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The following Martin County offices are on the ballot this year. The filings for the offices are as of Monday morning, January 10. Deadline to file to run for an office is February 4, 2022, at noon. You can pick up necessary paperwork at the clerk's office in the courthouse.

For more info, contact the clerk's office at 812-247-3651.

County Assessor - Carolyn McGuire (R)

County Clerk - Julie Fithian (R)

County Council District 1 - Jordan Dant (R)

County Council District 2 - Jim Hamby (R)

County Council District 3 - No filings to date

County Council District 4 - Andrew Beaver (R)

County Commissioner District 2 - Paul George (D)

Circuit Court Judge - Isha E. Wright-Ryan (R)

County Prosecutor - Aureola S. Vincz (R)

County Sheriff - Josh Greene (R)

Perry Township Trustee - Brenda J. Smith (D)

Halbert Township Trustee - Exzelia Montgomery (R)

Mitcheltree Township Trustee - Tammy Jo Gore (D)

Center Township Trustee - Ann Stewart (R)

Rutherford Township Trustee - Terry Street (R)

Lost River Township Trustee - Mildred C. Brown (R)

Perry Township Board - Julie Green (D), Anthony J. "Tony" Dant (D)

Halbert Township Board - Kimberly Albright (R), Stephanie (Stevie) J. Horton (R) & Travis Montgomery (R)

Mitcheltree Township Board - Becky Sellers (R)

Center Township Board - Norma Baker (R)

Rutherford Township Board - No filings to date

Lost River Township Board - No filings to date

Shoals Town Council (3 members) - Cary D. Albright (R), Roger Lee Abel (R), Rick Gibbs (R) & Walter Holt (D), Cecil L. Ragsdale (D), Micky Hawkins Crew (D)

Shoals Clerk/Treasurer - No filings to date

Crane Town Council (3 members) - Ronald Barker (R), Charles Parcels Jr. (R) & Henry Lauders (R)

Crane Clerk/Treasurer - Linda Wiloughby (R)

Democrat Precinct Committeemen (only on ballot if there is a contest) - No filings to date

Democrat and Republican State Convention Delegates (only on ballot if there is a contest) - Gerald Montgomery (R), Dale E. Brown (R), Stephen A. Deckard (D), Audra P. Deckard (D)

The 2022 Primary Election will be held Tuesday, May 3, 2022. The General Election will be held Tuesday, November 8.

Sheriff's office serves search warrant in north Shoals

On Saturday, January 22, a narcotics investigation led by Deputy Jonah Shaw culminated into a warrant service at approximately 7:20 p.m. Earlier in the day, Deputy Shaw and Reserve Deputy Jason Greene received information of narcotics dealing, which led them to believe they had probable cause to request a search warrant for the residence of Ryan Terry, 28, of Shoals. Deputy Shaw, with the assistance of Deputy Prosecutor Steven Teverbaugh, with the Martin County Prosecutor's Office, requested, and was granted a search warrant from the Honorable Lynne E. Ellis of the Martin County Circuit Court.

Commissioners hear COVID update, split timber money between fire departments

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday night, January 25.

Auditor Bobbie Abel provided a Covid-19 update from Public Health Nurse Julia Albright. The Indiana Department of Health mobile vaccination and testing unit will be at the Community Building at the fairgrounds Wednesday, January 26 to Saturday, January 29 from noon to 8 p.m. This has been a record month for new positive COVID cases with Martin County having the highest number of new cases in a single day and the highest number of cases for a single month with over 300 positives so far in

Mobile vaccination clinic at the fairgrounds

The Indiana Department of Health mobile vaccination and testing unit will be at the Community Building at Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds Wednesday, January 26 to Saturday, January 29 from noon to 8 p.m. This clinic will offer Moderna and Pfizer Vaccines and can administer booster doses to those who qualify (see below). Johnson & Johnson vaccine will not be available at this clinic. Covid-19 vaccine can be given to anyone age 5 and up. Those 5 to 18 must receive the Pfizer vaccine. Covid testing will also be available. This clinic will be held inside the community building. No appointment is necessary. The address for the fairgrounds is 2666 US Hwy 50, Loogootee.

Booster dose information:

For individuals who received a Pfizer vaccine, a booster dose may be administered to anyone 12 and over at least 5 months after completing your 2nd dose.

For individuals who received Moderna vaccine, a booster dose may be administered to anyone 18 and over at least 5 months after completing your 2nd dose.

For individuals who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, a booster dose is recommended for anyone 18 and older who were vaccinated 2 or more months ago. It is recommended that the booster dose be Pfizer or Moderna. Johnson & Johnson vaccine will not be available during this clinic.

Attention Shoals graduates

Several 2021 graduates of Shoals High School have not requested their first or second semester scholarship money from Shoals Scholarship Foundation, Inc. Call (812) 247-3970 to request this money.

Before execution of the warrant, assistance from the Loogootee Police Department was requested. Sheriff Roush, Deputies Shaw, Flanagan, and Hawkins, and Loogootee Officer Sims converged on a camper trailer in north Shoals, near the boat ramp. Entry was made without resistance.

There were two male subjects inside the camper trailer-one being Ryan Terry. Both men were detained during the search. Evidence of dealing methamphetamine, and suspected methamphetamine, which field tested positive, was discovered. Terry was transported to and

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January. One additional will be reported later this week.

Highway Superintendent Scott Seals informed the commissioners that the Community Crossing grant application has been submitted. Awards should be announced late April or early May. The new truck will be delivered this week. Commissioner Summers thanked those who worked from the highway department during the holiday.

County Attorney Dave Lett advised he is still trying to contact the state about Bridge 44 and removing it from the historically select list.

Emergency Management Assistant Director Andy Ringwald stated that the District 10 meeting was successful in reaching a quorum. The future eclipse planning is progressing. Hopefully the next district meeting will be in person in March. EMA Director Monty Wolfe

23rd resident dies due to COVID

The Indiana Department of Health received notification of one additional death from the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) for Martin County. The individual was an adult male. This brings the total number of deaths reported for Martin County to 23. No further information will be released due to privacy laws.



Shoals Beautification

-Photos provided

The Shoals Business Association donated \$250 to the Town of Shoals Beautification Board for flowers for the annual Spring Planting Day. In the photo on the above, from left to right, are Shoals Business Association Vice President/ Treasurer Kari Goodman and Town of Shoals Beautification Board President Amber Hoffman. The Shoals Business Association donated \$250 to Shoals High School to support the "Jug Rox Make a Difference Day" event. The donation is for materials and items needed for the event. This will be the third year the school has partnered with the Town of Shoals and local businesses for community-based student volunteer day. Students do many tasks around the town to include painting curbs, parking lines, fire hydrants, cleaning sidewalks and streets, picking up trash along with repairs and cleaning at the ballpark and much more. The event is scheduled for this upcoming Spring. In the photo on the below, from left to right, are Shoals Business Association Vice President/Treasurer Kari Goodman and Shoals High School staff members Audrey Gibson and Jessica Hert.



Mustering Elm grant

-Photo provided

The Martin County Community Foundation presented a \$1,100 Vision Grant to help the Trinity Williams Mustering Elm Park get running water to the restrooms and shelter house. The water source will be the local springs. This grant will help with the cost of the hardware to run water from the springs to the buildings. Pictured left to right are the MCCF Director Curt Johnson, Mustering Elm Treasurer Sarah Sexton, and MCCF Board outgoing Grants Chairperson Jerry Braun.

COMMISSIONERS

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advised that they had assisted the ambulance on two calls in Loogootee and he will be working on certification to be able to assist in the future as first responders.

The commissioners voted to divide \$3,217.48 from timber sales equally between the four Martin County Fire Departments.

