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## ICO honored

-Photo provided

Indiana Conservation Officer Tony Mann was recently selected as the 2016 District 7 Hunter Education Officer of the Year. ICO Mann was recognized by his fellow officers for his outstanding effort in promoting ethical and safe hunting through the Hunter Education program. ICO Mann and other district representatives were honored at the annual Indiana Hunter Education Association banquet last weekend. Tony, who is assigned Martin and Dubois counties, was also recently honored for 25 years of service as an Indiana Conservation Officer. Tony (on the right) is shown accepting a plaque for 25 years of service from District 7 Lt. Duane Englert.

## Shoals School Board approves salary changes, personnel changes

The Shoals School Board met last Thursday, October 13.

The board approved the following employee raises:

- Non-certified employees – 1 percent raise effective October 17, 2016
- Non-certified employees - \$100 stipend
- Non-certified employees with HSA accounts - \$500 deposit

## Legion, VFW to host Veteran Appreciation Ceremony November 5

“The soldier is the Army. No army is better than its soldiers. The Soldier is also a citizen. In fact, the highest obligation and privilege of citizenship is that of bearing arms for one’s country” General George Patton made this observation during World War II, and the statement still holds true today. Every Soldier, Sailor, Marine, or Airmen from the Revolutionary War until today was simply another citizen until they made the decision to help protect and defend the Constitution and the freedoms the Constitution provided all citizens. Whether in peacetime or time of conflict, the men and women who has worn a uniform of the Armed Services did so without hesitation to defend this democracy.

This is why the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars sponsors the “Veterans Appreciation” ceremony and parade. As the military has been reduced in size, and more emphasis is placed on electronic warfare and less  
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-Elementary principal - \$1,000 salary increase

-Athletic director - \$500 salary increase

The board approved donating or disposing of unused chemical vent in the junior high building, old athletic department uniforms and equipment, and old advanced placement textbooks

The board approved the following personnel actions:

-Lonnie Hawkins, Kyle Turpin, and Ashley Salmon as substitute and ECA bus drivers

-Nina Foreman and Ashton Allbright as substitute teachers

-Dale Boyd to serve as substitute driver of the activity bus

-Terra Boyd’s resignation from position of Robotics Sponsor

-Rebecca Harmon’s resignation from position of varsity volleyball coach

-Josh Sexton to serve as 7th grade basketball coach

-Clarence Brown to serve as 8th grade basketball coach

-Adnan Dhair to serve as 5th grade basketball coach

-Dana Turpin, Jordan Sorrells, John Wright, Grady Key, Tim Sorrells, and Alan Abel as boys’ basketball volunteers

-Kelsey Hert as girls’ basketball JV/assistant coach

-Jamie Shaw as girls’ basketball volunteer coach

-Amber Hoffman as elementary cheer sponsor

-Morgan Walker as volunteer for elementary cheerleading

-John Gore as junior varsity volleyball  
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## Learn about proposed Shoals Historic District on October 27

The DNR Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology will hold a public information meeting about the proposed Shoals Historic District at 6 p.m. on Thursday, October 27.

The meeting will be held at the Shoals Public Library, 404 High Street, in Shoals.

The meeting will give attendees a chance to learn about the National Register of Historic Places and what it means to be listed.

The meeting will also cover some of the common misconceptions about the Register. National Register staff from the DNR will be present to answer

questions.

The proposed district includes historic properties from many periods of the town’s history. The meeting offers the chance to learn about the various incentives that owners can apply to receive, and other results of the community’s efforts to gain National Register listing.

For more information about the National Register of Historic Places, visit [dnr.IN.gov/historic/3654.htm](http://dnr.IN.gov/historic/3654.htm) or call (317) 232-1646. A copy of the National Register form for the Shoals Historic District is at [dnr.IN.gov/historic/2773.htm](http://dnr.IN.gov/historic/2773.htm).

## County commissioners discuss biweekly department business

The Martin County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, October 11.

Auditor January Roush submitted the humane society quarterly report on behalf of Josh and Courtney Hughett who were unable to attend meeting.

Commissioner Dan Gregory gave the 2nd reading of the booking fee ordinance. The ordinance will be published two times and then will be in full effect.

Auditor Roush made a correction to PTABOA member Susan Brewer’s appointment by the commissioners. Her appointment is made by the council not the commissioners.

Due to absence of President George, the commissioners and County Attorney Dave Lett agreed to postpone the animal control ordinance discussion.

Commissioner Kevin Boyd made a motion to approve the SecureTech System’s Inc. service agreement quote of \$732.75 for the wireless panic/duress system installed at the courthouse. Commissioner Gregory made the second.

Auditor Roush submitted an update on the recent tax sale. She also submitted the tourism report on behalf of Jim Stoughton.

Commissioner Boyd made a motion to approve pay #1 for the workforce development grant in the amount of \$12,774.84, of which \$4,000 is grant funding from OCRA and the remaining is local match funds. Commissioner Gregory made the second.

Auditor Roush presented to the commissioners a letter from the Indiana Bicentennial Commission endorsing Martin County’s Bison Bill Project. The commissioners thanked Marie Hawkins for all her hard work and dedication on the Bicentennial event.

Auditor Roush submitted the two-week work schedule on behalf of Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett who was unable to attend due to vacation. Beginning October 17, the department will be working five days a week, 7 a.m. (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 3)



## October in Martin County

-Photo by Sarah Mullen

Lark Ranch is a popular place to visit this time of year with plenty of fall activities for families. They also have a pumpkin patch for kiddos to choose one for their carving pleasure. Lark Ranch is located on Killion Mill Road.

# SHOALS

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coach

- Dean Troutman as volunteer Robotics coach with stipend amount donated to Robotics Program. (Board Member Lorna Troutman abstained from this vote.)
- The board approved the following field trip requests:
  - Volleyball team to Hawkins Health Center in Loogootee on September 28
  - Sophomore and junior students to Student Leadership Summit at VU on October 4
  - Spanish Club to Loogootee for Hispanic Heritage Soccer Tournament on October 20
  - High school band to Loogootee High School for Jazz Band Festival Rehearsal on October 24
  - High school band to Loogootee High School to rehearse for Veteran's Day Parade on October 25
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade students to Blue Spring Caverns and Martin State Forest on October 28
  - High school band to North Daviess High School for Festival of Bands on November 1
  - High school band and to Loogootee Veteran's Day Parade on November 5
  - High school students to WestGate at Crane for Career Fair on November 18
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade students to WestGate at Crane for STEM Activity on December 1
  - Rockettes Dance Team to Crawfordsville Middle School for competition on December 10
  - Rockettes Dance Team to Avon High School for competition on January 14
  - Rockettes Dance Team to Jasper High

School for competition on February 4

- Rockettes Dance Team to Crawfordsville High School South for Regional Competition on March 4
- Jr. Beta Club to State Convention at French Lick Resort on November 11
- Sr. Beta Club to State Convention at French Lick Resort on November 11 through November 12

The board accepted the following donations:

- Subway Restaurant in Bedford to Rockettes Dance Team \$150
- Street's Contracting Inc. to Rockettes Dance Team \$100
- Hawkins Health Center to Rockettes Dance Team \$80
- Professional Lawn Care - Luke Conder to Rockettes Dance Team \$100
- United States Gypsum Company to Rockettes Dance Team \$100
- German American Bank to Rockettes Dance Team \$100
- Lil-Critters Daycare to Rockettes Dance Team \$35
- Chicago's Pizza to PBIS \$250 worth of pizza and breadsticks
- McDonalds in Loogootee to PBIS - free food voucher coupons
- Kimball Electronics to Elementary LEGO \$500
- Kimball Electronics to High School Robotics \$500
- Jones Oil Company to Elementary LEGO \$250
- High School FFA Club requests permission to seek donations from local farmers

The board gave permission for the Rockettes Dance Team to hold a dinner and performance on the evening of No-

vember 11, 2016.

The board approved the athletic department's online spirit shop and Megan Hawkins to organize the ABC Bottle Cap recycling project

The board approved advertising for quotes on a three-year mowing contract.

The board approved the following fundraising requests:

- Cheerleaders to sell laundry detergent October 10-October 31

The board approved the following donations received for the mural project: anonymous \$100, April and David Sutton \$50, Mary Lou Billings \$25, Karen and Bill Whorrall \$50, Barb Hager \$100, Teresa and John Heckard \$100, anonymous \$100, Student Council \$1,000, Thomas Schoonmaker \$25, Hwy. 50 Yard Sale \$349.50, and Coin Wars \$531.82.

The board approved a recommendation to hire Danny Roush to mow the fenced in athletic fields during the 2017, 2018, and 2019 mowing seasons. Dianna Ragsdale abstained from the vote.

The board held a second reading and approved of the change to post-accident testing guidelines, the employment process for support staff policy, and the teacher procedures and guidelines manual. They also held a second reading and approval for updated job descriptions for the corporation treasurer, corporation secretary/deputy treasurer/transportation secretary and food service worker/cafe-teria assistant manager/payroll clerk.

The board also approved the 2017 budget, capital projects fund and bus replacement plan.

The board held a first reading of the

non-certified employee handbook revision.

Superintendent Candace Roush reported on the following:

- PBIS program update
- Chimney repairs have been completed.
- The digital sign is close to being finished.
- The school applied for an LCC grant to help support substance abuse and the PBIS program in the school.
- The Veterans Day program will be held on November 10.
- Parent teacher conferences will be held on October 27 from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m.
- Parents are welcome to stop by the elementary library that same evening from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. to ask questions about their child's device.
- The school is waiting to hear if we have received the Hoosier Uplands after school program grant.
- The health insurance rates will be coming out in the next week or so and will be brought to the November meeting for approval.
- Teacher aides will have an opportunity to have some training this coming week.
- The official REMC date for their annual meeting will be April 18.
- There will be a faculty and staff hog roast on November 4. That is the next early release day and teachers will have the opportunity to have professional development on data analysis and student centered instruction.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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# Obituaries

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## SHIRLEY FARLEY

Shirley L. Farley, formerly of Alfordsville, passed away at 1:25 a.m.



SHIRLEY FARLEY

Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at Good Samaritan-Northwood Retirement Community. A resident of Jasper, she was 81.

She was born February 6, 1935 in Reeve Township; daughter of the late Elmer and Hazel (Potts) Hoffman. She married Herbert Farley on November 12, 1955 at Alfordsville United Methodist Church and he preceded her in death on September 27, 1992.

She taught Sunday School for 20 years. She was the Spiritual Growth Officer and Women's Division Officer for the Vincennes District of the United Methodist Church for 8 years. She was a member of the Alfordsville United Methodist Church. She served on the Board of Old Union Historical Church. She retired from Kimball Electronics as incoming inspector.

She is survived by grandchildren, Kevin (Jayme) Farley of Evansville, Melissa (Daniel) Western of Evansville, Chad Farley of Jasper, Matthew Farley of Loogootee, and Lydia and Emberly Farley.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert Farley; son, Terry Farley; parents, Elmer and Hazel (Potts) Hoffman; and brother, Randall Hoffman.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, October 16 at Alfordsville United Methodist Church. Burial followed in Old Union Cemetery.

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee was in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be made online at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com).

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## JACQUELINE BAKER

Jacqueline A. Baker passed away at 8:18 p.m. Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at The Timbers of Jasper. A resident of Loogootee, she was 79.

She was born February 16, 1937 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; daughter of the late Jack and Victoria (Pulaski) Ellis. Jacky was a member of the K of C Ladies Auxiliary, America Legion Ladies Auxiliary, Fraternal Order of the Eagles Ladies Auxiliary and St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

She loved playing cards and bingo. She was an avid animal lover and enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Baker; parents, Jack and Victoria (Pulaski) Ellis.

She is survived by her children, Mike Baker of Shoals, Steve (Lisa) Baker of Shoals, Jamie (Lana) Baker of Bloomington and Kim (Roger) Kyger of Loogootee; grandchildren, Lance Baker, Cara (Jason) Wyman, Katherine (Cameron) Ochs, Danny (Lisa) Baker, Brand (Samantha) Baker, Candace (Travis) Roush, Sarah Young, Jill Baker, Matthew Baker, Joshua (Waynessa) Franklin, Jarret Franklin, and Justin Franklin; 13 great-grandchildren and one to arrive in February 2017.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker on Saturday, October 15 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee was in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

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

## GERALD GAMMON

Gerald L. Gammon passed away Saturday October 15, 2016 in Bloomington. A resident of Shoals, he was 72.

He was born July 6, 1944 in Martin County; the son of Roman and Irene (Terrell) Gammon. He married Dana L. Baker on August 29, 1963 in Campbell, Kentucky and she survives.

He was an electrician at the US Gypsum for 20 years and NSWC Crane 27 years. He was a member of the Natchez Community Church and a US Army Veteran with the 101st Airborne Paratroopers.

He enjoyed spending time with his family more than anything else, especially his buddy Gabriel. He also loved hunting and fishing with his son Gerald Jr, horseback riding, camping, four-wheeler riding, gardening and cutting his own firewood.

He is survived by one daughter, April (David) Sutton of Loogootee; one son, Gerald Gammon Jr. and Courtney Sanders of Shoals; four grandchildren, Jessica (Cody) Shinn, Ashley O'Connor, Emily Sutton and Samantha Gammon; and one great grandson, his special fishing buddy, Gabe Shinn.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Lester and Robert Gammon; and two sisters, Wilma Stroud and Margaret Campbell.

Funeral services were held this morning, Wednesday, October 19 at Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals with Bro. Wayne Pendley officiating. Burial followed in the Port Williams Cemetery.

Online condolences can be made at [www.queenlee.com](http://www.queenlee.com).

## GEORGIANA TRIPP

Georgiana Tripp, formerly of Shoals, passed away at 1:45 a.m. Saturday, October 15, 2016 at Stonebridge Health Campus. A resident of Bedford, she was 90.

She was born January 23, 1926, in Tabor, South Dakota; the daughter of Rudolph and Frances Stratil. She married Leonard Tripp on August 6, 1944 and he survives.

She worked in Washington D.C. in the FBI Department, was also employed at Crane, and was a homemaker for several years. She was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. Georgiana was a member of the Red Hat Society.

Surviving are her husband, Leonard, of Bedford; one son, Gary (Rowena) Tripp, of Shoals; one daughter, Judy Tripp, of New Jersey; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and two step great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, and two sisters.

Funeral services will be held today, Wednesday, October 19 at 2 p.m. at Ferguson-Lee Funeral Home, with Father Rick Eldred and Johnny Johnson officiating. Burial will be in Dive Cemetery.

Visitation was held today, Wednesday, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be made at [www.queenlee.com](http://www.queenlee.com).

## GENE "STUB" SANDERS

Gene "Stub" Sanders passed away Saturday, October 15, 2016, at his home. A resident of Huron, he was 83.

He was born July 26, 1933, in Orleans; the son of Clarence D. and Hazel M. (Goodpaster) Sanders. He married Marion R. Caraway February 21, 1957, and she preceded him in death February 4, 2003.

He retired from National Gypsum with 31 years of service, and in retirement, he repaired lawnmowers. Gene

was a member of Martin County Coon Hunters Club, Orange County Conservation Club, Mitchell Senior Citizens, and was an avid hunter and fisherman. He loved spending time with his family.

He was a U. S. Air Force veteran of the Korean War and was a member of American Legion Post No. 250.

He is survived by his children, Tony E. (Patty) Sanders of Mitchell, Jeffery W. (Elizabeth) Sanders of Loogootee, Cynthia J. Clymer of Loogootee, James A. Sanders of Mitchell, and John D. (Leslie) Sanders of West Chester, Ohio; special friend, Mary Martin of Mitchell; grandchildren, Tony E. Sanders II, Misty D, Weigle, Brandi M. Gilbert, Jacob C. Sanders, Benjamin D. Clymer, Sarah K. Sanders, Lucas A. Sanders, and Jackson J. Sanders; 13 great grandchildren; siblings, Leroy Sanders of French Lick, Kenny Sanders and James Sanders, both of Orleans, and Sandy Morrison of Mitchell

His parents and siblings, Leon Sanders, William Sanders, Dorothy Lane, Robert Sanders, Wanda Woodford, and JoAnn Sanders, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held this morning, Wednesday, October 19, in the Memorial Chapel of Chastain Funeral Home & Cremation Center with Reverend Mike Williams officiating. Burial followed in Mt. Horeb Baptist Cemetery with military honors accorded by American Legion Post No. 250 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 9107.

## BRADLEY STUFFLE

Bradley Dean Stuffle, 38, of Odon, Indiana, went to Heaven peacefully, on Sunday, October 16, 2016 in Odon. A resident of Odon, he was 38.

He was born in Daviess County on December 4, 1977; son of Norman 'Pat' and Sharon K. (Inman) Stuffle.

He was a member of the Odon United Methodist Church. He was an Indianapolis Colts fan and liked the Cincinnati Reds. Bradley loved nature. He enjoyed working puzzles, Christmas time and especially family gatherings.

Survivors include: his mother, Sharon K. Stuffle of Odon; two brothers, Gary (Vicki) Stuffle of Odon and Brian (Nancy) Stuffle of Plainville; three sisters, Anita Stuffle of Loogootee, Teresa (Harry) West of Jasonville and Andrea (Jonathan) Mazingo of Washington; nieces, Ashley (Robert) Saladin and Alyssa Mazingo; nephews, Andrew (Rebecca) Stuffle, Cory Stuffle, Alex Stuffle, Mark West, Cameron West, Isaac Mazingo; great-niece, Abriana Saladin; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Norman 'Pat' Stuffle; paternal grandparents, James Burley and Marie Stuffle; maternal grandparents, Alfred and Mildred Inman.

Funeral services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Thursday, October 20 at Second Mount Olive Baptist Church in Odon with Brother Tom Watson officiating. Bradley will be laid to rest in Walnut Hill Cemetery in Odon.

Family and friends may call from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Wednesday, October 19 at Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon and from 10 a.m. until the time of service at 11 on Thursday at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Riley Children's Hospital. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home and the church.

All arrangements have been entrusted to James W. Meng, Jr. and Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon. Online condolences may be sent to [www.mengfuneralhome.com](http://www.mengfuneralhome.com).

## COMMISSIONERS

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to 3:30 p.m. Supply bids will be advertised and due November 4, 2016 by 4 p.m. in the auditor's office. Bids will be opened at the November 9, 2016 commissioners' meeting and approved at the November 22, 2016 meeting.

Andy Ringwald, Civil Defense/EMA, informed the commissioners of hazardous material training he will be attending on October 22, 2016.

Auditor Roush reminded the commissioners and all employees of the internal control training that needed to be certified by November 15. A discussion on the materiality policy followed.

Commissioner Boyd informed those

present of several complaints he has received concerning the Martin County Ambulance.

A discussion of a letter received from DNR concerning parts of the Town of Shoals nominated to become a historic district followed.

The commissioners are invited to a veteran's luncheon on Saturday, November 12, 2016 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Maranatha Tabernacle Church.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:57pm with a motion made by Commissioner Boyd and seconded by Commissioner Gregory. The next commissioners' meeting will be Tuesday, October 25 at 5:30 p.m.

## VETERANS

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personnel, we may overlook the valor and heroism of veterans that fought in previous conflicts. Many veterans did not receive the thanks and gratitude they deserved when returning from serving their country, but just as important to this special event is the fact that there are many veterans living in the local communities that deserve recognition and thanks. This event is meant not only to demonstrate our appreciation of what our local veterans accomplished while in uniform, but as a reminder that there are many veterans who feel abandoned or unappreciated.

The Veterans March (parade) will be on November 5, and will commence at the Loogootee High School west parking lot at 2 p.m., and will follow the

same route as the Loogootee Christmas Parade (Butcher Boulevard to 1<sup>st</sup> Street then south to Church Street). Every veteran of any service and any era is invited and encourage to participate. For any veteran who does not want to walk that far, please let the Legion know, and we will arrange transportation for anyone wanting to ride. Following the parade, the American Legion will host a guest speaker and light luncheon in the upper room of the Legion (smoke free).

