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## COVID-19 still has country on lockdown

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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President Donald Trump announced on Sunday that the federal government will be extending social distancing orders through April 30, in an effort to slow the spread of the coronavirus. Indiana has a stay-at-home order effective until 11:59 p.m. on Monday, April 6. Restaurants are closed to in-person dining through this date also. Residents are required to stay home unless they must leave for work, get medical care or purchase essential household items. Anyone who must go out is advised to stay at least six feet away from others.

As of publication time today, Dubois County had three positive cases of COVID-19, Lawrence County had 11 with one death; Greene County had three and Martin and Daviess counties have reported zero confirmed cases. 65 have died statewide. Testing is not widely available in the state and strict guidelines from the Indiana Department of Health must be followed by health care professionals before a test is administered. Many with mild symptoms are being asked to self-quarantine for the duration of the illness and three days after symptoms subside.

Main symptoms of COVID-19 include shortness of breath, coughing and fever although other symptoms have been reported

### Emergency relief grants for Martin County non-profits

Due to the unprecedented global Coronavirus crisis, the Martin County Community Foundation has activated an emergency relief fund. The Community Foundation will be able to address the community's most pressing needs by granting to trusted nonprofit partners throughout Martin County who may become overwhelmed by requests for assistance. This is also an opportunity for residents and businesses to donate to the Community Foundation to support non-profits helping our most vulnerable populations.

With a frontline understanding of the ramifications of the healthcare crisis and the impact upon people in our community, previously vetted nonprofit partners may submit requests for funding consideration. Rather than the usual grantmaking procedure, the CF will utilize a "rapid response" process for distributions from the emergency relief fund.

Staff are working remotely as mandated by the Governor's Executive Order; however, non-profit partners may reach out to CEO Hope Flores at hope@cfpartner.org or Finance/Grants Officer Lisa Starr at lisa@cfpartner.org. Staff will return messages as quickly as possible. Please continue to contact Development Director Curt Johnson at mccf@cfpartner.org about giving to other funds or the ongoing GIFT VII matching campaign.

Anyone wishing to make tax-deductible gifts to the fund should mail checks payable to MCCF Emergency Relief Fund c/o Martin County Community Foundation, P.O. Box 28, Loogootee, IN 47553.

ed such as sore throat, headache and loss of taste and smell.

Practice everyday preventive actions to help reduce your risk of getting sick and remind everyone in your home to do the same. These actions are especially important for older adults and people who have severe chronic medical conditions:

-Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

-Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.

-Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue and throw the tissue in the trash.

-Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food.

-If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

-Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects (e.g., tables, counter tops, light switches, doorknobs, and cabinet handles).

The local health departments are asking families to have a designated shopper for each household. Families should not go shopping as a group. Children should stay at home whenever possible. Neighborhoods should not allow socializing and children should not play together. This means no play dates, overnight visits with friends, etc. Everyone should remain at least 6 feet away from anyone they do not live with to avoid exposure in necessary public places.

Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center, in Jasper, has developed an alternative screening site, located at 695 West Second Street (entrance on the west side of the building- follow the yellow signs) for those patients who do not require emergency department services, but who have symptoms of fever, cough, or shortness of breath. This location will be open Monday to Sunday from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Patients may call 812-996-6330.

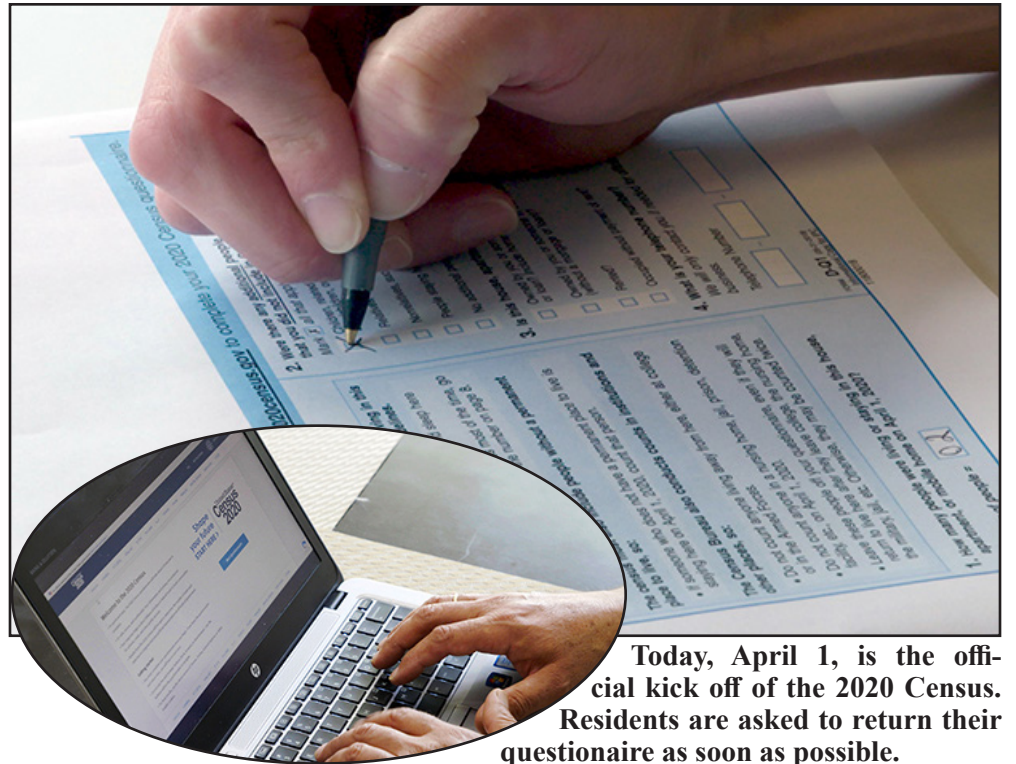
Services provided at this site will include the following: testing for influenza A & B, strep throat, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), and chest x-rays.

The Daviess Community Hospital, in Washington, has opened a respiratory care screening site, located at the corner of NE 15th Street and Grand Avenue in the parking lot on the east side of the DCH Medical clinic. Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The Daviess Community Hospital COVID-19 triage help line is 812-254-2764. Telehealth is available by calling 812-254-6696 or 812-257-7566.

Call BEFORE you plan a trip to the hospital, emergency room or any clinic if you have any symptoms or concerns regarding the Coronavirus.

General questions from the public or healthcare provider inquiries about COVID-19 may be directed to the ISDH COVID-19 Call Center at the toll-free number 877-826-0011 (available 24/7) or email epiresource@isdh.in.gov.



Today, April 1, is the official kick off of the 2020 Census. Residents are asked to return their questionnaire as soon as possible.

## Residents asked to turn in 2020 Census forms

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Today, April 1, is the official kick-off day of the 2020 Census. Martin County's response rate to the 2020 Census as of March 29 was just 42.8 percent. Forms were mailed out a few weeks ago and have now arrived in everyone's mailbox. So far, 13.3 percent of Martin County residents have filled out their Census information online and the rest have mailed back their questionnaire.

Martin County's voluntary response to the 2010 Census was just 71 percent. Ten years before that it was 73 percent. A Martin County Complete Count Committee was formed last year with a goal of getting the self-response rate as high as possible, prior to census takers going door to door to count residents individually.

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, plans

## Martin County had lowest jobless rate in the state for February

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Martin County's unemployment rate edged down to 2.4 percent in February, from 2.9 percent the month before. The county took over the top spot in the state for lowest unemployment rate in February, tied with Boone, Dubois and Hamilton counties.

In February, the county had 5,368 residents in the workforce with 131 of them unemployed. In January, there were 5,380 citizens able to work with 157 of them without jobs.

