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## 2020 Census Committee hopes to increase county's response rate

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher



Martin County's voluntary response to the 2010 Census was just 71 percent. Ten years before that it was 73 percent. A committee was formed last year, chaired by Vickie Wathen, of Loogootee, to help improve the count. The committee consists of school teachers from Loogootee and Shoals, the Loogootee Mayor's office, the Loogootee Library Director, and members of the public. The goal of the committee is to increase Martin County's voluntary response rate, without requiring Census workers to track down residents to count. According to Wathen, education is the primary focus. Committee members will be posting flyers around the county, providing information at county festivals and events, and providing information to school children to take home to their parents.

In the past, it has been found that many do not voluntarily respond to the Census because they feel like their privacy is being violated. The Census Bureau is required, by law, to keep your information confidential. They cannot release any of the information, even to law enforcement or other government agencies, for any reason.

The data collected by the US Census determines how many state representatives each state gets in Congress and is used to draw district maps. It also determines federal funding for schools, roads, hospitals, etc., for the next 10 years. Without a proper count, funds may not be allocated correctly, because a true population count was not obtained.

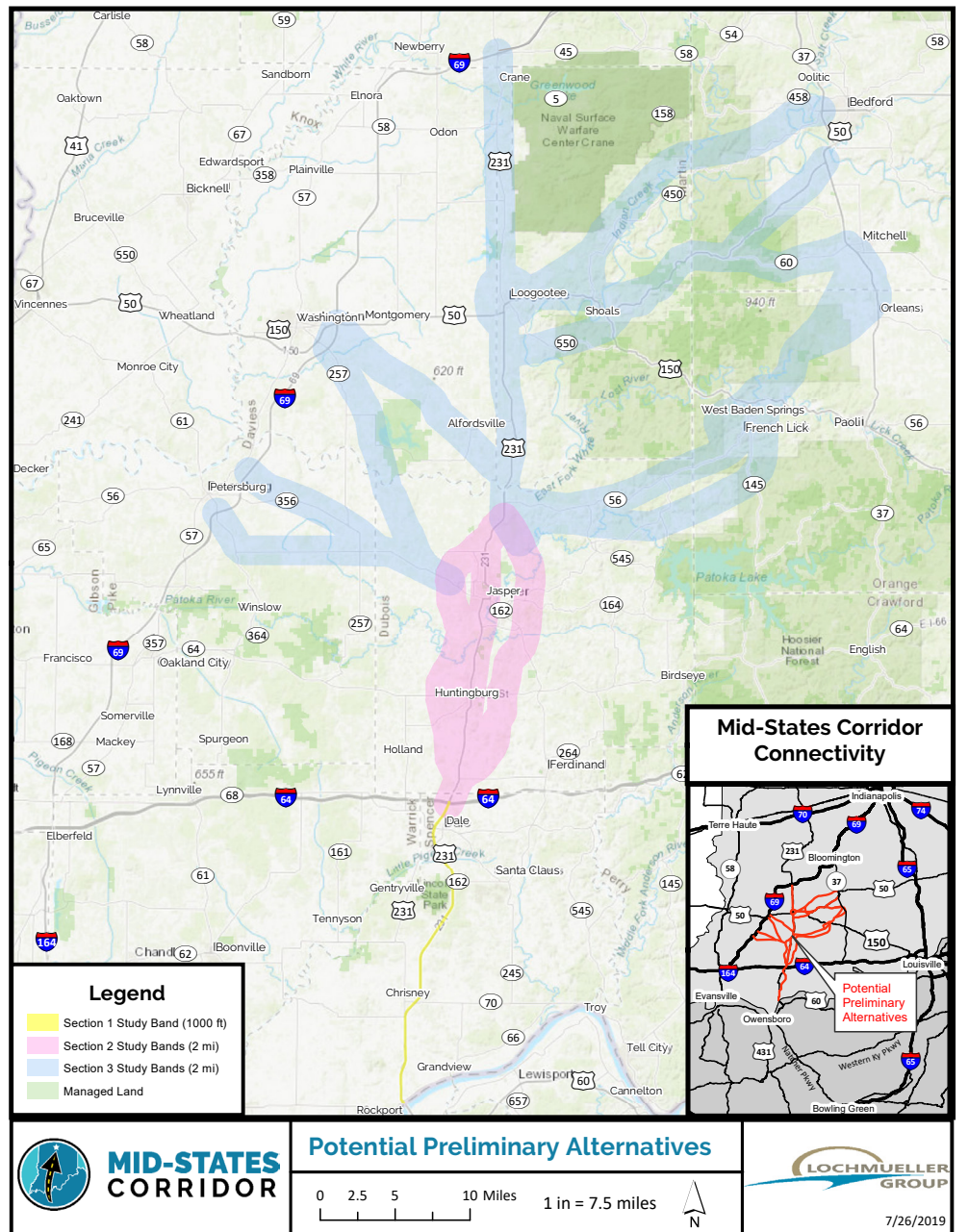
2020 Census questionnaires will be

mailed out in mid-March and include an invitation code to answer online. They can also be mailed in or answered via telephone. The official Census count day is April 1, 2020. Anyone not completing the questionnaire voluntarily, will receive a visit from a Census worker for a manual count. Data must be turned in to the President of the United States by December 31, 2020.

Questions on the form include: the number of people living in a household, names of each member of the household, along with their date of birth, race and sex; and what kind of home they live in.

In 2010, Daviess County's voluntary response rate was 79 percent and Dubois County's was 86 percent. Martin County's Complete Count Committee hopes to bypass those numbers for Martin County this year. The Census has been taken every ten years since 1790 and is mandated in Article 1, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution.

The Census Bureau is also hiring for census takers and office positions at the rate of \$18.50 per hour. For more information, visit <https://2020census.gov/en/jobs.html>. For more information on the 2020 Census, visit [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov).



## Public meeting scheduled for input on new highway plans

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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A public meeting will be held Tuesday, February 18 at Loogootee High School, from 5:30-8 p.m. to hear public input on the proposed Mid-States Corridor project.

The Mid-States Corridor is anticipated to begin at SR 66 near the William H. Natcher Bridge crossing the Ohio River at Rockport, continue generally through the Huntingburg and Jasper area and extend north to connect to Interstate 69. Once past the Jasper area, no decision has been made on the exact layout. The roadway could expand Highway 231 or Highway 50, both through Martin County, into a four-lane, interstate-type roadway. Other options are being considered as well. (See map above showing routes being considered.)