Anyone and everyone wishing to honor a veteran family member or to honor all veterans are welcome to participate also. Any type of vehicle, car, truck, tractor/wagon, golf cart, all-terrain, motorcycle, bicycle, or walking group can be decorated and entered.

## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

7:32 a.m. - Received a report of a possible theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baker responded.

8:40 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Deputy Shinn responded.

8:50 a.m. - Captain Dant performed a vehicle identification check near Shoals.

9:50 a.m. - Received a report of harassment near Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

10:45 a.m. - Received a report of illegal dumping near Loogootee. Captain Dant and Loogootee Officer Baker responded.

11:20 a.m. - Captain Dant and Deputy Shinn assisted with Ride Across America group near Shoals.

2:22 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baker responded.

2:52 p.m. - Received a report of debris on SR 150, east of Shoals. Shoals Fire removed the debris.

4:46 p.m. - Jail Commander Abel took one inmate to the doctor.

5:08 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Shoals. Sheriff Roush, Sergeant Keller, and Deputy Shinn responded.

5:50 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

3:32 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Deputy Salmon, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:13 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital with assistance from the Dubois County Ambulance.

6:29 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded.

9:00 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

9:30 a.m. - Received an animal complaint east of Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

10:00 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

11:10 a.m. - Received an animal complaint east of Shoals. Captain Dant and Deputy Shinn responded.

1:00 p.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

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

2:00 p.m. - Deputy Shinn took two inmates to court.

4:00 p.m. - Deputy Shinn investigated a dog bite case near Shoals.

8:14 p.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

9:22 a.m. - Received a report of debris on SR 150, east of Shoals. Chief Deputy

Greene and Captain Dant responded.

10:20 a.m. - Received a dog complaint north of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

11:30 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted with a funeral detail in Shoals.

3:05 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

4:35 p.m. - Jail Officer Means transported one inmate to the doctor.

7:36 p.m. - Received a report of harassment near Shoals. Deputy Salmon responded.

11:33 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Deputy Salmon responded.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

6:18 a.m. - Received a report of an accident on SR 150, east of Shoals. Deputy Salmon and Captain Dant responded.

12:15 p.m. - Deputy Reed transported one inmate to the Daviess County Jail.

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

1:50 p.m. - Captain Dant and Deputy Shinn assisted the department of child services with a welfare check east of Shoals.

2:30 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

2:30 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

4:37 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Deputy Shinn responded and all was okay.

4:38 p.m. - Received a report of a semi with a leaky load on US 50 near Loogootee. ISP Trooper Lents and Deputy Shinn responded.

4:41 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231, south of Loogootee. Deputy Shinn responded.

8:04 p.m. - Received a report of a car fire near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Deputy Salmon responded.

10:34 p.m. - Received a report of illegal spotlighting south of Loogootee. Deputy Salmon responded.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

1:50 a.m. - Received a report of a prowler north of Shoals. Deputy Salmon responded.

10:35 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted the department of child services with a welfare check.

11:43 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

12:30 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

2:05 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver in Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

3:28 p.m. - Daviess County Sheriff's Office reported receiving multiple 911 calls from residence in Loogootee. Deputy Shinn and Loogootee Officer Baker responded and all was okay.

3:30 p.m. - Received a report of a white Ford Ranger parked at the Overlook Park that would be removed the next day.

3:38 p.m. - Received a report of a dog locked in an apartment east of Shoals. Dog was retrieved.

8:28 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle east of Shoals. Deputy Salmon and Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded and were unable to locate.

10:04 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance west of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:43 p.m. - Deputy Salmon checked on a vehicle involved in a car-deer accident.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

12:47 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

2:29 a.m. - Received a report of an accident. Deputy Salmon responded.

4:33 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle south of Loogootee. Deputy Salmon responded.

8:35 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals First Responders responded.

11:07 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism north of Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

12:18 p.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted the department of child services with welfare check south of Loogootee.

1:20 p.m. - Received a report of a stolen license plate in Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

2:40 p.m. - Received a report of a stray dog being housed in a garage in Loogootee. Martin County Humane Society picked up the dog.

3:05 p.m. - Received a request for assistance in Loogootee to retrieve prop-

erty. Loogootee Officer Dant responded.

4:23 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

4:52 p.m. - Received a report of an ATV accident north of Shoals. Deputy Keller, Martin County Ambulance, Williams First Responders, and Air Evac responded. Patient was flown to University of Louisville Hospital.

7:59 p.m. - Received a report of stolen articles in Crane. Deputy Reed responded.

8:29 p.m. - Received a report of an unresponsive male. Deputy Reed, Martin County Ambulance, Williams First Responders, and Coroner Franklin responded.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

2:15 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

5:00 a.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

7:30 a.m. - Received a report of a stray dog in Loogootee. Sergeant Keller and Loogootee Officer Dant responded and secured the dog.

1:05 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Dant responded.

1:36 p.m. - Received a report of a stolen wallet in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Dant responded.

6:17 p.m. - Deputy Keller transported an inmate to Dubois County.

6:41 p.m. - Received a report of an ATV accident north of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller, Deputy Salmon, Deputy Shinn, Martin County Ambulance, Crane Ambulance, Loogootee First Responders, and Air Evac responded. One patient was flown to Deaconess in Evansville, one patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

## The Body Shop Gym Business Bonanza



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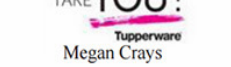


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- Jamberry Nails- Jennifer Randolph
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## FALL CLEAN -UP

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If you cannot afford the fees, please call Director Laura Albertson at the recycling center

# COURT NEWS

Persons listed on criminal charges are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

## CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING September 20

Brittany A. Brummett, convicted of resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 281 days suspended and credit for 42 actual days previously served plus 42 Class A credit days. Defendant received 10 months of probation.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED September 20

Brittany A. Brummett, resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; criminal recklessness, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed October 5

Penny Faye Hunter vs. Rigoberto Gonzalez, petition for dissolution of marriage.

October 7

Galaxy Properties, LLC vs. Jim A. Shawver, civil collection.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS October 5

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Andrew E. Strohmeier in the amount of \$1,080.45.

October 17

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendants Brian N. and Amanda Dorsey in the amount of \$4,572.49.

# Loogootee Police log

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

1:45 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50. Officers were unable to locate.

5:43 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle in Daviess County.

6:17 p.m. - Caller requested extra patrol.

6:32 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle on SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

10:02 p.m. - Caller reported a civil matter.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

11:35 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the county with a dog bite.

3:45 p.m. - Caller reported property damage on West Main Street.

4:46 p.m. - Caller reported her dog bit a person while in their own yard. Dog owner was cited for harboring a non-immunized dog.

9:00 p.m. - Caller reported her son left the residence without her permission.

9:30 p.m. - Caller reported harassment.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

1:20 a.m. - Caller on North Line Street requested medical assistance.

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

11:50 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the ambulance service.

3:25 p.m. - Received a harassment complaint.

5:55 p.m. - Received a theft complaint from Dollar General.

6:26 p.m. - Caller requested an officer assist in removing a person from their property.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

8:30 a.m. - Male came on station to request a vehicle identification check.

10:30 a.m. - Caller requested a vehicle identification check.

3:39 p.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a vehicle accident.

4:20 p.m. - First responders were requested on SE 1<sup>st</sup> Street for a medical call.

4:43 p.m. - Caller reported a violation of a protective order.

5:58 p.m. - Caller reported an altercation on East Broadway Street.

6:08 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute on Church Street.

6:52 p.m. - Caller reported a dispute on Butcher Boulevard.

10:21 p.m. - Officer Floyd assisted the county with an intoxicated person.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

1:10 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on her son.

3:42 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to a field fire on Hwy 50.

5:36 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

7:24 p.m. - Caller reported property damage on JFK Avenue.

12:53 p.m. - Officer Floyd assisted the county with a suspicious person on Hwy 50.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

10:00 a.m. - Caller requested extra patrol.

10:54 a.m. - Caller reported property damage at McDonalds.

12:44 p.m. - Caller reported two reckless vehicles on Hwy 50. Officer Baker located one of the vehicles.

4:38 p.m. - Caller requested an officer look at a suspicious article.

7:42 p.m. - First responders were requested on Mt. Calvary Road for a vehicle accident.

10:25 p.m. - Caller reported an abandoned vehicle.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

12:28 a.m. - Caller requested extra patrol on North Line Street.

1:36 a.m. - Caller reported a vehicle all over the road on US 231. Officer Floyd located the vehicle and the driver checked out okay.

4:15 p.m. - First responders were requested at Lark Ranch for a medical call.

9:27 p.m. - Caller reported a dog had been struck by a vehicle.

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

7:32 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

10:45 a.m. - Caller reported trash that had been dumped on Brooks Bridge Road belonged to a person on East Broadway Street.

5:24 p.m. - Officer Baker responded to a business alarm.

6:17 p.m. - Caller reported a dispute on Hwy 50.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

10:15 a.m. - Caller requested a vehicle identification check.

5:28 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person on Hwy 550.

7:00 p.m. - Caller reported a civil dispute.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

1:15 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

6:34 p.m. - Caller reported property damage on Hwy 50.

10:15 p.m. - Caller reported an abandoned vehicle.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

4:40 p.m. - Officer Baker responded to a business alarm.

5:32 p.m. - Male came on station to request a handgun permit.

6:08 p.m. - Caller reported possible gunshots near Park Street.

7:07 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious odor on Broadway Street.

9:08 p.m. - Caller reported a lost dog. Dog was later located.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

11:15 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

4:30 p.m. - Received a report of a 911 hang-up on SE 1<sup>st</sup> Street.

10:31 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

4:23 p.m. - Officer Floyd assisted the county with a vehicle accident.

8:15 p.m. - Caller reported harassment.

9:05 p.m. - Caller requested to speak with an officer regarding a possible theft.

9:30 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious odor.

10:29 p.m. - Caller requested extra patrol.

11:25 p.m. - Caller requested an officer deliver a death notification.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

7:30 a.m. - Caller reported a stray dog on West Main Street.

10:24 a.m. - Caller reported four kids playing near the railroad tracks with no supervision.

1:05 p.m. - Caller reported property damage at the Marathon Station.

1:36 p.m. - Caller reported a theft from McDonalds.

6:41 p.m. - First responders were requested on Pine Tree Road for an ATV accident.

9:15 p.m. - Caller reported vandalism.

# ARREST

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

2:14 p.m. - Keith Williams was arrested by Sergeant Keller on a Dubois County warrant.

## Real estate transfers

Georgia P. Mathews, of Marion County, Indiana to Pamela Davis, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: A part of the south half of fractional Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, situated in Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1 acres, more or less. Tract II: A portion of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 0.89 acres, more or less.

Lois Fuartado, of Martin County, Indiana to Ricky Lee Arthur and Kathy Arthur, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, also known as Lot Number 27.

Sandra Kerns n/k/a Sandra Allen, of Daviess County, Indiana to Lonnie Allen and Sandra Allen, of Daviess County, Indiana, Lot Numbered 34 in Risacher's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Jackie R. Edmondson and Mary Jane Edmondson, of Martin County, Indiana to Claudette Gilley, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the east half of the southwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in Kek's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Robert T. Dages and Cassidy A. Dages, of Martin County, Indiana to Daniel Wade Hail, of Boone County, Indiana, a part of the south half of the southwest quarter of Section 10, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 32.56 acres, more or less, except sections containing 0.049 acre, more or less, and 13.866 acres, more or less.

Sherry Howell, of Martin County, Indiana to Jimmy Hamby and Jane Hamby, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 104 in Chenoweth's Extension to the Town of West Shoals, now Shoals, Indiana. Also, Lot Number 129 in Chenoweth's Extension to the Town of West Shoals, now Shoals, Indiana.

Bob W. Tedrow and Vicky J. Tedrow, of Martin County, Indiana to Michael D. Geiersbach and David Geiersbach and Sharon Geiersbach, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of Section 6, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Martin County.

Ardis G. Asbell, Darren D. Asbell, Andrea G. King and Randy L. Asbell, of Clark County, Nevada to Bob W. Tedrow and Vicky J. Tedrow, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Number 1, 2, and 9 in Stiles Addition to the Town of Shoals.

## Accident reports

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

1:07 p.m. - Sylvia M. Greene, of Loogootee, was operating a 2014 Toyota on East Main Street when she struck a 2006 Volvo operated by Jeffery Hageman, of Monroe City. Captain Hennette investigated.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

7:45 a.m. - Keylee Tow, of Shoals, was operating a 2007 Chevy on High Street when she struck a 2012 Dodge operated by Edward Newman, of Indianapolis. Officer Floyd investigated.

8:00 a.m. - Luke Reed, of Loogootee, was operating a 2014 Chrysler on John C. Strange Street when he struck a vehicle operated by Wendy Chapman, of Loogootee. Officer Floyd investigated.

9:50 p.m. Charles D. Hembree, of Shoals, was operating a 2004 Ford on Broadway Street. Hembree went to change lanes to avoid an accident and stuck a 2011 Ford operated by Donovan B. Dickens, of Shoals. Officer Floyd investigated.

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## More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



The author of the following is not known. It was found in the billfold of Coach Paul Bear Bryant, Alabama, after he died in 1982.

The Magic Bank Account: Imagine that you had won the Following "PRIZE" in a contest: Each morning your bank would deposit \$86,400 in your private account for your use. However, this prize has rules:

The set of rules:

1. Everything that you didn't spend during each day would be taken away from you.
2. You may not simply transfer money into some other account.
3. You may only spend it.
4. Each morning upon awakening, the bank opens your account with another \$86,400 for that day.
5. The bank can end the game without warning; at any time, it can say, "Game Over!" It can close the account and you will not receive a new one.

What would you personally do? You would buy anything and everything you wanted right? Not only for yourself, but for all the people you love and care for. Even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself, right? You would try to spend every penny, and use it all, because you knew it would be replenished in the morning, right?

ACTUALLY, This GAME is REAL. . . Shocked??? YES! Each of us is already a winner of this "PRIZE." We just can't seem to see it. The PRIZE is "TIME"

1. Each morning we awaken to receive 86,400 seconds as a gift of Life.
2. And when we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is not credited to us.
3. What we haven't used up that day is forever lost.
4. Yesterday is forever gone.
5. Each morning the account is refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time WITHOUT WARNING... SO, what will YOU do with your 86,400 seconds?

Those seconds are worth so much more than the same amount in dollars.

Think about it and remember to enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much quicker than you think. So take care of yourself, be happy, love deeply and enjoy life! Here's wishing you a wonderful and beautiful day. Start spending.... "DON'T COMPLAIN ABOUT GROWING OLD!" SOME PEOPLE DON'T GET THE PRIVILEGE! Share this with everyone you care about! I just did.....

### FIVE BEST RIDDLES ~ THE ANSWERS ARE AT THE BOTTOM.

1. A murderer is condemned to death. He has to choose between three rooms. The first is full of raging fires, the second is full of assassins with loaded guns and the third is full of lions that haven't eaten in three years. Which room is safest for him?
2. A woman shoots her husband. Then she holds him under water for over five minutes. Finally, she hangs him. But five minutes later they both go out together and enjoy a wonderful dinner together. How can this be?
3. What is black when you buy it, red when you use it and gray when you throw it away?
4. Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Wednesday, Friday, or Sunday?
5. This is an unusual paragraph. I'm curious as to just how quickly you can find out what is so unusual about it. It looks so ordinary and plain that you would think nothing was wrong with it. In fact, nothing is wrong with it! It is highly unusual though. Study it and think about it, but you still may not find anything odd. But if you work at it a bit, you might find out. Try to do so without any coaching.

THE ANSWERS TO ALL FIVE THE RIDDLES ARE BELOW

### ANSWERS:

1. The third room. Lions that haven't eaten in three years are dead. That one was easy, right?
2. The woman was a photographer. She shot a picture of her husband, developed it and hung it up to dry. Then they went out for dinner after she got out of the darkroom.
3. Charcoal, as it is used in barbecuing.
4. Sure you can name three consecutive days: yesterday, today and tomorrow.
5. The letter 'e' which is the most common letter used in the English language, does not appear even once in the paragraph!

Make someone smile today!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, October 20 at 5 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. The meeting is open to the public.

### Maranatha guest speaker

Sheila Harper, Save One Ministry, will be speaking at Maranatha Tabernacle Church Sunday October 23 at 10:30 a.m. This event is open to the public. Maranatha Tabernacle Church is located at 13111 Hwy 231 N (1/2 mile north of the Loogootee Municipal Bldg.). Please contact Pastor Duane Smith at 812-295-4349 for additional information. Sheila Harper is the Founder and President of SaveOne, an international outreach ministry for men and women suffering in silence after an abortion.

### Fish fry

A fish fry by John Davidson will be held Friday, October 28, from 5-8 p.m. at Parkview Village Christian Care. All proceeds go to support Parkview's activity department. Judith Montgomery will perform from 6-7 p.m.

### Attention Senior Citizens

The Loogootee Senior Citizen Center, located in the Annex building attached to JFK Gym on JFK Avenue in Loogootee provides activities for seniors every Monday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon. For \$5 a year, seniors can participate in Euchre tournaments, games, puzzles, etc., with other local seniors. Anyone interested is welcome to stop by, there are no age or residency requirements to participate.

### Free lunch for kids

New Beginnings Community Church will be offering a free lunch to all school-age children every Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. at the fellowship hall of the church, located at 200 West Main Street next to the post office. For more info, call 812-709-2525.

### SOAR Tutoring

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

### Humane society meetings

The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 5:30 p.m. Members of the humane society are invited to attend.

### Solid waste board

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

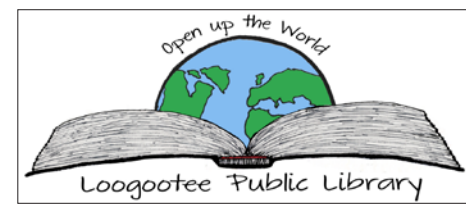
### Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each

month at 7 p.m. at Loughmiller Machine, 12851 E 150 N, Loogootee. The public is invited to attend.

### Soil and Water meetings

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



### BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

This is an exciting time at the library because Julie Lagree has agreed to take over the children's programming for kids ages 2-5. On Mondays and Thursdays at 10:15 and Tuesday evening at 6, Julie will offer a Story Time that includes music, crafts, and hands-on activities. Her lesson plans introduce an alphabet letter and the various activities center around that letter. Julie has an elementary education degree and is a stay-at-home mom.

I have hired two new pages to help at the library on Monday and Tuesday evenings and on Saturdays. Elly Wagler, daughter of Jim and Shannon (McAtee) Wagler and Karlena Wagler, daughter of Merlin and Phillis Wagler will begin working at the library starting this week. Ironically, even though their last name is Wagler they are not related to each other or to me. They both are outstanding young ladies and we are fortunate to have them work at the library.

On Tuesday evening, November 1, at 7 p.m., Jana Strange Seal, R.N., Chanda Mackey, R.N., and Cheryl Waelbroeck, R.N., Certified Holistic Health Coach, will offer an informational program about essential oils. You might have heard of Young Living and DoTerra essential oils and would like to know more about them or have questions; this will be an opportunity to hear key people explain the health benefits of these products. This is an informational program only and no products will be sold at the library.

### New Books:

Mystery Fiction: "Cakewalk" by Rita Mae Brown, "Kill or Be Killed" by James Patterson, and "Escape Clause" by John Sandford.

Fiction: "The Obsidian Chamber" by Preston & Child.

Inspirational Fiction: "Lady Unrivaled" by Roseanna White.

NonFiction: "The Magnolia Story" by Chip and Joanna Gaines.

DVDs: "The Legend of Tarzan".

The library hours are Monday and Tuesday 10-7, Wednesday closed, Thursday and Friday 10-5 and Saturday 9-1.