WARRANT

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booked into the Martin County Jail without incident.

He was charged with possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor; maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 6 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; and dealing of methamphetamine, a Level 4 Felony.

All charges are merely allegations, and all suspects are considered innocent unless or until proven guilty in a court of law.

Commissioner George asked Treasurer Lori Carrico if Recorder Rhonda Sanders was attending tonight's meeting. Carrico advised that Sanders was attending the Legislative Session. Commissioner George asked about an upcoming records retention meeting. The meeting will be held on February 15 at 10:30 a.m. This is the meeting that gives department heads an opportunity to submit requests for document destruction.

Commissioner George inquired about finalizing the purchase of the property next to the jail. Attorney Lett advised that he will process the transaction. The commissioners asked that Auditor Abel proceed with the processing of the check and contact Attorney Lett when it was ready.

The appointment of Commissioners George, Roush and Summers to the SIDC Board was approved instead of just Commissioner Roush as was previously decided.

Commissioner George gave the go-ahead for Michelle Carrico, with SIDC, to submit the semi-annual report for the grant the county received for local businesses.

Auditor Abel submitted a contract from Sparklight to continue to provide internet service to the county offices. The contract increases speeds and overall lowers the monthly cost by \$57.25. The commissioners approved.

Commissioner George announced that the sheriff's association had sent out notice to be vigilant with ongoing cyber security efforts, the threat level is high. Auditor Abel stated that the cyber security

insurance policy is in place. Attorney Lett reminded everyone to be careful when opening emails. This is the easiest and most likely way for attackers to get into the system.

Auditor Abel submitted a letter for the local daycare providers stating that the county has not enacted any legislation which requires licensing or business permits.

Commissioner George reported that the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) meeting will be held Thursday, February 3 at 2 p.m.

The next commissioners' meeting will be held Tuesday, February 8 at 5:30 p.m.



Health Forward

Helping you with your health
By Melissa Ray,
Family Nurse Practitioner

Finding and Receiving Affordable Health Care

Are you currently without healthcare insurance and concerned about your health? Fearful of potential high medical costs, some people will delay seeing a doctor or other healthcare professional. A once simple and highly treatable health condition can then tragically advance into something far more serious.

It doesn't have to be that way. Good options exist!

The truth is that doctors and hospitals would much prefer to find ways to help people find affordable healthcare long before something serious develops.

Higher personal energy during the day, better sleep, and generally good health are often among the benefits of adopting a lifestyle that includes taking care of yourself. A regular checkup or seeing a health professional when symptoms first appear can resolve many potential problems – including crippling, life-threatening issues – that could appear later.

Hospital administrators know that when a patient presenting advanced symptoms of pain, trauma, or even life-threatening conditions shows up in an emergency room, it will likely be a much more challenging situation to resolve.

Federal and state laws require hospitals and doctors to treat patients and provide stabilizing treatment to people without insurance. But simply showing up in an emergency room is not the best way to resolve an issue.

Of course, securing commercial healthcare insurance through your employer, researching and purchasing healthcare at the federal website (<https://healthcare.gov>) during the signup period availing oneself of healthcare services available through Medicare or Medicaid are definitely preferred to not having traditional healthcare insurance.

But for a variety of reasons, sometimes finding and securing commercial healthcare may be perceived as a potential option. Unemployment issues, extra expenses incurred during this ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, or unexpected family issues can sap needed funds for healthcare premiums. Confusion about plans or anxiety about costs can lead to delays.

The good news is that many options exist for people who are concerned about potential high costs of medical services. Finding healthcare coverage should not be a stressful experience, and many options exist to help families. Financial

subsidies are available through the Affordable Care Act (ACA), especially for those facing financial issues or who live at or below the federally defined poverty level.

In fact, in 2020, nearly 90 percent of the 10.7 million people who purchase health insurance through the federal government marketplace received money-saving subsidies to help pay for insurance premiums. Insurance premiums through options like this can be at a small fraction of typical premiums and pay for all sorts of standard healthcare – family healthcare services, OB pregnancy services, dental work, vaccines, behavioral health, and more.

Still, even applying for subsidies or securing healthcare coverage can be confusing. For some, plowing through paperwork or online options can just raise anxiety levels or create more confusion.

Thankfully, most hospitals and clinics – such as the Southern Indiana Community Health Care clinic where I work – provides free help through a certified insurance navigator. These professionals are called navigators because that's exactly what they do – they help people navigate through potentially confusing insurance and coverage options to help find the best affordable coverage available. Many people in our southern Indiana area find good coverage through special programs offered by the Healthy Indiana Plan, Hoosier Healthwise or Medicaid. An insurance navigator can help you find and apply for coverage like this.

Still concerned about one's ability to pay? Many physicians and clinics offer special discounts and payment plans. To find out specific options available in southern Indiana, you can visit the SI-CHC webpage at <https://sichc.org/payment-options/> to review area programs. This includes the Community Health Assistance Program (CHAP) that offers a sliding fee schedule.

The bottom line? Many options exist to help you get good coverage. Don't wait until a simple condition gets bad – go online or call your local providers for useful information about affordable coverage.

A board-certified Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP), Melissa Ray, has well over two decades of professional medical experience throughout a spectrum of healthcare. She offers primary and obstetrics care, pregnancy, well-baby and well-woman services at SICHC offices, including SICHC's locations in Shoals and Salem.

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HELP WANTED

Martin County Part-Time Human Resource Generalist

Manages HR related responsibilities including but not limited to onboarding, policies, procedures and insurance administration. Monitoring federal, state and local legal requirements and legislation. Must be proficient in Microsoft applications and prior human resource experience is preferred.

Email resume to: babel@martincounty.in.gov

812-247-3731

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Shoals Varsity Volleyball Coach

Post Date: January 21, 2022

Position: Varsity Volleyball Coach

Location: Shoals High School

Job Expectations/Qualifications: Our volleyball coach will be able to do the following tasks:

1. Be knowledgeable on all aspects of volleyball as a sport.
2. Create an environment of positivity and support for our athletes and our programs.
3. Plan and set up all aspects of practices and meet management.
4. Maintain an inventory of all equipment, warm-ups, and uniforms for practice and competition.
5. Schedule practices and create and distribute expectations for the team.
6. Work fundraising events through the Athletic Department.
7. Communicate with parents/guardians about expectations, consequences, and other important information.
8. Communicate with Athletic Directors about results, team management, and goals for team improvement.
9. Model professional behavior both with the team and within the community.
10. Uphold and know all rules and regulations of the IHSA, NFHS, and Blue Chip Conference in regards to volleyball.

Compensation: Stipend position

Apply To: Bryson Abel & Danielle Cornett- Athletic Directors; Shoals Community Schools, 7900 US HWY 50, Shoals, IN-47581; (812)-247-2090, athletics@shoals.k12.in.us. Include Letter of Interest, Resume and Non-Certified Application

Closing Date: Until filled.

OBITUARIES

KATHLEEN FRITCHIE

Kathleen Diane (née Craney) Fritchie passed away Friday January 14, 2022 in hospice care after a brave and arduous battle with breast cancer. She spent her final days basking in love and peace, surrounded by her friends, children and grandchildren. A resident of



KATHLEEN FRITCHIE

Prairieville, Louisiana, she was 67. She was born March 15, 1954, in Jasper; daughter of Mary Helen Craney (née Doyle) and Victor Joseph Craney and was baptized in St. Martin's Church in Whitfield. Kathleen (Kathy) was born into a loving home full of seven sisters and three brothers. She was the youngest of eleven children and adored her older siblings. She often shared fond memories of her early life on the homestead in Loogootee with her children and friends. It wasn't an easy life, but it taught her the importance of family and hard work. It also ingrained in her a love of animals which she carried throughout her life.