A project team will analyze and compare the benefits, impacts and costs of a range of reasonable options to identify a preferred corridor for the proposed facility. The study will include assessment of the social, economic and environmental impacts of each corridor, along with consideration of ways to avoid, minimize or mitigate those impacts.

Other public meetings include:  
Wednesday, February 19: Bedford Middle School, 1501 N St., Bedford

Thursday, February 20: Jasper Middle School, 3600 N. Portersville Rd., Jasper  
The public meetings are scheduled 5:30 to 7 p.m. ET and will feature an

open house format. A presentation is planned for 6 p.m. each night. Project team members will be at multiple stations to answer questions and questionnaires will be available to gather public input. Anyone with input on the project is encouraged to attend.

The preferred corridor is expected to be chosen by fall of this year with further public input and analysis being done through 2021.

For more information, visit [www.mid-statescorridor.com](http://www.mid-statescorridor.com) or the facebook page.

## Multiple arrests made after theft at O'Reilly's

On January 25, at approximately 10:04 a.m., Loogootee Police Officer Tony Dant, Martin County Sheriff's Office Deputy John Wright, and Indiana State Police Trooper Jarrod Lents responded to a possible theft in progress at O'Reilly Auto Parts in Loogootee. Employees at O'Reilly's reported that a male and female had just stolen items from their store. Officers located Cecorra Holt, 21, of Loogootee in Family Dollar and Dylan Bruner, 26, of Loogootee, in the parking lot. While investigating the theft, officers located stolen items from O'Reilly's and Family Dollar as well as methamphetamine, a controlled substance, marijuana, and paraphernalia in the vehicle that was being used for the theft. Cecorra Holt and Dylan Bruner were arrested and taken to the Martin County Security Center without incident.

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## Leadership trip

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On Monday January 27 some of the Martin County Leadership Program participants took a trip to the state Capitol building. The Daviess County Leadership Program attended as well. While there, the group took a tour of the building, sat thru general assembly sessions for the Senate and the House of Representatives. The group was also able to have lunch and visit Eric Bassler and Shane Lindauer. Shown in the front, from left to right, are Ryan Werden (DCL), Kathy Collins (MCL), Sierra Rutledge (MCL), and Bobbie Abel (MCL). In the second row, from left to right, are Kayla Siebert (DCL), Rhonda Rhumble (MCL), Emily Troutman (DCL), Eric Bassler, Shane Lindauer, Walt Henrichson (MCL), and Blake Kleaving (MCL). In the back row, from left to right, are Clint Mackey (DCL), Adam Thorne (DCL), Steve Walden (DCL), Jameson Hibbs (MCL), and Joel Montgomery (DCL).





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## Lion Cub donation

The Loogootee Lion Cub youth basketball program received a donation from Jeremy Payton, financial advisor with Edward Jones, for the first annual holiday shootout hosted in Loogootee on December 15, 2019 for grades K-4. Shown from left to right are Justin Carrico, K-4 Program Director; Jeremy Payton, with Edward Jones; and Ryan Haywood, Loogootee Boys' Basketball Head Coach.

## Current filings for 2020 Primary

The 2020 Primary Election will be held May 5, 2020.

Candidate filing ends on February 7, 2020 at noon. You can file at the Martin County Clerk's Office.

For more information, call the clerk's office at 812-247-3651.

The following are current candidate filings:

- Martin County Auditor  
Bobbie Abel (D)
- Martin County Coroner  
Tina Franklin (D)
- Martin County Recorder  
Rhonda Sanders (R)
- Martin County Surveyor  
No filings to date
- Martin County Treasurer  
Lori D. Carrico (R)

- Martin County Commissioner District 1  
Kevin Boyd (R)
- Cody Roush (R)
- Martin County Commissioner District 3  
Aaron "Moose" Summers (R)
- Martin County Council At Large - (3) positions open  
Richard Summers (D)
- Adam Greene (R)
- State Convention Delegates - Democrat (3); Republican (4)  
Gerald Montgomery (R)
- Leah Govea (R)
- Republican Precinct Committeemen - (1) each Precinct  
South Halbert - Gerald Montgomery
- Perry 1 - Carolyn S. McGuire
- Perry 5 - David A. Smith
- South Center - Dean Crandall

## ARRESTS

(Continued from page one)

Deputy Wright requested the assistance of Martin County Prosecutor Aureola Wright to apply for a search warrant for Cecorra Holt's residence, which was granted by the Honorable Martin County Circuit Court Judge Lynne E. Ellis.

Martin County Sheriff's Office Deputies Wright, Gibson, Greene, Wells, and Seymour; ISP Troopers Nolan and Henning; and Loogootee Police Officer McBeth assisted in executing the search warrant. During the search, officers detained Mark Payne, 31, of Loogootee and Jody Williams, 42, of Loogootee, who were inside the residence. Officers located additional methamphetamine, hypodermic needles, marijuana, and paraphernalia inside the residence. Mark Payne and Jody Williams were arrested and taken to the Martin County Security Center.

Shortly after, officers located Devaughn Mesarosh, 40, of Loogootee, who also lived at the residence; she was arrested and taken to the Martin County Security Center.

Arrested and charges:

Cecorra R. Holt was charged with theft, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor; maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 6 Felony; and unlawful possession of a hypodermic needle, a Level 6 Felony.

Dylan V. Bruner was charged with theft, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor; and visiting a common nuisance, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Mark A. Payne was charged with possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; unlawful possession of a hypodermic needle, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor; and maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 6 Felony.

Jody W. Williams was charged with possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; unlawful possession of a hypodermic needle, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor; and visiting a common nuisance, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Devaughn R. Mesarosh was charged with possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; unlawful possession of a hypodermic needle, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor; and maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 6 Felony.

All suspects are innocent, until proven guilty in a court of law.

### City to tag junk vehicles

Per Indiana State Law 9-13-2-1 and City of Loogootee ordinance 1989-1, the city will begin to tag abandoned, unused and junked vehicles. In accordance with both state law and city ordinance, a vehicle is determined to be abandoned if it falls under any of the following. Mechanically inoperable (it cannot be started and legally driven, i.e. flat tires, broken windows, no battery, license plate is expired or has no plate.) Vehicles will be tagged along the city street and upon private property. Vehicles can be deemed and construed to mean any and all motor vehicles. Once a vehicle is tagged, owner will have 20 days to comply and make the vehicle usable or the vehicle will be towed off the property. Abandoned vehicles on private property can be entirely hid from public view.

