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LHS Prom Royalty

-Photo provided

Loogootee High School crowned prom royalty last Saturday night. Shown above, from left to right, are King Brady Taylor, Queen Tierlan Norris, Princess Kyleigh Courter and Prince Lucas Brittain.



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Shown above is the crowd of hundreds at the Mid-States Corridor public meeting held at the WestGate Academy on Tuesday night.

Hundreds turn out to oppose Mid-States Corridor project

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

Several hundred residents, mainly from Martin and Daviess counties, attended the Mid-States Corridor public meeting held last night, April 26.

Representatives from INDOT, FHWA (Federal Highway Administration), the Mid-States Regional Development Authority and the project managers for the corridor, from Lochmueller Group, gave a brief summary of the proposed route and what is planned. Being in the preliminary stages, the representatives did not provide information on how many residents would be displaced or where the actual route would go within the 2,000-foot plans known as "Alternative P".

David Goffinet, with the Lochmueller Group, did indicate that the studies to be done on the four independent utilities would each take two years to complete.

There is no timetable for when those studies will begin as the public comment period is open now until May 31.

Twenty five people spoke about the corridor, with 22 speaking against and three in favor. The three in favor included Brianne Jerrels, executive director of the Greene County Economic Development Corporation, Jasper Mayor Dean Vonderheide, and

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Solid waste wants to increase property tax fee

The Martin County Solid Waste Management District will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, May 11 at noon at the Loogootee Recycling Center to discuss increasing the \$24 annual fee to the district to twice a year. The fee is currently charged one time a year on the spring installment of property tax bills. This will increase the amount collected to \$48 per year. The meeting is open to the public.

ELECTION PREVIEW

Interviews with the candidates

Martin County Council District 4

ANDREW BEAVER and
SHERI BOWLING

MCJ: Please give your background info, where you were born, raised, parents, spouse, children, job, etc.

Andrew Beaver: My name is Andrew Beaver, and I was born and raised in Martinsville, Indiana to Andrew P. Beaver and Patricia Fleming. I have been married to Miranda Beaver for the past 12 years, have three children and reside in Loogootee. Nine years ago, I became an Indiana State Trooper which placed me in the Jasper District and was assigned to Martin County. Since moving here, my family and I have made Martin County our home and enjoy the people and history it has to offer!



ANDREW
BEAVER

Sheri Bowling: Sheri Bowling. I was born to James and Wanda Hawkins Stiles. I was raised in Shoals and then made my home in Loogootee in 1975. I have lived in Martin County my whole life. I have three children: Adam and his wife Tammie, Alan and his wife Ali. I have five grandsons and two step granddaughters. I have one step great grandson. My daughter, Sarah, passed away at the age of 22 after a lifetime battle with Cystic Fibrosis, I have dedicated my life to my family, and they are my world. While attending college, I worked part time in accounts payable and accounts receivable. I graduated from Vincennes University Magna Cum Laude with GPA of 3.98. I worked as a Registered Nurse pretty much my whole career. I worked in long term care from the day I graduated until I retired. I loved taking care of the elderly population. The last 15 years of my career I was in charge of overseeing all Medicare/Medicaid billing for six facilities in Southern Indiana. I was responsible for making money for the company, making sure all items were billed properly and to control spending. I retired in 2020 after my second accident.



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Absentee voting at the courthouse still open

The Martin County 2022 Primary Election will be held May 3, 2022. If you are not sure of your registration status or where you can vote on Election Day, please call the Martin County Clerk's Office at 812-247-3651 and they can look it up. You can vote at the Martin County Courthouse from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. today through Friday, April 29, 2022. They will also have in person absentee voting on Saturday April 30 from 8 a.m. until noon. On May 2, in-person absentee voting will close at noon. You can no longer request to vote by mail.

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

If you have questions regarding the upcoming election, do not hesitate to call the clerk's office at 812-247-3651.

Mid-States Corridor Town Hall

The Loogootee Public Library will host a Mid-States Corridor Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, May 25 at 6 p.m. at the library. Indiana State Representatives Shane Lindauer and Eric Bassler and Indiana Senator Mark Messmer will be present. The public is invited to attend.

CONTESTED RACES

On the Republican ballot
County Council District 2

Jim Hamby

Gerald D. Montgomery

James A. "Buck" Stiles

County Council District 4

Andrew Beaver

Sheri J. Bowling

Shoals Town Council (choosing three to move on to the General Election).

Roger Lee Abel, Jr.

Cary D. Albright

Kevin R. Boyd

Richard "Rick" Gibbs

United States Senator for Indiana

Danny Niederberger

Todd Young

On the Democrat ballot

County Commissioner District 2

Paul R. George

John R. Collins

Perry Township Trustee

Jason Hennette

Brenda J. Smith

Darla Harper Wagler

United States Senator for Indiana

Haneefah Khaaliq

Valerie McCray

Thomas M. McDermott, Jr

US House of Representatives 8th District

Adnan H Dahir (D)

Ray McCormick (D)

Peter F.H. Priest II (D)

CORRIDOR — ELECTION PREVIEW

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Bryant Niehoff, executive director of the Daviess County Economic Development Corporation. All three spoke of the need to provide access to this area of Indiana for economic development purposes. Mayor Vonderheide said the section of Highway 231 in Jasper is so heavily travelled, it has created infrastructure issues in his city that costs a lot of money to repair. He said something has to be done to alleviate the high traffic. He also commented on the high number of traffic accidents due to the congestion.

Of the 22 who spoke out against the corridor, most were farmers in Daviess and Martin County who will be directly affected by the path of the new highway. Some of those property owners, such as PJ Schulthies, Jared Mathies, Leslie Graber, Steven Crays, Lance Mathies, Lee Graber, Terri Mathies, Mike Arvin, Caleb Richer, and Ray McCormick, spoke of the importance of existing farmland and the inability to relocate. It was noted that land is in such short supply and with talk of food shortages, taking the farmland would be detrimental.

Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty spoke out against the corridor saying housing is already scarce in the area and a recent listing in Martin County had 20 showings and seven offers. He asked where people would live once homes were demolished and how this would bring more people to Martin County, since it will be bypassed by the highway. He said he represents his constituents and they are against this project.

Sue Wagoner, another resident, said she and many others are sick of the uncertainty. She said so many projects, since the 1970s, including Crane, WestGate, West Boggs, the new INDOT garage, and I-69 have disrupted the lives of residents who have been displaced or had family members who were. She said she and others are tired of never knowing what is coming next or if they should even make improvements or plan for the future with their properties.

Several spoke about the impact the new corridor would have on Martin County, which is already a very small county with little property tax income due to Crane and the state forest. It was mentioned that the corridor would destroy the businesses in Loogootee and further decrease population.

At one point, one resident asked to see a show of hands of who in the room was against the corridor. Nearly everyone in the room raised their hand. Another resident noted that comments submitted from those opposed to I-69 totaled more than 20,000 with the comments in favor totaling around 3,000. He said that interstate happened anyway and encouraged voters to remember that when they vote.

Almost everyone who spoke out against the corridor said that they are in favor of upgrading the existing Highway 231 to add passing lanes, etc. None of the representatives answered questions during the meeting however several asked why upgrading Highway 231 wasn't discussed, instead of building an entirely new highway. It was noted by several that the new corridor would save five minutes for those driving to Indianapolis and the cost did not justify what was being proposed.

Public comment is still being accepted until May 31. To give your feedback, email info@midstatescorridor.com, submit an online comment form at www.midstatescorridor.com, call 812-482-3116 or write or visit the project office at Vincennes University Jasper Campus Administration Building, Room 216; 850 College Avenue, Jasper IN 47546. The office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment.

Another public meeting will take place at the Jasper Arts Center on the VU Jasper Campus tomorrow night, Thursday, April 28, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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know where and how the taxes are being spent. If elected, I would work diligently to ensure county taxes are spent properly and responsibly, while keeping the citizens in mind.

Sheri Bowling: The County Council is the power to control and adjust the county expenses. I feel trying to make the best decisions with the multimillion-dollar budget is very important, controlling and managing the county properties is also very important. Need to have the ability to fund and operate the county budget appropriately. It is the responsibility to fund the whole county so the decisions will not always make everyone happy. All members will not agree on all items, and it is important to be able to work to reach a common goal to get the job accomplished.

MCJ: In your opinion, what should be the county council's number one priority?

Andrew Beaver: As mentioned above, the county council's number one priority needs to be spending money responsibly and conservatively while working as a TEAM in order to accomplish this goal.

Sheri Bowling: Need to be able to adopt a budget that is within the county means and be able to fund the short term and to be able to look at the long-term sustainability.

MCJ: Of all the costs associated with "running" Martin County, which one worries you the most? And do you have any solutions to fix it?

