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Loogootee Summerfest starts tomorrow night

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Loogootee Summerfest will kick off tomorrow night, Thursday, June 23 in downtown Loogootee, and end Saturday, June 25. The craft booths and food stands, along with carnival rides, will be open all three days from 5-10 p.m.

On Thursday night, the annual queen contest will be held on the main stage at 6:30 p.m. The Redemption Praise Band will follow the queen contest at 7:30 p.m.

On Friday, the Loogootee Fire Department will have a smoke house open from 5-10 p.m. A pickleball tournament will start at the high school tennis courts at 6 p.m. Hotel California, an Eagles tribute band, will perform on the main stage at 8 p.m.

Saturday morning, a fun run and walk will be held at West Boggs Park at 7:30 a.m. A volleyball tourney will start at the

city park at 9 a.m. and a pickleball tournament at the high school tennis courts also at 9 a.m.

A farmer's market will be set up north of Butcher Boulevard on Highway 231 from 8 a.m. to noon. Compassionate Hands will be offering tastings, for \$5, for their BBQ contest, on North Line Street, at noon. A Texas Hold'em tournament will start at the KofC at 1 p.m. and a car show will be held on Wood Street from 3:30-6 p.m.

Also on Saturday, a corn hole tourney will be held at the VFW at 3:30 p.m. along with a kids sidewalk chalk contest in front of Larkin Apartments at 4 p.m.

The Trey Knepp Band will take over the main stage at 5:45 p.m. followed by the annual parade at 7 p.m. Police Officer Kelly Rayhill will serve as grand marshal. At 8 p.m., Valley Wine and Spirit Band will perform on the main stage and fireworks will end Summerfest at 10 p.m.

Full schedule of events on page 6.

Loogootee City Council holds special meeting to discuss salaries

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Loogootee City Council held a special open meeting last Thursday, June 16, after a lengthy closed-door meeting to discuss salaries for city employees.

Council Member Teresa Nolley started the open meeting by saying that the council has heard all the requests and will do the best they can to increase salaries at budget time next month.

Council Member Rick Norris agreed saying, "We can't just pull something out of thin air." He said he does think the employees deserve more, however.

Utilities Superintendent Bo Wilson said they appreciate that and it's understandable. "I'd like to see it happen sooner than later to be able to retain people," he said. He said he has received many phone calls from individuals who were interested in working for the city until they find out how much the pay is. He said they quickly lose interest.

"It's got to happen, and I realize it can't happen overnight," said Wilson. He added that they already have two people quitting and asked that they replace those two and also add another person. He said they need help, and he has other employees who are ready to quit now. He said he is talking them out of it to wait to see if they can get an increase in salaries and additional help.

Discussion then ensued about whether Wilson can hire another person. Clerk-Treasurer Roger Downey said state statute says the city can't hire a person who is not listed in the salary ordinance. Wilson replied that there is a spot in the salary ordinance for a meter reader so he would be fine hiring someone specifically for that. Downey agreed that position is in the salary ordinance how-

Michelle Norris appointed as new Martin County Auditor

During a caucus last Wednesday evening, June 15, Michelle Norris was chosen as the next auditor of Martin County. She is replacing Bobbie Abel who resigned.

ever they also have to have the funding in place to pay another position.

Wilson said he knows there are conversations regarding raises before meetings and amounts are pretty much decided before that meeting is held. He said he wasn't upset about the questioning in the last meeting, he was upset about the comments made. "That's hashed out, okay," he said to Nolley referring to the closed-door meeting prior. He told the council they are welcome to come at any time and talk to him.

Wilson said he is not in the office enough to keep up with compliance paperwork and he must make time to start doing that. He said he understands that he has the knowledge that no one else has so everyone comes to him, but he has to find a way to get paperwork done.

Council Member Tim Lawrence said he was going to have to leave the meeting and asked Wilson if the council was able to solve the issues Wilson has currently.

Wilson replied that they have except for approving hiring a third employee. The clerk-treasurer said he will look into whether it can be done and let Wilson know. City Attorney Isha Wright-Ryan said another meeting will have to be held so the council could approve if it is not in the salary ordinance. The council voted to allow Wilson to go ahead and hire the third person if it indeed is in the salary ordinance.

Attorney Wright-Ryan requested Wilson and other department heads bring all their requests to the budget hearing so they can be addressed. She said it's the perfect time and they should take advantage of it.

The first budget hearing will be held Wednesday, July 13 at 1 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

Hovis hired as new Shoals Superintendent

The Shoals School Board met in special session last Thursday, June 17. The board approved hiring Kindra Hovis as the new superintendent to replace Candace Roush who resigned. Hovis' contract will be for three years, effective July 1, 2022.



-Photos provided

The Loogootee Summerfest Queen Contest will be held this Thursday, June 23 at 6:30 p.m. with the Tiny Tot Queen contest, followed by the Little Miss, Jr. Miss and Miss. Shown in the photo above, left, are the Miss contestants. From left to right are 2021 Miss Queen Olivia Dant and 2022 candidates Madison Machmer and Symphony Lantz. Not pictured is Mallorie Sutton. On the photo on the right, above, is Junior Miss candidate Chloe Ramsey standing with 2021 Junior Miss Queen Caitlyn Meade. Not pictured is Kamila Wilson.



Shown above are the Loogootee Summerfest Little Miss Contestants. In the front row, from left to right, are 2021 Little Miss Queen Aubri Jo Gilbertson, Josie Mathies, Addison Brittain, Fara Fisher, Landry Strange, and Gracelyn Shoultz. In the back row, from left to right are MKenna Gregory, Serenity Wildman, Autumn Ray, and Peyton Shoultz. Not pictured is Adalynn Lents.



The Loogootee Summerfest Tiny Tot Contestants are shown above. In the front row, from left to right, are 2021 Tiny Tot Queen Tenlee Mathias, Everlye Jeffers, Ava Wade, Fionna Fisher, and Micah McAttee. In the back row, from left to right, are Kimber Padgett, Katie Johnson, Ezny Sluder, Ashlynn Ayers, and Adelyn Matthews. Not pictured are Kollins Jeffers and Olivia Keller.

Deadline nears for election candidate appointments, school board filing opens July 27

The Martin County General Election will be held November 8, 2022. The party chairmen have until July 3, 2022, to select a candidate to fill any offices that are currently unopposed on the ballot. If you are interested in filling a ballot vacancy you can call Democrat Chairman Roger Downey at 812-639-8106 or Republican Chairman Millie Brown at 812-639-7733.

If you are interested in running as an Independent, you have until June 30, 2022, to submit petition and candidate forms. You can call the Martin County Clerk's Office at 812-247-3651 for more details.