### Shoals Summer League sign-ups start February 8

Shoals Summer League will hold sign-ups at the Shoals School cafeteria on Saturday, February 8 and Saturday, February 15 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

This will be for all boys and girls who would like to play t-ball, baseball, or softball. The sign-up ages are from three years old to 12 years old by April 30.

Forms will be sent home with students or they will be available the day of sign ups.

If you have any questions, contact Ann Stewart at 812-709-9338.

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# OBITUARIES

## ROSCOE PETTY

Roscoe Petty passed away Sunday February 2, 2020 at his home. A resident of Shoals, he was 59.



ROSCOE PETTY

He was born on August 18, 1960 in Bedford; the son of Osmo C. and Violet Ruth (Holt) Petty.

Roscoe was a United States Army Veteran. He worked at Jasper Rubber as

a machine operator.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Osmo and Violet Ruth Petty; his son, Roscoe Petty; and his siblings, Berta Davis and Kenny Holt.

He is survived by his daughter, Michelle Petty of Terre Haute; his girlfriend, Alison Ryan; five grandchildren, his siblings, Osmo Petty, Brenda Jewell-Petty, Sandra (Pat) Sherfick, Viola Embree, Bobby Sherfick, Opal Mesarosh, Dianna Riker, and Tammie Bledsoe; children he helped care for, Taylor Ryan and Lewis Funk and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Online condolences can be made at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com). Arrangements provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

## ROBERTA COPELAND

Roberta L. Copeland passed away Monday February 3, 2020 at Loogootee Health and Rehab Center. A resident of Loogootee, she was 62.

She was born November 28, 1957 in Washington; daughter of the late Bill R. Cooper and Regina (Gibbs) Cooper. Roberta was a 1975 graduate of Shoals High School. She was a United States Army Veteran.

Roberta is preceded in death by her parents, Bill Cooper, Regina Cooper, and her maternal and paternal grandparents.

She is survived by her brother, Gerald (Karla) Cooper of Loogootee; her niece Ambyr (Dustin) Brosmer of Loogootee, and her great nephew, Cooper Brosmer.

Cremation was chosen according to her wishes. A private burial will be held at Pleasant Valley Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial contributions can be made in honor of Roberta to the Martin County Humane Society.

Online condolences can be made at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com).

## DAVID JOHNSON

David T. Johnson passed away Sunday, January 26, 2020 at his home. A resident of Crane, he was 60. He was born on October 30, 1959 in Minneapolis, Minnesota; the son of Harlan and Yuriko Johnson.

David was an Air Force Veteran and then served in the Indiana Air National Guard, retiring in 2017.

Family left to cherish the memory of David include two brothers, Allan Johnson and Craig Johnson and one sister, Kelli Dooher.

David was preceded in death by his parents.

A celebration of life to remember David will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, February 15 at the Odon VFW Post #9627. Military rites will be provided by the Odon VFW Post #9627. David will be laid to rest in the Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis, Minnesota at a later date.

All arrangements have been entrusted to Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon, Indiana. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family online at [www.mengfuneralhome.com](http://www.mengfuneralhome.com).

## VIVIAN SWARTZENTRUBER

Vivian Gwyn Swartzentruber, formerly of Shoals, passed away on Monday, January 27, 2020 in Washington. A resident of Washington, she was 62.

She was born August 21, 1957 in Washington; daughter of Vergil and Alma Ruth (Jones) Tow. She graduated Shoals High School, was owner and operator of Martin County Video and was a private caregiver. She was of the Christian faith.

She is survived by one son, Connor Swartzentruber of Evansville; two sisters, Cookie (Roger) Taylor of Shoals and Ruthie Tow of Loogootee; and one brother, J.B. Tow, formerly of Shoals.

She is preceded in death by her parents

## Martin County real estate transfers

**Raymond A. Graber and Linda K. Graber; Kevin D. Graber and Amanda K. Graber; and Allen R. Graber and Loretta J. Graber**, of Daviess County, Indiana to **KRA Holdings, LLC**, of Daviess County, Indiana, the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 23, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, containing 40 acres, more or less.

**Lynn E. Kleiman**, of Martin County, Indiana to **North Meets South Investments, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 13 in Turkey Hill Subdi-

vision to Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana.

**Kevin S. Hert, Sr. and Deanna L. Hert**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Cody D. Hert and Brooke E. Meenach**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of Section 31, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, in Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2.36 acres, more or less.

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

**Mickey L. Bates and Cindy L. Bates**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Deborah G. Howell**, of Martin County, Indiana, the east half of the east half of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 1, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, containing 10 acres, more or less, except a section containing 0.15 acre, more or less.

## ALVA HOVIS

Alva Hovis passed away on Thursday January 30, 2020 at 12:05 a.m. at Loogootee Nursing Center. A resident of Loogootee, he was 93.



ALVA HOVIS

He was born in Center Township, Martin County Indiana on December 21, 1926; the son of Ivan L. and Nora May (Walker) Hovis.

He was a US Merchant Marine veteran of WWII serving from 1942 to 1946, sailing in both the North Atlantic and Pacific theaters. (He lied about his age in order to join at age 16.) He was drafted into the US Army in 1950 and served as in infantryman in Korea during 1951-52. In 1957 he was selected as an Air Defense Warrant Officer and supported the primary Army air defense systems, Nike Ajax, Nike Hercules, and HAWK. He served in the Army until June 1972, retiring as a Chief Warrant Officer W-4. He completed overseas tours in France, Korea, and the Republic of China (Taiwan).

He received numerous awards during his military career but often remarked that the only one that really meant anything to him was his Combat Infantryman Badge. After retirement from the Army, he started a successful excavating and trenching business in Shoals and later worked as a contract postal carrier. He was a lifelong active Republican and conducted an unsuccessful campaign for Martin County Sheriff in 1978.