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#### -- DEFERRED GIFTS --

I have talked about how a bequest or a will can be used to make a "deferred" gift to the Martin County Community Foundation (MCCF). These types of gifts do not require an immediate outlay of your assets or cash; you retain full use of your property during life, so there is no immediate out-of-pocket cost, reduction in net worth, or disruption of cash flow. Other deferred gifts can be assets such as IRAs, stocks, bonds, real estate, life estate, cash and/or insurance benefits.

#### -- LEGACY SOCIETY --

Anyone with a desire to give back to our community with a deferred gift can join the Legacy Society. Legacy Society members share their passion with other generous people who have also provided for Martin County's future in their estate plans. By notifying us of your gift and completing a "Statement of Gift Intention" form, you can become a member of the Legacy Society. We consider it an honor and privilege to recognize our Legacy Society members as examples in our community of how to make a difference in yet another important way. You tell us how much information you wish to disclose or you can remain completely anonymous.

#### -- WHY DEFERRED --

With a deferred gift, you can strategically accomplish your financial and charitable objectives. This includes preserving the family name, honoring loved ones, minimizing tax burdens, and supporting the community you call home. Remember that bequests to the MCCF are exempt from estate taxes.

You can support your favorite local charity or charities, enrich education, provide scholarships, support your church, fund human services, foster a stronger community, and much more. Tell us what is important to you and we will help identify an existing fund or begin the paperwork to satisfy your

### 4th Annual Community Halloween Parade

The City of Loogootee will again sponsor the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Halloween Parade on Sunday night, October 30 starting at 5 p.m.

Line-up will be held at St. John's Center with parade participants walking to the city square (parade route: Church Street to First Street to Main Street to North Line Street at the square) where judging will be held for scariest, most original, prettiest, and best family group. Judging will begin at 5:20 p.m.

intentions when the deferred gift is received.

#### -- TYPES OF GIFTS --

Your deferred charitable gift can take several forms. You can leave (1) a specific request which is a gift of a particular asset, such as 100 shares of XYZ Corporation; or (2) a percentage request where some part of the value of the distributed estate is gifted; or (3) a residual bequest that leaves a gift as the remainder of the estate after all taxes, expenses, and other bequests have been satisfied; or (4) a contingent bequest that is a gift that will be made to a second beneficiary in the event that the original beneficiary is deceased or does not accept the gift.

#### -- WHEN AND HOW --

Any time you are drafting or changing your will or estate plans, you may want to consider adding a charitable endowment gift. Your financial advisor or legal advisor can provide professional guidance related to your specific estate, income goals, beneficiaries, taxes and other considerations.

Once you've decided the details of your deferred gift, provide the MCCF a copy of the portion of your estate planning document that pertains to the gift. The amount of the gift does not need to be revealed to us. Then sign the "Statement of Gift Intention" form and provide it to the MCCF.

It's that easy to become a Legacy Society member and be able to make a difference for years to come.

#### -- MORE INFORMATION --

If you would like to hear more about becoming a member of the Legacy Society, please contact the MCCF Executive Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or [mccf@cfpartner.org](mailto:mccf@cfpartner.org).

You are also welcome to visit our website at [www.cfpartner.org/mccf.htm](http://www.cfpartner.org/mccf.htm) or to "like" the MCCF Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/mccmcommunityfoundation](http://www.facebook.com/mccmcommunityfoundation).

According to the mayor's office, years ago this was a very big event for the local children and the hope is to bring the families out to enjoy the tradition again in Loogootee.

The city has designated that evening as trick or treat night in Loogootee from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. so after the judging, trick or treating in the neighborhoods can begin and ghost and goblins can make their rounds.

Parents are welcome to walk with the children or meet them at the square.

# 4-H NEWS

By Stacy Brown  
Martin County Purdue  
Extension Educator



#### Become a Volunteer

Volunteers for 4-H have the unique opportunity to grow true leaders in our community. Volunteering can be as active as leading a 4-H club or just helping out at fair time. Volunteers learn educational programs to take out to community youth. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please call the Purdue Extension Martin County office at (812) 295-2412.

#### Volunteer Training

There will be a volunteer training for current volunteers on Monday, November 14 at 6 p.m. at the Martin County Community Building. Join us to learn new programs to share with your youth and learn more about what's in store for 4-H in 2017.

#### Enrollment for 4-H 2016-2017 Is Here

The end of summer marks the beginning of next 4-H season. Open enrollment began on October 1. If you are interested in 4-H or know someone who is now is the time to start planning to join us for another great year in Martin County. Any child grades 3 through 12 may join 4-H. We also have a future 4-H program for kids in grades K-2. While most 4-Hers concentrate on projects for the fair, the program is about much more than exhibits. 4-H teaches leadership, community service, independence, confidence, and many other life skills. There are clubs and projects that focus on livestock judging, shooting sports, robotics, and junior leadership. Each year there are dozens of opportunities for youth to attend workshops, conference, and camps focusing on career choices, diversity, and cooperation. 4-H is a great way to meet new friends and learn to make the best better.

If you have any questions or would like information sent to you about enrolling for 4-H please contact the Martin County Purdue Extension office at 812-295-2412.

### ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



Vector is a male tiger stripe adult cat, around a year old. He's been at the shelter longer than any of the other cats. He loves attention but doesn't really like to be held. Gets along with other cats. He is neutered and up to date on shots. His adoption fee is \$40. The animal shelter is open Monday and Wednesday 5-7 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m. To see all the dogs and cats available, visit [www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org](http://www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org). The shelter is located at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee.

#### Opportunities to Help 4-H Grow in Martin County

Almost everyone in Martin County has either been involved in 4-H or knows someone who has been a part of this great youth organization. Over the years, 4-H has helped to develop life skills, teach responsibility, offer opportunities, award scholarships, and much more to Martin County youth. The program has been growing true leaders since its inception and many 4-Hers have gone on to become actual leaders of the community. As 4-H continues to grow in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, the cost of maintaining the space needed for programming also grows. Now is your chance to give back to an organization that has given so much to the young people in the area. The Martin County 4-H Council has launched a fundraising campaign for the upcoming year. Businesses that donate will have their names listed on a plaque in the Community Building. Donations of \$5,000+ will receive a platinum status, \$1,000-\$4,999 will receive a gold status, \$500-\$999 will receive a silver status, and donations of \$100-\$499 will receive a copy.

bronze status. Individuals may donate as well and any donation is appreciated. We also have a 4-H recipe book containing all the recipes submitted to the 2016 fair. They are \$5 and available at the Purdue Extension-Martin County office. All donations will go toward maintaining the fairgrounds and buildings so future 4-Hers and the community can continue to benefit from programming. To donate please contact the Purdue Extension Office at 812-295-2412.

#### Upcoming Area Programs Offer Great Educational Experiences

##### Food Science Frenzy

It's okay to play with your food when you're using science! Join us for hands-on food science fun! This interactive program will have you making toothpaste explosions inside of a pumpkin and other fun science experiments with food. We will also take a tour of the Southwest Purdue Agricultural Center, so dress for the weather. This event is for any youth grades 3-5, 4-H enrollment is not required. We will meet at the Southwest Purdue Agricultural Center at 4669 Purdue Rd, Vincennes from 2-5 p.m. on November 5. Please RSVP to Cheven May by October 28 at (812) 838-1331 or [maycm@purdue.edu](mailto:maycm@purdue.edu).

##### BoilerMaker Blast!

Join us for an interactive day of tinkering, building, and designing. This program offers a chance for youth grades 6-8 to learn how to use 3D pens, 3D printers, robots, Kiva Planks, and more. The event is on Saturday, February 11 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the Alcoa Building, Warrick County 4-H Center, 133 East Degonia Road, Boonville. This event is free and lunch is provided. No experience necessary and enrollment in 4-H is not required. Please register online at <http://bit.ly/2cVmRgp> or contact Cheven May at [maycm@purdue.edu](mailto:maycm@purdue.edu) for a paper

##### Tree Seedlings Available to Order

DNR tree seedling order forms are available at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/3620.htm> or at the Martin County Purdue Extension Office. Any questions can be directed to Vallonia Nursery at (812) 358-3621.

# New Hours

Tues.-Wed. 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Thurs. 7 am to 9 pm  
Fri.-Sat. 7 am to 10 pm; Sun. 8 am to 2 pm



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## In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser  
Purdue University Master Gardener

The unusually warm temperatures and sunny skies have made for some wonderful gardening occasions during the past week. The conditions bring to mind the poem of Helen Hunt Jackson, "October's Bright Blue Weather". It certainly has been a glorious autumn so far.

While the warm temperatures have probably slowed color development, we are starting to see some leaves changing colors. We had ample rainfall throughout the summer, so trees did not shed leaves early and that means we should have some good color.

As the daylight hours grow shorter, the leaves of deciduous trees and branches begin to go through some important changes that help get the plants ready for the coming winter. A cork layer develops at the end of the leaf stems, restricting the movement of water in the veins of the leaves. As photosynthesis slows with fewer hours of sunlight, chlorophyll, the pigment that makes leaves green, begins to leave the leaves. As a result, the carotenoids that have been in the leaves all along, become more apparent, and the leaves take on shades of yellow, gold and orange. The reds and purples are caused by a different pigments, known as anthocyanins. These pigments develop in the sap in the leaf cells as days grow shorter. They tend to develop more strongly when days are sunny and cool and nights are cool, but temperatures stay above freezing. The pigments are not present in all leaves and are present in different levels from one tree to the next and even in different leaves of the same tree. That results in the variety of colors that we see in the deciduous forests of Indiana and most of northeast-

ern North America.

It is a good time to observe the trees and shrubs that bring the most color to the gardens and make plans to add some plants. Two of my favorites are along the same pathway here at Sandhill Gardens. The spicebrush shrubs have turned a bright yellow and the leaves of the oak-leafed hydrangea are beginning to take on the deep burgundy tones I love. Even some of the perennials join in the show. Many ornamental grasses have taken on red and gold plumage and the amsonia has become brilliant yellow.

Leaf peeping is a favorite fall activity and we have some wonderful places to enjoy God's tapestry of color. While Brown County is known for its foliage, we here in the Hoosier Hills know that our color is just as spectacular, maybe even better. I love looking out at Overlook Park, along White River in Martin County. I also love the overlooks of the Ohio River at many points in Harrison, Crawford and Perry counties. However, my favorite fall foliage drive is State Highway 145 south of French Lick. I do not think New England has anything that rivals the beauty of Tillery Hill in full color, reflecting in the waters of Patoka Lake.

I also like to take in the beauty of our State Parks during this season. Many of them also offer special programs to make the journey even more enjoyable. My personal favorites are Spring Mill and Clifty Falls.

However, my personal favorite place to view this miracle of the change of seasons is on a bench overlooking the cliff here at Sandhill Gardens. There is room on the bench for company. Stop by some time.

## Ghostly Gathering at Paynetown SRA

Monroe Lake's annual Halloween event, the Ghostly Gathering, will take place at Paynetown State Recreation Area on October 28 and 29.

The event begins on Friday, when kids can drop by to craft their own trick-or-treat bag between 3 and 5:15 p.m.

Friday programs continue with jack-o-lantern lore at 5:30 p.m. and a natural history of zombies at 8 p.m.

On Saturday, make creepy, crawly crafts from 1 to 3 p.m. The all-ages costume contest is at 4 p.m., and includes a new category this year for the best costumed canine.

Trick-or-treating runs from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the campground; at the

same time, visitors can vote on their favorite entries in the campsite decorating contest.

The Ghostly Gathering concludes with a Halloween party Saturday from 8 to 9:30 p.m.

Full details are in Monroe Lake's October Program Schedule at [stateparks.IN.gov/2954.htm](http://stateparks.IN.gov/2954.htm).

Campsite reservations can be made at [camp.IN.gov](http://camp.IN.gov). Activities are open to campers and day visitors.

Admission to Paynetown costs \$7 per in-state vehicle or \$9 per out-of-state vehicle.

Paynetown SRA ([stateparks.IN.gov/2954.htm](http://stateparks.IN.gov/2954.htm)) is at 4850 South State Road 446, Bloomington, 47401.

## Firewood cutting permits available at Patoka Lake

Local residents are invited to assist Patoka Lake in cutting up hazard trees dropped by staff in high use areas throughout the property through the purchase of firewood permits beginning November 3. Firewood permits will be available depending on weather and staff time.

Property employees are removing trees that threaten to fall or lose limbs, primarily in high traffic areas such as the modern campground, fisherman's campground, and beach area. Most trees have suffered damage from the emerald ash borer. Others are simply finishing their natural life cycle and must be removed because of their locations adjacent to buildings or areas that people frequent.

Local residents may cut up and haul away as firewood for \$10 per pick-up truck load.

A permit will be required and can be obtained at the property office between 8 a.m.-3 p.m. on weekdays beginning Thursday, November 3. Days, hours and access to specific areas for cutting will be determined by weather conditions and availability of downed hazard trees. Call the park office at (812) 685-2464 for updates.

Any wood of any species that is brought back to the park or used at any state property must have the bark re-

moved as required by DNR's firewood rule.

Purchasers are encouraged to use all of the firewood they cut this winter, and if some remains, it is suggested that the wood be completely covered for storage through the spring and summer, when harmful insects, if present at all, may emerge from under the bark.

All funds received from the firewood permits will be designated for resource management efforts in the property.

"The Division of State Parks' mission requires that we manage our natural and cultural resources wisely and, at the same time, provide safe and enjoyable access for our visitors," says Ginger Murphy, Deputy Director for Stewardship. "We leave many downed trees to decay and build new soil, but with the influence of disease, drought and the need to keep our roadsides and recreation facilities clear, we must remove the trees from public areas when leaving them can interfere with picnicking and other activities. Firewood permits help our limited staff manage that effort, and funds are generated for resource management and restoration in the park at the same time. It is a win-win situation."

Patoka Lake ([stateparks.IN.gov/2953.htm](http://stateparks.IN.gov/2953.htm)) is at 3084 N. Dillard Road, Birdseye, IN 47513.

## Register for Lunch with Nature series at Paynetown SRA

Registration is open for the next three programs in the popular Lunch with Nature series at Monroe Lake. The series meets each month at Paynetown State Recreation Area on a Monday at 11 a.m. Participants can bring a sack lunch to eat during the indoor presentation. Afterward, there is usually a short hike, activity, or demonstration that follows up on the program's theme.

The series is recommended for adult or focused teenage learners, and each program lasts about 90 minutes.

Each program is free, but attendance is limited to 14 people. Advance registration is required.

Upcoming sessions are:

-October 31, Canada Geese: Register by October 28 at <http://bit.ly/lwn-oct2016>.

-November 28, Sandhill Cranes: Register by November 21 at <http://bit.ly/lwn-nov2016>.

-December 19, Clouds: Register by December 14 at <http://bit.ly/lwn-dec2016>.

For more information, contact Monroe Lake naturalist Jill Vance at [jvance@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:jvance@dnr.IN.gov) or call the Paynetown Activity Center at (812) 837-9967.

Admission to Paynetown costs \$7 per in-state vehicle or \$9 per out-of-state vehicle and will be in effect for the October session. Property entrance is free during winter, however, so the entrance fee does not apply for the November or December sessions.

Paynetown SRA ([stateparks.IN.gov/2954.htm](http://stateparks.IN.gov/2954.htm)) is at 4850 South State Road 446, Bloomington, 47401.

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## Collaboration leads to promising innovative ideas from NSWC Crane Conference

Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane) hosted close to 300 professionals from defense, industry and academia for the "Innovation Crossover: The Shape of Things to Come" conference last Wednesday and Thursday at the Bloomington Convention Center. Through collaboration and open and honest conversation, the attendees walked away from the event with innovative ideas to both combat mutual technological challenges and foster regional economic growth.

"We're very pleased with the level of support and enthusiasm around the technology clusters," said Kyle Werner, NSWC Crane Applied Science Department Director. "The level of ideation and engaged participation is a clear indicator that the region has real potential for crossover innovation across the technology clusters."

Participants heard prominent keynote speeches from Dr. Chris Fall, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, Dr. Walter Jones, Office of Naval Research (ONR), and Ian Steff, Applied Research Institute.

"I had no idea of the gem that exists in this part of the United States," Dr. Jones said of Indiana. "I had a blast. The best part was talking to all of these bright people. They are working on problems that are real and interesting. You seem to be having a great time at Crane, so keep up the good work."

Dr. Jones said ONR recognizes the importance of collaboration with industry and university, so much so that ONR decides what to focus on based on the needs of others.

"I like to joke that we don't do anything at ONR, we enable other people to do things," Dr. Jones said. "Each side has to bend a little bit. What's worked is a place that brings those sides together. If you have Crane as one of your partners, there won't be an issue with keeping the government involved. It's just a matter of bringing together the people and understanding each other's needs. There are no secret ingredients."

Dr. Fall centered his speech on the challenges of continued innovation in the areas of technology and economic growth, and how those challenges can be addressed through the collaboration of defense, industry and academia.

"I'm a policy guy. I think it's important that we take small steps forward in understanding the policy and how it affects us," Dr. Fall said. "Great on Crane for tech transfer. I think we could look at Crane as the model for tech transfer. You guys are way ahead in trying to tie this together. I think you have a great plan."

Steff, the Chief Innovation Officer for the state of Indiana, applauded NSWC Crane for its focus on innovation and collaboration, calling the event "a significant milestone".

"This was perfectly timed to serve as another catalyst in the formation of the Applied Research Institute," Steff said. "It serves as a further linkage between ARI and NSWC Crane's Innovation Ecosystem, and it highlights Crane's use of progressive partnerships to develop and deliver innovative solutions."

"We are huge fans of NSWC Crane. I can't tell you how proud we are to have them here. I couldn't speak more highly of their leaders. It's a great privilege to

work with them."

Participants also had the opportunity to both listen to and interact with two panels of experts, one from the industrial sector and one from the academic sector. Wednesday's panel featured Dr. Matt Waninger, Cook Medical, Mr. Eric Matteson, General Electric (GE), and Dr. John Matlik, Rolls Royce.

Thursday's academic panel featured Dr. Linda Bennett, President of the University of Southern Indiana, Mr. Dan Hasler, President of the Purdue Research Foundation, and Dr. Brad Wheeler, Indiana University's vice president of IT and chief information officer.

"There aren't too many states where people from three different universities can collaborate and work together," Dr. Bennett said. Dr. Bennett admitted that USI isn't a research institution, and isn't trying to be. Instead, the university takes a more pragmatic, hands-on approach, with the help of NSWC Crane.

"We're a fairly new school, and we were created with economic development in mind," she said. "To do that, we have to work across boundaries, bring people together across fields, and be able to reimagine the work you do every day. That can be challenging, but I think it was our partnership with Crane that helped us reimagine that."

The event was designed to foster collaboration on mutual technology challenges and regional economic growth, as well as to spark a wave of entrepreneurialism and innovative companies across the region, and create tech-based economic development.

The regional strategy is aimed at fostering new growth and capitalizing on existing assets for the industry clusters in southern Indiana with the greatest potential for growth and advancement, including Department of Defense Technologies, Advanced Manufacturing, IT/Cyber and Life Sciences/Biomedical.

Those goals were accomplished at the Innovation Crossover event not only through the keynote speeches and industry panels, but also through breakout sessions focused on coming up with specific ideas for innovation in their respective clusters.

Werner said he plans to have a report on some of those ideas sometime in the near future. Werner also said there will be a discussion about having similar events periodically in the future.

NSWC Crane worked with Indiana University, Purdue University, University of Southern Indiana, Cook Medical, Indiana Office of Defense Development and Radius Indiana to put on the event.

Planning for the collaborative event began in 2014 after a report funded by Eli Lilly Endowment Inc. and the Battelle Technology Partnership Practice that identified four different technology clusters that could be explored and improved upon.

NSWC Crane is a naval laboratory and a field activity of Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) with focus areas in Expeditionary Warfare, Strategic Missions and Electronic Warfare. The warfare center is responsible for multi-domain, multi-spectral, full life cycle support of technologies and systems enhancing capability, all which provide a decisive advantage for our warfighters.