The filing period for school board begins July 27, 2022, and ends August 26, 2022, at noon. In Loogootee, the districts on the ballot will be districts 1, 2 and 3. In Shoals, districts 1 and 4 will be on the ballot. If you are interested in becoming a candidate for any of these offices, please contact the Clerk's Office for more information at 812-247-3651.

The following local candidates will appear on the ballot:

Assessor - Carolyn Sue McGuire, Republican

Clerk - Julie Fithian, Republican

Commissioner District 2 - Paul R. George, Democrat; DeAndra Magdaleno, Independent

County Council District 1 - Jordan Dant, Republican

County Council District 2 - Jim Hamby, Republican

County Council District 3 - Monty Gregory, Republican; Richard Summers, Democrat

County Council District 4 - Andrew Beaver, Republican

Judge - Isha E. Wright-Ryan, Republican

Prosecutor - Aureola S. Vincz, Republican

Sheriff - Josh Greene, Republican

Crane Clerk/Treasurer - Linda Ann Willoughby, Republican

Crane Town Council - Ronald L. Barker, Republican; Henry J. Lauders, Republican; Charles H. Parcels Jr, Republican; Roy Vaught, Independent

Shoals Clerk/Treasurer - Sierra Rutledge, Democrat

Shoals Town Council - Roger Lee Abel Jr., Republican; Cary D. Albright, Republican; Richard (Rick) Gibbs, Republican; Micky Hawkins Crew, Democrat; Walter Holt, Democrat; Cecil L. Ragsdale, Democrat

Center Township Trustee - Ann Marie Stewart, Republican

Center Township Board - Norma J. Baker, Republican; Dean Crandall, Republican; Matthew Sullivan, Republican

Halbert Township Trustee - Exzelia Montgomery, Republican

Halbert Township Board - Kimberly L. Albright, Republican; Stephanie (Stevie) Horton; Travis L. Montgomery, Republican

Lost River Township Trustee - Mildred C. Brown, Republican

Lost River Township Board - Alice Dianne Butler, Republican; Keith Emmons, Republican; Bruce Fithian, Republican

Mitcheltree Township Trustee - Rosalee Bateman, Republican; Tammy Jo Gore, Democrat

Mitcheltree Township Board - Kay Belcher, Republican; Becky Sellers, Republican; Charity (Belcher) Tolbert, Republican

Perry Township Trustee - Jason Hennette, Democrat

Perry Township Board - Anthony J. (Tony) Dant, Democrat; Julie Green, Democrat; Brandi Hennette, Democrat

Rutherford Township Trustee - Terry J. Street, Republican

Rutherford Township Board - Danny F. Berry, Republican; Jeff Horney, Republican; Virgil Scott Street, Democrat

Commissioners approve bids, hire new human resources director

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, June 14. Commissioner Aaron Summers was absent. Also present were Attorney Dave Lett and Teresa Winger, Deputy Auditor; Missy Cooper; Deputy Auditor. In attendance were Rhonda Sanders, Recorder; Andy Ringwald, EMA; Monty Wolf, Director of EMA; Carolyn McGuire, Assessor; Matt Stechly, Core Facilities; Brian Fleck, HWC; Scott Seals, County Highway Superintendent; David Welch, GAB Insurance; Misty Hightower and Sherri Tredway, Four Rivers Resource Services; Dena Held, CED/Educator; Danielle Murphy, Director Community Corrections; Barb Hager; Mary Smith; Kim Showalter; DeAndra Magdaleno; Amanda Magdaleno.

Matt Stechly, Core Facilities, gave an update on the current jail renovations. The project is expected to be wrapped up within the next two weeks. Stechly stated the doors and intercom project that were approved last year, will begin between August-September. He said the courthouse mechanicals project will be publicly advertised for bids next week. "The Courthouse should be good to go for the next 25-30 years mechanically speaking with the renovations being completed," stated Stehly.

Stechly applauded the commissioners for their wise, fiscal approach in using the ARPA funds. He presented a project replacement bundle that included jail roof top units, courthouse windows and jail flush valves at a cost of \$34,350. Commissioner George noted this will be paid for with APRA funds, project #6 has been assigned to this ARPA fund project. The motion to approve the project replacement bundle from CORE Facilities was made by Commissioner Roush and seconded by Commissioner George.

Sherri Tredway, with Four Rivers Resource Services, gave a brief update regarding the services they provide for Martin County. Tredway presented a 2023 budget request in the amount of

\$5,220 to the commissioners. Commissioner George stated they will take her request under advisement.

County Attorney Dave Lett spoke regarding the renovations requested to begin in the recorder and assessor's offices. Lett stated he has contacted the previous contractors that had submitted quotes for the renovations and received only one quote back. Wagler and Sons submitted a quote in the amount of \$28,627.16 for painting both the offices. Commissioner Roush made a motion to approve Wagler and Sons, seconded by Commissioner George.

Dena Held, Extension Coordinator, presented an invoice in the amount of \$37,408.21 on behalf of the 4-H Council from Johnny Signs requesting electronic signage at the Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds. Commissioner George noted this will be paid for with APRA funds, project #7 has been assigned to this ARPA fund project. A motion was made by Commissioner Roush to approve \$37,408.21 for APRA project #7, seconded by Commissioner George. Commissioner George stated a check will need to be issued for half of the invoice. Held also requested to be added to the agenda for the next commissioners' meeting as Dr. Casey Mull will be in the county with her attending a variety of meetings. Held also invited the public to attend a Meet and Greet event for Dr. Mull at the Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds on June 28 at 7:30 p.m.

Highway Superintendent Scott Seals, along with Brian Fleck, with HWC Engineering, presented to the commissioners the bid received from E&B Paving, LLC as well as the forms to sign to start the process with INDOT. Commissioner Roush made a motion to approve E&B Paving, LLC for the Community Crossing Grant in the amount of \$263,075, seconded by Commissioner George.

Seals stated his department has continued filling potholes and mowing along the roadways. Seals has received paperwork regarding the repair on bridge #44. Attorney Lett stated the county is working with CLR, bridge inspectors and bridge constructors, that gave the bid regarding this repair.

Lett presented a letter he prepared indicating both the Martin County Board of Commissioners and Martin County Council unanimously protest the Mid-States Corridor Project. Lett stated this letter was emailed as well as mailed by USPS to the state.

Discussion ensued regarding access to Green Cemetery. Attorney Lett will follow up.

Commissioner George stated he received two quotes to replace an existing water cooler in the courthouse in need of repair. He said this will be paid for with ARPA funds, project #8 was assigned to this ARPA fund project.

