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Martin County Alliance, Chamber co-host first annual dinner

The Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth and Martin County Chamber of Commerce co-hosted their first annual dinner, on Thursday, March 16 in the lower level of St. John's Center. More than 200 Martin County business and community leaders, along with regional partners were in attendance for the event.

The evening ceremonies began with the National Anthem that was performed by the Shoals Community School Pep Band. Following the National Anthem, was opening prayer, led by Father Kenneth Walker. Next on the agenda, was dinner, which was catered by Carla's Catering. After dinner, the Shoals Robotix Club completed a demonstration. After the Robotix Demonstration, Beth Sweeney spoke on behalf of the Red Cross.

Two Martin County Seniors were awarded \$1,000 scholarships sponsored by Martin County Alliance and the Martin County Chamber. The two scholarship award winners were selected and presented by Keith Peacock (KCARC) based on essay content/suggestions, school merit, reported financial needs and listed extracurricular activities. The students were asked to provide a letter of recommendation and to submit a 200-400-word essay on the following topic: "What quality of place do you think is missing and/or lacking in Martin County and what benefits would this add to our county?" The

Loogootee Senior awarded this scholarship was Abigail Fischer. Abigail is the daughter of Chris and Tonia Fischer of Loogootee. Abigail is ranked number 1 of 76 students in her class at LHS with a GPA of 4.33. Abbey works well with others and is considered an asset by her peers and instructors at Loogootee High School. While our county is small, Abbey suggests that Martin County should work on attracting entertainment businesses in our county to help attract out-of-town tourists as well as help create potential job opportunities for our county population.

The Shoals Senior awarded the scholarship was Wyatt Asbell. Wyatt is the son of Cary and Tammie Asbell of Shoals. Wyatt is ranked number 8 of 37 students in his class at SHS with a GPA of 4.08. Wyatt is considered to demonstrate a commitment to hard work and rigorous curriculum by his peers and instructors at Shoals High School. Wyatt suggests that Martin County should focus on creating more housing opportunities within our county so that our community will continue to grow and thrive in the years to come.

Pamela Loughmiller presented the Organization of the Year award to St. Vincent De Paul. The Organization of the Year Award is presented to one who helps bring things to our community, one that (See 'DINNER' on page 2)



-Photos provided

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce and Martin County Alliance co-hosted an annual dinner last Thursday night. Shown above are attendees at the St. Patrick's Day-themed event. In the photo on the left, Pamela Loughmiller presented the Organization of the Year Award to St. Vincent De Paul, represented by Samantha Nelson and Keith Greenwell.

Loogootee School Board makes staff, calendar changes

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Loogootee School Board met Thursday, March 16. Board Members TJ McAtee and Brent Courter were not present for the meeting.

Superintendent Dr. Brian Harmon said they will resume discussion on the school's planned \$17 million expansion and remodel project at their April meeting.

The board approved the resignation of Ann Hohl as high school English teacher effective March 17, 2023. They also approved a maternity leave request for Mrs. Hollihan, special education teacher, effective April 21 and hiring Lori Winger as elementary administrative assistant.

The board approved the following sports positions:

-Pete Smith, Jordan Dant, TJ McAtee, and Justin Carrico as baseball volunteers

-Brad Christmas as middle school tennis coach

-Spencer Ray as girls' and boys' tennis volunteer

-Emily Julian as girls' and boys' track assistant

Dr. Harmon recommended the board change the 2023-24 school calendar to close school on April 8, 2024, for a complete solar eclipse, since Loogootee will be near the center of the eclipse. He said this will be a heightened occasion and parents typically have a variety of expectations for the event. He said this will add one day onto the end of the school year. The board approved the change.

Dr. Harmon also requested the board change the way the school handles hours for professional development. He said currently, they do professional development at the end of the school day, on early

release. He said this causes issues with extracurricular activities and teachers ready to end their day. He would prefer to move those to mornings and do a two-hour delay once a month. He said this would cause less stress on parents with less frequent need to figure out arrangements for their children. He said they would have to be cognizant of bad weather, etc. that may cause them to have to dismiss early. He said they cannot do a two-hour delay and dismiss early if they want that day to count as a full day of instruction. The board approved the change.

Curriculum Director Shelley Christmas discussed the middle school's evaluation to become a STEM certified school. She (See 'LOGOOTE' on page 2)



Summerfest looking for donations for fireworks

The Loogootee Summerfest Committee will be accepting donations this year for fireworks that end the festival. Due to costs associated with purchasing the fireworks, the committee is going to need help this year. Donations can be mailed to Summerfest PO Box 341 Loogootee IN 47553. Donors will be listed in this section of *The Journal* each week with their donation amount and the running total of total contributions. Donors can be listed as anonymous if they so choose.

Martin County's jobless rate stood at 2.8 percent in January

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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Martin County's unemployment rate bumped up to 2.8 percent in January, from 2.4 percent the month before. The county had the 14th lowest jobless rate in the state for January, tied with eight other counties.

In January, the county had 5,447 residents in the workforce with 151 of them unemployed. In December, there were 5,452 residents able to work and 130 of them without jobs. In January of last year, Martin County's jobless rate was 2.6 percent with 5,444 residents able to work and 143 of them unemployed.

Daviess County also saw an increase in their jobless rate, moving from 1.7 percent in December to 2.4 percent in January. The county had the fourth lowest jobless rate of the 92 Indiana counties for January.

In January, the county had 16,632 residents in the workforce and 402 of them were unemployed. In December, there were 16,641 residents able to work and

278 of them without jobs. In January of 2022, Daviess County's jobless rate was 2.6 percent with 16,584 residents in the workforce and 433 of them without jobs.

Dubois County's unemployment rate increased to 2.5 percent in January, up from 1.9 percent the month before. The county had the fifth lowest jobless rate in the state for January, tied with Adams and Hendricks counties.

In January, the county had 21,833 residents in the workforce and 547 of them without jobs. In December, there were 21,986 residents able to work and 416 of them unemployed. In January of last year, Dubois County's jobless rate was 2.2 percent with 21,738 residents in the workforce and 480 of them without work.