## Hoosiers begin to cast ballots as early voting kicks off

Early voting is officially underway in Indiana. Hoosiers can vote early in-person at their county clerk's office and in some counties at additional locations, ahead of the November 8<sup>th</sup> General Election.

Absentee ballots are also available by mail from county election offices. A voter can obtain an application to vote absentee by mail on the web at IndianaVoters.com.

You'll need to apply for an absentee ballot by mailing the application to your county clerk's office by October 31.

Anyone can vote early in-person, but there are some requirements to meet if you want to vote early by mail. You also must meet at least one of these requirements:

- You have a specific, reasonable expectation that you will be absent from the county on Election Day during the entire 12 hours that the polls are open (6 a.m. until 6 p.m.).
- You have a disability.
- You are at least 65 years of age.
- You will have official election duties outside of your voting precinct.
- You are scheduled to work at your regular place of employment during the entire 12 hours that the polls are open.
- You will be confined due to illness or injury or you will be caring for an individual confined due to illness or injury during the entire 12 hours that the polls are open.
- You are prevented from voting because of a religious discipline or religious holiday during the entire 12

hours that the polls are open.

- You are a member of the military or a public safety officer.
- You are a "serious sex offender" as defined in Indiana Code 35-42-4-14(a).
- You are prevented from voting due to the unavailability of transportation to the polls.

Absentee voting by mail is a three-step process. A voter must submit an application to vote absentee; the voter needs to receive and mark an absentee ballot; then the voter must return their completed absentee ballot by mail.

You have the right to vote in Indiana if:

- You are a U.S. citizen; AND
- You are a resident of Indiana; AND
- You will be at least 18 by November 8<sup>th</sup>; AND
- You are not currently in prison after being convicted of a crime; AND
- You have lived in the precinct where you vote for at least 30 days before the election; AND
- You are registered to vote

Voters with questions are also encouraged to review the Voter's Bill of Rights. This publication explains your rights regarding:

- the types of ballots to be used
- if you're waiting in line when the polls close
- who to contact if your rights are violated.

Anyone with questions about early voting can call the Hoosier Voter Hotline at 866-IN-1-VOTE.

## Fithian to run for Martin County Treasurer

Julie Fithian has announced her candidacy for the office of Martin County Treasurer for the Democrat Party. Fithian has lived in Martin County for 23 years. Before moving to Shoals, she lived in Chicago. From 1982 until 1993, she worked at various commodity firms. When she left Chicago, she was Operations Manager for Shearson Lehman Brothers. This included handling and reconciling accounts for customers all over the world. She married Bruce in 1992 and they decided to move to Shoals and start a family. They have two daughters, Raquel and Alyssa. Raquel is living in Wisconsin with her husband, Cole, and Alyssa is a junior at Johnson University in Knoxville Tennessee.



**JULIE FITHIAN**

Fithian served as Martin County Clerk for two terms, from 2008-2014. As clerk, she was responsible for reconciling two checking accounts, keeping court records in order, conducting elections, supervising four employees and providing customer service. She said she believes this experience will benefit her in the office of treasurer. Since she left the clerk's office, she has worked part time at the Break Time Bar and Grill in Loogootee, at the Shoals VFW and as deputy clerk for the Martin County Clerk. She currently serves as full-

time deputy clerk at the Martin County Clerk's office and continues to work part-time at the Shoals VFW.

She currently attends Shoals Christian Church where she is involved with VBS and other children's activities. She is a member of the Shoals Eagles Ladies Auxiliary, where she has served as auditor since 2001. She is a member of the Shoals VFW Ladies Auxiliary where she has served as treasurer since July of 2015. She also belongs to the East Fork Friends of the NRA Committee and has been assistant treasurer since 2005.

Fithian said, "Moving from Chicago to Martin County has been a wonderful experience. I have had the opportunity to participate in many community events. Through these events, I have had the joy of meeting people from all over the county and making lifelong friendships. The people of Martin County have always made me feel like this is my home. I feel that serving as treasurer I would be able to give back to those who have given so much to me. If elected Martin County Treasurer, I will provide the service that you, the citizens of Martin County deserve."

Fithian asks for your vote on November 8, 2016.

### POLLING SITES FOR 2016

PERRY-1, 2, 3, 4, 6 SAINT JOHN'S CENTER  
408 CHURCH ST.  
LOOGOOTEE, IN. 47553

PERRY-5 & RUTHERFORD SAINT MARTIN'S CHURCH HALL  
524 WHITFIELD RD  
LOOGOOTEE, IN. 47553

PERRY-7 AND CRANE BRAMBLE CONSERVATION CENTER  
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128 HIGH STREET  
SHOALS, IN. 47581

## CLASSIFIED ADS

### NOTICES

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Martin County, Indiana, will accept sealed bids until the hour of 4 p.m. on November 4, 2016 for the furnishing and delivering of stone, cold mix asphalt, fuel and other petroleum products, and garage supplies for the Martin County Highway Department for the year 2017. A detailed listing of the bid items may be obtained at the Martin County Auditor's Office.

Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or bidder's bond in an amount equal to 10% of the bid price. Bids shall be submitted on forms prescribed by the State Board of Accounts with a non-collusion affidavit signed and notarized. The Martin County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

### HELP WANTED

#### MANAGER/BARTENDER WANTED

Responsible for managing daily operations of Loogootee Knights of Columbus #732 Club Room, including bartending services, during normal business hours (Mon-Thu 3 pm to 11 pm; Fri 12 pm to 8 pm). Responsibilities include (not a complete list):

- Order necessary supplies/materials.
- Scheduling of shifts.
- Maintain/clean club room facilities.
- Must obtain/maintain a valid Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission Employee Permit.
- 40 hours per week. Pay in accordance with experience and qualifications.

Applicants can email resume/qualifications to [kofc732@gmail.com](mailto:kofc732@gmail.com) or contact by phone at 812-295-6115.

## My Point of View

By Courtney Hughett  
Martin County Journal  
Publisher



John F. Kennedy said, "Let us not seek the Republican answer or the Democratic answer, but the right answer. Let us not seek to fix the blame for the past. Let us accept our own responsibility for the future." I have always like this quote and I totally agree with it. Therefore, when you read the next several pages of election coverage, you will see that I did not include party affiliation in any of the answers or information. Sure, you can look it up yourself, but I hope that you will read through the candidates first, before you get a preconceived idea. Why not try voting for the person instead of the party, especially on the local level?

This election, at the national level, has been one of the nastiest I have seen in my 39 years of life. I didn't think much could top eight years ago and the incredibly hateful rhetoric but boy, was I wrong. As with eight years ago, I am totally flabbergasted by the hate spewed by people I know, about candidates they have never met.

I am a political geek. During election years I read pretty much every single thing I see about candidates. For this election issue, I researched countless sites. I looked up the candidates on the Federal Elections Commission (FEC) to read their campaign finance filings, went to the Indiana Government site to see what bills the candidates introduced or voted for or against. Most of their political views came from their own campaign pages or from their direct quotes in debates or interviews.

You will see a few races missing in this week's issue - the President of the United States and the Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction. I simply ran out of time doing my research so I will have these candidates in next week. I will also be providing information on the judge retention questions on the ballot - with biographical information about each judge.

I want to remind everyone that in this election, if you vote straight-party, you will NOT be voting for county council, school board or on the judge retention questions. There is also a question on

the ballot this year regarding hunting and fishing in the Constitution. I need to do some more research on this as well.

Being informed before you vote is something I take very seriously. I feel it is my job to provide you with the necessary information you need to make that informed decision. Voting is not just our right as Americans, it is a duty. Those we vote into public office work for us, it's not the other way around. We decide who gets hired and fired. If you don't vote, in my opinion you have zero right to object to any future decision made by these representatives. Early voting in Indiana is going on now. You just have to go to the clerk's office during their open hours and take your state-issued ID. It's very simple. On Election Day, November 8, the polls are open 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. If you have any questions about how to vote or where to vote, call the clerk's office at 812-247-3651.

### ELECTION CALENDAR

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2016

DEADLINE, by 11:59 pm, for the circuit court clerk to receive an absentee ballot application from an applicant requesting delivery of a ballot by mail. Applications may be submitted to the circuit court clerk in person or by mail, fax or email.

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2016

DEADLINE, by noon, for circuit court clerk to receive absentee ballot applications from confined voters or voters caring for a confined person requesting delivery of a ballot by absentee voter board.

DEADLINE, by noon, for a circuit court clerk to receive absentee ballot applications from military/overseas voters requesting to vote by email or fax.

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# Martin County Commissioner District 3 candidates

DAN GREGORY  
and  
BRIAN GEORGE

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

**GEORGE:** I have been a longtime resident of Martin County. I reside in Loogootee with my wife, Theresa. I have two grown children, Logan and Alyssa and two step-daughters, Cassandra and Tianna. I am a 1984 graduate of Shoals High School. I have owned and operated Brian's Boat Repair in Loogootee for the last 15 years. I am a Martin County member of the Martin-Daviess County Joint Park Board. I'm a member of the Hindostan United Methodist Church and serve on the leadership board of the church.

**GREGORY:** I have been married for 45 years to my high school sweetheart Barbara (Walker). We have three grown children (David, Mark and his wife Carina, and Kristi and her husband Josh Ausbrooks). We also have seven grandchildren. Our children are our most proudest accomplishment. My parents are Joe and Hazel Gregory (both deceased). I graduated from Loogootee High School and graduated in 1970, and I have attended Vincennes University. I have been involved as the owner/operator of Gregory Farms since I was sixteen and served in the Indiana Army National Guard from 1971-1977 as a Communications Specialist. I was the first Executive Director of the Martin County Community Foundation from 2001-2007, responsible for adding 30 permanent endowments and growing the endowments by over \$1,000,000. I began managing Martin Ridge Turkey Farm for Farbest Farms, Inc. in 2007, retiring in 2015. The following is a list of my past and present community activities. Haysville Volunteer Fire Department as a Second Class Firefighter, First Responder - 12 years; Martin County Extension Board - 12 years; Martin County 4-H Fair Board member - 15 years; Martin Soil and Water Conservation District Director - 12 years; Martin County Security Center construction/finance committee - 16 years; Martin County Farm Bureau, Inc. - 12 years; Helping Hearts Hospice - 5 years; Founding Board Member of Martin County Habitat for Humanity - 4 years; St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee, Church Council - 3 years; Peoples Bank Board member - 14 years; Community Alliance to Promote Education - 7 years; Southern Indiana Development Commission - 3 years; Saint Vincent de Paul Society - 16 years and currently serving; Martin County Commissioner - 8 years and currently serving; Martin County Re-development Commission - 8 years and currently serving; Martin County Alliance for Economic Development - 8 years and currently serving; Martin County Recycle Center Board - 8 years and currently serving; Radius Indiana Board - 3 years and currently serving; Martin County Community Foundation Board - 3 years and currently serving; Community Foundation Partnership Finance Committee - 3 years and currently serving; and West Gate Authority Board - 1 year and currently serving.

**MCJ:** What is it about the job of Martin County Commissioner that interests you?

**GEORGE:** I have had an interest in local leadership and want to make a difference for the better, for the citizens of Martin County.

**GREGORY:** Being a county commissioner fits well with my experiences in business and community involve-



BRIAN GEORGE

ment in a number of service and not-for-profit organizations. After serving for the past eight years I feel like I have a good grasp of what needs to be done and how to accomplish it. I enjoy working with my fellow commissioners and the county council as well as hearing the issues from constituents and trying to find resolutions. A good county commissioner must be a problem solver.

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

**GEORGE:** As a leader and citizen of the county, I would not be in favor of a wheel tax. I think if we CAPITALIZE on the manpower and equipment we presently have, and spend wisely, we could make a big difference without the tax.

**GREGORY:** Martin County is far behind in keeping pace with the erosion of our roads and bridges. Indiana sets the rules for raising revenue and adopting the wheel tax is a local option to address the problem given by the state to the counties. If a county doesn't have the wheel tax the states assumption is that we do not need more revenue. I believe raising taxes is a last resort, but sometimes it is necessary.

**MCJ:** Fixing the county's roads and bridges has been an issue for years. There is never enough funding, not even close. If you are not in favor of the wheel tax, what solution do you have to the road/bridge repair problem?

**GEORGE:** (used same response from last question).

**GREGORY:** The county commissioners can again approach the county council about enacting the wheel tax. Absent the implementation of the local option wheel tax our next option is to implore the state to make the wheel tax mandatory unless an entity chooses to opt out. I have asked our legislators about this, but they are reluctant to make this change. Long-term the state needs to decide what other revenue generating methods they can enact to address the problem. Raising the gas tax would be one avenue to explore, providing enough of it would trickle down to the local level. Martin County is not alone in this dilemma.

**MCJ:** Being a commissioner is essentially a part-time job. A commissioner would have to work more than 20 hours a week to be considered full-time. The commissioners meet twice a month. Do you believe it is fair for commissioners to receive insurance or the opt-out payment if they choose not to take insurance (\$4,000) when other part-time county employees are not given this option?

**GEORGE:** I do not consider being a commissioner a part-time job. In my



DAN GREGORY

opinion, being a commissioner is more than a full-time job, the bi-monthly meetings are just a part of the job. As a commissioner, when out in the county, you are always looking for ways to make improvements - roads, ditches, properties and listening to Martin County residents' concerns, complaints and hopefully a few praises and thank yous. So if having the insurance is a benefit of the job, which it has been for years, I believe it is fair for a leadership role.

**GREGORY:** If you look at the number of organizations that I am involved in representing the county, it becomes much more than just attending the 26 scheduled commissioners' meetings. Each one requires preparation, and a commitment to invest time to learn about and support those particular organizations. They are an important part of the commissioners' job that people don't realize. The cost health insurance is a problem that didn't exist in the past. The problem began with the

rapid rise in the cost of health insurance, and it has become a major budget busting issue for many businesses and entities. Martin County officials, from a salary perspective, are amongst the lowest paid in the state and providing insurance to them is allowed. Offering health insurance is a very attractive incentive which helps attract quality employees and candidates for Martin County offices. But, opting out saves thousands of dollars compared to insuring an employee or official. We have stabilized our total costs by providing insurance to those who need it, while replacing some of that value to those who opt out. So, yes I think it is fair to allow the elected officials to have their choice of insurance or to opt out.

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

**GEORGE:** I would hope to bring some new ideas, different ways of thinking to the table and make some great changes for the citizens of Martin County.

**GREGORY:** I offer my time, knowledge and experience as an effective leader, an ability to look at multiple issues from multiple perspectives, a willingness to serve and dedication to Martin County residents to do my level best. My whole family loves Martin County and I just want to be a part of making it better for future generations.

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

**GEORGE:** All support and votes will be greatly appreciated. Please get out and vote because it does count.

**GREGORY:** (No answer provided.)



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# Martin County Commissioner District One candidates

KEVIN BOYD  
and  
ERIC COOPER

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

**BOYD:** I am the son of Earl Boyd Jr. and Barbara (Chattin) Boyd. My wife, Riza, and I have one son, Devin, age 6. We have two foster children that we have custody of and I have five children from a previous marriage, Ashley, Amanda, Justin, Robin and Raven. I am a 1985 graduate of Shoals High School and have an associate's degree from Vincennes University Jasper Center studying in law enforcement and business. I own KRB Disposal, KRB Towing and have rentals in Shoals. I am a member of Shoals Volunteer Fire Department and a Certified First Responder. I have been a lifelong resident of Shoals.

**COOPER:** I am a 1992 Shoals High School graduate and am a lifelong resident of Martin County. My wife, Melissa, and I have been married for 19 years. We have two children, Amelia age 16 and Blake age 12, both attend Shoals Schools. I am employed with Wabash Valley Produce as a Farm Manager. Recently, I had the opportunity to volunteer during the State Bicentennial Celebration for Martin County. I have also been a volunteer for the elementary boys' basketball team as well as currently a trustee for St. John's Lutheran Church. For the past several years I have been a volunteer fireman for the Lost River Township Fire Department.

**MCJ:** What is it about the job of Martin County Commissioner that interests you?

**BOYD:** I feel that while serving as commissioner in the past we have made improvements in the county. I realize there is a lot more to do, and I hope that the people of Martin County have seen the improvements made and allow me to continue the job. Seeing a new bridge installed or a road paved makes you feel proud that you were involved in its completion.

**COOPER:** One of my main interests is seeing that our county roadways are being maintained in a timely manner and making them safe for our residents.

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

**BOYD:** The wheel tax will be implemented in the future. It is a necessary evil. No one likes more taxation, myself included. 2016 was a good example of how the state will eventually force the counties to have a wheel tax. The state offered grant funding for road projects, two of the three options for funding the projects on a 50/50 match were raising the wheel tax or implementing one.

**COOPER:** As a resident of Martin County, I feel the wheel tax would help our roads considerably. Nobody likes more taxes, but obviously it seems like there is always a shortage for road funding.

**MCJ:** Fixing the county's roads and bridges has been an issue for years. There is never enough funding, not even close. If you are not in favor of the wheel tax, what solution do you have to the road/bridge repair problem?

**BOYD:** As stated in previous question, it is my belief the wheel tax will



KEVIN BOYD



ERIC COOPER

be forced upon the county in the near future. We were fortunate that the state offered grant money to the counties this year and it looks like again next year. In order for the county to receive this grant money, we had to do some creative moving of county highway money to meet the requirements. We were able to get grant money to assist in repairing or replacing five bridges in the county. Without this money, the county would have been looking at the possibility of closure of these roads due to the deterioration of these bridges.

**COOPER:** I would not be against the wheel tax, but an additional fund needs to be implemented for the use of this and be used for roads only.

**MCJ:** Being a commissioner is essentially a part-time job. A commissioner would have to work more than 20 hours a week to be considered full-time. The commissioners meet twice a month. Do you believe it is fair for commissioners to receive insurance or the opt-out payment if they choose not to take insurance (\$4,000) when other part-time county employees are not given this option?

**BOYD:** We may be classified as part-time employees, but the statement of two meetings a month is ever so wrong. Two meetings a month is only the beginning of what we do. We are mandated by the state to serve on solid waste board as well. As commissioners, we sit on other boards as well. This is not to mention the countless phone calls we receive from residents of the county with road complaints and animal issues. If the time was added up for what the commissioners are responsible for, the 20 hours mentioned would not catch the time put in by the commissioners. So to answer the question, yes, I feel the commissioners should be able to receive the benefits offered to all county elected officials.

**COOPER:** I believe being a commissioner is an elected position from our residents and the benefits are different by being elected versus other part time employees of the county. (See 'DISTRICT ONE' on page 13)

## Recorder candidates answer questions

GIANNA (GEE) ARMSTRONG  
and  
RHONDA SANDERS

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

**ARMSTRONG:** I am Gianna M. Gee- Armstrong. I am 51 years old. I was born to the late Paul E. (Joe) Gee and Lynn Gee of Loogootee. I married Wayne J. Armstrong from Washington and we have a set of 17-year-old twins. Brandon and Taiya Armstrong are juniors at Loogootee High School. I graduated from Loogootee High School in 1983. I received an Associate's Degrees from Vincennes University in Law Enforcement in 1985 and Corrections in 1986. I then went back to Vincennes University Jasper Center and acquired a Medical Transcription Certificate in 2003. I worked as dispatcher, jailer, head dispatcher, 911 coordinator, and IDACS coordinator for the Martin County Sheriff's Dept. I retired after 20 years of service in 2012. Since then I have been a Surveillance Agent at the French Lick Resort. I have learned many new skills in surveillance in order to observe, and protect the assets of the company, as well as the safety and property of the patrons. These skills involve surveillance equipment that I had never seen before but readily and quickly jumped in to learn for a new career.