In February of 2019, Martin County's unemployment rate was 3.2 percent with 5,338 residents in the workforce and 169 of them unemployed.

Daviess County's unemployment rate moved from 3 percent in January to 2.8 percent in February. The county had the 14<sup>th</sup> lowest jobless rate in the state for February, tied with five other counties.

In February, the county had 16,723 residents in the workforce and 460 of

to help get information out to the public has been sidelined. Events planned have been cancelled. Martin County's Complete Count Chairman Vickie Wathen, of Loogootee, wants to remind residents to get their Census form turned in as soon as possible. You can also fill out the form online at census.gov.

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

As of Monday, Dubois County's response rate was at 49 percent and Daviess County's was at 47.9 percent.

The Census has been taken every ten years since 1790 and is mandated in Article 1, Section 2 of the US Constitution.

them were without jobs. In January, there were 16,749 residents able to work and 504 of them were unemployed. In February of last year, Daviess County's jobless rate was 3.2 percent with 16,670 residents able to work and 526 of them without jobs.

Dubois County also saw a slight decrease in their jobless rate in February to 2.4 percent, down from 2.7 percent in January. The county had the lowest jobless rate in the state for February, tied with Martin, Boone and Hamilton counties.

In February, the county had 22,955 residents in the workforce and 556 of them were unemployed. In January, there were 22,959 residents able to work and 614 of them were without jobs. In February of 2019, Dubois County's unemployment rate was 3 percent with 23,165 residents in the workforce and 690 of them unemployed.

Greene County's jobless rate edged down to 4.5 percent in February, down (See 'UNEMPLOYMENT' on page 2)

## Loogootee Library to close until further notice

The Loogootee Public Library will be closed until further notice to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The Loogootee Public Library Board of Trustees is concerned with the safety of library employees, patrons, and the community during this time. Library wi-fi reaches to the parking lot with instructions/password posted on the door.

Please keep materials that have been checked out until the library reopens. No fines will be charged at this time.

Also, Children's Librarian Jen Zehr is doing a virtual story time with stories, experiments, and other fun activities at 10:30 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

You can access through the library Facebook page.

## UNEMPLOYMENT

(Continued from page one)  
from 4.7 percent the month before. The county had the ninth highest jobless rate in the state for February, tied with Fayette County.

In February, the county had 13,773 residents in the workforce and 624 of them were unemployed. In January, there were 13,699 residents able to work and 638 of them without jobs. In February of 2019, Greene County's unemployment rate was 5.4 percent with 14,007 residents in the workforce and 761 of them unemployed.

The top ten spots in the state for lowest jobless rate in February were Martin, Boone, Dubois and Hamilton counties at 2.4 percent; Steuben, LaGrange, Jackson and Bartholomew counties at 2.5 percent; and Johnson, Hendricks, and Gibson counties at 2.6 percent.

The top ten spots in the state for highest jobless rate in February were Crawford County at 5.6 percent, Vermillion County at 5.5 percent, Lake County at 5.1 percent, Newton County at 5 percent, Starke and Sullivan counties at 4.8 percent, Jasper and LaPorte counties at 4.7 percent, and Fayette and Greene counties at 4.5 percent.

Indiana's unemployment rate stands at 3.1 percent for February and remains lower than the national rate of 3.5 percent. The monthly unemployment rate is

## Small businesses can start gathering paperwork to apply for SBA loans to help through COVID-19

What is this Program?

Under the Senate bill, the federal government will be allocating \$349 billion to the Small Business Administration to guarantee loans to small businesses. These are referred to "7(a) loans" because they are authorized by that section of the laws governing the SBA.

Who Can Apply?

Any business with 500 or fewer employees.

The business does not have to be shut down completely or partially. Any business that applies is presumed to need the loan and will get it. The only underwriting standards are the company was in business on February 15, 2020 and had employees for whom it paid salaries and

a U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) indicator that reflects the number of unemployed people seeking employment within the prior four weeks as a percentage of the labor force.

Indiana's labor force had a net increase of 3,114 over the previous month. This was a result of a decrease of 1,599 unemployed residents and an increase of 4,713 employed residents. Indiana's total labor force, which includes both Hoosiers employed and those seeking employment, stands at 3.39 million, and the state's 64.4 percent labor force participation rate remains above the national rate of 63.4 percent.

Learn more about how unemployment rates are calculated here: <http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov/infographics/employment-status.asp>.

Employment by Sector

Private sector employment has decreased by 800 over the year and has grown by 3,900 over the previous month. The monthly increase is primarily due to gains in the Private Educational & Health Services (2,300) and the Construction (1,600) sectors. Gains were partially offset by losses in the Trade, Transportation and Utilities (-1,500) and the Professional and Business Services (-300) sectors. Total private employment stands at 2,748,000, which is 1,300 below the January 2019 peak.

payroll taxes. The self-employed and independent contractors are also eligible for these loans.

These loans are non-recourse, meaning no personal guarantees or liens on practice assets.

What is the Maximum Loan Amount?

The maximum loan you can receive will equal 2.5 times your average "payroll costs" during the 1-year period before the loan is taken.

"Payroll costs" are defined very broadly and include:

- (A) Employee salaries, wages, commissions, etc. up to \$100,000 per year, \$8,333.33 per month
- (B) Payment for vacation, parental, family, medical or sick leave
- (C) Severance payments
- (D) Group health insurance
- (E) Retirement plan contributions
- (F) State and local taxes assessed on such compensation

Payroll costs do not include:

- (A) Compensation over \$100,000/yr, \$8,333.33/mo
- (B) Federal tax withholdings
- (C) Compensation for non-US residents
- (D) Sick leave and family leave provided by the new Families First Coronavirus Response Act for which there are already tax credits

How Do You Apply?

The SBA is guaranteeing these loans, and businesses will need to apply through banks and credit unions. Approximately 1,800 lenders are already approved to issue 7(a) loans. The bank at which you've set up your business banking account will be a great place to start.

Since the maximum loan amount will equal 2.5 x your average monthly payroll costs during the 12-month period preceding the loan, you will need to submit an application that includes a sizeable amount of documentation, including:

- (A) Employee wages for the last 12 months, including you, your family and associate doctors - contact your payroll provider for the report
- (B) This report must also show paid time off, vacation, sick pay, family medical pay, etc. All of this is eligible to be in-

cluded. The more you can show the better, as this will increase the loan amount

(C) Withholding for state and local taxes on employee compensation

(D) 1099s paid to independent contractor doctors

(E) Documentation showing how much you, the employer, paid in employee group health insurance premiums for the past 12 months. Your insurance company should be able to provide this

(F) Documentation showing the amount of retirement plan funding the employer made for employees over the past 12 months (profit sharing 401(k) plans, cash balance plans, SIMPLE and SEP IRAs). If your 2019 plan administration has been completed, you should use this as the basis for these figures. (Employees' own 401(k) salary deferrals won't count for these purposes.)

Borrowers will also need to make a "good faith certification" that the uncertainty of the current environment makes the loan request necessary, that you intend to use the funds to retain workers and maintain payroll OR make mortgage payments, lease payments and utility payments, and that you haven't applied for another Section 7(a) loan.

Note that you are not required to retain employees to get the loan. If you have laid off or furloughed your staff so they can get unemployment, you can still get the 7(a) loan, but as we will see, the amount of loan forgiveness will be reduced to the extent that staff is laid off or their pay is dramatically reduced.

There will be no fee to obtain the loan - another example of how the feds are doing what they can to get this money circulating in the economy. Nor are you required to first look elsewhere to get the money.

How Long Will it Take to Get the Money?

Treasury Secretary Mnuchin has indicated that he expects them to be ready (the loans disbursed) by the end of next week (April 3).

For more information, visit <https://www.sba.gov/page/coronavirus-covid-19-small-business-guidance-loan-resources>.

