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## Commissioners open paving bids

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The Martin County Commissioners opened two bids for paving with the Community Crossings grant at their meeting Tuesday night, June 16. The bid from E&B of Bloomington was \$841,772 and from Milestone was \$855,204.

No bids were received for the bridge projects so the highway department will be re-advertising for two more weeks.

The commissioners will take the bids under advisement to be reviewed by Tim Hunt, with HWC Engineering. Hunt said that the bids are around \$84,000 more than what was received in the Community Crossings grant so they will need to comb through them to find some reductions. He will bring those recommendations back to

the commissioners at their next meeting on June 30. Hunt said that bids have to be awarded by August 15, per INDOT.

Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett said he will be going to the county council at their next meeting to see if some of the MVH (motor vehicle highway) funds can be used to work on a few blacktop roads. Commissioner Paul George asked Padgett if he will be asking for additional monies or if it was money already in the highway budget. Padgett said it will be money in the highway budget but it needs council approval to be transferred around.

Hunt, with HWC, said they are currently ironing out an issue on the erosion issue at Brooks Bridge. Hunt said the DNR wants trees planted on the river bank to hold the erosion control devices that will be used. He said they think the request is "silly" as

the trees will not help with the erosion. He said they are currently arguing this with DNR and will come back to the commissioners when the issue is resolved.

Hunt said that he will be presenting the bridge inspection contract to the commissioners soon. He said his firm was able to reduce the cost to \$236,000, down from \$270,000 from the last bridge inspection. This will be paid over a four-year period.

Dave Welsh, with German American, provided information on the county's workman's compensation policy. He started by thanking the commissioners for allowing him to be the agent on the policy and wanted the commissioners to know that even though he doesn't live in Martin County, German American does have an office in the county and they are (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 2)



STEVE NOLAN

## Steven Nolan receives 2019 Jasper Trooper of the Year award

Indiana State Police Jasper District Commander Lieutenant Jason Allen recently announced the recipient of the 2019 Indiana State Police Jasper District Trooper of the Year. This honor is bestowed upon a district trooper that illustrates the department's standards and expectations as related to the mission of the department.

The 2019 Jasper District Trooper of the Year is Trooper Steven D. Nolan. Trooper Nolan's performance and accomplishments during 2019 were worthy of such recognition and have earned him this award. Trooper Nolan is a three-year veteran of the Indiana State Police.

Trooper Nolan was nominated for this award by the Jasper District Command Team. During 2019, Trooper Nolan concentrated his traffic and criminal enforcement efforts on DUI, drug enforcement, and associated crimes. Trooper Nolan made 20 DUI arrests and 107 criminal arrests, most of which were drug and/or alcohol related. Nolan regularly assists the Martin and Daviess County Sheriff's Department and all local agencies with calls of service. Trooper Nolan is currently assigned to the Martin and Daviess county squad. Nolan is a graduate of the 76th ISP Recruit School.

Lieutenant Jason Allen commented, "Trooper Nolan sets an example for all of us in his professionalism whether in uniform or not. Nolan takes great pride in representing the Indiana State Police and we are very proud to have him as a Trooper assigned to the Jasper Post."

Nolan resides in Martin County with his family.

## Chamber dinner cancelled; scholarships announced

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce has cancelled their annual dinner this year due to the COVID-19. They will honor all table sponsors and all tickets sold to this year's event for 2021. Please hold on to those tickets. The chamber has honored two seniors from each school with the Chamber Annual Scholarship - from Loogootee High School the winner was Makenzie Wagoner and from Shoals High School the winner was Lindsey Robinson.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Chamber Office at 812-295-4093.

## Shoals Council discusses trailers, erosion problems, town marshal's suspension

The Shoals Town Council met Monday June 8. Those in attendance were Council Members Cecil Ragsdale, Cary D. Albright, and Clint Hoffman; Municipal Utilities Manager Kevin Crecelius, Clerk-Treasurer Sierra Rutledge, Town Marshal Todd Eckert, S.V.F.D Chief Jim Hamby, and Town Attorney Dave Lett.

Others in attendance were Audrey Sorrells, Tyler Price, Monty Gregory, Kevin Boyd and Brandon Barnard with Uni-First Corporation.

Municipal Utilities Manager Kevin Crecelius was asked for any updates concerning the utilities departments. Councilman Albright asked if there were

any major leaks still needing repaired. Crecelius stated there were some small leaks that the crew was trying to get repaired. Crecelius stated the leaks he had on near the intersection of the Upper Circle Drive and Lynwood intersection had been repaired and connected to the water main. Crecelius said he still has some work to do in that area. He stated he also is doing some work at Hopper Lane.

Crecelius asked if there was an update on the dump truck bed. Clerk-Treasurer Rutledge stated the bed was ordered but that she was told it could take longer than normal to receive it due to COVID-19 and she would follow up with Meyer Truck Equipment tomorrow. Council Member Ragsdale stated he would like to obtain pricing for a new front bumper for the dump truck as well.

Council Member Albright stated he had received assigned serial numbers for the two trucks that had been ordered for the utilities department. He said he still has no date on when they will be delivered but this means that they have been assigned to the production line.

Audrey Sorrells and Tyler Price came before the council and stated that they reside at 802 Lower Circle Drive and were experiencing storm water runoff that was causing erosion problems and concerns in their yard. Sorrells said the run-off is coming down Street No. 1 and has dug a ditch through their yard and is causing tree roots to be exposed. She said they have filled sinkholes continuously after each rain and the problem became increasingly worse since the new pavement was done last summer. Utilities Manager Crecelius agreed there are stormwater issues in that area and they are trying to get to them. Sorrells asked if there was a possibility of getting some fill dirt to help cover the tree roots back up. Crecelius stated he will address the area as soon as they can.

Monty Gregory stated he owned the property located at 416 Stephens Street. He asked if there was something that could be done with the neighboring lot located at 406 Stephens Street. He said he feels it should be addressed due to small children living in the area. There (See 'COUNCIL' on page 2)

## Shoals School Board gets ready for new school year

The Shoals School Board met June 11. 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, Kindra Hovis, Shannon Wagoner, Tina Sullivan, and Leeza Adams. Patrons in attendance were Ashton Albright, Christin Johnson, Megan Hawkins, and Jordan Berry.

