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## Commissioners discuss highway work, COVID funding, courthouse opening

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The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday night, May 19. Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett reported that his employees have been working to get gravel in at cemeteries for Memorial Day weekend. He also told the commissioners that they have had to use the grader quite a bit after Sunday night rains as there were several washed out roads. They have completed mowing in Perry and Mitcheltree townships and are half done with Center and Rutherford townships. Padgett said that the culvert, right off the highway on Butler Bridge Road, has failed. He said they tried to save it, but it has collapsed and the water has already done some damage to a resident's driveway. He told the commissioners that the cost to replace the culvert will be \$4,432. The commissioners told Padgett to go ahead with the repairs.

Padgett asked the commissioners if it was okay to clean up brush behind the Shoals Fire Station, at their request. Commissioners Kevin Boyd and Aaron Summers both said the fire department has done a lot for the county and they were fine with doing this for them.

Commissioner Paul George requested that Andy Ringwald, with civil defense, stay on top of the FEMA virtual meetings to ensure the county can get funding when it is offered. Ringwald said that there are two grants currently available, a FEMA grant that comes with a 25 percent match and the CARES funding that requires no match. Ringwald said the FEMA matching money can be in-kind, meaning labor can be counted as the match. He noted that the FEMA funds require projects to cost a minimum of \$3,300 and lost revenue can not be part of any application. Auditor Bobbie Abel said the county qualifies for up to \$332,000 with the CARES funding which

would be reimbursement for any purchases made. She also noted that the Town of Shoals qualifies for up to \$25,000.

Public Health Nurse Julia Albright said the health department received a shipment of thin facemasks that can be used at the courthouse. She suggested letting the public know that they need to bring their own masks however some will be available at the courthouse if they are needed. She also told the commissioners that any organizations in need of masks, gloves or hand sanitizer, can contact the health department.

Dena Held, Purdue Extension Educator, said that no decision has been made on what to do about this year's 4-H fair however it has already been decided that there will be a virtual option regardless.

Jameson Hibbs, director of West Boggs Park, said he needed to clear up rumors about camping. Hibbs said that according to the governor's guidelines, camping

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## Shoals School Board makes staff changes, reviews policies, handbooks

The Shoals School Board met May 14. Board members in attendance were Drexel Turpin, Eva George, Jenell Hoffman, Samantha Boyd, and Jerry Braun. Staff in attendance were Dr. Candace Roush, Amanda Heckard, and Theresa Holt. Patron in attendance was Lorna Troutman.

The board approved the following personnel recommendations:

-Mimi Hawkins for the high school job placement coach during the summer of 2020 and elementary summer-school teacher for 2019-2020 school.

- School Nurse Theresa Holt to teach a health science education course during the 2020-2021 school year.

- Sabra Bough resigned from the custodian position.

The elementary general education preschool and daycare discipline policy, the elementary proposed handbook changes for the 2020-2021 school year, the up-

dated 403(b) plan, and the proposed high school student handbook changes for the 2020-2021 school year were presented for a first reading with no vote.

The elementary textbook rental fees were requested for approval for the 2020-2021 school year. The board approved. They also approved leasing Chromebooks and cases for the 2020-2021 school year in grades 5-12 and the modified school calendar for next year.

The board held a first reading of the state-mandated foster care transportation policy and a first reading of the proposed middle school student handbook changes and the proposed cafeteria policies handbook for the 20-21 school year.

Superintendent Candace Roush requested to renew PBIS Coach Contract with Martin County Community Corrections. The board approved.

A conflict of interest disclosure state-

ment was presented by Ben Kent and the North Lawrence Career Center Operating Agreement was presented.

Superintendent Dr. Roush thanked the Town of Shoals for all of their hard work in developing the senior day cruise-in. She also thanked Janie Johnson for all of her years of service and dedication to the students at Shoals as well as all of the essential workers who have been working hard at the school. She informed the board that she had applied for an innovation learning grant as well as a STEM grant and that teachers are taking a lot of professional development over the summer in the STEM and project-based learning fields.

Before adjourning, the board wanted to send a big thank you to all the teachers, staff, parents, and the town for supporting and helping the students during this time. The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

## Republican Commissioner candidates answer questions for voters

Only two races in this year's Martin County Primary Election are contested, and both are on the Republican ballot. They are for Martin County Commissioner Districts 1 and 3. The candidates were sent questions to answer and their responses are below. If a candidate did not respond to the questions, it is noted as "chose not to respond" next to their name. The Primary Election will be held Tuesday, June 2. See page one for more information about the Primary Election.

### Commissioner District 1

#### Kevin R. Boyd and Cody Roush

Martin County Journal: Tell us about yourself (Background, schooling, family, jobs, volunteer work, etc.)

Kevin Boyd: Chose not to respond.

Cody Roush: I have been married to Michelle for 20 years. We have three children. Kaley will be a senior this year at Shoals and the twins, Collin and Ellie, will be freshman. I currently work for White Stallion Energy in Montgomery as a heavy equipment operator but previously worked for Peabody Energy for 19 years with 10 of it as a supervisor. We have had a family business on Main Street in Shoals for 103 years which my great grandfather started as a clothing store.



CODY ROUSH

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Cody Roush: (See last response.)

Martin County Journal: What would be your number one priority as commissioner?

Kevin Boyd: Chose not to respond.

Cody Roush: I am wanting to help this community grow and flourish. If we can improve the beauty of the county, more people will want to live here, which in turn means more tax base.

Martin County Journal: This question is not intended to be negative toward your opponent but what do you have to offer as a commissioner that would make you the better choice? Why should voters choose you?

Kevin Boyd: Chose not to respond.

Cody Roush: With my supervisor experience from the coal industry and being a business owner for 13 years, I feel I can offer a good business sense, with great management skills, and with a good-hearted moral compass.

Martin County Journal: Is there anything else you would like to say to the voters?

Kevin Boyd: Chose not to respond.

Cody Roush: I would appreciate your vote on June 2. Thank you.

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On Monday May 25, The American Legion Post 120 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9395 will pay homage to the veterans of all wars with a visit to the cemeteries listed below. This will be the 64<sup>th</sup> year for the Legion to conduct these services. Even with the current requirements for social distancing, there should be no challenge at these cemeteries. They have added Mt. Zion and Rutherford Township to the list of cemeteries. They will again announce a roll call for all veterans in each cemetery, followed by a 21 gun salute and playing of taps.

Following is the Memorial Day schedule:

- 9 a.m. - Burns City Cemetery
- 9:30 a.m. - St. Joseph's Cemetery
- 10 a.m. - St. Mary's Cemetery
- 10:30 a.m. - Goodwill Cemetery
- 11:15 a.m. - St. John's Cemetery
- 12:15 p.m. - St. Martin's Cemetery
- 12:45 p.m. - Truelove Cemetery
- 1:15 p.m. - Mt. Zion Cemetery
- 1:45 p.m. - South Martin Cemetery



The Martin County 2020 Primary Election that was scheduled for May 5, 2020 has been postponed until June 2, 2020 by order of Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb. You can call the Martin County Clerk's office or go to [www.Indianavoters.com](http://www.Indianavoters.com) to check status of your registration.

In-office absentee voting will start May 26, 2020. There will be absentee voting in the clerk's office from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Tuesday May 26 thru Friday May 29 and Saturday May 30 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. The last chance to vote absentee in the clerk's office will be Monday, June 1 from 8 a.m. until noon. You must have a photo ID to match your registration address in order to vote in person.

You can request an application to vote by mail at any time by calling the clerk's office or you can fill out the application online at [www.indianavoters.com](http://www.indianavoters.com). The last day to send out an absentee ballot by mail is Thursday, May 21.