Andrew Beaver: Of all the costs the county is funding, a few are concerning for me. First and foremost, the need for a Financial Service Group (or Financial Advisor) is concerning. The duty of the council and the elected officials is to responsibly manage the county budget. I have heard and understood why the council hired the FSG and was told it was for a short-term period. I feel the FSG has served its purpose, put the county back on track, and now it is up to the county council and other elected officials to maintain the budget. The second concern is the amount of labor force in some of the county departments. There seems to be a lack of productivity, or results and in turn shows a lack of cost-effective salary expenditures.

Sheri Bowling: All cost associated with running the county is very important and every aspect of the budget needs to be torn apart and looked at it throughout the entire year. The county has to fund all departments related to county government and each one needs to be examined carefully to look for wasteful spending and then decide what needs be done with the budget to be balanced and sustained. I spend numerous hours each month looking at the budget and at budget hearing time, I go line by line in the budget to look for wasteful spending, any way possible to cut expenditures and be able to fund the whole county budget.

MCJ: Is there anything else you would like to get across to the voters?

Andrew Beaver: If elected, I would strive to work with the other council members to ensure our taxes are being well spent on the needs of the county. I would listen to the citizens first before my own personal opinions on topics, because at the end of the day, I would be sitting in that seat representing the citizens of Martin County, not myself.

Sheri Bowling: I have always been a Proud Conservative. Politics is way out of the norm for me. I will always be honest and tell you my feelings. Maybe to a fault. I am not an outgoing person and pretty much stay to myself. I will always make my decisions as I feel appropriate. This position is not as easy as people think. There is never a time when you can make all people happy. I feel I have been an asset to Martin County and would appreciate your support for this Proud Conservative.

Perry Township Trustee

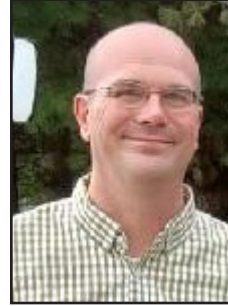
JASON HENNETTE,
BRENDA SMITH

and

DARLA HARPER WAGLER

MCJ: What is your name and please give you background, family, schooling, etc.

Jason Hennette: My name is Jason Hennette, and I am running for reelection as Perry Township Trustee. I am married to



JASON
HENNETTE

Brandi Taylor Hennette. We have two children, Jamison and Hailey. I graduated from Linton-Stockton School Corporation. I went on to Vincennes University, where I received my associate degree in law enforcement. I received a bachelor's degree in criminology from Indiana State University. In December of 2021, I retired from the Loogootee Police Department with 20 years of service to this community. During my career as a police officer, I went from patrol officer, to sergeant, and then captain. With each position, came more increased responsibility. In my career as a police officer, I was an instructor and a K-9 handler. I had the privilege of being the handler for Loogootee Police Department's K-9 Roxy. Being Roxy's handler for our community was the biggest achievement in my career. Roxy and I were able to provide education to students on drugs, help keep drugs out of not only Loogootee Schools, but other schools, kept drugs off the streets, and we provided demonstrations to countless organizations. Each of these jobs required additional training and responsibility. Prior to being a K-9 handler, I coached the Loogootee boy's junior high, JV, and varsity golf team. I was elected Perry Township Trustee in 2011. In this job, I am able to continue to help people and serve my community that I care about so much. I am currently working for McLaughlin Research Corporation as a security specialist.

Brenda Smith: My name is Brenda Smith (Bauer), I married Aaron Smith in 2010 and have have children between us. I was born and raised in Loogootee and attended Loogootee Schools until graduation in 1992. I then attended Vincennes University where I obtained my associate's degree in physical therapy assistant. I worked from 1996 until 2015 at BRMC/ IU Health Bedford. I then opened Aunt B's BrewHaHa in late 2015 and continued until the end of 2017.



BRENDA SMITH

I am currently employed with Precise Systems at WestGate Academy.

Darla Harper Wagler: I have lived in Loogootee my entire life and never wanted to live anywhere else. My parents were Bud and Loretta Harper. I married Darvin Wagler and we have two daughters, Lori Wagler Weitkamp, elementary education music teacher at RCCU1 in Olney, Illinois, and Lisa Wagler Simmons, Program Analyst, Sr. at SAIC. I have five granddaughters



DARLA
HARPER WAGLER

ages ten to seventeen and I love them very much. I graduated from Loogootee High School, received an associate degree from Vincennes University and a bachelor of science in human resource development and minor in library/media services from Indiana State University. After receiving my degree, I accepted an adult services librarian position at Melton Public Library in 2001, French Lick, Indiana. I was in charge of programming, acquisitions, supply ordering, budgeting, and supervision of employees in my department and Friends of the Library group. I became library director at Loogootee Public Library in 2010 and was successful in creating a new taxing district and providing library service to all Loogootee residents. I increased operating hours, staff, and programming. As the services increased, so did the attendance and it wasn't long before the 3,000-square-foot building didn't meet the community needs. A huge fundraising effort commenced with assistance from Friends of Loogootee Library and the Loogootee Board of Trustees raising \$200,000. A new 9,000-square-foot library building was built in 2019, library services, workforce development, adult basic education and individual computer classes all in one building. Services not just books make up the new library model-there is something for everybody at the library.

MCJ: Why do you want to be a township trustee?

Jason Hennette: Being trustee allows me the opportunity to serve my community, help those in need, and provide compassion to those who need it most. In 2005, (See 'ELECTION PREVIEW' on page 10)

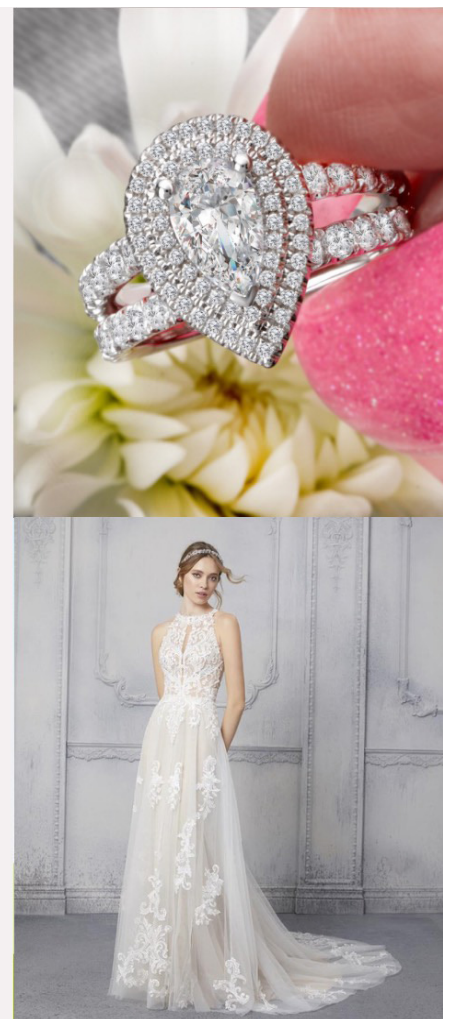
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OBITUARIES

LENORA LARKIN

Lenora Jean Larkin, 90, who resided most of her life in Loogootee, died at 2:35 p.m. Saturday April 23, 2022, in Lafayette. She was 90.



LENORA LARKIN

She was born May 15, 1931, in Greensburg, daughter of Densil and Versie Davis. Lenora had four older brothers and sisters and grew up on a farm. She attended grade school and high school in Greensburg.

Lenora married James A. Larkin on October 10, 1953, and he preceded her in death on March 14, 2011.

Lenora and Jim owned and operated the Red and White grocery store in Loogootee for several years.

Lenora was a member of St John Catholic Church in Loogootee and was active in the Parish including being a member of the choir and serving as a Eucharistic Minister to shut-ins. She and her husband, Jim, were recipients of the Brute Society Award from the Diocese of Evansville. She was a member of Tri-Kappa sorority for many years.

Lenora treasured her family and friends. Besides spoiling them, she would brag about her grandchildren and great grandchildren to anyone who would listen.

She is also preceded in death by her daughter, Jayma Acton (David) of Bloomington.

She is survived by her daughter, Mary Ann McAtee (Stephen) of Lafayette;

six grandchildren, Kyle McAtee, Tyler McAtee, Erin McAtee, Jay Acton, Matthew Acton, Hannah O'Rourke and 13 great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker this morning, Wednesday, April 27, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial followed in St. John Catholic Cemetery.

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

Blake Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Lenora Jean Larkin.

JEWEL KEITH

Jewel Keith died Sunday, April 10 at St. Vincent Dunn Hospital in Bedford.



A resident of Bedford, she was 84.

She was born June 29, 1937, daughter of Clyde Sanders and Ethel Sims Sanders. She married Paul Keith on September 8, 1955, in Lawrence County and he preceded her in death on February 25, 2015.

She was a school bus driver and teacher's aide at NLCS. She was a charter member of the Bethel Baptist Church of Williams. Jewell loved to quilt and read.