The board approved the following personnel recommendations:

- Christin Johnson as a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher.
- Megan Hawkins as a 2<sup>nd</sup>-grade teacher.
- Ashton Albright as a preschool teacher.
- Lori Black for the custodial position.
- Bridgette Bush to fill in for Alisha Troutman in the cafeteria during the month of June
- Brooke Buffington resigned as special needs/general education preschool teacher
- Tammy Cooper to work an additional 17 days this summer to help with the summer food program
- Myrna Greene to transition to half school psychologist and half elementary counselor.
- Aimee Harder as junior varsity volleyball coach
- Taylor Atkinson as varsity assistant volleyball coach
- Alyssa Fithian as 8th grade volleyball coach
- Jill Holt as 7th grade volleyball coach
- Michael Archer and Cory Roush as volunteer volleyball coaches
- Chris Boswell as varsity soccer coach
- Reva Troutman as varsity assistant and JV soccer coach

-Cody Douglas as middle school soccer coach

-Larry Sherfick as soccer volunteer

-Allison Boyd, Hope Self, Megan Hawkins, Dale Brown and Alisha Asbell as volunteer girls' basketball coaches

-Jon Perry as JV boys' basketball coach

-Tim Sorrells as freshmen boys' basketball coach

-Mike Cooper, John Sukup, John Wright, Klayton Tichenor, Dillon Cornett, Dylan Erwin, Kenyon Sorrells, and Edmund Neeley as volunteer boys' basketball coaches

-Kyle Turpin as girls' varsity basketball coach

-JD Turpin as volunteer basketball coach

-Bobbi Turpin as volunteer girls' basketball coach

The high school principal requested to post the position of testing coordinator/disciplinarian and submitted the job description for a first reading.

The assistant cafeteria manager requested to create a separate bank account for parents paying electronically for the upcoming school year. The board approved.

Superintendent Roush requested to donate or dispose of old pencil machines. The board approved.

The board accepted a donation from Susan Dye for the cafeteria fund.

The board approved a resolution to terminate joint services agreement effective June 30, 2021.

The high school textbook rental and the middle school and high school fees for the 2020-2021 school year were presented. The board approved.

The Shoals Elementary General Edu- (See 'SCHOOL YEAR' on page 2)



# COUNCIL

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are large holes and ditches that someone could fall into. Council Member Ragsdale said he noticed the property had overgrowth this morning when he drove by and was going to request an ordinance violation letter be sent. Ragsdale instructed the letter be sent to the property owner.

Gregory also asked about the land he came to the council about a few months back. The land is located on a corner of the land he owns on McCormick Street. He said he made contact with the owner, but he isn't interested in selling to him. He said should the town receive any of the land, he would still like to have the option to obtain it.

Next was an update from the Town of Shoals Beautification Board. President Amber Hoffman was unable to attend the meeting, so Clint Hoffman stated that the Spring Planting Day was held, and Amber wanted to thank all of the volunteers that helped. The two new flower beds are still being worked on, but all of the bridge boxes were installed and planted. Due to COVID-19, the Beautification Board did not have a monthly meeting.

Kevin Boyd asked for an ordinance 2019-1 approval. Boyd stated he owned a mobile home that was currently located on Doane Lane and he had to move it out by July 1 per the owner's request. Boyd was seeking permission to move the mobile to North Main Street on a lot he owns that used to have a mobile home located on it.

Town Marshal Eckert asked what the timeline would be for the mobile home to be completely set up as there were still others that had previously been approved and were not finished.

Boyd stated he was finally able to gather things he needed in order to complete the work. Ragsdale said that he knows things have been out of normal with the COVID pandemic but March 1 was the deadline for the mobile homes on 2nd Street to be moved and it was probably around six months before that for the mobile home on Low Street that still isn't underpinned. Boyd stated he had a deadline on this trailer of July 1.

Councilman Albright stated he had a deadline with the town for the other mobile homes, and the board has to go off of that.

Boyd stated he understood but it is still his property and he is doing what he can constantly working to make improvements.

After further discussion, Council Member Albright made a motion for Boyd to move the mobile home from Doane Lane to North Main Street pending the tie downs and underpinning are completed. Councilman Ragsdale made the second and all were in favor.

Council Member Ragsdale stated that personnel actions needed to be addressed. Council Member Albright made a motion that Town Marshal Todd Eckert be placed on a three-day unpaid suspension starting with Tuesday of the current week based on a personnel meeting that was previously held. Councilman Hoffman made the second and all were in favor. Eckert asked about his K-9 and the board agreed for her to stay under his care during the time period.

Council Member Ragsdale stated the board needed to address a complaint received about changing Street No. 1 to West 1st Street. Clerk-Treasurer Rutledge said her office attempted to call the residents that live on the street to let them know the name change would be discussed in the meeting should they want to attend.

After a discussion, the board kept their stance on changing Street No. 1 to W. 1st Street.

Rutledge said she would continue to

work with the sheriff's office to get the 911 map change over complete and that the new signs are ready to be put up once the 911 information is changed.

Clerk-Treasurer Rutledge presented a renewal for Traveler's Insurance for the fire department workman's compensation plan. She said with the change to DeWitt Insurance for the liability insurance, she needed to know if the board wanted to keep the agent of record as Thompson Insurance or change to DeWitt Insurance. Councilman Albright made a motion to do a change to the agent of record to DeWitt Insurance with Councilman Hoffman making the second and all were in favor.

Rutledge presented the board with a sheet of COVID-19 related expenses, to date, that the town has incurred.

Rutledge stated she would like approval to order two new trash cans for the boat landing area. She said there is currently only one and people are leaving trash on the ground. Councilman Albright made a motion to approve Rutledge to purchase the items with Councilman Hoffman making the second and all were in favor.

Rutledge then introduced Brandon Barnard with UniFirst Corporation. Rutledge said she needed approval to move forward with a service agreement for the rug and soap service and also to add a uniform service for the utility employees. Rutledge stated they did not renew the contract with Sitex and that ended on 5/31/2020. She said changes from Sitex from UniFirst was a noticeable price change. Councilman Albright made a motion to approve a service agreement with UniFirst with Councilman Hoffman making the second with the clerk-treasurer arranging the details of what is needed for the service.