To help with overcrowding, the Martin County Election Board has moved the precincts of Lost River, South Center and Southeast Halbert from St. Mary's Church to the Shoals American Legion. All other precincts remain the same. Only a limited number of voters will be allowed in each polling site at one time. On election night, the courthouse will allow one representative of each candidate and one representative for each media source in building for on-site reporting. The clerk's office will be posting results on the facebook page Martin County 2020 Elections. Any questions or concerns you can contact the clerk's office at 812-247-3651.

# COMMISSIONER CANDIDATES

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## Commissioner District 2

### Jon Richer and

### Aaron "Moose" Summers

*Martin County Journal: Tell us about yourself (Background, schooling, family, jobs, volunteer work, etc.)*

Jon Richer: My name is Jon Richer and I was born and raised in Martin County. Immediately after graduating from Loogootee High School, I served in the United States Marine Corps and in 2009-2010 I served in Operation Enduring Freedom in the Hellman Province of Afghanistan as a Combat Engineer. I married my wife, Megan, in 2008 and we have four children, Jack, Harry, Adeline and Charlotte. We moved back to Martin County in June of 2011 where we own a farming operation with my father, Dale and brother, Caleb. I currently serve on the board of the Martin County SWCD, and am also serving my second three-year term on the Martin-Daviess County Committee for the Farm Service Agency located in Washington, Indiana.

Aaron "Moose" Summers: My name is Aaron Summers, most people know me my Moose. I'm the son of Richard and Nancy Summers. I have two beautiful daughters and an awesome granddaughter. I am employed locally in the auto parts business. I attended VU for two years.

*Martin County Journal: The issue of the wheel tax comes up every couple years and has been voted down each time by the county council. It was recently mentioned again. What are your thoughts on the county implementing a wheel tax?*

Jon Richer: The county wheel tax seems to be a very valuable solution to the lack of funding that the county has had to deal with over the last several decades. When you look around Martin County

and you see the dilapidated infrastructure from bridges needing immediate repair, county roads that were once black top going back to gravel, and gravel roads not being properly maintained; it is not from the lack of effort or ability of our maintenance workers, but it is a direct result of the lack of funding from a small tax base within the county. We are one of the very few counties that has not implemented a county wheel tax in the state of Indiana. I, for one, find it very frustrating that surrounding counties are paving most of their major roads and side streets where our beloved Martin County can't even put new gravel down country roads. It is time that we as a community look at the county wheel tax; not as a tax, but as an investment. We cannot expect the youth of our county to want to return to their "home" if they don't see the leaders of Martin County reinvesting back into our community.

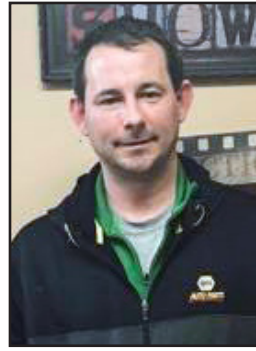
Aaron "Moose" Summers: I am very open to the wheel tax, it has to improve the roads, and it would have to be very minimal cost to the taxpayers. And I think the farmers and people such should be allowed consideration, as far as the number of vehicles. I think it could be capped at a number.

*Martin County Journal: Fixing the county's roads and bridges has been an issue for years. There is never enough funding. What solutions do you have to fix the road/bridge repair problem?*

Jon Richer: One of the major solu-



**JON RICHER**



**AARON SUMMERS**

tions to fixing the roads and bridges of Martin County is not only utilizing the current funding that is available but making sure that all the resources are directed into the most crucial areas.

Aaron "Moose" Summers: We need to prioritize the ability to secure grants from both federal and state funding. I want to also encourage economic development growth within the county in order to bring in new tax revenue. From Main Street, all the way to Crane Naval Base; I believe there is great potential of securing new businesses and encouraging them to partner with Martin County.

Aaron "Moose" Summers: That's a tough one. We pay some very good companies to study this issue and fix it. We don't get the money a lot of other counties do. At the end of the day, as far as the roads go, something isn't working, and since I've been on as commissioner, I'm very open to making things work.

*Martin County Journal: What would be your number one priority as commissioner?*

Jon Richer: My number one priority if I am elected commissioner will be the citizens of our county. Individuals of Martin County deserve a commissioner that is willing to hear their concerns, prioritize their needs and respect their opinions.

Aaron "Moose" Summers: My number one priority as commissioner is keeping our youth here. We want them to come back and work and reside in Martin County. We want people from other counties to want to be here. We need to be proud of our county,

spend money locally. And the bridges and roads have to be fixed, we have to provide these guys the assets to do it.

*Martin County Journal: This question is not intended to be negative toward your opponent but what do you have to offer as a commissioner that would make you the better choice? Why should voters choose you?*

Jon Richer: As a United States Marine that has served our country, I do hope to now have the great honor to serve the people of Martin County. I will be a fair and just commissioner, taking each concern from every citizen seriously and with utmost respect. I hope to bring a fresh perspective and vision to the table that our county desperately needs. Martin County has the potential to see great things happen over the next decade and I am up for the task at hand. It's time to make Martin County great again! If anyone has any questions or concerns, please reach out to me on my cell phone 812-709-0971.

Aaron "Moose" Summers: My opponent is a very good person. In my opinion, I deal with the local public every single day, I see everything that goes on in the county, and hear our concerns. In private small business, you learn to be very frugal, and make the best decisions for your boss. Smart decisions, decisions that better your company, in this case your COUNTY

*Martin County Journal: Is there anything else you would like to say to the voters?*

Jon Richer: (No answer to this question provided.)

Aaron "Moose" Summers: I appreciate everyone that has encouraged me, and I appreciate our residents in Martin County. I would really appreciate your vote come June 2, thank you!

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## LAVADA DOANE

Lavada Marie (Hovis) Doane age 89, passed away at 1:55 p.m., Thursday, May 14, 2020 at the Westview Nursing Home in Bedford. A resident of Bedford, she was 89.



She was born, January 23, 1931 in Martin County; the daughter of Odis and Victoria (McLAVADA DOANE Bride) Hovis. She graduated from Shoals High School in 1949 and married the love of her life, Lora (Dale) Doane in August of 1950. Dale preceded her in death on December 18, 2002.

During her working years, Lavada worked for Travelers in Orleans, was a cook at the Shoals School Cafeteria, and later was the service manager of the family business, Doane's Body Shop. She and Dale repaired and painted anything with wheels for the people of Martin and surrounding counties.

Lavada's greatest joys in life were Dale and their family, camping, animals, (she once had 27 rescued cats) gardening, playing the piano and singing. She sang for many funerals along with Jackie Sims, Betty Downs and Linda Johnson. She was a lady of great faith and was a member of the Dover Hill Christian Union Church.

Lavada is survived by her sons, Bob (Mary) Doane of Dover Hill and Bernard Doane of Oolitic; two grandsons, Danny (Pam) Doane and Eric (Tish) Doane of Shoals; eight great grandchildren, 11 great-great grandchildren, a sister-in-law, Sara Doane; a brother-in-law, Jaines (Dee) Doane; and several nieces and nephews.

Besides her husband, Dale, she was preceded in death by her parents, grandparents, brothers, Paul Hovis and Russell Hovis; brothers-in-law, Delbert (Dean) Doane, Merlin Mundy and Herb Sherfick; and sisters-in-law, Donna Mundy, Delores Sherfick, Sue Doane, Minnie Hovis and Imogene Hovis.

Funeral services were Monday, May 18 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with Pastor Mike Schlaegel officiating. Burial followed in the Hickory Ridge Cemetery.

