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Commissioners discuss grant, highway closure, jail software issue

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, March 21.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Keith Keller came before the commissioners to discuss the Stop Arm Violation Enforcement Grant, also known as the SAVE Grant. The grant was applied for last year and the sheriff's department received \$2,500. Chief Deputy Keller stated the department asked for a grant amount of \$3,500 this year due to additional deputies interested in working the overtime to patrol during school hours. The grant has been submitted to the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute because it had to be initiated on March 10 and submitted by March 17. The award period will begin April 1 so Chief Deputy Keller should know in a few weeks if the department has been awarded the grant.

The first enforcement period is April 1 through April 30, and the second enforcement period is August 1 through August 31. The grant's focus is the time immediately following Spring Break and the time school is back in session in the fall. Chief Deputy Keller received three support letters, two from Loogootee Community Schools and one from Shoals Community Schools which were included with the grant application. The pay rate in the grant for the deputies will be \$29.75 per hour. There have been four deputies who have shown interest, which would put extra deputies on duty every morning and evening through the months of April and August. The deputies would follow buses and work traffic in school zones. Chief Deputy Keller works with both schools to coordinate working problem routes or areas. There were tickets issued and other criminal arrests as a result of the extra patrols in the 2022 grant period. The commissioners expressed support for the Stop Arm Violation Enforcement Grant.

Human Resources Director Amy Rincker discussed the contract for the unemployment tracker. Rincker stated the contract is \$600 per year. The unemployment tracker does assist her in her position. The software provides documentation tracking on unemployment claims along with support from the company during the unemployment claim process. The software and company ensure that Martin County is following the Unemployment Insurance Integrity Act, which Martin County currently has a 100% compliance rate. The commissioners approved.

Sheriff Josh Greene stated there are currently 78 inmates in the jail with 38 of those being from Vigo County, one temporary inmate from another county, and three from the Indiana Department of Corrections. The freezer project is moving along, and Sheriff Greene hopes within the next week it will be completed. The ladder is on order for the ladder project.

Sheriff Greene stated there is a computer system in the jail provided by the state which is used to run driver's license and criminal histories. The system crashed yesterday and the county's IT provider,

Matrix, is not allowed to work on the system due to the state having a list of approved vendors only being allowed to work on the product. RTC used to be able to work on the system, but Sheriff Greene is uncertain whether they still can. Sheriff Greene has put in a request for a list of approved vendors. Sheriff Greene stated they system needs fixed quickly and once a vendor is found the department will need to get them in to do the repair. The internet company has been in the jail and determined that the issue is within the building. The software from the state says they do not support repairs. Currently, the Dubois County Sheriff's Department is helping run those reports, but Sheriff Greene does not know how long that will last.

EMA Deputy Andy Ringwald met with the district coordinator yesterday and was given updates regarding state mandates for the year. April is Martin County's month to host the District 10 EMA directors. Martin County EMA has made arrangements for the meeting to be hosted at Crane Naval Base; Crane will be able to show off what they can do, and other surrounding districts have also been invited to attend.

The EMA department assisted Loogootee with a fire. Dirt has been hauled for the back of the EMA building. Deputy Director Ringwald reminded the commissioners there is a DPC meeting next week. The commissioners will try to determine a proxy representative.

Highway Superintendent Scott Seals reported his department completed ditch work on Rama Dye Road and will be putting in culverts. All the equipment is running, he just needs employees to run the equipment. The department is still accepting applications. President George asked if a CDL is required. Superintendent Seals stated at conference it was discussed that the state is going to allow the department of have their own CLD trainer and new employees could be trained locally. LTAP is willing to step in and train the trainer. The program is projected to start in April and certain counties will be picked as a site for the train the trainer program.

There is a meeting tomorrow night, March 22, regarding Bridge 58. Highway Clerk Theresa Ray presented the highway annual report for 2022 to the commissioners and they approved the report.

Volunteer assistant for the Veteran Service Officer Kim Showalter stated there has been a lot of progress made in the department. Veteran Service Officer Jonathan Cropp and Showalter met with the regional veteran service officer last week and received direction from him. The department has helped a multitude of people. The courthouse staff has been very good to help and answer any questions. Showalter has been able to organize the office. Commissioner Summers thanked Showalter for volunteering her time and thanked her for her work.

Commissioner Paul George asked At-

Martin County's unemployment rate at 2.9 percent for February

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

Martin County's jobless rate ticked up just slightly in February to 2.9 percent, up from 2.8 percent in January. The county had the ninth lowest unemployment rate in the state for February, tied with nine other counties.

In February, the county had 5,440 residents in the workforce and 158 of them were unemployed. In January, there were 5,450 residents able to work and 151 of them without jobs. Martin County's unemployment rate stood at 2.8 percent in February of 2022, with 5,465 residents able to work and 151 of them without jobs.

Daviess County also saw a small increase in their jobless rate for February, bumping to 2.6 percent, up from 2.4 percent the month before. The county had the third lowest jobless rate in the state for February, tied with Hamilton County.

In February, the county had 16,638 residents in the workforce and 430 of them were unemployed. In January, there were also 16,638 residents able to work and 401 of them without jobs. In February of last year, Daviess County's unemployment rate was 2.7 percent with 16,638 residents in the workforce and 447 of them unemployed.

Dubois County's unemployment rate moved from 2.5 percent in January to 2.7 percent in February. The county had the fifth lowest jobless rate in the state for February.

In February, the county had 21,820 residents in the workforce with 591 of them unemployed. In January, there were 21,843 residents able to work and 548 of them without jobs. In February of 2022, Dubois County's jobless rate was 2.4 percent with 21,873 residents in the workforce and 523 of them unemployed.

Greene County's unemployment rate also went up a bit in February to 4.4 per-

cent, from 4.1 percent the month before. The county had the ninth highest jobless rate in the state for February, tied with Fayette, Lawrence and Owen counties.

In February, the county had 13,636 residents in the workforce and 604 of them were unemployed. In January, there were 13,631 residents able to work and 558 of them without jobs. In February of last year, Greene County's jobless rate was 4.4 percent with 13,674 residents in the workforce and 600 of them unemployed.

The top ten spots in the state for lowest jobless rate for February were Gibson County at 2.4 percent, Boone County at 2.5 percent, Hamilton and Daviess counties at 2.6 percent, Dubois County at 2.7 percent, Johnson, Hendricks and Adams counties at 2.8 percent; and Wells, Steuben, Shelby, Posey, Martin, Jackson, Floyd, Clinton, Benton and Bartholomew counties at 2.9 percent.