**SANDERS:** As a proud resident of Martin County and a graduate of Shoals High School, my husband Scott and I have raised our family in Shoals. Married for 24 years, our daughter, Katlyn, is a junior at Western Kentucky University and our son, Justin, is a junior at Shoals High School. As well as being your current county recorder, I work as an assistant coach for Shoals High School Girls' Track Team, a Sunday School teacher and member at Huron Baptist Church, a 4-H leader for seven-plus years, a past Extension board member, and am a past coordinator for the Special Track & Field Day for Shoals Community School.

**MCJ:** What is it about the job of Martin County Recorder that interests you?

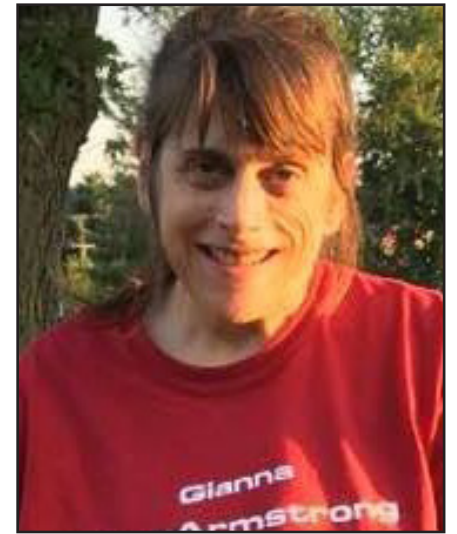
**ARMSTRONG:** I am not familiar with this particular office. I do, however have extensive experience with both keeping and storing records and destruction if necessary and possible of records. I kept radio and telephone records, case and accident records, employee training records, inmate records, and visitation records, just to mention a few, during my twenty years at the sheriff's department. I eventually was in charge of the keeping and storage and destruction of the records. I am looking forward for the chance to come back to Martin County and once again serve the residents here.

**SANDERS:** I am interested in continuing my efforts to organize the office, digitize the records, and ensure accuracy of all filings.

**MCJ:** Are you familiar with the tasks that go along with being county recorder? If so, do you have ideas for making the office more cost and time efficient?

**ARMSTRONG:** (Same answer as last question.)

**SANDERS:** In my five years in the Recorder's office, 3 years as Deputy and 2 years as Recorder, I have upgraded software and switched pro-



GIANNA (GEE) ARMSTRONG



RHONDA SANDERS

viders for a lower cost to the county, added credit/debit readers as payment options for no cost to the county, and contracted with Doxpop to allow images to be available online 24 hours a day at no cost to the county. If elected, I will continue these improvements and stay up to date with new technology.

**MCJ:** Martin County has consistently been one of the lowest paying counties in the state, for elected officials, including county recorder. What are your thoughts on this?

**ARMSTRONG:** Well, this has always been the case. I don't necessary like it, and would love to see that change. I do, however, understand why this is the case. Martin County has Crane Base and the State Forest taht takes up quite a lot of the county. This property is not taxable. Therefore, the revenue brought in by taxable property is low. We also do not have any big industry like the adjoining counties have. This is why we can not possible compete with other counties' salaries. I guess I would say that I am willing to accept this to not only live but work in this county.

**SANDERS:** While this statement is true, Martin County offers a quality of life that my family and I greatly value.

**MCJ:** This question is not intended to be negative toward your opponent but why should voters choose you?

**ARMSTRONG:** Because I think I have proven my love and dedication for this county for most of my life and I hope Martin County residents can see my desire to serve them again.

**SANDERS:** In my time in the Recorder's office, I believe that I have made the office a better, more user-friendly place for the residents of Martin County.

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

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# County Council At-Large Candidates

**WARREN D. ALBRIGHT**  
**KEITH GIBSON**  
**DEREK HARRELL**  
**FLOYD "LONNIE" HAWKINS**  
**RICHARD SUMMERS**  
 and  
**MARTIN "MARTY" TARRH**

(Voters can choose up to three candidates in this race.)

**MCJ: Tell us about yourself (Background, family, jobs, volunteer work, etc.)**

**ALBRIGHT:** I am a lifelong resident of Martin County. I graduated from Shoals High School in 1980 I am a member of the Weisbach Community Church. I am part owner of Country Pines, Inc., a local printing business which has been in business for 31 years. I have been a school bus driver at the Shoals Community School for 18 years. My parents are the late Robert (Bob) Albright and Wilma (Montgomery) Albright. My wife is Kimberly (Floyd) Albright and we have been married for 32 years. We have four children – Mylon of Shelbyville, IN; Byron of Oxford, NE; Loren of Cincinnati, OH; and Amberly of Loogootee, IN. I currently am serving on the county council.

**GIBSON:** I am a longtime resident of Martin County. I've served on the council representing district two. I was on the Halbert Township Board for 13 years. I drove a bus for Shoals Schools for 15 years. I retired from the Weisbach Community Church after serving as pastor for 17 years. I am married, I have three children and nine grandchildren.

**HARRELL:** Chose not to respond.

**HAWKINS:** I am a lifelong resident of Martin County. My legal name is Floyd Leon Hawkins and will appear on the ballot as Floyd "Lonnie" Hawkins. I am a parent of two daughters

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In my own opinion, a commissioner should be available 24/7 to any concerns a resident may have.

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

**BOYD:** Experience. Having served 2 four-year terms previously, I feel that I have a much better understanding of what the county is capable of doing with the limited money we have. We have a great group of employees that get little or no appreciation for the service that they provide. I have a good working relationship with most of these employees and will work for all county employees to achieve the goals set forth by the commissioners.

**COOPER:** I can offer a new perspective and new ideas to help our county move forward in the future. Lead by example! I feel that the voters of Martin County should vote for the person that is going to make a change for our county.

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

**BOYD:** Martin County is a great county. We have problems, but with experience, we can work through these problems and continue making Martin County a great place to live. Please come out and vote on November 8th 2016.

**COOPER:** Please come out and vote on November 8. Voters make changes, vote for the person not the party. Thanks for your support.

Jessie "Maelee" Hawkins age 15 and Josephine "Josie" Hawkins age 7. Both of my parents are deceased. I have one sister Teresa Winger of Shoals Indiana. I am currently employed by Science Applications International Corporation as a Senior Engineering Technician. I have an Associate of Science in Electronics Technology. Currently I am pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology from Purdue University (4 classes remaining before graduation) Additionally I am a United States Department of Labor Mine Safety and Health Administration Qualified Electrician. I am a member of the St. John Catholic Church and attend mass in Loogootee. I am a member of the Martin County Historical Society, a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #732 and hold the position of Treasurer, The Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #2442 in Shoals, Sons of The American Legion Post #61 Shoals and a member of Sigma Nu International Fraternity. I enjoy working with young people and have coached basketball at both school corporations in Martin County. I am also a licensed basketball official and participate in this activity when I have the opportunity.

**SUMMERS:** Chose not to respond.

**TARRH:** Chose not to respond.

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

**ALBRIGHT:** I would like to continue serving on the county council so I can continue representing the tax payers by working together to build a stronger Martin County. I have enjoyed working with the people in the county and serving on their behalf.

**GIBSON:** It is interesting to have a responsible part in the finances of the county which is its primary responsibility.

**HARRELL:** Chose not to respond.

**HAWKINS:** Initially I was interested in pursuing a seat on the Martin County Council to pursue economic development activities for the county. I am still interested in the pursuit of economic development and the direct and indirect profit that can be netted for Martin County residents from the institution of these practices. One such area that Martin County has always needed is the opportunity for additional local employment. The direct aspect of such an opportunity would be the wages generated for the employee and indirect profit gained from additional local employment would be trips to the local grocery store, gas station and various local forms of entertainment where dollars are exchanged for goods or services. As a lifetime resident of the Martin County community I always have been and will continue to be interested in the welfare and stability of the entire county. This would include but not be limited to economic prosperity, infrastructure, fair and equal treatment of all residents under the laws that govern our

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**ARMSTRONG:** This is a very important race for the whole country. I would encourage everyone to go to the polls and let their voices be heard. I would also like to ask everyone to take time to give much consideration to the local candidates. This should also be very important to everyone.

**SANDERS:** Often overlooked, the job of Recorder is important to each and every resident of Martin County. I enjoy serving the public and want to continue to find ways to make this office more useful and welcoming.



WARREN ALBRIGHT



LONNIE HAWKINS

state and country.

**SUMMERS:** Chose not to respond.

**TARRH:** Chose not to respond.

**MCJ: The position of county council member is essentially part-time. A county council member would have to work more than 20 hours a week to be considered full-time. The county council meets once a month plus has two-day budget hearing one time a year. Do you believe it is fair for county council members to receive insurance or the insurance opt-out money (\$4,000) when other part-time county employees do not get this option?**

**ALBRIGHT:** Concerning the insurance, as far as I know insurance is available to all elected county officials.

**GIBSON:** I believe it is fair for the county council as part-time employees to receive the insurance benefits they do. For some members, that is their only compensation.

**HARRELL:** Chose not to respond.

**HAWKINS:** This question accurately addresses the times at which the Martin County Council generally meets in special (referring to once monthly) and required (budget hearing) sessions. Additionally, the county council will meet to read, hear citizen concerns, and approve or disapprove the county's budget in a required session. While I cannot speak for any other council member beside myself, I can say that I am not a county councilman nor will I ever be a county councilman one day a month or approximately 15 times a year, including special and required sessions. I firmly believe that my office requires me to be a servant to the taxpayers daily and in whatever form that takes. I make it a point to regularly and routinely engage other office holders, educate myself, attend additional meeting or contact experts when needed regarding topics that are important to the county or that are on the agenda for an upcoming meeting. I, as a concerned member of the Martin County Council have accepted appointments to additional boards and commissions. For three years I was a member of Vin-

**No photos available for Keith Gibson, Derek Harrell, Richard Summers, or Marty Tarrh**

cennes University Technology Advisory Board. I spent six years as a voting member of the WestGate at Crane Technology Park Board of Directors and have spent the last three years as a council appointed member of The Martin County Re-Development Commission. I have been honored to serve the last two years as the President of the Re-Development Commission. All of these positions were unpaid and I participated in them because I felt it was my civil duty as a councilman and representative of Martin County. I take the position and the public trust that has been placed upon me as a county councilman very serious and will continue to do so until such time as the residents of Martin County choose to "lay me off". I have and will continue to participate in discussions with concerned citizens on the broad range of issues that face our community where ever and whenever I find them. Finally regarding this question, I will say that it is my hope that elected positions are filled with the best and brightest candidates for the position. The best and brightest generally require compensation for the demand on their time and execution of the skills necessary to complete the required tasks. I would like for the rate of pay to be enticing enough to attract the type of individual that can successfully meet and address the needs and issues of the county.

**SUMMERS:** Chose not to respond.

**TARRH:** Chose not to respond.

**MCJ: The wheel tax comes up about every two-four years but is always voted down. Very recently, it is being talked about again. Are you for or against implementing this tax and why?**

**ALBRIGHT:** I am not currently in favor of the wheel tax. I think we need to fix other issues that would have more impact than the wheel tax.

**GIBSON:** I am against the wheel tax because it wouldn't be fair to implement this tax on everyone. Those living in town don't need it. For the farmers who have several seasonal vehicles, it would be a rather heavy tax.

**HARRELL:** Chose not to respond.

**HAWKINS:** The wheel tax is a very interesting and very important topic. I will state that I am generally opposed to any and all new taxes. I firmly believe that imposing any type of new tax should be the final choice in attempting to address the budgetary request of support. Elected officials should exhaust every other option and review numerous solutions before adding a new tax levy or increasing a current one. The wheel tax would directly be used to supplement the county highway budget of each respective county. The additional funding for the county highway budget is generated from a tax related to and imposed on gas and oil. In the past decade the State of Indiana has

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taken the position that each individual county should be responsible for itself. The current political buzz coming from Indianapolis is that in the next legislative session the state will offer additional funds to county related infrastructure (i.e.: roads and bridges) if that county has implemented a "wheel tax". If these funds were made available but only under the method or a very similar case as I have prescribed above I would be in favor of a wheel tax. This is not a decision that I make lightly. Martin County has used "Rainy Day" funds and matching funds for grants to the best of her ability. Our current infrastructure is in need of repair and the repair, restoration process will take additional funding to execute. At such point in the future when county infrastructure needs have been met, I as a Martin County Councilman or citizen advocate would entertain the repeal of any tax levy as it may pertain to a "wheel tax".

**SUMMERS:** Chose not to respond.

**TARRH:** Chose not to respond.

**MCJ:** *What are your thoughts on the current state of economic development in Martin County? Outside of the WestGate Tech Park, do you think there is enough effort being done to bring jobs to the county?*

**ALBRIGHT:** I think we have made small gains as far as economic development, but it is a slow process to attract new businesses or new investments to our area.

**GIBSON:** I believe a reasonable effort is being made to bring jobs to Martin County. It is a competitive business to bring new jobs into a county.

**HARRELL:** Chose not to respond.

**HAWKINS:** It's hard to speak about economic development in Martin County without discussing "The WestGate Technology Park" at Crane. Prior to 2004 searches for information pertaining to economic development activity were channeled to the county assessor's office. This was due to limited or non-existent development activity in Martin County. The Martin County Alliance for Economic Development is a direct result of "The WestGate at Crane Technology Park" and the rehabilitation of the French Lick Springs Resort. I know from past and current experience that individuals (paid and unpaid) and different organizations (Martin County Alliance, Radius and Indiana Economic Development Corporation) are pursuing contacts and leads that could potentially lead to development in Martin County. Economic Development was one of, if not the main reason that I initially became involved in county government. With that said, one area that I would like to address if re-elected is the need for what I will refer to as, "technology driven blue collar development". In other words, manufacturing that address a high level technology but that can be primarily manned and operated by blue collar employees. With Martin County's continued effort and its proximity to the I69 corridor the potential for development in Martin County should remain.

**SUMMERS:** Chose not to respond.

**TARRH:** Chose not to respond.

**MCJ:** If the county received a chunk of money from the state to be used wherever needed, where would you choose to spend it? Where is it needed most?

**ALBRIGHT:** If the county had extra money I would like to see it go to county employees so their wages could be more competitive with other work places. One area that could benefit from additional funds would be our roads.

**GIBSON:** If the county received a large amount of money from the state, the highway department is always in need of money to repair our roads.

**HARRELL:** Chose not to respond.

**HAWKINS:** If the county were to receive a "chunk of money" I would choose to spend it to address county infrastructure needs that would benefit all residents of Martin County as well as local business and companies that comprise the Martin County Community. The next situation that I would choose to address with this "chunk of money" would be employee needs. These would include restructure of an improved wages, benefits and bonuses.

**SUMMERS:** Chose not to respond.

**TARRH:** Chose not to respond.

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

**ALBRIGHT:** My phone number is 812-709-0099 and my email is wdalbright@countrypinesprinting.com. It has been a privilege to serve you these last few years and I would be honored to have your vote on November 8th.

**GIBSON:** If elected to the council, I will seek to do my best to serve Martin County well.

**HARRELL:** Chose not to respond.

**HAWKINS:** I have enjoyed the challenges and time that I have spent on the Martin County Council and look forward to reviewing and resolving the next generation of issues to face Martin County. I encourage all legal residents to exercise their right to cast a ballot for the candidate or candidates of their choice. I challenge the same residents to remain involved and vigilant in affairs of government and elected officials long after the election of November 8th, 2016 has concluded. Regarding Voting Matters. Indiana Senate Bill 61 has changed the way in which votes can and need to be cast. This bill provides that when a voter casts a straight party ticket in a general or municipal election, the voter is casting a ballot for all candidates of that party whose names appear on the ballot, except candidates for offices in a county or municipality for which more than one individual can be elected (COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER AT LARGE; city common council member at large; township board member at large). Groups such offices together on the general election ballot, and requires a voter to cast an individual vote for each candidate for such office. FLOYD "Lonnie" HAWKINS COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER AT LARGE.

**SUMMERS:** Chose not to respond.

**TARRH:** Chose not to respond.

## Martin County Treasurer candidates

LORI CARRICO

and

JULIE FITHIAN

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

**CARRICO:** I was born and raised in Orange County. My family has been involved in county government for my whole life. My grandpa was Orange County Assessor when I was born and my mom was elected when he retired. She still holds the position. I graduated from Orleans High School in 1995 and then from Vincennes University in 1998 with an A.S. in Business Administration. I moved to Loogootee in 2000. I am the mother to four amazing kids (Chase, Chloe, Chance, and Grayson) who keep me very busy. My oldest, Chase, is a senior. My only daughter, Chloe, is a sophomore. Chance is in 5th grade. They all attend school at Loogootee. My youngest, Grayson, is two. I have worked in a wide range of jobs. I have worked in the Orange County Assessor's office doing both clerical/data entry and also in the field doing data collection for reassessment. I was the Martin County Deputy Assessor. I currently work as the Martin County Deputy Recorder. During income tax season, I work for my dad's income tax business preparing business and individual income tax returns. I am also an independent travel specialist for Magical Vacation Planners travel agency where I book and plan vacations for my clients. Those positions have helped me foster a love for working with the public.

**FITHIAN:** I currently serve as treasurer for the Shoals VFW, I am assistant treasurer for the East Fork Friends of NRA and I also serve as auditor for the Shoals Eagles. I currently work in the county clerk's office as a deputy clerk. I previously served two terms as Martin County Clerk. While homeschooling my children, I served as Service Unit Chair for the Martin County Girl Scouts. This included coordinating cookie sales, day camp and other various activities. Before moving to Martin County I worked for several commodities firms for which I reconciled customer accounts. All of these jobs involve customer service and reconciling accounts which are the primary responsibilities of treasurer.

**MCJ:** *What is it about the job of Martin County Treasurer that interests you?*

**CARRICO:** I enjoy working with the public and I enjoy working with numbers and money so the treasurer's office is a wonderful blend of them both. I also have a love for county government. Doing my part on a local level is very fulfilling to me.

**FITHIAN:** I would like to serve as Martin County Treasurer because I enjoyed serving Martin County as clerk and I am interested in learning more about how Martin County operates.

**MCJ:** *Are you familiar with the tasks that go along with being county treasurer? If so, do you have any ideas for making the office more cost and time efficient?*

**CARRICO:** I am somewhat familiar with the tasks of the county treasurer. I have a strong background in how the property tax system works which I feel will be a great benefit for me. I believe that our current county treasurer's office has done an excellent job making the office run cost and time efficiently. If elected, I will continue to search for ways to improve in those areas.

**FITHIAN:** The current treasurer is doing a wonderful job and I will continue doing things the way they are be-



LORI CARRICO



JULIE FITHIAN

ing handled. Once I have more knowledge and experience of the job, I will institute any changes that I think would benefit the people of this community.

**MCJ:** *Martin County has consistently been one of the lowest paying counties in the state, for elected officials, including county treasurer. What are your thoughts on this?*

**CARRICO:** County government is very different than private sector when it comes to funding, budgets, and setting wages. The county can only spend the money it has and we don't have it to spend. Martin County is one of the lowest paid counties in the state because we have some of the lowest amounts of taxable parcels. Between Crane base and federal/state land, we lose a lot of potential county tax income. It would be nice to be able to pay all of our county employees more and base it more on the private sector wages; but that is probably not feasible at this time; however, most people who run for office don't do it for the money anyway. We do it because we want to give back to the communities that we love.

**FITHIAN:** I understand that we are the lowest paid in the state. I know there is not a lot that can be done to change this. I do, however, hope and encourage the council/commissioners to keep this mind when they have money to spend. In the meantime, knowing that the people of this county appreciate me, helps me to keep giving my best.

**MCJ:** *This question is not intended to be negative toward your opponent but why should voters choose you?*

**CARRICO:** I believe I am an excellent candidate for treasurer because I'm honest, hardworking, and my background has prepared me for this position. My time working in county government has taught me so much about working with the public and how all our county government offices work together. Our property tax system isn't always easy to figure out or understand. If elected, I will do my part to make the process as friendly and pleasant as possible. (See 'TREASURER' on page 15)



# Loogootee School Board At-Large candidates

**JOHN DANIEL  
BRANDI HENNETTE  
THOMAS "T.J." MCATEE  
and  
NANCY J. SUMMERS**

(Voters can vote for up to two candidates in this race.)