Alva loved camping, traveling to Arizona and Montana to visit his brothers and fishing. Fish trembled at his name. In his later years he enjoyed sitting at the story tellers table at Velma's, eating chicken at RJ's and Bo Macs, feeding dog biscuits to strays, and traveling. He was a member of the National Rifle Association, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

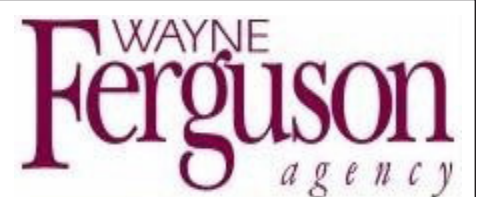
He was preceded in death by his parents, Ivan and Nora Hovis; his brothers, Clay Hovis, Norman Hovis and Delmar Hovis (who died in infancy); his sister, Donna June and his old cat, Sunshine.

He is survived by his sons, Alan (Terri) Hovis and Michael (Cheryl) Hovis; his daughters, Karol Hovis and Kim Hovis; grandchildren, Valerie and Sam Hovis, Garret and Levi Tedrow, Kendall Hovis, Tanner and Sage Hovis-Johnson, Alex Gerkin, and great-grandchildren, Miguel Tedrow, Juniper Tedrow, Eleanor June Harner, and Romy King.

A graveside service and military rites will be held on Thursday, February 6 at 1 p.m. at the Hickory Ridge Cemetery.

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

Condolences may be made online at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com). Arrangements were provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.



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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, JANUARY 27

6:52 a.m. - Loogootee Captain Hennette and Corporal Reed responded to a verbal domestic dispute in Loogootee.

8:19 a.m. - Major Keller assisted with a vehicle unlock near Shoals.

9:34 a.m. - ISP Beaver and Major Keller responded to a verbal domestic dispute in Loogootee.

9:54 a.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

9:56 a.m. - Received a request for a vin check in Shoals. Advised Deputy Wright.

11:11 a.m. - Received a request for a vin check in Shoals. Advised Deputy Wright.

12:12 p.m. - Loogootee Captain Hennette assisted a resident with potential scam.

12:53 p.m. - Loogootee Captain Hennette responded to a local business with a suspicious person.

1:58 p.m. - ISP Trooper Beaver spoke with a subject referencing an accident.

2:08 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

6:26 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported.

6:37 p.m. - Received a report of a fire in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded.

7:01 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported.

7:08 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Daviess County EMS responded and transported.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

12:19 a.m. - Received a report of someone causing a disturbance at a residence near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Cummings responded.

12:33 a.m. - Received a report of a noise complaint and suspicious vehicle near Shoals. Loogootee Officer Cummings responded.

6:02 a.m. - Received a report of a car/deer accident near Shoals. Corporal Reed responded.

10:00 a.m. - Received a request for a vin check north of Loogootee. Advised Deputy Wright.

10:20 a.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Loogootee. Advised Loogootee Chief Rayhill.

12:38 p.m. - Received a report of a scam Social Security call.

12:41 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

1:00 p.m. - Loogootee Chief Rayhill assisted with a funeral detail in Loogootee.

1:23 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Haysville. Advised Dubois County.

1:26 p.m. - Received a report of a two-vehicle accident in Shoals. Major Keller, ISP Beaver, Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded.

1:30 p.m. - Received a report of a medical alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

1:49 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious male in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill and Sheriff Roush responded.

2:00 p.m. - Received a report of a burglary alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill and ICO Doane responded.

4:13 p.m. - Received a request for a vin check in Loogootee. Deputy Wright responded.

5:17 p.m. - Received a report of a door alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Reserve Officer Davis responded.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

1:29 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded.

7:58 a.m. - Major Keller assisted a disabled vehicle west of Shoals.

9:03 a.m. - Received a report of a telephone pole down east of Shoals. Advised Frontier Communications.

1:00 p.m. - Received a report of an attempted break in near Shoals. Advised all Martin County units.

1:21 p.m. - Received a report of a verbal dispute in Shoals. Major Keller responded.

2:40 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

2:45 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Shoals. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

8:45 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

8:55 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

5:03 a.m. - Received a report of suspicious persons near Burns City. Corporal Reed and Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

9:25 a.m. - Received a report of an injured animal south of Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

9:45 a.m. - Deputy Wells responded to a domestic argument.

12:30 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

1:15 p.m. - Received a report of a semi in the ditch north of Loogootee. ISP Trooper Lents responded.

9:21 p.m. - Received an officer request in Loogootee for a lock out. Loogootee Police responded.

10:50 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Loogootee. Left message for ACO Hughett.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

5:40 a.m. - Received a report of a water leak in Loogootee. Advised a Loogootee municipal member.

7:15 a.m. - Received a report of a report of a disabled vehicle in Shoals. Reserve Deputy Dorsey, Deputy Seymour and Big John's Towing responded.

7:16 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle slide off south of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Cummings, Loogootee Captain Hennette, Major Keller and G&M Wrecker Service responded.

8:15 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle losing plastic south of Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette, Major Keller and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

12:01 p.m. - Major Keller assisted the department of child services with a call in Shoals.

1:53 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:37 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Shoals. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

4:35 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

5:34 p.m. - Received a report of a burglary alarm in Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

7:15 p.m. - Loogootee Officer Floyd responded to a camera alarm in Loogootee.

8:41 p.m. - Received a report of threats being made in Shoals. Deputy Gibson and Town Marshal Eckert responded.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

1:30 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

4:10 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle near Shoals. Deputy Gibson and Deputy Seymour responded.

9:34 a.m. - Received a report of a possible break in near Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

10:30 a.m. - Received a report of black smoke in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

11:35 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Deputy Wright responded.

12:27 p.m. - Received a report of possible neglect in Shoals. Deputy Wright responded to call.

2:48 p.m. - Received a report of a dog bite in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

3:54 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

5:08 p.m. - Received a report of an aggressive dog in Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

5:36 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

7:06 p.m. - Received a report of a hit-and-run accident in Loogootee. ISP responded.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

5:59 a.m. - Received a request for as-

## Loogootee Police log

### MONDAY, JANUARY 27

6:52 a.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on Park Street.

12:12 p.m. - Caller reported a possible mail scam.

12:53 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person at a local business.

6:36 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to the laundromat in reference to smoke in the building.

7:13 p.m. - Officer Cummings assisted the ambulance service.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

12:19 a.m. - Female reported someone banging on her trailer in Bowling Trailer Court.

12:33 a.m. - Officer Cummings assisted the county with a noise complaint.

12:42 p.m. - Caller reported a male had crawled through a window at a residence on Dewey Street.

1:00 p.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted with a funeral procession.

1:30 p.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a residential alarm.

1:49 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious male near Old National Bank.

2:02 p.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

3:17 p.m. - Officer Davis responded to a business alarm.