The top ten spots in the state for highest jobless rate for February were Howard County at 5.4 percent, Lake County at 5.3 percent, Vermillion County at 5 percent, Starke County at 4.9 percent, LaPorte and Newton counties at 4.7 percent, Crawford and Miami counties at 4.6 percent, and Fayette, Greene, Lawrence, and Owen counties at 4.4 percent.

Indiana's unemployment rate in February stands at 3.1 percent, according to the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. By comparison, the national unemployment rate for February stands at 3.6 percent.

In addition, Indiana's labor force participation rate held at 63.4% for February, remaining above the national rate of 62.5 percent. Indiana's total labor force, which includes both Hoosiers employed and those seeking employment, stands at 3,409,528 - an increase of 427 from the previous month.

Private sector employment in Indiana increased by 3,100 jobs over the last month, translating to a gain of 72,900 jobs from this time last year. Indiana's February private employment stands at 2,827,300. This is a new private employment peak for Indiana. Industries that experienced job increases in February (See 'UNEMPLOYMENT' on page 2)



Election reminders

This is a reminder that all voter registrations for the City of Loogootee Primary must be filed and/or updated by Monday, April 3 at 4 p.m.

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 Street, Shoals, IN 47581. The Primary Election Day is Tuesday, May 2, 2023.



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.

COMMISSIONERS

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 torney Dave Lett discussed where in the process the county was in regard to the remodel of the assessor and recorder's offices. Attorney Lett stated the process needs to be started from the beginning and the assessor and recorder need to do better specifications in preparation for new bids this round.

Auditor Michelle Norris stated Matt Stechly, with Core, sent out letters to area contractors to solicit bids for the repair of drywall around the courthouse windows and for trim to be placed.

Attorney Lett stated the commissioners need to renew the agent of record for the county's property and causality insurance. The renewal is due before April 1.

The commissioners approved the current agent of record, Rex Strawn Agency.

Attorney Lett stated SIDC needs the commissioners to appoint someone to be on the board of the regional land bank before their meeting on April 6. The commissioners had directed Attorney Lett to approach someone regarding the position but has not received an answer. Commissioner George stated he spoke to the person today and the person will think about it and get back with the commissioners. The person was advised to talk to Rhonda Rumble, at SIDC, with questions regarding the appointment. The appointment will be tabled until the next meeting.

Attorney Lett stated he, Commission-

er George, and Superintendent Seals met with the property owner adjacent to the closure point on Highway 450 about a run around. The property owner was agreeable to work with the county for emergency services for ambulance, sheriff's department, and highway. There would be no run around for the general public due to the setup being too temporary in structure. Superintendent Seals has spoke with someone today about renting or buying mats to put on the ground, so the ground is less disturbed.

Lost River Trustee Millie Brown has researched documents on the Indiana Department of Transportation and other government sites. There was information which stated a public hearing was

held, but the commissioners do not remember there being a public hearing. Trustee Brown stated the documents state that four years ago Martin County received four notices in reference to the project, but Martin County did not respond to the letters. These notices were supposed to be sent to the commissioners, county council, county surveyor, and to the highway department. Trustee Brown stated she went through the articles on the Martin County Journal, but there was no reference to the letter in the commissioners' meeting articles.

Commissioner George the other commissioners have spoken with State Representative Shane Lindauer and Indiana Senator Mike Braun. If the project were delayed at this point, it would either go into winter or possibly not happen at all. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$1.7 million to \$2 million. George stated Attorney Lett was told by the state they will try to keep it open until the middle of May or the first of June. There is preliminary work that can be done before it is closed.

Trustee Brown asked the commissioners, at some point, to consider rebuilding Boom Boom bridge. There is only one artery up through that part of the county to Shoals although there are exits through the northern side. President George stated it would cost \$1 million to rebuild the Boom Boom bridge, which does not include the price to rebuild the road to the bridge. Commissioner George believes the bridge has been gone for over 30 years.

Attorney Lett stated Good Samaritan Hospital has requested a meeting with the commissioners. The commissioners agreed to allow Attorney Lett to set up a meeting.

Auditor Norris gave the commissioners an update regarding the website. Auditor Norris and HR Director Amy Rincker have been updating and correcting information on the new website. The go live date on the new website will be Friday, March 24. The auditor and treasurer's offices are preparing to send out property tax statements. The file is due to the printer by next Tuesday the 28th.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m. The next commissioners' meeting will be held Tuesday, April 4 at 5:30 p.m.

UNEMPLOYMENT

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included:
 Professional and Business Services (+3,600);

Leisure and Hospitality (+1,500); and
 Private Educational and Health Services (+1,200);

As of March 16, 2023, there were 135,336 open job postings throughout the state. In February, 19,485 unemployment insurance claims were filed in Indiana.

Individuals looking for work, training or career information are encouraged to visit in.gov/dwd/job-seekers

ANIMAL SHELTER

Pet of the Week



DECEMBER is a female tiger stripe and white kitty, around 2 years old. She is spayed and up to date on all shots. Adoption fee is \$45. For more info or to apply to adopt, visit www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org.

Community Foundation hands out grant funds



-Photos provided

Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth received a \$2,000 Martin County Community Foundation Impact Grant for the Fall 2023 Manufacturing Day which gives eighth graders an opportunity to get out in their community and learn about what is being manufactured there. If you would like to make a gift to support MCCF grantmaking in Martin County, send your gift to MCCF, PO Box 28, Loogootee, IN 47553 or contact Curt Johnson, MCCF Development Director, at (812)295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org. Shown, from left to right, are MCCF Board President Paula Ringwald; MCCF Board Member Janie Johnson; Jessica Potts, Alliance Executive Director; Megan Hawkins, MCCF Grant Chair; MCCF Board Member Garry Smith; Lisa Starr, CFP Finance and Grants Officer; MCCF Board Members Angier Risacher and Tracy Rayhill.



The Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Daviess and Martin counties received an \$880 Martin County Community Foundation Boost Grant for their "Be Kindergarten Ready!" program. The grant will provide kindergarten learning kits to incoming kindergarteners in the Loogootee and Shoals Schools. RSVP volunteers will prepare, package, and distribute the kits. If you would like to make a gift to an endowment that helps support MCCF grant cycles, please contact Development Director Curt Johnson at (812)295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org or send your donation to MCCF, PO Box 28, Loogootee, IN 47553. Shown, from left to right, are Paula Ringwald, MCCF Board President; Lisa Starr, CFP Finance and Grants Officer; Megan Hawkins, MCCF Grant Chair; Kim Herbertz, RSVP Executive Director; and MCCF Board Members Janie Johnson and Tracy Rayhill.