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# OBITUARIES

**PAULA BILLINGS**

Paula Ann Billings Myers passed away March 29, 2020 at Community Hospital South in Greenwood. A resident of Indianapolis, she was 77.

She was born May 26, 1942, in Shoals; the second of four daughters to the late Paul and Ruth (Dyar) Billings. She was married to Thomas L. Myers in 1961, and they moved to Indianapolis where they lived and worked.

Paula was a graduate of Shoals High School, was an avid reader, and liked to joke (especially with her son, Brad). She never met a stranger and was always interested in the activities of Martin County and the Billings Family Farm.

Paula is survived by her daughter, Rhea A. Killen and husband, Steve, of Salisbury, North Carolina; Bradley P. Myers and wife, Donna, of Greenwood; granddaughter, Rachel A. Harper and companion, Trey Patrick, of Bakersfield, California; grandson, Bryce B. Myers of Greenwood; one great granddaughter, Billie G. Patrick; three sisters, Kay F. Ackerman of Loogootee; Mary Lou Billings of Shoals; and June R. Fountain and husband, Jerry, and family of Bedford.

She is preceded in death by husband, Thomas L. Myers and parents, Paul and Ruth Billings.

A private family service will be held at a later date with burial at Spring Hill Cemetery in Shoals.

**GEORGE ALBRIGHT**

George W. Albright departed this life peacefully at his home on Wednesday March 25, 2020. A resident of Shoals. He was 82.

He was born November 26, 1937 in Shoals; the son of Oscar and Florence (Waggoner) Albright. George was the owner of Albright's Amusement Co. for over

20 years and had a lawn care service for the last 30 years. He was married to Priscilla Barlow Marsh and she survives. George loved to fish and go hunting, working and spending time with his family.

George is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Ray, Oscar (Junior) and Robert Albright; sister, Vondale Hopkins and his grandparents, Ben and Maggie Quakenbush-Waggoner.

He is survived by his long-time companion and love of his life, Brenda (Ritchison) Smoot; daughter, Judi Albright Phillips (David); step-children, Darla Smoot (Dave Jarrett), Danniell Smoot (Jon Perry) and Denny Smoot (Melinda); grandchildren, Blake Smoot (Jerrika), Hannah Smoot (Travis Holman), Aaron Kenney, Emily Sorrells (Seth), Tyler Smoot (Brittany), Tristan Page, Branson Smoot (Karma), Megan Page (Dakota Terrell), Aaric Smoot, Madilyn Page, Danica Tillet, Braydon Tillet, Cadence Tillet Adam Phillips and Evan Phillips; great-grandchildren, Levi, Bella, Brett, Gracie, Gunner, Wyatt, Grayson, Kara, Olivia, Sophia, Karson and Mila; and sisters, Edie Davis, Joyce

Jones, and Betty Jo Guthrie.

George's family is sorry but due to the coronavirus pandemic, funeral service must be private. To view George's tribute page and share memories, condolences and more please go to [www.chandlefh.com](http://www.chandlefh.com). Chandler Funeral Home in Ellettsville is assisting with arrangements.

**DOROTHY BOUGH**

Dorothy Sue Bough passed away Saturday March 28, 2020 at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper surrounded by her family. A resident of Loogootee, she was 84.



**DOROTHY BOUGH**

She was born July 8, 1935 in Trinity Springs; daughter of the late Frank and Kathryn (Fawcett) Sherfick.

Dorothy was a member of the Shoals Church of Christ. She enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, computer games, and bird watching.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Wendell Bough who passed away in 2001; her children, Peggy Bough and David Bough; her parents, Frank and Kathryn Sherfick; her son-in-law, Jim Jeffers; her brothers, Herb Sherfick and Kenneth Sherfick; and her sisters; Mary Johnson and Alice Wildman.

Dorothy is survived by her children, Sherry (Frank) Hillenburg of Mitchell, Janice Jeffers of Loogootee, Karen (Ralph) Murray of Loogootee, and Kathy (John) Lythgoe of Loogootee; her grandchildren, Heather Bough, Sarah Jeffers, Allison Lythgoe, and Zachary Lythgoe; her great grandchildren, Finnegan and Archer Partin; and many nieces nephews and cousins.

Private services will be held.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Wendell Bough Family Fund at the Martin County Community Foundation.

Condolences can be made online at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com).

**CHARLES STRINGER**

Charles W. Stringer age 88, of Shoals passed away Wednesday, March 25, 2020 in Jasper. A resident of Shoals, he was 88.



**CHARLES STRINGER**

He was born November 30, 1931 in Shoals; son of William A. and Inez (Grigsby) Stringer. He married Freda Collins on October 27, 1951 in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Shoals and she survives.

He was a 1949 graduate of Shoals High School, was a retired Explosive Operator Foreman with CAAA, and was a member of the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Shoals.

Survivors are his wife, Freda of Shoals; one daughter, Linda Brown of Shoals; one granddaughter, Laura Ann Brown of Washington; one sister, Wilma Engle of California and several nieces and neph-

ews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, one son, Anthony W. Stringer; a sister, Wanda Mesiana; and one son-in-law, Curt Brown.

A private service will be held for immediate family with Father Kenneth Walker officiating. Burial will be in the Spring Hill Cemetery.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes is entrusted with the arrangements.

**CHARLES WRALEY**

Charles Nelson Wraley passed away March 25, 2020 at the Willow Manor in Vincennes. A resident of Shoals, he was 85.



**CHARLES WRALEY**

He was born November 5, 1934 in Martin County; son of Harvey W. and Mildred (Waiman) Wraley. He married Shirley Abel on September 3, 1955 at the Loogootee United Methodist Church Parsonage.

He was a graduate of Shoals High School, was a member of the Shoals Christian Church, was retired from the U.S. Gypsum with over 35 years of service and following retirement drove truck for Stonebelt Trucking for 15 years.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley; four children, Robert Nelson Wraley of Shoals, Renita Ann Divine of Evansville, Roger Lee (Sandy) of Shoals and Ryan Darrell Wraley of Mooresville; seven grandchildren, Christopher Divine, Travis Divine, Brandon Divine, Natasha Garrison, Jasmine Sheetz, Rachel Wraley and Regina Wraley; 13 great-grandchildren, four step great grandchildren, six step great-great grandchildren and one great-great grandson on the way.

He is preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Bruce and Larry Wraley.

Private services are planned for the family.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested memorial contributions be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Arrangements are entrusted to the Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes.

**GREGORY CRAMER**

Gregory Cramer passed away at 6:47 p.m. Sunday, March 29, 2020 at IU Health Bloomington. A resident of Bedford, he was 59.

He was born October 13, 1960 in Moline, Illinois; son of Patricia (Mason) Pruett and the late Henry E. Cramer.

Greg loved the outdoors, especially fishing and hunting. He worked as a material handler at CAP Group in Bedford. Greg loved listening to music and

making people laugh. He loved his family and playing with his grandkids. Greg never saw a stranger and always helped anyone that needed help. He loved his truck.

He was preceded in death by his father, Henry E. Cramer and his grandson, Cayden Crisp.

Greg is survived by his children, Dustin Cramer of Bedford and Carrie Cramer of Loogootee; grandchildren, Lucas Cramer and Anna Cramer; mother, Patricia Pruett of Ellettsville; and sister, Teresa Beasley-Begley of Ellettsville.

Cremation was chosen in accordance with Greg's wishes. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Condolences may be made online at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com).

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee is honored to serve the family of Gregory Cramer.

**LUCILLE TACKETT**

M. Lucille Tackett passed away Wednesday, March 25, 2020, at Bliss Place in Bedford. A resident of Bedford, she was 95.



**LUCILLE TACKETT**

She was born April 22, 1924, in Martin County; the daughter of Victor and Mary (White) Edwards. She married Willard E. "Bud" Tackett April 29, 1944, and he preceded her in death in December 20, 1982.