Rutledge stated she received the report for the 1st round of runs for the Shoals Volunteer Firefighters and needed approval to pay them. Councilman Albright made a motion to pay the 1st round runs with Councilman Hoffman making and all were in favor.

Rutledge presented a meter deposit return for R. Thimling, meter deposit applies for J. Spurgeon, K. Boyd and a meter transfer for S. Gibson. Council Albright made a motion to accept the meter depository apply and returns as presented with Councilman Hoffman making the second.

Rutledge stated the advertisement for the Community Crossings Paving Grant had been published and bids were being accepted until June 17 at 10 a.m. She said the special session for the bid opening would be held at that time.

Rutledge let the council know she had submitted a Letter of Intent for the Ready Opportunities Implementation Round III Grant on behalf of the town and that the park board had also submitted a Letter of Intent as well.

Rutledge told the board that two appraisals for the property on Lynwood Street that the town is interested in had been received. She stated she had copies for the board to review in order to decide the next steps to be taken.

Shoals Fire Chief Jim Hamby let the council know the birthday patrol runs had been completed and were no longer taking place. He said 66 birthday runs were completed.

Utilities Manager Crecelius told the board that his CCR report was ready for print and he would be working with the clerk-treasurer's office to assist with getting them out to the public this year.

With no further business to discuss Councilman Albright made a motion to adjourn with Councilman Hoffman making the second and the meeting closed at 6:45 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 13 at 6 p.m.

# SCHOOL YEAR

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cation Preschool and Daycare Discipline Policy, the Shoals Elementary proposed handbook changes for the 2020-2021 school year, the updated 403(b) plan, the proposed high school student handbook changes for the 2020-2021 school year, the proposed middle school student handbook changes for the 2020-2021 school year, and the proposed cafeteria policies handbook for the 2020-2021 school year and updated state-mandated pricing were presented as a second reading.

High School Principal Kindra Hovis opened with congratulations to the Beta Club for winning the National Beta Award-District of Distinction Status & Merit Award. (Only 20 schools nationwide received the district of distinction status). She wanted to thank everyone who is involved in Beta and their hard work. Senior Cruise-in was a huge success. All but 10 seniors were able to participate. She offered a big thank you to the town council for organizing the event and for all of the area businesses who made donations towards the signs and shirts. Prom will be held on July 18 and will have a formal dinner for students with the opportunity to get a professional photo taken. After dinner, students will be released to the junior class parents for post-prom activities. The decision will be made whether dinner will take place in the new gym or at the 4-H grounds. Senior Honor Night will take place on Thursday, July 23 at 6 p.m. in the new gym for all seniors, their parents, staff, board members, and scholarship presenters. If a senior video gets finished, it will be shown during this ceremony. Graduation will be on July 25. After polling the seniors, almost 70 percent voted to have a ceremony outside at 10 a.m. Hovis offered a big thank you to the teachers for getting through eLearning days, students, especially the seniors for being optimistic throughout this ordeal, maintenance for the sanitizing of the buildings, cafeteria workers, bus drivers, and aides for ensuring the students still received food, Dr. Roush for being an exceptional leader during this time of uncharted waters.

Elementary Principal Shannon Wag-

# COMMISSIONERS

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very involved in the community. He said they have donated \$31,000 to local organizations so they do give back locally. He said he didn't want to "throw shade" at any other previous insurance agents but did want the commissioners to know that he is invested in the success of the county. He said he does a lot behind the scenes that doesn't get talked about.

Welsh went on to go through the county employee workman's compensation policy and how claims have affected it over the past few years. Welsh said that due to some large claims, the policy saw an increase from last year to \$66,273. Welsh said he hadn't come to the commissioners before now with the new policy amount because he has been negotiating. He was able to get the premium reduced from \$73,637.

Along with safety meetings, a safety manual, an active shooter training, Welsh said they are discussing implementing a Return to Work program which will help with workman's comp premiums. Welsh said that the lowest premium the county could get, based on zero workplace accidents, would be \$37,337. At the worst rating, the county would be paying \$109,000.

Commissioner George said he believes the county was paying over \$100,000 a few years ago. Welsh said that the year before he took over the policy, they were. Implementing the safety programs has helped lower the premiums the last few years but a large claim last year bumped them back up. He said that the county still has room for improvement.

oner began with updated information on Kindergarten Round Up. The dates they have set aside will be on July 21 and 22. Jonathan Cropp will complete physical assessments on July 22. Following social distancing guidelines, students will be assessed in pairs. Preschool graduation will be held on July 24 with a tentative time of 6 p.m. Upcoming this school year will be Jennifer Guinn as the new Reading Specialist and Mimi Hawkins as the 2nd-grade teacher. A big thank you was offered to Brooke Buffington for her years of service to the preschool students and families. The school wishes her the best with her future endeavors. A shoutout to Ben Kent for a fantastic job in the reconstruction of the soon to be Digital Fabrication Lab. Also, to Cindy McNabb for all of her training with the lab.

Dr. Roush told the board about a \$50,000 Next Level Up grant that will be shared with Mitchell and Orleans and will help the construction trades program. She also shared with the board that the school is considering joining a health insurance trust with other small schools in order to help lower health insurance rates.

She shared two new laws with the board regarding teacher evaluations and student discipline. These will be discussed with the teachers in the coming weeks and brought back to the board at a later meeting.

Dr. Roush welcomed the three new teachers and shared the excitement to have them in the school next year and thanked Brooke Buffington for her years of service and dedication to the students at Shoals Elementary School. She explained that the budget season is quickly approaching, and she will bring the budget calendar to the next board meeting. She shared the progress on the new elementary innovation lab and the intention to have a booth at the catfish festival.

Before adjournment, Christin Johnson, Megan Hawkins, and Ashton Albright all wanted to thank the board and Mrs. Wag- oner for the opportunity to be at Shoals and are excited for what this year has to bring. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

After the presentation, the commissioners voted unanimously to keep Welsh as the agent of record.

Julia Albright, with the Martin County Health Department, updated the commissioners on the COVID-19 numbers in the county. She said that the state has taken over contact tracing so it has free her up to do other things. She said she has been working with the school systems to come up with their plans for this fall and with the fair board on how to conduct the fair.

Purdue Extension Educator Dena Held provided the commissioners with information on this year's fair. They have modified fair activities and the information can be found on their website.

The commissioners renewed the emergency declaration for the county as to continue to qualify for COVID-related federal aid.