Shoals Community Schools received a \$1,729 Martin County Community Foundation Boost Grant for the JugRox Robotics Middle School FIRST Lego League program. The RoxStars team advanced to national competition. If you would like to make a gift to support MCCF grant cycles and programs like JugRox Robotics, send your donation to MCCF, PO Box 28, Loogootee, IN 47553 or contact Curt Johnson, MCCF Development Director, at (812)295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org. Shown, from left to right, are Paula Ringwald, MCCF Board President; MCCF Board Members Tracy Rayhill and Janie Johnson; Lorna Troutman, JugRox Robotics Leader; JugRox Robotics High School participants Rator Hoffman, Nicholas McCracken and Malachi McNabb; MCCF Board Member Angie Risacher; and Lisa Starr, CFP Finance and Grants Officer.

OBITUARIES

KATHY BURKS

Kathy D. Burks passed away at home the morning of March 17, 2023. A resident of Washington, she was 69.



She was born in Washington on September 28, 1953; daughter of Dale Morton and Ruby Mae (Jones) Bledsoe. She married Garry Burks on March 11, 1972, and he survives.

A 1971 graduate of Loogootee High School, Kathy went on to become a USDA Inspector at Perdue Farms. Kathy enjoyed thrift shopping, gardening and flowers. However, her greatest joys came when she spent time with her grandchildren, and when she worshipped God. Kathy was a devoted member of the Fountain of Life Church in Washington.

Those who now mourn Kathy's passing include her husband, Garry Burks; her son, Christopher "Chris" Burks of Washington; and her daughter, Lana Burks of Washington. Kathy was blessed with five grandchildren, Kerstin Burks of Live Oaks, California; Maggie Burks; Reid Burks; Ian Hill; and Allison Hill, all of Washington. She leaves siblings, Tony (Sophie) Bledsoe; Linda Green; Ronnie (Linda) Bledsoe; and Larry (Judy) Bledsoe, all of Loogootee.

Kathy knew the sorrow that comes with loss when her parents, Dale and Ruby Bledsoe, passed away.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Fountain of Life Church, 1600 South 75 East, Washington, Indiana 47501.

A private service for Kathy D. Burks was held, Tuesday, March 21.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.edleemortuary.com.

The staff of the Ed L. Lee Mortuary is honored to have been entrusted with arrangements for Kathy Burks.

DELMAR GRABER

Delmar Lee Graber passed away after fighting to his last breath of cancer on Thursday, March 23, 2023, at IU Health University Hospital. A resident of Montgomery, he was 36.

He was born December 30, 1986, in Washington; son of Glenn and Beulah (Graber) Graber.

Delmar married Hillary Graber on November 24, 2012. He loved his family dearly. Delmar was a member of the Berea Mennonite Church.

He was preceded in death by his father, Glenn Graber; stepfather, Andy Byler;



DELMAR GRABER

and nephew, Kody Graber.

Delmar is survived by his wife, Hillary Graber of Montgomery; children, Madalyn and Mason Graber; mother, Beulah Byler of Loogootee; siblings, Mark (Kathy) Graber of Loogootee, Mary Jane (David) Graber of Summersville, Kentucky, Norman (Jennifer) Graber of Shoals, Nathan (Lela) Graber of Montgomery, Marvin (Norma) Graber of Loogootee, Melvin (Sherry) Graber of Shoals, John (Gina) Graber of Loogootee, Marjorie (Kerry "Butch") Wagler of Cannelburg and Ida (Matthew) Graber of Loogootee; many nieces and nephews; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Harold "Herb" and Marjorie Graber; brother-in-law, Heath Graber and fiancée, Breanna Hollaway.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 27 at Berea Mennonite Church in Cannelburg. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

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

Blake and Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery is honored to serve the family of Delmar Lee Graber.

CARLA WILLIAMS

Carla Sue Reinhart Williams passed away Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at Jasper Memorial Hospital after a brief illness. A resident of Loogootee, she was 74.



CARLA WILLIAMS

Carla was born February 3, 1949, in Washington; daughter of the late Donnis C. and Mae (Burton) Reinhart and Wilma M. (Wininger) Reinhart.

She retired from the Martin County Co-Op Credit Union in 2013 she served as Head Teller and Secretary.

She was a 1967 graduate of Loogootee High School. In her early years she was a homemaker, childcare provider, worked at Martin County Farm Bureau Co-Op and at Loogootee Community Schools in the cafeteria.

She was a member of Loogootee Methodist Church, Choir, Hanging of the Greens and Methodist Women. She directed and played organ for the St. John Catholic Church Children's Choir. She also sang with the Marco and Joyful

Hearts Singers. She also participated in the Walk to Emmaus. She enjoyed traveling, bowling, singing, playing piano, meeting up with her McDonald's cronies and being a member of the American Sewing Guild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Donnis C. and Mae (Burton) Reinhart and Wilma M. (Wininger) Reinhart; aunt, Ruth "Maxine" Reinhart; father and mothers-in-law, Vincent J. and Dorothy A. Williams; brother, James Lester; infant sister, Judy; sister, Roberta A. (Bobbie) Cherry and infant grandson, Thomas J. Williams III.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Thomas J. Williams; sons, Thomas J. "T.J." Williams II, (Heather) of Pensacola, Florida; Clint M. Williams (Amy), Alan J. Williams, and Adam W. Williams, all of Loogootee; eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren; brother, Donnie Reinhart (MaryAnn); sister, Debbie Parsons (Gene) and brother, Gary McCord (Judith Ann).

A funeral was held Saturday, March 25 in the Loogootee Methodist Church, officiated by Pastor Colleen Harden.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Loogootee Methodist Church. Sympathy wishes may be expressed at www.titzerfamilyfuneralhomes.com.

Arrangements are being handled by the Titzer Family Funeral Homes, 510 W. Jennings St., Newburgh IN. 47630.

ANNA GRABER

Anna Marie Graber passed away Thursday, March 23, 2023, at her home. A resident of Loogootee, she was 95.

She was born October 28, 1927, in Montgomery; daughter of the late Daniel and Elizabeth (Knepp) Swartzentruber.

