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## Town of Shoals receives \$700,000 to improve wastewater treatment

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Office of Community and Rural Affairs last week announced 20 rural Indiana communities, including the Town of Shoals, will be awarded over \$12.2 million in federal grant funding to create and expand community facilities and improve water infrastructure.

The Town of Shoals was awarded \$700,000 to replace the existing influent screen with a new mechanical fine screen at the wastewater treatment plant. Additionally, the project will reline 6,500 linear feet of sewer lines with cured in-place pipe, reline and rehabilitate 24 manholes, and install a new force main in insulated casing pipe.

"The grants provided to these communities will support necessary projects that may not have been possible without the help of this funding," Crouch said. "By improving water infrastructure and public facilities, communities are improving public health and safety for their residents."

The State of Indiana distributes Community Development Block Grant funds

to rural communities, which assist units of local government with various community projects such as infrastructure improvement, downtown revitalization, public facilities and economic development.

"These grants are so important to our rural communities," said OCRA Executive Director Denny Spinner. "This funding makes it possible for towns, cities and counties to carry out projects to prevent flooding, provide safe drinking water or expand community centers. Each of these projects will help to improve the quality of life for local Hoosiers."

The Public Facilities Program creates and expands community facilities to enhance the lives of residents. Eligible projects include fire stations, community facilities, libraries, museums, community centers and performance spaces that open doors to knowledge and ideas, culture, and enjoyment.

The Town of Macy was awarded \$500,000 to construct a new 5,550 (See 'GRANT' on page 2)



-Photos provided

## Church grants

The Martin County Community Foundation is in the process of distributing \$192,016 in grants from funds that are designated to be paid out to specific non-profit organizations every year. These distributions are in addition to grants from the impact grant cycle, vision grants, classroom grants, Make My Day grants, donor-advised funds, and scholarships. The Loogootee United Methodist Church (LUMC) and the Shoals United Methodist Church (SUMC) were two of the first organizations to receive their designated grants this year, with each church receiving \$66,759 for a total of \$133,518. In the photo above, from left to right, are the MCCF Director Curt Johnson, LUMC Finance Chair Faryl Armstrong, Pastor Colleen Harden receiving the \$66,759 check, and CFP CEO Hope Flores. In the photo below, from left to right, are CFP CEO Hope Flores, MCCF Director Curt Johnson, SUMC Pastor Marty Evans receiving their \$66,759 check, Sunday Financial Chairman Alton Qualkenbush, Assistant Financial Secretary Alice Lewis, and Financial Secretary Daniel Lewis.



## Tippery second LHS student ever to be chosen for All-State Band

Reece Tippery, a member of the Loogootee High School Band directed by Amy Hamm, has been selected to participate in the Sixty-Second Annual Indiana All-State High School Band Festival, sponsored by the Indiana Bandmasters Association (IBA). Each student earned this honor by participating in a highly competitive audition held early in January at nine centers throughout the state. Six hundred talented young musicians applied to audition. A selection committee then reviewed recordings from each center.

Reece Tippery is the second student from Loogootee to ever be selected into the All-State bands and the first to be selected into the All-State Honor Band. The last time someone was selected from Loogootee for this tremendous honor was in 1963.

One hundred seventy students from 54 high schools have been selected for participation in the 2022 Festival. Dr. Dennis Llinás, Director of Bands and

Associate Professor of Conducting at the University of Oregon, will direct the Indiana All-State Band.

In addition to the regular Indiana All-State Band, there is a select Honor Band. Dr. Timothy Rhea, Director of Bands and Music Activities at Texas A&M University will direct the Indiana All-State Honor Band.

All members will participate in a series of activities including seating auditions, sectionals, and full rehearsals from Friday, March 11 through Sunday, March 13. A free grand finale concert will be presented to the public on Sunday, March 13 at 2:30 p.m. in the Elliott Hall of Music on



Purdue University – West

Lafayette campus. Directions to Elliott Hall of Music may be found on the IBA website at [www.indianabandmasters.org](http://www.indianabandmasters.org).

## Resident concerned about response from Loogootee Fire Department

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher

Dawn Sadler, who is a former EMT, expressed concern at Monday night's Loogootee City Council meeting, about the fire department first responders not showing up at medical calls. She said she understands that the first responders have full-time jobs however wanted to know the protocol for the fire department responding to medical calls and not just fires.