George stated the bids were from SR Mechanical in the amount of \$2,766 and from M&M Electric in the amount of \$2,335.54.

Commissioner Roush made a motion to approve M&M Electric in the amount of \$2,335.54, seconded by Commissioner George.

Commissioner Roush made a motion to approve Thompson Insurance Agency as the workers compensation agent of record, seconded by Commissioner George.

Commissioner George announced Kristie Skees will begin her new role in human resources on June 27, 2022.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m. with a motion made by Commissioner Roush and seconded by Commissioner George.

The next commissioners' meeting will be held Tuesday, June 28 at 6 p.m.

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I am happy to hear from you.

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I hope to see you all there.



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LEONA MATHIAS

Theresa "Leona" Mathias passed away Saturday June 18, 2022, at Sycamore Care Strategies in Loogootee. A resident of Loogootee, she was 87.



LEONA MATHIAS

She was born September 14, 1934, in Dubois County; daughter of Louis and Beulah (Crancy) Colvin.

Leona was a member of the St. Peter's Catholic Church in Montgomery. She graduated from Montgomery High School. She married Donald O. Mathias on July 4, 1956. She was a local business owner alongside her husband, Don, owning and operating Abner Hotel and co-owner of Mathias Tavern, both in Loogootee. Leona worked for over 35 years at REMC before retiring in

1988. She loved to play cards, and fishing in her youth. Leona loved music, especially Bluegrass and country music and was known to get up and dance. She prayed often and was a supporter of EWTN, and Mother Angelica.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Donald Mathias, who passed away on September 27, 2013; her parents, Louis

Following the rules to stay amused at amusement parks

BY MELISSA JEREMIAH, RN
Hoosier Uplands Home Health & Hospice

With many amusement parks within driving distance many Hoosiers will be heading to one or more this summer. The majority of injuries occurring at amusement parks are due to persons not following the rules set by the park to ensure their safety. So, let's keep ourselves and our kids safe and enjoy a day or weekend of fun.

Rules are there for the safety of the visi-

and Beulah Colvin, and four brothers.

She is survived by her niece, Sheila Hudson; and nephew, George Mathias, who were her caregivers, along with many other nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Rev. Sudhakar Bhasati this morning, Wednesday, June 22, at St. Peter

Catholic Church in Montgomery. Burial followed in St. Peter Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Peter's Catholic Church in memory of Don and Leona.

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

Arrangements provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

tors. Read the rules set for each ride which include not riding if you do not meet height and weight restrictions, or if you have certain medical conditions.

If your child does not meet the height and weight limits set, do not let them ride; explain to them why they cannot ride and don't make it out to be a negative.

You know your child better than anyone; so, if you feel the ride may be too scary for your child, keep them off the ride.

If something seems off with the ride report this; and do not get on the ride. If

you are already seated; let the ride attendant know that you would like to get off before the ride begins. This could include things such as a lap bar that does not latch properly.

Once you have decided to ride make sure and follow any verbal instructions given which include keeping hand and feet inside the ride, hang onto the handles, slide down feet first, do not have candy or gum in your mouth, ensure your seatbelt or other safety device is fully latched and secure all items carried onto the ride.

Stay hydrated in the park and wear sunscreen.

Designate a meeting spot in the event you are separated from your group. Small children may not remember the meet up point. Teach them to identify a park employee who can assist them.

Attorney General reminds Hoosiers to use caution to avoid scams while on summer vacation

Attorney General Todd Rokita encourages Hoosiers to avoid scams by being mindful as they prepare for out-of-town summer vacations. To ensure your time away is as safe as possible, use caution to avoid crafty scammers.

"When planning your vacation this summer, remember anyone can be the target of a scam," Attorney General Rokita said. "Often, when a deal seems too good to be true, it is. Be on the lookout for heavily discounted amusement park tickets, condos, and hotel rentals."

Attorney General Rokita shared the following list of tips to avoid common vacation scams:

-Avoid high-pressure sales pitches before you book a trip.

-Be extra cautious when booking through an unfamiliar company. Check the Better Business Bureau ratings and research the name online to see if there are any allegations of scams.

-Read the fine print in the contract before you sign it. It will tell you about the

conditions under which the operator can change or cancel the trip and the rules and penalties for cancellation.

-Pay by credit card. It gives you more protection than cash or checks.

-Use good judgment when sharing about your trip on social media. Consider changing your online privacy settings

while on your trip.

-Lock your valuables, including personal information, in your trunk or hotel safe.

If you believe you have been the victim of a vacation scam, file a complaint at www.indianaconsumer.com with Attorney General Rokita's office.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, JUNE 13

6:15 a.m. - Received a report of a deer in the roadway north of Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan responded.

7:02 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

7:43 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute east of Shoals. Chief Greene responded.

10:35 a.m. - Received a report of a semi accident southeast of Shoals. ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

10:53 a.m. - Deputy Long took one inmate to court.

2:51 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

2:55 p.m. - Sergeant Gibson assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle identification check.

3:55 p.m. - Received a report of scam calls in Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson was notified.

4:08 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle west of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

7:32 p.m. - Received a report of possible theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Police were notified.

10:43 p.m. - Received an automated medical 911 call. Loogootee Officer Erwin responded.

11:21 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle east of Shoals. Captain Reed was notified.

11:45 p.m. - Received a 911 call in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Erwin and Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

11:59 p.m. - Received a 911 call in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Erwin responded.

TUESDAY, JUNE 14

7:53 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver east of Shoals. Major Keller was notified.

9:13 a.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. ISP Trooper Beaver, Shoals Fire Department and Civil Defense responded.

9:25 a.m. - Corporal Wells assisted a motorist in Shoals with a vehicle unlock.

9:48 a.m. - Corporal Wells took one inmate to court.

11:31 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

12:11 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

12:24 p.m. - Received a report of a silent panic alarm east of Loogootee. Major Keller responded.

1:00 p.m. - Corporal Wells took one inmate to court.

1:46 p.m. - Corporal Wells took one inmate to court.

2:11 p.m. - Received a report of a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

2:31 p.m. - Corporal Wells took two inmates to court.

2:37 p.m. - Received a report of a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

3:23 p.m. - Received a request to attempt to locate someone for Jasper City Police Department. All Martin County law enforcement were notified.

4:12 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson was notified.

5:19 p.m. - Received a report of a fire alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief McBeth, Corporal Wells and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

7:08 p.m. - Received a report of a neighbor dispute. Sergeant Gibson was

notified.

9:25 p.m. - Received a 911 call north of Loogootee. Captain Reed, Sergeant Gibson and Loogootee Officer Erwin responded.

10:38 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

5:05 a.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Captain Reed responded.