Anna Marie was a member of the Berea Mennonite Church. She was an excellent baker and was known for her elaborate wedding cake designs. She loved to quilt, read and complete word searches.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur Graber; daughter, Marlene Lengacher; grandchildren, Madison Wagler and Andrea Williams; sister, Dorothy Lengacher; and brothers, Alvin Swartzentruber, Brian Swartzentruber and Abraham Swartzentruber.

Anna Marie is survived by her children, Bonnie Thurman of Plainville, Sharon (Calvin) Knepp of Loogootee, Patti Miller of Elkhart, Ed (Debra) Graber of Peru, Carol (Lamar) Burkholder of Milford, Wayne (Marilyn) Graber of Odon, Bob Graber of Peru, Dana (Dale) Stoll of Odon, Nevin Graber of Loogootee, and Laurel (Marlin) Wagler of Washington; 30 grandchildren, 51 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild; siblings, Lillie Wagler, Melvin Swartzentruber, Verda Stoll, Rose Kidwell, Dennie Swartzentruber, Herb Swartzentruber, Jeanie Miller, Darrell Swartzentruber, and Lorene Wagler; and son-in-law, John Lengacher Jr.

Funeral services were held Sunday, March 26 at Berea Mennonite Church in Cannelburg. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

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

Blake and Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery is honored to serve the family of Anna Marie Graber.

JEFFREY WILDMAN

Jeffrey Michael Wildman passed away Friday March 24, 2023, at his home. A resident of Loogootee, he was 63.

He was born April 24, 1959, in Washington; son of James and Catherine (Doyle) Wildman.

Jeffrey "Fro" Wildman graduated from Loogootee High School Class of 1978. He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee.



JEFFREY WILDMAN

Jeffrey worked at Kimball Electronics in Jasper doing maintenance work for 43 years until his retirement. He loved to hunt, collect guns, and taking care of his dogs. He married Twila McPherson on January 22, 2022, and she survives. Jeffrey loved to spend time with his friends and family and will be missed by all that knew him.

He is preceded in death by his parents, James and Catherine Wildman and his brother-in-law, Mike Taylor.

Jeffrey is survived by his wife, Twila (McPherson) Wildman; children, Jessica Wildman of Vincennes, Jared (Jasmine) Sheetz of Georgetown, Jayde (Frank) Jenkins of Missouri, Colton Coldiron of Ferdinand, and Dalton Coldiron of Jasper; grandchildren, Daegan Wildman, Xander Sheetz, Sterling Jenkins, and Oliver Jenkins; sister, Janice Wildman-Taylor of Loogootee; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held Monday March 27 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee with Pastor Caleb Moffatt officiating. Burial followed in St. John's Cemetery in Loogootee.

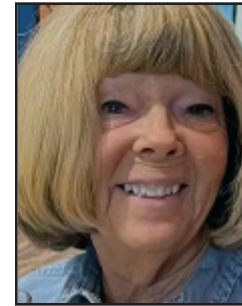
In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Martin County Humane Society in Jeffrey's memory.

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

Arrangements provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

DIANE BAXTER

Diane Baxter passed away March 23, 2023, at her home. A resident of Bedford, she was 68.



DIANE BAXTER

She was born June 15, 1954 in Clark County; daughter of Rowan M. and Bessie E. (Cox) Lynch. She married William Lee Baxter on July 28, 1972, and he survives.

She had worked at Westview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Diane had a lust for life. She was little with a big servant heart and the strongest woman. Diane was talented at so many things. She touched many lives and was loved and adored by her family.

Survivors include her husband, William Lee Baxter; daughters, Melissa K. Moffatt, Christy Lee Johnson and Ashley Elizabeth Miller; eight grandchildren, two step grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and grandparents.

A funeral service was held Sunday, March 26 at Cresthaven Funeral Home. Cremation followed.

"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 20

8:29 a.m. - Received a call from Duke Energy advising of a road closure in Loogootee.

12:29 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance east of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department, Sheriff Greene, Chief Deputy Keller, Captain Gibson and Deputy Haven responded. No transport was needed.

1:36 p.m. - Received a call reporting reckless driving east of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

2:28 p.m. - Received a call reporting a suspicious vehicle west of Shoals. Captain Gibson and Chief Deputy Keller responded.

3:19 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver on US 231 South, traveling north. Captain Gibson and Chief Deputy Keller responded.

3:20 p.m. - Received a call reporting a commercial burglar alarm in Crane. Loogootee Chief Means and Captain Gibson responded.

9:52 p.m. - Received a call from Koorsen Fire and Security advising of a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

10:38 p.m. - Received a report of a possible domestic dispute in Shoals. Deputy Erwin, Corporal Hawkins and Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

10:49 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Deputy Erwin and Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

12:13 a.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded.

10:29 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.

11:47 a.m. - Received multiple calls reporting a sink hole north of Loogootee on US 231 North. Captain Gibson, Loogootee Chief Means, Loogootee Assistant Chief Long and ISP Trooper Lents responded. INDOT was also notified.

12:15 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:47 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver north of Loogootee. Daviess County was notified.

2:30 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported two inmates to remote court.

2:48 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported two inmates to court.

3:37 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported two inmates to court.

4:00 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Crane. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

5:48 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department and Town Marshal Eckert responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:32 p.m. - Received an animal complaint northwest of Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

9:08 p.m. - Received a call reporting a neighbor dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

11:15 p.m. - Received a call reporting water gushing from hydrants. Advised the town is flushing hydrants this week.

11:36 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

12:21 a.m. - Received a call advising of water gushing from hydrants. Advised they are flushing hydrants in town.

7:51 a.m. - Received a 911 call from a Lawrence County address. Transferred call to Lawrence County 911.

9:23 a.m. - Received a call from Mid America Safety Solutions advising of a road closure in Loogootee.

11:38 a.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 Daviess Community Hospital.

11:57 a.m. - Received a 911 call on Crane base. Transferred call to Crane 911.

12:02 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2, Loogootee Fire Department and Loogootee Chief Means responded. No transport was needed.

2:11 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Crane. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

2:58 p.m. - Received a call reporting a piece of machinery on fire south of Loogootee. ISP Trooper Beaver and Haysville Fire Department responded.

4:42 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

5:42 p.m. - Received a call reporting a disabled vehicle in Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

5:53 p.m. - Received a request to speak with an officer. Corporal Hawkins responded.

6:40 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims, Martin County Medic 1 and Haysville Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:53 p.m. - Received a call reporting a verbal dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims and Corporal Hawkins responded.