Survivors include one daughter, Pauline Eads and husband, Rich, of Kokomo; three sons, LaRon Keith and wife, Rosangela, of Deland, Florida; Micah Keith and wife, Lori, of Bedford; and Mickey Keith and wife, Angie, of Mitchell; daughter-in-law, Pamela Vowell and husband, Jim, of Bedford; seven grand-

children, Corey, Eric, Graham, Levi and Cody Keith, Jessica Goldberg, and Kyle Eads; eight great-grandchildren; one brother, Hiram Sanders and wife, Patti, of Loogootee.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul; three sisters; two sons, Andy Keith and Brian Keith; and one grandson, Leighton Keith.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 14 in the Elmwood Chapel of the Day & Carter Mortuary with Steve Kittle officiating. Burial followed in the Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Cemetery. Family and friends may express condolences at www.daycarter.com.

IDA BYE

Ida Jones Bye entered into eternal rest on April 21, 2022, at Brookside Village in Jasper. A resident of Corydon, she was 85.



She was born in Vincennes on February 27, 1937, daughter of Oliver Emmons and Thelma (Gammon) Emmons.

Ida married Hilbert Earl Jones on December 24, 1956, and he preceded her in death on May 10, 1998. She then married Clarence Bye who preceded her in death.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Danny Emmons.

Ida attended Marengo Wesleyan Church and had been a cook at Manchester College in North Manchester, Indiana. She enjoyed crossword puzzles and the TV show "Golden Girls".

Ida is survived by three sons, Robert E. Jones of Roann, Indiana; Ronnie D. Jones of Florence, Kentucky; and Daniel R. Jones of North Manchester, Indiana; three daughters, Connie Hart (Joe) of Loogootee, Donna Salmon of Washington, and Michelle Jones of Roann; two brothers, Charles O. Emmons of Dubois and Richard Emmons of Shoals; one sister, Wilma Darlene Abel of Mitchell; several grandchildren and great-grand-

children.

A funeral ceremony was conducted by Pastor Tony Bye on Monday, April 25 at Brosmer-Kemple Funeral Home with burial following in Crystal Community Cemetery.

Arrangements are in the care of Brosmer-Kemple Funeral Service in French Lick, Indiana 47432. Condolences may be made at www.brosmer-kemplefuneralhome.com.

MICHAEL ARVIN

Michael L. Arvin passed away Sunday April 24, 2022, at the Harrison Healthcare Center in Corydon after a long illness. A resident of Corydon, he was 71.

He was born October 9, 1950.

Mike loved game shows and old gangster movies. He was developmentally handicapped and was a resident of Blue River Services Group Homes for most of his life. A memorial bench for "Mikey" will be installed at the new home in New Salisbury in tribute to the caring individuals who loved Mike as he loved them. Baptized in the Catholic faith, Mike has a free pass into heaven where his loving big brother, Robert Daniel Arvin, big sister, Martha Jane and parents Robert and Ruth (Ginder) Arvin will welcome him.

He is survived by his nieces, Jennifer Arvin McCausey and Christine Arvin, Mara Kelpin and sister-in-law, Victoria Arvin.

A graveside service will be held at St John Catholic Cemetery with the Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker to officiate on Friday, April 29, at 11 a.m.

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

Arrangements provided by Blake Funeral Home.

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SHOALS

Friday, May 13 thru Sunday, May 15

TOWN-WIDE CLEAN UP

WHO?: Town of Shoals Residents

WHAT?: Any old or unwanted items that have been sitting around taking up space in your home, garage or yard

WHEN?: Dumpster will arrive Friday, May 13th - Sunday, May 15th, 2022 at the Town Hall located at 221 Low Street

All items are to be placed inside of the dumpster. Do not place items on the ground around the dumpster. Once the dumpster is full please do not leave your unwanted items.

Please do not dispose of the following items in the dumpster: tires, construction waste, paint, batteries, any other chemical, hazardous or harmful material.

Let's all do our part to help keep Shoals beautiful and clean!

Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, APRIL 18

7:50 a.m. - Received a cow complaint southeast of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

9:09 a.m. - Sergeant Gibson assisted a motorist south of Shoals with a vehicle identification check.

10:23 a.m. - Deputy Long took one inmate to court.

10:46 a.m. - Sergeant Gibson assisted a motorist north of Loogootee with a vehicle identification check.

1:00 p.m. - Sergeant Gibson assisted a motorist east of Shoals with a vehicle identification check.

3:03 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Corporal Wells responded.

3:55 p.m. - Received notification that a silver alert had been issued. All Martin County law enforcement were notified.

7:49 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

8:10 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Corporal Wells responded.

11:02 p.m. - Received notification that a silver alert had been issued. All Martin County law enforcement were notified.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

10:42 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver west of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

1:20 p.m. - Received notification of a controlled burn south of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department was notified.

3:04 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Shoals. Sergeant Gibson was notified.

3:45 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Corporal Wells, Loogootee Assistant Chief McBeth, Haysville Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:49 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

7:02 p.m. - Received notification of

a controlled burn south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire Department was notified.

7:44 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

8:43n p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

1:17 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Crane. Captain Reed was notified.

4:57 a.m. - Received notification that a silver alert had been issued. All Martin County law enforcement were notified.

6:57 a.m. - Received a report of a fire north of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded.

8:20 a.m. - Received notification of a controlled burn in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department was notified.

10:30 a.m. - Received a report of a deer on the highway. INDOT was notified.

2:51 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person northeast of Shoals. Corporal Wells and Deputy Flanagan responded.

4:18 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert, Deputy Hawkins and Sergeant Gibson responded.

4:46 p.m. - Received a 911 call in Loogootee. Corporal Wells and Deputy Flanagan responded.

7:17 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle south of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

9:18 p.m. - Received notification that a silver alert had been issued. All Martin County law enforcement were notified.

11:28 p.m. - Received notification that a silver alert had been cancelled. All Martin County law enforcement were notified.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

1:06 a.m. - Received notification that a silver alert had been cancelled. All Martin County law enforcement were notified.

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6:13 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

8:10 a.m. - Deputy Shaw took one inmate to court.

9:07 a.m. - Deputy Long assisted a motorist in Crane with a vehicle identification check.

9:08 a.m. - Deputy Shaw took one inmate to court.

9:44 a.m. - Received a report of a theft. Major Keller was notified.

10:38 a.m. - Received a report of litter northeast of Shoals. Deputy Long responded.

12:00 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department was notified.

1:00 p.m. - Deputy Shaw took one inmate to court.

3:45 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check south of Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan responded.

4:13 p.m. - Deputy Flanagan assisted a motorist in Shoals with a vehicle identification check.

6:33 p.m. - Received notification of a controlled burn south of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department was notified.

5:03 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance northeast of Shoals. Indian Creek Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

5:11 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals. Deputy Flanagan was notified.

5:54 p.m. - Deputy Flanagan assisted a motorist south of Loogootee with a vehicle identification check.

5:56 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

6:07 p.m. - Received a report of a dispute in Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Deputy Flanagan responded.

6:16 p.m. - Received a dog complaint east of Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

7:26 p.m. - Received a request of a welfare check in Crane. Deputy Flanagan and Loogootee Reserve Officer Shaw responded.

8:34 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

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

10:30 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

10:39 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

5:04 a.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Deputy Hawkins responded.

8:11 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Major Keller, Loogootee Officer Erwin, Loogootee Reserve Officer Wells and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

8:41 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

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

10:43 a.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm south of Loogootee. Loogootee Reserve Officer Wells responded.

11:33 a.m. - Deputy Long assisted a motorist east of Shoals with a vehicle identification check.

3:11 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

4:00 p.m. - Received an accidental 911

call.

4:48 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Crane. Deputy Flanagan was notified.

4:58 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan and Deputy Long responded.

5:05 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

5:21 p.m. - Received notification of a controlled burn northeast of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department was notified.

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

5:49 p.m. - Received a report of property damage in Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

5:57 p.m. - Received a report of a fire south of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

6:18 p.m. - Received a report of a neighbor dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour and Deputy Flanagan responded.

7:14 p.m. - Received a request for extra patrol south of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan was notified.

7:30 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious vehicle southwest of Shoals. ISP Trooper Brumett responded.

8:09 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded vehicle west of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan was notified.

9:00 p.m. - Received notification that a silver alert had been issued. All Martin County law enforcement were notified.

11:23 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Deputy Hawkins responded.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

9:57 a.m. - Received notification that Jasper Memorial Hospital was on diversion. Martin County Ambulance was notified.

10:24 a.m. - Received notification from Jasper Memorial Hospital is no longer on diversion. Martin County Ambulance was notified.

1:35 p.m. - Received a request for extra patrol southeast of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan was notified.