Eventually her parents moved the family to Indianapolis for work, where Kathy graduated from Franklin Central High School. After high school, she married Thomas Gardner and started a family, beginning with her eldest daughter, Leslie, followed in short order by her eldest son, Jeffrey. Despite having a young family with two children, she managed to find it in herself to complete her nursing degree at Marian College, from which she graduated in 1980, and immediately began her nursing career in Beech Grove. As she grew her own family with her third child Kevin, she helped countless families expand their own while working for many years in labor and delivery, and neonatal intensive care units. Her sense of adventure and her admiration of her older sister Rosie eventually led her to move her family of three children to sunny Florida where the family spent numerous exciting years together. Throughout her life, Kathy was always split between her desires to build an amazing life for herself and her children and always wanting to be close to her large, extended family. This dedication led to the family's brief one year return to Vincennes, where the family lived when her fourth child, Sean was born.

While in Florida, Kathy and her family spent innumerable weekends and vacations boating and basking in the sun on the beach with her sister Rosie. It was during her time in Florida while working as a nurse at Shriner's Hospital for Children that Kathy met John Fritchie, MD, who was training as an orthopedic surgeon. John and Kathy fell in love, and they bounced around Georgia and Louisiana for a couple of years while John completed his training. During this period, Kathy gave birth to her youngest child Mary Annelise. Despite struggling to make ends meet, Kathy asked that her youngest son Sean join the family in New Orleans.

Tragically in the spring of 2001, Kathy lost both her husband John and her mother Mary. Everyone that personally knew Kathy knows just how devastating these losses were to her. Luckily for Kathy and her family, it was during this tumultuous period that she met and subsequently married Mark Manchester. During Kathy's marriage to Mark, the family relocated to the Prairieville/Gonzales area of Louisiana and Kathy welcomed her second grandchild Dorian into the world in 2001. During her time in Prairieville, just outside of Baton Rouge, Kathy met her fourth and final husband Kean Day,

MD. While in Louisiana, Kathy continued to work as a registered nurse, and was a case manager for regional home health visits and hospice care.

In 2012, Kathy traveled to New York to meet her third grandson, Taggart and in 2014 she welcomed her first granddaughter, Nolan into her loving arms. Although she stopped practicing nursing in 2014, Kathy religiously maintained her nursing license and was registered in the states of Louisiana and New York at the time of her passing.

Despite her strengths, her hobbies reflected her weaknesses, which included horses, dogs and McDonald's Cokes. Kathy was a vibrant personality, full of life, and her last request was that her family host "a big Irish party", meant not to mourn her death, but to celebrate her rich, colorful life. Her firm belief that she would see her parents, Rosie, Eddie, Eula, and John in heaven one day carried her through life and removed any fear she might have had.

Kathy was preceded in death by her father Victor Joseph Craney; her husband, John Ashley Fritchie; her mother, Mary Helen Craney; her sister, Rosie Cecelia Boese (née Craney); her brother, Victor Edward Craney; her sister, Eula Louise Traylor (née Craney) and four nephews.

She is survived by her children, Leslie Dawn Gardner, Jeffrey Ryan Gardner, Kevin Patrick Gardner, Sean Michael Gardner and Mary Annelise Fritchie; her grandchildren, Daygan Victor Gardner, Dorian Ambrose Gardner, Taggart Yung Chiu Gardner, and Nolan Teng Xing Gardner; her sisters and brothers, Theresa Elizabeth Berry (née Craney), Mary Sue Crouse (née Craney), Beverly Ann Carrico (née Craney), Louis Joseph Craney, Martha Ruth Green (née Craney), Ronald Leo Craney, and Rita Helen Lillpop (née Craney).

A Visitation will be held from 9 a.m.-11 a.m., Saturday January 29, at Saint Martin's Catholic Church (520 Whitfield Rd. Loogootee, Indiana).

A Mass of Christian Burial will follow the visitation and will begin at 11 a.m., Saturday January 29 at Saint Martin's Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial will follow in Saint Martin's Catholic Cemetery, followed by a meal in celebration of her life at 12:30 in the Church Hall. For those that wish to celebrate her further, her extended family will also be hosting a "big Irish party" at 4 p.m. Saturday, January 29 at the American Legion Loogootee Post 120 Country Club (607 Church Street, Loogootee, Indiana).

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the KF Gold Memorial Foundation in her honor.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

JOE GRAY

Ronald Joseph "Joe" Gray peacefully passed away on January 20, 2022, at Ketcham Memorial Center in Odon. A resident of Loogootee, he was 81.

He was born in Washington on October 12, 1940; son of Royce and Lillian (Fitzgerald) Gray.

Joe was an over-the-road truck driver and worked for Jefferson Trucking out of Shoals from 1971 until he retired on October 31, 2000. The American Trucking Association recognized him with a Safe Driving Award at One Million Safe Miles driven and again at Two Million Safe Miles driven. He was a member of Teamsters Local Union 135 where he served as Union Steward and was active in negotiations, involved in elections and organized meetings. When he retired, Joe was granted an Honorary Lifetime Membership in Teamsters Local Union 135. He took a lot of pride in his work and affiliation with Teamsters.



JOE GRAY

Joe wasn't all work. He enjoyed hunting (mostly mushrooms), fishing, camping, grilling out on Sundays for his children and grandchildren and just about anything outdoors. He was a very handy man and could fix just about anything. He could often be found just tinkering around in his shop. He was a fun-loving guy and a bit of a jokester. In recent years, he lived at Ketcham Memorial Center in Odon and he never lost his sense of humor.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Betty (Strawn) Gray, whom he married on June 25, 1983; his parents; son, Kevin Gray; granddaughter, Delaney Semple; sisters, Pauline Fisher and Carol "Jane" Roach; brother, Paul "Sonny" Gray; stepson, Danny Daily; and stepdaughter Debbie Hedrick

Joe is survived by his son, Brian J. Gray of Indianapolis; three daughters, Diane E. Semple of Bradenton, Florida; Lori A. (Jeremy) Milner of Queen Creek, Arizona; and Jennifer L. (Tim) Lowe of Linton; sister, Sue Taylor of Washington; brother, Steve Gray of Washington; brother-in-law, John Roach of Washington; 13 grandchildren, Chase Helms, Danielle (husband, Brad) Semple Hammer, Dacie (husband, Cris) Semple Broshers Romero, Logan (wife, Rachel) Gray, Taylor Carroll, Mitchell Cox, Olivia (husband, Addison) Carroll Wagler, Natacha Carroll, Madison Semple, Morgan Cox, Emma Semple, Jaylon Gray, Grace Carroll; step-grandchildren, Kayla Lowe, Tucker Lowe, Tori Lowe, Kaitlyn Milner, Jeremy Milner II, Gavin Milner, Kristie Hayden, Jimmy Honeycutt; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Monday, January 24 at Blake & Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

Blake & Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery is honored to serve the family of Ronald Joseph Gray.

HAROLD THOMAS

Harold Ray Thomas passed away Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at University of Louisville Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky. A resident of Loogootee, he was 76.

He was born August 22, 1945, in Plainville; son of Melvin and Evelyn (Rice) Thomas.

Harold married Barbara Johnson-McPherson on June 10, 2000, and she survives.

He was a member of the Mt. Zion Church; veteran of the United States



HAROLD THOMAS

Army; retired from Jasper Engines; and was a self-employed mechanic. Surviving are his wife, Barbara (Johnson-McPherson) Thomas; step-children, Twila (Jeff Wildman) Coldiron, Jimmy (Barb Spurgeon) McPherson, Weldon (Tara) McPherson, John (Marilyn) McPherson, and Bonnie (Eddie Diamond) Hupp; 12 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; siblings, Margaret (Max) Printice, Ray (Debbie) Littlefield, Rex (Julie) Thomas, and Garold (Betty) Thomas; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Patricia Ellen Thomas.