11:38 p.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.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

12:26 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 and Loogootee Officer Sims responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:47 a.m. - Received a call Koorsen Fire and Security advising of a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

8:12 a.m. - Received a call from Loogootee School Corporation advising they will be doing fire drill.

11:21 a.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.

12:06 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:20 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported two inmates to court.

3:14 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

4:30 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver in Loogootee. Notified Loogootee Police.

5:19 p.m. - Received a call reporting a verbal dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means responded.

5:30 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Town Marshal Eckert

and Shoals Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

5:41 p.m. - Received a call reporting a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

6:12 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check southeast of Loogootee. Sergeant Wells responded.

7:39 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Town Marshal Eckert and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:08 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a traffic hazard in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

4:26 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, Loogootee Officer Sims, Deputy Branham and Martin County Coroner responded.

5:15 a.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

7:52 a.m. - Received a call reporting an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means responded.

8:28 a.m. - Received a call reporting power lines that are hanging low US Hwy 50, east of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller, Loogootee Fire Department and Shoals Fire Department responded. REMC and ISP were also notified.

8:47 a.m. - Received a call reporting a traffic hazard west of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

9:21 a.m. - Received a call reporting a possible theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Dispatch was notified.

9:34 a.m. - Received a call reporting reckless driving east of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

10:13 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

2:20 p.m. - Received a call from AT&T advising they are having network issues.

2:58 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver in Shoals. Sergeant Wells and Deputy Haven responded.

3:05 p.m. - Received a neighbor complaint in Shoals. Deputy Haven responded.

4:16 p.m. - Received a call from AT&T advising of a network error that is not allowing customers to call 911.

4:55 p.m. - Received a call reporting a disabled vehicle south of Loogootee. ISP Trooper Lents responded.

5:07 p.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down west of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

5:08 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Sergeant Wells and Deputy Haven responded.

7:39 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:45 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:51 p.m. - Received a 911 call from AT&T advising their 911 is now working.

8:17 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver heading east on US Hwy 50. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

8:26 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

10:07 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

1:34 a.m. - Received a call from Koorsen Fire and Security advising of a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

2:36 a.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down northeast of Shoals. Deputy

Branham and Shoals Fire Department responded. Frontier was also notified.

3:02 a.m. - Received a call from a Daviess County address. Transferred call to Daviess County 911.

4:27 a.m. - Received a 911 call from Greene County. Called Greene County dispatch with information.

7:45 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Sergeant Wells and Big John's Towing responded.

9:36 a.m. - Received a call reporting a traffic hazard north of Loogootee. Sergeant Wells responded.

10:10 a.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

10:42 a.m. - Received a report of a road being washed away east of Shoals.

11:16 a.m. - Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Transferred call to Daviess County 911.

12:13 p.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down southeast of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Deputy Erwin responded.

12:34 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:42 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

3:57 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Deputy Erwin, Lost River Fire and Air Evac 17 responded. Air Evac transported one patient to Deaconess Hospital.

6:03 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a car in flood water in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Deputy Erwin and Big John's Towing responded.

7:00 p.m. - Received a report of a traffic sign being down in Loogootee. Contacted the City of Loogootee.

7:21 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver on Hwy 50. Deputy Erwin responded.

8:00 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Transferred call to Daviess County 911.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

12:22 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a suspicious person south of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baumgart and Deputy Branham responded.

1:36 a.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

7:32 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:47 a.m. - Received a call reporting vandalism in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded.

1:12 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

1:17 p.m. - Received a call from AT&T advising of service impairment.

1:26 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department, Captain Gibson and Sergeant Wells responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:02 p.m. - Received a call from AT&T advising of a service outage.

2:33 p.m. - Received a call from AT&T advising service outage has been resolved.

2:34 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

3:41 p.m. - Received a call reporting an ATV speeding northeast of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

3:47 p.m. - Received a call requesting an

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COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS

March 15

Timothy J. Cox, convicted of domestic battery on a person less than 14 years old, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 360 days with 358 days suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served plus 1 Class A credit day. Defendant received 360 days of probation.

James L. Tyus, convicted of possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 365 days suspended.

Shawn M. Brown, convicted of stalking, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 2.5 years with 667 days suspended and credit for 123 actual days previously served plus 123 Class A credit days. Defendant received 667 days of probation.

Daniel H. Saunders, III, convicted of driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 12 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 6 actual days previously served plus 6 Class A credit days.

March 16

Ryan N. Totton, convicted of resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor and possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced on the first count to serve 120 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 60 actual days previously served plus 60 Class A credit days. Sentenced on the second count to serve 60 days with 0 days suspended.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

March 15

James L. Tyus, possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

March 16

Ryan N. Totton, false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

March 15

Rory Browder vs. Tangie Browder, petition for dissolution of marriage.

March 16

Discover Bank vs. Ashlee Burnett, civil collection.

Real estate transfers

Patrick W. Mullen and Linda L. Mullen, of Dubois County, Indiana to **Patrick W. Mullen and Linda L. Mullen**, of Dubois County, Indiana, a part of the east half of the northwest quarter of Section 32, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 5.23 acres, more or less.

Anthony C. Abel and Bobbie L. Abel, of Martin County, Indiana to **Luke A. Copeland and Luz A. Copeland**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 219 in Daugherty's Addition to the Town of West Shoals, now Shoals, Indiana.

Ronnie L. Hantz and Nicole L. Hantz, of Martin County, Indiana to **Kyle James Spicer and Karissa Lynn Spicer**, a part of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 25, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 10 acres, more or less. More commonly known as 5223 US Highway 231, Loogootee IN 47553.

Mullen Family Group, LLC, of Indiana to **Patrick W. Mullen and Linda L. Mullen**, of Dubois County, Indiana, all of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter and a part of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter and a part of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter, all in Section 32, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, containing 104.69 acres, more or less.

March 20

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Christopher Robison, civil collection.

March 21

U.S. Bank National Association vs. Brenda Flatt, civil collection.

UMB Bank, National Association vs. unknown heirs of James V. Parsons, mortgage foreclosure.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

March 16

Roger D. Terry vs. Randy Terry, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

March 15

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Medical of Dubois and against the defendant Andrew W. Lyon in the amount of \$761.36.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Eric James King of Shoals and Kayla Marie Conley of Shoals.

Eddie Wayne Diamond of Loogootee and Bonnie Jean Hupp of Loogootee.