Fire Chief JD Flynn said the department has 29 firefighters who are volunteers and not everyone on the department is medically trained although they are all CPR trained. He said the ones who are medically trained may not be available when calls come in. He said some members of the fire department don't want to be around COVID and some have already

contracted COVID, so this is another issue. He said several first responders have pagers and not radios because that's what they requested so some may not get the call.

Flynn said there are communication issues that need to be worked out. He said he understands that there is a lot of turnover with dispatchers in the county but training needs to be done on the proper protocol. He said his first responders do not know if they are needed on medical calls and they are not informed of the equipment needed at each call. He added that the number one thing they are taught is to make sure a scene is safe, and they never know if it is.

Mayor Harty added that there are times that first responders get on the scene before the ambulance even does.

Flynn said his department is part-time and he can put numbers together to go (See 'COUNCIL' on page 2)

## Shoals School makes staff changes, gives updates

The Shoals School Board met February 10. Board members in attendance were Drexel Turpin, Eva George, Jenell Hoffman, and Annette Taylor. Staff in attendance were Dr. Candace Roush, Kacey Jones, Kindra Hovis, and Josh Mullis. Patron in attendance was Lorna Troutman.

Lorna Troutman had Brad Sims from WestGate come and talk to the high school robotics team about engineering and different things. Their next competition is March 12. She said she plans to start elementary robotics after Spring Break. The money that the robotics team received from concessions was given back to the to the community. SPA will conduct staff appreciation days in April and May.

The board approved the following per-

- sonnel changes
  - Marissa Meehan as substitute teacher.
  - Lisa Taylor as substitute nurse
  - Lisa Elliot to be removed from the Old National Bank account
  - Amanda Heckard to be added as treasurer on the Old National Bank account
  - Kacey Jones to be added as deputy treasurer on the Old National Bank account
  - Reva Troutman as high school girls' varsity track coach
  - Nicole Harder as girls' basketball volunteer
  - Caleb Rinker as varsity boys' baseball assistant
  - Melissa Fields as varsity boys' track coach
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# GRANT

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square foot fire station consisting of five bay doors, office and training spaces, restroom and shower facilities, dedicated space for firefighter turnout gear, radio and communication equipment, and a small kitchenette. The station will be located at the corner of Walnut and Powell streets in Macy and will serve all of Allen Township in Miami County.

The City of Rushville was awarded \$500,000 to expand the existing fire and EMS station to separate the living and sleeping quarters from potentially contaminated fire apparatus and gear. This project will not only provide a safer environment for fire and EMS personnel but will also help to keep the highest level of service available to all residents at all times, with healthy first responders at the ready.

The City of Vincennes was awarded \$500,000 to expand the Bettye J. McCormick Senior Center with a 3,450 square feet addition. This project will increase the capacity of the center to continue providing adult day services and to reestablish its Congregate Meal program for both the aging and disabled populations in the City of Vincennes and the surrounding area.

The Stormwater Improvement Program strives to reduce flooding, cut stormwater treatment and energy costs, protect rivers, lakes and vital landscape, and generate jobs to spur economic revitalization. Types of activities that are eligible for this grant funding include stormwater improvements, as well as demolition and/or clearance.

The Town of Carlisle was awarded \$600,000 for stormwater improvements that will reduce flooding along the residential streets of Saline and Eaton in Carlisle. With this project, the occurrence of street, sidewalk, yard and basement flooding will be reduced.

Porter County was awarded \$271,815 to utilize eco-friendly technology such as permeable roads and revetment systems to address and mitigate flooding issues impacting the residents of the Blackhawk Beach area.

The goals of the Wastewater/Drinking Water Program are to protect the health and environment, reduce utility rates for low-to-moderate income communities, and improve rural infrastructure to enable long-term economic growth. Eligible Wastewater/Drinking Water Program projects include many aspects of wastewater improvements and drinking water system improvements.

The Town of Wheatland was awarded \$700,000 to install new water mains, hydrants, pumps and meters to improve the water quality for residents.

The Town of Cromwell was awarded \$700,000 to rehabilitate the water tower, improve the well field and water treatment plant, replace fire hydrants, and install new water meters.

The Town of Ridgeville was awarded \$700,000 to upgrade the Wastewater Treatment Plant. This project will also rehabilitate and replace the Waltz Street lift station and the Wastewater Treatment Plant lift station, 23 manholes throughout the collection system, and various sections of sewer mains throughout the collection system.

The City of Hartford City was awarded \$700,000 to make necessary improvements to the water utility system. This project consists of installing new filters, aerators, water lines, hydrants, and making improvements at both elevated water towers and the water treatment plant.