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

**DANIEL:** John Daniel, age 45; wife, Lori, age 42, married for 22 years together for 25. Three children, daughter, Shaylee Milligan, 24, and two sons, Mitchell, 19, and Kaleb, 13. Both older children are graduates of Loogootee High School and the youngest is in 7th grade. Son-in-law, Joshua Milligan, and two grandsons, Jeb, age 4, and Daxon, 4 months. I graduated Shoals High School with a GED. No political offices held in the past. I work for J.R. McBride/FedEx Ground.

**HENNETTE:** Chose not to respond.

**MCATEE:** I was born and raised in Loogootee, and graduated from Loogootee High School in 2000. After high school I attended Marian College (now Marian University) in Indianapolis, where I graduated in 2004 with a BA in Psychology. I am now a Supplier Development / Sourcing Specialist at Jasper Engines and Transmissions. In this professional role, I work daily to build and strengthen relationships with our many suppliers. I am also responsible for cost savings initiatives, including price negotiations and ways to reduce overall spending. I feel that these skills will be advantageous as a member of our school board. I am married to Tracie (LaMar) McAtee, and have recently become the proud father of our son, Breck, who is 8 months old. Tracie is a 6th grade teacher at Loogootee Middle School, and the varsity volleyball coach of our Loogootee Lady Lions. I am an active member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church where I serve as a volunteer for church activities. I am also a member of the Knights of Columbus, where we work to provide for many important programs in our community.

**SUMMERS:** I retired as secretary of Martin County Catholic Churches. Before that I worked as a secretary in the school corporation. I have three children and three granddaughters and have been married to Richard Summers for 42 years. I have managed Martin County Senior Housing for the past 13 years. I volunteer as the treasurer of the Loogootee Ministerial Association Transient Fund.

**MCJ: What is it about the job of school board member that interests you?**

**DANIEL:** I'm running for school board because I feel it's time to start taking care of our teachers and students.

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sible. I want the treasurer's office to be a welcoming office.

**FITHIAN:** I think the voters should choose me because I have all the qualifications necessary and I hope that my two terms as Martin County Clerk have proven that I am a good public servant.

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

**CARRICO:** I have gained a lot of knowledge from working in various county government offices. I would love the opportunity to bring my experiences and knowledge to the Martin County Treasurer's office.

**FITHIAN:** Election Day is your opportunity to make a difference. Please vote on November 8, 2016.

**HENNETTE:** Chose not to respond.

**MCATEE:** The Loogootee School Corporation has played an important, and constant, role in my life since early childhood. My mother was a teacher at Loogootee High School when I was a child, and later became the At-Risk Coordinator for the corporation until her retirement. Even before I was a student, I was a part of the Corporation family. Throughout my years in school, I had the opportunity to be involved in many activities that prepared me for after graduation, and I was given a high-class education. I was always proud to say that I was a Lion, and still am. I want to be a part of the family again, in a substantial way. I feel that being a school board member gives me the opportunity to do my part, to ensure that our school remains healthy, and the school of choice for our families, and those moving into our area.

**SUMMERS:** I served on the Loogootee School Board from 1990-1994, and I am now completing my 4th year as a current school board member. I love being able to serve our community in this capacity. I want to continue to be involved in making sure our students get the best education possible. We have great administrators, teachers and staff and it is exciting to see the success of schools!

**MCJ: Loogootee and Shoals schools see a continuous decline in enrollment year after year. What are your thoughts on consolidation?**

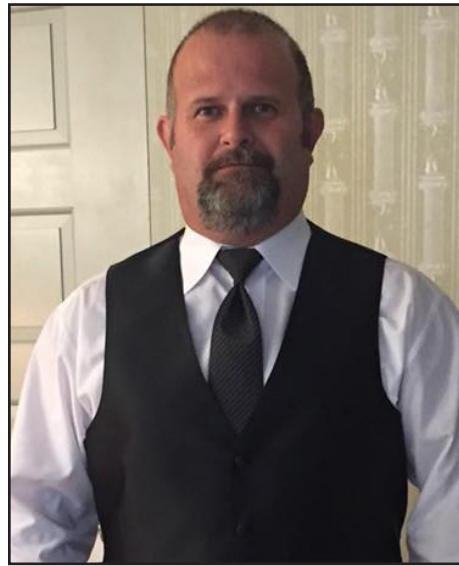
**DANIEL:** I have been asked about the consolidation of Loogootee and Shoals schools. I feel it would be a great thing to happen, but the reality of it is farfetched. Getting the funding alone would be a nightmare, let alone finding an area suitable for the building. If all this could be figured out then yes, I would be for consolidation.

**HENNETTE:** Chose not to respond.

**MCATEE:** Consolidation is a drastic move for any school corporation, for themselves, and the other corporations that are involved. Countless variables should be considered leading to such a decision. For me to say that I am for, or against, consolidation at this point would be irresponsible. As I mentioned above, I want Loogootee School Corporation to be the school of choice for our students and families. If we can achieve this, as well as strategically attract prospective new students, that will ensure the longevity of our schools. Before consolidation would happen, I feel that Loogootee, and our neighboring schools, could collaborate to share best practices in cost savings, fundraising, and enrollment boosting to promote the health of all schools independently. My professional experience has developed my ability to think creatively and outside of the box to generate new ideas and solutions for future review and consideration. If consolidation were to become the best avenue for our school, it would be the responsibility of the board, our administration, and staff to work with the partnering corporations to become a stronger unit together than we were apart.

**SUMMERS:** Declining enrollment is not just in Martin County, it is nationwide. People are simply not having as many kids. As far as my feelings on consolidation – the state has tried to force smaller schools into consolidation. I think there is something to be said for the smaller schools and I do not support it.

**MCJ: To go along with the last question, do you think anything can be done about declining enrollment? If so, what?**



JOHN DANIEL



T.J. MCATEE



NANCY SUMMERS

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**DANIEL:** The number one challenge today is enrollment. This is a problem facing all schools not just Loogootee. How do we fix this? Good question. I don't think anyone has a definitive answer for the decline in enrollment. This is an ongoing problem that needs the help of all the community, teachers, leaders and school board members to pull together to try and find a solution.

**HENNETTE:** Chose not to respond.

**MCATEE:** There are many avenues to increasing enrollment. We have many great things in place currently that will do this. We have an outstanding administration, and excellent teachers throughout the elementary, middle, and high school where core classes, as well as college level classes, are offered. Our athletic and art/music programs are thriving, providing life-long lessons, and developing leaders. We have to make it our goal to make sure that these advantages held by the Loogootee School Corporation are known to our current students, and to all those who are not now, but will have the opportunity to attend Loogootee Schools in the future. Some methods include, but are not limited to, community outreach and involvement through our ongoing arts and athletic programs, alumni involvement through mentorship and avocation, and the continued development of our technical programs that partner with local businesses, including my employer, Jasper Engines and Transmissions. The more Loogootee students are involved in, and visible in our local area, the stronger we will become.

**SUMMERS:** (Same answer as last question.)

**MCJ: Art and music programs in schools continue to get smaller but not sports programs. What do you think is more important, sports programs or art/music programs, and why?**

**DANIEL:** I want to make sure our art, music and science programs are saved. These programs have been put on the back burner for long enough at Loogootee Schools and we need to put more emphasis into the stabilization of said programs. I feel it's time to spread concern

evenly between sports and our art, music and science programs. It's important that we have well rounded students. All programs should be treated equally.

**HENNETTE:** Chose not to respond.

**MCATEE:** Each individual student needs the availability of and opportunity to be involved in whatever extra-curricular activity or activities he or she chooses. We have been blessed with students who have excelled in all genres, both athletically and in the arts, and both simultaneously. To say that either one is collectively more important than the other is impossible. All programs allow students to follow their own unique passions and abilities, and teach invaluable life lessons in the process. We have a diverse student body, and have an obligation to continue to enable that individualism to thrive.

**SUMMERS:** Loogootee Schools have one of the finest music and art programs in the state as far as I am concerned. We also have one of the best sports programs around. There is no which is more important.

**MCJ: Technology upgrades have been a big part of the county's schools recently. Do you feel the technology is where it needs to be? If not, what do you think still needs to be done?**

**DANIEL:** I feel we need to re-address college credits. We need to make sure that the college courses being offered will actually help the student in their college endeavors. We need to make sure that college credits will transfer to the institution that the student will be attending.

**HENNETTE:** Chose not to respond.

**MCATEE:** Technology is naturally an important aspect of any school because of the advantages it gives our students in learning, but equally as important, the advantages it gives our faculty and staff in educating. The challenge that technology presents is its inherent cost and evolving nature. Technology continues to improve, and new products become available annually that will without question bolster the educational experience of our students. Ultimately, we have to look at the education that our students are getting, and how we are able to measure growth and learning as a product of that technology, to validate the costs. My goal is to help in making continuous improvements that will keep our school technically current, and do so (See 'LOOGOOTE' on page 16)

# Shoals School Board District 2 candidates

ZACK BROWN  
ANGELA C. COOK  
and  
JENELL HOFFMAN

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

**BROWN:** My name is Zack Brown. I am 27 years old. I was born and raised in Shoals. I graduated from SHS in 2008. I married Ericka Shaw in 2012 and we have two children, Adilynn and Izacc, with my third child on the way. I was employed at National Gypsum from 2008-2014. I am currently employed at United States Gypsum in the mine.

**COOK:** I am a lifelong resident of Martin County and a graduate of Shoals High School. My three sisters and six brothers all graduated from Shoals High School also. I have worked in the prepress department at Old Paths Tract Society since graduation. I am married to Edward Cook, who works as a graphic designer and prepress technician at Country Pines Printing. We have three children: Alan, age 14; Lydia, age 11; and Hannah, age 9. All three children attend Shoals Schools. My husband and I are both active members of Weisbach Community Church. As parents, we have been actively involved in our children's education. I have accompanied them on every field trip they have ever been on (often as a chaperone), and Edward and I have attended every academic bowl and spell bowl meet they've participated in. I have also done volunteer office work at the school, and my husband and I are in our second year as volunteer robotics coaches.

**HOFFMAN:** My parents were Jim and Wanda (Hawkins) Stiles, both deceased, of Shoals. I have three sisters, Linda Raney, Kathy Gaither, and Sheri Bowling, and one brother, Jim "Buck" Stiles. I am a lifelong resident of Shoals, graduating from Shoals High School in 1976. I have been married to Dale Hoffman for 39 years. We have three sons, Nathan and wife, Katie; Clint and wife, Amber; and Matt and wife, Heidi. Our sons are also graduates of Shoals High School and are college graduates. They too are raising their families in Shoals. Currently two grandsons, Rator and Henry, are attending Shoals Elementary, and grandson, Colin, is a junior at Shoals High School. Grandson Jett and granddaughters, Natalie and Neily will also. My first job after graduation was an elementary aid at Shoals. I then worked at Crane for three years before taking some time off to raise our family. When I returned to the workforce it was with the United States Postal Service where I started as a city carrier in Loogootee and then as a clerk there. I have recently retired after 26 years of service. I have coached elementary cheerleaders at Shoals and also coached the high school dance team. While coaching the dance team, they placed 5th at state competition in their class. My husband and I attend the Shoals Church of the Cross. I am on the missions team and also volunteer on Sunday nights at the church's youth group program where we have an average of 35 kids. I help One Less Ministries cook and serve free dinners on Tuesday nights at the Shoals Senior Citizens Center. I am on the Shoals Library Board and the Martin County Credit Union Board.

**MCJ:** What is it about the job of school board member that interests you?

**BROWN:** What interests me the most about running for school board is the fact that I believe the children of the Shoals School System should come first with the best possible education. I



ZACK BROWN

would love to help make decisions that will make for a better school system and community that children can thrive on.

**COOK:** I feel it's very important for parents with children enrolled in the school to be involved in the decision-making process. I feel that my frequent visits to the school and my involvement with the children and acquaintance with many of the teachers and staff gives me insights into the running of the school that would be very helpful to the school board.

**HOFFMAN:** School boards play a critical role in student achievement. I would like to be a part of setting even higher goals for achievement while providing a safe and positive atmosphere for learning. I also feel in the times we are facing we will be called upon to make some critical decisions in our schools pertaining to our liberties. I want what is best not only for my grandchildren but for all of the children that attend our school.

**MCJ:** Loogootee and Shoals schools see a continuous decline in enrollment year after year. What are your thoughts on consolidation?

**BROWN:** There is a lot of research that has to be done concerning school consolidation. As of right now, I don't think we are to the point that we need to consolidate. First, we would have to decide how it would be beneficial to our students, faculty, and the community, as a whole, both academically and financially.

**COOK:** I don't see any possible way that consolidation of Shoals and Loogootee schools would benefit the students of this community.

**HOFFMAN:** I would be against consolidation. Your schools are the heart of community and if consolidation would happen, our town would be no more.

**MCJ:** To go along with the last question, do you think anything can be done about declining enrollment? If so, what?

**BROWN:** The declining enrollment is not all due to the school system. We need a solid school system and offer programs to entice people to stay, plus a good industrial-based community. I believe a good school system and strong community ties will keep people in Shoals.

**COOK:** I believe if we continue to raise academic achievement levels and foster pride in our school, we can reverse the trend of declining enrollment. I will seek to raise awareness in the community of the great teachers and great educational opportunities our school affords and seek to promote our school as the best option in this district for educating our children.

**HOFFMAN:** I think all we can do is continue to make our school the best it can possibly be. Since the state no longer requires tuition be paid to go to a different school, this is more common un-



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fortunately. My thinking on this matter is pretty much "the grass isn't greener".

**MCJ:** Art and music programs in schools continue to get smaller but not sports programs. What do you think is more important, sports programs or art/music programs, and why?

**BROWN:** They are both equally important, I cannot stress that enough. It just depends on each individual's interests. They should both be supported equally.

**COOK:** Sports, art, and music each have their place; but in my view, sports should not be treated as more important to the children of our community than art and music, and the allocation of funds and size of the programs should reflect that.

**HOFFMAN:** I think they are all important. All kids are different. Some are very talented in art, some have a love of music, and others excel in sports. I wouldn't want any of these programs to suffer at the expense of another.

**MCJ:** Technology upgrades have been a big part of the county's schools recently. Do you feel the technology is where it needs to be? If not, what do you think still needs to be done?

**BROWN:** Technology is rapidly changing in our world on a daily basis. I think the school system is on the right track but, I also believe there are many benefits of the continued advancements

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in a financially responsible way.

**SUMMERS:** We are working diligently to offer our students every opportunity to use technology in the schools. It is very exciting to be in the parking lot after school and seeing the high school students carrying home their Chromebooks. Every year will get better and better as we incorporate individualized devices for every student K-12.

**MCJ:** If you had the ability to choose anything in the school corporation to improve, what would it be?

**DANIEL:** We need more teacher involvement. It seems like over the years that our teachers have been thrown to the curb and their ideas on how teaching actually works doesn't matter. Teachers have to take money out of their own pockets to buy supplies for the classrooms so our children can learn properly, but when they ask for a raise you would think they were asking for the moon.

**HENNETTE:** Chose not to respond.

**MCATEE:** If I am fortunate enough to be elected to our school board, I hope to help make many improvements to our school. As I become more knowledgeable about the operations of our school corporation and specific opportunities present themselves, I will work with my fellow board members, the administration, and staff, to implement these

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Jenell Hoffman

of technology in our classrooms and I feel that it is preparing our kids for the future. However, I also believe that the basics of education cannot be bypassed and we need to continue to focus on these aspects for increased success for the children of tomorrow.

**COOK:** I think the technology upgrades at Shoals Schools have been very beneficial and we are probably where we need to be for now.

**HOFFMAN:** Shoals has done a great job of staying up to date with new technology with the implementation of Chromebooks in the classrooms. This will better prepare our students for college since it mirrors what they will be using at the higher level. We need to continue to stay with the curve of technology so that our students have the skills needed to succeed. At the same time, we need to recognize the value in traditional teaching methods.

**MCJ:** If you had the ability to choose anything in the school corporation to improve, what would it be?

**BROWN:** More funding for additional aides and teachers for more one-on-one teaching in the classrooms.

**COOK:** I would love to see art brought back into the rotation with PE, library, and music in the elementary school.

**HOFFMAN:** Pride and respect. We have a lot of great kids and families here in Shoals and I want them to be proud of where they live and go to school. They are as good and capable as anyone. They have to take advantage of the opportunities that are available to them.

**MCJ:** Is there anything else you (See 'DISTRICT 2' on page 17)

needed improvements. Continuous improvement is vital to any corporation. I hope to influence our Loogootee School Corporation in many positive ways.

**SUMMERS:** I would like to have enough money to do every single thing we need.

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

**DANIEL:** I have been involved with the Loogootee School System for the last seventeen years as a parent. I have seen many changes in this time, some good, some bad. I worry about the education my son is getting and the education my grandsons will be getting in years to come. I want to make sure that our children are getting the best opportunities here at Loogootee School System so they can strive as young adults.

**HENNETTE:** Chose not to respond.

**MCATEE:** I am very proud to have attended all Loogootee Schools and be a Loogootee alumnus. I want to ensure that my son gets to feel that same pride when he graduates from Loogootee. I want to be in a position to make decisions that will move our schools forward in all aspects of education. I want to be an integral part of a corporation that produces quality individuals, ready to excel in whatever path they choose in life.

**SUMMERS:** It would be a privilege to serve the community as a school board member for the next 4 years.



# Shoals School Board District 3 candidates

**BILL BAUER**

and

**LORNA TROUTMAN**

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

**BAUER:** I'm a 1974 graduate of Shoals High School. I've been married to my wife, Lisa, for 30 years and we have one daughter. I worked 26 years for Jefferson Trucking Company and am now driving for Propane Direct, LLC. I'm presently president of our church board and play in our praise band. Our church, which is Church of the Cross, has a Sunday night children's youth group, which has been 30 and 40 children every Sunday night. That takes a lot of supervision.

**TROUTMAN:** I am married to Dean Troutman, have two children, Reva, a college freshman and Luke a 5th grader. We live in Dover Hill. I am a graduate of Shoals Community School and Oakland City College. Have been employed for 28 years at NSWC Crane as an Administrative Assistant, a Financial Analyst and currently as a Division and Department Safety Coordinator. I am a member of the Dover Hill Christian Union Church where I teach a Sunday School class and Jr. church classes, serve as treasurer of Evangelical Christian Ladies organization, treasurer of the Shoals Parent Association, member of the school booster club, a coach and organizer of multiple school robotic clubs for the past 5 years now ranging from 1st-12th grades.

**MCJ: What is it about the job of school board member that interests you?**

**BAUER:** Making sure each child gets the best education possible to excel in their future. We need to make sure our teachers and staff have the best tools to do their job properly. We also need to make sure our bus drivers know how important their jobs are because they are the ones transporting our future.

**TROUTMAN:** The job of being a school board member interests me because I have seen the transformation the Shoals Community School has made over the past four years and the excitement that comes from a promising future with talented administration, devoted teachers, staff and some of the best students you will find anywhere. I have enjoyed serving the parents and students of the Shoals School District. I had been

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would like to get across to the voters?

**BROWN:** There have been a lot of good changes made in the school system already, and I believe there can be a lot more made, including reinstating the vocational bus route. I also believe I am the person that can help make that happen. Shoals is a wonderful place to raise a family, so let's provide them with the best chance possible. I would love the opportunity to represent the Shoals Community School.

**COOK:** I want the voters to know that in seeking to be elected to the school board I have no personal axes to grind and no hidden agendas. What they see is what they get. If elected, I will do everything I can to make decisions that are best for ALL students, not just some. I believe that first and foremost school boards look out for students. Education is not a line item on the school board's agenda, it is the ONLY item.