Quinton Riley Floyd of Loogootee and Corinne Alexis Wittmer of Loogootee.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, MARCH 20

4:02 a.m. - Michael A Jones, 39, of French Lick, was arrested by Deputy Erwin and charged with driving while suspended-prior. He is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

8:54 a.m. - Nico Joshua Johnson, 21, of Petersburg, was arrested by Chief Deputy Keller on a Gibson County warrant. He is being held without bond awaiting Gibson County.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

3:44 p.m. - Captain Gibson on station with Michael Arvin, 63, of Loogootee, was arrested by Captain Gibson and charged with dealing methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. He is being held without bond.

3:44 p.m. - Marnita Arvin, 64, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Reserve Officer Wells and charged with dealing methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine with enhancing circumstances, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia, dealing in a schedule 2 controlled substance, dealing in a schedule 1 controlled substance and dealing in a schedule 4 controlled substance. She is being held without bond.

8:20 p.m. - Sierra Hudson, 34, of Loogootee, was on station to turn herself in on a Martin County warrant. She is being held without bond.

8:20 p.m. - Joseph Greene, 38, of Loogootee, was on station to turn himself in on a Montgomery County warrant. He is being held without bond.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

9:44 a.m. - James Colson II, 37, of Springville, was arrested on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

11:04 a.m. - Timothy Ervin, 46, of Shoals, was arrested by Loogootee Chief Means on a violation of a court order. He is being held without bond.

5:23 p.m. - Chadwick Funk, 43, of Washington, was arrested by Sergeant Wells and Deputy Haven and charged with invasion of privacy. He is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

10:42 a.m. - Thomas Holt, 61, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

8:16 p.m. - Tracy French, 46, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Branham on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, MARCH 20

9:53 a.m. - Chief Means completed a welfare check on East Broadway Street.

9:58 a.m. - Chief Means responded to a medical alert on Cedar Street.

2:41 p.m. - Chief Means responded to a suspicious vehicle on Cedar Street.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

9:20 a.m. - Chief Means and Assistant Chief Long responded to an oil spill on JFK Avenue.

11:58 a.m. - Chief Means and Assistant Chief Long respond for traffic control on US 231 North near the West Boggs Park entrance.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

11:40 a.m. - Chief Means responded to a medical call on Cedar Street.

11:46 a.m. - Chief Means responded to a medical lift assist call on JFK Avenue.

3:23 p.m. - Chief Means responded to West Washington Street for a complaint of an erratic driver.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

10:00 a.m. - Chief Means performed a VIN check on Poplar Street.

10:48 a.m. - Chief Means responded to a report of a disgruntled subject at the Martin County Courthouse.

12:09 p.m. - Chief Means responded to a medical call on West Washington Street.

1:49 p.m. - Chief Means responded to a complaint on Sheridan Street.

3:34 p.m. - Chief Means responded to a report of an unsecure load on Highway 50 East.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

7:53 a.m. - Chief Means responded to a property damage accident on West Broadway Street.

8:39 a.m. - Chief Means assisted the Loogootee Fire Department with traffic control on Highway 50 East.

10:21 a.m. - Chief Means assisted the Indiana State Police on Dewey Street.

11:11 a.m. - Chief Means completed a VIN check on West Broadway Street.

2:00 p.m. - Chief Means investigated a theft on Southwest Second Street.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

12:36 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long responded to a medical call in Bramble.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

2:29 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long investigated damage to a stop sign on Dewey Street.

SHERIFF

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ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded but did not transport.

5:23 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded.

5:42 p.m. - Received a call requesting an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded.



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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.

Martin County Family honored with Hoosier Homestead Award

At the Indiana Statehouse, Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) Director Don Lamb presented 56 farming families with a Hoosier Homestead Award in recognition of their commitment to Indiana agriculture. One of those awards was to a Martin County Farm owned by the Brown Family, established in 1922, who received the Centennial Award.

"It is a true honor to be in the historic Statehouse today celebrating your incredible family farming history," said Lt. Gov. Crouch, Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "Your commitment to Indiana and our agriculture history and future is renowned. It was awe-inspiring to celebrate this family achievement with you all today."

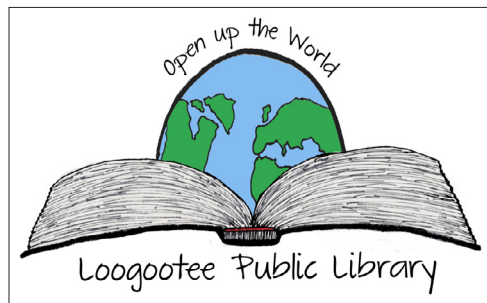
To be named a Hoosier Homestead, farms must be owned by the same family for more than 100 consecutive years and consist of more than 20 acres. If less than 20 acres, the farm must produce more than \$1,000 of agricultural products per

Waggoner Chapel and George C. Waggoner

George Columbus Waggoner was born in Kentucky on February 15, 1813. His family moved to Indiana and settled in Lost River Township where he purchased 80 acres of land. George was a prominent citizen and known by many as "Uncle George" or "Grandfather Waggoner." Not only was he a farmer, but he was also a carpenter, mechanic, miller, and occasionally, a dentist.

George was instrumental in forming Lost River Township and was later elected the first treasurer of the Township. He also established a post office and called it Windom, hence the name today.

As a skilled carpenter, he hewed his



BY DARLA WAGLER
Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The CR Ryan Magic Show is rescheduled for Saturday, April 15 at 10 a.m. at the Loogootee United Methodist Church Family Life Center. Everyone is welcome to attend. Free entry!

Friends of Loogootee Library (FOLL) will have a Book & Bake Sale on Saturday April 22, from 8-12:30 at the library.

The library will be closed Friday, April 7 and Saturday, April 8 for Good Friday and Easter. Evergreen Indiana will be down during this time to update the server. You won't be able to access your account or your Libby app at this time.

New Books:

Mystery: "Loyalty" by Lisa Scottoline and "Hiss and Tell" by Rita Mae Brown.

Fiction: "On the Line" by Fern Michaels.

Inspirational Fiction: "Once Upon A Buggy" by Shelley Shepard Gray.

DVDs: "Till", "The Whale", "Joe Pickett Season 1", "A Man Called Otto", "Redeeming Love" and "I Wanna Dance With Somebody".

Library hours: Monday 10-6, Tuesday 10-5, Closed on Wednesday, Thursday 10-6, Friday 10-5, and Saturday 9-1. The library phone number is 812-295-3713 and check out the website www.loogootee.lib.in.us or like us on Facebook. The library has free Wi-Fi service available for patrons.

year. Indiana farms may qualify for three honors: Centennial Award for 100 years of ownership, Sesquicentennial Award for 150 years of ownership and the Bicentennial Award for 200 years of ownership.

