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## Martin County can get piece of \$870 million for internet

Indiana is receiving close to \$870 million for broadband. A huge investment is underway to make sure rural and underserved communities have equal access to broadband. Where the money goes will be based on data collected.

As many people as possible need to submit information about their internet in order for Martin County to get the most funds possible.

You may have completed similar speed tests over the past year or two – but this is the one that will determine where the most need is and where the money will go.

Here's what to do to make sure your location is counted:

1. If you do not have internet, email your address to [Indianabroadband@iot.IN.gov](mailto:Indianabroadband@iot.IN.gov). In Martin County, you may call 812-295-2412 and provide your address and the Extension office will email the information in for you.

If you do have internet of any kind (excluding cell data):

-Visit <https://connectingindiana.com/> to submit a speed test. Make sure you are connected to your home (or business) internet and not to cellular data. It is important to do this multiple times at different times of the day.

2. Visit <https://broadbandmap.fcc.gov>, enter your address and look to see which internet providers are listed as available for your address. Make sure the "fixed broadband" tab is selected. If your address comes up at the wrong spot, click on the dot that is closest to the address pin and verify that it is the correct address. If it is not, click location challenge on the right. If your provider availability list is incorrect, click availability challenge on the right.

A couple of important notes:

-If your tested internet speed is less than 100Mbps download and 20Mbps upload (aka 100/20) you are considered underserved

-If your only internet option is satellite – you are considered unserved.

-If you have dedicated wireless (not cell phone data) that is considered served.

This is not for cellular data. However, you can follow step 2 above and select the "mobile broadband" tab to see which services are listed as available for your address.

For step by step instructions with screen shots visit: <https://pcrd.purdue.edu/3-steps-to-bring-better-broadband-to-indiana>

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO INTERNET OR YOUR SPEED IS LESS THAN 100/20, you should also visit [www.in.gov/ocra/broadband/icp/](http://www.in.gov/ocra/broadband/icp/) and click at the top where it says "click here to register" This will allow you to call special attention to your address. If you don't know all the questions, that is ok. What is most important is your name, phone number, physical address, email address if you have one, and county. The rest can be left blank if you don't know the answer.

Financial assistance is available to those within certain income levels. Visit [www.fcc.gov/acp](http://www.fcc.gov/acp) to learn more and apply (See 'INTERNET' on page 2)



## LHS Homecoming royalty

-Photo provided

Loogootee High School crowned their Homecoming King and Queen during the basketball game against Bloomfield last Saturday night. Seniors Reis Whitney and Ashlynn Gilbert (shown above) were chosen.

## Loogootee School Board discusses property tax increase impact

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Loogootee School Board spent some time discussing the public's reaction to the property tax increase due to the school's upcoming expansion and remodel projects, at their meeting last Thursday, January 18.

Board Member Brent Courter said he feels the board needs to do a better job showing that the impact to property owners will not be as substantial as they think it will. He said he was talking to a property owner recently whose home has a market value of more than \$300,000 but has a net assessed value of \$45,000, after deductions. He said the property owner was surprised at how little the school will be increasing his property tax based on that assessed value. He said the impact is not as bad as many believe it is.

Superintendent Dr. Brian Harmon said many are confused about market value and assessed value. Market value is what a home would be priced if that home was listed for sale. Assessed value is what the county assessor says is the home's value. Many property owners also have deductions on their property which reduces the assessed value further.

## Meeting reminder

The Martin County Solid Waste District Board will meet Thursday morning, January 25 at 8:50 a.m. in the community building of the fairgrounds. The board will vote on the proposed increase of the solid waste user fee.

Property owners can go to <https://www.in.gov/dlgf/understanding-your-tax-bill/tax-bill-search/> and search their most recent property tax statement. There they can see what their assessed value is with their deductions, if any. Once the assessed value is found that amount should be divided by 100 and then multiplied by 0.3013. This will give the additional tax a property owner will pay for the school's projects. Those projects include a new 22,000 square foot activities center, remodeling the middle school building, remodeling the elementary school playground and building a bus barn. The school's current tax rate, before the increase, is 0.7839. Dr. Harmon said the school's tax rate is below the state average now and should be below the state average with the increase. It was also noted that the board does not yet know the exact amount of the projects so the tax rate may change. It cannot go higher but can go lower.

Example: A home that has an assessed value, after deductions, of \$75,000, would pay an additional \$226 a year.

Dr. Harmon also noted that with the circuit breaker (property tax caps) in place in the state, a residential property owner cannot pay more than one percent of their home's value, farmers cannot pay more than two percent and commercial property owners cannot pay more than three percent.

The board voted to put the projects out for bids with opening of bids to occur in February. The goal is to have the middle (See 'LOOGOOTEE' on page 2)



## New Primary filings

Filing period is for the Martin County Primary Election will end February 9, 2024, at noon.

You must be a registered voter at the time of filing for one of the above positions. You may obtain the proper forms for filing at the Martin County Clerk's Office at 129 Main Street in Shoals.

All registered voters in the county will be eligible to vote in the May 7 election. If you are unsure of your voting status, you may contact the Martin County Clerk's office, visit an Indiana BMV office, or go online at <https://indianavoters.in.gov/to-register-or-update-your-voter-registration>.

You have until April 8, 2024, to update or register to vote in order to vote in the Primary Election.

The following are current local candidate filings:

Martin County Auditor  
Michelle Norris (D)  
Martin County Recorder  
Sheri Crandall (R)  
Martin County Treasurer  
Rhonda Sanders (R)  
Martin County Coroner  
Tony Abel (R)  
Martin County Surveyor  
Nathan Hoffman (R)  
Martin County Commissioner District 1  
J. Cody Roush (R)  
Retha Warner (R)  
Martin County Commissioner District 3  
No filings to date.  
Martin County Council-at-Large (three seats open)

Warren D Albright (R)

Gerald D Montgomery (R)

The following positions will only be on the ballot if they are contested:

Republican Precinct Committeemen  
Carolyn Sue McGuire (R), Perry 1  
Becky L. Sellers (R), Mitcheltree  
Gerald D Montgomery (R), South Halbert

Bill Shaw (R), North Halbert

Benjamin "Snoop" Shaw (R), North Center

J. Cody Roush (R), East Memphis

Four Republican Convention Delegates-at-Large

Warren D Albright (R)

Gerald D Montgomery (R)

J. Cody Roush (R)

Two Democratic Convention Delegates-at-Large

No filings to date.

School board offices will be on the November General Election ballot only. School board candidate filing period has changed. The filing period will run from Tuesday, May 21 through Thursday, June 20 at noon.

If you have questions, please call the Martin County Clerk's Office at 812-247-3651.





# Councilman's Corner

By Shoals Town Council President  
Cary D. Albright

Emergency plans underway to secure freshwater supply for East Shoals

In a crucial development for the residents of Shoals on the east side, urgent measures are being taken to replace a deteriorated 750-foot freshwater line servicing the town. The issue lies in the flange joints at each pier, a result of mounting and initial installation challenges that restricted the joints' movement with the bridge. This deterioration has reached a critical point, prompting action.