A funeral service was held Friday, January 21 at the Mt. Zion Church in Loogootee with Pastor Caleb Moffatt officiating. Burial followed in Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mt. Zion Cemetery. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.queenlee.com.

DAVID ABEL

David Estel Abel passed away January 22, 2022, at the Daviess Community Hospital in Washington. A resident of Loogootee, he was 50.

He was born March 9, 1971, in Bedford; son of Dale and Darcus (Howell) Abel.

David was a 1991 graduate of Loogootee High School and was a diesel mechanic for many years.

He is survived by his mother, Darcus Abel; children, Jennifer Abel and Dalton Abel; grandchildren, Zane Holland and Lavinia Holland; one brother, Eric Abel; and three nieces, Kayla Abel, Danielle Abel and Olivia Abel; several aunts, uncles and cousins also survive.

He was preceded in death by his father, Dale E. Abel.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 25 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with burial in the Spring Hill Cemetery. Pastor Ed Frost officiated.

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

DALE ABEL

Dale Edson Abel passed away January 19, 2022, at Daviess Community Hospital. A resident of Loogootee, he was 85.

He was born September 13, 1936, in Shoals; son of Ernest and Direthia (Winger) Abel. He married Darcus Howell on February 18, 1967, and she survives.

Dale was a graduate of the Shoals High School Class of 1956, was owner and operator of Abel's Garage beginning in 1982, drove school bus for Loogootee Community Schools for 37 years, was a lifelong mechanic and was a Martin County Commissioner for 12 years. He previously attended Waggoner Chapel Church.

Dale was an avid NASCAR fan, enjoyed playing cards and loved talking about Ford automobiles.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, JANUARY 17

12:59 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

3:06 a.m. - Received a report of slick roadways in Loogootee. INDOT was notified.

3:15 a.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Deputy Hawkins responded.

4:48 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. Deputy Hawkins responded.

7:45 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene and Deputy Hawkins responded.

8:33 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:49 a.m. - Received a report of a traffic hazard north of Loogootee. Loogootee Police were notified.

8:52 a.m. - Received a report of a traffic hazard east of Shoals. All Martin County law enforcement were notified.

8:56 a.m. - Received a report of slick roads and a traffic hazard near the JayC store in Shoals. All Martin County law enforcement were notified.

9:02 a.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm near Crane. The property owner was notified.

1:20 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:25 p.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

2:30 p.m. - Received a report of slick roads north of Loogootee. Martin County Highway Department was notified.

2:41 p.m. - Received a cat complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

2:58 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. ISP Trooper Beaver and Shoals Fire Department responded.

3:03 p.m. - Received a dog complaint northeast of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

3:05 p.m. - Received a report of slick roads south of Loogootee. Martin County Highway Department responded.

8:01 p.m. - Received a report of an accident southeast of Shoals. Deputy Wells, Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

10:09 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

12:39 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Captain Reed responded.

1:41 a.m. - Received a report of possible gas leak west of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims and Center Point Energy was notified.

5:34 a.m. - Received a report of a stranded vehicle south of Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

8:18 a.m. - Received a report of a fire north of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

9:41 a.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Major Keller responded.

10:17 a.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Loogootee. ISP was notified.

10:31 a.m. - Received a request for a lift assist in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

10:48 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

11:26 a.m. - Received a report of an accident northeast of Shoals. Indian Creek Fire Department, Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, Major Keller, Martin County Ambulance responded.

11:36 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:25 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

1:28 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

2:25 p.m. - Deputy Shaw took three inmates to court.

3:00 p.m. - Received a report of a re-possession in Shoals.

4:01 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

5:42 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn in Loogootee. Loogootee Police were notified.

5:47 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

9:38 p.m. - Received a request for a lift assist in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

5:55 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

8:00 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

11:37 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

11:38 a.m. - Received a report of damage to a street sign south of Loogootee. INDOT was notified.

12:20 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

1:20 p.m. - Received a request for a lift assist northeast of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Indian Creek Fire Department responded.

2:52 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:22 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn east of Loogootee. Loogootee Police were notified.

11:07 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. ICO Officer Furhman, Deputy Wells, Deputy Flanagan, Captain Reed and Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

1:43 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Loogootee. Civil Defense and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:00 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Civil Defense and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:00 a.m. - Deputy Shaw took one inmate to court.

11:22 a.m. - Deputy Shaw took two inmates to court.

12:08 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

1:08 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Loogootee. All Martin County law enforcement were notified.

1:10 p.m. - Deputy Shaw took two inmates to court.

2:15 p.m. - Deputy Shaw took two inmates to court.

3:10 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene and Deputy Flana-

gan responded.

4:30 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert, Deputy Flanagan and ISP Master Trooper Lents responded.

7:35 p.m. - Received a cat complaint in Crane. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

10:54 a.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn north of Loogootee. Loogootee Police were notified.

1:28 p.m. - Major Keller assisted a motorist in Shoals with a vehicle unlock.

5:20 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver east of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan was notified.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

3:34 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims, Deputy Hawkins, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:08 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims, Deputy Hawkins, Civil Defense, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

6:14 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

6:32 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Deputy Hawkins responded.

9:25 a.m. - Received a request for a lift assist in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

9:53 a.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Major Keller and Deputy Flanagan responded.

9:53 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

10:36 a.m. - Received a report of a

controlled burn north of Loogootee. Loogootee Police were notified.

1:55 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded vehicle southeast of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan was notified.

4:55 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

5:51 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute east of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims and Deputy Flanagan responded.

7:20 p.m. - Received a report of scheduled power outage in Loogootee.

9:13 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

7:53 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident south of Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

11:08 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Loogootee. Deputy Wells, Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded.

11:13 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

2:06 p.m. - Received a report of a gas leak in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Sergeant Gibson and Deputy Wells responded.

5:55 p.m. - Received a report of an accident southwest of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

5:59 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check east of Loogootee. Loogootee Police were notified.

6:21 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:04 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Sergeant Gibson, Captain Reed and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

OBITUARIES

(Continued from page 3)

Survivors include his wife, Darcus; children Eric Abel, David Abel and Rochelle Dawn; grandchildren, Kayla, Danielle, and Olivia Abel, Jennifer Holland and Dalton Abel; two great grandchildren; and siblings, Darrell Abel, Harold Abel, and Shirley Wraley; and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded by his parents; one son, Randy Abel; and two brothers, Roy Abel and Donnie Abel.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 25 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with burial in the Spring Hill Cemetery. Pastor Ed Frost officiated.

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

NANCY LAMPERT

Nancy J. Lampert passed away at 5:35 p.m. Sunday, January 23, 2022, at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper. A resident of Jasper, she was 80.

She was born in Jasper on October 25, 1941; daughter of Edgar and Victoria "Dolly" (Jerger) Dittmer. She married Ambrose Lampert on September 18, 1965 in St. Joseph Catholic Church.

She was a homemaker and also worked as a phone operator for Indiana Bell, worked at the Jasper Ben Franklin, and then retired from the Jasper Dairy Queen.

She was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Jasper and their Blessed Sodality.

She enjoyed playing bingo, cooking



NANCY LAMPERT

and canning, crocheting and embroidery, her cats, and spending time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Surviving is her husband, Ambrose Lampert of Jasper; two sons, David

Lampert of Jasper and Steven Lampert of Loogootee; one daughter, Kristy Wagner of Evansville; four grandchildren, Joshua Lampert, Megan Lampert, Victoria Espino, and Noah Wagner; one great grandchild, Ruby Rose Espino; and one sister, Shirley Eckert.