Since the program's inception in 1976, over 6,000 families have received the Hoosier Homestead Award. Many past awardees can be identified by the sign proudly displayed in front of the family farm or field.

"Being a farmer myself I know how challenging it is to farm today in general, and to keep the same property in the family for decades on end, no less," said Lamb. "This award being presented today to your farming families is proof of your dedication to agriculture, to our State and to feeding our world, so I thank you."

To see a complete list of Hoosier Homestead Award recipients honored during the spring 2023 ceremony, visit www.in.gov/isda/programs-and-initiatives/hoosier-homestead.

Waggoner Chapel and George C. Waggoner

own timber from native logs and built a strong, sturdy mill on Lost River near the present day Windom Bridge. The mill he built was much like the "Old Mill" at Spring Mill State Park. Not only did the mill produce quality flour and corn meal but also carded the wool to supply material for clothing. It supplied lumber for coffins which was a necessity for the community.

The mill survived for approximately 60 years and quickly became the center of activity for the surrounding areas and people of Lost River Township. Because George owned and operated the mill, he donated the lumber and land for the building of Waggoner Chapel and cemetery. Due to failing health, he sold the mill to Charles Sherfick in 1892. The mill stood until the devastating flood of 1913.

George C. Waggoner died December 23, 1894 and is buried at the Waggoner Chapel Cemetery. The inscription on his stone states he was 81 years 10 months 14 days old on his passing.

Information acquired from Rachel Dyar, granddaughter of George C. Waggoner. Rachel is the grandmother of Mary Lou Billings.

You can send donations help Waggoner Chapel to any trustee member: Mary Lou Billings, 13162 East River Road, Shoals IN 47581; Larry Sherfick, 3859 Windom Road, Shoals IN 47581; Cyn-dy 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.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Right to Life drives

The Daviess Right to Life will have their Aluminum Can Drive on Saturday, April 1 at the Tractor Supply in Washington from 9 a.m. to noon. Newsprint is no longer accepted. Martin County Right to Life will have their Newspaper/Aluminum Can Drive on Saturday, April 1 from 9 a.m.-noon at the Martin County Recycling Center.

Free community meal

The Loogootee Christian Church, at 206 Sherman Street, is having their monthly free meal for the community on Thursday, April 6 from 6-8 p.m. at the church. This month they will be having turkey and ham, sides, rolls, desserts and drinks. All members of the community are invited 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 tax 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

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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..

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Annual Community
EASTER EGG HUNT

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Group #3 - Ages 8-10

FARMING & OUTDOORS



I have had a lot of questions recently about making gardens attractive to birds, bees and butterflies. There has been a lot of information recently on social media, and, for the most part, the information is good, but sometimes confusing.

I have seen several posts and articles recently asking people to delay cleaning up last year's garden debris. The reason given is that many beneficial insects over-winter in hollow stems and under piles of leaves. That is certainly true, but the full fact is that such debris also houses some harmful pests. If you had a problem with bean beetles last year, then cleaning up the debris in the vegetable patch is one way to prevent a similar problem this year. If you have not already removed any foliage that was diseased last year, get that done as quickly as possible. Do not put this debris in your compost area. It is best to burn such debris, if burning is allowed in your area. Otherwise, put the affected debris in the garbage and dispose of it off site.

Those pleas to leave the debris usually say that it should be left until nighttime temperatures are in the 50's for at least a week. However, I saw one site recommending that one not touch the debris until the middle of May. In our area, that is also the time to start planting most vegetables and annual flowers. If you are like me, the clean-up must be completed earlier to be able to plant when planting time arrives. The good news is that, in this instance, you may have your cake and eat it too. I know that I have to get a jump on the clean-up, so I cut the stems of last year's growth at the ground. I do not burn or shred this material. I simply gather it and place it in small piles at the edge of the woods. I will shred and compost this debris later when I have finished with the spring planting.

Another common plea is to refrain from using pesticides. While there are some non-poisonous ways to combat

some pests, most pesticides are actually toxic. Spraying or pouring poison on ants may get rid of the ants, but the poison is also absorbed into any creatures that eat the ants and continues up the food chain. I ceased using most toxic chemicals many years ago, and I believe that nature has balanced the garden, with natural predators' keeping most pests in check. However, I still may use a pesticide if faced with a bad infestation. I also use decoy wasp and hornet nests made from paper bags to deter them from areas where I work or play, but I am not above spraying wasp spray if a nest appears near my front door. One shot of the toxic spray does not destroy everything, but we must become more aware of the total effect of the poisons we use in the environment.

Beyond this, providing the food, water and shelter needs of birds, bees and butterflies will likely be enough to attract them to your garden. Do some research to find out exactly which plants provide the needs of the fauna you wish to attract. Be aware that most butterflies need specific host plants for the larval stage, but they usually will eat nectar from a wide variety of flowers. Some butterflies prefer rotting fruit or even dung and may need a patch of bare soil to be able to get necessary minerals.

It may be that your garden space is not large enough to provide for all of the needs of the creatures you wish to enjoy. Do not despair. Some of the needs may be met in public gardens or in the yards of your neighbors. The bees, birds and butterflies do not stay within fenced areas, so take advantage of borrowed resources in your neighborhood.

In short, the most essential need for a healthy garden and wildlife is awareness. You do not have to become a purist, but at least be aware of the consequences of any actions you take. We are all in this together.



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Last week's Loogootee Tribune had a first. There was a picture of the schools FFA (Future Farmers of America) listening to one of the state's FFA officers speaking about the FFA organization. It's been a long, long time since FFA had a presence in Martin County and both of our school districts now have FFA as an extracurricular activity. The signature blue jackets of the FFA members are what caught my eye in the photo in last week's Tribune.

Our sons (David and Mark) both went to Barr-Reeve school in the mornings of their junior and senior years of high school at LHS. They were old enough to drive and Barr-Reeve offered agriculture as part of the curriculum. For farm kids this was something they could relate to and was different enough that the extra effort was worth it.

I was invited to chaperone the Barr Reeve FFA club to Kansas City for the National FFA Convention. Similar to 4-H, FFA is used to encouraged and educate some of the next generation of agriculture leaders. The FFA members at Kansas City were in the tens of thousands and from every state in the union. We were in Kansas City for three days of events and having that many young people with similar interests all in one place convinced me that the future of American agriculture was in good hands.