5:48 a.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

9:24 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

10:02 a.m. - Received a report of a neighbor dispute northwest of Shoals. Major Keller was advised.

10:43 a.m. - Received a 911 call southeast of Shoals requesting an officer. Major Keller, Corporal Wells and Sergeant Gibson responded.

10:48 a.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. Chief Greene responded.

10:57 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver north of Loogootee. Advised all Martin County law enforcement.

11:02 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Crane. Martin County EMS and Crane Fire responded. Martin County EMS transported patient to Bloomington.

1:07 p.m. - Received an animal complaint south of Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was advised.

1:17 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a car accident northeast of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson, Loogootee Police, Martin County EMS and Big John's responded. No one was transported.

1:59 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Advised all Martin County law enforcement.

2:28 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a truck brake on fire in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire responded.

2:51 p.m. - Major Keller took one inmate to court.

5:23 p.m. - Received an animal complaint south of Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

6:08 p.m. - Received a report of an accident southeast of Loogootee. Deputy Hawkins responded.

6:56 p.m. - Received a report of a road hazard south of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson and Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

7:54 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a possible impaired driver northeast of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

7:56 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

8:53 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett, Sergeant Gibson and Deputy Hawkins were notified.

10:40 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting damage to a vehicle in Loogootee. Transferred call to Loogootee Police.

THURSDAY, JUNE 16

12:10 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious subject in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

3:39 a.m. - Received a report of a commercial burglar alarm north of Shoals. Contacted East Fork Water.

7:37 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance northeast of Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire responded. Patient was transported to IU Bedford.

9:30 a.m. - Deputy Long took one inmate to court.

10:53 a.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check in Shoals. Chief Greene responded.

10:57 a.m. - Received a report of a road hazard northwest of Shoals. Chief Greene and Corporal Wells responded.

1:47 p.m. - Deputy Long took two inmates to court.

1:50 p.m. - Received a report of a theft southeast of Loogootee. Advised Corporal Wells.

2:35 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

2:58 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver south of Loogootee. All Martin County law enforcement were advised.

2:58 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means, Loogootee Assistant Chief McBeth, Corporal Wells and Martin County EMS responded.

3:11 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Loogootee. Captain Reed was notified.

3:36 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

6:21 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

6:33 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims and Corporal Wells responded.

7:11 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Loogootee Officer Sims, Corporal Wells and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:28 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

11:10 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver east of Shoals. Deputy Hawkins responded.

11:35 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down southeast of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

11:54 p.m. - Received a report of an accident southwest of Shoals. Deputy Hawkins responded.

FRIDAY, JUNE 17

5:23 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

7:22 a.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Loogootee. Deputy Hawkins responded.

9:13 a.m. - Received a report of a neighbor dispute southeast of Shoals. Major Keller responded.

9:30 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down in Loogootee. Loogootee Police were notified.

9:33 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Loogootee. Civil Defense responded.

9:46 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down southwest of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department was notified.

9:55 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down southeast of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department and REMC were notified.

10:02 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Loogootee. Civil Defense responded.

10:06 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Shoals. Chief Greene responded.

10:11 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Loogootee. Civil Defense responded.

10:17 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

10:18 a.m. - Received a report of a tree

down north of Loogootee. Martin County Highway Department was notified.

10:30 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down southeast of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

11:28 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Loogootee. Loogootee Police and Loogootee Fire Department were notified.

11:28 a.m. - Received a report of two trees down south of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Lost River Fire Department and Civil Defense responded.

12:11 p.m. - Received a report of a power line down southeast of Shoals. REMC was contacted.

12:14 p.m. - Received a report of four trees down southeast of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department and Civil Defense responded.

12:51 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department responded.

1:40 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check north of Shoals. Corporal Wells responded.

1:55 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down northeast of Shoals. Indian Creek Fire Department responded.

4:43 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means, Loogootee Fire Department, Corporal Wells and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

3:24 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Loogootee. Civil Defense responded.

3:32 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

3:41 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down southeast of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department responded.

3:52 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Corporal Wells, Deputy Long, Martin County Ambulance and Dubois County EMS responded. The patients were transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:10 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means, Civil Defense, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

5:33 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check north of Shoals. Corporal Wells responded.

6:15 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Shoals. Civil Defense responded.

7:31 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down northeast of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department was notified.

7:57 p.m. - Received a cat complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

8:03 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

1:07 a.m. - Received a report of property damage in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

1:41 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. Crane Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

7:16 a.m. - Received a report of a neighbor dispute in Loogootee. Deputy Long, Loogootee Officer Erwin and Loogootee Reserve Deputy Wells responded.

7:48 a.m. - Loogootee Officer Erwin assisted a motorist with a vehicle identification check.

7:50 a.m. - Received a dog complaint

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COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCING

June 10

Jose Noe Rivas Cruz, convicted of operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 4 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

June 9

Citibank vs. Leanna Felton, civil collection.

Shari L. Hulsman vs. Michael A. Hulsman, petition for dissolution of marriage.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

June 13

Judgment in favor of the defendant McDonald's USA, LLC and Martin County, Indiana and against the plaintiff State of Indiana for civil plenary in the amount of \$17,150.

June 14

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC and against

the defendant Patrick Ryan in the amount of \$7,018.97.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Collin Padgett in the amount of \$54,073.99.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Capital One Bank and against the defendant Matthew Clark in the amount of \$2,129.03.

CIVIL COURT DISMISSED

June 9

Sharon G. West vs. Kevin G. West, petition for dissolution of marriage, dismissed.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

June 10

Adam J. Crim and Asia B. Crim vs. Paul M. Foley, complaint.

June 14

Rosemary Harder vs. Gary Sager, complaint.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Aaron T. Hudson of Loogootee and Johanna N. Royer of Loogootee.

Martin County real estate transfers

Brent E. Fellers, of Martin County, Indiana to **Brent E. Fellers and Amy R. Fellers**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 78 in the original town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Donna Lynn Buzan, of Martin County, Indiana to **Billy Walker**, .25 acre in Section 13, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, more commonly known as 13812 Mt. Calvary Road, Loogootee IN 47553.

Diana Abell, of Martin County, Indiana to **Brent E. Fellers and Amy R. Fellers**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 78 in the original town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Billy J. Roberts and Victoria N. Rob-

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southeast of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

9:19 a.m. - Deputy Long assisted a motorist with a vehicle identification check east of Shoals.

9:34 a.m. - Received a report of a traffic hazard east of Loogootee. Deputy Long responded.

9:48 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

11:00 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

1:45 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Deputy Long and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:12 p.m. - Received notification of a silver alert. All Martin County law enforcement were notified.