Greene County's jobless rate bumped from 3.3 percent in December to 4.1 percent in January. The county had the 14th highest jobless rate in the state for January, tied with Jasper County.

In January, the county had 13,630 resi-

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Martin County Community Foundation announces most recent grant cycle recipients

The Martin County Community Foundation Board of Directors awarded \$31,609 in Impact Grants to five local organizations in the most recent quarterly round of grants in the new Open Application Grant Cycle. With this new grant process, grantseekers can apply online year-round; applications are pulled and evaluated quarterly.

Megan Hawkins, the MCCF Grants Committee Chairperson, commented on this latest grant cycle, "It's exciting to see the proposals submitted for educational opportunities for youth and recreation in our county. Congratulations to each grant recipient; we look forward to seeing all the progress with pickleball and more. We are thankful for the impact these organizations have on our county."

A 1:1, \$25,000 challenge grant for the proposal "Loogootee Pickleball, Looking Forward" was awarded to Martin Coun-

ty Alliance for Economic Growth, fiscal sponsor for Loogootee Pickleball, Inc. A challenge grant provides matching funds, helping organizations gain public awareness of their project goals and raise funds for their mission. MCCF will grant one dollar for every dollar raised by Loogootee Pickleball up to \$25,000. Checks for the match may be written to Martin County Community Foundation, noting Loogootee Pickleball in the memo, and mailed to P.O. (See 'GRANTS' on page 2)

CORRECTION

In last week's *Martin County Journal* township trustee article, Rutherford Township Trustee Terry Street's mileage reimbursement amount was listed incorrectly. The total amount of mileage reimbursement was \$143.36 for 2022. *The Journal* apologizes for the error.

DINNER

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is highly involved in bettering the community and one who is always giving back to our community. Kenny Frye presented the Gene Shaw Citizen of the Year Award to Dan and Barbara Gregory. The Gene Shaw Citizen of the Year Award is given for the citizen(s) who do an outstanding job of representing our county. Examples include: someone who works hard to landscape their property so other residents and visitors have a positive experience driving through; a volunteer who picks up trash along our major roadways on a regular basis; someone aiding another person whose car has broken down or gives a cheerful smile as they take your lunch order; someone who volunteers and works tirelessly to help our many organizations; others who have the courage to start a new business, right here in Martin County, which ultimately improves our economy and quality of life.

Keynote speaker of the evening was Denny Spinner, the Executive Director of Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA). Denny was the previous Mayor of Huntingburg, where he chaired the Huntingburg Stellar committee, which earned the city the Stellar Community designation in 2014. Denny spoke on behalf of OCRA, economic development in Martin County, as well as the State of the Rural Economy in Indiana report.

Without the support of our generous members, this evening would not have been possible. Organizers are grateful for the community's support and investment in the Martin County Chamber of Commerce and the Martin County Alliance for 2023.



Shown above is Keith Peacock with the scholarship recipient for Loogootee, Abigail Fischer.



Shown above is Noel Harty with the scholarship recipient for Shoals, Wyatt Asbell.

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dents in the workforce with 557 of them unemployed. In December, there were 13,567 residents able to work and 443 of them without jobs. In January of 2022, Greene County's jobless rate was 4.2 percent with 13,581 residents and the workforce and 564 of them unemployed.

The top ten spots in the state for the lowest jobless rate for January were Hamilton, Gibson and Boone counties at 2.3 percent; Daviess County at 2.4 percent, Dubois, Hendricks and Adams counties at 2.5 percent; Johnson and Posey counties at 2.6 percent and Shelby, Hancock, Floyd, and Bartholomew counties at 2.7 percent.

The top ten spots in the state for the highest jobless rate for January were LaGrange and Noble counties at 5.2 percent, Starke County at 5 percent, Elkhart and Lake counties at 4.9 percent, Newton County at 4.8 percent, Howard County at 4.7 percent, LaPorte and Vermillion counties at 4.4 percent, and Crawford and Fay-

GRANTS

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Box 28, Loogootee, IN 47553.

Grant Recipients:

Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth, *Manufacturing Day Fall 2023*, \$2,000

R.S.V.P. of Daviess Co., *Be Kindergarten Ready!*, \$880

St. John Catholic Church, *Gibson's Grace*, \$2,000

Shoals Community School Corporation, *National RoxStars*, \$1,729

The community foundation is governed by a volunteer board whose mission is to improve the quality of life in Martin County for this generation and generations to come. The community foundation accepts and manages individual and business contributions made to permanent endowments, some of which fund the annual grant cycle. The Martin County Community Foundation is a public charity recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) whose mission is to be proactive in creating and growing an enduring source of charitable assets, and to identify and respond to the changing needs of Martin County. For more information, contact Curt Johnson at (812) 295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org.

ette counties at 4.3 percent.

Indiana's unemployment rate in January stands at 3.1 percent, according to the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. By comparison, the national unemployment rate for January stands at 3.4 percent.

In addition, Indiana's labor force participation rate held at 63.4 percent for January, remaining above the national rate of 62.4 percent. Indiana's total labor force, which includes both Hoosiers employed and those seeking employment, stands at 3,409,096 - a decrease of 973 from the previous month.

Private sector employment in Indiana increased by 12,600 jobs over the last month, translating to a gain of 85,300 jobs from this time last year. Indiana's January private employment stands at 2,825,700. Industries that experienced job increases in January included: Construction (+6,700); Leisure and Hospitality (+4,700); Private Educational and Health Services (+2,500); Trade, Transportation and Utilities (+1,500); and Professional and Business Services (+300).

As of March 1, 2023, there were 130,839 open job postings throughout the state. In January, 19,460 unemployment insurance claims were filed in Indiana. Individuals looking for work, training or career information are encouraged to visit in.gov/dwd/job-seekers.

LOOGOOTE

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said the evaluation was done on March 8 and they expect to hear from the Indiana Department of Education on Monday, May 8. The high school and elementary are already STEM certified.

Students Reese Gibson and Libby Swartztruber gave presentations on the eighth graders "Martin County Made Day" trip where they travelled to area businesses to learn about what is being manufactured in the county. They also showed the shirts they designed for all the eighth grade students.

