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The Martin County 2022 Primary will be held Tuesday, May 3, 2022. The last day to register to vote or update your registration is April 4, 2022. If you are not sure of your registration status, please call the Martin County Clerk's Office at 812-247-3651 and they can look it up.

The first day to vote absentee in-person is April 5, 2022. You can vote at the Martin County Courthouse from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday thru Friday. There will also be in-person absentee voting on Saturday April 23 and Saturday April 30, from 8 a.m. until noon. On May 2, in-person absentee voting will close at 12:00 noon. To request an application to vote by mail, call the clerk's office at 812-247-3651 at any time.

The following are the polling sites that will be used for Election Day voting: Perry 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 vote at St. John's Center; Perry 5 and Rutherford vote at St. Martin's Church Hall; Perry 7 and Crane vote at Bramble Conservation Center; Mitcheltree and North Center vote at Dover Hill Church of Christ; South Center, Lost River and Southeast Halbert vote at the Shoals American Legion; and East Memphis, West Memphis, North Halbert and South Halbert vote at St. Mary's Church Hall in Shoals.

The clerk's office will be looking for poll workers. You will be required to work from 5 a.m. until about 7 p.m. on Election Day and will need to attend one hour of training before Election Day. This is a paid position and meals are provided. If you are interested, please contact Millie Brown, Republican Chairman, at 812-639-7733 or Roger Downey, Democrat Chairman, 812-639-8106 or the clerk's office at 812-247-3651.

A public test of all election equipment will be held March 29 at 1 p.m. This is open to the public. If you have any concerns regarding the equipment used in Martin County, this would be a good time to have your questions answered.



Shoals Beautification donation
-Photo provided

The Town of Shoals Beautification Board received a \$400 donation from the Shoals VFW Smith Connor Post & Auxiliary. Shown is Julie Fithian, Shoals VFW Treasurer, with the donation check.

Shoals Town Council discusses projects, grants

The Shoals Town Council met February 14. Those in attendance were Council Members Cary D. Albright and Cecil Ragsdale, Town Attorney Dave Lett, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Whitney Haulk (note taker), Shoals Volunteer Fire Dept. Chief Jim Hamby, Town of Shoals Park Board Secretary Audrey Gibson, and Town Marshal Todd Eckert. Others in attendance were Chad Gibson. Council Vice-President Clint Hoffman and Clerk-Treasurer Sierra Rutledge were unable to attend.

Projects at the ballpark were discussed with potential funding being available soon. Council Member Ragsdale stated projects would need to be shovel ready. Ragsdale said he thought an upgrade on the walkway lighting would be good to submit. Council Member Albright said they would like to use the funding to develop the newly-purchased land, but the funding option would be fast-paced and plans would not be ready in time so upgrades to the existing land would work best. Mr. Gibson asked if the new land purchase was dedicated to the ballpark for expansion and development and the council agreed it was. Mr. and Mrs. Gibson both stated several ideas for the new land for development. The council reported that one quote had already been received for a master plan for development and that the park board could seek other options to present as well. Mrs. Gibson also stated that the Jug Rox Make a Difference Day would be set for April with two potential dates at this time. Gibson will work with Clerk-Treasurer Rutledge on the details of the event like in the past.

Council Member Albright reported the Community Crossings Grant bids had been received, opened and reviewed publicly on February 1 at 10 a.m. as previously advertised. Two bids were received: E&B Paving and Milestone Con-

Lions Pre-Sectional Banquet welcomes Mark Riggins

It's been an exciting season for the Loogootee Lions Basketball team. With one more game left in the regular season, at North Knox Thursday night, Coach Ryan Haywood's team is 17-5 on the season.

As the focus of the team and the community will soon turn toward the Sectional, The Lion Backers would like to remind everyone the long-standing tradition, Pre-Sectional Banquet will take place Sunday night, February 27 at 5 p.m. in the lower level of St. John's Center.

This year's guest speaker will be Mark Riggins, a 1975 LHS graduate who excelled in basketball and baseball for the Lions. Mark spent 41 years in professional baseball, including Major League pitching coach with the Cardinals, Reds, Cubs and Toronto Blue Jays. Mark was inducted into the Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame in 2016.

Be sure to reserve your tickets to this year's Pre-Sectional Banquet by emailing Audrey Whitney at abwhitney@att.net. Tickets are \$15 each. There may be a limited number of tickets sold at the door.

tractors. After review, Council Member Ragsdale made a motion to approve to go with E&B Paving with Council Member Albright making the second. All were in favor.

Council Member Albright reported that the town had been notified from OCRA that the town received the grant that was applied for in the amount \$700,000 for the wastewater infrastructure upgrades. Albright stated this money will help allow savings to the customers in the long run. Albright said he wanted to thank Congressman Larry Buschon for taking the time to previously meet with him, Clerk-Treasurer Rutledge and Martin County Alliance Executive Director Angie Risacher to hear the story about the need for the project for the town. Albright stated Buschon was a key player in supporting the town for the project. The town solicited five grant firms as required for RFPs for the grant administration for the OCRA wastewater grant. Deputy Haulk stated two replies had been received. One RFP from SIDC and one from Indiana 15 declining to submit an RFP due to being overwhelmed with current workload. Councilman Ragsdale made a motion to accept SIDC's RFP as the grant administrator with Councilman Albright making the second. All were in favor.

Clerk-Treasurer Deputy Haulk stated she would be attending the Commission on Public Records meeting tomorrow at the courthouse to represent the clerk-treasurer's office.

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Martin County provides new option for proper disposal of worn flags

In partnership with the National Association of Counties and the Association of Indiana Counties, Martin County has installed a flag retirement box, at no cost to the county, at the Martin County Courthouse in the vestibule at 129 Mains Street, Shoals, IN 47581.

"Many of our residents are unsure how to care for the U.S. flag when it becomes worn out or torn," said AIC President Kent Ward who serves as the Surveyor of Hamilton County. "This program provides a much-needed service to all county residents and reminds them that counties matter."

The United States Flag Code prescribes flag etiquette — everything from flying it near other flags to instructions on how to raise and lower it. "The flag, when it is

Academy to feature live demonstrations

Tech-minded residents in southern Indiana can get a glimpse next Tuesday of some of the work and research being conducted by innovators from industry, government, and universities at the Westgate Academy in Odon, next to Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane.

Purdue@Westgate is hosting its Indiana Autonomous Day 2.0. The event includes live technology demonstrations of hands-free, driverless machines in action.