Town Council President Cary D. Albright is spearheading efforts alongside HWC Engineering to devise an emergency plan and engineering drawings for the replacement project. The focus is on securing a full grant through the state revolving loan fund, which caters to disadvantaged communities. With 36 percent of Shoals' population falling below the federal poverty level, the town qualifies for this support.

This emergency situation demands immediate attention, as the freshwater line serves as a lifeline for East Shoals. The estimated cost of the project is \$1.7 million, making external funding crucial. Council President Albright has actively engaged with Congressman Bucshon, who, in turn, has alerted the state of Indiana about the impending freshwater supply crisis.

Collaboration with HWC Engineering,



the rate study consultant, and the state of Indiana's SRF state revolving loan fund is underway to expedite this critical project. The aim is not just to replace the deteriorated line but to secure a sustainable solution for the long term, ensuring the well-being of the community in Shoals.

As the town faces this emergency, the proactive approach of Council President Albright and collaboration with key stakeholders highlight the dedication to securing the essential freshwater supply for East Shoals. The residents eagerly await a positive outcome from the grant application, trusting that this collective effort will safeguard their access to clean water.

Shop Shoals: Bauer Family Coffee Shop

# LOOGOOTEE

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school remodel done by the start of the 2024-25 school year and the activities center completed by the 2025-26 school year.

In other business, the board approved the following personnel actions:

- Erin Bateman as middle school track assistant coach
- Doug Mayfield as high school track assistant coach
- Dana Strange as track volunteer

The board approved adding a second week of sports moratorium for 2024-25.

A moratorium is when students are not allowed to participate in school-sponsored athletic activities. The state mandates that the first week in July serve as a moratorium however the school is adding the second week of July as well to make the moratorium from July 1-July 14.

# INTERNET

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ply for assistance.

Purdue Extension staff are here to help. If you need assistance, please call 812-295-2412 or text 812-653-2089.



## Last Saturday Of Every Month!

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Feral cats: \$40  
Find out more information on the website  
Request an appointment at [www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org](http://www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org)



# OBITUARIES

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Wednesday, January 24, 2024

## PATRICIA CLARK

Patricia (Pat) Jo Clark passed away at Jasper Memorial Hospital on January 20, 2024, surrounded by her loving family. A resident of Jasper, she was 85.



PATRICIA CLARK

She was born December 19, 1938; daughter of Frank and Marie (Burris) Bledsoe.

She married John Paul Clark Sr. at the Loogootee United Methodist Church.

Patricia is survived by six children, Steven (Tonya) Bledsoe, of Washington, Cathy (Joe Goeppner) Schott of Jasper, John (Barb) Clark Jr., of Jasper, Pamela (Greg) Abrams of Oaktown, Marie (Mitz Rowe) Clark of Lynchburg, Ohio; and Gary (Teresa) Clark Sr. of Loogootee; 15 grandchildren and 34 great grandchildren.

She is also survived by two sisters, Sue (Rod) Carrico of Loogootee and Kimberly (Mark) Rasdall of Nineveh; one brother, Terry (Maureen) Bledsoe of San Rafael, California; and one sister-in law, Donna Bledsoe, Winterhaven, Florida.

Patricia was preceded in death by her husband, John; her parents, Frank Bledsoe and Marie and Denzil (Tuck) Baker; one daughter, Janet Kay Clark; one grandson, Christopher Scott Wiscaver; and three brothers, Gary Ray, Frank (Bud), and John Bledsoe.

Patricia worked for many years in the kitchen at the Jasper Moose, she had previously worked at Jasper Desk. She eventually retired from the cafeteria of Jasper Memorial Hospital, where her love for cooking did not end. She was well known for her delicious cheeseballs, and she continued making them over the years for close friends and family.

After retirement, Pat enjoyed many passions. She had a green thumb, growing many delicious vegetables and beautiful flowers. She loved puzzles, loved watching all sports, from ice skating, Nascar, basketball, baseball and football, and anything Indiana Hoosiers. She loved her fur babies and her Coca-Cola. She loved scratching lottery tickets and pulling the reel at the casino.

Pat loved to love, always making friends wherever she went. She had a heart of gold, never hesitating to help someone out. She loved to sing and dance, definitely living up to her signature phrase "Who has more fun", she definitely did. Even at the end of her life, Pat found a way to smile and laugh through everyone's tears.

She was strong in her faith for Jesus Christ and her memory will forever live on through the lives of her children and grandchildren.

Pat will be cremated, and a private celebration of life will be held at a later date per Pat's wishes.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Queen-Lee Chapel of George Funeral Care.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.queenlee.com](http://www.queenlee.com).

## NORMA JEAN GREENWELL

Norma Jean Greenwell passed away Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at her home. A resident of Loogootee, she was 92.

She was born in Loogootee on April 6, 1931; daughter of Geoffrey and Amie (Sanders) Brothers. She was a graduate of St. John High School.

She was preceded in death by three husbands, Marlin Raney, Milford Tedrow, and Joseph Greenwell; two daughters, Barbara Callison and Linda Wood; five siblings, Richard, Melba, Charles, Francis, Lila and one



NORMA JEAN GREENWELL

granddaughter, Jenny Raney.

Surviving are one sister, Dianne Buzan, of Olney, Illinois; three sons, Mike (Linda) Raney of Louisville, Kentucky and Greg (Paula) Raney of Loogootee and Steve (Pam) Tedrow of Mitchell; one daughter, Carol Raney of Alfordsville; grandchildren, Laura Sheetz, Gina Bryson, Jill Jones, Nicole Fiedler, Angie Raney, Sean and Ryan Wood, Bill, Ian and Emily Raney, Jessie and Sydney Tedrow, and several nieces, nephews and great-grandchildren.

Memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, January 27 at the Queen-Lee Chapel of George Funeral Care. Burial will be in St. John's Cemetery at a later date.

Visitation will be from 1 p.m. until the service hour on Saturday at the Queen-Lee Chapel, Shoals.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.queenlee.com](http://www.queenlee.com).

## MARK EICHMILLER

Mark C. Eichmiller passed away Sunday January 21, 2024, surrounded by his



family at Norton Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky. A resident of Corydon, he was 64.

He was born on May 4, 1959, in Washington; son of the late Hartwig C. and Mary "LaVerne" (Greene) Eichmiller.

Mark was an ordained Southern Baptist Minister. He married Dana Lents on May 26, 1981. Mark worked as a Special Education Teacher and Basketball Coach in Texas and later continued his work in Corydon. Mark loved his pets and animals, but most of all he enjoyed spending time with his family and will be deeply missed by all that knew him.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Hartwig and LaVerne Eichmiller; his mother-in-law, Marilyn Lents; his sister, Elaine Wathen; his brother-in-law, Donald Flinn; and his nephews, Jason Wathen and Jacob Wathen.