Christmas also provided information on a new mobile application for parents and students to better facilitate communications. The app also provides upcoming events, menus, calendars, and other school resources.

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER:

For the 11 years I have been privileged to serve as Mayor of Loogootee, my goal has always been the same: to diligently run our City and meet the needs of our citizens on a day-to-day basis, to support our City workers and staff who serve the public, to encourage and promote small businesses and nonprofits, to support and promote our schools and school activities, to maintain and upgrade our infrastructure and the equipment our workers (including the Police and Fire Departments) need to do their jobs - and make improvements which beautify our City and make us all even prouder to live here.

Small cities need grants to make essential maintenance and major improvements to infrastructure such as street paving and storm water, and we have successfully applied for and received over \$875,000 in grants for those ongoing projects. More grants will be required and we will continue to pursue them.

Additionally, we have applied for and received approximately \$1,000,000 in grants and donations for housing, the revitalization of our pool, the beautiful mural downtown, the new fountain and benches, improvements to the City Park - including new play-ground equipment, picnic tables, benches, and restrooms, etc.

This calendar year, there will be more enhancements to the City Park, including a walking trail, and even more playground equipment and benches. Another major project will include a downtown pavilion. These are made possible by grants as well as the hard work of our volunteer Park and Rec Board.

Perhaps the most exciting project in our near future is the possibility of up to 40 homes which will be built on the North side of Loogootee and funded in part by a \$600,000 matching grant. The progress of this new development will be an on-going subject of our monthly Council meetings.

I am equally proud of our civic improvements, such as creating the Building Commissioner position, the all-volunteer Beautification Board, the yearly city-wide Thanksgiving Dinner, the Festival of Lights parade at Christmas and also Summerfest, the Halloween parade, and special events at our City pool.

In addition to my tenure as Mayor, I am a member (or President) of numerous Boards which complement our City, such as Chamber of Commerce, Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth, Daviess-Martin Four Rivers, Martin County Community Corrections, Martin County Solid Waste, Youth Council, Martin County Council on Aging, Head Start Policies and Procedures, etc. And most of you already know, I served five years as Perry Township Trustee prior to becoming Mayor.

My door is always open during business hours and I invite you to stop by City Hall to discuss any issue or idea. Likewise, I appreciate the opportunity to hear and find solutions for problems or situations our residents might have. If I'm not in the office, most everyone knows my phone number and I will answer or return every call, message, or text.

I will also continue to arrange town meetings on important issues which impact our City, such as those recently about the Mid-States Corridor and the future of our Recycling Center.

I am honored to serve the City of Loogootee and blessed to be supported by employees, staff and volunteers who take pride in their jobs and care about our City. Loogootee truly is "a Small City with a Big Heart." I love living here and am proud of the work I have accomplished as Mayor, with more to do.

I promise you I will always do my best for our City and citizens of Loogootee. I humbly ask you once again for your vote.



-Paid for by Noel Harty for Loogootee Mayor



CONTRACTOR BREAKFAST

INVITING ALL CONTRACTORS FOR BREAKFAST!
If you are a contractor, please bring your crew and join us for breakfast on **Saturday, March 25th starting at 7am.**
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OBITUARIES

GENE SHERFICK

Gene B. Sherfick passed away Wednesday morning, March 15, 2023, at The Villages of Oak Ridge in Washington. A resident of Shoals, he was 96.



He was born March 6, 1927, in New Albany; son of Everett and Anna Bryan (Green) Sherfick.

He graduated from Shoals High School with the Class of 1945 and was a member of the Shoals Christian Church.

Gene married Eldean Winger on September 3, 1948, in Bedford. They enjoyed 74 1/2 years together.

Gene enlisted in the United States Air Force in October 1951 and served at Selfridge Air Force Base in Michigan, Lackland Air Force Base in Texas as a drill instructor, Scott Air Force Base in Illinois, and Tripoli, Libya as a Morning Clerk, achieving the rank of Staff Sergeant. During his time in Libya, he was awarded the Airman of the Month of the European Theater. Gene was Honorably Discharged in October of 1955.

He started farming with his dad in 1956 in Lost River Township.

Besides serving his country, Gene was also very active on many community boards; those included Soil and Water Conservation District Board, Martin County Commissioner, Board of Daviess-Martin County REMC, Farm Bureau Co-op Board, Bateman Community Center Director, Martin County 4-H Fair Association, Martin County Extension Association, Martin County Sheriff's Merit Board, Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals, Four Rivers Resource Conservation and Development Board, a founding member of the Lost River Township Volunteer Fire Department, and a lifelong member of the American Legion. Gene was also a National Weather Service volunteer reporter.

His hobbies when he was young, included coon hunting. In the service, he became interested in building and flying model airplanes. His interest in flying later led to him getting his pilot's license. Gene and Eldean also enjoyed gardening, vacations to the Smokey Mountains and spending much loved time with all their family.

Surviving are his wife, Eldean; his two children, Larry (Linda) Sherfick of Shoals, and Karen (Duane) Mann of Loogootee; four grandchildren, Kevin (Ashley) Mann, Kristin (Corbin) Cooper, and Kara (Eric) Greene, all of Loogootee, and

Augustus (Kendall Harshberger) Sherfick of Leander, Texas; six great-grandchildren, Avery Brock, Evelyn and Oliver Mann, Emmett and Hayes Cooper, and Amelia Greene, all of Loogootee; and one brother, George Sherfick, of Terre Haute.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Howard and Stanley Sherfick.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 21 at the Shoals Christian Church with Pastor Matt Sullivan officiating. Burial followed in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lost River Township Volunteer Fire Department.

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

STANLEY MONTGOMERY

Stanley Dean Montgomery passed away Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at his home. A resident of Shoals, he was 87.



He was born June 19, 1935, in Shoals; son of Wayne and Beulah (Abel) Montgomery.

He married Mary Tedrow on June 19, 1954, and she preceded him in death on September 8, 1968. He then married Carla Martin on July 19, 1969.

Stanley attended Shoals High School and was a member of Weisbach Community Church, which he and his sons helped to build.