Auditor Bobbie Abel said the courthouse has been experiencing many power failures throughout the day which is affecting the workday along with court proceedings downstairs. She said she isn't sure what the problem is but didn't think it was the courthouse. The commissioners suggested she contact Duke Energy and see if they know what the issue is.

The commissioners approved the auditor purchasing the digital recording equipment that was discussed at the last meeting. Abel said that she will be attending a meeting in Daviess County soon to see how the system works. The software to transcribe the online meetings into text is \$3,455. The cost includes the software, microphone and training. There is also a \$350 annual licensing fee.



# OBITUARIES

## SHERRY DIAMOND

Sherry Lee Diamond passed away June 10, 2020 at IU Health Bloomington Hospital. A resident of Shoals, she was 73.



**SHERRY DIAMOND**

She was born January 1, 1947 in Shoals; daughter of Robert Leroy and Beulah Mae (Cundiff) Sheetz. She married William Carrico and he preceded her in death

in 1996, then Hendley Diamond and he preceded her in death in 2019.

She was retired and was a former member of The Shoals Eagles and the Shoals V.F.W. Auxiliary.

Surviving relatives are two sons, Jack (Marilyn) Carrico of Huntingburg and Brian (Lisa) Carrico of Bedford; two step daughters, Julie Pemberton and Amy Gaines; six grandchildren, Heath Wright, Bradley (Hannah) Carrico, Travis (Elizabeth) Carrico, Andrew (Gabbie) Carrico, Summer (John) Martin and Melissa Carrico; two step granddaughters, Taylor Gaines and Emma Pemberton; great grandchildren, Katelyn Wright, Haleigh and Mya Martin, Brienne Carrico and Hendley Dixon; one sister, Ruth Ann Brinson of Lebanon; one sister-in-law, Judy Sheetz of Jasper; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death are her parents, one son, Billy Joe Carrico; one daughter, Melissa Carrico; one brother, Douglas Sheetz; and a brother-in-law, Charles Brinson.

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 13 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with burial in the Trinity Springs Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes is in charge of the arrangements.

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## ELIZABETH HART

Elizabeth Louise (Betty Lou) Hart passed away peacefully Sunday, June 14, 2020 at her home surrounded by her family and beloved caregivers. She was 61.



**ELIZABETH HART**

She was born on January 10, 1959, in Jasper; the 3<sup>rd</sup> child of John and Barbara (Alberti) Hart.

Betty attended and graduated from the Rosemary Kennedy School in Washington. She was a lifelong employee of the Red Door Industries in Loogootee, which she took great pride in and enjoyed very much. Betty Lou enjoyed listening to music, doing puzzles, dancing and watching her favorite videos and movies. She loved playing cards and doing word searches. She was a sweet kind personality who exuded joy and happiness and always had a smile for everyone she met.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Betty is survived by her brothers and sisters, John Pat (Debbie) Hart Jr., Janice (Dennis) Hensley, Gary (Pam) Hart, Carolyn (Joe) Craney, Laura (Greg) Symanski, Mary Lynn (Tony) Walker, and Charles (Beverly) Sinclair and one aunt, Norma VanLue. She also had many nieces, nephews and cousins who cherished and adored her.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Rev. Sudhakar Bhastati at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 18 at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Montgomery. Funeral services will also be live streamed on St. Peter's Catholic Church Facebook page for those who cannot attend in person. Burial will follow in St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, June 17 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at St. Peter's Catholic Church and Thursday, June 18 from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. at the church.

Betty and the family were truly blessed to have three amazing caregivers – Beverly Wagler, Jennifer Graber and Martha Knepp who cared for her like she was family. We want to also thank the Heart to Heart Hospice and her primary physician, Dr. Martha Yearsley and her staff for the excellent care Betty received.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Developmental Service Industry of Martin County, formerly Red Door of Martin County.

Condolences may be made online at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com). Arrangements were provided by Blake & Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery.

## VERONICA TENNIS

Veronica Agnes "Bonnie" Tennis passed away Thursday, June 11, 2020 at Good Samaritan Hospital in Vincennes. She was 80.

She was born April 11, 1940, in Loogootee; daughter of John E. and Mary B.



**VERONICA TENNIS**

(Kavanaugh) Mattingly. She graduated from Montgomery High School in 1958. Much of her life was spent raising her children and working beside her husband on the family farm. She also worked at Purdue Processing Plant and retired from Master Brand Cabinetry. Bonnie was a member of Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church. She loved working crossword puzzles, flowers and gardening. Veronica loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren very much.

She is survived by a son, Brian Tennis of Washington; three daughters, Nancy (Kurt) Kahl of Terre Haute, Denise Waynecott of Washington and Paula Clark of Terre Haute; one brother, Tim-

othy (Eleanor) Mattingly of Montgomery; three sisters, Patricia Tow of Fishers, Alberta Turner of Indianapolis and Rita Elliott of Loogootee; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Tennis, who she married June 3, 1961; her parents; two daughters, Lisa Ann Tennis and Francis Agnes Tennis; six brothers, Norbert Mattingly, John Mattingly, Gerald Mattingly, Francis "Frank" Mattingly, James "Pete" Mattingly and Joe Mattingly; three sisters, Mary Alma Melton, Beatrice Sheets and Doris "Jean" Ellis and son-in-law, Larry Waynecott.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Tuesday, June 16 at Our Lady of Hope. Burial will be at a later date.

Condolences can be made to the family online at [www.edleemortuary.com](http://www.edleemortuary.com). All arrangements were entrusted to Ed Lee Mortuary.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

### YARD SALES

**MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE** 13120 Bellbrook Avenue, Loogootee. Johnson residence. Thursday, June 18, 3-7 p.m.; Friday, June 19, 8 a.m.-noon; and Saturday, June 20, 8 a.m.-noon

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, JUNE 8

9:38 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Mitcheltree Township. Martin County EMS and Indian Creek Fire responded.

10:11 a.m. - Received a request to speak with animal control. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

10:14 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County EMS and Indian Creek Fire responded.

10:29 a.m. - Received a report of a theft. Deputy Wells responded.

12:27 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Deputy Wells responded.

12:54 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Duke Energy responded.

12:58 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle north of Shoals. ISP Trooper Johnson responded.