The City of Gas City was awarded \$700,000 to make improvements to the city's North H Street lift station. This project also includes the installation of 7,784 linear feet of 8" cured-in-place-pipe lining, 1,975 linear feet of 10" CIPP

lining and 106 linear feet of 15" CIPP.

The Town of Otterbein was awarded \$700,000 to complete a water utility improvement project. The project elements include upgrades at the existing water treatment plant, rehabilitation of the elevated water storage tank and the replacement of the 1st Street water distribution line.

The City of Jasonville was awarded \$700,000 for wastewater treatment system improvements. The improvements include cured-in-place-pipe lining to the least efficient collection lines and enhancements at the wastewater treatment plant. This will allow Jasonville to continue to put residential safety at the forefront and prosper into the future.

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The Town of Brownstown was awarded \$700,000 to address needed upgrades within the sanitary sewer lines and manholes scattered throughout the entire community. The project also entails improvements within the existing wastewater treatment plant and two existing lift stations.

The Town of Liberty was awarded \$700,000 to fund improvements to their water utility. This project will replace water mains.

The Town of Oldenburg was awarded \$414,870 to install cured-in-place-pipe lining with manhole rehabilitation of 3,000' of sanitary gravity sewer, 500' of 8" sewer lines, and a mechanical screen at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. These improvements will decrease the amount of inflow and infiltration of storm water in the sanitary sewer system, resulting in sewage backups and overflows and less wear and tear on equipment at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The Town of Brooklyn was awarded \$700,000 to improve the wastewater treatment plant and collection system. The project includes a combination of collection system additions and upgrades, as well as new upgrades to the existing Wastewater Treatment Plant and the addition of a new flow equalization tank.

The Town of Walkerton was awarded \$400,000 to replace structural material and install new mechanical equipment on two existing elevated water storage tanks. Improvements will include interior and exterior sandblasting to remove rust and corrosion, steel structure replacement, interior joint lining, interior and exterior weather guard epoxy coatings, installation of new internal mixing units, anti-freeze vents, and other miscellaneous components.

The Town of Seelyville was awarded \$700,000 to rehabilitate the most urgent at-risk water main in the oldest part of the system. These improvements will enhance water supply and quality, improve water hydraulics and flow during peak demands and flushing within water system's designated service area, both in-town and areas to the south, along with improving fire protection.

The City of Aurora was awarded \$700,000 for cured-in-place-pipe lining and/or line replacement. The project will also increase capacity and elimination of mechanical problems in the following lift stations.

Funding for OCRA's CDBG programs originates from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant program and is administered for the State of Indiana by OCRA. For more information, visit [in.gov/ocra/cdbg/](http://in.gov/ocra/cdbg/).

# COUNCIL

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full-time but it will be costly. He noted that there were 38 medical runs last month, which is a lot.

Sadler said she has been involved in the emergency service for a long time and she understands however she worries about the lack of help being provided to someone who may have chest pain or shortness of breath. She said situations like that require more than just the two EMTs on the scene.

One of the fire fighters in the audience recalled a recent miscommunication regarding a call about an accident on Brickyard Road. He said they were not given any information on the severity of the accident and the medical helicopter was called in. Apparently, he said, dispatch called off the helicopter, but no one told the first responders who were waiting at the landing zone.

"There's a lot of problems, they add up," said Flynn. He said the ambulance service is also supposed to request help if it's needed but they are not doing that either.

The mayor said he and the fire chief have discussed meeting with the police chief to get communication improved and they need to do that.

Sadler said she didn't know the communication was that bad and she apologized to the fire chief for placing blame on his department.

In other business, Council Member Teresa Nolley suggested the city eliminate the COVID policy providing paid days off to employees who are in quarantine. She said the county and schools have dropped their policy and if someone gets COVID, they can use their paid time off. She made a motion to that effect with Council Member Lawrence making the second. The motion failed to get the votes.

Mayor Harty recommended paying for five days for COVID leave and then revisit the issue in December to decide for 2023. Clerk-Treasurer Roger Downey said that many are using at-home COVID tests and this doesn't prove if the employee actually tested positive. He suggested requiring the employee to go to the doctor or an authorized testing site.

The council unanimously approved the five-day policy with the testing requirement.

Superintendent Wilson said he took an at-home test when he had COVID, and he believes he is an honest person. He said he trusts his staff as well and if they call and say they are sick, he believes them.