The speakers at the FFA Convention were mostly the young people themselves. Truly an amazing bunch. With the seemingly endless spectacle of the current presidential election at the national level, I think any one of those young people would be a far better choice as true leaders of this country.

This coming Saturday (March 12) Martin County will celebrate Ag-Day. It comes just days before the earth will have completed its rotation back to the northern hemisphere that will provide the

warmth and energy from the sun to give all of us the next year's supply of food. There will be a lot of things to see and people to talk to from various organizations at AG-Day, not to mention a breakfast that should leave everyone satisfied.

I know that everyone does not focus much on where their food comes from. But I also know that it doesn't just magically appear. There is a lot of planning and hard work that goes into feeding the population and it is done by a relatively small number of people. We are fortunate in this country to have those people and can give some of the credit to those 4-Hers and the young people who wear the FFA blue jackets.

Hope to see you on Saturday. Life is Good!

Patoka Lake hosts kayaking class for beginners April 15

Join Patoka Lake's interpretive naturalists for a kayaking class for beginners on Saturday, April 15, at 12:30 p.m. During this lesson, participants will have the opportunity to try several different styles of kayaks, learn what gear is needed on the water, and the best places to paddle on Patoka.

All equipment, including life jackets, will be provided. This event is open to anyone age 12 and older. Cost is \$5 per person, and space is limited. Advance registration is required and can be made by calling the Patoka Lake Nature Center at 812-685-2447.

The class will be held at Newton-Stewart State Recreation Area, located north of Wickliffe on State Road 164. The entrance fee is \$7 for Indiana residents and \$9 for out-of-state visitors. For more information regarding this program or other interpretive events, please call the Nature Center.

Patoka Lake (on.IN.gov/patokalake) is at 3084 N. Dillard Road, Birdseye, IN 47513.

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2023 Senior SPOTLIGHTS



TYLEN WILLIAMS

Tylen Michael Williams is the son of Clint and Amy Williams. After graduation, Tylen plans to attend Indiana State University to study Aviation Technology. While in high school, Tylen participated in Band (9-10), Beta Club (9), Intra BBall (10-11), and Cadet Teach (12).



GIANNA WAGLER

Gianna Kay Wagler is the daughter of Richard and Dorinda Wagler. After graduation, Gianna plans to attend the workforce. While in high school, Gianna participated in Cadet (10), Intern (11,12), and Chorus (9).



JACOB TEDROW

Jacob Charles Tedrow is the son of Jennifer and Charlie Tedrow. After graduation, Jacob plans to attend VU to study Cyber Security. While in high school, Jacob participated in Cadet (11-12), Intern (12), Student Council (9-10) and Robotics (9). Jacob also participated in IBA (9-12), Baseball (9-12), Track (9), and Basketball (9-10).



BRENNA WADE

Brenna Anne Wade is the daughter of Chad Wade and Nicole Bays. After graduation, Brenna plans to attend a place of higher education to study elementary education. While in high school, Brenna participated in Intern (11-12), Spanish Club (9-12), SADD (9-11), Basketball (9-11), Cadet Teach (11-12), and Stu Council (9-11).



HANNAH VANMETER

Hannah Vanmeter is the daughter of Corey and Kelly Vanmeter. After graduation, Hannah plans to attend Indiana State University to study Psychology. While in high school, Hannah participated in FCA (9), Intern (12), Beta club (9-10), Chorus (9-10), and Cadet (11). Hannah also participated in Student council (9-11), Track (9-10), and Cross Country (9-10).



DARION OAKMAN

Darion James Oakman is the son of Amanda and Jerry Oakman. After graduation, Darion plans to attend college. While in high school, Darion participated in Band (9-12), Cheerleading (12), Musical (9-12), Chorus (9-12), Show Choir (11-12), Track (10-12), C-country (12) and was the president of Concert Choir (11-12).

Martin County Community Foundation and Martin County Alliance explore lack of child care and impact on the workforce

Three in five children in Martin County may need care because all the adults in their house are working, and only eight percent of those children are enrolled in a high-quality rated program. Childcare is critical for working families and the shared economic success of the community. The supply of childcare programs is not adequate for the community's needs.

"I see social media posts of young parents looking for childcare for their children all the time. I've been contacted directly by several people who want to know if I know names and phone numbers for childcare providers," said Jessica Potts, Executive Director of Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth.

In 2021, Martin County completed a strategic plan along with four other counties about Early Care and Education (ECE). The project was spearheaded by Regional Opportunities Initiatives and the Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County, with grant funding the Community Foundation re-

ceived from IU Health and Early Learning Indiana. Through that process, it became clear that they wanted to bring the business community in on the conversation, and business outreach became part of the Strategic Plan. Community Foundation Partnership hired Transform Consulting Group to complete an info sheet, specifically for businesses, to show the need for high-quality early care and education, how to engage their workforce in conversations around early care and education, and solutions employers can offer their employees.

For more information on the report and the impact of childcare on the workforce or to receive the link to a zoom call that will be held on April 14 at 11 p.m., contact: Jessica Potts, Executive Director, Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth, 812-295-4800; Jessica.Potts@martinalliance.org.

Two scholarships available for Martin County seniors

The Loogootee-Shoals, Delta Tau Chapter of Tri Kappa provides two local scholarships in the amount of \$500 each: one to a graduating Loogootee High School student and one to a graduating Shoals High School student. Proof of college enrollment for the 2023-2024 fall semester is required. Applications for those high school scholarships can be obtained from your local high school counselor or by contacting Samantha Nelson (812) 296-1395 or by email at bscenin@hotmail.com.

Local deadline to submit scholarship applications to Delta Tau Chapter of Tri Kappa, is Monday, April 17, 2023.

The Tri Kappa State Scholarship Committee will meet in early spring to select the recipients of the above-mentioned scholarships.

Scholarship available to Loogootee seniors

The Owensby Alternate Scholarship, created by Craig Owensby, 1973 LHS graduate and founding member of Middle Tennessee Golden Retriever Rescue, is open to Loogootee High School seniors interested in journalism, mass communication, the visual arts, or media production. Applications can be in the form of a letter, email, graphic or multimedia presentation, video, or other format chosen by the applicant, and must answer two questions: 1) What are the applicant's goals in his/her chosen field? 2) How does he/she plan to reach them? (Please include past and current progress.)

Comments from teachers/mentors/others familiar with the applicant's work are welcome, but not required. Preference will be granted to students who do not play interscholastic sports.

Applications should be turned into the high school office by April 14, 2023.



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