Mark is survived by his wife of 42 years, Dana Eichmiller; their children, Ryan (Lauren Perigo) Eichmiller and Jared Eichmiller; his father-in-law, Chick Lents; his sister, Susan Flinn; his brother-in-law, Mark Wathen; his nieces, Christine (Matt) Moody, Kimberly (Robert) Foster, and several great nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held Thursday January 25 at 1 p.m. at Blake Funeral Home with the Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker to officiate.

Visitation will be on Thursday January 25, from 11 a.m. until the time of service at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to "Building Hope for Warrick Humane Society" – for their new building fund in memory of Mark.

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

Blake funeral homes is honored to serve the family of Mark Eichmiller.

## GEORGIA ELLIOTT

Georgia Elliott, formerly of Loogootee, passed away Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at Wellbrooke of Avon, in Indianapolis. A resident of Indianapolis, she was 89.

She was born October 4, 1934, in Loogootee;



GEORGIA ELLIOTT

son of the late Howard and Eldeen (Webber) Guthrie.

Georgia married Fredrick E. Elliott on May 4, 1957, and he preceded her in death on December 11, 2006.

She was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Georgia had a servant's heart and was a member of the Brute Society within the Diocese of Evansville. She was a founding member of the Red Hat Society – Loogootee chapter. Georgia loved to sew, crochet, plastic canvas and doll making. She enjoyed traveling and reading mystery novels.

Georgia was preceded in death by her parents, Howard and Eldeen Guthrie; husband, Fredrick E. Elliott; sisters, Mary Catherine Verbal and Charity Williams; brothers, John Guthrie, William "Bill" Guthrie, and Charles Guthrie.

She is survived by her children, Sharon (Gary) Lents of Indianapolis, Tom (Theresa) Elliott of Bloomington, Illinois; Greg (Sherry) Elliott of Niceville, Florida; and Patty (Brad) Brown of Greenwood; 15 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker on Monday, January 22 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial followed in St. John Catholic Cemetery.

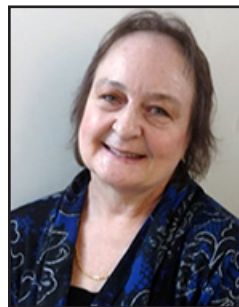
In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Martin County Right to Life.

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

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee, Indiana is honored to serve the family of Georgia Elliott.

## DARLENE BENGE

Darlene Lynne Bengé passed away Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at North-



DARLENE BENGE

wood Retirement Society. A resident of Shoals, she was 61.

She was born November 6, 1962, in Washington; daughter of Homer and Delores (Kinnick) Bengé.

Darlene was a graduate of Shoals High School and earned an Associate's Degree in Nursing from Vincennes University; she was a homemaker and home health nurse.

She was a member of the Shoals Holiness Church.

Darlene loved to garden, spend time with her grandchildren, and reading.

Surviving are her children, Desiree (Jonathan) Lawburgh, Tabitha Porter,

and Michael Bengé; grandchildren, Naomi Holt and Ivory Porter; siblings, Wayne (Cynthia) Bengé, Mark (Cindy) Bengé, Gregory (Patricia) Bengé, and Joseph (Jody) Bengé; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and niece, Alora Bengé.

Private family and friends service will be held at the Queen-Lee Chapel of George Funeral Care. Burial will be in Anderson Cemetery at a later date.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.queenlee.com](http://www.queenlee.com).

## MILDRED DUZAN

Mildred Marie (Schroeder) Duzan passed away Friday January 19, 2024, at Glenburn in Linton. A resident of Bloomfield, she was 103.



MILDRED DUZAN

She was born December 14, 1920, in Westphalia, Indiana; daughter of Louis John Schroeder and Lena (Sander) Schroeder.

Mildred was a homemaker; she had worked 25 years in dairy testing as a supervisor. Mildred graduated from Sandborn High School, she was a 75-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star, she joined in 1949 in Plainville; transferring later to Solsberry, she served as a District Deputy and Grand Rep, she was also a member of the Greene County Extension Homemakers, the American Legion Auxiliary Post 450 in Solsberry and the Bloomfield First Christian Church.

Surviving relatives include her son, Jeff (Coelia) Duzan; daughter-in-law, Jane Duzan; grandchildren, Tammi (John) Dixon and Adam (Brad Root) Duzan; her great grandchildren, Devin Breneman, Mikyle Duzan, Nicole Duzan, Patrick Dixon, and Mary Dixon; two great-great grandchildren, one brother, Paul Schroeder; two sisters, Helen Parkes and Carolyn Joan Schenler and several nieces and nephews.

Mildred was preceded in death by her husband, Hugh Franklin "Abe" Duzan on May 25, 1981; two sons, David and John Duzan, two grandsons, Mike and Nick Duzan and her parents.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday January 24, at the Bloomfield First Christian Church in Bloomfield, an OES service will be held at 6:30 p.m. Visitation will also be held from 10 a.m. until the hour of service on Thursday at the Church.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday January 25 at the church with Scott Chastain officiating. Burial will follow at Solsberry Cemetery.

The family wishes any memorial donations in Mildred's name be given to Bloomfield First Christian.

Online condolences and memories can be shared at [www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com).

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# Martin County Sheriff's Department activity log

## MONDAY, JANUARY 15

12:29 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

1:05 a.m. - Received a call requesting an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

2:46 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a semi with brakes on fire north of Loogootee. Caller advised he had it out and does not need assistance.

3:42 a.m. - Received a report of a fire alarm in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

9:40 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. No transport was needed.

11:36 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle east of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

1:04 p.m. - Received a call requesting officers northeast of Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Long and Captain Gibson responded.

4:02 p.m. - Received multiple 911 and 911 text calls from an address north of Loogootee. Deputy Doane responded. Kids were playing with phone.

6:07 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:01 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Officer Davis and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:06 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock southeast of Loogootee. Deputy Doane responded.

11:45 p.m. - Received a call requesting officers in Loogootee. Major Reed, Loogootee Officer Davis, Deputy Doane, ISP Trooper Watson, and Martin County Medic 1 responded. No transport was needed.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

12:02 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting someone knocking on their door in Loogootee. Advised caller it was an officer.

5:52 a.m. - Received a call reporting a suspicious person in Shoals. Major Reed responded.

6:25 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting a lift assist north of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. No transport was needed.

6:32 a.m. - Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Transferred call to Daviess County 911.

7:03 a.m. - Received a report of a busted water line in Loogootee. Contacted Loogootee City Water.

9:19 a.m. - Deputy Baumgart transported three inmates to court.

11:28 a.m. - Deputy Baumgart transported three inmates to court.

2:15 p.m. - Deputy Baumgart transported one inmate to court.

2:59 p.m. - Deputy Baumgart transported one inmate to court.

4:08 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

5:13 p.m. - Received a call requesting assistance north of Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded.