Downey said COVID is becoming as common as the flu these days and employees do not get paid for having the flu.

Tim Salsman and his husband, Tracy, who live on the square in Loogootee had asked at last month's meeting if they needed the city's permission to place decorations on the "triangle" near the square to celebrate Pride Month. They had asked the mayor if the council had given permission for the placement of a nativity scene and Christmas tree last year. The mayor had replied that the city owns the property and since it was their own decorations, they didn't need permission.

On Monday night, the mayor asked the residents what their plans were for the decorations. Salsman replied that they were going to do rainbow letters that spelled out "pride" and it would be nothing "over the top".

Council Member Tim Lawrence asked if they could submit a drawing of what they want to do for the next council meeting.

Salsman asked if a decision would then be made at the March meeting, if they submitted that drawing.

Lawrence replied that they had people protest against placing the Ten Commandments on the triangle when it was brought to them a few years back, so the council chose not to let it happen. "How can we

allow this?" he asked.

Salsman replied that since the city places a nativity scene and Christmas tree on the area, this would be the same thing.

Before they could finish, Lawrence said again that the Ten Commandments were not allowed so he would not vote in favor of what they want to do. "You are not going to twist it around and change my mind," said Lawrence.

One of the men replied, "I let you talk, you don't have to talk over me," and asked if he could finish. He went on to say that having a nativity scene and Christmas tree shows support of Christian beliefs. He said they are fine with that because they love Jesus too, but they also love diversity and equality.

A debate then ensued on the comparison of the nativity versus decorations for Pride Month.

In the end, the residents were again asked to bring a drawing to the next month's meeting of what they would like to do.

The council approved the utilities superintendent's request to hire Lane for cleaning of two wells for \$30,400.

Superintendent Wilson presented the council with a quote from Bobcat in Washington to purchase a UTV (Utility Terrain Vehicle) which is a side by side with a dump bed and enclosed cab with heat. He said he wanted a UTV in place of a full-size truck so they can do smaller service calls. Wilson was asked to get more than one quote before a decision was made.

Wilson said he has two quotes for the purchase of a new tractor however the one he requested from Hudson's for a John Deere, just arrived prior to the meeting so he hasn't had time to give a presentation on it. He has another quote from Bobcat.

Wilson was asked by Tim Hudson about the city purchasing a new brush hog last year that was compatible with the current tractor.

Wilson replied that they have worked all that out already.

Hudson said he and others don't know that information which is why he was asking. He said the city purchased a new brush hog to go with the current tractor and now they want to buy a new tractor.

Wilson replied that this isn't the case, and it should not be assumed. He said they need a tractor with more horsepower because their current model has a limit on what it can handle pertaining to the brush hog.

The council didn't make a decision on purchasing the tractor as Wilson needs more time to present specifications, etc.

Wilson told the council that he had found a used 2005 Chevy 4500 dump truck for \$28,500 to replace the city's 1996 model however it got purchased by another city before he could get the council's approval. He requested the council give him a cap on what he can spend so he doesn't miss out on another one. Council Member Rick Norris suggesting giving Wilson up to \$28,000 and if he finds one more than that, he can make calls to the council for approval. It was noted that there is currently around \$42,000 in the MVH (Motor Vehicle Highway) fund for equipment purchases. Council Member Tim Lawrence voted against approving the funding.

Building Inspector Tim Hudson asked why the Jake Brake signs entering Loogootee were removed. Superintendent Wilson said INDOT ordered that the signs come down. Clerk-Treasurer Roger Downey said he believes it was because the city doesn't have a decibel meter to enforce the policy. Mayor Harty recommended that the police chief look into purchasing a decibel meter and see if they can get the signs back up.

Council Member Lawrence said he would like to do a surplus auction instead of doing sealed bids on equipment no lon-

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# OBITUARIES

## KATRINA JONES

Katrina L. Jones entered into eternal rest on February 7, 2022, at IU Health Bloomington Hospital in Bloomington. A resident of Shoals, she was 40.



She was born in Paoli, Indiana on July 10, 1981; daughter of Garold "Doc" and Mardella (Reichenberger) Jones.

## KATRINA JONES

Katrina was preceded in death by her grandparents and several aunts and uncles.

She was a member of The Church at Powell Valley, a boom operator for Morin Timber, and had attended Shoals High School.

Katrina enjoyed playing cards, Mexican Train, rock hunting, antiques, and spending time with friends and family.