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COVID vaccine and testing site at fairgrounds through Saturday

The Indiana Department of Health mobile vaccination and testing unit will be at the Community Building at Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds Wednesday, February 23 to Saturday, February 26 from 2 to 6 p.m. Please note that the hours have changed from previous clinics. This clinic will offer Moderna and Pfizer Vaccine and can administer booster doses to those who qualify (see below). Johnson & Johnson vaccine will not be available at this clinic. Covid-19 Vaccine can be given to anyone age 5 and up. Those 5 to 18 must receive the Pfizer vaccine. Covid testing will also be available. This clinic will be held inside the community building. No appointment is necessary. The address for the Fairgrounds is 2666 US Hwy 50, Loogootee, IN.

Booster dose information:

For individuals who received a Pfizer vaccine, a booster dose may be administered to anyone 12 and over at least 5 months after completing your 2nd dose.

For individuals who received Moderna vaccine, a booster dose may be administered to anyone 18 and over at least 5 months after completing your 2nd dose.

For individuals who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, a booster dose is recommended for anyone 18 and older who were vaccinated 2 or more months ago. It is recommended that the booster dose be Pfizer or Moderna. Johnson & Johnson vaccine will not be available during this clinic.

in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem of display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning," says the code.

Flags should be folded respectfully before being placed in the box. Members of the local Boys Scouts Troup #495 will be responsible for the proper disposal of the worn flags.

"This centrally-located drop-off provides convenience while respecting our national symbol," said Paul George, President of the Board of Commissioners. "The county is unified in helping enable our citizens to respect our great nation while disposing of old or worn-out flags."

"We are pleased to provide these flag retirement boxes. Helping residents properly dispose of worn U.S. flags is consistent with our commitment to public service and community engagement," said NACo President Commissioner Larry Johnson from DeKalb County, Georgia.

24th Martin County resident dies due to COVID-19

The Indiana Department of Health received notification of one additional death from the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) for Martin County. The individual was an adult male. This brings the total number of deaths reported for Martin County to 24. No further information will be released due to privacy laws.

Community foundation grant distributions



-Photos provided

The Martin County Community Foundation is in the process of distributing \$192,016 in grants from funds that are designated to be paid out to specific non-profit organizations every year. These distributions are in addition to grants from the impact grant cycle, vision grants, classroom grants, Make My Day grants, donor-advised funds, and scholarships. Of these designated grants, the Goodwill Cemetery received \$14,356, the Martin County Historical Society received \$13,646, and the St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church received \$10,756. In the photo above is Goodwill Cemetery. From left to right are Community Foundation Partnership (CFP) CEO Hope Flores, Goodwill Cemetery President Ken Woods and Secretary/Treasurer Joy Ausbrooks with the \$14,356 in grants, and MCCF Director Curt Johnson. In the Historical Society photo directly below, from left to right, are CFP CEO Hope Flores, Museum Director Rick Bowling receiving the \$13,646 grant check, Historical Society President Bill Greene, and MCCF Director Curt Johnson. And in the bottom photo is St. John the Evangelist Church. From left to right are MCCF Grants Chair Alan Lagree, Father Ken Walker, and MCCF Director Curt Johnson presenting the \$10,756 grant.



ACADEMY

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“Autonomous systems are a rapidly growing technology space which is critical to our competitiveness economically as well as in national security,” said Jarad King, Director of Engagement, NSWC Crane. “Events like this are instrumental in developing our competitive edge.”

Purdue says several startup companies will showcase their projects related to artificial intelligence, autonomous systems,

and Internet of Things (IoT).

Students from four universities will present their latest research as they compete for cash prizes in poster sessions during the event. Attendees will have the opportunity to help score student research during the competition.

“The Purdue@WestGate team is thrilled to bring back such a successful event. The 2020 event drew a crowd of 150+ attendees in the academic institution, industry and defense spaces, and we expect even more this year,” said Samantha Nelson, program manager at Purdue@Westgate. “Our goal is to promote startup technologies and capabilities within the autonomous industry, and create opportunities and collaborations between higher education, Indiana businesses and the national security industry. We aim to show off the fun and interesting side of autonomous research with a mix of live demos, poster sessions and panel discussions.”

This event includes a Tesla test drive, drone races and demonstrations, university poster sessions, a panel on autonomous vehicle capabilities, other presentations, and a happy hour for company networking.

“We are excited to demonstrate Pierce Aerospace’s Remote ID capabilities alongside our friends at DroneDek, KBR, and Vayu,” said Aaron Pierce, CEO of Pierce Aerospace. “Remote ID is critical for commercial drone delivery. In this joint demonstration our combined team will get to show how dual use-built technology works with both commercial and US Air Force funded systems during Autonomous Day 2.0.”

SHOALS

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Deputy Haulk presented the annual renewal agreement for the Key Fund Program. Council Member Ragsdale made a motion to approve with Council Member Albright making the second. All were in favor. Next Deputy Haulk presented meter deposit apply and returns for: N. Hoffman, A. Robbins, M. Gibson, J. Jones. Council Member Ragsdale made a motion to approve with Council Member Albright making the second. All were in favor.

Shoals Chief Hamby reported that truck #221 has a seal that is going bad and needs to be replaced. He is awaiting a quote as the fire department does not have the equipment to do the work.

Attorney Lett said a letter had been received from a county resident asking to purchase land that the town owns. President Albright stated the board would take the request under advisement.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

The next regular session will be Monday, March 14 at 5:59 p.m. at the Shoals Town Hall.

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Loogootee Scout Troop 484 All-U-Can-Eat Breakfast

Pancakes, Biscuits & Gravy, Sausage fruit toppings, syrup, milk, juice, coffee

Saturday, March 5th, 7 to 11:30 AM
at the
Loogootee United Methodist Church
208 West Main St
\$8 per person
(\$4 ages 3-8; under 3 free)






OBITUARIES

ROXIE CATT

Roxie Mae Stone Catt passed away Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at her home. She was 94.

She was born in Barren County, Kentucky; the daughter of the late Sidney A Stone and Emma L Copas Stone and wife of the late Loren Richard Catt.

Survivors include son, Larry Catt of Indianapolis; daughter, Sonja Canterbury of Indianapolis and daughter, Dretha Townsend of Florida, several grandchildren and great grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she is preceded in death by her sisters: Frances Hurt and Marie Meyers, son, Richard Lee Catt, and five brothers Charlie C Stone, Herbert B Stone, James P Stone, Jewell L Stone and Virgil S Stone.

A private graveside service was held at Pleasant Valley Cemetery in Shoals.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of Thorne-George Family Homes has been entrusted with the arrangements.