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

## THELMA ASDELL

Thelma Jane Asdell passed away Monday, May 18, 2020 at her home. A resident of Odon, she was 75.

She was born December 8, 1944 in Daviess County; daughter of Charles R. and Bonnie L. (Wilkerson) Nicholson. Thel-



THELMA ASDELL

ma married Donald Asdell on April 22, 1964.

Thelma was a member of the Odon First Christian Church. She was a housewife and enjoyed taking care of her home and family.

Family left to cherish the memory of Thelma include: three sons, Travis Owen Asdell of Odon, Randy Lee Asdell of Terre Haute and Brian Ray Asdell of Odon; one daughter, Wanda (Joe) Hines; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; four brothers, Ted (Teresa) Nicholson of Alfordsville, Bruce (Annie) Nicholson of Loogootee, Gerald (Cindy) Nicholson of Loogootee and Carl Nicholson of Cannelburg; four sisters, Evelyn (Robert) Huffman of Washington, Shirley (John) Simmons of Plainville, Diane (Keith) Holloway of Loogootee and Nancy (Donnie) O'Neill of Cannelburg.

Thelma was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Asdell; her parents;

granddaughter, Kayla Asdell; brothers, Homer Nicholson, Eugene Nicholson and John Nicholson.

A private viewing and funeral service for family will be held on Friday, May 22 at Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon with Bro. Richard Smith officiating. Thelma will be laid to rest in Walnut Hill Cemetery in Odon.

All arrangements were entrusted to Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family online at [www.mengfuneralhome.com](http://www.mengfuneralhome.com).

## DEWAYNE WAGLER

DeWayne Wagler went to meet his Saviour, on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 in Bloomington. A resident of Odon, he was 70.

He was born in Daviess County, Indiana on January 31, 1950; son of Noah and Pauline (Graber) Wagler. DeWayne married Joan (Graber) Wagler on February 13, 1972.

DeWayne was a member of the Old Order Amish Church. He was a carpenter and co-owner of Wagler's Bicycle Sales.

Family left to cherish the memory of

Dewayne include his wife, Joan Wagler of Odon; seven sons, Darrell (Lydia) Wagler of Montgomery, Randall (Lynetta) Wagler of Odon, Delmar (Regina) Wagler of Montgomery, Nathan (Bertha) Wagler of Odon, Marcus (Madonna) Wagler of Loogootee, Gerald (Ida) Wagler of Odon and Aaron (Linda) Wagler of Odon; one daughter, Rosina (Marcus) Knepp of Montgomery; thirty-two grandchildren; one great-grandchild; mother-in-law, Margaret Graber; six brothers, Floyd (Martha) Wagler, Loren (Mary Catherine) Wagler, Paul (Rosa) Wagler, Glen (Fannie Mae) Wagler, Norman (Laura Rose) Wagler and William Wagler; four sisters, Lillie Mae (Ivan) Wagler, Mary Lou (Verlin) Stoll, Anna Marie (Jeff) Graber and Leah Ruth (Darrell) Stoll.

He was preceded in death by his parents; granddaughter, Amy Lynn Wagler; father-in-law, Ben A. Graber and sister-in-law, Rosemary Wagler.

A funeral service was held Thursday, May 14 at Shiloh Place in Odon with Home Ministers officiating. DeWayne was laid to rest in North Bogard Cemetery in Odon.

All arrangements were entrusted to Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon.

## "Pandemic EBT" program to give money to Hoosier families

The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration announced today that families whose children receive free or reduced-cost meals at school will receive "Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer" benefits beginning this week. These benefits are intended to reimburse the families of about 600,000 Hoosier children for the cost of meals that their children were unable to receive due to COVID-19-related school closures.

Families who do not currently receive SNAP will receive an electronic benefits transfer card in the mail by the end of May, along with instructions on how to activate and use their card. Families do not have to apply for Pandemic EBT, also called "P-EBT." The P-EBT card works like a bank debit card and can be used at any store in the United States that accepts SNAP, but cannot be used for cash withdrawals at ATM machines. FSSA worked with the Indiana Department of Education to identify these families based upon their child already receiving free and reduced-cost meals at school.

Families who already receive SNAP benefits will have the additional benefits applied to their SNAP accounts on their Hoosier Works EBT card by the end of May.

For P-EBT, each household will receive an amount equal to the value of the daily allotment for breakfast and lunch multiplied by the average number of school days missed since school was cancelled. Families will receive this amount for each eligible child in the household for the number of days the child was eligible for free and reduced lunch. The value of the school meals per day is equal to the federal reimbursement rate for breakfast and lunch at the free rate, which is \$5.70, as specified by the United States Department of Agriculture.

The Indiana Department of Education calculated an average of 56 missed days of school through the end of the school year (including spring break) for Indiana students, counting all weekdays from March 13, 2020, through May 29, 2020. The first date was the day following Governor Eric Holcomb's executive order closing schools for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. The second date represents the average last day of school for schools in this school year.



### Making A Difference

MARTIN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



### -- MEMORIAL DAY --

This weekend we celebrate Memorial Day. It is a time when people across America pause to reflect on the supreme sacrifice made by American soldiers who have died in service to our nation. It is a particularly meaningful holiday for those who have loved ones who died in military service.

Memorial Day has its origins back to May 5, 1868 when General John A. Logan called for a nationwide day of remembrance on May 30, 1868. The day's purpose was to decorate the graves of their comrades who died in defense of their country as a result of the Civil War. At that time it was called Decoration Day. It has only been within the last 50 years or so that the day was officially recognized by our government as Memorial Day.

### -- MEMORIALS --

To memorialize a loved one is an important part of any family's, and their friends', grieving process. Memorials are a way that families can remember and pay tribute to loved ones who have passed on. Memorials allow a person to be remembered for years to come.

A memorial tells the family that while their loved one may be gone, his or her memory and spirit lives on. They will be forever tied together in the circle of life, that the loved one's life mattered and will continue to matter. Their acts of goodness, kindness and courage will never be forgotten. A memorial is a way to remember a loved one forever.

### -- GIFTS TO CHARITIES --

There are several ways to remember our loved ones, some of which are headstones or grave markers, memorialization urns, statues, plants, flag cases, acts of kindness, writing a heartfelt letter to the family, or a donation to a charity.

When making a donation as a memorial or tribute to a loved one, you need to be sure that it is made to a charity that honors that person. In obituaries you will often see the phrase "in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions/donations may

be made to...". This identifies where to make your donation as a memorial. If you do, you need to do this in a timely fashion (within 10 days after the funeral), so that the family can include you when writing thank you notes.

If a charitable organization was not specified, then choose one that may have been a favorite charity of the deceased, or perhaps a medical research organization if they passed on from an illness.

### -- MCCF FUNDS --

The Martin County Community Foundation has several funds that will let your memorial donation, and the spirit of your loved one, live on forever. The MCCF funds will always be used for future assistance to our local community needs, whether they be for a cemetery, a library, church or other charitable organization, certain areas of interest, or a variety of scholarships.

And if you are not sure which specific fund or need to donate toward, the MCCF has several unrestricted funds that have the flexibility to address the emerging and changing needs in our community, today and tomorrow.

### -- WITH MORE NOW --

And if you want that memorial to have even more impact, the MCCF has a matching grant opportunity in place at this time. With this grant, the MCCF can match \$2 for every \$1 donated to an unrestricted fund and 50¢ for each \$1 donated to any other fund type. The matching grant is available on a first-come, first-served basis while the grant funds are available.

### -- MORE INFORMATION --

If you would like to find out what funds are available to let the memory of your loved one live on forever, please contact Curt Johnson, MCCF Director, at 812-295-1022 or [mccf@cfpartner.org](mailto:mccf@cfpartner.org).