1:57 p.m. - Received a cat complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

3:32 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:17 p.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm south of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

12:16 a.m. - Received a report of suspicious vehicles in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

9:08 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

9:10 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Corporal Wells and Animal Control Officer Hughett were notified.

10:00 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down northeast of Loogootee. Corporal Wells and Civil Defense responded.

11:08 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:31 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check south of Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan and Dubois County Officers responded.

4:38 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Loogootee Officer Erwin responded.

11:25 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire Department, Deputy Flanagan and Deputy Long responded. Did not transport.

RE-ELECT

Sierra Rutledge

for

Town of Shoals Clerk-Treasurer

I am honored to have publicly served you for the past three-plus years as your Clerk-Treasurer. I am seeking re-election to further serve you for another term. In the past three years, we, as a whole team at the Town, have worked very well together to keep Shoals moving forward in a positive direction. We work with all administration, all boards of the Town, all departments and volunteers. The Town of Shoals is extremely blessed to have the many dedicated volunteers that we do serving our community. We serve all citizens and residents of Shoals and even those who visit or contact our Town Hall for information or needs. We have switched our accounting system to a modern system rather than paper & pencil bookkeeping allowing for better accuracy, accountability and real time balances of all accounts to include investments. Secured ARPA funding has provided us the opportunity to update the water meter system from manual read to electronic read to also allow for better accuracy. We have been able to make many other updates and improvements to various areas and departments with grant funds rather than taxpayer money. We have made many efforts to put our community on the map through building relationships and marketing Shoals on a local, state and federal level.

I am an active member in our community. I serve as a volunteer on many boards in Martin County as a representative of the Town of Shoals. I am proud to live in our community and raise my children here. I have gained immeasurable experience during my time serving as your Clerk-Treasurer that I feel will continuously help move the town forward. We continuously work to improve internal processes to help improve efficiency. While I feel that we have made many accomplishments, we have many more to go. I have unfinished goals, dreams and ideas for our town that I would like to carry out with your support.

Please get out and vote on May 3rd. Your vote counts!

-Paid for by the Committee to Elect Sierra Rutledge



COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCING

April 14

Michael R. Hert, convicted of unlawful possession of a firearm by a serious violent felon, a Level 4 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 Felony; and battery against a public safety official, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced on the first count to serve 3,650 days with 1,460 days suspended and credit for 342 actual days previously served plus 114 Class B credit days. Defendant received 48 months of probation. Sentenced on the second count to serve 456 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 342 actual days previously served plus 114 Class B credit days. Sentenced on the third count to serve 456 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 342 actual days previously served plus 114 Class B credit days.

April 18

Aden C. Almedina, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 351 days suspended and credit for 7 actual days previously served plus 7 Class A credit days. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

April 14

Martin County real estate transfers

U.S. Bank Trust National Association, of Irvine, California to Thomas L. Sims and Amy Lynn Sims, of Martin County, Indiana, that part of the east half of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 17, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 2 acres, more or less. More commonly known as 13494 Chicken Farm Road, Shoals IN 47581.

Carolyn K. Gasho, of Lee County, North Carolina to Kevin L. Winingier, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: The northeast quarter of the northeast quarter in Section 7, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 40 acres, more or less. Tract II: Part of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 7, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 11.88 acres, more or less.

George W. Charles and Cathy A. Charles, of Martin County, Indiana to Rachelle J. Jones, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 26, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, of the Second Principal Meridian, Martin County, Indiana, containing 3.705 acres, more or less.

Alan B. Hoffman and Dana R. Hoffman, of Dubois County, Indiana to ABH Enterprises, LLC, of Dubois County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter and a part of the southwest quarter of the northeast quar-

Michael R. Hert, alteration of a firearm's identifying marks, a Level 5 Felony, dismissed; unlawful possession of syringe, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; dealing in marijuana, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

April 18

Aden C. Almedina, operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

April 14

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Thomas Comeau, civil collection.

April 15

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Connie Shipman, civil collection.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

April 18

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff LVNV Funding, LLC and against the defendant Geraldine Pendley in the amount of \$2,984.20.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

April 15

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. David H. Long, complaint.

ter and a part of the southeast quarter of Section 11, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, in Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 47.18 acres, more or less.

Thomas J. Miller, of Martin County, Indiana to Tye Gazarian, of Orange County, Indiana, a tract of land in the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 1, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 3 acres. More commonly known as 15868 Ivy Lane, Shoals IN 47581.

Mark Fields and Mary Fields, of Martin County, Indiana to Behind the Wire Ministries, LLC, of Martin County, Indiana, a tract located in Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Zachary M. Taylor, of Martin County, Indiana to Zachary M. Taylor and Diedre B. Pennington, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the northeast quarter of Section 1, Township 1 North, Range 5 West, lying in Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 50 acres, more or less.

Edward L. Seals, of Martin County, Indiana to Zachary M. Taylor, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the northeast quarter of Section 1, Township 1 North, Range 5 West, lying in Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 50 acres, more or less.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, APRIL 18

2:35 p.m. - Complainant reported a large black dog that chased her and her daughter into their home on South Oak Street.

9:49 p.m. - A caller reported a lost dog in their yard on Mulberry Street.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

11:15 a.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth completed a vehicle check.

3:56 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth assisted with a medical call on US 231 South.

4:00 p.m. - Family was located to assist elderly lady in returning home.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

6:57 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department was dispatched to a report of smoke inside Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant.

11:32 a.m. - Officer Erwin assisted with a vehicle lock out.

7:17 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a report of a trespasser on Brooks Bridge Road.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

3:09 p.m. - A complainant reported a suspicious vehicle at a local church.

6:06 p.m. - A complainant advised that is dog got out of his invisible fence and someone shot the dog.

7:50 p.m. - Officer Shaw assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a domestic dispute.

10:20 p.m. - Officer Sims assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a traffic stop.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

8:14 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on US 231 North.

9:40 a.m. - Officer Erwin responded to a report of a runaway juvenile.

10:30 a.m. - Officer Erwin completed a vehicle check.

10:48 a.m. - Officer Wells assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a report of an active residential burglar alarm.

5:00 p.m. - Officer Wells responded to a dispute on East Washington Street.

10:47 p.m. - Officer Seymour respond-

ed to a report of a civil dispute on Reason Avenue.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

11:44 a.m. - Officer Erwin responded to a report of a possible theft and vandalism at a local business.

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

12:16 a.m. - Caller advised of speeding vehicles, honking and flashing lights at other vehicles in the area of Church Street.

7:30 a.m. - Officer Erwin completed a property check and secured the residence.

9:10 a.m. - Caller reported an aggressive dog running loose in the area of Walker Street.

10:29 a.m. - Officer Erwin spoke with a subject regarding a protective order.

11:10 a.m. - Officer Erwin assisted civil defense with a fire and tree in the roadway on Mt. Pleasant Road.

2:27 p.m. - Officer Erwin assisted the Loogootee Fire Department with a brush fire on Mt. Pleasant Road.

4:45 p.m. - Officer Erwin responded to a request for assistance with a possible medical emergency.

5:20 p.m. - Officer Erwin responded to a report of a possible attempted break in at Country Place Apartments.

ARRESTS

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

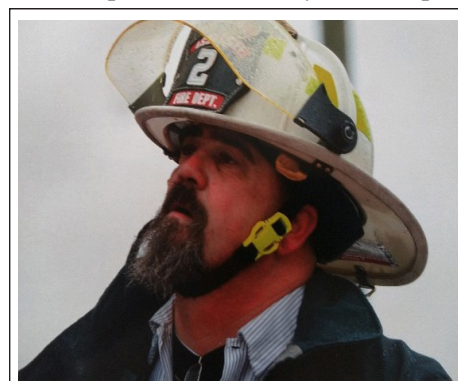
10:03 a.m. - Donald Hawkins, 51, of Loogootee, was arrested by Major Keller for violation of a court order. He is being held without bond.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

12:19 a.m. - Brian Tedrow, 26, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Hawkins and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangerment, operating a vehicle while intoxicated controlled substance, and possession of marijuana. He is being held on a \$10,000 10% bond.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

2:22 p.m. - Jacob Fox, 41, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Erwin on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.



VOTE JIM HAMBY County Council District 2

I will champion for Martin County:

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



ABOUT GROWING OLDER...

First - Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Second - The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

Third - Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me; I want people to know 'why' I look this way. I've traveled a long way, and some of the roads weren't paved.

Fourth - When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra.

Fifth - You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

Sixth - I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top.

Seventh - One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it's such a nice change from being young.

Eighth - One must wait until evening to see how splendid the day has been.

Ninth - Being young is beautiful but being old is comfortable and relaxed.

Tenth - Long ago, when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today it's called golf.

And finally - If you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you're old.

THOUGHTS

*I'm adopting a healthier lifestyle, so I parked and walked inside to buy donuts instead of using the drive-thru.