ROBERT BATEMAN

Donald "Robert" Bateman passed away at 4:21 p.m. Saturday, February 12, 2022, at Daviess Community Hospital. A resident of Washington, he was 79.

He was born in Loogootee on June 14, 1942; son of Virgil and Virginia Elizabeth (Taylor) Bateman.

Bob was a graduate of Montgomery High School and had retired from Kimball International. He loved NASCAR, fishing, and hunting and was an avid IU Basketball fan. Bob also enjoyed camping and the great outdoors.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda

(Milligan) Bateman; his children, Michael Shane (Michelle) Bateman of Ohio, Robert James Bateman of Jasonville, Monica Brown of Washington, Dustan Bateman of Evansville, and Avis Bateman of Missouri; grandchildren, Robert Bateman, Kyle Hoff, Dominic Hoff, Jacob Brown, and Marisa Bateman; brothers, Joe (Mary) Bateman of Washington, Tony Bateman of Columbus, Bill (Rosemary) Bateman of Ferdinand, Keith Bateman of Washington, John Bateman of Florida, and Gary Bateman of Otwell; sisters, Beverley Bateman of Missouri, Kathy Bateman of Owensboro, Kentucky, Mary Beth Williams of Dale, and Linda Bateman of Loogootee.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; a grandson, Jeremy Bateman; and a brother, Kevin Bateman. Private Burial will be held at a later date.

Ed Lee Mortuary was entrusted with the arrangements

JOHN MCGRATH

John J. McGrath passed away at 11:19 p.m. Friday, February 18, 2022, at his home. A resident of Loogootee, he was 92.

He was born February 10, 1930, in Washington; son of the late Rowan and Clara Ellen (Light) McGrath.

John was a member of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association, the American Legion - Post 120 and St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. He enjoyed boating and fishing and loved spending time with his family.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 44 years, Carolyn S. McGrath; grandson, Brian Walczak; parents, Rowan and



Clara Ellen McGrath; and sisters, Jean (Al) Springer, Mary Ethel (Howard) Barber and Bette McGrath. John is survived by his children, Jacquelyn F. Richardville, James R. (Dawn A.) McGrath, James L. Beasley, John K. (Shirley) McGrath, Jerry D. Beasley, Joe T. Beasley, and Susan E. (Cynthia) McGrath; 16 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren; and brother,

Jude McGrath.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated this morning, Wednesday, February 23 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee, officiated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker. Burial followed in St. Mary Catholic Cemetery - Barr Township.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

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

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee is honored to serve the family of John J. McGrath.



THANK YOU

The family of Frank Matthews would like to thank the many family and friends who expressed their love, support and prayers during the illness and passing of our wonderful Dad.

We are so grateful for the gifts, flowers, cards, masses, food and the many people who passed through the line at church to express their sympathy. We would also like to thank the Blake Funeral Home, Father Kenneth Walker, Father Leo Kiesel, Sandy Woods, Mary Bowling and The St. John Catholic Women for the wonderful luncheon after the mass. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for the prayer service at the church and The American Legion for their tribute to Dad, both at the church and the gravesite.

May God Bless you all!



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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14

12:26 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Crane. Captain Reed was notified.

7:56 a.m. - Sergeant Gibson assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

8:50 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Corporal Wells was notified.

9:07 a.m. - Received a request for a lift assist northeast of Shoals. Indian Creek Fire Department responded.

9:10 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Crane. Corporal Wells was notified.

12:23 p.m. - Received a report of a theft north of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson was notified.

1:07 p.m. - Received a request for a lift assist south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

3:16 p.m. - Received a report of a theft north of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

5:03 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Crane. Deputy Flanagan and Deputy Shaw responded.

5:12 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

5:57 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

5:57 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Police were notified.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

2:00 a.m. - Received a harassment complaint in Shoals. Captain Reed was notified.

7:27 a.m. - Received a request for a lift assist south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

8:22 a.m. - Corporal Wells assisted a motorist in Shoals with a vehicle identification check.

8:57 a.m. - Received a dog complaint south of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene was notified.

9:48 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:15 a.m. - Deputy Flanagan took two inmates to court.

12:55 p.m. - Deputy Flanagan took two inmates to court.

2:35 p.m. - Received a request for law enforcement and an ambulance in Crane. Chief Deputy Greene, Deputy Flanagan and Martin County Ambulance responded.

3:14 p.m. - Received a dog complaint southeast of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

3:43 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Loogootee Police were notified.

4:09 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Police were notified.

5:42 p.m. - Loogootee Officer Sims assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

6:32 p.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm in Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson, Deputy Shaw, and Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

9:33 p.m. - Received a report of an accident southwest of Shoals. Captain Reed, Sergeant Gibson, Deputy Shaw, Loogootee Officer Sims, Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:27 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle north of Loogootee. Cap-

tain Reed and Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

10:39 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

1:21 a.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

4:32 a.m. - Received a horse complaint northeast of Shoals. Captain Reed responded.

10:13 a.m. - Deputy Long and Corporal Wells took one inmate to court.

12:10 p.m. - Deputy Long and Corporal Wells assisted a motorist in Shoals with a vehicle identification check.

1:58 p.m. - Deputy Long and Corporal Wells took one inmate to court.

2:20 p.m. - Received notification from Shoals Community School of a fire drill.

4:34 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Deputy Shaw, Loogootee Assistant Chief McBeth, ISP Trooper Beaver, Loogootee Fire Department, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:23 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17

12:57 a.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

4:45 a.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire Department and Captain Reed responded.

4:55 a.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

5:24 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

6:13 a.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

7:44 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down southeast of Shoals. INDOT was notified. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

9:03 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver east of Shoals. ISP was notified.

9:35 a.m. - Received a request for welfare check north of Loogootee. ISP Trooper Beaver and Chief Deputy Greene responded.

9:37 a.m. - Deputy Long and Corporal Wells took one inmate to court.

10:15 a.m. - Deputy Long and Corporal Wells took three inmates to court.

10:47 a.m. - Deputy Long and Corporal Wells took two inmates to court.

1:08 p.m. - Deputy Long took two inmates to court.

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

1:25 p.m. - Major Keller assisted a motorist in Shoals with a vehicle identification check.

2:10 p.m. - Received a report of a fire in Shoals. Major Keller and Shoals Fire Department responded.

2:12 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

2:30 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department was notified.

3:15 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle running a bus stop arm. Major Keller was notified.

3:32 p.m. - Received a report of a fire south of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department responded.

3:55 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Police were notified.

4:10 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded vehicle north of Shoals. Major Keller and Corporal Wells responded.

4:24 p.m. - Received a report of water on roadway north of Shoals. INDOT was

notified.