1:10 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

1:48 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute south of Loogootee. Major Keller and Deputy Wells responded.

2:06 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute east of Shoals. Sheriff Roush, Major Keller, Deputy Wells, Deputy Barnett, and ISP Troopers Johnson and Qualkenbush responded.

2:39 p.m. - Received a request for a VIN check south of Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

3:15 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

3:33 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle south of Shoals. ISP Trooper Johnson responded.

5:40 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver west of Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

6:51 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driver north of Loogootee. Advised all Martin County Law Enforcement.

7:59 p.m. - Received a report of a trash fire south of Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

8:11 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire responded.

9:30 p.m. - Received a noise complaint south of Loogootee. Sergeant Reed responded.

10:01 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Odon. Advised Daviess County Sheriff's Office.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 9

8:30 a.m. - Received a report of a dump truck without a gate north of Loogootee. Major Keller responded.

9:08 a.m. - Received a request for a VIN check north of Loogootee. Major Keller responded.

10:54 a.m. - Received a request for two VIN checks east of Shoals. Major Keller responded.

1:07 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Highway Department responded.

1:49 p.m. - Received a report of tree down near SR 650. Martin County Highway Department responded.

2:13 p.m. - Received multiple reports of a tree down south of Shoals. The state highway department responded.

2:17 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Deputy Barnett responded.

2:50 p.m. - Received a request for a VIN check in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

4:05 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Advised Loogootee Dispatch.

4:26 p.m. - Received a report of a one-vehicle accident east of Shoals. Major Keller, Shoals Fire, and Deputy Wells responded.

5:45 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. Civil Defense responded.

5:58 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Advised All Martin County Law Enforcement.

6:27 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Lost River. Martin County EMS, Lost River Fire, and Dubois County EMS responded.

8:25 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute south of Loogootee. Deputy Wells and ICO Mann responded.

8:27 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant McBeth responded.

11:14 p.m. - Received a report of a possible burglary in Shoals. Sergeant Reed responded.

11:14 p.m. - Received a report of a possible burglary in Shoals. Sergeant Reed responded.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

6:31 a.m. - Received a report of livestock out south of Loogootee. Sergeant Reed responded.

7:59 a.m. - Received a request to speak to an officer in Loogootee. Advised Major Keller and Loogootee Chief Rayhill.

8:55 a.m. - Major Keller performed two VIN checks in Shoals.

12:15 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS responded.

12:17 p.m. - Received a report of a motorist needing assistance south of Shoals. ISP responded.

2:47 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

3:50 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle accident east of Loogootee. Major Keller, Deputy Barnett, Martin County EMS, Loogootee Chief Rayhill, ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

4:11 p.m. - Received a report of a rock in the highway west of Shoals. Major Keller responded.

4:46 p.m. - Received a report of a small tree down east of Shoals. Major Keller responded.

5:19 p.m. - Received an animal complaint north of Shoals. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

6:17 p.m. - Received a report of a theft south of Shoals. Major Keller responded.

7:18 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle accident north of Shoals. ISP responded.

7:50 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Advised Control Officer Hughett.

8:12 p.m. - Received a request to speak to animal control. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

8:42 p.m. - Major Keller performed a VIN check near Loogootee.

10:43 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

11:15 p.m. - Received a report of dirt in the roadway north of Loogootee. The state highway department responded.

12:00 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

12:35 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. The county highway department responded.

4:15 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Floyd responded.

10:30 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle west of Shoals. Deputy Dorsey responded.

10:53 p.m. - Received a report of a

loud explosion in Crane Village. Deputy Seymour, Reserve Deputy Dorsey, ISP, Loogootee Sergeant McBeth, Loogootee Fire, Martin County EMS, Crane Fire and EMS responded.

11:51 p.m. - Received a report of an animal inside of a home in Loogootee. Deputy Seymour, Reserve Deputy Dorsey and Loogootee Sergeant McBeth responded.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 12

7:30 a.m. - Received an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

8:15 p.m. - Received a report of a burglary alarm south of Shoals. Deputy Barnett responded.

9:42 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Deputy Barnett responded.

11:40 a.m. - Received a request for traffic control in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennessee responded.

1:10 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute north of Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Deputy Barnett responded.

1:31 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennessee responded.

1:38 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennessee responded.

4:20 p.m. - Received a report a car/deer accident south of Loogootee. ISP responded.

4:37 p.m. - Received a report of a burglary alarm in Shoals. Deputy Barnett responded.

5:33 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Deputy Barnett responded.

5:35 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle accident in Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

8:10 p.m. - Received a request for a VIN check north of Shoals. Reserve Deputy Ochs responded.

6:38 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. Martin County EMS and Crane Fire responded.

7:47 p.m. - Received a dog complaint. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

8:40 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

11:23 p.m. - Received a report of a burglary alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Floyd responded.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 13

12:05 p.m. - Received a report of a scam call.

3:50 p.m. - Received a report of someone burning tires north of Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

3:53 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire responded.

4:27 p.m. - Received a report of a bur-

glary alarm south of Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

4:32 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Advised All Martin County Law Enforcement.

5:27 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennessee responded.

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

5:48 p.m. - Received an animal complaint. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

6:27 p.m. - Received an animal complaint. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

11:03 p.m. - Received a report of a loud noises west of Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded.

11:47 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS, Shoals Fire, Shoals Town Marshal Eckert, and Deputy Seymour responded.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 14

7:04 a.m. - Received a report of a scam.

8:04 a.m. - Received a report of livestock out south of Loogootee. Deputy Barnett responded.

8:46 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County EMS, ICO Doane and Deputy Barnett responded.

9:13 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

11:09 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Loogootee. All Martin County Law Enforcement were advised.

11:18 a.m. - Received a report a of car vs. deer near Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennessee responded.

4:42 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver west of Shoals. Advised Loogootee Captain Hennessee, Deputy Seymour, and ISP Trooper Nolan.

6:08 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Odon. Advised Daviess County Sheriff's Office.

7:28 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Advised Deputy Seymour.

## ARRESTS

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

2:46 p.m. - Cassandra Pavey, 40, of Crane, was arrested by Deputy Barnett on a Martin County warrant. She is being held without bond. Jail Commander Brulla assisted with the arrest.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

2:45 p.m. - Elizabeth Grant-Kermode, 29, of Winslow, was arrested by Major Keller on a Martin County warrant. She is being held without bond. Jail Commander Brulla assisted with the arrest.