She is survived by her parents, Garold "Doc" and Mardella Jones of Shoals; two daughters, Lillian K. Thacker and Bailee G. Jones, both of Shoals; one sister, Della M. Stigden (Lonnie) of Shoals; fiancé, Phillip Cummings of Shoals; and several nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life Ceremony was held at The Church at Powell Valley on Saturday, February 12.

Cremation was chosen.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the family to assist with expenses.

Arrangements were in the care of Brosmer-Kemple Funeral Home in French Lick. Condolences may be made at [www.brosmer-kemplefuneralhome.com](http://www.brosmer-kemplefuneralhome.com).

## EDNA JACKMAN

Edna Ruth (Abel) Jackman passed away February 8, 2022, at Deaconess Gateway Hospital in Newburgh. A resident of Shoals, she was 92.

She was born May 24, 1929, in Shoals; daughter of Frank Columbus and Mae (Mundy) Abel. She married Smith Dalton Jackman and he preceded her in death on November 29, 2001.

She graduated Shoals High School Class of 1947, graduated from Indiana State Teachers College in Terre Haute and later obtained her master's degree in education. She taught school in Decker, Springs Valley, Shoals, and several years in Washington.

Ms. Jackman was a member of the Shoals Christian Church where she was organist for many years, was a member of the Generations Board, Delta Kappa Gamma, the Martin County Council on Aging. She was also formerly on the Shoals Li-



brary Board.

She enjoyed traveling and took many family trips to Europe, loved playing the organ, sewing, tending her roses, cheering on the Purdue Boilermakers, bragging and doting on her dog, Molly.

Survivors include her children, Mark Jackman of Bloomington, Janie (Jim) Johnson of Shoals, and Matt (Liz) Jackman of Lansing, Michigan; one grandson, Dashiell Jackman; and several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Dalton; one brother Lloyd York and one sister, Lois York.

Funeral services were held Monday, February 14 at the Shoals Christian Church with Pastor Mike Newland officiating. Burial followed Spring Hill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shoals Christian Church.

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

## DWAYNE WALTON

Dwayne G. Walton passed away at 8:02 a.m. Monday, February 14, 2022, at Loogootee Nursing Center. A resident of Loogootee, he was 83.

He was born February 22, 1938, in Loogootee; son of the late Alpha and Jenny (Wildman) Walton.

Dwayne married Janet Frye on April 27, 1958, and she survives.

He attended the Hindostan United Methodist Church. He enjoyed woodworking, gardening, hunting, and watching sports on television. After 38 years as a field inspector, Dwayne retired from Midwestern Engineer, Inc.

Dwayne was preceded in death by his daughter, Jewel Lynn "Julie" Walton; parents, Alpha and Jenny Walton; siblings, Alpha Jr. (Pauline) Walton, Loren Walton, Dymple (Arnold) Ledgerwood and her first husband, Dick Gaither; and Laverne (George) Cooley.

He is survived by his wife, Janet Walton of Loogootee; sons, John (Lorie) Walton of Loogootee and Tom Walton of Shoals; granddaughter, Vanessa (Andrew) Stovall; step-grandsons, Cody (Natasha) McConnell and Garrett (Shelbi) McConnell; six great-grandchildren; and sister-in-law, Margie Walton of Loogootee.

A graveside service was conducted this morning, Wednesday, February 16 at Goodwill Cemetery in Loogootee.

Design, in Loogootee, for \$5,961 to develop the site and \$660 annually for maintenance and hosting; from Webship Design, in Williams, for \$6,350 to develop the site and the city would pay their own annual hosting and domain costs, along with an hourly fee if any updates were needed; and from Bruce Smith who has operated the Loogootee.com website for 12 years. He offered to maintain the site at no cost to the city.

Annie Hines, with AirEvac, of Paoli, presented information on the city providing membership to their 20 full-time employees. The membership, with a total cost of \$1,300, would provide the employees with free medical helicopter service as a benefit. It was mentioned that the cost of a medical helicopter trip can be \$25,000 or more. Hines said the membership would include anyone in the employees' household and would cost them nothing out of pocket. The mayor suggesting tabling a decision until the next meeting.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee is honored to serve the family of Dwayne G. Walton.

## CHARLES FIELDS

Charles T. Fields passed away at 5:25 a.m. Monday, February 7, 2022, at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper. A resident of Loogootee, he was 88.



## CHARLES FIELDS

May (Dillion) Fox.