**HOFFMAN:** I have had some people ask me why I want to be on the school board. And to this I say why not. Having raised three sons from kindergarten through college I feel like life lessons have made me hopefully a little wiser and capable of serving on the school board.

attending school board meetings, reviewing state regulations and guidance for several months before being elected to serve four years ago and realized that it was not going to be an easy position to fill but I would do the very best job possible. I want to continue being a part of the great things going on at Shoals Community School and providing a voice for parents and students each day as I have been doing.

**MCJ: Loogootee and Shoals schools see a continuous decline in enrollment year after year. What are your thoughts on consolidation?**

**BAUER:** I think if you have a strong school board to assist the superintendent, with strong public backing, both our schools can prosper, but we all know the state has that call. I personally think a smaller school turns out better students.

**TROUTMAN:** Enrollment at the Shoals Community School has seen increases in the last 2-3 years along with graduation rates which has been a blessing to our community. I have no interest in consolidating schools. Consolidation would only be allowing the lawmakers of the state to win the ongoing battle to keep Indiana's small and rural schools from operating and providing a good, solid education for the students in their districts. Both schools have students at far ends of their districts within the county and they are best served by having a school with a fairly short commute each day. A community school is the backbone of the town/community and without it I feel our identities are also lost. Both communities have a strong sense of pride from their schools' achievements and that needs to be promoted not torn down.

**MCJ: To go along with the last question, do you think anything can be done about declining enrollment? If so, what?**

**BAUER:** By keeping our school in the black, people will see our students going to the next level and doing well. Then new families moving to Shoals will gladly enroll their children.

**TROUTMAN:** Affordable homes and good paying jobs are needed to attract families along with basic family entertainment options and services. We need to be able to bring back our graduates to our communities either for jobs immediately following school or jobs after college graduation. I have been a member of the College Success Coalition for approximately three years which brainstorms just those types of ideas and opportunities for Martin County. We need vocational training to be located in closer proximity to service the schools and assist in preparing future job applicants. I believe all these things would increase enrollment.

**MCJ: Art and music programs in schools continue to get smaller but not sports programs. What do you think is more important, sports programs or art/music programs, and why?**

**BAUER:** I think they both have their place in school as extracurricular activities but the main focus should be our academics. A lot of children don't care for either, that's why you should offer other activities.

**TROUTMAN:** They are all important to the students and families involved. A healthy, vibrant school should be able to support all student enrichment programs. Shoals Community School has an excellent art teacher who has expanded for years the students' knowledge of art and its history along with integrating it into the school thru murals and art displays. We also have music programs for grades K-12th, talented music instructors and a great deal of support from parents. The Culinary Arts class is also a great success at Shoals. Sporting events are incredibly

important in a small school, it is where you see your friends and neighbors, your sense of community is increased and pride in the school. Sports can give students a lesson in teamwork and being dedicated to something other than your own individual success. Being able to support a variety of interests is a huge part of being a school board member and making the right decisions overall.

**MCJ: Technology upgrades have been a big part of the county's schools recently. Do you feel the technology is where it needs to be? If not, what do you think still needs to be done?**

**BAUER:** You have to stay up with the times. Constant upgrades and improvements have to happen. That's where accountability comes in. Staying in tune with the superintendent through meetings and letting her do her job is very important. That's the way you work as a team and stay up with the times.

**TROUTMAN:** A school needs to be willing to continue improving their technology options. Technology constantly changes, gets faster and touches every part of our lives. For a school to not be keeping up with technology is a failure on its part to offer a quality education. With all the changes at Shoals Community School this year with Chromebooks being used by students in grades 4th-12th we have made a huge jump into the future. The teachers and staff have worked very hard to make the transition smooth. Technology brings opportunities to the students and should be a priority in a

## Shoals School Board District 5

**DREXEL TURPIN**

and

**TIFFANY WITTMER**

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

**TURPIN:** Chose not to respond.

**WITTMER:** I have been a lifelong resident of the community and Lost River Township. My grandparents, parents, sibling and myself are all graduates of Shoals. I have one daughter who graduated in 2015 and a son who is currently enrolled at Shoals Elementary.

**MCJ: What is it about the job of school board member that interests you?**

**TURPIN:** Chose not to respond.

**WITTMER:** I can represent different groups in the community and ensure that others have a voice in making educational and administrative decisions. I have a personal interest in preserving and improving the quality of my school system.

**MCJ: Loogootee and Shoals schools see a continuous decline in enrollment year after year. What are your thoughts on consolidation?**

**TURPIN:** Chose not to respond.

**WITTMER:** I, for one, do not agree with a consolidation. I believe that what benefits a smaller school is the teacher to student ratio. I feel that the students get more individual time with teachers in the classrooms. If I can see true, hard core facts that a consolidation would in fact benefit our kids in learning and growing instead of just a dollar amount the school would receive then it would definitely be something to consider.

**MCJ: To go along with the last question, do you think anything can be done about declining enrollment? If so, what?**

**TURPIN:** Chose not to respond.

**WITTMER:** There has been a slow decline in our enrollment and yes, I do feel something could be done. We need to reach out to the community, get their thoughts and ask them questions. Is it the way in which the teachers are teaching, is it bullying, is it sport teams in neighboring communities? What can we do to

growing school system.

**MCJ: If you had the ability to choose anything in the school corporation to improve, what would it be?**

**BAUER:** I would like to see this Shoals School be around for the next 100 years so our grandchildren, great grandchildren, and many, many more can stay in our close-knit community and prosper.

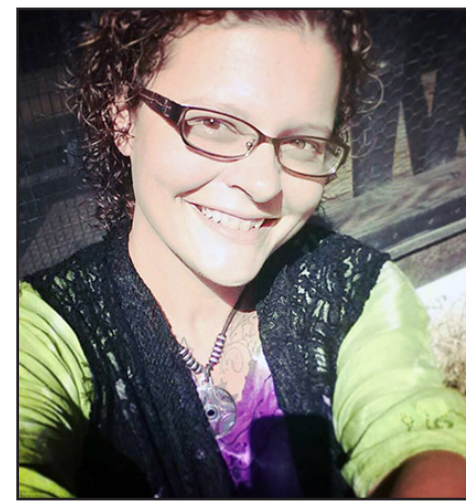
**TROUTMAN:** I would increase the positive attitude at the Shoals Community School Corporation. A positive attitude improves academics, athletics, musical performances, artistic style, an employee's goals and the impact on the lives of the students and how they treat each other. In the past four years so many improvements have been made at Shoals in the area of making a positive impact on students but you can never be happy to settle for the status quo.

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

**BAUER:** I can see places that need change and if elected, I will do my best as a team member to follow state guidelines and keep Shoals Schools a great place to get an education.

**TROUTMAN:** A school board position can seem to be a thankless job from the outside looking in however the hard work you do to make things better for each student is what it is all about. You are constantly open for scrutiny and need to be aware of how your decisions can affect students who are depending on a school to provide a safe, sound and positive place for them each day.

## No photo of Drexel Turpin



**TIFFANY WITTMER**

keep our children excited about learning? What can we change to make us stand out among other communities?

**MCJ: Art and music programs in schools continue to get smaller but not sports programs. What do you think is more important, sports programs or art/music programs, and why?**

**TURPIN:** Chose not to respond.

**WITTMER:** I do feel that art/music programs are very important, but I would not say they are any more important than sports. Just because one child is more interested in one than the other doesn't mean it should be more important. I would however like to see more art/music type programs available to our students.

**MCJ: Technology upgrades have been a big part of the county's schools recently. Do you feel the technology is where it needs to be? If not, what do you think still needs to be done?**

**TURPIN:** Chose not to respond.

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# Indiana State Representative District 62 candidates

JEFF ELLINGTON  
and  
STEVE LINDSEY

## JEFF ELLINGTON

Jeff Ellington was raised in Monroe County, Indiana, and graduated from Bloomington High School South. He attended Indiana University before starting his successful small business, J.R. Ellington Tree Experts. He expanded his business operations over the years to Phoenix Demolition and Ellington Stables. He has done business with people in his district for years, from Bloomington to Linton, from Bloomfield to Odon.

Jeff has been a firefighter with the city of Bloomington for 28 years. He married Hope Habbe in 1990, and they have two children, Lindsey (a 2015 graduate of Indiana University's Kelley School of Business) and Lincoln, a 2015 graduate of Bloomington High School South and accomplished hockey player.

Jeff was elected to the Monroe County Council in 1996 and served from 1997 to 2005. He served as Monroe County Recorder in 2014 to finish the term of the late Jim Fielder.

This election cycle, as of April 19, 2016, Jeff Ellington has received 19,377 in campaign contributions. Ellington has donated more than \$14,000 of that plus received smaller contributions from six other individuals and PACs.

Where he stands:

-Strongly in favor of the Second Amendment. The right to own a handgun or rifle shall not be infringed by the state.

-For educational reform and choices. The recent problems with ISTEP show the General Assembly, the governor and the state superintendent must work together to make public education better for our children.

-Support mineral extraction and the coal industries.

-Strongly in favor of your property rights. Support the farming and timber industries. Overregulation can hurt these industries.

-Pro-life. Life, he believes, begins at conception.

-Small business protection. Regulations and taxation can squeeze small businesses right out of existence.

-Manufacturing. Indiana and District 62 need more manufacturing jobs.

-Roads and bridges. District 62 and Greene County especially have roads and bridges that need repair and maintenance.

-Interstate 69. It's almost completed. He will work to make sure it stretches from Indianapolis through Greene County to Evansville, and that it is maintained properly.

## STEVE LINDSEY

Steve Lindsey lives in Switz City in Greene County. He is married with two children. He graduated from the University of Evansville with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business and was employed by Kimball International for over 36 years.

He served as Greene County Commissioner and President of the board.

He served on the Indiana Association County Commissioners State board (IACC) for two years and served as the SW District President (2012). He also served on the Association of Indiana Counties State board (AIC) for two years and served as the SW District President (2011/2012).

This election cycle, as of April 8, 2016, Steve Lindsey has raised \$250. He received one contribution of \$250



JEFF ELLINGTON



STEVE LINDSEY

from United Transportation Union PAC.

Where he stands (supports):

- One Nation under God
- Indiana Coal & Natural Resources
- Public Education
- Right to Bear Arms
- Right to Life / Pro Family
- The Working Class
- Indiana Agriculture

## DISTRICT 5

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**WITTMER:** I do think the upgrade in technology has had a positive impact in the way teachers are able to teach. But, not every student learns the same, so I do think improvements can be made. What works well for one child may not work at all for another. We need to be able to identify these situations and make adjustments accordingly.

**MCJ:** *If you had the ability to choose anything in the school corporation to improve, what would it be?*

**TURPIN:** Chose not to respond.

**WITTMER:** First and foremost school boards look out for students. Education is not a line item on the school board's agenda- it is the only item. I do not have a single-issue focus but rather interested in the success of all students in the district.

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

**TURPIN:** Chose not to respond.

**WITTMER:** My efforts as a board member would center on serving all of the children in the community, one child is no more important than another. The point of a school is to create productive citizens out of our children. Schools that strive for excellence flow into the community around them. Our future is behind the walls of that school and they deserve everything possible to help them achieve greatness. We have come a long way over these past couple years, a great staff and wonderful teachers, but improvements can always be made. Times are changing and a clear vision and goals need to be set. We need fresh eyes and ears, voices not afraid to speak out and individuals working as a team.

# State representative district 63 candidates

MIKE BRAUN  
and  
ANDREA HULSMAN

## MIKE BRAUN

Mike Braun is a lifelong resident of Jasper. Mike and his wife Maureen have been married for 40 years and have four grown children: Jason, Jeff, Ashley, and Kristen. Jason and Jeff work with Mike at Meyer Distributing. Mike and Maureen attend St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper.

He attended Jasper High School, graduated from Wabash College and earned his Masters of Business Administration in 1978. In 1981, Mike began his entrepreneurial career at Meyer Body Company, becoming the sole owner and converting it into a distributing company known as Meyer Distributing. His company has received numerous industry awards including Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) "Distributor of the Year", and he was recently honored by Dubois Strong with the "Entrepreneur of the Year Award".

Mike currently serves as a board member of Conexus Indiana Logistics Council (Southwest), the Mid-State Corridor Development Corporation and has just finished 10 years on the Greater Jasper Consolidated School Board. He is also a member of the Nature Conservancy, Indiana Woodland Owners Association, and Quail & Upland Game Alliance. Mike spends most of his spare time engaged in forestry activities, including tree planting, timber stand improvement along with hunting and fishing. Braun joined the Indiana House of Representatives in 2014.

In this election cycle, until April 8, 2016, Mike Braun raised \$38,378 in campaign funds. His top five contributors were Werner Co. \$2,000, Streicher Construction Inc. \$2,000, Patsy Williamson \$2,000, James Elwell \$2,000, and Extang Corporation \$2,000.

While in the House:

-Voted no to the bill Expand Medicaid. Bill establishes the Healthy Indiana Plan to provide services required under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Sec. 28) and prohibits the secretary of family and social services from making certain changes to the Healthy Indiana Plan without legislative authorization

-Voted yes to a bill regarding teacher salary supplemental payments. Adds factors for which a teacher may receive supplemental payments. Provides that not more than 50% of a supplemental payment may be added to the teacher's base salary, based upon school corporation policy.

-Voted yes to road funding and regional cities program. Provides for the transfer of the state's excess reserves to the local road and bridge matching grant fund and the state highway fund.

-Voted yes to pass a bill that authorizes an individual born before 1993 to access his or her adoption information, effective July 1, 2018.

-Voted yes to pass a bill that amends regulations regarding abortion, effective July 1, 2016 (HB1337).

-Voted yes to pass a bill that limits



MIKE BRAUN



ANDREA HULSMAN

public access to police body camera footage, effective July 1, 2016.

-Voted yes to adopt a conference report that specifies that the Religious Freedom Restoration Act does not authorize discrimination, effective July 1, 2015.

-Voted yes to concur with House amendments and pass a bill that prohibits the government from substantially burdening a person's exercise of religion.

## ANDREA HULSMAN

Andrea Hulsmann grew up in Dubois County. She graduated from Jasper High School and attended Vincennes University. Andrea and her husband, Jason, have three children and live in Jasper. She is a part-time educator with Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools and was the youth director at Trinity UCC. Hulsmann has never run for public office.

In this election cycle, as of July 19, 2016, Andrea Hulsmann has raised \$770 in campaign funds. She has received eight small donations, all from individuals.

Where she stands on issues:

-Fully restore education funding so our schools can operate successfully

-Provide a quality education for our children with less testing

-Show respect and support for our teachers

-State funding for early childhood education

-Maintain and improve the condition of our roads and bridges to attract new businesses, keep jobs and get us from here to there safely.

-Attract new businesses that provide well-paying jobs

-Support small businesses

-Address unfair practices that cause job loss

-Promote education and training opportunities

-Balancing taxes

-Work toward equal pay for women

-Promote the overall health of women and access to health services

# United States Senator Candidates

EVAN BAYH  
LUCY BRENTON  
and  
TODD YOUNG

## EVAN BAYH

Evan Bayh was born December 26, 1955. Bayh was born in Shirkieville, Indiana, to Birch Evans Bayh, Jr. and Marvella Belle (Hern). Bayh attended St. Albans School in Washington, D.C., and graduated with honors with a B.S. in business administration from the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University Bloomington in 1978. At Indiana, he became a member of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity's Indiana Beta chapter. Bayh has an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Golden Gate University School of Law in California. He received his Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1981, and clerked for a federal judge before entering private law practice in Indianapolis. Bayh and his wife, Susan, have twin sons, born in 1995.

Bayh first held public office as the Secretary of State of Indiana, elected in 1986. He held the position for only two years before being elected Governor. He left his office after completing two terms and briefly took a job lecturing at Indiana University Bloomington, before being elected to the U.S. Senate seat once held by his father, Birch Bayh. On February 15, 2010, Bayh unexpectedly announced he would not seek reelection to the Senate in 2010. After leaving the Senate, he was replaced by his predecessor, Dan Coats, and became a partner with the law and lobbying firm McGuireWoods in the firm's Washington, D.C., office, and also became a senior adviser with Apollo Global Management. He was a part-time contributor for Fox News from March 2011 to July 2016. In June 2011 he became a messaging adviser for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. On July 13, 2016, following the withdrawal of Democratic primary winner Baron Hill, Bayh announced that he would be running to take back his old Senate seat from retiring Republican incumbent Dan Coats.

In this election cycle, as of June 30, 2016, Evan Bayh has raised \$0. He already had cash on hand of \$9,484,486 from previous election cycles. His top contributors in those previous election cycles, from 2005-2010 were Goldman Sachs, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe; Lantham & Watkins, Winston & Strawn, Hogan Lovells, OrthoIndy, Peabody Energy, Cummins Inc., Oaktree Capital Management, and Eli Lilly & Co.

On the issues:

**Abortion:** Bayh has a mixed voting record on abortion, partially pro-life and partially pro-choice. His website does not bring up the abortion issue.

**Agriculture:** Against over regulation of farmers. In favor of promoting policies that will help farmers get their product to market.

**Education:** In favor of affordable college, believes no student has to turn down college due to cost.

**Jobs & Economy:** In favor of reducing regulations and increase access to capital for small businesses and encourage long-term investments in new technologies and equipment.

**Trade:** Opposes the Trans Pacific Partnership. Wants to enforce trade law including cracking down on currency manipulation. Strong supporter of the Trade Adjustment Assistance program that provides job training and support



EVAN BAYH

for workers whose jobs have been displaced due to international trade.

Key votes while serving in the senate (ended term in 2010)

-Voted yes to a bill that will ratify the Treaty with Russia on Measures for Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms, commonly known as the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (New START), which will govern the reduction, monitoring and inspection of each country's strategic offensive arms.

-Voted yes to concur with House amendments and pass a bill that repeals the policy concerning homosexuality in the armed forces.

-Voted yes to concur with Senate amendments and pass a bill that establishes the World Trade Center Health Program for responders to and survivors of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and extends coverage under the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund.

-Voted yes on a motion to invoke cloture on a bill that grants an additional \$250 payment in 2011 to recipients of federal benefits. Social Security; Railroad Retirement benefits; Veterans benefits; or Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

-Voted yes on a motion to invoke cloture on a bill that requires the Federal Labor Relations Authority to enforce the ability of public safety officers to engage in collective bargaining.

-Voted yes on a motion to suspend rules and advance an amendment to S 510 that prohibits earmarks.

-Voted yes on a motion to invoke cloture on a bill that prohibits workplace discrimination based on gender and authorizes studies on discrimination.

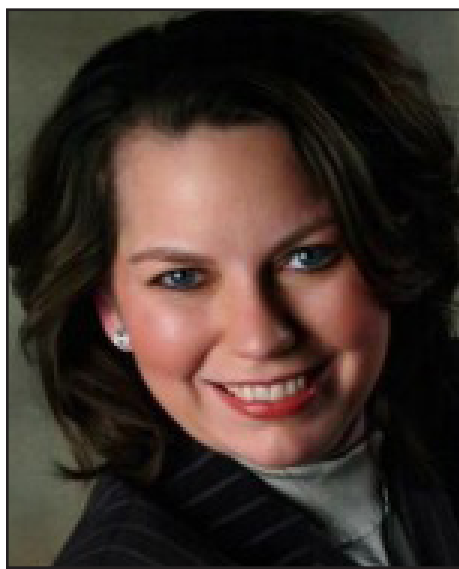
-Voted yes on a motion to invoke cloture on a bill that establishes new disclosure requirements for political advertisements and other regulations for the financing of campaigns and political advertisements.

-Voted no to an amendment to S Amdt 3739 to S 3217 that prohibits the interest rate for any credit transaction from exceeding the maximum authorized by any law of the State in which the consumer resides beginning 12 months after the date of enactment.

## TODD YOUNG

Todd Young was born August 24, 1972 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, the second of three children of Nancy R. (née Pierce) and Bruce H. Young. He lived in Marion County, Indiana for several years before settling in Hamilton County, Indiana, where he attended public schools and won a state soccer championship. In 1990, Young graduated from Carmel High School in Carmel, Indiana.