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# COURT NEWS

## CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS

May 12

Melissa D. Gibson-Wininger, convicted of two counts of cruelty to an animal, Class A Misdemeanors. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 297 days suspended and credit for 34 actual days previously served plus 34 Class A credit days. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

May 28

Ryan Allen Dagey, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 914 days with 610 days suspended and credit for 152 actual days previously served plus 152 Class A credit days. Defendant received 20 months of probation.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

May 26

Devon M. Payne, possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

May 28

Ryan Allen Dagey, resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT

### New Suits Filed

June 4

John H. Gabhart vs. Carrie A. Gabhart, petition for dissolution of marriage.

June 9

Kristen E. Hudson vs. Aaron T. Hudson, petition for dissolution of marriage.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT

### New Suits Filed

June 3

Indiana Farmers Mutual Insurance vs. Larae L. Nunn, complaint.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

June 12

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Medical of Dubois and against the defendant Betty S. Fields in the amount of \$695.32.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Medical of Dubois and against the defendant Cortney M. Moffitt in the amount of \$611.88.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Medical of Dubois and against the defendant Derrick W. Pendley in the amount of \$445.14.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Medical of Dubois and against the defendant Tokala B. Richardson in the amount of \$618.88.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

June 5

Gabrielle Annette Ritchey of Loogootee and Aaron Lee Copeland of Loogootee

June 8

Benjamin G. Skees of Shoals and Kristie E. Jackson of Shoals.

June 11

Harry O. Freeman of Shoals and Janell A. Buchanan of Shoals.

June 15

Eric Scot Griffith of Crane and Michelle Dawn Craig of Crane.

## DWD issues fraud alert to unemployment insurance claimants

The Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD) is issuing a fraud alert to notify those who have filed for unemployment insurance benefits in 2020 that they need to protect their personal information from potential scammers.

The U.S. Department of Labor Office of Inspector General has discovered that scammers are sending emails in an effort to steal claimants' passwords, account numbers, and/or Social Security numbers. With this information they can gain access to email, bank, or other accounts.

The scammers are sending emails using the names of companies or individuals familiar to claimants. They use familiar icons, folder names, and programs to trick claimants into providing their personal information to them.

Claimants can protect themselves by hovering over the links scammers include in the emails, but not clicking on it, to see where it will take them. Most scammers will use a URL shortened to hide the website's true identity. You can also call the

sender to inquire if the email is legitimate.

The links send the victim to a webpage, which looks like a Microsoft SharePoint website. It further requires the user to sign-in using a Google, Microsoft, Apple, Yahoo! or other user account.

Once you have signed into a personal account, the scammers will obtain your username and password. They will have access to the files you have stored online and your contact lists. They may use this contact list to send the same scam email to your friends and family.

The scammers may use your personal information to collect unemployment insurance in your name or change your bank account number to one of their own.

DWD does NOT require claimants to use a secondary account to sign into its online filing system (Uplink).

To report an allegation of fraud involving unemployment, please visit the DWD's fraud reporting webpage at [www.Unemployment.IN.gov](http://www.Unemployment.IN.gov) and click on "Report Unemployment Fraud."

## Martin County real estate transfers

Clyde G. Crowder and Wilma J. Crowder; Ruth Ann Allbright and Alice Jean Lewis, of Martin County, Indiana to Lori Beth Plano, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 17, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, containing 1 acre, more or less.

Blount Creigh Hall and Connie J. Hall, of Martin County, Indiana to Kevin Swartzentruber and Amanda Swartzentruber, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 10, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 14 acres, more or less.

Robert W. Mullins and Phyllis L. Mullins, of Martin County, Indiana to Phyllis L. Mullins, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the west half of the northeast quarter of Section 10, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, of the second principal meridian, located in Martin County, Indiana, containing 4 acres, more or less.

Christine A. Rogan, of Newport News, Virginia to Brenda M. Steele and Matthew E. Osborn, of Newport News, Virginia, 78.56 acres in Section 1, Township 4 North, Range 5 West.

Paul J. Knepp and Leanna Knepp, of Daviess County, Indiana to Graber Acres, LLC, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of Section 23 and 24, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 53.252 acres, more or less.

John Ray Knepp and Vera Knepp and William Ray Knepp and Miriam Knepp to Lori J. Thompson, a part of the south half of fractional Section 6, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana. Also known as Lot 5 of Lazy Acres Subdivision.

Tracy M. French and Karla M. French to April Hotz, Lot Number 16 in the subdivision of Lot 103 in Chenoweth's Extension to the town of West Shoals, now Shoals, Indiana.

Douglas D. Bridges and Rose Ann Bridges, of Martin County, Indiana to Tye K. Collins and Chassidy Jean Collins, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the southeast quarter of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1 acre, more or less. Also, a portion of the southeast quarter of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.41 acre, more or less.

Abydel Farms, LLC, of New Castle County, Delaware to Howard E. Moore and Nicole Ann Moore, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of Section 12, Township 3 North, Range 5

West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.50 acres, more or less.

Millie A. Combess, of Martin County, Indiana to Daniel Heath Combess, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 30, Township 5 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 16.89 acres, more or less.

Millie A. Combess, of Martin County, Indiana to Dennis J. Marczak and Kemberly S. Marczak, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 30, Township 5 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.75 acres, more or less.

Kyle McKibben, of Martin County, Indiana to Clifford S. Goodman and Kari L. Goodman, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number Two in Horsey's Addition to Shoals, formerly Memphis, Indiana, except a strip of even width off of the north end thereof 12 feet in width.

Amber Nicole Harty, of Martin County, Indiana to Noel D. Harty, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: A tract of land in the City of Loogootee, Indiana, containing .19 acre, more or less. Tract II: A parcel of land in the City of Loogootee, Indiana, in the southeast quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing .057 acre, more or less.

Jeffrey Dale Meyer and Nancy Rose Meyer, of Dubois County, Indiana to Jordan Divine and Ashlye Divine, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the east half of the southeast quarter of Section 7, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, of the second principal meridian, lying in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.842 acres, more or less.