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, MAY 11

12:48 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded.

9:14 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennessee responded.

9:22 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

11:24 a.m. - Received a call reporting that the ambulance service has a walk up for assistance. Martin County EMS transported.

1:07 p.m. - Received a report of a dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Police and Deputy Wells responded.

3:02 p.m. - Received request for a vin check in Shoals.

3:18 p.m. - Received a request for a vin check north on Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

3:52 p.m. - Received a request for a vin check north of Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

### TUESDAY, MAY 12

12:27 a.m. - Received a report of a car/deer accident in Lost River. Sergeant Reed responded.

5:14 a.m. - Received a report of a slide off in Shoals. Sergeant Reed responded.

7:10 a.m. - Received a report of a burglary alarm in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

9:50 a.m. - Received a request to speak to an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennessee responded.

9:53 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

10:05 a.m. - Received a request to speak to Animal Control Officer Hughett. Animal Control Officer Hughett was advised.

11:10 a.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene, Major Keller, Deputy Wells and Loogootee Captain Hennessee responded.

11:56 a.m. - Received a report from Indiana State Police of a reckless driver in Martin County. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

1:15 p.m. - Received a request for a vin check north of Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

2:23 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check north of Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

2:50 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee Major Keller responded.

6:00 p.m. - Received a request for a vin check north of Shoals. Deputy Gibson responded.

6:58 p.m. - Received a report of debris in the road south of Loogootee. Deputy Lents responded.

7:02 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded.

11:00 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle accident in Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert and Deputy Seymour responded.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

3:01 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded.

10:55 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Major Keller responded.

1:01 p.m. - Received a phone call requesting assistance for a semi needing assistance east of Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

5:10 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. Crane EMS responded.

7:36 p.m. - Received a noise complaint

in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Floyd responded.

8:10 p.m. - Received a request to speak to an officer. Major Keller responded.

8:10 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver west of Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

9:42 p.m. - Received a noise complaint in Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded.

9:56 p.m. - Received a report of a property dispute south of Shoals. All Martin County Law Enforcement were advised.

### THURSDAY, MAY 14

12:04 a.m. - Received a report of semi stuck south of Shoals on US Hwy 150. ISP responded.

10:50 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle accident south of Shoals. Deputy Barnett and Major Keller responded.

11:30 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Deputy Barnett responded.

12:42 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle fire north of Loogootee. ISP Trooper Beaver, Major Keller, Deputy Barnett, Loogootee Fire, and Martin County EMS responded.

1:47 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock. Major Keller responded.

1:52 p.m. - Deputy Barnett assisted a disabled vehicle west of Shoals.

1:52 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check. Deputy Barnett responded.

2:36 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Loogootee. All Martin County Law Enforcement were advised.

4:12 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire responded.

4:19 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

5:34 p.m. - Received a request for a vin check. Deputy Gibson responded.

5:38 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire responded.

6:40 p.m. - Received a report of a dispute west of Shoals. Deputy Gibson responded.

8:00 p.m. - Received a noise complaint south of Shoals. Deputy Gibson responded.

8:50 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Shoals. All Martin County Law Enforcement were advised.

### FRIDAY, MAY 15

5:39 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle accident east of Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded.

5:56 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Shoals. All Martin County Law Enforcement were advised.

6:18 a.m. - Received a report of a car/deer accident south of Loogootee. LPD Captain Hennessee responded and Deputy Seymour will be doing the report.

8:50 a.m. - Received a report of a burglary alarm in Shoals. Major Keller responded.

9:16 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Major Keller responded.

10:17 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle west of Shoals. Deputy Barnett responded.

10:40 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was advised.

6:46 p.m. - Received a report of a dog fight in Crane. Animal Control Officer Hughett was advised.

7:15 p.m. - Received a request for a K9 Officer. Deputy Gibson and K-9 Spike responded.

9:51 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded.

9:55 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was advised.

10:54 p.m. - Deputy Harmon assisted a disabled vehicle near Loogootee.

### SATURDAY, MAY 16

10:28 a.m. - Received request for a vin check.

11:03 a.m. - Received a report of property found in the roadway. Deputy Barnett responded.

11:20 a.m. - Received a report of suspicious activity in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Floyd responded.

11:35 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle accident involving a fallen tree south of Shoals. Martin County EMS, Shoals Fire, Lost River Fire, Deputy Barnett, Air Evac 17 responded with two helicopters.

12:39 p.m. - Received a report of a fight in Shoals. Deputy Barnett, Sheriff Roush, Loogootee Sergeant Floyd, and ISP Trooper Dave Qualkenbush responded.

2:33 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Shoals. Deputy Barnett responded.

3:25 p.m. - Received a request for an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Floyd responded.

3:38 p.m. - Received a request for a vin check.

7:16 p.m. - Received a report of animal cruelty in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Allen and Deputy Wells responded. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was advised.

11:25 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious vehicle in Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded.

11:27 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Allen responded.

11:52 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was advised.

### SUNDAY, MAY 17

12:26 p.m. - Received a report of a dispute in Loogootee. Deputy Seymour, Loogootee Officer Allen, and ISP Trooper Nolan responded.

12:42 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS, Deputy Seymour, Loogootee Officer Allen, and ISP Trooper Nolan responded.

3:51 p.m. - Received a report regarding a vehicle wanted in an attempted robbery which may be headed for Martin County. Deputy Seymour and Loogootee Officer Allen responded.

8:45 a.m. - Received a request to speak to an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Cummings responded.

10:54 a.m. - Received a report of a line down south of Shoals. Loogootee Officer Cummings and Frontier Communications responded.

2:18 p.m. - Received a request to speak with an officer in Loogootee. Advised Loogootee Officer Cummings.

3:26 p.m. - Received a report of a hit-and-run in Loogootee. Deputy Wells and Loogootee Officer Cummings responded.

3:35 p.m. - Received a report of a dispute south of Loogootee. Deputy Wells and Loogootee Officer Cummings responded.

4:38 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

6:44 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle near Loogootee. Big John's Towing responded.

8:41 p.m. - Received a report of a structure fire in Crane. Loogootee Fire Department and Crane Fire Department responded.

9:49 p.m. - Received a request for an

ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded.

10:42 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded.

11:09 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. INDOT was advised.

## ARRESTS

### MONDAY, MAY 11

1:49 a.m. - Alias Keasling, 22, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Allen and charged with public intoxication.

6:55 p.m. - Stacey Johnson, 31, of Missouri, was arrested by Deputy Wells and charged with possession of methamphetamine. He is being held on \$30,000 10% bond.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

12:05 a.m. - Steven Truelove, 24, of Shoals, was arrested by Shoals Town Marshal Eckert and charged with leaving the scene of an accident. He is being held without bond.

6:21 a.m. - Bradley Coleman, 43, of Shoals, was arrested by Sergeant Reed on an out-of-county warrant. He is being held with no bond.

### FRIDAY, MAY 15

8:18 a.m. - Joseph Miller, 32, of Washington, was arrested by Major Keller and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, and possession of paraphernalia. He is being held without bond.

### SATURDAY, MAY 16

8:08 p.m. - Brandon Sapp, 32, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Allan and charged with animal cruelty and intimidation. He is being held without bond.

8:23 p.m. - William Chase Heckard, 19, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Barnett and charged with battery. He is being held on a \$15,000 10% bond. ISP Trooper Nolan assisted with the arrest.

10:40 p.m. - William Lee Heckard, 45, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Barnett and charged with battery. He is being held on a \$15,000 10% bond.