Preceding her in death were her parents, one son, Andrew "Andy" Lampert; two sisters, Kathleen Dittmer who died in infancy, and Marilyn Young and two brothers, Jack and Jim Dittmer.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, January 27 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Jasper, with burial to follow in Fairview Cemetery in Jasper. A visitation will be held from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. Wednesday, January 26 at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper, and from 9 a.m. until the 10 a.m. Mass time on Thursday at Holy Family Catholic Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Holy Family Catholic Church or to a favorite charity. Online condolences may be made at www.becherkluesner.com.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, JANUARY 17

8:27 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on North Line Street.

12:05 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth assisted with an accident with entrapment on 1250 East.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

8:18 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a report of a chimney fire on US 231 North.

2:06 p.m. - A caller reported a scam by telephone.

10:13 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to an alarm at a local business.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

3:14 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call at Loogootee Nursing Center.

7:22 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to check on a report of a controlled burn.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

1:43 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Bellgrade Avenue.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

Real estate transfers

River Bend Ranch, of Martin County, Indiana to **Kevin M. Fuhrman**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: A portion of the south half of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, in Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 13.08 acres, more or less. Tract II: A part of the south half of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, in Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2.32 acres, more or less.

Abydel Farms, LLC, of New Castle County, Delaware to **Loren L. Wagler and Carol M. Wagler**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of Section 12, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 20 acres, more or less, except a tract containing 0.50 acres, more or less.

Daniel R. Wagler and Martha Wagler, of Daviess County, Indiana to **West Broadway Street, LLC**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing 0.5197 acres, more or less, except a section containing 0.044 acre, more or less.

3:34 a.m. - Officer Sims and first responders were dispatched to a medical call on Crane Street.

4:08 a.m. - Officer Sims and first responders were dispatched to a medical call on Abel Lane.

9:25 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Southeast First Street.

1:45 p.m. - Complainant advised of harassment.

5:51 p.m. - Officer Sims assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a report of a domestic dispute.

9:13 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a report of an erratic driver nearing Loogootee on US 231 South.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

11:11 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call at the Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds.

2:09 p.m. - A caller reported a gas leak in Redwing Trailer Court.

6:02 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a report of possible illegal drug use.

6:24 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Southeast First Street.

9:10 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to an accident on Brickyard Road.

ARRESTS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

2:02 a.m. - Sydney Wanmer, 26, of Washington, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Sims and charged with driving while suspended (prior) and a Knox County warrant. Her Martin County bond is set at \$10,000 10%, and no bond for Knox County.

2:02 a.m. - Christopher Baber, 26, of Terre Haute, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Sims on a Vigo County warrant and is being held without bond.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

7:21 p.m. - Kendra Burton, 20, of Montgomery, was arrested by Deputy Flanagan on a Martin County warrant is being held without bond.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

8:10 p.m. - Ryan Terry, 28, of Shoals, was arrested by Sheriff Roush and charged with dealing in methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine, maintaining a common nuisance and possession of paraphernalia. He is being held without bond.

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL JUDGMENTS AND SENTENCING

January 14

Aaron L. Johnson, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 363 days suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served plus 1 Class A credit day. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

January 14

Aaron L. Johnson, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; reckless driving, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

January 14

Kristina S. Thomas vs. Eric J. Thomas, petition for dissolution of marriage.

January 15

Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs. Bonnie Reedy, civil collection.

January 17

Citibank vs. Donald Whitesell, civil collection.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

January 13

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midland Credit Management, Inc. and against the defendant Rebecca Parfitt in the amount of \$2,089.68.

January 18

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Discover Bank and against the defendant Debra Montgomery in the amount of \$12,563.52.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

January 14

Jared Flammer of Shoals and Marissa Foley of Shoals.



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More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



THOUGHTS

*Way too many of my stories end up with, "And that's why I'm not allowed to go back there anymore."

*Someone offered me grapes, but I declined. I'm not used to consuming wine in pill form.

*I once caught a Peeping Tom watching me undress. I was going to call the cops, but I figured he's suffered enough.

*Some people wake up feeling like a million dollars. I wake up feeling like "insufficient funds."

*I was just wondering...does anyone else get road rage from pushing a cart through Walmart...or is it just me?

*Sometimes I just want someone to hug me and say, "I know it's hard. You're going to be OK. Here is chocolate and 6 million dollars."

*One minute you're young and fun, and the next, you're turning down the radio in your car to see better.

*With enough coffee, I feel as though all things are possible. Many of them are highly unlikely, but they *are* possible. -Nanea Hoffman

Mildred, the church gossip and self-appointed monitor of the church's morals, kept sticking her nose into other people's business.

Several members did not approve of her extra-curricular activities but feared her enough to maintain their silence.

She made a mistake, however, when she accused Frank, a new member, of being an alcoholic after she saw his old pickup parked in front of the town's only bar one afternoon.

She emphatically told Frank, and several others, that everyone seeing it there

would know what he was doing!

Frank, a man of few words, stared at her for a moment and just turned and walked away. He didn't explain, defend, or deny. He said nothing.

Later that evening, Frank quietly parked his pickup in front of Mildred's house, walked home, and left it there all night.

You gotta love Frank!

SERIOUSISMS

*Being negative only makes the journey more difficult. You may be given a cactus, but you don't have to sit on it." -Joyce Meyers

*If someone makes you happy, make them happier.

"No such thing as practice makes perfect. Only thing is, the perfect practice makes better players." -Coach Knight via Brian Whitney

*If you want more kindness in the world, put it there.

*The most important measure of how good a game I played was how much better I'd made my teammates play. -Bill Russell

*Listen earnestly to anything your children want to tell you, no matter what. If you don't listen eagerly to the little stuff when they are little, they won't tell you the big stuff when they are big because to them all of it has always been big stuff.

*All the data in the world cannot accurately measure the love and heartbreak that goes into a single day of teaching children whose needs go far beyond the curriculum.

Make someone smile today!

Scholarships available from the community foundation

The Martin County Community Foundation has several scholarships available for Loogootee and Shoals high school seniors. Below are summaries for each scholarship at the respective schools. Be sure to remember the deadline (at the end of this article) for some of the online scholarships.

-- LOOGOOTEE HIGH SCHOOL --

Ann Jones Burch Tennis (Two \$1,000) - A scholarship to both a male and a female student that has a commitment to tennis, has participated in other school activities, and shown that they are a good citizen, well rounded and civic minded.

Ben Trout Memorial Student Athlete (\$2,500) - Earned an academic honors degree and a varsity athletic letter. Shows outstanding mental attitude, team spirit and sportsmanship. Should not be a recipient of a full-tuition scholarship.

Gerdon Jones Memorial (\$2,591) - Participated in high school athletics and showed improved skills. Displays a positive mental attitude.

Loogootee Alumni (\$842) - Displays good citizenship, gentleness, easy to speak to, and participates in school activities. Be one of humility, and unwavering belief in the dignity and aspirations of those they touch, commitment to their fellowman and the strength of self-discovery and individual growth.

Robert Scott Waggner Memorial (Two \$500) - A scholarship to both a male and a female student that has a good attitude, work ethic and performed well academ-

ically. Has participated in sports, extra-curricular activities, and/or is an active community or school member and is a supporter of their school and others.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society (\$1,168) - Must have financial need as determined using standard financial need discovery instruments.

William McGovern II Fund - Provides scholarships to seniors planning to pursue higher education at a college, university or trade school.

-- LHS (SELECTED BY MCCF) --

Rita and Jack Butcher Loogootee Basketball Family (\$1,500) - Has a good attitude, work ethic and performed well academically. Has participated in sports and/or other extracurricular activities.