8:41 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Deputy Hawkins and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:09 p.m. - Received a pig complaint east of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

9:50 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

11:50 p.m. - Received a report of a dispute in Loogootee. Deputy Hawkins responded.

11:51 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to a deputy. Deputy Hawkins spoke with caller.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

12:46 a.m. - Received a report of a possible theft in Loogootee. Deputy Hawkins and Loogootee Officer Seymour were advised.

12:55 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer

Jeremiah James Adkins and Miranda Brook Adkins, that portion of Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, of the Second Principal Meridian, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.221 acres, more or less.

Alan W. Pielemeier and Terry Pielemeier, of Martin County, Indiana to **Casey Pielemeier and Sarah Pielemeier**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the northeast quarter of Section 13, Township 3 North, Range 6 West, in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.51 acres, more or less. More commonly known as 13602 Mt. Calvary Road, Loogootee IN 47553.

Hughett was notified.

8:44 a.m. - Received a report of a residential burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Erwin and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

3:23 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a car fire east of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson, ISP Trooper Beaver, Loogootee Officer Erwin, Shoals Fire and Martin County EMS responded.

3:50 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute north of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Erwin, Sergeant Gibson, and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

6:01 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a tree down south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire was notified.

7:58 p.m. - Received a request to speak with a deputy. Advised Sergeant Gibson and Captain Reed.

8:01 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson responded.

Prosecutor Vincz announces jury conviction on reckless driving

Martin County Prosecutor Aureola Vincz announced on Monday, June 20, a successful conviction of a reckless driving charge.

Steven Truelove led Martin County Sheriff Department's Jonathan Wells on a high-speed chase on State Road 550 for a several minutes before eventually coming to a stop, allowing Officer Wells to make an arrest. The incident occurred in 2020.

Truelove was found guilty by a jury after a one-day trial on June 7, 2022. After a suspension of jury trials due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Prosecutor Vincz is pleased to announce the successful prosecution and conviction of Truelove.

"I would like to thank the jury for their service in this important matter and their

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, JUNE 13

8:15 p.m. - Officer Long responded to a report of a possible unauthorized control of a vehicle.

11:45 p.m. - Officer Erwin completed a welfare check at a local business.

TUESDAY, JUNE 14

11:58 a.m. - Officer Erwin spoke with a complainant regarding scam calls.

12:14 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on North Line Street.

12:29 p.m. - Chief Means and Assistant Chief McBeth responded to an alarm at a local business.

1:58 p.m. - Chief Means and Assistant Chief McBeth responded to a call about a dog in distress.

3:40 p.m. - A complainant called regarding possible trespassing at her mother's residence.

5:19 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth and Loogootee Fire Department responded to an alarm at local apartments.

6:56 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a report of possible trespassing.

9:25 p.m. - Officer Erwin assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a domestic dispute on St. Joseph Road.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

11:04 a.m. - Captain Rayhill responded to a report of an erratic driver nearing Loogootee on US 231 North.

1:25 a.m. - Chief Means and Assistant Chief McBeth assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department and EMS at the scene of a personal injury accident.

2:04 p.m. - Captain Rayhill responded to a report of an erratic driver nearing Loogootee on US 231 South.

2:33 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth, Captain Rayhill and the Loogootee Fire Department responded to a report of a semi with brakes on fire on US 50 East.

6:56 p.m. - Officer Sims spoke with the driver of a vehicle pulling a trailer with an unsafe load that had lost a bale of hay on US 231 South.

9:52 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a property damage accident in the Loogootee High School parking lot.

THURSDAY, JUNE 16

12:15 a.m. - Officer Sims responded to a report of a suspicious person walking around local businesses.

3:11 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth responded to a report of an erratic driver on US 231 South.

4:04 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with an arrest.

7:14 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call at the Loogootee baseball field.

9:02 p.m. - Officer Sims completed a welfare check.

FRIDAY, JUNE 17

5:24 a.m. - Officer Sims responded to a property damage accident on Butcher Boulevard.

8:31 a.m. - Chief Means assisted a subject in retrieving items from a residence.

8:53 a.m. - Chief Means responded to a report of a possible theft from a local business.

9:20 a.m. - Chief Means assisted with a report of debris in the roadway on US 231 South.

9:28 a.m. - Chief Means assisted with a report of a powerline down on Park Street.

11:12 a.m. - Chief Means responded to a report of a large limb on a tree on Clark Street.

11:35 a.m. - Chief Means responded to a complaint of unauthorized parking at a local business.

12:42 p.m. - Chief Means responded to a report of an erratic driver nearing Loogootee on US 231 South.

2:46 p.m. - Chief Means responded to a report of an erratic driver and possible medical issue at Marathon.

3:55 p.m. - The Loogootee Fire Department was dispatched to a personal injury accident on US 231 South.

5:15 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call at the Marathon parking lot.

8:43 p.m. - A caller reported possible theft of mail.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

1:07 a.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a report of property damage.

7:16 a.m. - Officers Erwin and Wells responded to a domestic dispute on Northeast Third Street.

12:15 p.m. - Officer Erwin responded to a civil dispute on the public square.

9:19 p.m. - Officer Erwin responded to a report of possible illegal drug activity.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

8:48 a.m. - Officer Erwin responded to a residential burglar alarm.

2:30 p.m. - A caller advised of an erratic driver in town.

4:00 p.m. - Officer Erwin responded to a domestic dispute on US 231 North.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, JUNE 13

10:07 a.m. - Matthew Coburn, 34, of Shoals, was arrested by Major Keller and charged with battery resulting in bodily injury. He is being held without bond.

7:35 p.m. - Joshua Simmons, 34, of Loogootee, was arrested by Sergeant Gibson on a Knox County warrant. He is being held without bond.

10:36 p.m. - Trisel Davis, 30, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Erwin and charged with possession of a controlled substance and neglect of a dependent x2. She is being held on a \$15,000 10% bond.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

2:25 p.m. - Robert Goldsberry, 52, of Odon, was arrested by Major Keller on a Martin County Warrant. He is being held without bond.

THURSDAY, JUNE 16

4:23 p.m. - Darren Lannan, 45, of Loogootee, was arrested by Corporal Well and charged with invasion of privacy. He is being held without bond.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

11:50 p.m. - Jason Emery, 41, of Cannelburg, was arrested by Deputy Hawkins and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

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More Neat Stuff

By Ann Ackerman



A friend posted this on Facebook recently and I thought it was too good to pass up. Enjoy!

Rooneyisms - Too good not to share!!
I've learned.... That the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.

I've learned.... That when you're in love, it shows.

I've learned.... That just one person saying to me, 'You've made my day!' makes my day.

I've learned.... That having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.