Stanley worked at Old Paths Tract Society for many years. He enjoyed hobby farming, working in his sawmill; loved gardening, canning, fixing up his vehicles, and helped build many homes in the community including his own.

Surviving are his wife, Carla; children, Gerald (Exzelia) Montgomery, Diana (Kenneth) White, Brenda (Earl) Tedrow, Jewell (Steve) Atchley, Vaughn (Pauletta) Montgomery, Marold (Judith) Montgomery, Bryan (Cindy) Montgomery, Angela (Edward) Cook, and Reuben Montgomery; 33 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren with one more expected; one great-great-grandson; siblings, Robert (Ruth) Montgomery and Eileen Sanders; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary in 1968; son, Rodney Montgomery; daughter-in-law, Beth Montgomery; grandchildren, Austin, Ariana, Trenton, and Jackson; siblings, Kenneth Montgomery, Wilma Albright, Marvin Montgomery, Danny Montgomery, and Donnie Montgomery; and several brothers-in-law

and sisters-in-law.

A funeral service was held Saturday, March 18 at Weisbach Community Church with Pastor John Ziegler and Pastor Gerald Montgomery officiating. Burial followed in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Holiness Pilgrim Mission, in memory of Stanley D. Montgomery

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

Arrangements are under the direction of the Queen-Lee Chapel of George Funeral Care, Shoals.

ILENE CORTES

Regina Ilene (Taylor) Cortes passed away on March 13, 2023, at Jasper Memorial Hospital surrounded by family. A resident of Loogootee, she was 46.



She was born December 2, 1976, in Washington; daughter of Larry Dean and Pauline Fern (Butler) Taylor.

Ilene worked as a LPN and spent many years in the medical field. Ilene enjoyed her pets, loved watching movies, spending time with her family. She also loved to cook for family especially on special occasions.

Family left to cherish the memory of Ilene include daughter, Mercedes (Sadie) Cortes of Loogootee; father, Bob Dunn of Odon; brother, Brad (Stacy) Taylor of Washington; sister, Cindy (David) O'Brien of Loogootee; brother-in-law, Chuck Kirkley of Loogootee, many nieces and nephews.

Ilene was preceded in death by her parents, Larry and Pauline Taylor; sister, Donna Kirkley and step-mother, Linda K. Taylor.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, March 25 at 2 p.m. at the West Shoals Church of Christ, 432 Lynwood Street, Shoals, IN 47581.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society.

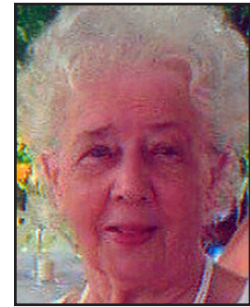
BETTY SMITH

Betty Lucille (Huey) Smith passed away during the evening hours of March 15, 2023. She was 96.

She was born in Lyons on September 27, 1926; daughter of Benjamin David and Abbie (Hollingsworth) Huey. She married James Roy Smith, Sr. on January 5, 1949, and he preceded her in death, January 1, 1992.

Betty was a 1944 graduate of Linton-Stockton High School and was later employed as a salesclerk for JC Penney. In her later years, she was a full-time homemaker. She was a member of the Daughters of Isabella and Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church.

Those who now mourn Betty's passing include her children, Michael J. Smith of Loogootee, Jeffrey Allan Smith of Washington, Mark (Kathy) Douglas Smith of Washington, and Mary Jane Edmiston of



Washington. Betty was blessed with nine grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

BETTY SMITH

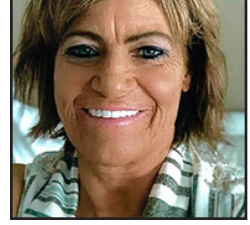
Betty was preceded in death by her parents, Benjamin and Abbie Huey; husband, James Roy Smith, Sr.; son, James Roy Smith, Jr.; and siblings: Bernard Huey, Paul Huey, Loretta Cate, Christina Monts, Rosemary Bellamy, Wilbertine Moore, Barbara Ludwick, Pauline Hawthorne, and Sarah Deiss.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Betty Smith was celebrated this morning, Wednesday, March 22, at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church. Father Paul Ferguson was the celebrant. Burial followed in the Glenco Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.edleemortuary.com. The staff of the Ed Lee Mortuary is honored to have been entrusted with arrangements for Betty Smith.

MARY ROSE KIDWELL

Mary Rose (Pennington) Kidwell, formerly of Shoals, passed away Sunday, March 19, 2023. A resident of Loogootee, she was 56.



She was born April 3, 1966, in Washington; daughter of Arnold "Ducky" and Dora (Payne) Pennington.

Mary attended Shoals High School. She owned and operated her own greenhouse for over 10 years, M&E Greenhouse, and a lifelong mother, grandmother, sister, and caretaker. She was a loving and caring wife. Mary loved being a foster mother, always had a smile on her face, and never met a stranger.

Surviving are her mother, Dora (Fred Qualkenbush) Pennington; children, Amanda (Gary) Campbell, Nicholas (Amber) Kidwell, and Katie (Cameron Wagler) Kidwell; their father, Edward Kidwell; grandchildren, Landon and Lincoln Campbell; siblings, Tracie Pennington-Stuckey, Scott (Amanda) Pennington, Nina (Millard) Anderson, Tammy (John) Crowe, and Jimmy Qualkenbush; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Ducky Pennington; grandmother, Thelma Pennington; and uncle, Cecil Pennington.

The funeral service will be at 4 p.m. Thursday, March 23 at the Queen-Lee Chapel of George Funeral Care, Shoals.

Visitation will be from 1 p.m.- 4 p.m. Thursday, March 23 at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Queen-Lee Chapel to assist with funeral expenses.