Charlie was a United States Army veteran and served overseas during the Korean War. He received the following awards: Purple Heart recipient, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal and Bronze Star Attachment (Triple), Combat Infantryman Badge 1<sup>st</sup> Award, and United Nations Service Medal.

After Charlie returned from the war, he was injured and lost his left arm. He struggled to find employment and became a farmer in Rutherford Township. He eventually became employed at Crane (CAAA) and retired as a heavy equipment operator.

Charlie enjoyed winters in Florida and camping with his wife, Ann. He loved woodworking, fishing, watching western movies and reading Louis Lamar books. He was very mechanically inclined and could repair nearly anything. He enjoyed all types of yardwork and could be found mowing his yard every couple of days. Charlie was very giving and always would lend a helping hand.

He was a member of the American Legion - Post 120, Veterans of Foreign War - Post 9395 and St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

Charlie was preceded in death by his wife, Anna Laura (Kaiser) Fields; daughter, Charlotte Russell; parents, Eugene Fields and Goldie May Fox; siblings, Buddy Fields, Eddie (Betty) Fields, Jackie (Joyce) Fields, Rosie Fields and Laura (Bob) Wathen; and daughter-in-law, Debbie Fields.

He is survived by his children, Jim Fields and Carol (Jason) Jones, both of Loogootee; grandchildren, Ryan Fields, Kyle Russell, Beau Russell, Amanda Oakman, Sarah Troutman and Travis Troutman; great-grandchildren, Darion, Dalton, Jade and Kaden; brother, Delbert Fields of Alabama; half-siblings, Barbara Moffatt of Loogootee, Bill Fields of Loogootee and Frankie Fields of Loogootee; son-in-law, Wayne Russell of Loogootee; and many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, February 18, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee, officiated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker. Burial will follow in St. Mary Catholic Cemetery - Barr Township.

Visitation will be held Thursday, February 17, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be St. Mary Cemetery Fund.

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

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee is honored to serve the family of Charles T. Fields.

## BOB WILLIAMS

Robert R. "Bob" Williams passed away Sunday February 13, 2022, at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper. A resident of Loogootee, he was 65.

He was born March 19, 1956, in Odon; son of the late Richard and Mary (Cunningham) Williams.

Bob was a graduate of the Loogootee Class of 1974. He married Terri (Dillion) Williams. Bob worked at Kimball International in Jasper for 35 years. He was a member of the Shoals Eagles Club, he loved collecting antique tools, and playing cards with his friends.

A funeral service will be held today, Wednesday February 16 at 3 p.m. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee, with Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker to officiate. Burial will follow at St. John's Cemetery in Loogootee.

Friends may visit on Wednesday February 16 from 1 p.m. until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Blake Funeral Home.

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

Blake Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Bob Williams.

## LEROY SHOULTS

Earl Leroy Shoults passed away Friday, February 11, 2022, at Indiana University Health Bedford Hospital. A resident of Mitchell, he was 84.



## LEROY SHOULTS

Leroy retired from Jefferson Trucking and had also been employed at Russell Trucking and Mitchell Transport. He loved still board shooting, fishing, mowing, and caring for his grandkids. Leroy had been affiliated with the Mt. Carmel Christian Church.

He is survived by his wife, Rebecca Shoults of Mitchell; children, Michael Lee (Ann) Shoults of Paoli, Aaron Trent (Kim) Shoults of Mitchell, Darron Brent (Crystal) Shoults of Loogootee, and Heidi Johanna (Toby) King of Mitchell; eight grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; and siblings, Dwight Shoults of Campbellsburg and Betty Roll of Pekin.

His parents and a granddaughter preceded him in death.

A graveside service was held Tuesday, February 15, at Dixon Chapel Cemetery with Brother Allen Burris officiating.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.chastainfuneralhome.com](http://www.chastainfuneralhome.com).

## COUNCIL

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ger used. The mayor said he would look into getting one started online. Superintendent Wilson said they do have surplus items that could be included in the auction. Lawrence added that it would be a good idea to free up the space.

Three website developers gave presentations on creating a new city website. The website discussion came about a few months ago when the mayor said he received complaints about the current city website not being user friendly. The site was paid for a few years ago by the Martin County Alliance. The city had put out a request for proposals. Mayor Harty said five proposals were submitted however only three developers were in attendance at the meeting. He suggested hearing the three proposals and then he would reach out to the other two companies to see if they wanted to present at next month's meeting.