7:35 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

9:23 a.m. - Male came on station for transient assistance.

9:30 a.m. - Male reported a possible theft.

10:30 a.m. - Female reported a violation of a protective order.

11:00 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

1:30 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted the county with an arrest warrant.

2:20 p.m. - Female came on station to report a theft.

3:30 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare

check on a male.

6:03 a.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Crane. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

8:30 a.m. - Received a report of a missing dog near Crane. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

10:50 a.m. - Deputy Wright assisted in serving a Dubois County warrant on Chadwick Funk. He was transported to Dubois County.

10:54 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:46 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:55 a.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn near Shoals.

12:12 p.m. - Received a report of a dog attacking another animal near Shoals. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

12:28 p.m. - Received a report of a dog attacking livestock near Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett and Deputy Wright responded.

1:05 p.m. - Received a report of a stray dog chasing a dog on a leash in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

2:03 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn in Loogootee.

3:07 p.m. - Received a report of a minor accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

check on a male.

6:58 p.m. - Caller reported an elderly male needing medical assistance.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

5:03 a.m. - Sgt. Floyd assisted the county with a suspicious person.

1:08 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

3:20 p.m. - Caller reported a male taking photos of his house on West Washington Street.

5:12 p.m. - Caller reported a traffic complaint on JFK Avenue.

9:23 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

9:15 a.m. - Caller reported a vehicle losing parts of a load on US 231.

8:05 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident on Wood Street.

8:17 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to a small fire on Poplar Street.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

9:34 a.m. - Caller reported a theft from a residence on Dewey Street.

10:30 a.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to a small fire in Shaded Estates.

3:54 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Broadway Street.

5:30 p.m. - Caller reported having problems with some juveniles.

8:12 p.m. - Caller reported a civil complaint.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

5:59 a.m. - Female reported unauthorized control of a vehicle.

11:46 a.m. - First responders were requested on Cedar Street for a medical call.

1:05 p.m. - Male reported a dog complaint on Brooks Avenue.

2:03 p.m. - Male reported a controlled burn.

5:30 p.m. - Caller reported an animal complaint on Broadway Street.

9:34 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.



# COURT NEWS

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

## CRIMINAL COURT New Charges Filed December 27

Donald L. Nugent, two counts of sexual battery, Level 6 Felonies; intimidation, a Level 6 Felony.

### December 30

Ronald Gebhart, check deception, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Pamela D. Gammon, furnishing alcohol to a minor, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Theodore J. Townsend, check deception, a Level 6 Felony.

Robert J. Hawkins, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Ryan Allen Dagey, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Joshua W. Kiefer, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Level 6 Felony; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Level 6 Felony.

### January 2

James E. Kies, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Daniel L. Jones, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Delbert L. Salmon, Jr., theft, a Level 6 Felony; criminal trespass, a Class A Misdemeanor; criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Travis R. Salmon, intimidation, a Level 6 Felony; criminal trespass, a Class A Misdemeanor; criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Johnathon L. Graham, theft, a Level 6 Felony.

### January 3

Joshua M. Jones, false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Gina Marie Bryson, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Mark Allen Sturdivant, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor.

### January 7

Seth E. Nimal-Hill, disorderly conduct, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Brook N. Hawkins, burglary, a Level 5 Felony; theft, a Level 6 Felony; invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Larae L. Nunn, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance- controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Isabella E. Goodpaster, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; refusal to submit to breath or chemical test, a Class A Infraction; open alcoholic beverage container during operation of a motor vehicle, a Class C Infraction.

### January 9

Vernica E. Abrams, possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Yu Guan, resisting law enforcement, a Level 6 Felony.

Megan L. Lane, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; false informing, a Class A Misdemeanor.

### January 10

Jaime L. Kessler, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Jenna M. Stinson, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Gabriel S. Grace, public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Michael D. Clements, dealing in methamphetamine, a Level 2 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Level 3 Felony; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Anthony L. Williams, Jr., possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

### January 13

Johnathan W. Dant, invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Jerry L. Robinson, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class A Misdemeanor; false informing, a Class A Misdemeanor; false identity statement, a Class A Misdemeanor; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

### January 14

Joshua M. Jones, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Lauren M. Barrett, three counts of check deception, Class A Misdemeanors.

Larry Joseph Summers, Jr., operating a motor vehicle after forfeiture of license for life, a Level 5 Felony.

### January 15

Timothy G. Taylor, rape, a Level 3 Felony; incest, a Level 4 Felony; sexual misconduct with a minor, a Level 4 Felony.

### January 16

Kathleen J. Croddy, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Isaiah W. Baylis, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

### January 17

Christopher S. Rector, use of private land without consent, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Storm L. Bradley, unlawful possession or use of a legend drug, a Level 6 Felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; leaving the scene of an accident, a Class B Misdemeanor; no valid driver's license, a Class C Infraction.

Elijah M. Stoll, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

### January 22

Kimberly S. Fisher, unlawful use of 911 service, a Class A Misdemeanor; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor; false informing, a Class A Misdemeanor; disorderly conduct, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Jaime L. Kessler, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

### January 24

Christopher E. Hennessy, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

### January 27

Dylan V. Bruner, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Cecorra R. Holt, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Devaughn R. Mesarosh, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Joseph R. Miller, possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Kevin J. McGuinness, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Richard A. Hert, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony.

Mark A. Payne, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level

6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance-controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Jody W. Williams, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance- controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Cecorra R. Holt, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance- controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 Felony; possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor; two counts of theft, Class A Misdemeanors; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

### January 28

Dylan V. Bruner, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; two counts of theft, Class A Misdemeanors; possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Devaughn R. Mesarosh, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance- controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

## CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

### January 10

Leroy D. Taylor, convicted of battery, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 68 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 34 actual days previously served plus 34 Class A credit days.

### January 14

Neil J. Amstutz, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 357 days suspended and credit for 4 actual days previously served plus 4 Class A credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

### January 21

Jesse Martinez, convicted of intimidation, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 271 days suspended and credit for 47 actual days previously served plus 47 Class A credit days. Defendant received 18 months of probation.