*When I was a kid, there were two ways to die: natural causes and talking back to your parents.

*Do you ever get up in the morning, look at yourself in the mirror and think... "That can't be accurate."

*I don't like Monday mornings or people who like Monday mornings, or Mondays, or mornings, or people.

PONDER THIS:

What an astonishing thing a book is. It's a flat object made from a tree with flexible parts on which are imprinted lots of funny dark squiggles.

One glance at it and you're inside the mind of another person, maybe someone dead for thousands of years. Across the millennia, an author is speaking clearly and silently inside your head, directly to you.

Writing is perhaps the greatest of human inventions, binding together people who never knew each other, citizens of distant epochs.

Books break the shackles of time.

A book is proof that humans are capable of working magic. -Carl Sagan

SERIOUSISMS

*Some people will never understand how much someone can love a dog, but that's okay. The dog knows.

*Cell phones bring you closer to a person who's far from you, but it takes you away from the ones sitting next to you.

Make someone smile today!

Generations to host caregiver event

Generations will be hosting a Caregiver Cornerstone event on Wednesday, May 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at East Side Park (Community Building), 501 Burkhardt Dr., Washington, IN 47501. This is a day designed specifically for family caregivers (or those who care for friends, neighbors, etc.). This day will be filled with speakers who will present on topics that focus on YOU – the caregiver! Also featured – several free health screenings, exercise demonstrations and a free lunch! In addition, several vendors will be on hand to provide information. Seating is limited. You may register online at www.generationsnetwork.org or by calling 1-800-742-9002. For more infor-

Loogootee website

Hedrick Web Design has been chosen to create a new website for the City of Loogootee. This site is intended to provide residents better access to information and resources, drive tourism and business growth, and increase community involvement. To help, fill out a survey at www.hedrickwebdesign.com/cityof-fl.../community-survey. You can also submit photos of Loogootee for the site at <https://drive.google.com/.../1pYQGag2lUaBbHDYt9fdcmFg8y...>

Mustering Elm Park meeting

The Trinity Springs Mustering Elm Park Group will meet on Monday, May 2, at 7 p.m. at the park. Officers will be elected, and t-shirts will be available for purchase. The public is welcome to attend.

Gift of Life Banquet

First Choice Solutions has begun taking reservations for our 2022 Gift of Life Banquet. It will be held on Thursday, May 5, in Washington at the Community Building at Eastside Park, at 501 Burkhardt Drive. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with the banquet starting at 6 p.m. The speaker this year, Melissa Coles, is "the birth mother" of the short documentary "I Lived on Parker Avenue", which is about a mother's agony in choosing what's best, the joy of a couple starting a family, and a young man's search for where

information on this event, or if you are a vendor who is interested in attending, please contact Cathy Jones at 812-888-5159 or via e-mail at catherine.jones@vinu.edu.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

'We have been so blessed'

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

Thank you to Shoals High School for honoring my family this year during the coaches vs. cancer basketball game. We were humbled to be a part of this. We enjoyed the game and would like to take the opportunity to say thank you to everyone who contributed to the cause, and the cancer survivors and their families in attendance. Words cannot express how special my hometown is.

We have been so blessed by everyone and appreciate the phone calls, texts, cards and the food that have been received and delivered. Please continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we continue on this journey.

God Bless...

The Brattons, Shannon, Debbie, Kendall, Kirk, and Kasey

his life began. You must call the clinic at 812-257-1041 to reserve your seats. The office is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday and Wednesday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Deadline to make reservations is Monday, May 2.

Free community meal

The Loogootee Christian Church, at 206 Sherman Street, is having their monthly free meal for the community on Thursday, May 12 from 6-8 p.m. at the church. This month's meal will be sloppy joes, hot dogs and sides. All members of the community are invited to attend. Please note the date change from their usual first Thursday, it will be the second Thursday this month only.

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.

LUMC Food Pantry

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

Mental Health Task Force

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

Celebrate Recovery meetings

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

Local recovery meetings

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

Free lunch for kids

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

SOAR Tutoring

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

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Ladies Hat Contest!

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Derby Day

Saturday, May 7
4 p.m. - 10 p.m.
at the Legion

If you're not going to Kentucky, come enjoy Derby Day with your friends at the Legion!

In case of inclement weather, all events will be held in the upstairs of the Legion, in a non-smoking area.



The Derby Day Hat Contest judging will be at 4 p.m., so all ladies wishing to participate should be at the Legion by 2 p.m.



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Last week, we looked at the edible winners of All America Selections for 2022. This week, we will take a look at the flowers that have won prizes, including two that have been given special merit. As with the vegetables, some of these will be difficult to find this year, but you can keep an eye out for them. They should be more readily available by next year.

Two torenias have been selected as All America Selections: Summery Love Pure White and Vertigo Deep Blue. Both are described as vigorous and durable, with flowers coming all summer. They are great for hanging baskets but are also recommended for mass plantings. Torenias usually play second fiddle to some other plant, but these two varieties have larger flowers and can be the stars of the show.

Speaking of stars, one could hardly imagine one with higher billing than Begonia Viking Explorer Rose on Green. Hundreds of rosy, pink blooms shine against glossy green foliage on this trailing begonia. It is perfect for use in hanging baskets, but it can also be used as a specimen plant in the landscape. It is disease resistant and tolerates hot, humid conditions and will also survive wet periods. This one is a tender perennial but is treated as an annual in Indiana. You may, however, overwinter it in the house or lift the tubers and store them in a cool, dry area to start up again the following spring.

Imagine a bright yellow petunia that blooms all summer and does not require deadheading. It does exist! Not only is Petunia Bees' Knees an All America Selection, but it is the first petunia to be awarded a Gold Medal since 1950. It is also versatile, with a mounding habit that lends itself to hanging baskets, playing the spiller in a mixed planting or as an annual groundcover. This one is available from Burpee and Ferry Morse. I would not be a bit surprised to find trans-

plants at area greenhouses.

The yellow continues with an award-winning zinnia. Zinnia Queeny Lemon-Peach spots blooms of two to four inches on sturdy stems. It stands up to the summer heat. Lemony yellow petals surround a dark peach center. As the flowers age, they fade to some interesting colors. This zinnia does not have to be dead-headed. It was awarded the Fleuroselect Gold Medal in Europe, so it is an international star. Osborne Quality Seeds and Select Seeds both are carrying the seeds for this sunny zinnia.

2021 was the Year of the Sunflower, but there is a new variety of the Ukrainian national flower for 2022. There will be 10 to 12 flowers on each stem of Sunflower Concert Bell. The stems will average around 5 feet tall. In last year's trials, these stems stood up to a lot of stormy weather without falling over. The germination rate is very high, so succession planting of this sunflower would guarantee blooms all summer and well into autumn.

If yellow is too tame for you, a bright orange celosia has also received All America Selection. Celosia Flamma Orange boasts fiery orange plumes on multiple stems. The plants stand up well to hot, humid weather, but will also survive dry conditions.

The final flower on the list is a new verbena. Verbena Beats Purple+White lives up to the name, with purple and white florets in each cluster. The plants flower all summer and are powdery-mildew resistant.

Recently, a reader stopped by to see a flower I had mentioned in a recent column. Unfortunately, that particular bloom had already faded away. That is the nature of gardens. If there is something you wish to see, make time to visit at that time. There is always something going on at Sandhill Gardens, but the only constant is change. I like it that way.

Inland stream trout season opens Saturday

Nearly 22,000 trout are being stocked by the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife in 16 different streams across Indiana for inland trout season, which starts at 6 a.m. local time on Saturday, April 30.

The stocked trout come from Curtis Creek Trout Rearing Station near Howe in LaGrange County and average roughly 11 inches in length.

To find a stocked stream near you, see the second page of the trout stocking plan at bit.ly/36XmSgi.

One body of water that is absent from this year's April stocking list is the tailwater of Brookville Lake in Franklin County. Scheduled maintenance by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is delaying rainbow trout stockings there until

fall. Trout will bite on a variety of artificial baits such as spinners and flies, but natural baits such as worms and bee moths tend to be the most popular.

The bag limit for trout in inland waters, other than Lake Michigan and its tributaries, is five per day with a minimum size of 7 inches. No more than one of these can be a brown trout. Additionally, any harvested brown trout caught below the Brookville tailwater must be 18 inches or larger. There is no closed season for taking trout from inland lakes.

To fish for trout, anglers 18 and older need an Indiana fishing license and a trout/salmon stamp. Both can be bought at on.IN.gov/INhuntfish.

Planting season is here; remain alert to large farm equipment on Indiana roads

Planting season is quickly approaching for Indiana's 94,000 farmers. With the warm weather and sunshine, Hoosier motorists will also see more large slow-moving farm equipment traveling Indiana's rural roads and highways. The Indiana State Department of Agriculture, Indiana Department of Homeland Security, Indiana Department of Transportation, Indiana State Police and Hoosier Ag Today want to encourage motorists to slow down, be alert and be patient on rural roadways this spring.