Just a few weeks after graduating high school, Young enlisted in the



LUCY BRENTON

United States Navy and reported for duty in Newport, Rhode Island. In May 1991, Young received an appointment from the Secretary of the Navy to attend the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, where his classmates elected him a class officer and he earned a varsity letter as a member of Navy's NCAA Division I soccer team. He graduated cum laude in 1995, earning a B.S. in political science, and accepted a commission in the U.S. Marine Corps. Upon graduating from Annapolis, Young trained for six months as a rifle platoon commander at The Basic School in Quantico, Virginia, where he qualified as an expert rifleman. In 1996, he completed the Naval Intelligence Officer Basic Course in Dam Neck, Virginia and was entrusted with a Top Secret security clearance. Young then led the intelligence department of VMU-2, an unmanned aerial vehicle squadron based in Cherry Point, North Carolina, where he participated in various military operations, including counter-narcotics activities in the Caribbean, and was trained in Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection. In 1998, Young was transferred to Chicago, Illinois, where he managed all Marine Corps officer recruiting operations in the greater Chicago and northwest Indiana region. Meanwhile, Young attended night school at the University of Chicago's Graduate School of Business, earning an MBA. Young was honorably discharged from active duty in 2000 as a US Marine Captain.

He worked as an adjunct professor of public affairs at Indiana University's School of Public and Environmental Affairs and attended law school at night. In 2004, Young joined Indiana-based Crowe Chizek and Company as a management consultant, helping state and local government clients improve service delivery to Indiana citizens.

In 2006, Young earned his J.D. from the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, where he was President of the school's Federalist Society chapter. He joined Paoli, Indiana-based Tucker and Tucker, P.C. upon graduation. Young is a member of the 2007 class of the Indiana Leadership Forum. Since 2007, Young has also served as a part-time Deputy Prosecutor for Orange County, Indiana.

Young has served in the US House of Representatives since 2010. He and his wife, Jennifer, have four children.

In this election cycle, as of June 30, 2016, Todd Young has raised \$5,014,128. His top 10 contributors include Eli Lilly & Co., Cardon & Associates, Barnes & Thornburg, Padgett Inc., Rocklane Co., DaVita Healthcare Partners, Irwin R. Rose & Co., Almost Family Inc., Elwood Staffing Services, and NorPac.



TODD YOUNG

On the issues:

**Abortion:** Pro-life

**Agriculture:** Against regulations, feels farmers are over-regulated. Supports the Trans Pacific Partnership to grant access to overseas markets for farmers to sell their products.

**Education:** Introduced legislation implementing marketing principles and creating an alternative, debt-free student financing option for higher education.

**Jobs & Economy:** In favor of reduced regulations for small business and investors and free trade agreements.

**Trade:** Supports the Trans Pacific Partnership and free trade agreements.

Key votes while serving in the House

-Voted yes to the Regulatory Relief for Small Business, School and Non-profits Act. (A bill that requires the effective date of a certain Department of Labor rule regarding overtime pay to be delayed until June 1, 2017.)

-Voted yes to override a veto of a bill that authorizes courts to hear cases involving claims against a foreign state for damages caused by terrorism within the United States.

-Voted yes to a bill that exempts Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan (CO-OP) health insurance plans from the requirement to maintain minimum essential health care coverage.

-Vote yes to a bill that prohibits the transfer of an individual who is detained at Guantanamo Bay.

-Voted yes to a bill that amends employment procedures at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

-Voted yes to a bill that prohibits the government from penalizing health-care providers that decline to cover abortions.

-Voted yes to adopt an amendment to HR 5055 that prohibits the use of funds in violation of an executive order that prohibits government contractors from discriminating based on sexual orientation or gender identity.

-Introduced a bill that rescinds funds from Planned Parenthood.

-Voted yes to a bill that expands federal lands where individuals are authorized to hunt, effective immediately.

-Voted yes to a bill that increases the number of hours that an employee is required to work per week from 30 to 40 in order to be considered a full-time employee for the purpose of the employer mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

## LUCY BRENTON

Lucy Brenton is a native Hoosier. From her years at IPS, to the Broad Ripple HS of Performing Arts and even television production at the Center for Instructional Radio and Television, she graduated from Northwest High School in Indianapolis in 1989. After (See 'SENATOR' on page 20)

# US House of Representatives 8th District

**LARRY D. BUCSHON  
RON DRAKE  
and  
ANDREW HORNING**

**LARRY D. BUCSHON**

Larry D. Bucshon was born on May 31, 1962 and raised in Kincaid, Illinois. His father, Ronald, was a coal miner, Navy serviceman, while his mother, Barbara was a nurse. Dr. Larry Bucshon and his wife Kathryn, who is a practicing physician and anesthesiologist in Evansville, reside in

Warrick County. They have four children, Luke, Alexander, Blair and Zoe. The family attends Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Evansville.

Bucshon graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and got his medical degree from the University of Illinois Medical School at Chicago. Following medical school, Bucshon completed a residency at the Medical College of Wisconsin, where he served as chief resident in surgery and remained there to complete a fellowship in cardiothoracic surgery. During this time, he enlisted with the United States Navy Reserve, where he served from 1989 to 1998 when he was honorably discharged.

He served as President of Ohio Valley HeartCare, Chief of Cardiothoracic Surgery and Medical Director of the open heart recovery intensive care unit at St. Mary's Hospital.

He was elected as Indiana's 8th District Congressman in the 2010 General Election succeeding Brad Ellsworth.

In this election cycle, as of September 30, 2016, Larry Bucshon has raised \$885,368 in campaign funds. His top ten campaign contributors were John C. Schroeder (Crescent Plastics Chairman) \$5,400; Fred M. Fehsenfeld (Heritage Group Board Chairman) \$5,400; Steven E. Chancellor (American Patriot Group CEO) \$5,200 and several donations of \$5,000 from Society of Thoracic Surgeons PAC, American Bankers Association PAC, American College of Cardiology PAC, American College of Surgeons PAC, Automotive Free International Trade PAC, AT&T Inc. Federal PAC, Action Committee for Rural Electrification, Majority Committee PAC, American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons PAC, American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery ENT, and Home Depot Inc. PAC.

Where he stands based on voting record:

- Favors legally hiring women and minorities
- Strongly opposes abortion
- Strongly opposes same-sex marriage
- Strongly opposes Obamacare
- Strongly favors vouchers for school choice
- Strongly favors gun rights
- Strongly opposes higher taxes on the wealthy
- Strongly opposes prioritizing green energy
- Strongly favors stricter punishment reduces crime
- Strongly opposes pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants (Source of position stance: ballotpedia.com. Analysis using voting records, statements to the media, debate transcripts, or citations from books authored by or about the candidate.)

**RON DRAKE**

Ron Drake is a native Sullivan County, 8th Congressional District resident. More than 20 years ago Drake built a home on his Sullivan County family



**LARRY BUCSHON**

farm. Drake is an attorney, farmer and long ago teacher. As a young man he preached among Primitive Baptist churches. He served in the Indiana National Guard and Army Reserve.

He graduated from Sullivan County's Fairbanks High School, where his favorite sport was cross country running. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Indiana State University, and his law degree from Indiana University. His wife, Carolyn, is also from Sullivan County. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Indiana State University, and her PhD degree from Purdue University. They have twin daughters, Dawn and Autumn. They have two god-daughters, Melissa and Reggina, whom they have co-parented for many years.

Drake taught at Sullivan County's North Central High School. He served two terms in the Indiana House of Representatives from Sullivan and Clay Counties.

For the past 20 years Mr. Drake has commuted between his Sullivan County home and farm, and his law office and home in Washington, D.C.

In this election cycle, as of September 30, 2016, Ron Drake has raised \$10,150 in campaign funds. The only itemized donations reported to the FEC were personal loans from Drake himself for \$7,000, \$500 from Don R. Richards (Attorney at Richards, Elder & Green LLP) and \$200 from an individual, Alan Chowning.

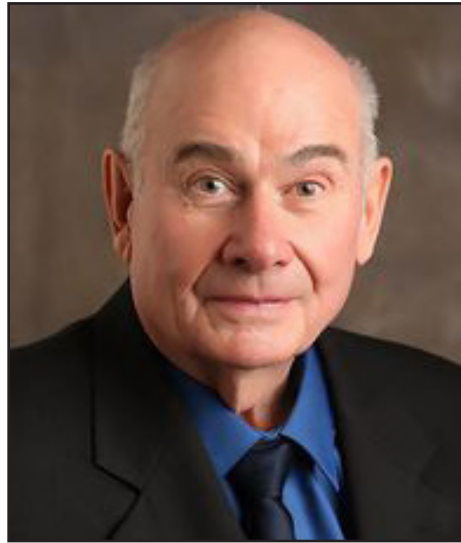
Where he stands:

- End American intervention in Middle Eastern religious civil war
- Restructure student loans
- FDR type New Deal WPA and CCC for the Midwest
- Review federal statutes and regulations
- Guarantee coal miners' pension fund
- Curb Wall Street fraud
- Direct federal funds to the 8th District
- Amend Obamacare to reduce premium/co-pay
- Withhold federal funds from institutions with politically correct speech codes

**ANDREW HORNING**

Andrew M Horning was born in Indianapolis on June 6, 1958. He has studied at both Indiana and Purdue and earned his BA at Indiana University in 1990. In the past Horning has ran unsuccessfully for Indiana State House of Representatives District 96 in 1996, Marion County Recorder 1998, Mayor of Indianapolis 1999, Indiana Governor 2000, 2008, and the U.S. House of Representatives District 7 in 2002 and 2004, the Senate in 2012 and the U.S. House of Representatives District 8 in 2014.

He was a clinical engineer in the health imaging division at Eastman



**RON DRAKE**

Kodak from 1998 to 2000 and a clinical/ technical instructor teaching medical technology from 1994 to present. He has worked at Biosound Esaote Inc. and is also a former freelance cartoonist.

In this election cycle, to date, Andrew Horning has reported zero campaign contributions to the FEC.

Where he stands:

- Stand down our military-industrial complex and global imperialism.
- Monetary/banking reform.

## SENATOR

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high school, she was crowned Miss Indianapolis Teen 1989, winning the college scholarship offered by the Pacers. She continued her education at IUPUI studying French and Economics and earned her degree.

Brenton met her husband, Dorn, at IUPUI and the couple celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on May 11, 2016. They married by private contract – never asking permission from the state. They have seven daughters and three sons ranging in age from 24 to 3 years.

In 1995 Brenton ran for City Council of Indianapolis but was not successful. She serves as Treasurer of the Indiana Notary Association and is herself a Notary. Lucy has served in the positions of Secretary, Vice-President, President and At-Large of Central Indiana Real Estate Investors, the largest real estate investor trade association in Indiana.

Professionally, Brenton is an entre-



**ANDREW HORNING**

-End the cronyism/corruption culture.

- Term limits
- Rule of Law
- End "earmarks" (pork)
- End special classes, special deals for special people –equality for all
- Sunset provision/amendment to refine and reduce the number of laws so that our rules are few enough to actually know, simple enough to actually obey, important enough to enforce without exceptions or special classes

preneur and works in the finance industry. She has owned, managed and operated mortgage companies. She has been published in real estate investing magazines and offered her book on credit repair for sales while lecturing to investing associations.

In this election cycle, to date, Lucy Brenton has not raised any campaign funds.

On the issues:

Abortion: Brenton does not believe the government should make decisions for a woman or use any government funds to pay for abortion.

Agriculture: Against farm subsidies.

Education: (No stance on the issue found.)

Jobs & Economy: In favor of small government including eliminating regulatory agencies. In favor of ending corporate taxation.

Trade: (No stance on this issue found.)

Brenton has held no elected office so does not have a voting record.



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# Three vie to be the next governor

**REX BELL  
JOHN R. GREGG  
and  
ERIC HOLCOMB**

### REX BELL

Rex Bell was born in New Castle in 1952, and has lived within a few miles of that location his entire life. He was raised on a small farm near Millville, the second of eight children of Myron and Phyllis Bell. Rex attended Millville Grade School, and graduated from Hagerstown High School in 1970. After a short stint at Indiana University, he returned home and started his own contracting business in 1974, which he still operates today. Rex is married to his wife, Susan, and they are the parents of three grown children and five grandchildren.

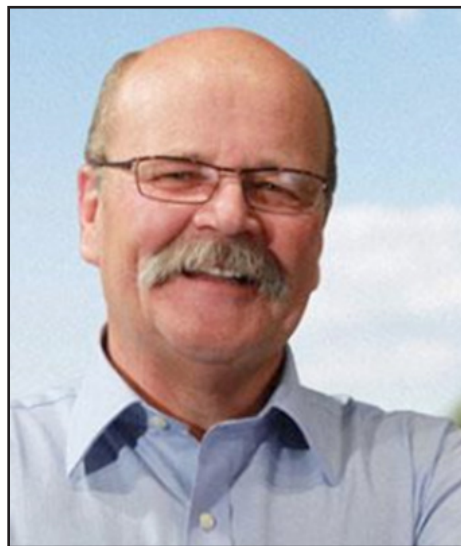


**REX BELL**

### JOHN R. GREGG

John Gregg was born September 6, 1954 to Donald R. and Beverly "June" (Blackwood) Gregg in Linton, Greene County, Indiana. John is married to Lisa and the couple have three adult children, Stevie, John B., and Hunter.

John is a lifelong resident of Sandborn, Indiana, in rural Knox County. He earned undergraduate degrees from Vincennes University and Indiana University and, while working full time, earned a master's degree from Indiana State and a law degree from Indiana University.



**JOHN GREGG**

From 1978-1985, Gregg worked as a land agent for Peabody Coal Company and as a governmental affairs representative for Amax Coal Company. After passing the state bar in 1984, Gregg opened a private practice, Gregg & Brock, in Vincennes, which he led until 2002, when he joined the Indianapolis law firm Sommer Barnard PC. In 2005, he became partner at the Vincennes office of the law firm Bingham McHale, now Bingham Greenebaum Doll LLP. He is a member of the Indiana State Bar Association and the Knox County Bar Association, where he served as President in 1992.



**ERIC HOLCOMB**

John was elected in 1986 to represent Southwest Indiana in the Statehouse. He served in the Indiana House of Representatives for 10 years before being elected Speaker of the House in 1996.

In 2002 he decided to spend more time with his children and retired from public office. The following year, Governor Frank O'Bannon asked John to serve as interim President of Vincennes University, where he worked to expand the curriculum, increase access and to keep tuition costs down.

Following his tenure at Vincennes, John returned to his law practice, wrote a book and hosted a weekend radio talk show. In 2012, John re-entered the political arena and was nominee for governor of Indiana, coming up just short of victory.

### ERIC HOLCOMB

Eric Holcomb was born May 2, 1968. He and his wife, Janet, live with their dog, Henry, on the northwest side of Indianapolis.

He is a member of the Indiana Farm Bureau, the National Federation of Independent Business, the Indianapolis WWII Round Table, the American Legion, Post 777; and is a board member of the Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site.

Holcomb graduated from Pike High School in Indianapolis and Hanover

College in Hanover, Indiana, in 1990. He served in the United States Navy for six years. He was stationed in Jacksonville, Florida, and in Lisbon, Portugal. He began working for John Hostettler, a member of the United States House of Representatives, in 1997. In 2000, Holcomb ran for the Indiana House of Representatives against John Frenz, but was defeated. Holcomb served as an advisor to Mitch Daniels, the Governor of Indiana, beginning in 2003. In 2013, he resigned to become the state Chief of Staff to U.S. Senator Dan Coats. Holcomb was sworn in as Lieutenant Governor on March 3, 2016 after Sue Ellspermann resigned.

## Candidates for state Attorney General

**LORENZO ARREDONDO  
and  
CURTIS T. HILL, JR.**

### LORENZO ARREDONDO

Lorenzo Arredondo earned his undergraduate and master's degrees from Indiana University and become a teacher; he has taught every grade from kindergarten through high school, as well as English as a second language to adult learners. He won a scholarship to attend law school at the University San Francisco, where he co-founded the Hispanic National Bar Association. He graduated with a Juris Doctorate from the University of San Francisco.

Arredondo served as Lake County Circuit Judge for 24 years, retiring in 2010. He has also served as the Vice-Chair of the Indiana Supreme Courts Commission on Race and Gender Fairness, a faculty member of the National Judicial College, and on several boards of directors. He has been the recipient of multiple awards, including the Lincoln-Juarez Award from the National Hispanic Bar Associations.

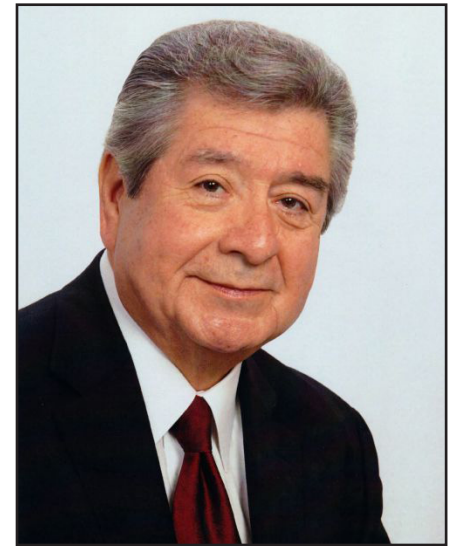
Arredondo's campaign websites states his support for consumer protection legislation; harsher laws for public corruption, fraud, and sex offenders; and ending discrimination based upon race, gender, age, sexual orientation, religion and disability.

### CURTIS T. HILL, JR.

Born and raised in Elkhart, Curtis is the fifth and youngest child of Curtis T. Hill, Sr. and Eleanor M. Hill. Curtis and his wife, Teresa, have five children, Halle, Mallory, Curtis, Bella, and Abraham. Curtis and his family attend First Baptist Church in Elkhart.

Teresa and Curtis met at Indiana University in Bloomington. She has an undergraduate degree in Education and currently teaches high school English literature.

Curtis earned his Bachelor of Sci-



**LORENZO ARREDONDO**



**CURTIS HILL JR.**

ence degree in Marketing from the Indiana University School of Business in Bloomington and went on to receive his Doctorate of Jurisprudence from the Indiana University School of Law. He began his legal career as a part-time deputy prosecuting attorney for Elkhart County where he also maintained a private general practice of law.

Hill's campaign website states his support for stronger state government, consumer protection, youth leadership programs, and "protecting families from the ravages of drugs and violent crime."

## Absentee voting in Indiana

Absentee-in-person voting (also known as early voting) begins 28 days before Election Day at your county election board office. Please consult with your county office for dates and times. In order to vote absentee-by-mail, one of the following must apply:

1. You have a specific, reasonable expectation that you will be absent from the county on Election Day during the entire 12 hours that the polls are open (6 am to 6 pm).
2. You have a disability.
3. You are at least 65 years of age.
4. You will have official election duties outside of your precinct.
5. You are scheduled to work at your

regular place of employment during the entire 12 hours that the polls are open.

6. You will be confined due to illness or injury or you will be caring for an individual confined due to illness or injury during the entire 12 hours that the polls are open.

7. You are prevented from voting because of a religious discipline or religious holiday during the entire 12 hours that the polls are open.

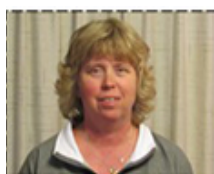
8. You are a participant in the state's address confidentiality program.

9. You are a member of the military or a public safety officer.

10. You are eligible to vote at a precinct or former residence under a fail safe procedure in IC 3-10-11 or IC 3-10-12. 11. You are a "serious sex offender."

12. You are prevented from voting due to the unavailability of transportation to the polls.

When the county election board receives your application for a mail-in absentee ballot, they will process it and if the application is approved, mail you an absentee ballot for the upcoming election. In order to vote absentee-by-traveling board, you must qualify under bullet points 2 or 6 above. The ballot will be delivered to you by a bi-partisan absentee voter board who will be able to assist you with your ballot.



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