William E. Daggy and Robert L. Daggy, of Lawrence County, Indiana to William Henry Daggy and Michael Garland Daggy, of Lawrence County, Indiana, a part of the north half of the northwest quarter of Section 25, Township 5 North, Range 3 West, containing 60 acres, more or less.

Stephen Hoffmeister and Sarah Hoffmeister, of Martin County, Indiana to Terry Heslin and Elizabeth Mason-Heslin, of Anne Arundel County, Maryland. Tract I: A part of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 31 and a part of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 32, Township 4 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 8 acres, more or less. Tract II: A part of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 32, Township 4 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 5.304 acres, more or less.

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## The hummingbird

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An average hummingbird's heart rate is more than 1,200 beats per minute. In comparison, a human's average heart rate is only 60 to 100 beats per minute at rest. A hummingbird's wings beat between 50 and 200 flaps per second depending on the direction of flight, the purpose of their flight, and the surrounding air conditions.

### Landowners can be paid for allowing gamebird hunting

Private landowners who allow gamebird hunting opportunities on their properties can receive financial incentives and habitat management assistance through the Indiana Private Lands Access Program (IPLA).

Participating landowners are eligible for incentives up to \$25 an acre for fall bobwhite, pheasant and woodcock hunting opportunities and up to \$16 an acre for spring turkey hunting opportunities.

DNR biologists will work closely with each landowner to develop a wildlife habitat management plan and to schedule hunting opportunities for their land. Additional financial incentives and habitat management assistance are available for improving habitat on land enrolled in IPLA. Habitat teams are also available to assist landowners with implementation of habitat work on IPLA properties.

Landowners located within the pro-



gram's five focal regions are strongly encouraged to apply. For more information, including a description of the five focal regions, visit [wildlife.IN.gov/9572.htm](http://wildlife.IN.gov/9572.htm).

To view all DNR news releases, please see [dnr.IN.gov](http://dnr.IN.gov).

### McCormick's Creek SP to host free concert on June 20

The Rotations, a light classic rock band, will perform on Saturday, June 20 at 7 p.m. in McCormick's Creek State Park's amphitheater, which is located by Canyon Inn. The concert is free with admission to the park, which is \$7 for in-state vehicles and \$9 for out-of-state vehicles.

Participation will be limited to 250 people, and social distancing will be required in compliance with Indiana's Back on Track plan.

McCormick's Creek State Park (on [IN.gov/mccormickscreeks](http://IN.gov/mccormickscreeks)) is at 250 McCormick's Creek Park Road, Spencer, 47460.



As pointed out in my last column, June 22-28 is National Pollinator Week. Last week, we discussed the importance of pollinators in the eco-system. This week, armed with some articles about some recent research published in the American Horticultural Society's latest magazine, I would like to discuss eco-systems further.

An eco-system is the interaction of plants and animals within an area. Balance is the important word in an eco-system. Each organism within the system has a role to play, and as long as there is balance, the eco-system will continue and thrive. It is when something disrupts the balance that things go awry.

We human beings like to be in control. We want picture-perfect yards without bothersome bugs. We do not want to see damage on precious plants. We want picnics without ants. We want landscapes without weeds and lawns that look like golf courses. To that end, we often resort to chemicals to give us control, and the very act of trying to control may put the whole system out of control.

In the AHS magazine, Benjamin Vogt writes of his attempts to establish a prairie garden on his suburban property. He researched the plants needed and established a living prairie. However, his city cited him with a weed violation. The native plants that made up his garden did not meet their sense of esthetics.

A lot has been publicized in recent years about the reduction in the number of monarch butterflies and also other species of butterflies. It is hard not to love butterflies. They are beautiful creatures and it is relaxing to watch them flitter about the garden in search of nectar. However, before they were butterflies, they were hungry, hungry caterpillars. Caterpillars eat plants. Actually, most caterpillars have host plants that they favor. Monarchs only lay their eggs of milkweeds, as milkweed is the sole food

for the caterpillars. When we clean out the fence rows where milkweed used to grow, we take away the food source for the monarch caterpillars. Another article points out that a nesting Carolina chickadee collects about 400 caterpillars per day to feed her hungry babies. When an area cannot support the need, the chickadees leave. Each step in the food change affects the next. When we remove a link, we upset the whole system.

Tourists to Germany often remark that even the woodlands are free from underbrush. They mow down everything to give a park-like look to their properties. A study in 1840 listed 117 species of butterflies in Germany. A similar study in 2013 found only 71 species remaining. Most of that reduction is due to eco-system disruptions. Disruptions also occur when an exotic species is introduced to an eco-system. We have seen an alarming reduction in the number of ash trees in our area since the arrival of the emerald ash borer. We have also seen areas where the invasive ornamental pear trees have crowded out native species of trees, shrubs and native flora. The loss of those plants results in the loss of the creatures that depended on them for food and, in turn, the loss of creatures further up the food chain.

So, what are we to do? I do not advocate letting everything revert to the natural state that existed before the arrival of our ancestors to this area. That probably would not happen, since the invasive species are already in the system. However, I do advocate taking the path of causing the least harm to our environment. Do not reach for the poison at the first sight of a bug. Pull invasive plants when you see them and refuse to plant invasive species in your landscape. Learn to tolerate a level of insect damage on your crops and ornamentals. In other words, be responsible stewards of the beautiful earth that God entrusted to our care.

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Notice is hereby given that the County Commissioners of Martin County herein referred to as the Owner, will receive sealed bids for the 2020-1 Community Crossings Paving Program - Application #8081 (DES #2001256), located in Martin County, Indiana.

Sealed bids are invited and may be forwarded by mail, other courier service or in person to the Martin County Commissioners, Attn: Auditor's Office, 129 Main St, Shoals, IN 47581 until 4:00pm on June 30th, 2020. Bids received after such hour will be returned unopened. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud at the Martin County Commissioners Meeting on June 30th, 2020 at 5:30 pm. Bids will then be taken under advisement for review by the owner and engineer.