Wilma L Bateman Memorial (\$500) - Must be a female senior who has participated in high school athletics for at least two years. Has shown leadership qualities and been involved in community activities.

George M and Barbara Cropp (up to \$2,500) - For up to three eligible students. Must have a GPA of 3.0 or above (on a 4.0 scale). Financial need and/or special circumstances may be a consideration. This scholarship may be renewed for up to three subsequent years (up to \$2,500 each year) if criteria are met.

-- SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL --

Faye Shobe Memorial (\$755) - Preference will be given to a student seeking a degree in the field of Elementary Education.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CALL Main Street 101 meeting

CALL (Community Action Leading Loogootee) will be hosting a Main Street 101 on Wednesday, January 26 at 5 p.m. in the Loogootee German American Bank basement. Representatives from the Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA), along with members of CALL, will be discussing OCRA's Indiana Main Street program. CALL is currently in the process of applying for OCRA's Downtown Affiliate Network (ODAN), with the ultimate goal of becoming a member of Indiana Accredited Main Street. All community members are invited and encouraged to attend.

Free community meal

The Loogootee Christian Church, at 206 Sherman Street, is having their monthly free meal for the community to be held Thursday, February 3 from 6-8 p.m. at the church. This month's meal will be a turkey dinner with all the fixings. The community is invited.

Aluminum can drive

Daviess County Right to Life will have an aluminum can drive on Saturday, February 5 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Tractor Supply in Washington. This is an aluminum can drive only. Newspapers are no longer accepted. The Martin County Right to Life is still accepting newspapers/aluminum cans on February 5 at the Martin County Recycling Center, east of Loogootee.

ARPA Board meeting

The Martin County ARPA (American Recovery Plan Act) Board will meet Thursday, February 3, at 2 p.m. in the commissioners' room of the Martin County Courthouse in Shoals. The meeting is open to the public.

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 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m.

LUMC Food Pantry

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

Mental Health Task Force

The Martin County Mental Health Task Force meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 1-2 p.m. at the Community Learning Center on the Martin County Fairgrounds.

Celebrate Recovery meetings

Celebrate Recovery meetings will be held every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Redemption Church in Loogootee. This is a Christ-centered recovery program and anyone is welcome to attend.

Local recovery meetings

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

Free lunch for kids

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

SOAR Tutoring

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

Solid waste board

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

Soil and Water meetings

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

The Science of Snow and the Water Cycle program

The Dubois County Museum welcomes visitors to the museum on Saturday, February 5, for the program "The Science of Snow and the Water Cycle". The program begins at 10:30 a.m. and will conclude at approximately noon.

The program is open to those from age seven to adult. Department of Natural Resources Naturalist Dana Reckelhoff from Patoka Lake will lead the exploration of the science behind a snowflake and look at their uniqueness.

Further study will look into the water cycle of solids, liquids and gases. Each participant will take home a 3-D snowflake.

Reservations will be taken until Friday, February 4 by calling the museum by 2 p.m. at 812-634-7733.

Please no phone messages after the 2 p.m. closing on Friday. There is a \$2 fee charged.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society (\$1,197) - Must have financial need as determined using standard financial need discovery instruments.

-- SHS (SELECTED BY THE MCCF) --

George M and Barbara Cropp (up to \$2,500) - For up to three eligible students. Must have a GPA of 3.0 or above (on a 4.0 scale). Financial need and/or special circumstances may be a consideration. This scholarship may be renewed for up to three subsequent years (up to \$2,500 each year) if criteria are met.

-- LHS or SHS (SELECTED BY THE MCCF) --

Terri Sullivan Callaway Scholarship (\$2,438) - Must be pursuing a career in the field of nursing and a member of a Christian faith church. Priority will be given to members of St. John Catholic Church in Martin County, Indiana.

-- HOW TO APPLY --

The majority of the scholarships are available through the Loogootee and Shoals High School counselors (Erica Fair and Jessica Hert, respectively) and selected by each school.

The exceptions are the Butcher Loogootee Basketball Family, Wilma L Bateman Memorial, Terri Sullivan Callaway, and George M & Barbara Cropp scholarships. These scholarships are selected by the MCCF and are available online at www.cfpartner.org/scholarships and ARE DUE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2022 at 3 p.m.



We continue this week with the plants being recognized by the National Garden Bureau. In the flowering shrub category, 2022 has been named the Year of the Lilac.

Regular readers know that Sandhill Gardens includes a lot of different lilacs. Lilacs were one of the first things my grandmother planted here nearly a hundred years ago, and several of those old shrubs are still perfuming the air in spring. Grandma's old-fashioned lilacs were light purple and white, but I have added more colors and several different species. I can now enjoy the scent of lilacs for most of the summer!

The common lilac is known botanically as *Syringa vulgaris*. The genus name (*syringa*) comes from the Greek word *syrinx*, meaning pipe. Common lilac stems have a spongy pith that may be pushed out, leaving hollow pipes. These pipes have been used for many things, including pan-pipes. If one includes the music of the pan-pipes, it may be said that lilacs may be enjoyed through any of the five senses. Yes, the flowers are edible and are sometimes used in making jelly.

The common lilac is native to southeast Europe, but they had made their way to France by the Middle Ages, where breeding resulted in many of the old cultivars that ultimately made their way to America. From Colonial times, lilacs were among the favorite plants in gardens, bringing at least a little bit of beauty and culture to the frontier. Although there are no lilacs native to North America, you may find lilacs that still grow around old homesteads. The shrubs may live more than a century, as the ones at Sandhill Gardens have done. Although you may find lilacs growing in the wild, they have not become invasive.

More recently, Asian lilacs have made their way to America. In general, Asian lilacs have smaller flower panicles on smaller bushes. These smaller bushes allowed the beauty and scent of lilacs to be included in smaller gardens. Some of the Asian lilacs re-bloom, extending the lilac season.

While there are only about 30 species within the genus *Syringa*, selective breeding has resulted in more than 600 named cultivars in *Syringa vulgaris* alone, and more hybrids are being released every year. Breeding programs have been concentrating on three main traits: size, heat tolerance, and re-blooming. The results

have been impressive.

Several new hybrid selections have made it possible to include lilacs in even the smallest gardens. The smallest, known as "Baby Kim", grows to only 2 to 3 feet tall and wide. It is hardy to zone 3, so it may be planted in a pot and left outdoors in the winter in our zone 6 gardens. That accomplishment makes it possible to even grow lilacs on city balconies.

I admit that I have some zonal envy, always wishing I could grow plants that require a warmer environment. My consolation has been that people who live in the south could not grow lilacs, which falter in areas warmer than zone 7. The new breeding programs have now produced cultivars that will thrive in zone 8. Hoosiers who have relocated to at least northern Florida may now be able to grow lilacs without returning to the north for their lilac fix.

The Bloomerang series has also successfully extended the bloom season for lilacs. This series, and others, reliably produce blooms periodically from spring through autumn frost.

If you want to celebrate the Year of the Lilac by adding a new cultivar to your garden, I suggest you visit some of the nurseries in the area come spring. You may order lilacs, but the mail-order starts tend to be small and may take years to produce flowers. I strongly suggest buying locally.

ANIMAL SHELTER *Pet of the Week*



AMY is a female tiger stripe/calico kitten, around 3 months old. She is very sweet and playful. Adoption fee is \$45. The Martin County Humane Society Animal Shelter has more than 20 cats to choose from. For more info or to apply to adopt, visit www.humane-societyofmartincounty.org.



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PUBLIC WELCOME!