I've learned.... That being kind is more important than being right.

I've learned.... That you should never say no to a gift from a child.

I've learned.... That I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in some other way.

I've learned.... That no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.

I've learned.... That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.

I've learned.... That simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult.

I've learned.... That life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

I've learned.... That we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.

I've learned.... That money doesn't buy class.

I've learned.... That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.

I've learned.... That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.

I've learned.... That to ignore the facts does not change the facts.

I've learned.... That when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.

I've learned.... That love, not time, heals all wounds.

I've learned.... That the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.

I've learned.... That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.

I've learned.... That no one is perfect until you fall in love with them.

I've learned... That life is tough, but I'm tougher.

I've learned.... That opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.

I've learned.... That when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.

I've learned.... That I wish I could have told my mom that I love her one more time before she passed away.

I've learned.... That one should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.

I've learned.... That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

I've learned.... That when your newly born grandchild holds your little finger in his little fist, that you're hooked for life.

I've learned.... That everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.

I've learned.... That the less time I have to work with, the more things I get done.

Make someone smile today!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

St. Vincent Food Pantry

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, on Park Street in Loogootee, is open the fourth Thursday of the month except November and December when they are open the third Thursday. The hours are 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3:30 p.m.

LUMC Food Pantry

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

Mental Health Task Force

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

Celebrate Recovery meetings

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

Local recovery meetings

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

Free lunch for kids

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

SOAR Tutoring

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

Solid waste board

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

Soil and Water meetings

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



LOOGOOTEE SUMMERFEST

Thursday, June 23 - Saturday, June 25

DOWNTOWN LOOGOOTEE

Thursday, June 23, 2022	Saturday, June 25, 2022
<p>Craft Booths/Food Stands (sponsored by K of C Auxiliary) 5:00-10:00 PM</p> <p>Lark's Ranch Carnival Rides on Church Street 5:00-10:00 PM</p> <p>Face Painting 5:00-?PM</p> <p>Pickle Ball Draw at Loogootee High School 6:00 PM</p> <p>Opening Remarks, Mayors Welcome on main stage 6:15 PM</p> <p>Queen Contest on main stage 6:30 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Master of Ceremony- Brian Whitney</p> <p>Redemption Praise Band on main stage 7:30-9:00 PM</p>	<p>5K Run/Fun Walk at West Bogg's Park Start/Finish down by beach house (sponsored by Ladies K of C Auxiliary) Walk 7:30 AM Run 8:00 AM</p> <p>Volleyball Tournament at City Park 9:00 AM</p> <p>Pickleball Tournament at LHS Tennis Courts 9:00 AM</p> <p>Farmer's Market (sponsored by CALL) 8:00-12:00 PM Located on Hwy. 231 North of Butcher Blvd. on the right</p> <p>Compassionate Hands BBQ People's Choice 12:00 PM \$5 Taste Test vote for your favorite team at 106 N. Line St.</p> <p>Texas Hold'em Tournament at K of C Club 1:00 PM</p> <p>Car Show (by Park & Spark Car Club) on Wood Street 3:30-6:00 PM</p> <p>Corn Hole Tournament at VFW (Bring your own bags) Registration 3:30 PM Start 4:00 PM</p> <p>Kids Sidewalk Chalk Contest at sidewalk in front of Larkin Apartments (sponsored by Tri-Kappa) 4:00 PM</p> <p>Compassionate Hands BBQ awards at the main stage 4:00 PM</p> <p>Kids Activities at old library building on the square 4:15-5:00 PM</p> <p>Craft Booths/Food Stands (sponsored by KofC Auxiliary) 4:00-10:00 PM</p> <p>Lark's Ranch Carnival Rides on Church Street 4:00-10:00 PM</p> <p>Loogootee Fire Department Smoke House 5:00- 9:00 PM</p> <p>Trey Knepp Band on main stage 5:45-7:45 PM</p> <p>Parade 7:00 PM</p> <p>Valley Wine and Spirit Band on main stage 8:00-10:00 PM</p> <p>Fireworks 10:00 PM</p>

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Open class exhibits at the Martin County Fair

It's time to start thinking about what you would like to exhibit in the home economics open class at this year's fair, as check-in is less than a month away. To be exact, it will be Tuesday, July 13 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Please remember there has been one major change to this year's open class check-in - all open class projects will be checked in on a different day than the 4-H projects; please note the change.

Below is a list of the sections for each department that you can exhibit from, please refer to the open class booklet for the full rules and regulations for each department.

If you like to bake, there is a wide range of sections that you can pick from to exhibit in the baking Department.

Baking Department

Cakes (exhibit a whole product) No mixes

Cookies (exhibit 6 cookies)

Bread (Exhibit a whole loaf) or Rolls (6) (Yeast Recipe only) (No bread Machine)

Quick loaf, 4 muffins or biscuits (non-yeast)

Pies (exhibit a whole pie)

Candy (exhibit 6 pieces)

Snack (ie puppy chow, trail mix, Chex mix, etc.) (exhibit 2 cups)

Create-with-a mix, using a mix create your own cake. Use at least three other ingredients in addition to those called for in the mix. (exhibit the whole product).

If you garden and or grow flowers, you can show off your green thumb in the open class flower and horticulture departments.

Flower Department

Cut Flowers (single Bloom)-Flowers from your garden: Zinnia, Marigold, Gladioli, Roses (any variety), Dahlia, Coxcomb, Sunflower, Any cut flower

Potted Plants (any potted plant or house plant including hanging baskets): Foliage, Blooming, Cactus, African Violet

Arrangements: Fresh (no boughten flowers), Wildflowers, Kitchen arrangement (no artificial flowers)

Horticulture Department (please name the variety of your vegetable)

Vegetables: Beans, exhibit 12, (bush, green or pole); Cabbage, 1 head; Corn, 4 ears sweet (shucks on); Cucumbers, 4 (any type) a. slicing, b. pickling; Onions, 4 (any type); Peppers, 4 (any type); Potatoes, 4 (any type); Squash, 1 (any type); Tomatoes, 4 (any type); Other; Garden Basket (Variety of 7 vegetables)

Fruits: Apples, 4; Peaches, 4; Cherries, 1 cup; Blackberries, 1 cup; Blueberries, 1 cup

Canning Department

Fruits, single jar; Fruits, collection (3 different varieties of fruit)

Vegetables, single jar; Vegetables, collection (3 different varieties of vegetables); Pickled beets; Pickled Cucumber (any style); Pickled relish

Preserves, single jar any type; Preserves, 3 varieties

Jellies, 3 varieties; Jellies, single jar (any type)

Salsa

If you like taking pictures of your family, pets, mother nature and etc., then you can show off those talents by exhibiting

those in the photography department.