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

"The most dangerous phrase in our language is, "We've always done it this way.""
-Admiral Grace Hopper

It may seem strange to plan your own cremation or funeral ceremony, but it's the best way to ensure it's what you want. It also helps your family get everything taken care of in advance, so they know they're doing the right thing for you. Gain peace of mind by preplanning with a name you trust.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, MARCH 13

6:31 a.m. - Received a call reporting an accident with no injuries southeast of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

7:31 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

8:19 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Loogootee Chief Means responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:55 a.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance east of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:23 a.m. - Received a call reporting possible trespassers southwest of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

12:47 p.m. - Received a call reporting possible trespasser southwest of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

1:14 p.m. - Received a call reporting a theft south of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

1:16 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

2:49 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Crane. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

4:38 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check northeast of Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

5:19 p.m. - Received a call reporting a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Corporal Hawkins responded.

7:30 p.m. - Received a call reporting a disabled semi south of Loogootee. Corporal Hawkins responded.

10:57 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded but did not transport.

11:14 p.m. - Received a call requesting an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims and Corporal Hawkins responded.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

1:10 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Haysville Fire Department and Loogootee Officer Sims responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital with a Dubois County Medic on board.

1:58 a.m. - Received a call from Brinks Security advising of a residential burglar alarm southeast of Shoals. Homeowner advised to disregard.

2:54 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 2 responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

7:41 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:54 a.m. - Received a call from Vivint Alarm Company advising of a panic alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded.

8:49 a.m. - Received a request to speak to officers. Sheriff Greene and Chief Deputy Keller responded.

9:00 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

9:54 a.m. - Received a call from Brinks Security advising of a residential burglar alarm southeast of Shoals. Captain Gibson and Chief Deputy Keller responded.

10:30 a.m. - Deputy Pressley transported two inmates to court.

1:23 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported two inmates to court.

2:22 p.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn northeast of Shoals.

2:24 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

4:14 p.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn southwest of Shoals.

4:35 p.m. - Received a call requesting an officer to check doors of a business in Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

5:51 p.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn northeast of Loogootee.

7:12 p.m. - Received a call requesting officers to a residence in Shoals. Corporal Hawkins and Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

9:16 p.m. - Received a call reporting possible vandalism in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

3:18 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:40 a.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn north of Loogootee.

11:58 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Crane. Transferred call to Crane 911.

12:02 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Notified Loogootee Dispatch.

12:44 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

4:13 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a possible dispute in Loogootee. Sergeant Wells and Chief Deputy Keller responded.

4:15 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

4:18 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check in Shoals. Sergeant Wells responded.

6:15 p.m. - Received a vehicle identification number check south of Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

6:35 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:50 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

8:43 p.m. - Received a call reporting a car-deer accident east of Shoals. Corporal Hawkins and Big John's Towing responded.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

7:22 a.m. - Deputy Pressley transported one inmate to court.

8:30 a.m. - Received a 911 call from a Lawrence County address. Called Lawrence County with information.

9:17 a.m. - Received a report of a push panic alarm in Shoals. Accidental push of alarm.

10:01 a.m. - Received a call reporting a fire in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Chief Deputy Keller, Loogootee Chief Means and Martin County Medic 1 responded. No transport was needed.

11:07 a.m. - Received a call advising of a fire alarm test in Loogootee.

11:09 a.m. - Received a call from Shoals Community School advising they will be releasing early today.

12:21 p.m. - Received a 911 call from Crane Base. Transferred call to Crane 911.

1:28 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:31 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported one inmate to court.

3:10 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver north of Loogootee. All Martin County on duty law was notified.

3:29 p.m. - Received a call requesting

a welfare check in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

4:10 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Deputy and Sergeant Wells were notified.

4:58 p.m. - Received a call requesting officers and an ambulance in Loogootee. Sergeant Wells, Deputy Haven and Martin County Medic 1 responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

5:40 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check in Shoals. Sergeant Wells and Deputy Haven responded.

6:40 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check north of Shoals. Deputy Haven and Deputy Branham responded.

8:01 p.m. - Received a request from Deputy Branham for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Big John's Towing responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:20 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a structure fire northeast of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Martin County Civil Defense and Martin County Medic 2 responded. No one was transported.

10:48 p.m. - Received a call from Koorsen Fire and Security reporting a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

4:41 a.m. - Received a call from Johnson Control advising of a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

4:45 a.m. - Received a call requesting an officer and EMS in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baumgart, Deputy Branham and Martin County Medic 1 responded. No one was transported.

6:32 a.m. - Received a call reporting a traffic hazard in Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

7:34 a.m. - Received multiple 911 calls in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means responded.

8:06 a.m. - Received a call reporting a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Deputy Erwin responded.

9:05 a.m. - Received a call from ADT Alarm Company advising of a residential burglar alarm south of Shoals. Sheriff Greene responded.

9:19 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

10:24 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

10:25 a.m. - Received a call reporting possible stolen property. Sheriff Greene was notified.

10:38 a.m. - Received a call from Orange County requesting an ambulance in French Lick. Martin County Medic 1 was responding but did not need to transport.

11:00 a.m. - Received a call reporting a stalled semi south of Shoals. Sheriff Greene was notified.

11:52 a.m. - Received a call from Duke Energy advising of a road closure in Loogootee.

12:11 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:05 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to an officer. Sheriff Greene and ISP were notified.

2:12 p.m. - Received a call from Duke Energy advising the road in Loogootee is now open.

3:10 p.m. - Received a call reporting an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means responded.

4:22 p.m. - Received a call requesting

an ambulance northeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

4:57 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Transferred call to Daviess County 911.

7:16 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver on US 50, heading west toward Shoals. Deputy Branham and Deputy Haven responded.

9:26 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

9:33 p.m. - Received a call from Daviess County Dispatch advising of a reckless driver on US 50, heading east toward Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

10:16 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver on US 50, heading west toward Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

11:27 p.m. - Received a call reporting a possible missing juvenile. Deputy Branham and Deputy Haven responded.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

4:10 a.m. - Received a call from Astro Security advising of a residential burglar alarm southwest of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

11:49 a.m. - Received a call requesting traffic control for a funeral procession in Shoals. Deputy Erwin and Sergeant Wells responded.

12:21 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Lawrence County address. Transferred call to Lawrence County 911.

5:45 p.m. - Received a call advising of a possible domestic dispute south of Loogootee. Deputy Erwin and Deputy Haven responded.