Daviess/Martin Indiana Retired Teachers Association meeting

The Daviess/Martin Indiana Retired Teachers Association met at the Gasthof Restaurant on Friday, January 14. President Alice Jones led the members in the pledge and conducted the meeting. The minutes from the November meeting, submitted by Nancy Adams, and the treasurer's report, submitted by David Lennen, were read and approved. The community service report was presented by Lawana Hand.

Area Director David Lennen spoke about the virtual Reconnecting Workshop which will be held on Wednesday, January 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Today is the deadline for registration. Money was collected for the Pennies from Heaven project, and they will be deciding where the money will go this semester.

Door prizes were provided by Alana Thompson and Donna Keller and were won by Linda Strosnider, Trudy Paige and Lawana Hand. Members attending were Ramona Lennen, Donna Keller, Vicky Bauernfiend, David Lennen, Linda Strosnider, Peg Neidigh, Alice Jones, Carol Olsen, Marilyn Read, Kenneth A. Macy, Lawana Hand, Nancy Adams, Janice Riley, Pat Brochin and guest, Trudy Paige.

The next meeting will be March 11 at 11:30 a.m. at the Gasthof Restaurant in Montgomery. All Daviess and Martin county retired teachers are invited to attend. After the blessing was sung the meeting was adjourned for lunch.

Old National Bank announces \$69,000 donated to organizations region

Old National Bank announced its 2021 charitable giving included more than \$6.1 million in foundation grants and corporate sponsorships to approximately 1,100 organizations throughout its five-state footprint of Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Additionally, ONB team members recorded nearly 40,000 hours of volunteer time supporting 1,500 community organizations last year.

"This commitment to community serves as the cornerstone of our identity and helps define our mission and vision as a financial institution," said Jim Ryan, Chairman & CEO.

In the Vincennes market, Old National donated \$69,000 to 64 community organizations in Vincennes, Washington, Princeton and Loogootee.

LOOGOOTE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION MARTIN COUNTY, INDIANA SCHOOL FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL, ELEMENTARY WEST SCHOOL AND LEE KAVANAUGH GYMNASIUM ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of School Facility Improvements for the High School, Elementary West School and Lee Kavanaugh Gymnasium will be received by the Loogootee Community School Corporation Superintendent's Office at the Loogootee Community School Corporation located at 201 Brooks Ave., Loogootee, IN 47553 until 1:00 P.M. Eastern (Local Time) on February 15, 2022. Each Bid must be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the title of the project and the name and address of Bidder. If Bids are forwarded by mail, a sealed envelope containing the Bid must be enclosed in another envelope addressed to the OWNER at 201 Brooks Ave., Loogootee, IN 47553. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Loogootee Community School Corporation located at, 201 Brooks Ave., Loogootee, IN 47553 on February 15, 2022, at 1:00 P.M. Eastern (Local Time). Any bids received after the above specified time and date will be returned to the bidders unopened.

A pre-bid meeting will be held at 10:00 A.M. (Local Time) on February 1, 2022 at the Loogootee Community School Corporation Superintendent's Office at the Loogootee Community School Corporation located at 201 Brooks Ave., Loogootee, IN 47553. All prime contractors, subcontractors, small, minority or women owned enterprises, and other interested parties are invited to attend.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, consisting of, but not, necessarily limited to, the: Advertisement for Bids, Information for Bidders, Bid, Bid Bond, Agreement, General Conditions, Supplementary Conditions, Payment Bond, Performance Bond, Employee Drug Testing Program (as required pursuant to Indiana Code Sections 36-1-12-24 and 4-13-18-6, E Verify Program Compliance Affidavit, Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed, Change Orders (if any), Drawings, Specifications and Addenda, may be examined at the following locations:

- Midwest Engineers, Inc., 802 W. Broadway St., Loogootee, IN 47553
- Loogootee Community School Corporation, P.O. Box 282, 201 Brooks Ave., Loogootee, IN 47553

Plans and Specifications are available at the office of Midwest Engineers, Inc. The service charge for Contractors to view the plans for preparing their bid is as follows: 1) Viewing by digital download at <https://app.midwestemeng.com/planroom> - \$100.00 per Division and 2) Viewing by paper-bound plans and specifications - \$300.00 per Division. All service charges for viewing are non-refundable.

Each bid must be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the title of the Project and the name and address of the Bidder. All bids must be submitted on the proposal forms identified in the specifications.

The bidder must file with their sealed bid a certified check or a bid bond in the amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of the highest aggregate proposal, payable to the Owner. The above check or bond is to ensure the execution of the contract on which such bids are made.

Bids shall be properly and completely executed on proposal forms included in the Specifications. Bids shall include all information requested by Indiana Form 96 (Revised 2013) included with the Specifications. Under Section III of Form 96, the Bidder shall submit a financial statement. The Owner may make such investigations as deemed necessary to determine the ability of the Bidder to perform the work and the Bidder shall furnish to the Owner all such information and data for this purpose as the Owner may request. The Owner reserves the right to reject any bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such Bidder fails to satisfy the Owner that such Bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the Agreement and to complete the work contemplated therein.

Each Bidder is responsible for inspecting the Project site(s) and for reading and being thoroughly familiar with the Contract Documents and Specifications. The failure or omission of any Bidder to do any of the foregoing shall in no way relieve any Bidder from any obligation with respect to its Bid.

A conditional or qualified Bid will not be accepted.

All applicable laws, ordinances, and the rules and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over construction of the project shall apply to the project throughout.

The work to be performed and the bid to be submitted shall include sufficient and proper sums for all general construction, mechanical installation, labor, materials, permits, licenses, insurance, and so forth incidental to and required for the construction of the facilities.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any formalities. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the above scheduled time for the opening of bids or authorized postponement thereof. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for at least ninety (90) days.

Award will be made to the low, responsive, responsible bidder.

The contractor(s) to whom the work is awarded will be required to furnish, before commencing work, a performance and payment bond in an amount equal to the bid price of the contract awarded to said contractor and certification of all insurance required in the specifications. All bonds and liability insurance shall remain in effect for the period listed in the specifications following completion and acceptance of local and federal agencies.

This project is being financed in part by the Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief (ESSER) Program. Contractors and subcontractors are notified that they are required to pay not less than the prevailing wage rates established by the U.S. Department of Labor and the Davis-Bacon Act. Said wage scale is included in the project specifications.

Chip Mehaffey
Superintendent



Councilman's Corner

By Shoals Town Council President Cary D. Albright

The council has been very busy the past year and here are a few projects that we were able to start and complete.

We completed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Martin County Sheriff's Department to handle all of our dispatching needs.

Your council sold timber from the wastewater treatment property at the height of the lumber demand so we could reinvest the money into the fire department and parks department.

We applied for a \$20,000 grant from the Beautification Board from the Martin County Community Foundation.

Purchased a new fire truck in part with money from the timber sales.

Tornado sirens for West Shoals were ordered. Sirens were purchased with grant money, that was applied for by your council and clerk-treasurer from Martin County Community Foundation.

The council thanked Chief Hamby and two volunteers for spending their own time (not paid) to drive 849 miles to pick up our new fire truck.

Our town clerk-treasurer Sierra Rutledge reported that we now have converted all of our books over to computerized system from the old pencil ledger system. This was a long project over 2 1/2 years in the making. This gives the council more accountability tools to work with and make plans for the future.

Numerous properties were addressed and cited for ordinance violations and cleanup.

The Town of Shoals offered to the community the first annual garden dig

program. Free of charge to the town, residents were offered garden tilling with town equipment at no cost.

Your town clerk treasurer and town council applied for "way finding" grant from the Martin County Community Foundation and it was approved. This will give the town new street signs in various locations without any charge to the taxpayer.