4:57 p.m. - Major Keller assisted a motorist in Shoals with a vehicle identification check.

5:06 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check southeast of Shoals. Major Keller and Deputy Shaw responded.

5:44 p.m. - Received a report of water on roadway southeast of Shoals. INDOT was notified.

7:18 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare in Loogootee. Deputy Shaw, Deputy Hawkins, Loogootee Officer Seymour and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:03 p.m. - Received a request for a lift assist in Shoals. Shoals Fire Chief Hamby responded.

9:42 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. Deputy Shaw, Deputy Hawkins, Crane Fire Department responded. The patient was transported to Bloomington by Crane Emergency Medical Service.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18

3:16 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle fire north of Loogootee. Deputy Hawkins, Loogootee Officer Seymour and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

4:28 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. Deputy Hawkins and Shoals Fire Department responded.

5:52 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance southwest of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:06 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Major Keller responded.

9:32 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down northeast of Loogootee. Martin County Highway Department was notified.

10:18 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Daviess County Hospital.

12:24 p.m. - Received a report of property damage in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert, Deputy Long and Major Keller responded.

1:46 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

1:55 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:38 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

5:13 p.m. - Received notification of school closure for Shoals Community School on Monday for President's Day.

6:59 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:52 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

10:09 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident south of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

10:40 p.m. - Received a request for a lift assist northeast of Shoals. Indian Creek Fire Department responded.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

12:04 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn east of Shoals.

2:30 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Crane. Deputy Flanagan responded.

2:50 p.m. - Received a report of a traffic hazard southeast of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department was notified.

6:20 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

9:15 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Shoals. Deputy Hawkins was notified.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

5:04 a.m. - Received a report of stranded vehicle south of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Loogootee Officer Sims and Deputy Hawkins responded.

10:50 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

11:00 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. ISP Master Trooper Lents and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

11:53 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Crane. Deputy Flanagan, Loogootee Officer Erwin and ISP Master Trooper Lents responded.

12:11 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

12:34 p.m. - Received notification from Martin County Highway Department Supervisor Scott Seals that Powell Valley Road was closed due to high water.

3:18 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded vehicle southeast of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

4:29 p.m. - Received notification that Butler Bridge Road is closed due to high water.

6:55 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:19 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident east of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

10:16 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.



I would like to announce that I am a candidate for County Council District 2 of Martin County. I believe that the people of Martin County deserve representation by a Council Member who has experience in County Budgets and personal knowledge of the workings of different offices.

I feel that the taxpayers and the county employees deserve to have a person that is experienced in local government on the county council.

I have served the people of Martin County in several capacities. I was Halbert Township Trustee for 27 years. I served as Martin County Recorder for six years. I am currently serving as Martin County Clerk and have been for the past seven years.

As Clerk, I am required to complete four budgets each year. The other offices require one per year. I would like to bring this experience to the County Council.

I am a candidate in the Republican Primary District 2. I would appreciate your vote on May 3rd.

Thank you,

Gerald D. Montgomery

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Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14

4:26 p.m. - A caller reported loose dogs on Bloomfield Road.

4:53 p.m. - A caller reported harassment by another woman at a local business.

5:12 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Bramble Road.

5:59 p.m. - A caller reported two loose dogs in Sunset Trailer Court being aggressive toward people.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

8:05 a.m. - Officer Erwin completed a vehicle check.

11:32 a.m. - Chief Means, Assistant Chief McBeth and Officer Erwin spoke with subjects regarding a reported battery.

5:40 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth assisted with a vehicle unlock.

6:26 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to an alarm at a local business.

9:20 p.m. - Officer Sims assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with an accident on State Road 550.

10:28 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to check a report of a suspicious vehicle on private property.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

1:21 a.m. - Officer Sims responded to an alarm at a local business.

10:57 a.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth assisted with a locked vehicle.

4:35 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on South Kentucky Avenue.

6:20 p.m. - Officer Seymour completed a welfare check.

7:32 p.m. - Officer Erwin assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a search and arrest.

10:29 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to an alarm at a local business.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17

12:57 a.m. - Officer Seymour responded to an alarm at a local business.

9:45 a.m. - Chief Means assisted the In-

diana State Police with a welfare check.

10:02 a.m. - Chief Means completed a welfare check.

1:18 p.m. - Chief Means responded to a report of a hit-and-run accident in the Ruler parking lot.

3:39 p.m. - Chief Means and Assistant Chief McBeth completed a welfare check on East Broadway Street.

7:18 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a report of a person that was possibly suicidal at Larkin Apartments.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18

3:16 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a report of a vehicle with the brake line on fire, on US 231 North.

11:05 a.m. - Chief Means assisted with a funeral procession.

6:57 p.m. - Caller reported harassing texts and messages.

8:50 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a report of a suspicious person in Redwing Trailer Court.

10:09 p.m. - Officer Sims assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a deer accident on US 231 South.

10:56 p.m. - First responders and Officer Sims responded to a medical call in Crane.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

1:06 p.m. - A caller advised of two large dogs with shock collars on US 50 West. The owner was located.

8:35 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a report of a possible impaired driver near Loogootee on US 231 South.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

5:06 a.m. - Officer Sims assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a report of a submerged vehicle on Butler Bridge Road.

10:50 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call at St. John Catholic Church.

11:45 a.m. - Officer Erwin assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a domestic dispute on Harper Hill Road.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14

8:54 a.m. - Tyler Quinn, 33, of Jasper, was arrested by Deputy Flanagan and charged with driving while suspended. He is being held on a \$3,000 10 % bond.

11:02 p.m. - Larry Summers, Jr., 58, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Shaw and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangerment, operating a vehicle while intoxicated controlled substance, possession of a legend drug x3, possession of a controlled substance, unlawful possession of a firearm, driving while suspended-prior, possession of paraphernalia. He is being held without bond.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

1:08 p.m. - Justin Lacey, 29, of Orleans, was arrested on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

1:19 p.m. - Frank Kane, 56, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Erwin and charged with domestic battery

resulting in bodily injury, invasion of privacy. He is being held on a \$25,000 cash only bond.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

7:09 p.m. - Dale Jones, Jr., 41, of Shoals, was arrested by Sergeant Gibson and charged with possession of a firearm by a serious violent felon, sex offender residency offense, possession of methamphetamine, maintaining a common nuisance, neglect of a dependent, possession of a schedule IV-controlled substance, and possession of paraphernalia. He is being held without bond.