8:52 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver heading north on US 231 North. Loogootee Officer Sims responded. Daviess County was also notified.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

12:27 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

12:44 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a possible domestic dispute southwest of Shoals. Deputy Branham, Loogootee Officer Sims and ISP Trooper Watson responded.

3:46 a.m. - Received a call reporting an accident with no injuries north of Shoals. Deputy Branham, Martin County Medic 1 and Big John's Towing responded. No transport was needed.

6:27 a.m. - Received a call advising of a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long and Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

9:49 a.m. - Received a call reporting a traffic hazard in Shoals. Sergeant Wells responded. INDOT was notified.

10:01 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded.

11:11 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Haysville Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:06 p.m. - Received a call from Daviess County Dispatch advising of a reckless driver heading East on US 50. Advised Loogootee Dispatch.

1:22 p.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down east of Shoals. Captain Gibson and Sergeant Wells responded.

4:24 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:26 p.m. - Received a request from ISP Trooper Lents for a coroner west of Shoals. Martin County Coroner responded. (See 'SHERIFF'S LOG' on page 5)

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS March 10

Casey J. Mathews, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 27 actual days previously served plus 27 Class A credit days.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED March 10

Casey J. Mathews, refusal to submit to breath or chemical test, a Class C Infraction, dismissed.

March 14

Edward F. Pournier, invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed March 9

Julie D. Sanders vs. Jerry K. Sanders, petition for dissolution of marriage.

March 10

Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs. Adryanne Noble, civil collection.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs. Jenevieve White, civil collection.

Abigail R. Miller vs. Preston C. Miller, petition for dissolution of marriage.

March 14

Delbert A. Miller and Jennifer L. Miller, petition for dissolution of marriage.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

SHERIFF'S LOG — (Continued from page 4)

ed.

4:28 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accidental gunshot wound southwest of Shoals. Captain Gibson, Deputy Haven, Daviess County EMS and Air Evac responded. Air Evac transported one patient to University of Louisville Hospital.

9:07 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

10:36 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Deputy Erwin and Deputy Haven responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

New Suits Filed March 9

Monty Gregory vs. Collin J. Padgett, eviction.

March 14

Carla L. Downey vs. Marya Gilliland, complaint.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS March 14

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Citibank and against the defendant Martin Lewis in the amount of \$2,456.84.

CIVIL COURT DISMISSED March 14

Cavalry SPV I, LLC vs. Michael McCoy, civil collection, dismissed.

SMALL CLAIMS DISMISSED March 10

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Lea M. Jones, complaint, dismissed.

ARRESTS

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

10:49 a.m. - Carl McCarty, 32, of Bedford, was arrested on Martin County warrants. He is being held without bond.

11:31 a.m. - Billy Mitchell, 48, of Jasonville, was arrested on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

9:32 p.m. - Eric Johnson, 23, of Georgia, was arrested by Deputy Branham and Deputy Haven and charged with possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia, false informing and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. He is being held on \$30,000 cash only bond.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

7:00 a.m. - Jordyn Walton, 18, of Paoli, was arrested by Deputy Branham and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment and possession consumption/transportation of alcohol by a minor. He is being held on \$1,000 10% bond.

12:19 p.m. - Christopher Huntson, 47, of Evansville, was arrested by Sergeant Wells and charged with dealing in methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine and neglect of a dependent. He is being held on \$75,000 cash only bond. Deputy Branham assisted with the arrest.

Martin County real estate transfers

John F. Brewer and Susan K. Brewer, of Martin County, Indiana to **John F. Brewer and Angela Robinson**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of Section 21, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 4.36 acres, more or less.

Justin A. Carrico, of Martin County, Indiana to **Bray, LLC**, of Vanderburgh County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing .34 acre, more or less.

Nathan T. Waddle, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Monty Gregory**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of Section 12, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing 2.25 acres, more or less.

Rusty O'Neal, of Owen County, Indiana to **Sycamore Land Trust**, of Monroe County, Indiana, 26 2/3 acres of even width off the east side of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 34, Township 2 North, Range 3 West,

commonly known as Anderson Road, Shoals IN.

Ark J. Wright and Kendra C. Wright, of Martin County, Indiana to **Michael Wylie Brace and Sydney Noel Brace**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 11, Run Subdivision, more commonly known as 8902 Doe Run Lane, Shoals IN.

Eva J. Flores, of Martin County, Indiana to **Eva J. Flores and Christina Cundiff**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 21 and a part of Lot Number 22, in the Town of West Shoals, now Shoals, Indiana.

Todd D. Harding and Denise Harding a/k/a Denise (Harding) Truelove to **Lauren M. Matheis a/k/a Lauren Raber** for Michael Harold Matheis, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of Section 3, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2 acres, more or less. More commonly known as 9435 Wade Cabin Lane, Shoals, IN.

Increased patrols for impaired driving

The Indiana State Police will be stepping up patrols to help curb impaired and drug-impaired driving. The enforcement campaign will run through April 4, 2023.

The safety initiative is designed to reduce crashes and traffic fatalities and to promote safe driving around St. Patrick's Day and the NCAA Tournament. It also comes at a time when roadway deaths continue to climb across the state and nation.

In response, officers will be conducting high-visibility patrols over the next several weeks, showing zero tolerance for anyone driving aggressively, over the speed limit, or under the influence. The extra enforcement is funded through National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) grants administered by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI).

During this same time period in 2022, there were 73 fatalities and more than 2200 injuries in vehicle crashes here in Indiana.

Alcohol, drug impairment, distracted driving, speeding, and not wearing seat belts continue to be some of the leading

causes behind the rise in fatalities.

Indiana State Police Jasper District Commander Jason Allen said, "Safety on Indiana roadways is one of our top priorities. We will diligently target impaired and aggressive drivers and focus our patrols on those violations that lead to tragic crashes. We will utilize strategic and deliberate efforts to detect and arrest drivers who choose to get behind the wheel of a car after drinking alcohol or using illegal drugs."

Throughout the campaign, the department will be encouraging motorists to focus on safe driving and follow the rules of the road. This means always wearing a seat belt, driving sober, driving distraction-free, and obeying all posted speed limits.