5:06 p.m. - Received a call from Area 1 Protection advising of a commercial burglar alarm east of Loogootee. Captain Gibson and Loogootee Officer Davis responded.

7:01 p.m. - Received multiple calls reporting that a fire hydrant had been hit in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Davis responded.

8:11 p.m. - Received a call reporting a possible traffic hazard north of Loogootee. Deputy Doane responded.

8:19 p.m. - Received a call reporting the same traffic hazard.

10:22 p.m. - Received a call reporting possible harassment south of Loogootee. Deputy Doane responded.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

1:50 a.m. - Received a call from Lawrence County requesting assistance at the county line. Major Reed and Loogootee Officer Davis responded.

8:31 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Haysville Fire Department and Chief Deputy Keller responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:43 a.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn in Crane.

10:20 a.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Captain Gibson and Shoals Fire Department responded. An ambulance was not needed.

10:31 a.m. - Sheriff Greene assisted a disabled vehicle east of Loogootee.

10:34 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:53 a.m. - Received a call reporting a residential burglar alarm northeast of Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded.

11:52 a.m. - Received a report of a tree hanging over the roadway in Lawrence County. Called Lawrence County with information.

12:46 p.m. - Deputy Baumgart transported two inmates to court.

1:10 p.m. - Corporal Hawkins transported one inmate to court.

3:16 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

3:49 p.m. - Received a call reporting possible trespassing in Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

3:58 p.m. - Received a call from Daviess County reporting a commercial burglar alarm west of Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Long responded.

5:26 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver north of Loogootee. Transferred call to Daviess County 911.

6:05 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a possible missing person east of Shoals. Indiana Conservation Officer Fuhrman, Corporal Hawkins, Deputy Doane, Deputy Shields, Orange County Officer Cookley and Vincennes Township Fire responded.

6:39 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident in Crane. Loogootee Officer Davis responded.

7:39 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting busted pipes in Loogootee. Loogootee Water responded.

8:04 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Davis responded.

9:09 p.m. - Received a call reporting a dog-car accident north of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Davis and Big John's Towing responded.

9:46 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Lost River Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Paoli IU Health Hospital.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

5:59 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:35 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

9:58 a.m. - Received a call reporting an

accident south of Shoals. Captain Gibson, Conservation Officer Fuhrman, and Big Johns Towing responded.

10:45 a.m. - Deputy Baumgart transported two inmates to court.

12:16 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver in Daviess County. Advised Daviess County Dispatch.

12:20 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to a deputy. Captain Gibson responded.

12:21 p.m. - Received a call requesting a deputy east of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller, Deputy Branham, Deputy Baumgart, and Captain Gibson responded.

12:40 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

1:45 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to a deputy. Deputy Shields and Conservation Officer Fuhrman responded.

3:00 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to an officer. Conservation Officer Fuhrman responded.

4:07 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

4:43 p.m. - Received a call requesting assistance from a deputy. Deputy Shields responded.

5:40 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to an officer. Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

5:43 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to an officer. Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

6:28 p.m. - Received a call requesting assistance for a water issue in Loogootee. City of Loogootee responded.

7:34 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

7:41 p.m. - Received a call reporting suspicious activity in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

12:59 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Medic 1 responded. No one was transported.

1:29 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department, Martin County Medic 2, Deputy Erwin, and Martin County Medic 1 responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:31 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident south of Shoals. Deputy Erwin and Big John's Towing responded.

6:33 a.m. - Received a call reporting an accident south of Shoals. Deputy Erwin responded.

7:32 a.m. - Received a call reporting an incident in Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

8:15 a.m. - Received a call reporting an accident in Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

8:36 a.m. - Received a call reporting an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Long responded. Duke Energy was contacted.

8:36 a.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller and Big John's Towing responded.

10:52 a.m. - Received a call reporting an accident east of Loogootee. Deputy Branham and Big John's Towing responded.

12:30 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Dispatch responded.

3:17 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a lost wallet in West Baden. Gave caller phone number for West Baden Police Department.

5:17 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wagoner and Deputy Shields re-

sponded.

6:10 p.m. - Received a call reporting an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wagoner and Salem's Wrecker Service responded.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

2:42 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Shoals. Lost River Fire and Martin County Medic 1 responded. No transport was needed.

2:46 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a traffic hazard west of Shoals. Deputy Erwin responded.

8:27 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:50 a.m. - Received a call reporting a theft north of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

9:40 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a shed on fire south of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

11:46 a.m. - Received a 911 call advising of a carbon monoxide detector going off in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

5:26 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:47 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

8:30 p.m. - Received a call requesting an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

8:52 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

9:39 p.m. - Received a call requesting an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

6:41 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Davis responded.

7:25 a.m. - Received a call reporting a possible traffic hazard west of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

11:11 p.m. - Received a call requesting an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Davis responded.

11:43 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Loogootee Officer Davis responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:50 p.m. - Received a call from Life-line advising of a medical alarm in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

12:54 p.m. - Received a call reporting a water issue in Loogootee. Loogootee City Water was notified.

12:56 p.m. - Received a call reporting a water issue in Loogootee. Loogootee City Water was notified.

2:21 p.m. - Received a call reporting a busted water line in Loogootee. Loogootee City Water was notified.

2:53 p.m. - Received a call requesting an officer south of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

3:16 p.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn south of Shoals.

4:36 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver in Shoals. All on duty officers were advised.

4:54 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting a vehicle unlock northeast of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

6:03 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn in Loogootee.

8:05 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting assistance in Crane. Caller advised to disregard.

8:15 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle west of Shoals. Major Reed and Captain Gibson responded.



# COURT NEWS

## CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS January 10

Brandon A. Crowder, convicted of criminal confinement with moderate bodily injury, a Level 4 Felony. Sentenced to serve 2,555 days with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 1,095 days suspended with 56 jail time credit days. Defendant received 36 months of probation.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED January 10

Brandon A. Crowder, domestic battery resulting in serious bodily injury, a Level 5 Felony, dismissed; kidnapping with serious bodily injury, a Level 3 Felony, dismissed; intimidation, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; strangulation, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; three counts of domestic battery committed in the presence of a

# ARRESTS

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

2:13 p.m. - Shawn Brown, 48, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Baumgart on a Martin County warrant. She is being held without bond.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

10:53 a.m. - Dustin Holt, 34, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Branham and charged with burglary, theft and criminal trespass. He is being held on \$30,000 10% bond.

## Winter driving tips from ISP Jasper

With colder temperatures and possible snow in the forecast, it won't be long until winter driving conditions become the norm for many across the state, possibly even here in the Jasper District. Unfortunately, many will only think about driving in snow and ice once confronted with the task. However, now is the time to prepare.

There is much that can be said and learned about winter driving. Below are a few common-sense tips and information gathered from our friends at the National Highway Traffic Administration (NHTSA) and the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS). Taking time to educate and prepare yourself now can save you time, money, and headaches once winter weather hits. In 2020, an estimated 25,000 injury crashes occurred in wintry conditions (NHTSA).