Photography Department (Digital Photographs)

Nature (scenery, wild animals, wildflowers, etc.): Black & White or Sepia; Color

Flowers: Black & White or Sepia; Color
Portraits (picture must include people): Black & white or sepia; Color

Collage Collection of pictures (at least 3 pictures on a central theme, displayed on one sheet): Black & White or Sepia; Color

Animals (pets, zoo, domestic): Black & White or Sepia; Color

Structures (Building, bridges, etc.): Black & White, or Sepia; Color

Action Shot: Black & White or Sepia; Color

If you are crafty and would like to show off your talents, you get that opportunity in the needlework, quilts, handicraft and fine arts departments.

Quilts Department

Hand quilted: pieced, appliqued, Embroidered, over 25 years old

Machine Quilted: pieced, appliqued, embroidered

Cooperative Quilt: quilt pieced by one person and quilted by another, machine quilted

Other Quilted Items; such as garments, pillows, wall hangings, baby quilts: hand quilted, machine quilted

Needlework Department

Afghans (knitted or crocheted)

Crochet

Knitting

Embroidery & Cross Stitch

Sewing: garments, other pillows, handbags, stuffed animals, etc)

Other (Macrame) (Needlepoint)

Handicraft Department

Any holiday (handmade decorations)

Needlepoint (plastic)

Woodcraft

Paint-by-number or other printed item

Recycling for Reuse, taking something that is not being used and making it into something useful again. (i.e. rags into rugs, two liter bottles into bird feeders)

Miscellaneous (ceramics from molds, painting on saws, stone, wood, etc)

Fine Arts Department

Painting: Portrait, Animal, Sea/Landscape, Other

Drawing: Portrait, Animal, Sea/Landscape, Other

Children's Art (Age 12 and under)

Miscellaneous (sculpture, hand build ceramics, maxed media, etc.)

Please remember that the open class booklets can be picked up in Shoals at Velma's Diner and Chastain's Flowers. In Loogootee at the Hometown IGA, Williams Bros. Pharmacy and Hometown Flowers & Gifts and on Facebook. Also, the Martin County Extension office will have booklets.

Open class organizers would like to say a big thank you for this year's sponsors: Martin County Farm Bureau, Inc.; Chastain's Flowers, Hometown Flowers & Gifts, Hometown IGA, Jones Oil, Rosie's, Velma's Diner and Williams' Bros. Pharmacy. Without their support this event would not be possible.

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FAMILY YARD SALE Friday June 24th 7am-? EVERYTHING IS MAKE OFFER. A lot of men's size 38 pants and shorts, women's XL-2X some size 20-22, Judy blue and cancan jeans; some maternity clothes size M-2XL; baby boy clothes NB-6M, baby girl clothes 3M-18M and childrens boy and girl clothes. Also have vinyl windows, lights, dimmer switches, motorcycle helmets, race scanner and head sets, and lots of misc items. Everything must go! Located at the Street's residence, 1 mile south on State Road 550, Loogootee. House located in the back, at the end of the blacktop drive.

HELP WANTED

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Part-Time Jail Officers - \$15.00 per hour

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Minimum Requirements:

—Be at least 18 years of age

—Citizen of the United States

—High School Diploma or GED

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—Be willing to submit to pre-employment drug screening

—Ability and willingness to work a variety of shifts, including evenings, weekends and some holidays

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Please Come in and Fill Out an Application for Employment at the Sheriff's Office Today!!

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Shoals Town Council approves purchasing equipment, several ordinances

The Shoals Town Council met Monday, June 13. Those in attendance were Council Members Cary D. Albright, Clint Hoffman, and Cecil Ragsdale; Town Attorney Dave Lett, Clerk-Treasurer Sierra Rutledge, Beautification Board Member Tania Brown and Kenneth Lannan and August Bauer, with the Martin County Council on Aging.

Kenneth Lannan and August Bauer came before the board to request to purchase the Shoals Senior Citizen Center Building. Currently, the Martin County Council on Aging has a long-term lease for the building with the town. Council Member Albright stated the town is willing to sell the building to the Council on Aging with the restriction that the town would have first option to purchase the building back for the same amount as the sale price if they ever decided to. Councilman Ragsdale made a motion to allow the Council on Aging to purchase the building from the town for one dollar with Councilman Hoffman making the second and all were in favor. Attorney Lett will prepare the deed and documents.

~LETTER TO THE EDITOR~

“No Build” option: Best choice for Hoosiers and the environment

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

At this moment of uncertainty during climate change, any project that disturbs the ecology of our state should be heavily vetted - especially a project of such enormous scope as the proposed Mid-States Corridor, which will disturb forest, wetlands, and the fragile ecology of both public and private lands. Southern Indiana is beautiful, and the intact forestland, wetlands and diverse ecology found there should be seen as a resource in today's rapidly changing climate.

As the Executive Committee Chair of the Sierra Club Hoosier Chapter, I attended the Orleans Town Hall Meeting to support the “Coalition Against Mid-States Corridor”. Since then, I have helped to organize and to speak out against this new terrain highway project at the Mitchell Town Hall meeting and both Town Hall meetings in Loogootee. I called Governor Holcomb's office and invited him to attend the last Town Hall meeting in Loogootee and listen to the concerns of the people.

As Hoosiers from across Indiana, the Hoosier Chapter supports the “Coalition Against the Mid-States Corridor” and appreciate the facts they have brought to light of an imbalance of power regarding this project due to the enactment of Senate Bill 128 in 2017. We support the hundreds of people that have written to or called Governor Holcomb and have attended Town Hall meetings to oppose this proposed highway.

My hometown is Mitchell, Indiana where “Route O” is positioned on the Lochmueller Group DEIS maps. At this moment, the Mid-States Corridor is simply an idea. It is understandable that this might have been thought of as a great idea that would benefit many people when first imagined, providing jobs and easier transportation options for not just those in the area, but even for those across the state. However, since January the people of Indiana who will lose their homes, businesses and multi-generational farms have demonstrated at every town hall meeting that the imagined benefits of this project do not outweigh the risks and harm. The citizens of Indiana have loudly and publicly proclaimed that this highway is not needed and not wanted.

Most of the funding for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Mid-States Corridor was given anonymously and those sources have not been shared with the public. These anonymous donors are from businesses and compa-

Tania Brown, with the Beautification Board, came before the council to request approval of quotes received for a boundary survey to be done at the boat ramp area. The board is working with DNR currently on revamping the area and a survey is required to move forward. Clerk-Treasurer Sierra Rutledge stated that of the survey quotes requested, two were received. Councilman Albright requested to temporarily suspend the meeting at 6:07 p.m. The council reconvened at 6:10 p.m. The quotes received were discussed and reviewed. Councilman Hoffman made a motion to approve the survey quote from AS&D., Inc. in the amount of \$3,200 which was the lowest quote with Councilman Ragsdale making the second and all were in favor.