The contract will consist of the following:

- 2020-1 CCMG Paving and associated work items of various roads throughout Martin County.
- Complete sets of bidding documents may be viewed at [www.hwepanroom.com](http://www.hwepanroom.com). Electronic bidding documents are available for download at [www.hwepanroom.com](http://www.hwepanroom.com) for a non-refundable fee of \$20.00. A hard copy of the bidding documents may be ordered at [www.hwepanroom.com](http://www.hwepanroom.com). The bidder will be charged for printing and shipping costs for the hard copies.
- Each bid must be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the title of the Project and the name and address of Bidder. All bids must be submitted on the bid forms as identified in the Contract Documents.
- Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check or acceptable bidder's bond made payable to the Owner, in a sum of not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid, which check or bond will be held by the Owner as evidence that the bidder will, if awarded the contract, enter into the same with the Owner upon notification from him to do so within ten (10) days of said notification.
- Approved performance and payment bonds guaranteeing faithful and proper performance of the work and materials, to be executed by an acceptable surety company, will be required of the Contractor at the time he executes his contract. The bond will be in the amount of 100% of the Contract Price and must be in full force and effect throughout the term of the Construction Contract plus a period of twelve (12) months from the date of substantial completion.
- The Owner reserves the right to reject any bid, or all bids, or to accept any bid or bids, or to make such combination of bids as may seem desirable, and to waive any and all informalities in bidding. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the above scheduled time for the opening of bids or authorized postponement thereof. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for at least sixty (60) days.
- The Owner may make such investigations as deemed necessary to determine the ability of the Bidder to perform the work and the Bidder shall furnish to the Owner all such information and data for this purpose as the Owner may request. The Owner reserves the right to reject any bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such Bidder fails to satisfy the Owner that such Bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the Agreement and to complete the work contemplated therein.
- Bids shall be properly and completely executed on bid forms included in the Contract Documents. Bids shall include all information requested by Indiana Form 96 (Revised 2013) included in the Contract Documents.
- If project is \$150,000 or more - State of Indiana requirement as of 7/2018, Bidder is required to submit with bid a written plan for an employee drug testing program that complies with IC 4-13-18-5 and IC 4-13-18-6.
- Each Bidder is responsible for inspecting the Project site(s) and for reading and being thoroughly familiar with the Contract Documents and Specifications. The failure or omission of any Bidder to do any of the foregoing shall in no way relieve any Bidder from any obligation with respect to its Bid.



# Daviess/Martin Retired Teachers meeting held

BY LINDA STROSNIDER  
Retired Teachers Association

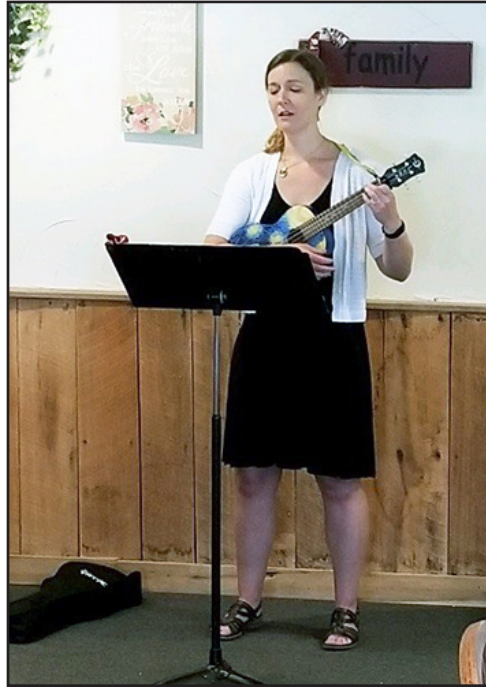
The Daviess/Martin Retired Teachers Association met at the Gasthof Restaurant on June 5. President Alice Jones led the membership in the Pledge to the Flag. The minutes and treasurer's reports of the last meeting were read and approved.

Chairperson of the Volunteer Service Hours Lawana Hand asked members to continue reporting community service hours. Dave Lennen was awarded a certificate for his volunteer service hours throughout the past year.

Area Director Dave Lennen reported that the Indiana State Representative Assembly scheduled for June 10, 2020, was cancelled due to COVID 19. Delegates Alice Jones, Lawna Hand, and Linda Strosnider, participated by voting on changes using digital or paper ballots. The Fall Workshop is scheduled for September 28 at the Gasthof.

Vicky Bauernfiend and committee reported that goody bags were delivered to the Shoals and Barr Reeve teachers. Discussion about a project to inspire the local teachers at the start of school will be voted on at the August meeting. The members also donated over \$150 to the Pennies from Heaven fund, which will be sent to the State Retired Teachers Foundation.

A program was presented by Katie Reed, the North Daviess Elementary music teacher, depicting her experiences and efforts to finish out this unprecedented school year with her music classes. She also performed four selections she



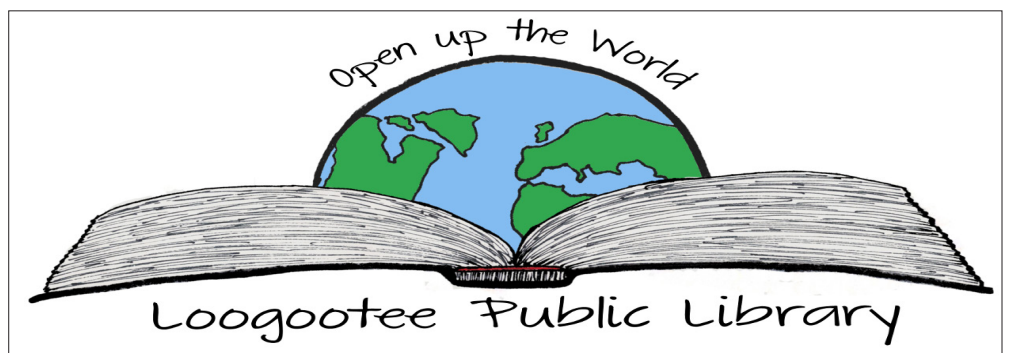
**Katie Reed, the North Daviess Elementary music teacher, provided the program at the retired teachers meeting on June 5.**

used with her students.

Members attending the meeting were Ken Macy, Linda Britton, Linda Strosnider, Alice Jones, Dave Lennen, Ramona Lennen, Pat Brochin, Lawana Hand, Vicky Bauernfiend, Rosie Winger, Jamie Johnson, Donna Keller, Katie Reed, and Barbara Ulrich.

Door prizes were brought by Nancy Adams, and Lawana Hand. Winners were Donna Keller, Ken Macy, and Katie Reed.

The next meeting will be August 14 at 11:30 a.m. at the Gasthof Restaurant.



BY DARLA WAGLER  
Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

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