This list is not an exhaustive or complete list of winter driving tips, but we here at ISP - Jasper hope they will help you and your loved ones drive safely this winter. But remember, they only help if you read and apply them!

What can you do now?

Tires - As outside temperatures drop, so does the tire's inflation pressure. Ensure your tires are correctly inflated to the recommended pressures. To find the recommended pressure for your vehicle, check the label on the driver's side door jam or in the owner's manual. Don't use the tire pressure listed on the tire's side, as this is generally the maximum pressure, not the recommended pressure. The tread should be at least 2/32 inch or greater on all tires. Remember your spare!

Snow tires? - All-weather tires are great for everyday use, but tests have shown that snow tires can significantly increase your traction on snow and ice compared

child less than 16 years old, Level 6 Felonies, dismissed; criminal confinement, a Level 3 Felony, dismissed.

David E. Steckel, Jr., failure to appear, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

**January 11**  
James Davis Wallisa, two counts of driving while suspended, Class A Misdemeanors, dismissed; speeding, a Class C Infraction, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed January 10

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Kevin Holt, civil collection.  
Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Brian Bridgewater, civil collection.  
Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Barbara Moffatt, civil collection.

**January 11**  
Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Andrew Hopkins, civil collection.

**January 12**  
Lori Mann vs. Donald Mann, petition for dissolution of marriage.

**January 16**  
Victoria Montgomery vs. Kyle Montgomery, petition for dissolution of marriage.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS January 9

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC and against the defendant Henry C. Burgess in the amount of \$516.93.

to all-season tires. All-wheel drive, traction control, and other computerized systems on your car are great for helping to maintain or regain traction, but they won't increase your traction.

Battery - Your car's battery is also negatively affected by cold temperatures. Now is an excellent time to check your battery and charging system.

Wipers - Worn or damaged wipers are no match for snow and ice. Check and replace them if needed.

Wiper Fluid - It is easy to empty your washer reservoir during heavy snow or on a slushy roadway. Make sure to top it off now with a winter-grade fluid.

Emergency Kit - Crashes, breakdowns, and getting stuck on an unplowed road can happen even for the safest drivers. Don't be caught off-guard; have an emergency kit with a blanket, flashlight, jumper cables, road flares, or emergency lights available. You may also want to pack a small shovel and some kitty litter or sand to help get "unstuck."

When you hit the road.  
-Ensure you dress appropriately when headed out: coat, gloves, hat? That quick trip to the store could turn into an hour's wait for a wrecker or to dig yourself out.

-Clear your windows and lights of snow and ice, and make sure you can see and BE SEEN.

-Leave early.  
-Slow down.

-Increase your following distance. Instead of your normal 3-second distance, increase it to eight or ten seconds on slick roadways.

-Accelerate and brake slowly and smoothly.

-Turn off your cruise control.  
-Buckle UP / Phone Down  
Be patient and courteous with others.

# Loogootee Police log

**MONDAY, JANUARY 15**  
1:05 a.m. - Officer Davis responded to a call on Poplar Street.  
9:12 a.m. - Chief Long responded to a vehicle unlock at the Dollar General.  
10:12 a.m. - Chief Long responded to a call at the Loogootee Police Station.  
1:05 p.m. - Chief Long responded to a call on Reinhart Road.  
7:01 p.m. - Officer Davis and Loogootee Fire Department responded to a call on Redbud Road.

8:49 p.m. - Officer Wagoner responded to a call on Oak Street.  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 16**  
10:29 a.m. - Chief Long responded to an accident at the BMV.  
2:04 p.m. - Chief Long responded to a vehicle unlock at the Marathon.  
5:16 p.m. - Officer Davis responded to a call at the White River Co-Op.  
11:45 p.m. - Officer Davis responded to a call on Cedar Street.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17**  
1:50 a.m. - Officer Davis gave a courtesy ride.  
10:37 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Poplar Street.  
5:36 p.m. - Officer Davis responded to a call on US Highway 231.  
6:39 p.m. - Officer Davis responded to a call on Medina Street in Crane Village.  
9:09 p.m. - Officer Davis responded to a call on US Highway 231.  
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 18**  
5:59 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department

responded to a medical call at the IGA.  
1:05 p.m. - Chief Long responded to a call on Walker Street.  
5:40 p.m. - Officer Wagoner responded to a call at the Eldorado Motel.  
7:41 p.m. - Officer Wagoner responded to a call at the cemetery.  
**FRIDAY, JANUARY 19**  
8:36 a.m. - Chief Long responded to a call on Queen Street and Bloomfield Road.  
5:17 p.m. - Officer Wagoner responded to a call on Bloomfield Road.  
6:10 p.m. - Officer Wagoner responded to a call near the recycling center.  
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 20**  
11:21 a.m. - Officer Davis responded to an accident on Belaire Drive.  
11:46 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a call on Kentucky Avenue.  
2:18 p.m. - Officer Davis responded to a call on North Street.  
5:26 p.m. - Officer Wagoner responded to a call on North Street.  
8:30 p.m. - Officer Wagoner responded to a call on North Street.  
9:39 p.m. - Officer Wagoner responded to a call on North Street.  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 21**  
6:41 a.m. - Officer Davis responded to a call on Mulberry Street.  
11:11 a.m. - Officer Davis responded to a call on North Line Street.  
11:43 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Officer Davis responded to a medical call on Cedar Street.

## Martin County real estate transfers

Adam Greene, of Martin County, Indiana to **Gregory & Sons Properties, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, Second Principal Meridian, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1 acre, more or less.  
**JAP Enterprises, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana to **DGOGLOOGOOTEEIN07122023, LLC**, of Missouri, a part of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana. More commonly known as 300 West Williams Street, Loogootee IN 47553.  
**Richard L. Hawkins and Linda J. Hawkins and Richard L. Hawkins, Mark A. Hawkins and Rodney L. Hawkins**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Sam Harmon and Frieda E. Harmon**,

of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the east fractional Section 32, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2.79 acres, more or less.  
**James E. Porter and Thomas H. Porter**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Martin County Commissioners**, a part of the northwest quarter of Section 20, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.051 acres, more or less.  
**C&L Investments Co.**, of Indiana to **DGOGLOOGOOTEEIN07122023, LLC**, of Missouri, a part of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.39 acres, more or less. More commonly known as 302 West Williams Street, Loogootee IN 47553.



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## More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



### RIDDLES

1. What's the most terrifying word in nuclear physics?
2. Why do bees have sticky hair?
3. What kind of shorts do clouds wear?
4. What do you call an empty can of Cheese Whiz?
5. What do you call birds who stick together?

I ran across this list a few months ago and decided to share some of it with you. DID YOU KNOW?