The proposals were from Hedrick Web

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7

12:02 a.m. - Received a report of deer in roadway. Jail Officer Phillips responded.

4:28 a.m. - Received a report of a car stuck in snow. Captain Reed was notified.

8:57 a.m. - Received a dog complaint east of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene and Animal Control Officer Hughett were notified.

2:45 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance northeast of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to IU Health Bedford.

3:58 p.m. - Received a report of a theft. Sergeant Gibson responded.

5:31 p.m. - Sergeant Gibson assisted a motorist in Shoals with a vehicle unlock.

6:10 p.m. - Received notification that Shoals Community School was on a two-hour delay.

7:01 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn north of Loogootee.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

4:47 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

5:53 a.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

6:40 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:52 a.m. - Received a report of car-deer accident north of Shoals. ISP was notified.

9:22 a.m. - Received two 911 calls. Sheriff Roush and Deputy Hawkins responded.

10:08 a.m. - Deputy Hawkins took two inmates to court.

12:18 a.m. - Received a report of an accident southeast of Shoals. Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

1:03 a.m. - Deputy Hawkins took two inmates to court.

3:39 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Major Keller, Sergeant Gibson, ICO Fuhrman, ISP Trooper Beaver, ISP Master Trooper Lents, Loogootee Chief Means, Loogootee Assistant Chief McBeth and Loogootee Officer Todd responded.

5:05 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.

5:59 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

6:48 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Shoals. Major Keller, Town Marshal Eckert and Reserve Commander Gammon responded.

8:35 p.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

8:48 p.m. - Received a report of a fire in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Sergeant Gibson and Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

7:27 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Major Keller responded.

7:46 a.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Major Keller responded.

10:03 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

11:08 a.m. - Major Keller assisted a motorist in Shoals with a vehicle inspection.

2:56 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Loogootee. Loogootee

Fire Department, Chief Deputy Greene and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:12 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief McBeth, Loogootee Chief Means and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

8:05 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Police and Deputy Flanagan were notified.

11:58 p.m. - Received a report of an accident southeast of Shoals. Orange County Police Department, Deputy Flanagan and Captain Reed responded.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

4:26 a.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

7:30 a.m. - Received a request for a lift assist in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded.

10:14 a.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.

10:24 a.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

10:40 a.m. - Corporal Wells took two inmates to court.

1:26 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:18 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire Department and Dubois County Ambulance responded.

2:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire Department and Dubois County Ambulance responded.

4:20 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

6:35 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

7:25 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

8:20 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute north of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

8:54 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

9:55 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

3:20 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person west of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

4:29 a.m. - Received a report of suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims and Deputy Flanagan responded.

5:55 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan, Loogootee Officer Sims, Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

6:42 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

9:52 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle east of Shoals. Major Keller responded.

10:54 a.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.

11:44 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check northeast of Loogootee. ISP was notified.

12:42 p.m. - Loogootee Chief Means assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

1:20 p.m. - Received a report of a fire north of Loogootee. Major Keller, ISP Master Trooper Lents and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

2:45 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Major Keller, ISP Trooper Beaver, Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:02 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver. All Martin County law enforcement were notified.

3:15 p.m. - Received notification of a repossession in Loogootee.

3:38 p.m. - Received a report of an accident southeast of Shoals. Major Keller responded.

11:57 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Loogootee Officer Seymour, Loogootee Officer Erwin and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8:17 a.m. - Received a report of a stranded vehicle northwest of Loogootee. Corporal Wells responded.

9:29 a.m. - Received a request for a lift assist in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Corporal Wells and Martin County Ambulance responded.

11:48 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver east of Loogootee. Corporal Wells was notified.

2:36 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Corporal Wells responded.

2:54 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Loogootee. Corporal Wells and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

3:05 p.m. - Received a report of theft southeast of Shoals. Corporal Wells responded.

5:59 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:24 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Deputy Flanagan and Martin

County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

9:22 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

9:59 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Crane. Deputy Flanagan responded.

10:48 p.m. - Received a report of an accident southeast of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour, Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded.

11:58 p.m. - Deputy Flanagan assisted a motorist in Shoals with a vehicle unlock.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

6:19 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. Loogootee Fire Department, Crane Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

7:20 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

8:45 a.m. - Received a raccoon complaint in Shoals. Corporal Wells responded.

10:59 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

11:41 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Corporal Wells, Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to IU Health Bedford.

12:40 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson and Corporal Wells were notified.