"Our farmers have an enormous job to do, feeding us and the rest of the world," said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Secretary of Agriculture. "And with that job comes a tremendous responsibility; let's help our farmers out where we can. When you see large farm equipment traveling our Hoosier roadways slow down and give them space so everyone can get where they are going safely."

In Indiana, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in 2020 three vehicles were involved in crashes with farm equipment, which resulted in two deaths.

"During the spring and fall seasons Indiana sees a drastic increase of large farm equipment on our rural roads and highways," said Doug Carter, Indiana State Police Superintendent. "In our strong agricultural state, it is critical that Hoosier motorists know the steps to take when approaching farm equipment on the roadways to ensure we all make it home safely to our families."

While the term "farm equipment" encompasses a wide range of vehicles, the most common types motorists will encounter during planting season include sprayers, tractors pulling planters or tillage equipment, and large trucks hauling agricultural products. These vehicles are wide, sometimes taking up most of the

road, and often travel at speeds no greater than 25 mph.

The following list includes several safety tips for motorists approaching large farm equipment:

-Farmers will pull over when they are able to let motorists pass, but it may take time for them to get to a safe place to do so.

-Be patient. Farm equipment is wide, sometimes taking up most of the road.

-Be careful when passing. Do not pass in a designated "No Passing Zone" or within 100 feet of any intersection, railroad grade crossing, bridge, elevation structure or tunnel.

-Do not try to pass slow-moving farm equipment on the left without ensuring that the farmer driving is not planning a left turn. It may appear that the driver is pulling over to allow a pass when the farmer is actually preparing to turn. You will drive right into its path, endangering yourself and the farmer.

-Avoid tailgating, as some farm equipment might have to make sudden stops along the road.

-Allow plenty of time to get to a destination, be aware of alternate routes and avoid distractions.

"Moving farm equipment on the roadways is one of the most dangerous parts of my job. It takes time to find a safe space for me to pull over and allow other motorists to pass safely. Please be considerate when you drive behind farm equipment, drivers and I have the same goal in mind each time we take a trip on Hoosier roads-to get our work done and make it home safely to our loved ones," said Brent Bible, Tippecanoe Co. farmer.

Indiana State Department of Agriculture Director Bruce Kettler wants to remind motorists farmers work hard to ensure they are being as safe as possible.

For a list of safety tips, visit isda.in.gov.

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Health Forward

Helping you with your health

By Curtis Thill, M.D.

Important Health Care Issues for the "Woodstock Generation"

Four decades ago, today's Boomer generation in their 60s and 70s once thought they would never age. The biggest and most influential generation in American history, the once-known Woodstock generation now represents a "grey tsunami."

With the oldest a mere 23 years old when the infamous Woodstock "Three Days of Peace and Music" festival took place, all Boomers – more than 50 million people – will reach age 65 before 2030, bringing with them a whole new set of senior healthcare issues.

Healthcare coverage for boomers
The vast majority of these aging Boomers will be served through Medicare and Medicaid insurance. Because of advances in healthcare and nutrition, Boomers can generally expect to live longer, generally up to age 74 and beyond (up eight years from data in the 2010 census).

Many aging Boomers prefer to live independently, which means they need to take care of themselves. Medicare itself has undergone notable change, with low-cost Medicare Advantage plans currently a popular option. Before you turn age 65, it is important that you gather information about the various Medicare plans so you can make an informed decision. The website at <https://www.medicare.gov> is a good place to start. Many hospitals and providers – such as the Southern Indiana Community Health Care clinics where I work – have free insurance navigation professionals to help.

Taking responsibility for your health
Here's a key point: taking responsibility for maintaining your good health is essential at any age, but it is vital in your 60s and beyond. And let's face facts – in the Crawford County region, maintaining good health is not always a top priority for some. I see many patients who would probably enjoy a higher quality of life if they would take some simple steps.

So, what can Boomers do?

First and foremost, stay physically active. As our bodies age, we will lose muscle – especially if we're just sitting around all the time. Energy levels can ebb prematurely.

One solution? We live in some of the most beautiful areas of Indiana, so try getting outside and taking a regular walk.

Taking regular walks of 30 minutes or more can provide a whole host of benefits like boosting your immune system, toning up muscles, improving circulation, and helping you get better sleep. If you can, swimming produces excellent benefits, as does an occasional light workout. Yoga classes are available in the region, which also help.

Keep your mind sharp and active. Instead of watching television, why not keep your mind better engaged by ramping up old hobbies or developing new ones? Perhaps taking a class about something you're interested in – either in-person or online. Reading a delightful book can enrich your life and keep those cognitive muscles toned up. Why not consider passing on your life experiences and serving as a much-needed mentor in our communities?

Eat as healthy as you can. In our region, it's extremely easy to rip open a bag of chips and drink a cola or a nutrition beverage and call it a meal. Over time that's hard on your digestive system, which can lead to other healthcare issues. Learn how to eat "heart healthy," which can be surprisingly good.

It's important to have a good relationship with a physician or medical professional at any age, but it becomes even more critical for seniors. Find a physician or provider who can walk with you together for good health – and don't forget that annual wellness visit. It could prolong or even save your life!

Board-qualified in family medicine, Curtis Thill, M.D. is an active member of the Woodstock generation.

LHS Dual-Credit Junior English Class presents . . .



Small Businesses, BIG Stories

BY KIERAGEN NAPIER, BRIDGET LIKE & ASHLEY NAIL
LHS Dual-Credit Junior English Class

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

Shana Ramsey, Hometown Flowers
"My family has been in the flower industry for several years. We wanted to branch out and get a new field in the same industry, but a little different area. They [my grandparents] played a pretty large role. My grandparents started a nursery to grow and plant flowers many years ago. Later, different generations just started taking over the business and branching out to be in other services.

I can say there are several obstacles that come with owning your own business, but you learn how to adapt and go with the different changes. My biggest joy has been being able to serve people in the community and bring smiles to



people's faces.
I'm a part of the new generation, so I would say that we haven't had a time of doubt. The lowest point was probably right during the COVID shut down and every single store was shut. In the next five years, I would like to see it continue to expand and be able to serve the community in different ways."

How to celebrate Historic Preservation Month

May is Historic Preservation Month, which means it's time to celebrate Indiana's built environment.

This year's theme is "That Exceptional One—Indiana's Early Female Architects and Builders". In recognition, the DNR Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology (DHPA) has produced a poster with images of women who either practiced architecture or designed or built homes in Indiana. Quantities of this free poster are limited. To request one, contact Amy Borland at aborland@dnr.IN.gov or 317-232-1647.

Every day in May, the DHPA Facebook page ([Facebook.com/INdhp](https://www.facebook.com/INdhp)) will profile a woman who either practiced architecture or designed/built homes in Indiana. Additionally, weekly Facebook Live broadcasts about these women will be



presented.
From May 1-7 on the DNR Instagram ([Instagram.com/indianadnr](https://www.instagram.com/indianadnr)) page, DHPA will post some of this year's Historic Preservation Photo Contest entries and the winning photos from all categories. Throughout that week, DHPA will also feature different aspects of the state historic preservation office and their roles on the DNR Facebook ([facebook.com/INdnr](https://www.facebook.com/INdnr)) page.

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Loogootee Tennis results

The Loogootee High School Girls' Tennis Teams went up against Forest Park on Monday, April 25. The varsity swept the Rangers 5-0 and the junior varsity also got the win 4-1.

Varsity results

#1 Singles Kieragen Napier (L) defeated Brook Haug 6-3, 1-6, 6-4

#2 Singles Annalise Powell (L) defeated Kenzie Shulz 6-0, 6-0

#3 Singles Grace Gingerich (L) defeated Ali Wahl 6-1, 6-2

#1 Doubles Katie Callison/Caitlin Carico (L) defeated Payton Dilger/Emma Grundoefer 6-2, 6-3

#2 Doubles Madison McAtee/Tessa Bradley (L) defeated Amy Wahl/Avari Schneider 6-4, 6-4

Junior varsity results

#1 Singles Grace Foddrill (L) Kaylee Berg 6-3

#2 Singles Kaylee Berg (FP) defeated Linsey England 6-0

#1 Doubles Ana Toy/Olivia Dant (L) defeated Jaylynn Egloff/Ashlynn Dilger 6-2

#2 Doubles Izzy Smith/Izabelle Gingerich (L) defeated Olivia Bell/Clair Rupp 6-4

#3 Doubles Michela Orlando/Alex Claveria (L) defeated Rayven Meyer/Abby Sermersheim 6-3

Last Thursday, the teams travelled to Washington Catholic. The varsity brought home the win 5-0 and the junior varsity also won 2-1.