### January 24

Donnie Knepp, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 180 days with credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days. The remaining 176 days to be served as a direct placement with Martin County Community Corrections.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

### December 19

Amanda D. Boyd, escape, a Level 5 Felony, dismissed; two counts of resisting law enforcement, Class A Misdemeanors, dismissed; public nudity, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

### January 10

Leroy D. Taylor, sexual battery, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

### January 14

Nathaniel A. Wright, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession or sale of adulterant or synthetic urine, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; driving while suspended, a Class A Infraction, dismissed; failure to signal for turn or lane change, a Class C Infraction, dismissed.

Neil J. Amstutz, two counts of oper-

ating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, Class A Misdemeanors, dismissed.

### January 15

Isabella E. Goodpaster, public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; public nudity, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; maintaining a common nuisance - controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

Erin K. Hawkins Persinger, check deception, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Judy J. Martin, check deception, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

James McGuire, check deception, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Anthony L. Williams, Jr., possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

### January 24

Donnie Knepp, possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

### January 21

Mariner Finance, LLC vs. Travis J. Grishaw, civil collection.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Cara Kauffman, civil collection.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. David M. Bledsoe, civil collection.

Unifund CCR, LLC vs. Janet Limbach, civil collection.

### January 27

Heather Morrison vs. Johnny Morrison, petition for dissolution of marriage.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

### January 17

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Erick K. Tosit in the amount of \$4,738.51.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT

### January 16

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Paul J. Arvin, complaint.

### January 17

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Cassidee A. Harker, complaint.

### January 24

JLNT Rentals vs. Robin Bruner, complaint.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

### January 27

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Janice Norrell and against the defendant Jacob Courter in the amount of \$5,125.

# ARRESTS

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

4:05 a.m. - Tammy Huff, 40, of Nashville, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Cummings and charged with possession of methamphetamine. She is currently being held on \$25,000/10% bond. Deputy Seymour assisted with the arrest.

5:39 a.m. - Angela Cissell, 41, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Seymour on a Martin County warrant. She is currently being held without bond.

10:08 a.m. - Lisa Jones, 52, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Cummings and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangerment. She is currently being held on \$25,000/10% bond.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

6:36 p.m. - Lawrence Dillenger, 61, of Pimento, was arrested by ISP Trooper Johnson and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated. He is currently being held on a \$25,000/10% bond.



## More Neat Stuff!



### THOUGHTS

\*When we're young, we sneak out of our house to go to parties. When we're old, we sneak out of parties to go home.

\*One minute you're young and wild... the next minute you get excited about air fryers and crock pots.

\*Me: I want to take a trip.

Bank Account: I highly suggest it to be a trip to work.

\*To everyone that received a book from me at Christmas, they're due back at the library next Friday.

\*Don't be worried about your smartphone and TV spying on you. Your vacuum cleaner has been gathering dirt on you for years.

\*I tried to say, "I'm a functional adult," but my phone changed it to "fictional adult," and I feel like that's more accurate.

### RIGHTING RULES (For all you English teachers out there)

1. Prepositions are not words to end sentences with.

2. And sentences should not begin with a conjunction.

3. One should never generalise.

4. Absolutely always avoid annoying alliteration.

5. Be more or less specific.

6. Parenthetical remarks (however useful) are (usually) unnecessary.

7. Contractions aren't helpful and shouldn't be used.

8. Abandon ampersands & abbreviations, etc.

9. Cut out commas, that are, not necessary.

10. Parenthetical words however should be enclosed in commas.

11. Never use a big word when a diminutive one would be sufficient.

12. Don't overuse exclamation marks!!!!

13. Take care to use you're words appropriately.

14. Its important to use the apostrophe in it's proper place.

15. Who needs rhetorical questions?

16. Exaggeration is a billion times worse than understatement.

17. Proofread carefully to see if you any words out.

18. The spell cheque is knot always write.

### SERIOUSISMS

\*Be the person your dog thinks you are.

\*Do everything with a good heart and expect nothing in return and you will never be disappointed.

\*Do things for people not because of who they are or what they do in return,

but because of who you are. -Mother Teresa

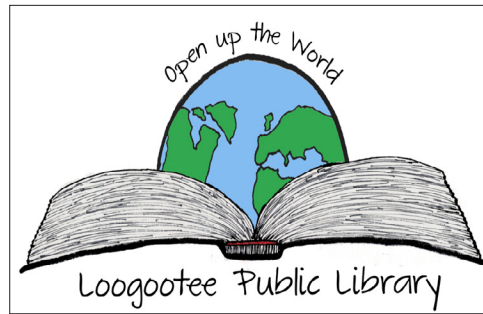
\*Just be a good person: Love who you can. Help where you can: Give what you can.

\*Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened. -Anatole France.

\*Some people don't understand that sitting in your own house in peace, eating snacks, and minding your own business is priceless.

\*No amount of evidence will ever persuade an idiot. -Mark Twain.

Make someone smile today!



### BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The library is closed all national holidays and on rare chances of inclement weather our policy states that if the Loogootee School Corporation is closed, the library is closed. Materials checked out will be backdated when checked in so no fines will be added.

Programs for February includes Moving Monkeys on Mondays from 10:15-11 a.m. for kids from birth-preschool age and Preschool Story Time at 12:30 p.m., Tuesdays at 4 p.m. is craft time - ages 6 and up, Thursdays from 3:30-4:15 p.m. Girls Who Code for ages 8-11, and STEM kits on Fridays. Children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult. Girls Who Code requires pre-registration.

### New Books:

Mystery: "Golden in Death" by J.D. Robb and "The Museum of Desire" by Jonathan Kellerman.

Fiction: "Last Day" by Luanne Rice, "Out of the Attic" by V.C. Andrews, and "Crooked River" by Preston and Child.

Inspiration Fiction: "Two Steps Forward" by Suzanne Woods Fisher.

DVDs: "Harriet" and "When Calls the Heart Season 6".

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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Free dinner

The Loogootee Christian Church, located at 206 Sherman Street, would like to extend an invitation to the entire community for a free dinner to be held Thursday, February 6 from 6-8 p.m. in the church basement. All members of the community are invited.

### Food pantry hours

The Loogootee United Methodist Food Pantry will be open the first, second, third and fifth Thursdays of the month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and also the first Monday of the month from 5-6:30 p.m.

### Mental Health Task Force

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

### Celebrate Recovery meetings

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

### Local recovery meetings

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

### Free lunch for kids

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

### SOAR Tutoring

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### Humane society meetings

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

### Solid waste board

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

### Soil and Water meetings

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

## ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



JUSTICE is a male beagle mix, 9 months old, very sweet and playful. He is neutered and up to date on shots. Adoption fee is \$90. For info on all the dogs and cats at the Martin County Humane Society, visit [www.humanesocietyofmartin-county.org](http://www.humanesocietyofmartin-county.org).