1. Your shoes are the first thing people subconsciously notice about you. Wear nice shoes.
2. If you sit for more than 11 hours a day, there's a 50 percent chance you'll die years earlier.
3. There are at least six people in the world who look exactly like you. There's a 9 percent chance that you'll meet one of them in your lifetime.
4. Sleeping without a pillow reduces back pain and keeps your spine stronger.
5. A person's height is determined by their father, and their weight is determined by their mother.
6. There are three things the human brain cannot resist noticing - food, attractive people, and danger.
7. Right-handed people tend to chew food on their right side.
8. You can survive without eating for weeks, but you will only live 11 days without sleeping.
9. People who laugh a lot are healthier than those who don't.
10. Laziness and inactivity kill just as many people as smoking.
11. A human brain has a capacity to

store five times as much information as Wikipedia.

12. Try to make at least three people smile each day.
  13. Don't waste your precious energy on gossip, energy vampires, issues of the past, negative thoughts, and things you cannot control. Instead, invest your energy in the positive present moment.
  14. Eat breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince, and dinner like a college kid with a maxed-out charge card.
  15. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
  16. Frame every so-called disaster with these words: "In five years, will this matter?"
  17. Time heals everything, except grief. Grief is a sign of love.
  18. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
  19. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends will. Stay in touch.
  20. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
  21. Remember that you are too blessed to be stressed!
- If you're my friend, thank you!

### ANSWERS

1. Oops, 2. Because they use honey combs, 3. Thunderwear, 4. Cheese Was, 5. Vel-crows.

Make someone smile today!

## Soil and Water District annual meeting

To all occupiers of lands lying within the boundaries of the Martin County Soil and Water Conservation District, notice is hereby given that on the February 5, at 6 p.m. in the Martin County SWCD Office conference room at 404 JFK Avenue in Loogootee, an annual meeting will be held for the purpose of making a full and due report of activities and financial affairs since the last annual meeting and to elect a supervisor for the Martin County Soil and Water Conservation District of the State of Indiana. In case of hazardous roads that severely restrict travel, the meeting will be held February 12. All land occupiers and other interested parties are entitled to attend.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Commissioners' meeting date change

The bi-weekly meeting of the Martin County Commissioners, originally scheduled for Tuesday, January 23, has been rescheduled to Friday, January 26 at 9 a.m. in the commissioners' room of the Martin County Courthouse.

### Eclipse planning meeting

An Eclipse planning meeting will be held Thursday, January 25 at 1 p.m. at the EMA building at the fairgrounds. The meeting is for anyone interested in the April 8 Solar Eclipse and its impact on Martin County.

### Free community meal

The Loogootee Christian Church, at 206 Sherman Street, is having their monthly free meal for the community on Thursday, February 1 from 6-8 p.m. All members of the community are invited to attend.

### Celebrate Recovery meetings

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

### Dog/cat Wellness Clinic

The Martin County Humane Society hosts a wellness clinic on the third Friday of each month from 5-6 p.m. The clinic offers low-cost vaccines, testing, nail trims, etc. No appointment needed.

### St. Vincent Food Pantry

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, on Park Street in Loogootee, is open the fourth Thursday of the month except November and December when they are open the third Thursday. The hours are 9

a.m.-noon and 1-3:30 p.m.

### Free lunch for kids

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

### SOAR Tutoring

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

### LUMC Food Pantry

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

### Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

### Soil and Water meetings

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

## Daviess Community Hospital acquires the da Vinci Xi surgical system

Daviess Community Hospital is pleased to announce the recent acquisition of the da Vinci Xi<sup>®</sup> surgical system by Intuitive, designed with the goal of further advancing technology used in minimally invasive care. The system can be used across a spectrum of minimally invasive surgical procedures and enables multi-quadrant access for gynecology, urology, thoracic, cardiac, and general surgeries.

By enabling efficient access throughout the abdomen or chest, the da Vinci Xi system expands upon core da Vinci<sup>®</sup> system features, including wristed instruments, 3DHD visualization, intuitive motion, and an ergonomic design. As with all da Vinci surgical systems, the surgeon is 100% in control of the robotic-assisted da Vinci system, which translates their hand movements into smaller, more precise movements of tiny instruments inside the patient's body. The Xi<sup>®</sup> system's immersive 3DHD vision system provides surgeons a highly magnified view, virtually extending their eyes and hands into the patient. Key features include:

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An ability to attach the endoscope to any arm, providing flexibility for visualizing

the surgical site

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Longer instrument shafts designed to give surgeons greater operative reach

The da Vinci Xi system is an expandable technology platform designed to accommodate and seamlessly integrate many current technologies and future innovations in areas such as imaging, advanced instruments, and anatomical access. "We are thrilled to be a leader in this field and look forward to continually bringing Daviess County advanced minimally invasive surgical options," adds DCH CEO, Tracy Conroy. "The Da Vinci Surgical System is renowned for its precision, dexterity, and enhanced visualization, allowing our skilled surgical teams to perform complex procedures with greater accuracy and reduced recovery times. As we embrace this transformative technology, we are not only investing in the well-being of our patients but also in the professional growth and development of our talented staff."

Patients should talk to their doctor to decide if surgery with a da Vinci system is right for them. Patients and doctors should review all available information on nonsurgical and surgical options and associated risks in order to make an informed decision. For more information contact Daviess Community Hospital at 812-254-2760.

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January is the time to plan for the new year's gardens. While all types of gardening have seen an increase in interest in recent years, one of the most popular has been growing flowers for cutting. Some grow cutting gardens just to have fresh flowers for personal use, but many small businesses have sprouted as a result of the renewed interest in cutting gardens. Cut-your-own-bouquet flower farms have been established in many locations. Such small businesses are especially popular in areas near cities. Going to a flower farm is not only a way to get flowers for any occasion; the trip to the farm actually becomes an outing and even a social event for a group of friends or family. Many of these locations offer vases and arranging services, or they will teach customers to arrange bouquets. In most cases, flowers are sold by the stem.

The difference between a cutting garden and a landscape is mainly in the arrangement of the planting beds. Landscapes tend to mix various types of plants in beds and borders, while cutting gardens are usually arranged more like the traditional vegetable garden, with a particular flower growing in beds or rows. This is especially important for the cut-your-own farms. While I welcome visitors to Sandhill Gardens, I would not want people trampling through my beds and borders cutting blooms. Still, when I gather flowers for personal use or for my churches, I personally may cut flowers from the landscape.

My plans are to grow some cutting beds in the vegetable garden area this summer. To have a steady supply of flowers, I plan to concentrate on cut-and-come-again flowers. These flowers, annuals for the most part, actually need to be cut on a regular schedule. Cutting blooms will cause the plants to become sturdier and will increase the number of stems on a

plant. While the secondary blooms may not be as large as the first round of flowers, there will be more of them. If timed right, there should be blooms until frost.