9:56 p.m. - Shara Freeman, 34, of Shoals, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Erwin and charged with possession of methamphetamine, neglect of a dependent, maintaining a common nuisance, and possession of paraphernalia. She is being held on a \$15,000 10% bond.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18

7:41 p.m. - Daniel Clifton, 36, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Hawkins and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated refusal, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangerment, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia and possession of a schedule IV-controlled substance. He is being held on a \$15,000 10% bond.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

12:58 a.m. - Larry Rose, 56, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Hawkins and charged with operating while intoxicated endangerment, operating while intoxicated, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia. He is being held on a \$10,000 10% bond.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

5:19 p.m. - Mary Cole, 59, of Jasper, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Erwin and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated- refusal. She is being held on a \$3,000 10 % bond.

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

February 10

Virginia L. Reynolds, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 20 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 4 actual days previously served plus 4 Class A credit days.

February 11

Victor Joshua Thomas, convicted of unlawful taking of a deer-over bag limit on antlered deer, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 180 days with 180 days suspended. Defendant received 6 months of probation.

Christopher J. Koontz, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 363 days suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served plus 1 Class A credit day. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

February 14

Charles T. Kline, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 365 days suspended. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

Ian W. Long, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 2 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served plus 1 Class A credit day.

February 15

Sydney Diana Wanmer, convicted of driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 16 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 8 actual days previously served plus 8 Class A credit days.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

February 11

Victor Joshua Thomas, hunting wild animals without a license, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; illegal taking of a wild animal, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

February 14

Ian W. Long, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; minor consuming alcohol, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

February 9

Pamela D. Hall vs. Scott Hall, petition for dissolution of marriage.

February 15

Barbara J. Ivey vs. Corey D. Ivey, petition for dissolution of marriage.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

February 10

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Discover Bank and against the defendant Tristan Horsting in the amount of \$1,565.47.

February 14

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC and against the defendant Charles Bell in the amount of \$4,913.50.

CIVIL COURT DISMISSED

February 14

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Donna Williams, civil collection, dismissed.

February 15

Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs. Bonnie Reedy, civil collection, dismissed.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

February 11

Brian Wininger vs. KRB Enterprises, complaint.

February 14

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance a/s/o Tonya Mathies vs. Deandre Kelso, C.R. England, Inc., complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

February 9

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoozier Accounts Service and against the defendant Dirk M. Fahey in the amount of \$1,401.94.

Real estate transfers

Ashley D. Sutton, f/k/a Ashley D. Allen, of Martin County, Indiana to Gavin Wittmer, of Monroe County, Indiana, Lot Number 18 in Risacher's Fifth Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Larry J. Gibson, of Martin County, Indiana to Ashley C. Price, of Martin County, Indiana, commencing at the corner of Lot 239 in Daugherty's Addition in the Town of West Shoals, now Shoals, Indiana.

Amy Baesel, f/k/a Amy Stone, of Martin County, Indiana to Milan T. Eckert, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of land in the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 17, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 1 acre, more or less.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Loogootee School Board meeting
The Loogootee School Board will meet in executive session, Wednesday, February 23 at 4:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and to discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. The meeting is closed to the public in accordance with I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b).

Free community meal
The Loogootee Christian Church, at 206 Sherman Street, is having their monthly free meal for the community to be held Thursday, March 3 from 6-8 p.m. at the church. This month's meal will be spaghetti and fettuccine alfredo. All members of the community are invited to attend.

St. Vincent Food Pantry
The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, on Park Street in Loogootee, is open the fourth Thursday of the month except November and December when they are open the third Thursday. The hours are 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 via Zoom. If interested in being a part of the tax force, email echristmas@youthfirst.org or toddamy@iu.edu.

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
Need Skills? SOAR tutors can help! Free and confidential. Call or text Karen at 812-709-1618 to learn more. Located in the Martin County Community Learning Center Improve Your Skills, Improve Your Life!

Solid waste board
The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at noon 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.

Head Start accepting applications for fall
Hoosier Uplands Head Start is currently accepting applications for the 2022-23 school year for the Bedford, Loogootee, Mitchell, Paoli and Salem Centers, as well as classrooms within Playful Pathways at Bedford.

To be eligible for Head Start, the applying child must be born between the dates of August 2, 2017 and August 1, 2019. The family must also meet established federal income guidelines.

Head Start's comprehensive school readiness program offers nutritious meals and snacks, various educational opportunities and assistance with securing medical, dental and vision services. Head Start is a comprehensive program designed to support and help the entire family. All Head Start services are provided at no cost.

The number of enrollment vacancies are limited so; please call the center in your area to explore the possibility of your child enrolling in Head Start.
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*Loogootee (812) 295-4700
*Mitchell (812) 849-4448
*Paoli (812) 723-3687
*Salem (812) 883-5368

More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



An Illinois State trooper pulled a car over on I-57 about two miles south of Manteno, Illinois. When the trooper asked the driver why he was speeding, the driver said he was a magician and juggler and was on his way to Chicago to do a show for the Children's Hospital. He didn't want to be late.

The trooper told the driver he was fascinated by juggling and said if the driver would do a little juggling for him then he wouldn't give him a ticket.

He told the trooper he had sent his equipment ahead and didn't have anything to juggle.

The trooper said he had some flares in the trunk and asked if he could juggle them.

The juggler said he could, so the trooper got five flares, lit them and handed them to him.

While the man was juggling, a car pulled in behind the state trooper's car. A drunken good old boy from Kankakee got out, watched the performance, then went over to the trooper's car, opened the rear door and got in.

The trooper observed him and went over to his car, opened the door asking the drunk what he thought he was doing.

The drunk replied, "You might as well take me to jail, cause there ain't no way I can pass that test."

THOUGHTS

*Sometimes I think I'm buying organic vegetables, but then when I get home, I realize they're just regular donuts.

*Life is like a mirror. Smile at it and it smiles back to you. -Peace Pilgrim

*Legend says when you can't sleep at night, it's because you're awake in someone else's dream. So, if everyone could

stop dreaming about me that'd be great.

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

*I may be a senior, but so what? I'm still hot.

Women's Magazine:

Page 14: How to lose weight fast.

Page 15: You're beautiful the way you are.

Page 16: Cake recipe.

There I was sitting at the bar staring at my drink when a large trouble-making biker steps up next to me, grabs my drink and gulps it down in one swig.

"Well, whatcha' gonna do about it?" He says, menacingly as I burst into tears.

"This is the worst day of my life," I say. "I'm a complete failure. I was late to a meeting and my boss fired me. When I went to the parking lot, I found my car had been stolen and I don't have any insurance. I left my wallet in the cab I took home. I found my wife with another man and then my dog bit me."