### SUNDAY, MAY 17

5:25 p.m. - Damon Dant, 42, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Wells and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia and operating a vehicle while intoxicated refusal. He is being held without bond.

9:00 p.m. - Ayrton Miller, 44, of Vincennes, was arrested by ISP Trooper Nolan and charged with habitual traffic violator for life. He is being held on a \$30,000 10% bond.

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# COURT NEWS

## CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCINGS

April 23

Curtis D. Brown, convicted of possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 120 days with 120 days suspended. Defendant received 4 months of probation. Also convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 267 days suspended and credit for 49 actual days previously served plus 49 Class A credit days. Defendant received 8 months of probation.

May 5

Alicia McQueen, convicted of neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 545 days with 365 days suspended and credit for 90 actual days previously served plus 90 Class A credit days. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

April 23

Curtis D. Brown, possession of paraphernalia, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; operating a vehicle with a sched-

ule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class A Infraction, dismissed; driving while suspended, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

May 5

Alicia McQueen, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 Felony, dismissed; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; maintaining a common nuisance - controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT

### New Suits Filed

May 8

Ashley Allen vs. Nathan Allen, petition for dissolution of marriage.

May 11

Patricia J. Baesel vs. Kevin Baesel, petition for dissolution of marriage.

## CIVIL COURT DISMISSED

Cash, LLC vs. Weldon Edwards, civil collection, dismissed.

Freedom Mortgage Corporation vs. Brent Wessel, mortgage foreclosure, dismissed.

## SMALL CLAIMS DISMISSED

Isha E. Wright-Ryan vs. Lacy Young, complaint, dismissed.

## Martin County real estate transfers

Rita A. Miller, of Martin County, Indiana to Thomas J. Miller, of Martin County, Indiana, a tract of land in the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 1, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 5 acres, more or less.

Brian Hawkins, of Martin County, Indiana to Tiffany M. Miller and David L. Miller, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the northeast

quarter of Section 5, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.38 acres, more or less.

Eva June Raney, of Martin County, Indiana to Heather D. Witt, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the north half of Section 11, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 6.13 acres, more or less.

Brenda S. McCauley, of Martin County, Indiana to Steven M. McCauley, of Martin County, Indiana, two acres in Section 17, Township 3 North, Range 3 West.

Brenda S. McCauley, of Martin County, Indiana to Brian S. McCauley, of Martin County, Indiana, 2.5 acres, more or less, in Section 17, Township 3 North, Range 3 West.

## Falling tree injures two juveniles near Shoals

On Saturday May 15, at approximately 11:35 a.m., the Martin County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call advising that a tree had fallen on a vehicle occupied by a driver and two juveniles in a rural area near Shoals. The caller advised dispatch that both juveniles required medical treatment due to possible head injuries and that they were en route to the Hindostan Falls area to meet first responders.

Shoals Fire Department, Martin County Ambulance, Martin County Sheriff's Office Deputy Barnett, and Air Evac Flight 17 responded. Both juveniles were transported to the University of Louisville Hospital by Air Evac Flight 17; their current condition is unknown at this time.

Lost River Fire Department responded to the scene of the fallen tree upon the car and handled removal of the tree.

# Loogootee Police log

## FRIDAY, MAY 8

9:30 a.m. - Caller requested a vehicle identification check.

1:30 p.m. - Captain Hennette and Sgt. Floyd assisted the ambulance service.

6:39 p.m. - Caller reported an animal complaint.

7:58 p.m. - Caller reported a traffic complaint on SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

8:15 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

## SATURDAY, MAY 9

1:16 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on Walnut Street.

2:12 p.m. - Report of loud music in Country Place Apartments.

3:11 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted the ambulance service.

3:50 p.m. - Received a report of a utility line down on Byron Street.

8:11 p.m. - Caller reported an animal complaint on North Line Street.

## SUNDAY, MAY 10

2:13 p.m. - Caller reported un unruly customer at a local business.

4:30 p.m. - Male caller requested a welfare check on a female.

7:23 p.m. - Caller reported a possible theft.

9:15 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance near East Broadway Street.

## MONDAY, MAY 11

9:14 a.m. - Male caller requested to speak with an officer regarding a reckless driver.

1:07 p.m. - Female came on station to report a battery.

3:12 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

8:10 p.m. - Male reported a speeding vehicle on US 231.

11:45 p.m. - Caller reported a traffic complaint on Hwy 50.

## TUESDAY, MAY 12

9:50 a.m. - Male reported an animal complaint.

11:10 a.m. - Captain Hennette assisted the county with a suspicious person call.

7:24 p.m. - Female reported possible drug activity.

9:09 p.m. - Female reported a child custody matter.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

9:30 a.m. - Female reported a civil complaint.

3:15 p.m. - Female requested a welfare check on a male.

7:35 p.m. - Report of loud music in

Sunset Trailer Court.

8:37 p.m. - Caller reported a repossession of a vehicle.

8:53 p.m. - Male reported a theft from his residence.

## THURSDAY, MAY 14

12:42 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to a vehicle fire on US 231.

2:36 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231.

5:10 p.m. - Caller reported an animal complaint.

8:20 p.m. - Female reported a civil complaint.

9:09 p.m. - Caller reported an animal complaint.

9:15 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on Hwy 50 from Shoals.

## FRIDAY, MAY 15

6:18 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted the county with a property damage accident.

10:40 a.m. - Captain Hennette assisted with an animal complaint.

6:23 p.m. - Sgt. Floyd transported a male for a mental exam.

7:50 p.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

8:30 p.m. - Female reported a possible theft.

## SATURDAY, MAY 16

11:20 a.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

12:39 p.m. - Sgt. Floyd assisted the county with a fight.

3:25 p.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

11:27 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance on Poplar Street.

## SUNDAY, MAY 17

12:26 a.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

3:51 a.m. - Dispatch advised officers to be on the look-out for a vehicle involved in a robbery in the Mitchell area.

8:45 a.m. - Caller reported a disturbance on Cedar Street.

10:54 a.m. - Caller reported a utility line down on SR 550.

3:26 p.m. - Male reported a hit-and-run accident.

3:35 p.m. - Officer Cummings assisted the county with a domestic dispute on US 231.

8:50 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to a possible fire in the Crane area. It was later determined to be a controlled burn.

## Traffic stop leads to drug charges

The Martin County Sheriff's Office conducted a traffic stop on Friday, May 15 in Shoals that led to charges for possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia.

On May 15, at approximately 7:40 a.m., Martin County Sheriff's Office Sergeant Tyler Reed, who was off duty, called the Martin County Sheriff's Office to report a vehicle that committed two moving violations and one equipment violation.

Major Keith Keller, Deputy Larry Gibson, and Sergeant Reed conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle near Poplar Street and Hedge Street in Shoals.

Deputy Gibson utilized his K9 partner, Spike, for a free air sniff around the vehicle. K9 Spike gave a positive indication

of illegal substances inside the vehicle. A search of the driver, Joseph R. Miller, 32, of Washington, resulted in locating alleged methamphetamine, marijuana, and paraphernalia.

Major Keller took Miller into custody and transported him to the Martin County Security Center without incident.

Miller is currently being held without bond.

Major Keller was assisted by Sergeant Reed, Deputy Gibson, and K9 Spike.

Miller was charged with possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor; and possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

All suspects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



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## More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



### INTERESTING? FACTS

\*“The sixth sick sheik’s sixth sheep’s sick” is said to be the toughest tongue twister in the English language.

\*What is the only food that doesn’t spoil? Honey

\*A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out.

\*All polar bears are left-handed.

\*Elephants are the only animals that can’t jump.

\*On average, people fear spiders more than they do death.