However, some precautions should be taken before getting behind the wheel. For plans that involve alcohol, designate a sober driver ahead of time or plan to use public transportation or a ride service to get home safely.

Motorists are encouraged to call 911 if they encounter an impaired or unsafe driver on the road.

CLASSIFIED ADS

YARD SALES

ANNUAL RSVP ARTS AND CRAFTS SUPPLY SALE March 23, 24 & 25 at Eastside Park Community Building in Washington. Fabric, yarn, paints, books, needlework, scrapbooking and much more. Thursday and Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to noon. Support RSVP and find some great items. For more info, call 812-254-1996. Item donations are still being accepted.

HELP WANTED

Deputy Clerk Wanted

The Martin County Clerk's Office is looking for a full-time Deputy.

If interested, please send resume to clerk@martincounty.in.gov or call the office at 812-247-3651.

BOOKKEEPER WANTED

The Martin County Solid Waste Management District is currently seeking a Bookkeeper. This is a 32-hour position with benefits. Must have knowledge of accounts payable, accounts receivable, and payroll. Please send resume, including level of education and job history with dates, to Martin County Solid Waste District P.O. Box 343 Loogootee, Indiana 47553. The last day to receive resumes is April 19, 2023.

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Little Chapel on the Hill

The construction of Waggoner's Chapel (named after George C. Waggoner) began in 1862. It was Waggoner's wish not only to build a church but to provide land for a cemetery. Actually, his daughter Mary, 10 days old at her death, was the first to be buried in the cemetery.

Native timber was selected from a nearby forest and processed in a sawmill, located on Lost River, and owned and operated by George. Weather boarding, joists, and rafters were made from yellow poplar and some white oak. Sills and sleepers were hand hewed from white oak. Large rocks for the foundation were quarried from a hill nearby.

The church seats were made from one-inch planks of white poplar and black oak and were held together by 8 D common cut square iron nails. Having survived for over 100 years, the seats still exist today. The first church had two flues, one stone and one brick. It was heated by two wood stoves and kerosene lamps were used for light. Even though repairs were made, Mother Nature played a role in the church's demise. The first structure survived for 70 years (1863-1933) and some of the material was salvaged and used in the building of the second church. This new structure was two feet shorter in length, width, and height. The fourteen stone blocks are still in use today as part

of the foundation.

Since most of the building material was donated by George Waggoner, and labor provided by the members of the congregation and friends, the estimated cost to rebuild was around \$300. A church bell was purchased in 1905 and can still be heard in Lost River Township today. Later, when funds became available, an organ was purchased. To this day, this new little white chapel on the hill has survived for 90 years.

Like its predecessor, Mother Nature has played a role in the deterioration of the chapel, and it is in bad need of repair. It is the goal of Friends Waggoner's Chapel, Inc. to preserve and maintain the integrity of this non-denomination historic chapel.

Will you help us reach our goal?
(Facts obtained from an article written by Virgil Davison.)

You can send donations to any trustee member: Mary Lou Billings, 13162 East River Road, Shoals IN 47581; Larry Sherfick, 3859 Windom Road, Shoals IN 47581; Cyndy Carithers, 6246 Sutton Lane, Shoals IN 47581; Lisa Hendrixson, 9309 E. Old SR 64, Holland IN 47541; or Ann Ackerman, 229 Walker Street, Loogootee IN 47553. You can also send donations to Friends of Waggoner's Chapel, Inc. in care of Mary Lou Billings at the address above.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Election public test

Notice is hereby given that the public testing of DS200 Image Scanners and Expressvote units that will be used in the 2023 Primary Election will be conducted in the commissioners' room of the Martin County Courthouse, located at 129 Main Street Shoals, IN 47581, on Friday, March 24 at 11 a.m. This test is to ensure all equipment is tallying votes correctly and working properly. This public test is open to the public in accordance to (IC 3-11-13-22).

Mustering Elm Park special meeting

There will be a special meeting for the Mustering Elm Park Group on Monday, March 27 at 7 p.m. There will be discussions concerning regular meetings, reservations, the car show and other items because of the closing of Highway 450 from April to November and no runaround to be provided. If you already have a reservation, you will be contacted to see if you want to keep the date or make a change. Please plan to attend.

Zoning meeting

The Loogootee Land Use Planning Committee will meet Monday, April 10 at 5 p.m. (prior to the regular council meeting) in the council chambers of the Loogootee Municipal Building. On the agenda is discussion on the rezoning of the former Dollar General Store location from business one to industrial two. The meeting is open to the public.

Mental Health Task Force

The Martin County Mental Health Task Force meets via Zoom. If interested in being a part of the task force, email echristmas@youthfirst.org or toddamy@iu.edu.

Celebrate Recovery meetings

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

St. Vincent Food Pantry

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, on Park Street in Loogootee, is open the fourth Thursday of the month except November and December when they are open the third Thursday. The hours are 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3:30 p.m.

Free lunch for kids

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

LUMC Food Pantry

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

Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the 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.

NOTICE

In preparation for mowing season, spring cleanup of St. John Catholic Cemetery will take place on Saturday, April 1 2023. All grave blankets and other ground decorations as well as obviously outdated gravestone decorations (e.g. Christmas) must be removed prior to that time. Any ground or outdated decorations remaining will be removed by the cleanup crew..

LOOGOOTEE MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION

In the upcoming Loogootee Municipal 2023 Primary Election on Tuesday, May 2, there are no contested races on the Republican ballot.

Under Indiana Code IC 3-10-6-4, whenever there is no contest in a political party for the nomination of a candidate or candidates for an office, but at least one candidate has filed for the nomination by that political party, the party is not required to hold a primary election for the unopposed offices, or candidates unless otherwise requested. So, to save the Loogootee taxpayers money, Republican candidates agreed to not petition to hold an unnecessary primary election where no races are opposed or contested.

Filed Republican candidates in Loogootee's Municipal Election will advance to the November 7th fall election.