Varsity results

#1 Singles Kieragen Napier (L) defeated Chloe Garland 6-0, 6-0

#2 Singles Annalise Powell (L) defeated Jennifer Lopez 6-0, 6-0

#3 Singles Grace Gingerich (L) defeated Karen Kanapia 6-1, 6-1

#1 Doubles Katie Callison/Madison McAtee (L) defeated Molly Brown/Mya Cline 6-0, 6-2

#2 Doubles Olivia Dant/Ana Toy (L)

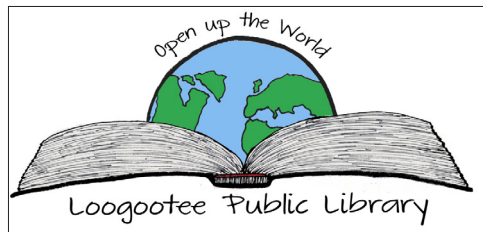
defeated Kayleen Arriaza/Celeste Santiago 6-0, 6-2

Junior varsity results

#1 Singles Abbey Fischer (L) defeated Jenna Sergesketter 6-3

#1 Doubles Tessa Bradley/Vittoria Zoia (L) defeated Maritza Villagran/Magge Lee 8-1

#2 Doubles Jenna Sergesketter/Magge Lee (WC) defeated Maddie Fischer/Izabelle Gingerich 6-4



BY DARLA WAGLER
Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Friends of Loogootee Library (FOLL) will have a bake sale on Friday, April 30 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Hometown IGA. Pies, cakes, cookies, muffins and other goodies.

Mid-West Corridor Town Hall Meeting at the library on May 25 at 6 p.m. Indiana Representatives Shane Lindauer and Eric Basler and Indiana Senator Mark Messmer will be available to hear public comments. Join us and let your voices be heard.

Purdue Extension Nutrition Education Program (NEP) will offer a beginning air fryer cooking program on Thursday, May 19 at 5:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required by Tuesday, May 17.

Mystery: "22 Seconds" by James Patterson.

Fiction: "Hope Creek" by Janet Daily, "Country Born" by Linda Lael Miller, and "When She Dreams" by Amanda Quick.

Inspirational Fiction: "The Baxters" by Karen Kingsbury, "Little Souls" by Sandra Dallas, and "The Bookseller's Promise" by Beth Wiseman.

2022 Seniors



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MADISON JONES

Madison Rebecca Jones is the daughter of Julie and Darrin Jones. Her siblings are Austin Myers and Darrin Jones. In high school Madison participated in Pep Club, Spanish Club, media publications, track and field, Beta Club, cheer, and was a media business manager and yearbook editor. After graduation, Madison plans to attend Vincennes University for business management and get her license to become a realtor.



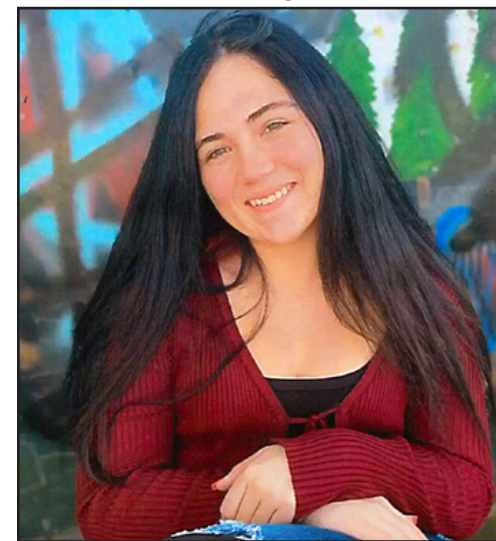
MATTHEW DAY

Matthew Alexander Day is the son of Daniel and Kristy Day. He has 6 siblings. In high school Matthew participated in band. His favorite high school memory is "my sophomore year". After graduation, Matthew plans to go to college for diesel mechanics and welding.



DAMION MCCARTY

Damion McCarty is the son of Michael McCarty and Jaqueline Holt. He has two sisters, Aerial McCarty and Madison McCarty. His favorite high school memory is being in construction with his friends. Damion is still exploring his options for after graduation.



JAZMYNE COOPER

Jazmyne Lee Anette Cooper is the daughter of Ashley and Gary Cooper. Her siblings are Gray and Joshua Cooper. Her favorite high school memory is "hanging with friends". After graduation, Jazmyne plans to enter the workforce.

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my wife was diagnosed with cancer, and I fell seriously ill. During that time, we had to ask for help from the township; therefore, I can completely relate to how hard it is to ask for help and understand how people feel in that time of need. I have always had a public servant's heart, whether it was being a police officer for 20 years,

a golf coach, or the trustee. I believe we are to serve one another in our life. As trustee, I see people in the evenings, on the weekend, and even on holidays. Being the trustee is not something you only perform during normal office hours, but all hours of the day.

Brenda Smith: I want to be able to give back to my community, a community that I

love and that has given me so much. I want to be able to help those who are struggling. I feel that the funds are not being used to their full potential or at appropriate times.

Darla Harper Wagler: I want to be Perry Township Trustee because being a servant-oriented leader, I am in the people business. I help individuals find the correct information and understand how important confidentiality and privacy laws must be followed. As a librarian, I am a community leader, and the library is the cornerstone of our community. I am commissioned to help the public with resources whatever their need may be. I am in this business because I care about information equity and inclusion; assisting individuals to find information or services they seek. Being a public library director mirrors many of the duties of a township trustee especially navigating state requirements, reporting and Gateway reporting. I care about the people in this community and will return calls or other correspondence on a timely manner. I will be available for meetings with other governmental units. I support community and safety and will continue to provide services to the fire and police department wherever I can. I have written and been awarded LSTA, Martin County Community Foundation, Hoosier Uplands, and ARPA grants to name a few and will seek grant funds available to the trustee's office for our police and fire departments. As a township trustee the core competency is cemetery maintenance, fire and police support as well as poor relief. I will be grateful to the Perry Township voters if they grant me the opportunity to serve as Perry Township Trustee.

MCJ: In your opinion, what is the most important duty of a township trustee?

Jason Hennette: The position has many different duties and all of them are just as important. Providing relief to those people in need, making sure emergency services are taken care for the township, making sure the finances are in proper order, and cemetery maintenance is performed are just a few of the duties as trustee I must oversee. The entire job as trustee is important and you must be able to go in many different directions at any given moment.

Brenda Smith: I feel the most important duty of the township trustee is to be prepared to help out individuals and the community in times of loss, emergency, or

disaster. It is just as important to assist other departments in our community in maintaining safety for our citizens and persons passing through our area.

Darla Harper Wagler: The most important duty of a township trustee is to be approachable. The person needs to be caring, have integrity, willing to go the extra mile if need be, and love this community. If the budget is approved and a crisis occurs, the township trustee needs to do an additional appropriation to provide more help to the community in the form of poor relief or police and fire service. I think I am the right person for the office of Perry Township Trustee.

MCJ: Is there anything else you would like to add?

Jason Hennette: As Perry Township Trustee, along with the board, we have been able to make Perry Township financially stable. Before I took office, the township was running very low on funds. Mrs. Hughett's article on how much money is in the township's hands is correct. Perry Township is in the shape it is in because I believe living within my budget means, learning to say no at difficult times, and not being afraid to stand up for what is right no matter how that makes people view you. As trustee, I have been able to purchase much need fire equipment for fire protection and other emergency services usage. As trustee, I have bought the Loogootee Fire Department a side by side and trailer for brush and field fires, search and rescue, and usage in hard-to-reach place for moving patients in accidents. As trustee, I have purchased Thermal Imaging camera, AED's, protective equipment for the firemen to wear, and paid for part of the Command truck. As trustee, I am working on improving the cemeteries. As trustee, I have spent township money on new fencing at Wood Cemetery. I encourage everyone to go look at that cemetery and see how it looks now with the new fence and brush cleared. It looks so much better. I have also had brush cleaned up and trees removed at Wood Cemetery, Love Cemetery, and Union Chapel Cemetery. As trustee, I have donated money to the American Legion for the purpose of putting American Flags on all military veteran's graves in Perry Township. I believe this is important, as we should never (See 'ELECTION PREVIEW' on page 11)

EXPECT MORE

The voters in Martin County's Second District should expect more. As we vote in the May 3rd Primary, I want to remind you that this election should be more than a popularity contest. Instead, it's who can bring the most to the council table.

The Second District Council Race has three good men running. All three are in good standing in the community. I believe that I can be a positive influence on Martin County's Council as I have experience working with the public, seeing the needs first hand, as I was Halbert Township Trustee for 27 years. I was the County Recorder for six years and am serving in my eighth year as the County Clerk. With this experience, I have filled out many budgets. I completed one each year during my years as Trustee and Recorder, but as Clerk, I do four each year. This experience is needed in our county budget.