Some flowers fare better as cut flowers than others, and a good cutting garden should certainly feature such plants. It is hard not to like sunflowers, but the smaller, multi-stem sunflowers certainly are better in bouquets than the huge flowers of Mammoth sunflowers. One may plant separate beds or rows for each type of sunflower or mix cultivars together. Be sure to follow the seed packet instructions on spacing of plants. Zinnias are probably my favorite flowers for cutting. I plan to plant several types of zinnias. Other good cutting flowers include marigolds, snapdragons, cosmos, larkspurs, bells of Ireland, amaranths and celosias. I may do some secession planting of gladiolus bulbs and some dahlias.

A cutting garden also needs some plants for foliage to complete the bouquets. Herbs, including lavender, rosemary, basil, dill and fennel provide scented foliage to bouquets. Mints of various types also may be used as filler foliage, but I do not recommend planting mint in the cutting garden, as it tends to take over an area. I also use leaves from my collection of hostas and coral bells to add color and texture, and the fern-like growth of asparagus is a traditional filler. The many varieties of coleus are also great to include in bouquets.

This is by no means an exhaustive list of cutting garden plants. I encourage you to do some research. (That is a fancy way of saying spend time dreaming over a good seed catalogue.) You may grow a wide variety of plants or choose to specialize. I once knew a gardener who grew only purple flowers. As with all gardens, you should please yourself. Have a good time planning.



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Writing a year-end column comes with a few challenges. For the most part it has facts based on the past year which are now history, coupled with a look ahead of what may happen with no idea how accurate that may sound a year from now.

This past year found our family unchanged in size. No new babies to welcome and no losses to mourn. Everyone just a year older and we are thankful for that. Sometimes the status quo is a good thing. Maybe more importantly than a no-numbers change is that we are relatively healthy. Our seven grandkids shot up like weeds in a garden this year. Some now rival us old coots in height as we knew they would someday.

We were able to slip away several times within the borders of the USA. We had great times with friends that we cherish. Shared good food in different places while seeing sights we had never seen before. We do have a "semi-official" bucket list, but only knocked one off the list with a trip to New Orleans. The other places were repeats, but well worth the time and effort.

Taking in the Indiana State Fair to watch Martin County kids compete in the cattle show is always a great experience. Our granddaughter Cora has developed into a competent showman, and it thrills us to see her taking an interest in a very educational and character-building endeavor. The calves for the 2018 season are already growing in the 1925 barn we can see out our back window. All our grandkids are doing things of all kinds, and it is a pleasure to watch them grow and develop.

So, what about next year? 2018 will have begun by the time you read this, so if we could see into a crystal ball, what would we like to see?

I imagine many of us would like to turn on the TV and see something other than the daily political madness that can potentially cloud the brightest of days. Is

that likely to happen? Probably not. With mid-term elections on the horizon, it will more likely get even more intense when it comes to partisan politics. Also, it is likely we will see weather events that make us cringe when you take into account the human suffering and environmental damage that accompanies the fires, tornadoes, hurricanes, floods and droughts.

But what if we did have a year that found some balance of good with the not-so-good? What if we had a year where for every negative thing said, done, or witnessed was offset with nice, good, and kindness? And I would wager that the ratio between good and bad is a staggering amount in favor of the good. Well, believe it or not that is possible, and we only have to know where to look to find it. That's up to us.

Look at your friends and family first. There you will find the first feelings that all is well. Maybe not everything or day, but on balance there will be far more positive than negative. Next, look at your community. The volunteers, the schools, the traffic taking people to and from meaningful work, all those people moving around can be a sign of happiness and peace. Find a seat in a church, there you can get a dose of the Good News. And also look beyond just your church and see the full parking lots of other churches.

Last but not least, learn to laugh. Some days that may be a very difficult thing to do. Life isn't meant to be one long fun ride. But rather a journey of hope. Hope that even dark days can lead to a brighter future. Believe it or not, a positive attitude is one of the best things a person can have. It's a mindset that even through challenging times there can be a positive outcome. Just believe it and you will enjoy this ride of life much more.

2018 is here. Brand new and waiting for all of us. It's ours to do with what we will in our own private lives. Make it a good one for you.

Life is Good!

**JANUARY 22, 1973 -- JANUARY 22, 2024**  
**51 YEARS OF ABORTION**  
**IN MEMORY OF THE BABIES WHO HAVE BEEN KILLED BY ABORTION SINCE THE INFAMOUS 1973 SUPREME COURT DECISION LEGALIZING ABORTION**

"ABORTION MAY BE LEGAL, BUT POLITICIANS AND JUDGES CANNOT MAKE RIGHT, WHAT IS STILL MORALLY WRONG!"



**Let Us Pray for the Little Ones Lost By Abortion!**  
We join our nation in mourning the deaths of millions of innocent lives lost to abortion. We acknowledge the pain and anguish suffered by the many mothers and fathers who now regret that fateful decision. We pray for their healing. We only wish that mothers coming into the abortion chambers could see the "window into the womb" to understand what they are carrying. If allowed this vision, we believe they would choose life, not abortion.

- HOW CAN YOU HELP IN THIS BATTLE AGAINST ABORTION?**
1. Educate yourself on the abortion issue and what it is doing to our society.
  2. Talk to your family members and friends, encourage them to support life and not abortion.
  3. Support the Right to Life Movement financially and with your time and talent.
  4. Always vote pro-life. Find out how the candidates stand on the abortion issue before you vote.  
If not, you may be supporting abortion by your vote.
  5. Finally, pray to end abortion.

Now is the time to support the efforts of the Right to Life Organizations in our area by renewing your membership or making a donation to help in this most important mission.

You should receive by mail, a letter, to renew your membership. **If you did not, and wish to donate, mail your contribution to Right to Life, P.O. Box 41, Washington, Indiana, 47501**

The little ones are depending on us! Your Support is greatly appreciated.

Ad Paid for by Martin County Right to Life  
P.O. Box 11, Loogootee IN 47553

**The Town of Shoals is accepting sealed bids for the contracted mowing of Springhill Cemetery for the 2024 & 2025 mowing seasons.**

**Mowing Season:** April 1st through October 31st of each year.  
**Contract Terms:**  
**MOWING:** Mowing of grass to a height of 3.5 inches is desired.  
• The expectations of the contractor is to mow the area once a week except in adverse weather conditions. For example, drought grass may not need mowing once a week in certain areas and wet and soft areas need plenty of time to dry to reduce the risk of making ruts in the cemetery.  
**TRIMMING:** Trimming around headstones, trees, shrubs, etc. is to be done twice per month. Headstones are to be cleared of grass clippings after trimmings.  
**CLEANING:** Cleaning out of the cemetery grounds is to take place five (5) times per year. This is preferred to happen during the following time through the season:  
1. At the beginning of the mowing season April 1st.  
2. The week before the Memorial Day holiday.  
3. The week before the 4th of July holiday.  
4. The week before the Labor Day holiday.  
5. The week after the last needed mowing of the season.  
Accepted contractor is required to furnish proof of \$1,000,000 liability insurance coverage prior to the start of the mowing season.  
**BID INFORMATION:** Sealed bids will be accepted at the Shoals Town Hall at 221 Low Street Shoals, Indiana 47581 or by mail at P.O. Box 1078 Shoals, Indiana 47581 until Friday, February 9th, 2024 at 3:00 P.M. Bids will be opened at the regular scheduled meeting on Monday, February 12th, 2024 at 4:00 P.M. at the Shoals Town Hall. Bid should include: Bidder Name, address, phone number. Bid amount in total for each year. Upon awarding, the bidder will sign a contract with the Town of Shoals agreeing to all terms listed above.  
*The Town of Shoals reserves the right to refuse or deny any bid received.*



# USDA reopens signup for Continuous Conservation Reserve Program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is now accepting applications for the Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (Continuous CRP) signup. USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) encourages agricultural producers and landowners in Indiana who are interested in conservation opportunities for their land in exchange for yearly rental payments to consider the enrollment options available through Continuous CRP, which also includes the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) offered by FSA partners. Additionally, producers participating in CRP can now apply to re-enroll, if their contracts will expire this year.