Lucille had been employed at M. Fine & Son, Roberts Brass, and Carpenter Body Works. She was also an Avon consultant. Lucille was a 1942 graduate of Huron High School and was a member of Huron Baptist Church and Order of Eastern Star. She was a past member of Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge No. 689 and Bedford Senior Citizens. She enjoyed gardening, flowers, and fishing. Her grandson was the apple of her eye.

Survivors include her son, Brian C. Tackett of Mitchell; grandson, Lincoln O'Brian (Abi) Tackett of Orleans; great grandson, Hank O'Brian Tackett; and two nieces and one nephew

Her father; mother, Mary Jackson; stepfather, John Jackson; husband; siblings, Pearl Acton, Paul P. "Pete" Edwards, and George C. "CeCe" Edwards; and grandson, Willard Eugene Tackett II, preceded her in death.

Due to COVID-19, a private graveside service officiated by Mike Collins was Friday, March 27, at Huron Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made to Huron Heritage, c/o Lawrence County Community Foundation, PO Box 1235, Bedford, Indiana 47421.

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, MARCH 23

9:57 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

10:03 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

11:55 a.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Shoals. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

3:30 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. ISP Beaver responded.

7:20 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver east of Shoals. Deputy Wells and Deputy Lents responded.

8:21 p.m. - Received a report of subjects tearing up a yard with a golf cart. Deputy Lents responded.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 24

1:23 a.m. - Received a request for medical assistance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded.

11:13 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle north of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded and spoke with owner.

12:31 p.m. - Received a report of a two-vehicle accident west of Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill and Big John's Towing responded.

5:22 p.m. - Received a report of two vehicles driving recklessly north of Loogootee. Deputy Lents responded.

5:32 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic argument in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Cummings responded.

6:05 p.m. - Received a request for medical assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

7:57 p.m. - Received a report of an animal found in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

9:25 p.m. - Received a report of a lost animal in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

11:22 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across the road near Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded and removed the tree.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

5:42 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

7:28 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle south of Loogootee. ISP Trooper Wilson responded.

9:32 a.m. - Received a report of a two-vehicle minor accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responding.

11:20 a.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

11:38 a.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint near Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

12:01 p.m. - Received a request for a lift assist in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

1:30 p.m. - Deputy Lents and Loogootee Chief Rayhill assisted a disabled vehicle in Loogootee.

1:39 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn south of Loogootee.

3:34 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

3:58 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint south of Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

4:35 p.m. - Received a request for medical assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

4:52 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals. ICO Mann, ICO Doane, Deputy Gibson and Loogootee Officer Allen

responded.

9:05 p.m. - Received a report of a burglary alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Cummings and ISP Beaver responded.

10:25 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious activity in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Cummings responded.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 26

5:30 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Sergeant Reed responded.

5:39 a.m. - Received a request for medical assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

8:29 a.m. - Received a call to speak with a deputy referencing a subject out of county. Deputy Wells took the call.

9:21 a.m. - Deputy Wells assisted a disabled vehicle near Loogootee.

10:26 a.m. - Deputy Wells and ICO Doane assisted two semi drivers stuck in construction.

3:25 p.m. - Received a call referencing a vehicle that was stuck in a yard. Deputy Wells and Deputy Lents responded.

4:37 p.m. - Received a request for medical assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

8:10 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Deputy Gibson responded.

9:53 p.m. - Received a request for medical assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Fire Department and Deputy Lents responded.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 27

12:20 a.m. - Received a call reporting a domestic altercation in Loogootee. Deputy Seymour and Loogootee Officer Cummings responded.

1:21 a.m. - Received a request to speak to a deputy about vehicles. Deputy Seymour took the call.

9:18 a.m. - Received a report of a tree resting on a line south of Loogootee. Advised Duke Energy.

10:24 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock south of Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

11:20 a.m. - Deputy Wells assisted a disabled vehicle north of Loogootee.

12:45 p.m. - Deputy Wells and Shoals Fire Department assisted semis stuck in construction east of Shoals.

1:23 p.m. - Deputy Barnett responded to a possible neglect situation near Shoals.

2:48 p.m. - Deputy Wells assisted a disabled vehicle east of Shoals.

5:03 p.m. - Received a report of smoke near Shoals. Deputy Gibson responded.

5:24 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint.

6:48 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn near Shoals.

10:02 p.m. - Received a report of animal complaint in Crane.

10:21 p.m. - Received a request for medical assistance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 28

12:30 a.m. - Received a request to speak to an officer referencing a domestic dispute. Loogootee Officer Cummings responded.

7:05 a.m. - Received a report of vehicles near construction barricades that are a traffic hazard east of Shoals. Deputy Wright responded.

8:25 a.m. - Deputy Wright supervised child exchange.

12:06 p.m. - Loogootee Officer Floyd responded to an unruly juvenile in Loogootee.

4:36 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless

driver south of Loogootee.

5:33 p.m. - Deputy Barnett supervised a child exchange.

8:30 p.m. - Received a request for medical assistance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Haysville Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:43 p.m. - Received a report of a noise complaint near Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 29

## AG Curtis Hill: What to do if you bought a ticket for an event canceled due to coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic

Attorney General Curtis Hill offered guidance to consumers who purchased tickets to events that have been canceled or postponed in the wake of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

"Hoosiers who were looking forward to gathering with friends and enjoying concerts, sporting events and other activities with their peers have surely been disappointed by this wave of cancellations and postponements," Attorney General Hill said. "To make the best of this difficult situation, we want to help consumers obtain any refunds or other remedies that are available to them."

If you have issues securing remedies promised by the entity from which you bought your tickets, the Office of the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division may be able to help you. Here's what consumers should know:

Consumers who purchased tickets for

## AG Curtis Hill warns Hoosiers to beware fake coronavirus (COVID-19) tests

Attorney General Curtis Hill is warning Hoosiers of scammers taking advantage of the scarcity of COVID-19 tests by falsely claiming to be able to provide testing.

"Consumers are at risk not only of losing money from these scams," Attorney General Hill said, "but of getting dangerously false information about their infection status. We're working to protect Indiana residents and ensure better outcomes."

There are currently no tests that can be self-administered at home to find out whether someone has COVID-19.

The only tests currently available in Indiana require a doctor's order and specimen collection done by a medical professional. At this time, there is no FDA-approved blood test to determine whether someone has COVID-19.

Because conditions are constantly changing regarding the availability of

## New statewide map available for Hoosiers seeking food assistance during COVID-19 pandemic

The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, in partnership with the state's food banks, the Indy Hunger Network and Feeding Indiana's Hungry, has developed a statewide, interactive map that will help Hoosiers seeking food assistance find what they need. map will be prominently featured at [www.fssa.in.gov](http://www.fssa.in.gov). The map can be used on desktop/laptop computers and mobile devices.

"Many Hoosiers' situations have changed as a result of our state's important and necessary response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic," said Jennifer Sullivan, M.D., M.P.H., FSSA Secretary. "We know there is a significant need for families - many of whom have never needed assistance before. We

12:51 a.m. - Received a report of a burglary alarm in Crane. Deputy Gibson, Deputy Seymour and Loogootee Officer Cummings responded.

5:13 a.m. - Received a report of threats being made in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Cummings responded.

7:54 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Loogootee.

10:44 a.m. - Deputy Barnett supervised a child exchange.

4:43 p.m. - Martin County Ambulance responded to a private call.

events should consult the terms and conditions of their purchases to determine whether the purchases are refundable. If you are not sure, contact the venue where you purchased the ticket in an effort get the remedy you are looking for.