\*The human heart creates enough pressure when it pumps out to the body to squirt blood 30 feet.

\*Most lipstick contains fish scales.

\*The electric chair was invented by a dentist.

The following joke is for my friend, Lori Reynolds Carrico. She’s heard it before, but she laughs every time she hears it.

A state trooper pulled over a redneck driving a pickup truck on I-65.

The trooper asked, “Got any ID?”

The redneck replied, “Bout what?”

TWO NURSERY RHYMES we didn’t have as kids:

Mary had a little lamb,  
Her father shot it dead.  
Now it goes to school with her,  
Between two hunks of bread.

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,  
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.

All the king’s horses,

And all the king’s men  
Had scrambled eggs,  
For breakfast again.

### POSITIVISMS

\*May happiness smile on your world and in your heart.

\*When someone does something wrong, don’t forget all the things they did right.

\*Never discourage anyone who continually makes progress, no matter how slow. -Plato

\*No relationship is all sunshine, but two people can share one umbrella and survive the storm together.

\*One day someone is going to hug you so tight that all of your broken pieces will stick back together.

\*People will forget what you said. People will forget what you did. But people will never forget how you make them feel.

\*Worrying is like a rocking chair. It gives you something to do but gets you nowhere.

\*What is popular is not always right; and what is right is not always popular. But doing what is right is building integrity and no one can take your integrity from you.

\*“It has been said, ‘time heals all wounds’. I do not agree. The wounds remain. In time, the mind, protecting its sanity, covers them with scar tissue and the pain lessens. But it is never gone.” -Rose Kennedy

Make someone smile today!

## ~LETTER TO THE EDITOR~

### ‘Let us pray for President Trump and our leaders’

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

Because of the vicious attacks by the liberal media along with Democrats and pro-abortion forces in America, we are asking everyone to consider praying each day for our president and his administration. We ask you to do this so the president and his administration can continue to govern this great nation and withstand the verbal abuse that is coming his way from the liberal media and the Democrats.

These people are trying to do everything they can to bring down this administration. They will stop at nothing to discredit the president. It does not matter what President Trump says or does, they will oppose him at every decision. From the first day President Trump took office, the Democrats were looking for ways to impeach or remove him from office anyway they could. So, this is no surprise as to what he is going through. Therefore, it should not surprise us to see them using the current crisis to accomplish their agenda. That is why it is so important that we pray for the president everyday so the president can withstand the various assaults on his presidency.

President Trump has battled the liberal media and the democrats from the time he started running for president and the liberal media tries every day to twist the news or use any event to make the president look bad or reflect back on his administration. The liberal media has stooped to a new low while trying to discredit this president.

The liberal reporters no longer report the news objectively but instead they are reporting it as it fits their political agenda in order to discredit the president in any way

possible. It seems the liberal media has lost all credibility as the liberal pundits on CNN, MSNBC, CBS, ABC and NBC no longer hide their hate and discontent for our president and they use every newscast to slant the news to their political bias and to their liberal point of view. Even local TV stations are now following in this trend. If the major affiliates can do it, we can too.

Yes, the president does strike back and you cannot blame him. In spite of how unfair the coverage has been towards this president he has been able to get his message out to the American people by way of Twitter and this has frustrated the liberal pundits. We can truly understand why much of the liberal print media is in financial trouble.

In spite of the bombardment, the president and his administration continue to work for our country to make this a better place for all Americans. While our economy struggles to recover from the Covid-19 pandemic, the liberal media and the Democrat Party have weaponized the virus as a tool to bring down the president and his administration. The impeachment process did not work, so the virus became their next best hope heading towards November. Applying these types of political attacks is not in the best interest for our country, when so many are struggling to recover.

Let us continue with our prayers for President Trump. Please take time each day to lift up our president and all our elected officials in prayer. Let us pray for those who are using this turn of events in our country for political gain so they can put aside their political agenda and put the best interest of our country first.

Louis Kavanaugh Jr.  
Montgomery, Indiana

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, May 21 at 5 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent’s office and via Zoom. The meeting is open to the public. Find out how to attend the meeting on the Loogootee School website at [www.loogootee.k12.in.us](http://www.loogootee.k12.in.us).

### 5K Life Walk

The Pregnancy Care Center of Washington will be having a 5K Life Walk on Saturday, June 27. The walk begins at 9 a.m. with registration opening at 8:15 a.m. The walk starts and ends at the East-side Park Kiwanis Cabin in Washington. Cost to benefit the center is \$20 per adult and \$10 for children 12 and under. Registration forms are available online and at the Pregnancy Care Center, 705 Troy Road, Washington. Call 812-257-1041 if you have any questions. If you are unable to walk you can sponsor someone else who would like to walk. Walkers are encouraged to seek out sponsors. Sponsors can donate any amount they desire to help the center. Forms are available to list sponsors and their donation amount.

### 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 Re-

demption 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

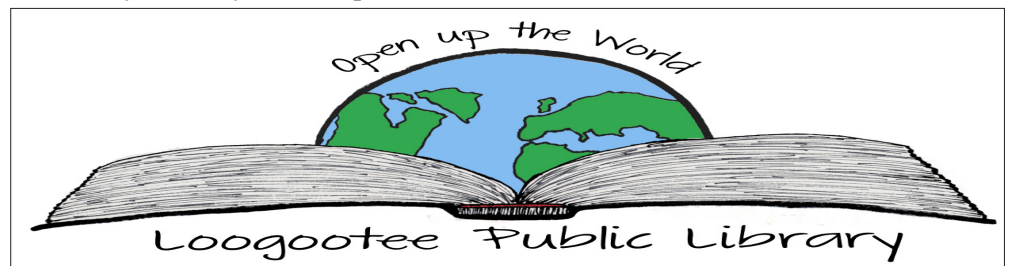
Need Skills? SOAR tutors can help! Free and confidential. Call or text Karen at 812-709-1618 to learn more. Located in the Martin County Community Learning Center Improve Your Skills, Improve Your Life!

### 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.



### BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Currently, the library is offering Grab & Go book and movie service. A patron can search the Evergreen Indiana link on the library website and place holds on materials they want to check out. The staff will pull a holds list, scan the materials, and the patron will receive an automated call notifying him/her that the holds are ready to be picked up. The patron will need to call the library to arrange a time to pick up materials. Please call 812-295-3713 and talk to staff or leave a message. When you pick up materials, please use the south side doors facing St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry and ring the doorbell.

Wi-Fi is available 24/7 and reaches to the parking lot. Password and instructions are posted on the door.

If an individual needs a fax sent or copies made, call the library and make an appointment and staff will be happy to assist you. The document service will be free for the next few weeks.

InfoExpress the library courier service via Evergreen Indiana will begin on Friday, May 22. You can begin to place holds on books and movies from other libraries.

Children’s Librarian Jen Zehr has been doing daily children’s story time Facebook Live virtual programs. She has a summer reading program registration online form posted on the library Facebook page. She has several fun activities planned for the summer.

New Books:

Mystery Fiction: “Revenge” by James Patterson and “Devoted” by Dean Koontz  
Fiction: “Journey of the Pharaohs” by Clive Cussler.

Inspirational Fiction: “One Little Lie” by Colleen Coble.

Nonfiction: “More Myself” by Alicia Keys and “Me and Patsy: Kickin Up Dust” by Loretta Lynn.