"So, I came to this bar to work up the courage to put an end to it all. I buy a drink, I drop a capsule in there and sit here watching the poison dissolve; then you show up and drink the whole thing! But enough about me, how's your day going?"

*Compassion for animals is intimately connected with goodness of character, and it may be confidently asserted that he who is cruel to animals cannot be a good man. -Arthur Schopenhauer.

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Pro-abortion proponents and some "Good Christian People" argue that we should not focus on a single issue when voting and they want us to look away from the 1 million pre-born children being killed each year by abortion. They do this in order to justify in their own conscious voting for pro-abortion candidates.

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PUBLIC WELCOME!



Spring is coming. I have winter aconite, crocus and hellebore blooms at Sandhill Gardens. The buds are swelling on the early daffodils and the vernal witch hazel will soon be full of blossoms. While we are still a few weeks away from the vernal equinox, it is normal for these early harbingers of spring to give us an early glimpse of the bloom season that is fast approaching.

It is time for some decisions. A lot of debris from last year's garden remains. That debris holds a lot of life. Many insects, both harmful and beneficial, spend the winter months in some form in the foliage left from last year's garden. Some have been in a state of hibernation. Others have over-wintered as eggs that will hatch with the warmer weather and still others have over-wintered as pupa encased in a wide variety of structures. Some are hanging on leaves, while others have burrowed beneath piles of debris. The hollow stems of many spent flowers and seed stalks have become the winter lairs of many creatures. Natural purists urge us to refrain from removing the remnants of last year's garden until after the temperatures are consistently in the fifties.

On the other hand, it would be nice to get rid of some of the insects that damage plants. Removal of debris from plants that were damaged last year by beetles could help protect the plants that will be grown in that area this year. Many plant diseases also over-winter in the debris and removing the debris now would help prevent diseases this year.

I would not dare to tell any gardener when he or she should clear out the debris, but I will share some of what guides my decisions at Sandhill Gardens. The number one consideration is what happened last year. If there were diseases in some plant material, I want to get rid of it. Actually, for the most part, that has already been done. That diseased material was removed last year and burned. If you did not do so, get that diseased foliage out now. If you cannot burn it where you live,

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Soon, free printed copies of each will be available at local retail outlets, state parks, lakes and other DNR properties.

Paper copies of the guides also are available at the DNR booth in Tackle Town, in the Blue Ribbon Pavilion at the Indianapolis Boat, Sport and Trav-

el Show, February 23-27, at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis.

bag it up and put it in the garbage. You do not want to add this debris to your compost bins, as most compost does not get hot enough to destroy the pathogens. The same goes for plants that were damaged by insects. Preventing infestations is better than trying to get rid of the insects later. Location is the next consideration. In a garden the size of mine, clean-up cannot be done in a day. Therefore, it is necessary to do what can be done early. I have a lot of ornamental grasses and wildflowers that were left to provide food and shelter for the birds through the winter. They need to be cut back to make way for the new growth. If this debris is located in open ground, where there are no trees, shrubs or actively-growing plants, burning is the quickest way to get it down. I prefer to do this on a day when there is a little snow on the ground or when the ground is wet and there is little wind. It pays to be prepared with a garden hose stretched out in the area and it is best done with some help around. Burning usually results in rapid re-greening as soon as we receive a little rain. Of course, burning means that the creatures that this debris has harbored will not survive.

That is acceptable, since there is plenty of plant materials that are in locations where burning is not practical. That plant material must be cut and carted away. For the larger clumps, I prefer to use the brush cutter with a blade. This will make the work quicker and clean. Tying the debris in bundles before cutting will make it easier to cart off the material. I usually stack such debris in an area at the edge of the woods, where the insects in it will be able to complete their life cycles and emerge when their time comes. Later, when I have a free day, I will run it through my shredder and add it to a compost pile or use it for mulch.

There is a lot of work to get ready for spring but take time to enjoy those gems that come early to cheer us along. If you do not have hellebores, aconite, crocuses and snowdrops, come and visit me at Sandhill Gardens. I love to share my garden.

Annual entrance passes for state park properties can be purchased in person at the gatehouse or offices of state park properties during business hours, at the Indiana Government Center South in Indianapolis during business hours or at shopINstateparks.com.

For more information on Indiana state park properties, visit stateparks.IN.gov.

Fishing licenses can be purchased and printed at INHuntFish.com. They can also be purchased at retailers, county clerk offices, most DNR properties throughout the state, as well as at the Boat, Sport and Travel Show.

What hobby poultry owners should know about preventing avian influenza

Avian influenza can be devastating to all poultry—even small, hobby flocks. The virus can cause reduced egg production, general illness or even sudden death to chickens, turkeys and other poultry species. With cases cropping up in three states in the last week, hobby flock owners should take steps to keep their flocks safe.

Poultry owners should practice good biosecurity by blocking possible sources of the virus. This includes minimizing foot traffic from visitors into the chicken coops and pasture areas. The avian influenza (AI) virus (and other disease-causing agents) can be carried in on clothing and shoes. Avoid visiting other flocks and handling other people's birds.

Anyone entering a chicken coop or pasture area should wear boot covers or shoes dedicated to that space only. Change shoes, boots or clothing after wearing them in public.

Equipment, such as feed buckets, hoses and waterers, can be contaminated. Therefore, equipment should be cleaned and disinfected before use—especially if it has contact with birds from outside the home flock. Vehicles can transport germs on tires, too.

Prevent contact with wild birds. Migratory waterfowl (ducks, geese, etc.) are known to carry AI without becoming ill or dying. Because they shed the virus in their droppings, bodies of water and other spaces where they congregate can pose a higher risk. Keeping poultry confined to a coop or a fenced space can help to reduce possible exposure.

Watch for signs of illness in your flock.

2022 Indiana Small Farm Conference switches to virtual amid COVID concerns

BY NYSSA LILOVICH
Purdue University News Service

The 2022 Indiana Small Farm Conference – Indiana's premier annual event for the state's small and diversified farming community – has made the decision to pivot to a virtual platform amid the state's high numbers of COVID cases.

"All of us from Purdue Extension were looking forward to spending time with farmers, colleagues and friends this March at the Indiana Small Farm Conference," said Nathan Shoaf, urban agriculture coordinator and conference committee member. "We waited as long as we could before making the decision to pivot from an in-person conference to a virtual one, but we determined it was the safest path forward for everyone."

The 10th annual conference will offer free webinars and keynote speaker videos to all who register.

"We hope to interact with many past conference participants, as well as those who are attending for the first time," Shoaf said. "Thank you to all of the farmers, vendors and sponsors who make this an incredible conference year after year."