“We are pleased to announce we are now accepting Continuous CRP offers,” said Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Executive Director Julia A. Wickard. “Continuous CRP is one of the best conservation tools we can provide producers and landowners. Whether a producer wants to focus on water quality benefits or work with one of our partners to address a natural resource concern in their area, the program offers many options to help you meet your resource conservation goals.”

On November 16, 2023, President Biden

signed into law H.R. 6363, the Further Continuing Appropriations and Other Extensions Act, 2024 (Pub. L. 118-22), which extended the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115-334), more commonly known as the 2018 Farm Bill, through September 30, 2024. This extension allows authorized programs, including CRP, to continue operating.

To submit an offer, producers should contact the FSA at their local USDA Service Center by July 31, 2024, in order to have an offer effective by October 1, 2024. To ensure enrollment acreages do not exceed the statutory cap, FSA will accept offers from producers on a first-come, first-served basis and will return offers for approval in batches throughout the year.

Additionally, producers with acres enrolled in Continuous CRP set to expire September 30, 2024, can now offer acres for re-enrollment. A producer can both enroll new acres into Continuous CRP and re-enroll any acres expiring September 30, 2024.

FSA water quality practices, such as riparian buffers, prairie strips, grassed waterways, and wetlands, will receive an additional 20% incentive. Buffer practices have a positive impact on water quality. Addi-

tionally, the Climate-Smart Practice Incentive launched in 2021 is also available in the Continuous signup.

There are several enrollment options within Continuous CRP, including:

CREP: Working with conservation partners, CREP leverages federal and non-federal funds to target specific state, regional, tribal, or nationally significant conservation concerns.

State Acres For Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE): The initiative restores vital habitat in order to meet high-priority state wildlife conservation goals.

Highly Erodible Lands Initiative (HELI): Producers and landowners can enroll in CRP to establish long-term cover on highly erodible cropland that has a weighted erodibility index (EI) greater than or equal to 20.

Farmable Wetlands Program: Producers and landowners can enroll land in CRP to restore previously farmed wetlands and wetland buffers, improving both vegetation and water flow.

Clean Lake Estuaries and Rivers (CLEAR) Initiative and CLEAR30: This initiative prioritizes and offers additional incentives for water quality practices on

the land that, if enrolled, will help reduce sediment loadings, nutrient loadings and harmful algal blooms. Through CLEAR30, a component of this initiative, these additional incentives for adoption of water quality practices can be accessed in 30-year contracts.

More Information

The water quality practice incentive builds on other improvements to Continuous CRP that were made in 2021, including expanding CLEAR30 from two pilot areas to nationwide availability and repositioning SAFE within Continuous CRP to give producers and landowners more opportunities to participate. Additionally, FSA has improved CREP by creating flexibilities within CREP for partners to provide matching funds in the form of cash, in-kind contributions, or technical assistance, adding staff to work directly with partners, and expanding opportunities for Tribal Nations to participate, beginning with three Tribal Nations in the Great Plains, the Cheyenne River, Oglala, and Rosebud Sioux Tribes, for the first time ever, to help conserve, maintain, and improve grassland productivity while reducing soil erosion and enhancing wildlife habitat.

Signed into law in 1985, CRP is one of the largest voluntary private-lands conservation programs in the United States. It was originally intended to primarily control soil erosion and potentially stabilize commodity prices by taking marginal lands out of production. The program has evolved over the years, providing many conservation and economic benefits.

Attorney General alerts Hoosiers of recalled items sold in December

Attorney General Todd Rokita is alerting Hoosiers of important consumer protection concerns for products recalled during the holiday season. “Christmas may have passed, but our children’s gifts could still be dangerous,” Attorney General Rokita said. “As a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, or friend, you should not have to worry if a product you purchased for your precious little one could cause harm. Do not allow a flawed product to put your family in danger. Please stop using recalled items immediately and pursue resolution from the manufacturer.”

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the following consumer products were recalled in December:

High-Powered Magnetic Balls Recalled Due to Ingestion Hazard sold exclusively on Walmart.com and through JoyBuy.

Litti City and Litti Pritti Dress-up Playsets and Pretext Slime Eggs Recalled Due to Violations of Federal Phthalates and Lead Content Bans imported by Perch, Amusty, and Bingo Deals.

Brandline Recalls HEAO High Chairs Due to Risk of Suffocation, Entrapment and Laceration Hazards; Violation of the Federal Safety Standards sold exclusively on Amazon.com.

Room & Board Recalls Griffin Duo Bunk Beds Due to Risk of Collapse, Fall and Injury Hazards sold exclusively at Room & Board.

Polaris Industries Recalls RZR 200 Youth Recreational Off-Road Vehicles (ROVs) Due to Crash Hazard and Risk of Serious Injury

Vornado Expands Recall to Include Additional 1.75 Million Steamfast Travel Steam Irons Due to Fire, Burn and Shock Hazards

There are many more items that need to be double checked before using regularly.

If you believe you recently purchased a recalled product, stop using it, and check its recall notice. Then, follow the notice’s instructions, including where to return the product or what steps must be taken to receive a replacement product.

To view recalls, visit [www.cpsc.gov/Recalls](http://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls).

SECTION 001000 - INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Plans and Specifications:

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids in duplicate for the Loogootee Community School Corporation –New Activities Center, 201 Brooks Avenue, Loogootee, IN 47553 will be received by Loogootee Community School Corporation at the Superintendent’s Office, until 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 21st, 2024.

Informalities:

Method of Bidding:

1. Bid Package No. 1: – Total Construction Work associated with Drawing Sheets and Specifications

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Obtaining Drawings and Specifications:

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Notice is hereby given that sealed bids in duplicate for the Loogootee Community School Corporation –Loogootee Middle School Renovation Project, 201 Brooks Avenue, Loogootee, IN 47553 will be received by Loogootee Community School Corporation at the Superintendent’s Office, until 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 21st, 2024.

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