DVDs: “The Gentlemen”, “Jumanji The Next Level”, “BloodShot”

Library hours for the next two weeks will be Mon. & Fri. 10-4, Tues. & Thurs. 10-6

## Norris graduates veterinarian school



Bridget Lee Norris, daughter of Terry and Donna Norris, of Loogootee, graduated from the Texas A&M Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences with a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine on Wednesday May 6 in College Station, Texas. The graduation was held virtually because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Bridget is the granddaughter of John (Jack - deceased), Ruth Ann and Patricia (maternal grandmother - deceased) Norris of Loogootee. Bridget has accepted a position as an emergency care veterinarian with the Wellborn Road Veterinary Medical Center in College Station, Texas.



# LOOGOOTEE HIGH SCHOOL 2020 Senior SPOTLIGHTS



**KENDRA LYTHGOE**

Kendra Jane Lythgoe is the daughter of Brenda and Dave Lythgoe. After graduation, Kendra plans to attend the University of Southern Indiana to study social work. While in high school, Kendra participated in Spanish Club (9-11), Beta Club (9), Chorus (9), Pep Club (10-12), SADD Club (12), Cadet teaching (12), Student Council (10-12), Show Choir (9), and Softball (9).



**LUKE GREGORY**

Luke R. Gregory is the son of Monty and Brooke Gregory. After graduation, Luke plans to enter the workforce. While in high school, Luke participated in Students for Life (11) and Track (11-12).



**SARAH WAGLER**

Sarah Ann Wagler is the daughter of Jennifer Wagler. After graduation, Sarah plans to attend Rose-Hulman to study biomedical engineering. While in high school, Sarah participated in Band (9-12), Beta Club (9-12), Cheerleading (12), Chorus (9-12), Lionettes (9-12), Recycling Club (9), Musical (9-12), Student Council (9-11), Spanish Club (9-12), Spell Bowl (9), Show Choir (9-12), Class Treasurer (9), and was the Lionettes Captain (11-12).



**SEAN PAGE**

Sean C. Page is the son of Brenda and Brian Ward. After graduation, he plans to attend Rose Hulman to study computer engineering. While in high school, Sean participated in Band (9-12), Beta Club (10-12), Job Shadow (12), Spanish Club (9-11), Track (9-12), and Cross Country (9-11).

## CLASSIFIED ADS

### FOR SALE

**FOR SALE:** Cemetery saddles, flowers and wreaths at the Bell Shack. Located 231 north just before Biggins. Call 812-296-1500 for questions.

### YARD SALES

**BURNS CITY TOWNWIDE** Yard Sales. June 13, 8 a.m.-?

### HELP WANTED

#### Martin County Auditor's Office Part Time Clerical Position

16-24 Hours per Week

Duties include property transfers, deductions, property maintenance and various office duties. Must be proficient in Microsoft applications.

Must be able to pass drug screen

**Email resume to: [babel@martincounty.in.gov](mailto:babel@martincounty.in.gov)**

**812-247-3731**

Equal Opportunity Employer

### HELP WANTED

#### Parkview Village Christian Care, in Odon, is taking applications.

Please apply online at [www.parkview-village.org](http://www.parkview-village.org) or contact us for an application at 812-636-3000.



If you are a honest, dependable, good work ethic, and love the elderly, you will enjoy working at Parkview.

### Shoals School Custodian

**Posting Date: 5/18/20**

**Job Opening: Custodian**

Qualifications: Preferred High School Diploma or Equivalent

Pay: Hourly According to Non-Certified Salary Schedule  
Starting Rate \$10.50 per hour

Benefits: Life Insurance, PERF Covered Position,  
Paid Leave Days

Position Details: 40 Hours Per Week with Benefits

Apply To: Doug Wagoner

11741 Ironton Road

Shoals IN 47581

Phone: 812-247-2060

Email: [doug.wagoner@shoals.k12.in.us](mailto:doug.wagoner@shoals.k12.in.us)

Date: Until Filled

### HELP WANTED



**OUR COMPANY IS GROWING!!!**

We have expanded our operations at our Loogootee Manufacturing facility and are in search of additional sewing machine operators!

Sewing Machine Operator positions are full-time, work Monday through Friday, first shift hours (ending at 3:30 p.m. most days), with occasional overtime and flex schedules required. Operators work as a team creating multiple final products including garments, totes, belts and more that meet Made in the USA specified standards. **NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED** and on-the-job training is provided.

We are also proud to announce a new starting rate of \$10 per hour and the ability to earn bonuses that increase your hourly rate!

These are full time positions which offer a healthy benefit package including medical, dental and vision insurance as well as short and long term disability, life, accident and critical illness insurance plans. KCARC has an excellent retirement plan and an Employee Assistance Program. Employees have access to the Wellness Clinic including medications and labs at NO CHARGE if they participate in the health insurance plan. We also offer generous paid time off (almost 3 weeks after the first year), employee referral bonuses, longevity pay and more. A High School Diploma or equivalent preferred, but not required.

**Apply today at [www.knoxcountync.com/careers](http://www.knoxcountync.com/careers)**

### HELP WANTED

#### Director of Solid Waste District

The Solid Waste Management District Board of Directors of Martin County are currently seeking a full-time District Director with solid waste or other management experience.

The Director is responsible for all aspects of the operation of the District including managing the Recycling Center and all of the employees and special waste disposal and education for Martin County.

The Director reports directly to the county Solid Waste Board.

Salary and benefits are commensurate with experience

Excellent Driving record required.

Include level of education, job history, and dates in your resume.

A copy of the job description can be found on the Martin County Recycling Facebook page.

Only resumes received by mail to the address listed below will be accepted.

**The last date to accept resumes is May 22, 2020**

**Mail Resume to:**

**Martin County Solid Waste District, c/o Director  
PO Box 343, Loogootee, IN 47553**

## Keep wildlife wild this spring

This is the time of the year when you may start to notice nests and dens occupied by young wildlife around your home. If you do, help keep wildlife wild by remembering the following if you encounter a young animal alone:

- Adult animals rarely abandon their young. Parents often leave young unattended for long periods of time to gather food and may only return a few times a day. A nest or den without a parent present does not necessarily mean that the young have been abandoned.

- Do not hover to see if a parent has come back to its young. An adult animal will not return if people or pets are close to the nest or den. Give the young space and only check back periodically. If you can't tell if a parent has checked on a nest, place straw or grass over the nest and return later to see if it has been disturbed.

- Young wildlife should not be handled. Human scent is unlikely to cause parents



to abandon their young; however, handling young wildlife and disturbance of a nest can alert predators to the young animal's presence. Young may also carry disease or parasites they can transfer to people or pets and are capable of biting or scratching.

Rescuing young wildlife is legal, keeping them is not. Rescued wildlife must be given to a permitted wildlife rehabilitator within 24 hours. For a list of wildlife rehabilitators or more information on orphaned and injured wildlife, visit: [on.IN.gov/keepwildlifewild](http://on.IN.gov/keepwildlifewild).

## DNR seeks volunteer paddlers for wildlife monitoring

The DNR is asking paddlers to report their wildlife observations while paddling Indiana waterways from June 1 to July 31.

Paddling is a great way to enjoy Indiana's natural beauty, observe wildlife, and connect with nature, and DNR is hoping to collect more information about the wildlife that frequents Indiana's waterways. Hoosiers who paddle can collect information that will help Indiana manage wildlife for future generations.

The Indiana Paddlecraft Wildlife Index compiles wildlife observations from people who use canoes, kayaks, or other

non-motorized paddlecraft around the Hoosier state. Volunteer paddlers can help by signing up to complete paddling trip postcards documenting the wildlife they observe while on the water.

The collected information will allow wildlife managers to estimate changes in key wildlife populations over time. With paddlers' help, DNR may also gain insight into new locations where these species live.

Those interested can learn more or sign up to volunteer by visiting [on.IN.gov/Paddlecraftindex](http://on.IN.gov/Paddlecraftindex).