Malik Kenyatta Yakini, co-founder and executive director of the Detroit Black Community Food Security Network, will keynote at 11:30 a.m. ET, March 3. Genesis McKiernan-Allen and Liz Brownlee, co-founders of the Hoosier Young Farmer Coalition, will also present keynote remarks for the conference.

Since 2013, the Indiana Small Farm Conference has featured comprehensive programming about diversified farming and local food systems, bringing together novice and experienced small-scale farmers.

Birds affected with HPAI may show one or more of the following signs:

- Sudden death without clinical signs
- Lack of energy and appetite
- Decreased egg production
- Soft-shelled or misshapen eggs
- Swelling of the head, eyelids, comb, wattles, and hocks
- Purple discoloration of the wattles, combs, and legs
- Nasal discharge
- Coughing, sneezing
- Incoordination
- Diarrhea

At the first signs of any of these, call the USDA Healthy Birds Hotline: 866-536-7593. Callers will be routed to a federal or state veterinarian in Indiana for case assessment. Dead birds should be double-bagged and refrigerated for possible testing.

Essential points to note about the current ongoing avian influenza situation:

The food supply is safe. All shipments of poultry and eggs are tested to ensure the absence of avian influenza (AI) before moving into the food supply.

No cases of human illness have been reported for the strains of HPAI that are currently circulating in the United States; however, poultry owners should practice good hygiene/handwashing after handling birds.

Learn more about biosecurity practices and keeping poultry safe online at: www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animal-health/animal-disease-information/avian/defend-the-flock-program/defend-the-flock-program

"I am confident our excellent team of educators and farmers will deliver high-quality online content to help you continue to farm throughout this uncertain time," says Mike Hoopengardner, owner of Redbud Farm and Caprini Creamery and ISFC committee member. "Please join us virtually for the 10th annual Indiana Small Farm Conference."

This year's free conference offers 10 tracks from which attendees can choose sessions that best align with their farming operations and goals: vegetable production, livestock production, marketing, urban agriculture, regenerative agriculture, value added, soil health, pollination management, perennial crop production, and innovations in response to climate change.

A detailed conference schedule will be available, and currently scheduled sessions are subject to change. For more information, or to register, visit the Indiana Small Farm Conference website at purdue.ag/sfc.

Where the Wild Things Are

The Dubois County Museum and area girl scout Troop #228 are working together to bring a program for preschoolers called, "Where the Wild Things Are" on Saturday, March 5, from 10 a.m.-noon at the museum, located at 2704 N. Newton Street in Jasper. Participants are invited to explore and learn about the animals in the wildlife gallery at the museum. Cost of the program is admission to the museum at \$5 for adults, and \$2 for pre-school age children. Please RSVP by Tuesday, March 1 so enough supplies for the crafts and activities can be arranged. Send an email with name and the number of children attending to cherylserrmersheim@gmail.com.

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LHS Junior English Class presents . . .

Small Businesses, BIG Stories

BY ASHDEN WALTON, AVA SUMMERS & CAITLIN CARRICO
Loogootee High School Junior Class

The junior English class at Loogootee High School are working with the City of Loogootee Recast Team to promote locally-owned small businesses. The class is interviewing business owners in Loogootee and Shoals. Below is their next interview.

Chris Burch Burch Veterinary Clinic
“As a vet or a person in general you have to like what you do. I am 64, so I have been around the block about six times. There have been many main factors that have inspired where I am today. Faith is going to have to be number one and family is going to have to be second. Then you start getting into the work and the pleasures to prioritize things in that level of success and believe there is a God and walk in that prayer. When I look back, it would have to be family and encouragement. Like I say to many people, you just have to take one day at a time to figure out what you like to do. It doesn't take going to some big college, you need to figure out what skills fit you best. I wanted to be a veterinarian for a long time. Around my freshman and sophomore year, I started getting more interested in what I wanted to do. A lot of what I did was up at Odon. About every Saturday I would go ride, I would watch, and by osmosis I kind of learned to trade. By doing that I thought, 'Ok, this is something I want to do.' The main question is 'so why did you do it?' People say it is because I love animals. Yeah, I like working with them and don't mind it, but the number one reason is to help people and their families. Pets are a part of your family so you try to keep them as healthy as you can. To sum it all up into one, God is first, family is second by forming me into the person I am, and then you have the work part of it. You have to have the faith in knowing what you want to do. It is easy to say but very challenging to do.

The reason I wanted to be a veterinarian

is because at the stage of a kid I enjoyed science, I liked biology, math came easy for me, and honestly I didn't know if I was going to go down a science route or an engineering route since my family is engineering. I kind of liked the challenges. I don't know why I went to the vet side vs. the medical side. I have one boy who is a family practitioner who went on the medical side. Honestly, at the time of thinking what I actually wanted I enjoyed being outside, the agriculture side of it, and I wanted the challenging part of it. I wanted something different every day. It is a combination of liking animals and at the time I was doing a lot of outside stuff with large animals. That is all that kind of pushed me to where I am today.

There's advantages and disadvantages of having your own business. The advantages are being your own boss in a way. No one is really telling you how to do your own thing in a different way. You can do what you want. There is a downside of you working a lot. Such as if you are closed or on vacation you aren't making money then or providing anything. There are always pluses and minuses. When you own it you kind of get to choose your own hours too. There also isn't a salary limit, it is all based on your skill. If you are in a big business, you have a salary limit. In all big businesses you have to have similar talents. That causes client issues. The biggest disadvantage of having your own business is the time it takes to run it. Everything my wife and I are doing is never stopping. It's crazy in today's world but I'm hard-headed and would do it all over again if I had to.

You have to go with the flow. You have to have success with the pets. It all has to go back to doing what you like to do and what you are able to do. If you do things you like to do, a main goal would be to stay busy and start going down the route you would like. Your duchess has to do with how well you perform your work. Internally the goal is to be good at what you do and then everything else takes care of itself. I think when you say the goals would be if I am doing large

or small animals is to the best medicine and economics, I can do with them. My job as a vet is to see what's going on the best that I can and to give you options. The goals all go around to being the best you can be with the skills you have. We need hands-on skills for any type of job. Be good at doing the job you do daily, and everything is going to work out okay for you. The big encouragement I can give you is to be really good at what you like to do. Don't go into it halfway and give it your all. All of us have talents. Use God in that and say give me the ability to do what I am supposed to do.