In circumstances where the terms being offered by the entity are not what was previously advertised, report those issues to the Attorney General using their online complaint form.

Consumers who see unexpected charges related to a cancellation should first contact the company. If that is not successful, contact your credit card company. Then file a complaint with the Attorney General using our online complaint form at <https://indianaattorneygeneral.secure.force.com/ConsumerComplaintForm>.

If you have questions for the Office's Consumer Protection Division, you may call 1-800-382-5516.

testing and decisions about who qualifies, Hoosiers should keep up with the latest information by consulting credible sources.

The Indiana State Department of Health's COVID-19 Call Center can be reached 24/7 at 877-826-0011, and the agency regularly updates the [coronavirus.in.gov](http://coronavirus.in.gov) website.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention maintains online information about testing, and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration also provides in-depth information related to these topics.

As always, if you encounter suspected scams, you may report them online to the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Indiana Attorney General. If you need additional information regarding the Office's Consumer Protection Division, please call 1-800-382-5516.

hope this tool helps them locate resources to meet their food and nutrition needs during this crisis and in the future."

There are two types of organizations shown on the map: food pantries and meal sites. Food pantries are locations where Hoosiers can pick up groceries to prepare and use at their homes. Meal sites serve packed meals, ready to take home and eat.

Earlier this week, FSSA encouraged food pantries to stay open to keep serving Hoosiers and issued a call for volunteers under age 60 who are able to serve. FSSA is actively working with food pantries, food banks and community kitchens across the state to track which are open and is updating the map accordingly.

## Report unlawful eviction, foreclosure proceedings amid coronavirus pandemic

With the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic forcing thousands of Hoosiers into financial hardships, Attorney General Curtis Hill asked consumers to file complaints with the Office of the Attorney General should eviction or foreclosure proceedings initiate or continue during this public health crisis.

Gov. Eric Holcomb issued an executive order last Thursday that prohibits the initiation or continuation of eviction or foreclosure proceedings until Indiana's public health emergency is terminated. However, the order does not relieve individuals from having to pay their mortgages or rent during this time.

Attorney General Hill encouraged Hoosiers who are unlawfully subjected to these proceedings during the ongoing public health emergency to file a complaint with the Office's Consumer Protection Division.

"The coronavirus pandemic has left thousands of Hoosiers temporarily unemployed and facing financial distress," Attorney General Hill said. "It's important for Hoosier renters and homeowners to be aware of their rights during these difficult times. If you are unlawfully subjected to eviction or foreclosure proceedings during this public health emergency, contact my office. We may be able to help you."

If you have issues paying your mortgage or are already in foreclosure proceedings, the Office may be able to assist you. The Office also has the ability to assist tenants with certain issues such as misrepresentations about a property's condition and failures to provide specific disclosures.

To file a consumer complaint online, visit <https://indianaattorneygeneral.secure.force.com/ConsumerComplaint-Form>. If you have questions for the Office of the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division, you may call 1-800-382-5516 or 317-232-6330.

For a summary of your rights as a tenant, you may view the handbook from Indiana Legal Services, Inc, at [www.indianalegalservices.org/inrentinghandbook](http://www.indianalegalservices.org/inrentinghandbook).

# Loogootee Police log

### MONDAY, MARCH 23

6:25 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the county with a traffic stop.

9:20 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a residential alarm.

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

9:55 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

10:05 a.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

3:30 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

4:21 p.m. - Numerous calls of a suspicious male trying to sell cleaning supplies. Officer were unable to locate.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 24

12:31 p.m. - First responders were requested at Hwy 50 and John C. Strange Street for a three-vehicle accident.

5:30 p.m. - Caller reported a fight in progress outside a local business.

6:03 p.m. - First responders were requested on Cedar Street for a medical call.

8:40 p.m. - Female caller reported extra patrol.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

5:42 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

9:32 a.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident on Cherry Street.

1:30 p.m. - Received a report of a broken-down vehicle on Broadway Street.

4:35 p.m. First responders were requested on Cedar Street for a medical call.

4:52 p.m. - Officer Allen assisted the county with a theft call.

9:03 p.m. - Officer Cummings and Officer Allen responded to a business alarm.

10:15 p.m. - Officer Cummings assisted the county with a medical call.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 26

8:30 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

3:10 p.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

9:13 p.m. - Officer Cummins assisted a female with getting some personal belongings back.

9:55 p.m. - First responders were requested in Redwing Trailer Court for a medical call.

10:45 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 27

12:20 a.m. - Male reported a battery complaint in Redwing Trailer Court.

12:36 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident on Poplar Street.

8:58 p.m. - Officer Allen assisted the county with a trespasser.

10:40 p.m. - Officer Cummings assisted the ambulance service.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 28

12:30 a.m. - Female reported a battery complaint.

12:06 p.m. - Caller reported an unruly juvenile. Female was sent to Southwest Juvenile Detention Center.

2:12 p.m. - Female reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

4:10 p.m. - Female reported a child custody matter.

9:45 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on US 231.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 29

12:51 a.m. - Officer Cummings responded to a business alarm.

5:13 a.m. - Male reported receiving threat messages.

3:45 p.m. - Caller reported a traffic complaint.

7:30 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

## Martin County real estate transfers

George Turoci and Marie Turoci, of Montgomery County, Indiana to **Chet E. Roberts**, of Clark County, Indiana, a tract of land in the southeast quarter of Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 3 acres, more or less.

Donald E. Witt and Phyllis M. Witt to **Riverside Land Holdings, LLC**, 60 3/5 acres, more or less, in Section 22; 39 acres, more or less, in Section 15; 25 acres, more or less, in Section 15; 56 acres, more or less in Section 22; 1 1/2 acres, more or less, in Section 15, all in Township 3 North, Range 4 West and containing 182 1/10 acres in all.

Patricia Helton and Paul Thompson and Virginia Thompson, of Greene County, Indiana to **Jeremy E. Helton and Brice W. Helton**, of Greene County, Indiana, 45 acres of even width off the west end of the south half of the southwest quarter of Section 35, Township 6

North, Range 3 West. The east half of the southeast quarter and the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter in Section 34, Township 6 North, Range 3 West, containing 120 acres, more or less. The north half of the northeast quarter and the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter and 2 acres in the form of a square in the northeast corner of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter, all in Section 3, Township 5 North, Range 3 West, containing 122 acres, more or less.

**Mark T. Taylor**, of Lawrence County, Indiana to **Kevin S. Hert, Sr. and Donna L. Hert**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 15 of Pruett Subdivision.

**Randall Yoder and Jeffrey W. Yoder**, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Steven Graber and Naomi Graber**, of Daviess County, Indiana, part of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Martin County, Indiana.

# CLASSIFIED ADS

## HELP WANTED

### The City of Loogootee Park and Recreation Dept. is accepting applications for Pool Manager, Assistant Manager, Lifeguards & Concession Workers

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions Applications will be mailed to those wishing to apply. Call Mayors office at 812-295-4770 between 8-4, Monday-Friday. Applications may be dropped off in the Utility Office Drop Box in the City Hall parking lot.



Applications need to be turned in by **Wednesday, April 15.**

## ARRESTS

### FRIDAY, MARCH 27

7:00 p.m. - Jace Ross, 58, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Cummings on a Martin County warrant. She is currently being held without bond.