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-- PASSION --

Lately I've been thinking about goals and plans. We need focus in our lives; goals and plans can help attain that focus. But what do you focus on? What is important to you? The word of the week is "passion." Your passions will play a major role in what you set goals for and plan for. But how do you decide which passion you want to act on first? Your priorities will help you with that.

-- PRIORITIES --

Your priorities can define the context of how you live or help define the order or importance of choices before you. I have always tried to keep to five broad priorities before looking at the more specific ones. My five, in order, are God, family, others, myself and work. It's always amazed me how, that by focusing on the higher priorities, the lower ones (though not at all insignificant) tend to take care of themselves.

-- TOGETHER --

You may share priorities with others. You may have your very own. They are your framework; they, at times, are your passion. To work toward that goal, following your plans and your priorities, takes passion. A priority without passion loses importance and lessens the likelihood of success.

-- CHOICES --

So, even with good plans, priorities, and a heap full of passion, we still have choices that have to be made. Even the best laid plans have outside influences that cause us to look at that next priority on our list. And guess what? In the community foundation world, we have a type of fund that allows you to choose between priorities, passions, or those unexpected events that inevitably come into the picture.

-- DONOR ADVISED --

A "donor advised" fund is that type of fund. It lets the donor identify the issues and needs that they care about most. And this can change from year to year. A donor advised fund is about plans, priorities, passions and choices coming together in one solution.

-- IN MEMORY OF CARTER --

The Carter Lee Kerns Memorial Fund is one of those donor advised funds, cre-

ated in the loving memory of Ed and Alyssa Kerns' son Carter. With this fund, Carter leaves a memory and a legacy that will forever improve the lives of children and families in Martin County.

-- FOR THE KIDS --

This year Ed and Alyssa were bothered that some children in our community aren't able to have a nutritional meal on the weekend, after the school week where they get good lunches. One group they saw addressing this issue is the New Beginnings Community Church. The church and other community members prepare around 300 meals every Saturday and deliver them to homes all over Martin County. Ed and Alyssa decided that part of this year's MCCF grant from the fund should go toward this project. They know that in this way, their beloved Carter's smile will spread to many other tiny faces. This is reinforced with the smiles and shouts of welcome each time that Pastor Ernie Canell, his wife Shirley, and others walk up to the kids' homes with their lunch. Pictured are Pastor Ernie and Shirley, with Alyssa and Ed presenting the grant.

-- FOR THE FAMILIES --

So, the Kerns' found a way that their Carter can still impact many kids' lives. They also know that families are critical to a child's upbringing. From the happy memories they have with Carter, Ed and Alyssa want families to be able to create those kinds of memories and have places to go to create them. They saw the efforts of the Shoals Park Board and wanted to help improve the Town of Shoals' opportunities to create those memories. In last week's publication was a picture of Ed and Alyssa presenting a \$1,647 grant check to the Shoals Park Board.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

For more information about how we can help you help our community, please contact Curt Johnson, MCCF Director, at 812-295-1022 or [mccf@cfpartner.org](mailto:mccf@cfpartner.org).

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Pictured left to right are Pastor Ernie and Shirley Canell (New Beginnings Community Church) receiving a "Carter Lee Kerns Memorial Fund" grant check for \$1,650 from Alyssa and Ed Kerns.

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Last week, I attended the Indiana University Center for Rural Engagement Food Conference. The conference focused on food issues in the Uplands region of southern Indiana. The presentations and discussions were varied and of top quality.

Farm to Fork initiatives were discussed at length. The problem found in the area is that restaurants that want to serve fresh, locally-produced foods find it difficult to locate reliable producers and producers find it difficult to be able to match the prices of the commercially-produced foods that are brought in from other regions, often from countries where labor costs are much lower than here. There is no denying that fresh vegetables and fruits are more nutritious and taste better, but for many people, the deciding factor is cost. Of course, as a gardener, I believe the best road to fresh food is to grow it yourself. We discussed many options for growers, including the many community gardens that have been popping up around southern Indiana. Of course, I pointed out that I have been involved with the Mitchell Inclusion Garden located behind The Solutions Center on Main Street in Mitchell. We have garden beds of many types available for adoption for the garden season. Since the garden is meant to be inclusive, beds are of various heights to accommodate various disabilities. Some may be worked from a wheelchair, while others will allow one to garden from a standing position—no bending required. (Anyone who would like a bed to grow fresh vegetables this season may contact SICIL at The Solutions Center at 812-277-9626.)

Another way for people with little space to grow some fresh vegetables is to garden in containers. It does not take much room to grow some salad greens in containers. Such crops do not have extensive root systems, so one does not need huge containers to at least add some more flavorful greens to the rather bland taste of commercially-grown lettuce. In recent years, breeders have come up with peppers, squash, tomatoes and other crops for container gardens. In general, these varieties are shorter and bushier than other varieties. One may even grow a decent crop of potatoes in a five-gallon bucket that has been modified to allow drainage.

Of course, those who have a little more land may decide to become suppliers of fruits or vegetables to local outlets. I would recommend that one stick to only a couple of crops the first season. Trying to be the supplier of all of the vegetables needed by an establishment would be a daunting task, even for an experienced grower. The outlets want to be able to expect a set amount of the desired crop, so concentrating on just a few crops would be a better use of one's time. Of course, the

restaurants also need to be a little flexible. It is nice to find a chef who changes his or her menu according to what is in season. Blackberry pie simply tastes better during blackberry season.

Agritourism was another topic of discussion. Whether visiting a livestock farm, taking a hayride to a pumpkin patch or walking through Sandhill Gardens, you are participating in agritourism, a growing industry in Indiana. Our state legislature took action several years ago to limit the liability that the farm or garden has when people come to visit. Getting people out to the farms and gardens helps connect people to the source of our food. Studies indicate that children are more likely to try different vegetables if they have seen them growing. It increases more when the child is involved with growing the plant. Even if it is just growing a bean in a paper cup, most children take pride in growing something to eat from a seed.

I would like to issue a challenge. Spring is coming, and I would like for you to try to fix a meal for your family from items grown in your own county. You may find that it is not as difficult as one might think, and I am sure the taste of fresh food will cause you to support local farmers often.