Strengths and weaknesses are having different levels in anything. Such as different types of surgeons. When I went through vet school, we had two weeks of just working on eye diseases and after two weeks it was so confusing to me. I saw 1,500 pictures and it all was confusing. When I see patients with eye problems, I normally send them to a vet who specializes in eyes. You need to recognize the things you are good at and things you are not so good at. Clients appreciate you referring them to other places to give them the best care. Business-wise you really need to stay organized and get good accounts. You need the courage to say I don't know when it comes to things that you are less confident with than others. You do things you like and continue to get better and good at things you like doing. Referral is a big thing when it comes to veterinary care if needed.

We don't bring any customers in by advertising. You do it by doing good work and people saying "hey this where we took our pet." Our big thing is doing it by word of mouth. We came here in January of '89 as our first year. Compared to our first year, it is 50% of what we do today growth-wise. The first year is building up your practice and just trying to get people to use you. Wherever you start your practice you start to wonder, man is anyone going to walk in the doors? How are we going to pay our bills and get everything started? After the first year un-

less we had some ad put up for 4-H stuff or we have supported the Musicals for the Loogootee Schools we haven't advertised. With Lindsey and Misty of the Loogootee Choir we helped them out. By saying that, we do not care if our name is big out there. We will help you if needed so honestly we really don't advertise. We had people who have wanted us to, but we just didn't want extra pressure added. Honestly, sometimes we take the phones off the hook just to be able to get some work done. We see it as if you enjoy what you are doing and get good at it you do not need an advertisement. Having pets do good and making clients happy is the most rewarding part of my job. I think of the animals weeks after I have taken care of them. Having and keeping people satisfied with my work is what I like.

You remember some of the pets you work with and grow with the families. Such as the bigger dogs that you have done surgery on. We did a big mastiff, and I will remember it. It gets to become a blur sometimes, so we keep simple records of all animals we have. We can always tell the work we have done in the past. The thoughts of animals succeeding after I have had them just makes me happy.

I just see my business as enough to survive in the next five years. I am 64 so the challenge for me is to not grow in the next five years. I really do not know because of economics today. You never know where we are going to go as a nation and on a world scale. I have looked at how to slow down without this all quitting. I am looking at the challenges of how to slow down without losing all the practice and enjoyment of my job. For me it is hard to see where this business is going in five years. If I was going to grow, I would have done it 20 years ago. In improvement it is mainly just us maintaining the business. If we do anything huge it will be getting improved technology to keep us up to date. It is all like a merry go round on how big and the goals are to grow and change. I just want to do well and continue the way I am going today.”

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Local man wins coveted FFL All Madden trophy

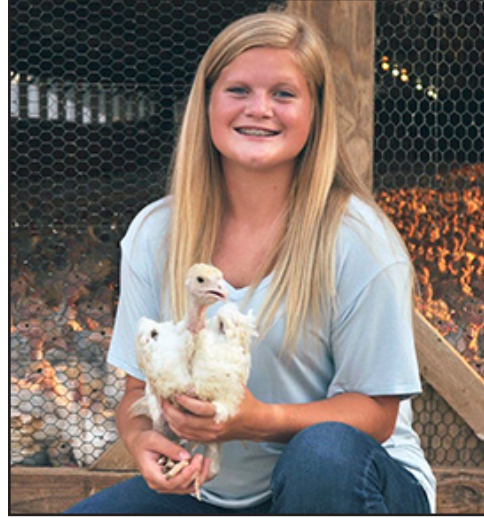
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Pete Bruner was the winner of the local fantasy football league. Bruner walked away with the coveted FFL All Madden trophy.

2022 Seniors



SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL



ASHLYN TROUTMAN

Ashlyn Grace Troutman is the daughter of Patrick and Laura Troutman. Her siblings are Kendra, Shana, and Max Troutman. In high school, Ashlyn participated in Beta, pep club, cheer, softball, and FFA. Her favorite high school memory is "When we butchered chickens and pigs in Kent's class". After graduation, Ashlyn plans to enter the workforce and pursue a career in agriculture.



JADEN JONES

Jaden Parker Jones is the son of Aaron and Andrea Jones. His siblings are Ava, Austin, and Ethan Jones. In high school, Jaden participated in basketball, baseball, Beta club, student council, pep club, and band. His favorite high school memory is "the locker room after we beat Southridge in basketball my freshman year". After graduation, Jaden plans to attend USI for computer information systems and cyber security.

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XAVIARA FUARTADO

Xaviara Diane Fuartado is the daughter of Sagonia Williams and Joshua Fuartado. She has one brother named Dreyson Fuartado. In high school, Xaviara participated in cheer, dance, volleyball, and pep club. Her favorite high school memory is "When I pulled the fire alarm freshman year on accident while decorating for boys basketball sectional." After graduation, Xaviara plans to attend college and become a social worker.



KELTON WILLIAMS

Kelton Dean Williams is the son of Jeff Williams and Jennifer Phillips. He has one brother named Tyler Williams. In high school, Kelton participated in FFA. His favorite high school memory is "hanging out in Gee's advisory class my senior year". After graduation, Kelton plans on entering the workforce.



Councilman's Corner

By Shoals Town Council President Cary D. Albright

The Town of Shoals is blessed and very thankful. I was contacted directly by the Lieutenant Governor Crouch's office last week. We are very thankful to receive the \$700,000 grant from Lieutenant Governor Crouch and the Office of Community and Rural Affairs. This is a full grant we do not have to pay back or match.

The council started working on this project over three years ago, seeking various funds to support the \$1.9 million wastewater repair and update. Last year, I contacted Congressman Larry Bucshon's office for an appointment to seek out funding. At that time, there was no appointments available. Then at the last moment, an appointment was canceled, and I took it right away. I, your Clerk-Treasurer Sierra Rutledge and your local Economic Development Director Angie Risacher went to Jasper. We met with Congressman Larry Bucshon and that's what really got this ball rolling. Congressman Larry Bucshon contacted Lieutenant Governor Crouch and sent a letter supporting the Shoals wastewater project. Our main concern was a 725-foot wastewater line that is classified as temporary when the new bridge was built across US Highway 50 in Shoals back in 1991. This has been a very high-maintenance issue for the town and has a very high potential of endangering our environment. This money will also go toward relining 6,500 linear feet of wastewater line, refurbishing 24 man-holes and installing a new wastewater separator at our treatment plant. This was a very competitive bidding process to receive this money. Communities of our size very seldom have this opportunity.

We have now knocked this project down a notch. We are still seeking funds to make this project continue to work in the middle of rising Covid costs. This project is and will take a lot of organizations working together. Southern Indiana Development Corporation, along with the Office of Community and Rural Affairs and many more, will work hand in hand along with your council and clerk-treasurer to bring this project to life.

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