Council Member Albright presented Ordinance 2022-01 “An Ordinance to Ensure Compliance with Indiana's Access to Public Records Law for the Town of Shoals”. Councilman Ragsdale made a motion to pass the ordinance with Councilman Hoffman making the second and all were in favor. Next presented was Ordinance 2022-02 “An Or-

dnance Amending the Rates & Charges for the Waterworks Utility”. Rutledge stated this ordinance reflects the new reduction to the water rates with the state mandated repeal of the URT Tax which takes effect July 1, 2022. Councilman Ragsdale made a motion to pass the ordinance with Councilman Hoffman making the second and all were in favor. Next presented was Ordinance 2022-04 “An Ordinance of the Town of Shoals Amending the Rates & Charges Relating to the Waterworks of the Town”. This ordinance sets a tampering fee of \$500 for the water meters. Council Member Albright stated he brought to the board's attention at the last meeting a change of date for the October session. After discussion, Councilman Hoffman made a motion to change the meeting date to October 5 at 5:59 p.m. with Councilman Ragsdale making the second and all were in favor. Albright presented quotes from Hopf Equipment that he had received. He said he spoke with other area dealers as well. Albright stated after meeting and researching, he is suggesting the town do a three-year lease for the equipment which includes all maintenance and the quote reflects a reduced interest rate and a municipal discount. Albright went over all the figures and the new tractor would be a Kubota with a loader and came in at \$29,895.69 after the reductions and trade in of \$9,500 for the current Kubota tractor the payment would be \$3,731 per year for the lease payment. The next quote was for a zero-turn radius mower, again with the reduced interest rate and municipal discount and trade in value of \$5,500 of the old Ford tractor for a final price of \$13,858.98. Councilman Ragsdale made a motion to accept the quotes and move forward with purchasing the zero-turn mower outright and the Kubota tractor with a three-year lease. Councilman Hoffman made the second and all were in favor.

Albright stated he had been doing research to upgrade the office copy machine. The current copy machine is outdated and very aged. Albright went over figures he had received from Bedford Office Supply. After discussion, it was decided to try and get more quotes from area office supply companies for price comparison before a decision is made. A contract was presented for the installation of the new electronic read water meters. Council Member Albright requested a motion to approve the contract between the Town and Ben Kent contingent upon final price per meter with a completion date of September 1, 2022. Councilman Ragsdale made the motion with Councilman Hoffman making the second and the motion passed. Clerk Treasurer Rutledge presented all fund balances and bank statements to the council for review with a balance date as of May 31, 2022. Rutledge stated she had several items to discuss for the upcoming Catfish Festival. She requested approval for the fireworks donation. Councilman Ragsdale made a motion to make a \$500 donation with Councilman Hoffman making the second. Rutledge stated she had the mosquito spraying scheduled for the evening of June 30. She said the scheduled street sweeping is tentative at this time due to the machine

being repaired. Rutledge stated Marshal Eckert would start moving cars off Main Street on June 30 by noon and plans to have the road completely closed between 2-4 p.m. for setup to begin. Rutledge said restrooms had been ordered and will be delivered June 30, CSX was notified, the large dumpster was ordered, and she said she had entered the town trucks into the parade. Rutledge requested approval to create some new funds for internal control purposes. First was the “OCRA Wastewater Grant Fund”. Councilman Ragsdale made the motion with Councilman Ragsdale making the second. Next was the “Wastewater Matching Grant Fund” with Councilman Hoffman making the motion and Councilman Ragsdale making the second. Next was the “Beautification Board USG Grant Fund” with Councilman Hoffman making the motion and Councilman Ragsdale making the second. Rutledge presented Resolution 2022-03 for AIM Medical Trust. The resolution is a formality from AIM stating they hold the policy for the town's health insurance. Councilman Ragsdale made the motion with Councilman Hoffman making the second. Rutledge stated the annual ERC certification with INDOT had been completed for the annual renewal. She said one person is required to keep certification on file with INDOT at all times in order for the town to be eligible to receive the funding. She wanted to note that she had her deputy also take the course and get certified this year so there is a back-up and no risk of non-eligibility if something were to happen. Rutledge stated she had some grant project updates she wanted to go over. First was the “SVFD SCBA Bottle Upgrade” grant. Rutledge said all bottles and mouth pieces had been received and she would be submitting the final grant report next week. Next was the “Lets Light Up Shoals” grant and Rutledge stated Johnny Signs is planning to do the install on the sign sometime the week of June 20-25. She said she is in contact with Fischer Electric in hopes of getting them on site the same day for job completion so that the sign will be in working order by the time of Catfish Festival. Next Rutledge said was the “Wayfinding Signs” grant. Rutledge said INDOT's legal department had finally sent the legal agreement and now the pre-construction meeting can be set, and the project can move forward. Rutledge said two other grant projects of “East Shoals Tornado Siren” and “West Shoals Tornado Siren” had both been completed and final grant reports had been submitted and that both sirens are in working order. Rutledge presented meter deposit and applies for P. Tolbert and J. Foerester. Councilman Ragsdale made a motion to approve with Councilman Hoffman making the second and all were in favor. With no other business to discuss, Councilman Ragsdale made a motion to adjourn with Councilman Hoffman making the second at 7:10 p.m. The next regular meeting will be Monday, July 11 at 5:59 p.m. at the Shoals Town Hall. The Town Hall will be closed Monday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

In my research to support my statements, I found an article written by Alan Rosenthal in 1999, (<https://www.ncsl.org/research/about-state-legislatures/the-good-legislature.aspx>). In my opinion, this article offers a very useful guide and measure of the effectiveness of our legislature and should be used as a resource for Governors and State Legislators. “The challenge is to remain true to the fundamental purposes of representative democracy and the legislative system. For legislatures to be good they must carry out the functions we expect of them in our system of representative democracy. The principal ones are balancing power, representing constituencies, and making laws. The constitutional system and the legislature ought to provide for substantial political equality, that is, ‘one person, one vote’.”

By enacting SB128, an inequality of the balance of powers has been allowed to slip by. In the long term, “We the People” intend to work to repeal SB128. If this project is allowed to come to fruition, then it will be true that the People have been intentionally excluded from the democratic process by legislators and by the Governor. In the short term and in order to rectify this imbalance, the Governor can and should consider enforcing the “No Build” option for the Mid-States Corridor new terrain highway.

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