## Video shows how to maximize safety during outdoor fun

A new DNR video shows safety guidelines related to COVID-19 to follow during visits to DNR's public lands. These guidelines include things like visiting parks and public lands close to home, wearing a mask and bringing hand sanitizer with you, washing your hands frequently, avoiding crowded parking lots and not parking on the grass, and practicing social distancing and "carry-in, carry-out" with your trash and other items you bring with you.

The video is on the DNR Youtube site at <https://youtu.be/2zWiGGGcm2c>, and will be posted on DNR social media sites over the next few days.

The video features Indiana State Park staff, and even a bald eagle, the resident educational ambassador that travels the state for programs with the team from Hardy Lake's Dwight Chamberlain Raptor Center.

### Shooting ranges reopening

Starting the week of May 18, most DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife-owned shooting ranges began to reopen.

All facilities will be following COVID-19 social distancing and cleaning requirements. Restrictions will reduce the number of recreational shooters on the shooting ranges at a given time.

All FWA shooting ranges, except the one at Willow Slough FWA, will reopen starting the week of May 18. Shooting range hours differ between ranges. Check open days and hours before visiting. Willow Slough FWA's range will remain closed until further notice.

Shooting range hours and information can be found at [wildlife.IN.gov/3648.htm](http://wildlife.IN.gov/3648.htm).

Keep up with related information at [on.IN.gov/dnrcovid19](http://on.IN.gov/dnrcovid19), on social media, and at property gates and bulletin boards.

## COMMISSIONERS

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cannot restart until Sunday, May 24. He is hoping that changes to Friday, May 22, so campers can have all of Memorial Day weekend however if the governor does not bump it back to Friday, they will have a lot of cancellations to take care of. He said that if the governor's order remains, camping will resume at the park starting at 7 a.m. on Sunday, May 24 and 8 a.m. at Glendale. Hibbs said they will be increasing cleaning of bathrooms, the playground, etc. once the park reopens. The activity center will be closed inside but outside activities are planned. The beach will also be open with social distancing in place.

Commissioner Aaron Summers asked Hibbs if the park has taken a huge loss due to COVID. Hibbs replied that he hasn't looked at the numbers yet and doesn't want to until after Memorial Day weekend. "I don't want to look at it and get depressed," he said. He did note however that as of the end of April, the park had only had a five percent decrease in revenue from the previous year adding that if Memorial Day weekend doesn't happen, he fears the hit will be very large.

The commissioners decided to change the dates the courthouse is closed due to the postponing of the Catfish Festival. The courthouse will be open July 2 and closed July 3 and open July 30 and closed July 31. The set up for the Catfish festival is July 30.



Last week, we discussed the many names a single plant may acquire. Plants are called different things in different places, and that does not mean that one is right and another wrong. It is for that reason that the method of naming plants by Latin binomials was invented, but even that system is far from perfect, as plants sometimes get re-assigned when more is learned about them.

During the Middle Ages, a system known as the Doctrine of Signatures was used to name some plants. According to this doctrine, plants resemble the body part for which they are a treatment. The common garden plant known as lungwort has spotted, fuzzy leaves which resemble diseased lungs. Even the Latin name, *pulmonaria*, echoes that resemblance. Similarly, the aquatic plant bladderwort was thought to resemble the bladder, and therefore must be able to treat bladder diseases. The "wort" on many plant names is actually from an old English word for "plant". Most generally, plants given that moniker were thought to be medicinal plants.

Another old word often attached to plants is "bane". Plants which were banes were believed to drive away something. Therefore, fleabane was thought to keep fleas out of the garden. One would plant dogbane to discourage dogs from entering a garden. I have several of these bane plants at Sandhill Gardens. While some people consider daisy fleabane a weed, I leave some growing, especially in some of the wilder parts of the garden. My mother was fond of daisy fleabane, especially those that have flowers with pink petals, and I think of her when I see those little daisies in the garden. Still, the fleabane does not seem to work here. There are still fleas hanging around and I have to give Buddy a monthly treatment to keep the fleas off of him. Dogbane does not deter dogs from the garden either. However, I am happy to report that at

least one of the bane plants I grow seems to be working. I have some leopard bane growing in a garden bed and since planting it, I have not seen a single leopard in the garden. Come to think of it, I never saw one before planting it either.

This week, garden work was hindered by periods of rain. I was itching to get some of the bedding plants in the garden beds, but I resisted the temptation and scratched my planting itch with pots. I have slowly begun moving houseplants outside for the summer. It is a good time to assess to see what plants need new pots. I am afraid that I waste a lot of time just trying to pick the perfect pot for each and every plant. Then comes the placement. Some plants will go around the fountain off my patio, but others will be placed throughout the garden as accent plants. The foliage of the daffodils and other spring ephemerals is dying down and placing pots in those spots helps prevent digging up bulbs while keeping the garden interesting. My biggest challenge is placing my growing succulent collection. Contrary to conventional belief, not all succulents want to be in direct sun, but they do need to be placed where they will have good drainage. I would like to build a special display, but for now, they are going to have to sit on an old bench.

I have been busy potting up both houseplants and garden plants for my annual plant exchange. Gardeners are welcome to bring plants to exchange on Saturday, May 23 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. We will, of course, practice social distancing and if you have symptoms, please do not come. In past years, people have brought garden art, tools and even clothing to exchange for plants. Plant exchanges are a great way to meet others who share a love of gardening and a great way to increase your plant palette. Sandhill Gardens is located north of Prospect at 3061 N. County Road 810 W. (Sandhill Road), West Baden Springs.

it next month, before scheduling the presentation.

Auditor Abel suggested that the commissioners and a few outlying county offices establish county email addresses so they can be protected by RTC for cybersecurity. She said that some people are using Gmail accounts which are not secure and cannot be monitored by RTC. The commissioners approved Abel's recommendation with a compliance date to get the email addresses created by June 1.

Linda Evans-Dillon, the county's veteran service officer, asked if the commissioners were ready to allow the veterans' van to start transporting veterans to medical appointments. It was noted that the van usually transports one or two patients at a time. After discussion, the commissioners said the van could restart transports as long as the patients and van driver were okay with it. They said the van needs to be thoroughly cleaned after each transport, however.

Due to the sneeze guards ordered for the courthouse offices being on back order, the commissioners decided to lock all offices once absentee voting starts to allow voters to enter the building. It was noted that this is only if the sneeze guards are not installed prior to May 26, the start of in-person voting at the courthouse.

The next commissioners' meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 3 at 5:30 p.m. The courthouse will be closed on Tuesday, June 2 for the election.

County Attorney Dave Lett told the commissioners they needed to extend the emergency declaration for the county again. The commissioners have been approving the declaration a week at a time and doing so to allow the county to qualify for federal funding.

Auditor Abel said Matrix Integration wanted to know if they should move forward with phase two of the telephone upgrades, which would now be at the sheriff's department. The courthouse has already been upgraded. Auditor Abel said there are some funds available however she is unaware of what the jail upgrades will cost. She added that she knows the jail's phone system is in need of improvement.

Commissioner George asked how much money has been spent so far for COVID-related expenses. Auditor Abel replied that the county council approved \$10,000 and around \$6,000 has been spent so far. The commissioners decided to wait on Matrix moving on to the jail until they had time to look at the finances.

Auditor Abel said that StatFlight, a medical helicopter service, would like to come to the commissioners to give a presentation. She asked the commissioners if they were interested in that. Commissioner George said that unless the City of Loogootee and Town of Shoals were in favor of helping pay for the service, he didn't think it would be feasible. The commissioners decided to wait until after the city and town boards meet and discuss