## Otter trapping season reaches quota, closes early

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources has closed the river otter trapping season after reaching the statewide quota early today, February 3.

The season was scheduled to run from November 15-March 15, or until the quota of 600 river otter was reached.

The framework of Indiana's river otter season was carefully designed to limit the total harvest. Databases and reporting mechanisms allowed for close monitoring of the total season harvest.

In addition to the quota, DNR regulations require that successful trappers register their otter within 24 hours. Regulations also require tagging of each pelt at a river otter check station or by authorized DNR personnel.

"Licensed trappers had a successful 2019-20 limited river otter trapping season," said Geriann Albers, furbearer biologist with the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife. "While the season has closed, the DNR is continuing to collect data from legally trapped river otter to help guide future management decisions."

A report of the otter season will be available in early 2021. Additional information on river otter and the trapping season can be found at [wildlife.IN.gov/8499.htm](http://wildlife.IN.gov/8499.htm).

## Open house at Martin State Forest to be held

The DNR Division of Forestry will host open houses at many of its locations on February 26 and 27.

During the events, division personnel will detail how the division works to protect forests and take input and suggestions regarding the development of its next five-year strategic direction. This plan will focus on all aspects of Indiana forests, including urban forests, forests on private lands, forests on public lands and nursery production.

The current five-year strategic direction can be viewed at [https://www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/files/fo-State\\_Forest\\_Strategic\\_Plan\\_2015\\_2019.pdf](https://www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/files/fo-State_Forest_Strategic_Plan_2015_2019.pdf)

At each open house, division staff will provide information about recreational activities, major projects, forest resource management, and state forest planning. Each open house will provide attendees information and the opportunity to ask questions and comment on ideas and issues that might be addressed in the 2020-2024 Strategic Plan. Attendees will be able to speak with DNR personnel and submit written comments.

"These open houses provide Hoosiers with a chance to receive first-hand information about how the state forests are working to provide diverse wildlife habitat, forest products and recreational opportunities," State Forester John Seifert said. "They also allow us to receive valuable feedback from our neighbors and users about state forest management — I encourage everyone who has an interest to participate."

Open houses will be offered as follows:  
Martin State Forest: February 27, 4 to 7 p.m. at the main office off U.S. 50, approximately four miles northeast of Shoals. Call 812-247-3491 for more information.

Owen-Putnam State Forest: February 27, 4 to 7 p.m. at the property office, which is five miles west of Spencer and less than a mile north of State Road 46. Call 812-829-2462 for more information.

Clark State Forest/Deam Lake State Recreation Area (SRA): February 26, 4 to 7 p.m. at the Clark office, which is a mile north of Henryville on U.S. 31. Topics that will be highlighted include campground improvements and the new gun range. Call 812-294-4306 for more information.

Harrison-Crawford State Forest: February 27, 4 to 7 p.m. at the property office, located off S.R. 462, just past the gatehouse for O'Bannon Woods State Park. Call 812-738-7694 for more information.

Ferdinand and Pike state forests: February 27, 4 to 7 p.m. at the Ferdinand office, off S.R. 264, approximately four miles northeast of Ferdinand. Call 812-367-1524 for more information.

Morgan-Monroe and Yellowwood state forests: February 26, 4 to 7 p.m. at the new Morgan-Monroe State Forest office, off S.R. 37, approximately six miles south of Martinsville. Call 765-342-4026 for more information.

Jackson-Washington State Forest/Starve Hollow SRA: February 26, 4 to 7 p.m. at the Starve Hollow Forest Education Center off S.R. 135, approximately two miles southeast of Vallonia. Call 812-358-3464 for more information.

Salamonie River and Frances Slocum state forests: February 26, 4 to 7 p.m. at the main office on S.R. 524, approximately 6 miles east of Wabash. Call 260-782-0430 for more information.

Greene-Sullivan State Forest: February

27, 4 to 7 p.m. at the property office on S.R. 159, approximately 1.5 miles south of Dugger. Call 812-648-2810 for more information.

Jasper-Pulaski Tree Nursery: February 26, 4 to 7 p.m. at the property office off Highway 241, five miles north of Medaryville. Call 219-843-4827 for more information.

Property staff members are also often available during normal business hours, which are 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily. See [forestry.IN.gov/3631.htm](http://forestry.IN.gov/3631.htm) for contact information.

The DNR Division of Forestry promotes and practices good stewardship of natural, recreational and cultural resources on Indiana's public and private forest lands. This stewardship produces continuing benefits, both tangible and intangible, for present and future generations.

## Manure workshop to be held at fairgrounds

Livestock manure has financial value for farmers. Manure contains nutrients that promote plant growth. Manure can also improve soil quality by increasing organic matter, neutralize acidity, and expand the soil's water-holding capacity. Farmers using or interested in using manure can attend a manure management workshop in Loogootee on Thursday, February 27. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. EST and the program will run from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds.

Since livestock production has shifted to much larger operations, it leaves behind large quantities of manure in limited geographic areas. Indiana farmers are amongst those who can benefit from livestock production waste. Attendees will learn ideas to take back with them to the farm in how to maximize the use of manure and its nutrients. Indiana State Soil Health Specialist Stephanie McLain will use a rainfall simulator to demonstrate how different management systems affect soil health.

Manure may not have the precise combination of nutrients needed for optimal crop production in a given field. Ben Wicker, with the Indiana Agriculture Nutrient Alliance and Conservation Agronomist Tony Bailey, will be able to provide farmers one-on-one feedback. While using manure can be a cost-saving measure, the odor may offend neighbors. Indiana Farm Bureau Livestock Specialist Greg Slipper and Indiana State Chemist Fertilizer Program Manager Matt Pearson will be available to help landowners navigate any unforeseen issues.

The manure management workshop is a joint partnership with Martin County Soil and Water Conservation District, Purdue Extension, and the Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative. The workshop is made financially possible through a Perdue grant. There is no cost to attend. Registration can be made online at <https://2020manuremanagement.eventbrite.com> or by calling Martin County SWCD at 812-295-3149. This workshop counts as one of three meetings required for private pesticide and fertilizer applicator (PARP) recertifications. The fee for PARP credit is \$10, and attendees who want credit must bring their private applicator number and attend the entire program. Continuing education units (CEUs) for certified crop advisors (CCAs) and continuing credit hours (CCHs) for commercial applicators will also be available.

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