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**Day 1: Lots start closing at 7:00pm on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.**

Over 600+ Lots Featuring: Speed Queen Commercial Heavy Duty Washer & Dryer; Birdseye Maple Bedroom Suite (Very Nice condition); Willett queen sized bedroom suite with Tempur-Pedic mattress(very nice condition); La-Z-Boy Reclining sofa & Rocker/recliner; Solid Cherry Entertainment center with glass doors; Antiques & Collectibles: Wooden Butter Churn w/ dasher & pole; Mahogany Settee; Mahogany side table; Vintage Rocking Chairs; hand stitched quilts, linens, Sheet sets, towels, Vintage Furniture pieces; Vintage Items; Buddy L Dump Truck; (2)Brass Stagecoach Oil Lanterns; & MORE!

**Day 2: Lots start closing at 7:00pm on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.**

Over 500+ Lots Featuring: Ford 5000 Tractor w/ loader, Ford 801 Tractor, Ford 600 Tractor, 2004 Honda Foreman 4x4; John Deere 336 Hay Baler; (2) Hay Wagons; Massey Ferguson 920 disc; Ford 2 Row Planter; Ford 2 bottom Plow; Ford Sickle Bar Mower; Brush Hog; Grader Blade; Farm Hand 817 Feed Grinder; Utility Trailer; Truck Bed Trailer; Farm Gates; T Post; Large Pile of Sandstone Rocks for landscaping; Cub Cadet LTX1050 Lawn Mower; JD LT155 Lawn Mower; 15 gal Sprayer(12v); Leaf Blower; Lawn Décor; 3 pt Post Hole Digger; Drill Press; Chain Saw; Fiberglass ladder; over 400 bales of hay; Tools, Barn Finds & Much MORE!

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## More Neat Stuff

By Ann Ackerman



### THOUGHTS

\*The fact that Kansas and Arkansas are pronounced differently bothers me way more than it should.

\*Pronouncing words that end in 'ough.' Cough, bough, rough, dough, through, though.

\*Is the "S" or "C" in scent silent?

\*Why does fridge have a "D" in it, but refrigerator doesn't?

\*Why are Zoey and Zoe pronounced the same but Joey and Joe aren't?

\*You can drink a drink but you can't food a food.

\*The word "queue" is just a Q followed by four silent letters.

\*Why is a "w" a "Double U" when it is clearly a "Double-V?"

### ADVICE FOR ANYONE MOVING TO INDIANA.

1. Save all bacon grease. You will be instructed later how to use it.

2. If you do run your car into a ditch, don't panic. Four men in the cab of a four-wheel drive with a 12-pack of beer and a tow chain will be along shortly. Don't try to help them. Just stay out of their way. This is what they live for.

3. Remember: "Y'all" is singular. "All y'all" is plural. "All y'all's" is plural possessive.

4. Get used to the phrase "It's not the heat, it's the humidity." And the collateral phrase "You call this hot? Wait til August."

5. Don't tell us how you did it up there. Nobody cares.

6. If you think it's too hot, don't worry. It'll cool down-in December.

7. A Mercedes-Benz is not a status sym-

bol, a Chevy, Dodge, or Ford is.

8. If someone says they're "fixin'" to do something, that doesn't mean anything's broken.

9. The value of a parking space is not determined by the distance to the door, but the availability of shade.

10. If you are a slower moving vehicle on a two-lane road pull onto the shoulder that is called "courtesy".

11. BBQ is a food group. It does NOT mean grilling burgers and hot dogs outdoors.

12. Yes, weddings, funerals, and divorces must take into account for IU Basketball games.

13. Everything is better with hot sauce.

14. DO NOT honk your horn at us to be obnoxious, we will sit there until we die.

15. We pull over and stop for emergency vehicles to pass.

16. We pull over for funeral processions, turn our music off, and men remove hats or caps. Some people put their hand over their heart.

17. "Bless your Heart" is a nice way of saying you're an idiot.

18. No matter what kind: Sprite, Coke, Pepsi, Mountain Dew, it isn't called soda. It's all called pop.

19. If you don't like the weather in INDIANA, wait 15 minutes, it will change.

20. Orange Crush is our local pop.

21. The Indy 500 is a tradition.

Everyday thousands of innocent plants are eaten by vegetarians. Help stop the violence. Eat bacon!

Make someone smile today!

## Retired teachers hold meeting

BY LINDA STROSNIDER  
Retired Teachers Association

The Daviess/Martin Retired Teachers Association met at the Gasthof Restaurant March 13. President Alice Jones led the membership in the Pledge to the Flag. The minutes and treasurer's reports were read and approved.

Chairperson of the Volunteer Service Hours, Lawana Hand, reported that the membership accumulated 7,308 volunteer hours for the 2019-2020 term. These volunteer hours are equivalent to \$185,842.44 in salary. She stated that this is an increase of 1,427 hours from the previous year.

Area Director Dave Lennen reported that the Indiana State Representative Assembly will take place on June 10, 2020. However, with the on-going concern about the virus, there may be an alternative method of meeting.

Vicky Bauernfiend and committee reported that goody bags will be delivered to the Shoals teachers at the end of March. Barr Reeve teachers will receive treats near the end of the school year. Magazines were collected and will be donated to the hospital library. The members also donated to the Pennies from Heaven fund, which will be sent to the State Retired Teachers Foundation.

A program was presented depicting the journey of a young girl from WWII Germany to the United States as a war bride.

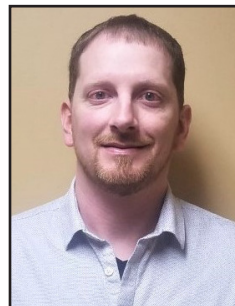
Members attending were Aggie Cooper, Ken Macy, Marilyn Read, Alana Thompson, Linda Strosnider, Alice Jones, Dave Lennen, Ramona Lennen, Maria Kil-

lion, Pat Brochin, Nancy Adams, Lawana Hand, Vicky Bauernfiend, and Rosie Winingner.

### Kevin Wade receives Indiana Broker License

Kevin Wade has successfully completed the required courses and passed the state Broker License Examination. He has also completed extensive training and licensing through the Southwest Association of Realtors and the Real Estate Certification Program.

Kevin was born and raised in the local community and graduated from North Daviess High School. He also has an associate's degree from Vincennes University. He and his wife have five children and continue to live here in the local area. Kevin will be joining the Century 21 Classic Realty Team and will be serving Martin County and the surrounding counties.



KEVIN WADE

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Westgate Authority April meeting

The Westgate Authority is cancelling their April 14 meeting due to COVID-19. Information about the status of the May meeting will be forthcoming.

### Right to Life Paper Drive canceled

The Daviess and Martin County Right to Life groups have announced they will cancel their respective paper/aluminum can drives set for Saturday April 4. Because of the state-mandated restrictions, the Right to Life groups will cancel this month but may reschedule for the first Saturday in May depending on how the situation is at that time. Daviess County holds their drives every other month on the even months while Martin County holds their drive every month. They encourage you to hold on to your old newspapers and aluminum cans till that time.

### Mustering Elm Park postponements

The Trinity Springs Mustering Elm Park Officers have decided to postpone the April 6 meeting until May 4 due to the COVID-19. Also postponed is the building of the deck which was scheduled to start on April 11. A new date will be announced later. The park needs new members to keep going. Please think about becoming a member.

### Banquet postponed

The Pregnancy Care Center of Washington's Gift of Life banquet scheduled for April 16, 2020 has been postponed until July 23, 2020. The banquet will still be held at the Simon Graber Complex. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. with the banquet starting at 6:30 p.m.

### Food pantry hours

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

### Mental Health Task Force

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

### Celebrate Recovery meetings

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

### Local recovery meetings

Wednesdays-Alcoholic Anonymous, Martin County Community Corrections

Building at 8 p.m.; Thursdays-Narcotics Anonymous, Redemption Church Loogootee at 8 p.m.; Fridays-Alcoholic Anonymous, Loogootee Municipal Building Loogootee at 8 p.m.