The State Board of Accounts offers training every year for the County Council Members. In fact, not only do they offer training but they require it. I have taken advantage of this very valuable training down through my 40-plus years as a public servant. I plan to continue this practice if elected to the Council.

I have lived in Martin County my entire life, sharing conservative values and concern that we are not taxed out of our homes with many of my fellow Martin County family.

If you agree that we the people of the Second District should expect more, then vote in the May 3rd Primary. Vote Republican and vote for Gerald Montgomery.

Thank you,
Gerald Montgomery.

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forget those who served our country. The township has donated money to Cops and Kids. I feel that is an important as no child should ever be without Christmas presents. As Perry Township Trustee, I have been able to help make the township financially sound, as the township is not in debt, nor is your tax dollars spent against the rules and/or law, and your tax dollars are not spent on items that do not benefit the residence of Perry Township. As Perry Township Trustee, I have had to say NO to other government agency's seeking your tax dollars from me. Those other agencies also receive your tax dollars. It is against the law for me to give those tax dollars to them. It also means those other government agencies would be getting tax dollars twice from the same people. As Perry Township Trustee, I have done everything to stay within budget and have spent money only that was budgeted to me. As an elected official, it is important to me to be a good steward of the taxpayers' dollars, and I feel I have been doing that and hope you will elect me so I can continue to do that for you.

Brenda Smith: I would just like to encourage everyone to go to the polls on May 3rd and vote. Your vote matters!

Darla Harper Wagler: I have over twelve years of experience with budgets as a government unit, tax levy, Gateway reporting, additional appropriations, Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF), and State Board of Accounts (SBOA). The township trustee is governed by an elected board, and I answer to an appointed board. I am entrusted with the day-to-day operation of the library and my library board sets policies and procedures. My library experience has been invaluable when navigating state requirements, reporting, and Gateway reporting. During the pandemic, we all faced many challenges and during the few weeks we were shut down, I spend my days on Zoom meetings with the Indiana Library Federation (ILF) and Indiana State Library learning about my role. I took extra SNAP, 211, and Workforce training so I would be able to help others. This was not required but something I felt was important to support my community. An increase in people seeking services, resulted in me assisting these community members find help.

Commissioner District 2

JOHN COLLINS and PAUL GEORGE

MCJ: What is your name and please include your background . . . family, schooling, current occupation, etc.

John Collins: Chose not to respond.

Paul George: Paul R George, son of Jimmy and Cordilla George, married to



PAUL GEORGE

Eva George. Children, Taylor and Tyler George, Ree-va Dorsey, Sistoria Neeley, Edmund Neeley, Eleora Neeley, and Zafira Neeley. Schooling-graduate of Shoals High School and Oakland City University. Current occupation-Martin County Commissioner, owner/operator of school bus for Shoals Community School Corp. Farming.

MCJ: Why do you want to be a commissioner?

John Collins: Chose not to respond.

Paul George: I love Martin County and want to provide the best services possible to the citizens while being financially responsible and staying within the construct of the county budget.

MCJ: In your opinion, what is Martin County's biggest issue? And what, if anything, would you do to solve this issue?

John Collins: Chose not to respond.

Paul George: Funding for roads and broadband. I will continue to apply for grants and use resources available in the best possible manner. I will continue working diligently with the Martin County Economic Development Board to provide reliable broadband internet services to the citizens of Martin County, especially in the rural areas.

MCJ: Is there anything else you would like to say to the voters?

John Collins: Chose not to respond.

Paul George: I appreciate the opportunity to serve Martin County for the past 16 years and hope to continue to do so for the next 4 years. I appreciate your support and vote on May 3rd.

Shoals Town Council

ROGER ABEL, JR.; CARY ALBRIGHT, KEVIN BOYD and RICHARD GIBBS

MCJ: What is your name and your background including family, schooling, current occupation, etc.?

Roger Abel, Jr.: Chose not to respond.

Cary Albright: Cary D. Albright, my wife Tamara and I have four grown children. I am a graduate of Shoals High School and Vincennes University with a degree in business management. I am also a graduate of General Motors School and merchandising management. I've held various licensing



CARY ALBRIGHT

over the years including insurance and notary. My work history includes the following: Shoals Town Council President January 2021-present (served as vice president 2018-2020); White River Military Coordination Alliance Vice President May 2021-present; Board Member of SIDC January 2021-present; Board Member of the Martin County Alliance January 2021-present; Board Member of Radius Indiana January 2020-present; Board Member of Martin County Solid Waste January 2022-present (served as vice president 2 years); Director of Quality Control at Albright Motor Company January 2015-present; Shoals School Board President 2004-2006; Owner of Albright Property Holdings 1987-present.

Kevin Boyd: Chose not to respond.

Richard Gibbs: Chose not to respond.

MCJ: Why do you want to serve on the town council?

Roger Abel, Jr.: Chose not to respond.

Cary Albright: I have lived in Shoals all my life. I will always call this my home. I genuinely care about providing the people of Shoals with the best possible services that local government can provide. I do not consider my position as an honorary position. I look at managing the town of Shoals as a business. Your and my tax dollars are my highest priority, how they are allocated and spent.

Kevin Boyd: Chose not to respond.

Richard Gibbs: Chose not to respond.

MCJ: What is the biggest issue facing the Town of Shoals right now? And what are your ideas to solve the issue?

Roger Abel, Jr.: Chose not to respond.

Cary Albright: Intra-structure of our town. Our waterlines and our sewage lines, along with our street conditions. We have kicked that can down the road for too many years and not done constant improvements to our infrastructure. Over the past 3 1/2 years, we have constantly worked to improve our streets, applying for and receiving hundreds of thousands of dollars for paving and street improvement. We are also in the middle of a \$1.9 million wastewater improvement project. We have just spent close to \$200,000 improving our freshwater system 4. I strongly encourage you to support our town so we can continue with projects we have and are planning for the future. My goal is to continue to improve the quality of life for the people of Shoals whether you own or rent. The responsibility of property owners that rent property are a high priority for this council.

Kevin Boyd: Chose not to respond.

Richard Gibbs: Chose not to respond.

MCJ: Is there anything else you would like to add?

Roger Abel, Jr.: Chose not to respond.

Cary Albright: Please cast your vote in the upcoming Primary election. Every

vote counts!

Kevin Boyd: Chose not to respond.

Richard Gibbs: Chose not to respond.

County Council District 2

JIM HAMBY, GERALD MONTGOMERY and JAMES STILES

MCJ: Please give your background info, where you were born, raised, parents, spouse, children, job, etc.

Jim Hamby: Chose not to respond.

Gerald Montgomery: I was born at Jasper Memorial Hospital on May 18,



1955. I was raised in Halbert Township, Martin County in the Weisbach area where I have lived all my life. My parents are Stanley Montgomery and the late Mary Tedrow Montgomery. I graduated with the Shoals High School Class of 1973. On September 1, 1974, I was married to my high school sweetheart, Exzelia Montgomery. We have been married almost 48 years. We have three daughters, Jnell (Clark Gray), Melinda (Rob Fuqua) and Elizabeth (Ben Caudill). We have also been blessed with eight grandchildren. I am currently Clerk of Martin County. I drive a school bus for Shoals Community School and am also pastor of the Bloomfield Southside Wesleyan Church.

James Stiles: Chose not to respond.

MCJ: What is it about the county council that interests you?

Jim Hamby: Chose not to respond.

Gerald Montgomery: I am interested in seeing equity and fairness in the distribution and appropriation of our county's tax dollars.

James Stiles: Chose not to respond.

MCJ: In your opinion, what should be the county council's number one priority?

Jim Hamby: Chose not to respond.

Gerald Montgomery: Refer to my answer on question number two.

James Stiles: Chose not to respond.

MCJ: Of all the costs associated with "running" Martin County, which one worries you the most? And do you have any solutions to fix it?

Jim Hamby: Chose not to respond.

Gerald Montgomery: I don't think I could limit my concerns to one issue. The county council is tasked with the responsibility of overseeing the expenditures of the county tax dollars. We must have someone on the council who has experience in both building and working with county budgets. I have completed more than 60 budgets in my career as public servant. We need not only someone who can say yes or no but someone who understands where the various office holders are coming from as they make their request.

James Stiles: Chose not to respond.

MCJ: Is there anything else you would like to get across to the voters?

Jim Hamby: Chose not to respond.

Gerald Montgomery: I have over 40 years of experience in Martin County Government. With this experience I can bring to the council table areas that Martin County can save and/or spend tax dollars more wisely. I feel that the county council is a very important position to the people of Martin County. As you go to vote, consider carefully the importance of the county council. It is important that we consider who has the most experience for the job. Who can bring the most to the county council table. When you go to vote in the May 3rd Primary, I ask you to vote for Gerald Montgomery for County Council of Martin County's Second District. Thank you for your support.

James Stiles: Chose not to respond.

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