Your council came to an agreement with a local property owner to purchase property that will double the size of the current Shoals Ballpark. This purchase was made with partial money from the timber sales at virtually no cost to the local taxpayer.

Your council, working with Duke Energy, purchased a pole for our tornado siren in West Shoals at a reduced price.

Your town council started an intern program with the Shoals Community School system. The goal of your council is to involve students in local government and operations.

Your town council and clerk-treasurer helped over 25 businesses to qualify for equal portions of the \$250,000 awarded to Martin County businesses via Covid relief funds.

Your town council approved the utility supply company to receive the amount of \$123,000 that was awarded to the town through ARPA which is the American Rescue Plan Act. This money will be used to buy electronic water read meters. This will replace all the water meters we offer service to and will track water usage and replace our aging system, at no cost to our taxpayers or water users.

Your council and clerk-treasurer worked with the Shoals Community School to put a tornado siren at the school to cover the east side of Shoals. This was made possible by a Martin County Community Foundation grant, with no cost to the local taxpayer.

The Town of Shoals participated in the Fourth of July Catfish Festival parade. We received the president's award.

Your Town Council President Albright, along with your Town Clerk-Treasurer Rutledge, met personally with Congressman Larry Bucshon seeking avenues of financial assistance to help with the \$1.9 million wastewater infrastructure treatment plan.

Council president Albright attended a county commissioners' meeting requesting a portion of the Covid relief money sent to the county be used for additional \$1.9 million wastewater infrastructure project expenses due to Covid. Clerk-Treasurer Rutledge wrote and received a \$600 grant from the Martin County Community Foundation to replace our fire department's flag that was stolen during the

Fourth of July.

Your council, due to forward planning, received word that our annual health insurance through Aim Medical Trust Association of Indiana will be REDUCED by 6.2 percent at renewal.

For the second year, the Town of Shoals hosted trick-or-treat at the town hall.

Your council was notified by the State of Indiana that they received \$276,000 to improve town streets. This money was applied for by your council and town clerk-treasurer.

Your council and clerk-treasurer nominated Kevin Crecelius and he received the Ivan H Binerger Municipal Management Award for 2021.

Your council met with Duke Energy and negotiated a contract to switch all town lighting to LED which will provide more lulation at a lower cost to the town.

These are just a few of the projects that your town council, along with your clerk treasurer, has been actively pursuing and working on the past year. This is a total team effort.

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Scholarships available through Tri Kappa

The state organization of Tri Kappa will award a variety of scholarships to college students throughout Indiana in the spring. Tri Kappa has provided scholarship awards since 1914, recognizing students on the local, province, and state levels. Chapters, provinces and the state organization combined gave more than \$1.5 million in 2021 to honor academic achievement.

Scholarship chair Samantha Nelson of Loogootee-Shoals Delta Tau Chapter is currently seeking applicants for the following:

Twelve+ \$1,000 Academic Scholarships

To apply students must be currently enrolled in a baccalaureate or graduate program, be listed on the transcript as at least a sophomore (refers to credit hours completed) or be in second year of a community or junior college and transferring to a four-year program. Criteria used by the Tri Kappa selection committee are academic achievement, strong goals and extracurricular and work experiences.

Two \$1,000 Key/Vocational Scholarships

Key scholarships are directed to those students who have no previous degree beyond high school and have had a lapse in their education for at least five years. Those students enrolled in an accredited school offering an associate or baccalaureate degree who have completed one semester may apply.

Vocational applicants should be students who will be enrolled in a post-high school accredited vocational, technical or trade certification program this fall.

Criteria used by the Tri Kappa selection committee for these two scholarships are academic achievement, strong goals and community and work experiences.

Three+ \$1,000 Fine Arts Scholarships

Students majoring in art, dance, drama or music are eligible. To apply, students must be currently enrolled in an accredited baccalaureate or graduate degree program, be listed on the transcript as at least a sophomore (refers to credit hours

completed).

One \$1,000 Twanette Nutter Fleming Music Award

Applicants for this award must be enrolled in a fully accredited course of study leading to a degree to teach music in a private, public or parochial school. They must be listed on the transcript as at least a sophomore (refers to credit hours completed).

Scholarship chair Samantha Nelson stated, "Our area boasts numerous college students who are talented and would qualify for these scholarships. We are hopeful that we can identify those students so we may begin the process of submitting an application for State Tri Kappa scholarships."

Students wishing to apply for any of these scholarships are encouraged to contact Samantha at 812-296-1395 or bscenin@hotmail.com.

The state scholarship committee will meet in early spring to select the recipients.

In addition to the state scholarships, the Loogootee-Shoals Delta Tau Chapter of Tri Kappa also provides two local scholarships in the amount of \$500 each; one to a graduating Loogootee High School student and one to a graduating Shoals High School student. Proof of college enrollment for the 2022-2023 Fall Semester is required. Applications for those high school scholarships can be obtained from your local high school counselor or by contacting Samantha Nelson at (812) 296-1395 or by email at bscenin@hotmail.com.

Local deadline to submit scholarship applications to Delta Tau Chapter of Tri Kappa, is Friday, February 11, 2022. That will provide the committee time to vote on applications, put the packages together and submit to state scholarship committee by the state deadline of February 28, 2022.

The Tri Kappa State Scholarship Committee will meet in early spring to select the recipients of the above-mentioned scholarships.



Making A Difference



**By Curt Johnson
MCCF Director**

-- ARISTOTLE --

"The whole is greater than the sum of its parts." So, what does a quote from an ancient Greek philosopher and scientist have to do with you and I here in Martin County in 2022? You've probably seen it used before to make a point about working together to accomplish something good, something more than could have been done individually. So, you bet, here's another time to see it.

-- SMALL FOR BIG --

And I've said it before that we are a small county. Nothing new there. But as we've seen more than once, our residents come together to make our county better. So many times, people volunteer their time and talent to help pull together that important event, to improve the quality of life in some way for someone in our community. People from a small county can make a big difference when they work together.

-- YOUR GIVING PLAN --

This same thought also applies when you start thinking about your giving plan for the year. You'll need to decide how much you can donate to a charity to have some kind of an impact on a concern that is important to you. Some people donate money whenever there's an event or celebration. Sometimes instead of buying gifts, they donate in honor of a loved one. Some can donate a significant amount of money, but the majority of us are not that fortunate.

-- LITTLE BITS ADD UP --

But there is an amount this is right for

each of us. Pick some percentage of your income or a specific amount that you want to donate and how often. And it can be a small amount. Whatever or however you do it is fine; just stay committed to your cause. Over the year it adds up. And if many people commit to donating what they can, together it adds up to make a big difference. It's "strength in numbers."

-- YOUR MCCF --

The MCCF is here to help you put your giving plan into practice. We start every new year with Board members that give us good representation across the county. Please contact any of them to start that conversation about how you can be a part of something bigger.

The 2022 MCCF Board of Directors are:

- Paula Ringwald, President
- Garry Smith, Vice-President
- Angie Risacher, Secretary
- Laura Albertson
- Krista Ausbrooks
- Richard Burch
- Megan Hawkins
- Jenell Hoffman
- Alan Lagree
- Annette Taylor
- Kelli Wilson

-- MORE INFORMATION --

For more information about the MCCF, please contact the Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022, mccf@cfpartner.org, or PO Box 28, Loogootee IN 47553.

You are also welcome to visit our webpage at www.cfpartner.org and "like" the MCCF Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mcccommunityfoundation.

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A la carte Cats

FVRCP Vaccine (\$15) • FVRCP+Leukemia- cats 6 months or older only (\$25) • Microchip (\$20) • Ear Cleaning (\$8) • FIV/FelV Testing (\$30) • Dental Evaluation (\$15) • Nail Trim (\$10)

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