Those candidates will be:

Brian Ader -Mayor

Lori Reynolds-Carrico -Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Engleman -City Council District 1

Dave Smith -City Council District 2

Buck Holland -City Council At Large

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COURTNEY GLOVER

Courtney Elyss Glover is the daughter of Aletha and Jason Glover. After graduation Courtney plans to enter the workforce. While in high school Courtney participated in Band (9-12), Musical (9-12), Chorus(9-12), Show choir (9-12), and Cadet (9).



DANIEL FLANAGAN

Daniel J. Flanagan is the son of Pam Chrisman and Randy Chrisman. After graduation, Daniel plans to enter the workforce. Daniel participated in Recycling (10-12), Cadet Teach (9-10) and Job Shadow (11-12).



MATTHEW GREEN

Matthew R. Green is the son of Richard and Jessica Green. After graduation, Matthew plans to attend VUJC to study Advanced Manufacturing. While in high school, Matthew participated in Band (9-12), Robotics (9-12), and Golf (9-12).



LINDSEY NOLAN

Lindsey Ann Nolan is the daughter of Steve and Amanda Nolan. After graduation, Lindsey plans to attend University of Evansville to study Physical Therapy. While in high school, Lindsey participated in Beta Club (9-12), Beta Club Secretary (12), Cheerleading (9-12), Intern (12), Lionettes (9-12), Pep Club (10-12), Student Council (9-12), Student Council Treasurer (11), SADD (10-12), and Spanish Club (9-12). Lindsey also participated in Softball (9-12), and Volleyball (9-12).



SYMPHONY LANTZ

Symphony Gabriella Lantz is the daughter of Nicole Norrell. After graduation, Symphony plans to attend Vincennes University to study Theater and Writing. While in high school, Symphony participated in Band (9-12), Chorus (9-12), French Club (12), Musical (9, 11-12), Pep Club (12), Student Council (9-12), and Show Choir (11-12). Symphony was also Class Secretary (11), Concert Choir Secretary (12), and Choir Tech (11-12).



EUAN GRAVES

Euan David Graves is the son of Rhianon and Jarrod Graves. After graduation, Euan plans to attend Rose Hulman Institute of Technology to study Mechanical Engineering. While in high school, Euan participated in Band (9-12), Spanish Club (9-11), Robotics (9-12), Beta Club (9-12), Cadet (12), and Student Council (9-11).



Shoals Library designated fund

-Photo provided

The Shoals Public Library received a \$665 grant from the Shoals Public Library Endowment Fund. This is a “designated” fund held with the Martin County Community Foundation that makes a distribution every year to benefit the library. Donations to the MCCF Shoals Public Library Fund are an excellent way to be a part of this opportunity. If you want to help, send your check to MCCF Shoals Public Library Fund, PO Box 28, Loogootee IN 47553. Shown from left to right are MCCF President Paula Ringwald, Library Director Sylvia Albaugh, and MCCF Director Curt Johnson.



St. John grant

-Photo provided

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church recently received \$11,036 in grants from various Martin County Community Foundation endowment funds. For operations and maintenance of the churches, \$2,276 was received from the Spirit of St. Martin’s Church Fund and \$4,372 from the St. John’s Perpetual Fund. Grants for the preservation and maintenance of church cemeteries included \$1,677 from the Rosemary Arvin Whitfield Cemetery Fund and \$2,711 from the St. John’s Cemetery Fund. Grants like these are made possible through donations from people passionate about the churches and services they provide. Contact MCCF Director Curt Johnson at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org if you want to find out how you can help too. Shown is Father Kenneth Walker receiving the grant checks from MCCF Director Curt Johnson.

Loogootee Primary Election info

Only voters registered in Perry 1, Perry 2, Perry 3, Perry 4 will be eligible to vote in the City of Loogootee Primary Election on May 2, 2023. The address on the ID being used to verify identity at the poll MUST match the address on your voter registration and must be located in one of the Perry 1-4 precincts. Voters may update and confirm their voter registration by no later than 11:59 p.m., Monday, April 3, 2023. You may do this by calling the clerk’s office at (812)247-3651, or by going online at <http://www.indianavoters.com/>.

There will only be a Democratic Ballot available in the Primary Election. Republican candidates do not have any contested races; therefore, there will not be a Republican Primary. All Republican candidates will appear on the November General Election ballot.

Absentee ballot by mail applications can be submitted anytime through 4 p.m., Thursday, April 20, 2023. Any applications received after this time will not be accepted. Absentee voting in-person for the Primary Election will be April 17-April 28, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturdays, April 22 and April 29, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., and the last day to vote in-person at the Martin County Clerk’s office will be Monday, May 1, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. The Martin County Clerk’s Office is located at 129 Main St, Shoals, IN 47581.

The following candidates have filed for the City of Loogootee Primary Election:
 Loogootee Mayor: Brian T. Ader (R); Noel D. Harty (D); Teresa M Nolley (D)
 Loogootee Clerk/Treasurer: Lori D. Carriaco (R); Roger S. Downey (D)
 Loogootee City Council At-Large: Buck

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Loogootee City Council District 1: Mike Engleman (R)

Loogootee City Council District 2: (John) David Smith (R); Tim Biggin Lawrence (D)

Loogootee City Council District 3: Carroll R. Rayhill (D)

Loogootee City Council District 4: Rick Norris (D)

If you have any questions, please call the clerk’s office at 812-247-3651.

Honor Flight open for 85 veterans on April 22

Honor Flight of Southern Indiana is in the planning stages for their upcoming EVV14 Honor Flight trip out of Evansville Regional Airport. Saturday, April 22 is the next flight for 85 veterans.

HFSI is a non-profit organization created solely to honor America’s veterans for their sacrifices. Honor Flight of Southern Indiana transports America’s Heroes to Washington, D.C. on a free one-day trip to visit and reflect at their memorials. Top priority is given to local senior veterans – oldest aged veterans are selected first.

If you know of a WWII, Korean War and/or Vietnam war veteran who has not traveled with Honor Flight please get them signed up for their honor flight. Serving during conflict or overseas is NOT a requirement. All honorably discharged veterans are eligible.

To sign up a veteran simply go to honorflightsi.org to complete the veteran application. Be sure to follow Honor Flight of Southern IN on their Facebook page.