### Free lunch for kids

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

### SOAR Tutoring

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

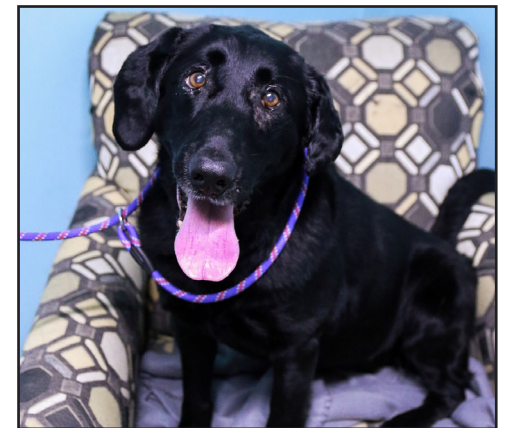
### Solid waste board

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

### Soil and Water meetings

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

## ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



**SABLE is a female lab mix, 8+ years old. She is very sweet and playful. She is spayed and up to date on shots. Adoption fee is \$90. For info on all the dogs and cats at the Martin County Humane Society, visit [www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org](http://www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org).**

## ~LETTER TO THE EDITOR~

*'Please consider making a difference'*

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*

Due to COVID-19, the April blood drives will not be held at the Shoals and Loogootee Schools. The Shoals blood drive will be held on Wednesday, April 15 at the Christian Church CRC Building. The Loogootee drive will be held at the United Methodist Church Family Life Center on Thursday, April 16. Hours for both drives are from 2 to 7 p.m.

Many of us have now been receiving

phone and/or email messages from the American Red Cross, asking us to schedule appointments for the blood drives. Blood drives are an ESSENTIAL ACTIVITY and social distancing will be practiced at all drives. They will have enhanced practices for sanitation to provide protection for their staff and all donors.

You may make an appointment by calling the ARC at 800-733-2767, going online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), using your ARC app, or calling me at 812-247-3767 or 812-709-2579 (please leave a message).

If you do make an appointment, I encourage you to do the "Rapid Pass" at home on the day of your appointment. You can do this online or on the ARC phone app. It will make the donation process more efficient.

Many drives have been cancelled. If you are in good health, please consider making a difference by saving a life through your blood donation.

God's blessings to all,  
Lynn Hawkins, ARC Volunteer

## NOTICE:

In preparation for mowing season, spring cleanup of St. John Catholic Cemetery will take place on Saturday, April 4, 2020. 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 on the 4th of April.

# LOOGOOTEE HIGH SCHOOL

## 2020 Senior SPOTLIGHTS



# 2020 Seniors

# SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL



**HANNAH BAILEY**

Hannah Joy Bailey is the daughter of Carroll and Alisha Bailey. After graduation, Hannah plans to attend Ball State to study theater. While in high school, Hannah participated in Beta Club (9-12), Chorus (9-12), French Club (10-11), Spell Bowl (9-10), Cadet Teaching (12), Student Council (9), Cheerleader (9), Musical (9-12), Class Secretary (10), and Class Vice-President (9). Hannah was President of the Vocal Jazz Choir (12), President of Concert Choir (11), and Secretary of Beta Club (12).



**JONATHAN HAGER**

Jonathan R. Hager is the son of Rob and Susie Hager. After graduation, Jonathan plans to attend Vincennes University to study Electrical Engineering. While in high school, Jonathan participated in Band (9-12), Chorus (9-10), Recycling (9-10), Robotics (10-12), Cross Country (9-12), and Track (9-12).



**MAX FISCHER**

Max Harrison Fischer was born on January 21, 2002 to Mike and Amanda Fischer. While in school, Max participated in soccer, basketball, and baseball all four years of his high school career. He was also an active member of BETA club, Pep club, IMPACCT club, and FFA. His favorite memory is playing baseball with Dayson and Dalton all four years of high school. After graduation, Max plans to attend Ivy Tech Community College and major in Criminal Justice.



**DESIREE MONTANEZ**

Desiree Laylani Montanez was born on June 23, 2002 to Rutila Ayres and Jose David Montanez. Her favorite memory at Shoals High School was being able to go on the field trip to Chicago. Desiree was glad to go back to her hometown with her new friends and show them around the city. After graduation, she plans to pursue a trade school or take online courses. Desiree wants to become an engineer or an interior designer so that she can build her own house someday.



**KAITLYN BRUNER**

Kaitlyn Nichole Bruner is the daughter of Pat and Michelle Bruner. After graduation, Kaitlyn plans to attend University of Southern Indiana to study dental hygiene. While in high school, Kaitlyn participated in Band (9-12), Beta Club (9-12), French Club (9-12), Recycling (9-11), SADD (11-12), Cadet Teaching (11), Student Council (9-12), Basketball (9-12), and Softball (9-12).



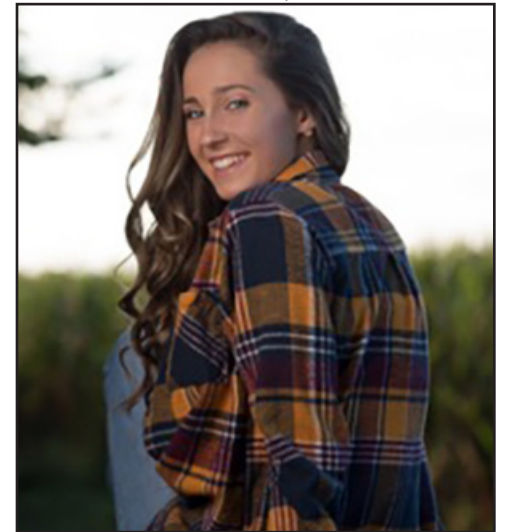
**LAWSON MCCLOSKEY**

Lawson Lee McCloskey is the son of Vicki Mullen and Edward McCloskey. After graduation, Lawson plans to attend Rose-Hulman to study chemical engineering. While in high school, Lawson participated in Musical (10-12), Students for Life (10-11), Beta Club (9-12), Chorus (9-12), French Club (9-12), Intramural basketball (9-12), SADD (11-12), Spell Bowl (9), Show Choir (9), Tennis (9-12), and Class Treasurer (12).



**DAMIEN HOLT**

Damien Brett Holt was born to Shane Holt and Danna Holt on August 24, 2001. Damien was involved in Band, and Track & Field while at Shoals High School. He also participated in Robotics, Chess Club and Media Publications. Damien was a student intern for Skylock Solutions in Bedford. Damien's favorite memory was getting to be a part of the Band trip to Florida his sophomore year. His plans after graduation include going to Ivy Tech to major in IT Support.



**MAGGIE SHAW**

Maggie Lea Shaw was born November 8, 2001 to Eric and Jamie Shaw. While in high school she was in Volleyball and Softball for 4 years, Basketball for 3 years and Track for 2 years. She was also involved in Cheer, Student Council, IMPACT, pep club, and was a four year BETA member. Her favorite memory was when she worked in the Haunted House her junior year and she fell and hit her head while holding a jar of fake blood. The jar broke and everyone thought her head was bleeding, but it was just the fake blood! After graduation, Maggie plans to attend Vincennes University and double major in Interior Design and Business. She later plans to settle down and start a family.



**MAKENZIE WAGONER**

Makenzie Jane Wagoner is the daughter of Mary Wagoner. After graduation, Makenzie plans to attend the University of Southern Indiana to study elementary education. While in school, Makenzie participated in Band (9), Beta Club (12), Cadet Teaching (9-12), Chorus (10), French Club (10), Yearbook (9), Intern (11-12), Pep Club (12), Student Council (11-12), SADD Club (10-12), and Softball (10).



**MAX BLACKWELL**

Max Hunter Blackwell is the son of Rob and Martha Blackwell. After graduation, Max plans to attend Vincennes University to study electronics. While in high school, Max participated in Intern (11-12), Beta Club (10-11), Student Council (10-11), and Baseball (9-12).



**ETHAN WAGLER**

Ethan Daniel Wagler was born September 16, 2001 to Dan and Rene Wagler. While in high school, Ethan participated in basketball and served as an intern at White River Co-Op. His favorite high school memory was playing in the Hickory gym. After graduation he plans to join the workforce and build a house.



**ABBIGAIL HAVILAND**

Abbigail Haviland was born on April 12, 2002 to Kevin and Deborah Haviland. Abbigail was involved in the SADD club, the Spanish club, and Marching Band for all four years. Her favorite memory was decorating for her junior prom. Abbigail plans to attend college to study criminology and psychology.

## Keep wildlife wild this spring season

Spring is here and baby animals are being born across the Hoosier state. Baby rabbits, squirrels, birds, and fawns are among a few of the young animals commonly discovered this time of year. The best care is always with the young animal's mother.

If you find young wildlife, remember:

- Adult animals rarely abandon their young. The parent may be out searching for food. Leaving young unattended is normal for many species.

- Do not hover to see if a parent comes back. Give the baby animal space and only check back periodically. Adult animals will not return if a person is standing nearby.

- Young wildlife should not be handled. They can carry diseases or parasites and are capable of inflicting damage by biting or scratching. Human scent can also alert predators to the young animal's presence.

While rescuing young wildlife is legal, keeping them is not. Truly orphaned or injured wild animals must be given to a permitted wildlife rehabilitator within 24 hours to maximize their chance of survival.

What about deer fawns?

- Deer take better care of their young than humans.

- Wait and check on it periodically. In most cases, the mother will return after you leave the area. -If the fawn is not injured, the mother is likely nearby.

- Human scent on the fawn will not dis-

courage the mother's care.

If an animal needs help, contact:

Indiana DNR does not provide services for injured or orphaned animals.

- A licensed wildlife rehabilitator. They are trained and have the necessary permits. Find a list at [www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/files/fw-RehabList.pdf](http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/files/fw-RehabList.pdf).

- Indiana DNR law enforcement. If the animal is sick or severely injured, call a licensed veterinarian for immediate assistance.

Before acting, ask:

- Has sufficient time passed without an adult animal nearby? The adult animal will not return with a person nearby.

- Does the animal really need help? Most young animals that seem abandoned do NOT need help.

- Will I help or harm this animal?

Interested in rehabilitating wildlife? Visit, [www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/files/fw-Rehab\\_Permit\\_Instructions.pdf](http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/files/fw-Rehab_Permit_Instructions.pdf).

Nuisance wildlife

Many wild animals have become displaced as the result of urban growth and habitat removal. Raccoons, opossums and coyotes are becoming more common in urban areas. They can use attics for shelter, destroy shingles and soffits, and eat garbage. Indiana DNR licenses individuals to provide nuisance wild animal control services to the public. Learn more about dealing with nuisance wildlife at [www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/2351.htm](http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/2351.htm).

## DNR continues statewide fish stocking efforts

Indiana DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife recently began spring fish stockings at locations across the state.

Biologists from state fisheries will coordinate statewide with city and county parks to gain access for stocking purposes.

DNR is striving to ensure the safety of the public and staff. As stocking trucks

## Fishing and hunting licenses updates

All 2019-2020 basic hunting, basic fishing, hunt/fish combo, youth licenses and stamps set to expire March 31, 2020, will be valid for use until Friday, May 22, 2020. Please maintain a printed or electronic copy with you while hunting/fishing.

If you do not have a valid 2019-2020 annual license or stamp, a new 2020-2021 annual license will be needed.

For the upcoming 2020 spring wild turkey season, hunters will need a 2020 spring turkey license and valid gamebird habitat stamp.

Licenses can be purchased by visiting the Indiana Fish & Wildlife Online License System at [www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/9339.htm](http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/9339.htm), open authorized license vendors, or calling the Indiana DNR Customer Service Center at 877-463-6367, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

are on the road and stocking fish, please remember to practice social distancing.

Some egg collection efforts have been canceled for this year. Each year, DNR staff collect walleye and muskellunge (muskie) eggs from wild sources to sustain populations across the state. Though nearly all of Indiana's walleye waters are sustained through stocking, missing one year of stocking should not significantly impact walleye fishing. Saugeye and muskie fishing also look positive. Muskies are a long-lived species, and their lifespans temper the effect of missed stockings.

For more information on fish stocking efforts, visit [wildlife.IN.gov/5457.htm](http://wildlife.IN.gov/5457.htm).

For the most up-to-date information regarding DNR and COVID-19, visit on [IN.gov/dnrcovid19](http://IN.gov/dnrcovid19).

## Spring turkey season begins April 22

Practice social distancing while enjoying fresh air and bagging a bird. Spring turkey season runs from April 22-May 10. Youth wild turkey season is April 18-19. The season bag limit is one bearded or male turkey per hunter in the youth/spring season.

Purchase your spring turkey license online at [www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/8695.htm](http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/8695.htm).



Cabin fever has become epidemic. With the steps necessary to stem the spread of the coronavirus, Americans have been confined to their homes. For me, that has had some advantages. I work a full-time job and pastor two churches, so time is usually tight for me. I love working in the gardens, but many evenings after work, church and community activities require meetings. Those meetings have been put on hold and I have been spending most of those evening hours in the gardens, at least on days when the weather allows. On rainy days, I often work in my little greenhouse, where I have both vegetable and floral bedding plants started.

Early spring is a busy time in the gardens. As perennials appear, the need for lifting and dividing some of the older clumps becomes obvious. Seedlings also appear, sometimes in areas where they are not exactly wanted. Such has been the case with the hellebores. Last year was a banner year for seedlings and those second-year plants that are crowding out plants in some beds or which are growing in crevices never intended for such flora need to be dug out. I have been busily doing that and potting up those plants. Usually, such plants are used for plant exchanges I attend. I also host an annual exchange, but the pandemic puts such events in jeopardy. I had even hoped to be able to sell some of the hellebore plants to help finance a trip to Israel, but that trip itself is now in doubt. In the meantime, the potted plants have taken over the walkways.

I did manage to get a lot of plants planted this week. I had long envisioned a row of winterberry deciduous holly trees along the county road in the area of the wildflower meadow. The existing clumps were in dire need of thinning, so I took those young whips and planted them. It will

probably take a couple of years to actually see much progress toward my vision of a row of beautiful red berries in the winter, but the hard part has been done. Actually, I need to plant a male tree in the area to ensure good berry production. Like other hollies, the winterberries are dioecious, and must have both male and female trees for the female trees to produce berries. My present clump of male winterberries is fairly distant from the new row of trees, so I need to transplant a male tree in the area close to that grouping. There is a job for the coming week.

The gardens have also nourished me this week. One evening, I had planned to have a salad for dinner, but found that the lettuce in my refrigerator was a candidate for the compost pile. I went out into the garden and found plenty of chickweed, dandelion, violet leaves and flowers and evening primrose leaves. I rinsed them and applied a drizzle of poppy seed dressing. It was better than any salad I have had for months. If you want to eat from your yard, just make sure you know which plants are safe to eat. I thank my mother and grandmother for those spring green-picking expeditions that gave me an education in weeds. It is reassuring that if there is a shortage in salad greens, the garden will supply me with great meals.

The gardens have also brought me company this week. In this time of social distancing, outdoor activities away from crowds are encouraged. I have kept a safe distance and given tours to visitors. As long as groups are only a few people, I will welcome those who seek the solace of the garden in this time of upheaval. The gardens nourish the soul with beauty and serve to remind me that the creator loves us and despite trying times, there is still hope for the future.



## DOOR BUSTERS

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