1:04 p.m. - Received a request for a lift assist in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

4:56 p.m. - Received a cat complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

5:28 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

6:26 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson, Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:07 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.



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# Loogootee Police log

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7

12:07 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth and Officer Erwin responded to a property damage accident on Wood Street.

1:28 p.m. - A caller reported that the streets in the Eastgate area still need sand.

4:32 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth responded to a property damage accident on Grant Street.

8:38 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department was dispatched to a possible fire on South Kentucky Avenue.

10:15 p.m. - Caller requested an officer do a patrol in her area.

11:36 p.m. - Caller reported a possible scam.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

4:47 a.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a domestic disturbance on Park Street.

11:15 a.m. - Caller reported the roads in the Eastgate area need sand again.

12:07 p.m. - A complainant reported a missing FedEx package.

12:37 p.m. - Caller reported an erratic driver on East Broadway Street.

12:39 p.m. - Caller reported a person selling items in the parking lot of a local business.

3:35 p.m. - The Loogootee Police Department assisted the Daviess County Sheriff's Department with a barricaded subject.

5:05 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on South Kentucky Avenue.

8:35 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to an alarm at a local business.

8:48 p.m. - The Loogootee Fire Department and Officer Seymour responded to a fire at a residence on South Oak Street.

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

4:13 p.m. - Officers responded to a domestic dispute on East Broadway Street.

3:00 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Brickyard Road.

8:07 p.m. - Caller reported an erratic driver on US 50 West.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

4:30 a.m. - Officer Sims responded to an alarm at a local business.

10:05 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Crane Street.

4:30 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth assisted a stranded motorist in St. John's Cemetery.

8:40 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a domestic dispute on Love Cemetery Road.

9:55 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a report of a possible prowler on Mt. Calvary Road.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

4:29 a.m. - Officer Sims responded to a verbal dispute on Southwest First Street.

5:55 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Doyle Avenue.

9:40 a.m. - Chief Means responded to a report of harassment at a local business.

10:48 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Cooper Street.

2:24 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a report of a smoke at a residence on US 231 South.

2:49 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Church Street.

10:16 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on US 50 West.

11:46 p.m. - First responders and Officers Seymour and Erwin responded to a medical call on East Broadway Street.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

9:31 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Crane Street.

# Martin County real estate transfers

**Constance S. Kelley**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Brandy L. Knepp**, of Daviess County, Indiana, Lot Number 43 in the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana, except a strip of even width 45 feet wide off of the north end thereof.

**Willis D. Hembree**, of Anne Arundel County, Maryland to **Willis D. Hembree and Robin Mayberry Hembree**, of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, commencing at the northwest corner of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 17, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, containing 21 acres, more or less. Also, the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 8, and the

north one-half of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter and the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 17, all in Township 1 North, Range 4 West, containing in all, 70 acres, more or less.

**George R. Elliott**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Tina M. Osgatharp**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.86 acre, more or less.

**Leland Wilcoxon**, of Martin County, Indiana to **The Board of Commissioners of Martin County, Indiana**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots 206 and 207 in the original plat of the town of West Shoals, now annexed to the Town of Shoals, Martin County, Indiana.

## COURT NEWS

### CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed February 3

Gateway Financial Solutions vs. Zachary Staats, civil collection.

### February 4

Capital One Bank vs. Sandra Boyd, civil collection.

### February 7

Clara E. Hellums vs. Richard D. Hellums, petition for dissolution of marriage.

### SMALL CLAIMS COURT February 2

Isha E. Wright-Ryan, Attorney at Law, P.C. vs. Dimple Bo Gray, complaint.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES February 2

Evan Wagoner of Shoals and Angelica L. Hampton of Shoals.

### February 7

Richard J. Davis of Naples, Florida and Ashley M. Collins of Naples, Florida.

William Rex Hoff of Shoals and Rebecca Ann Smith of Shoals.

## ARRESTS

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

9:15 p.m. - Roger Terry, 54, of Shoals, was arrested by Major Keller and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated greater than .15, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangerment, possession of marijuana, operating a vehicle while intoxicated prior. He is being held on a \$15,000 10% bond.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

4:58 p.m. - Brian Cox, 50, of Montgomery, was arrested by Loogootee Assistant Chief McBeth and charged with battery in the presence of a minor under 14. He is being held without bond.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

2:43 p.m. - William Kidwell, 42, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Master Trooper Lents and charged with possession of methamphetamine. He is being held on a \$30,000 10% bond.



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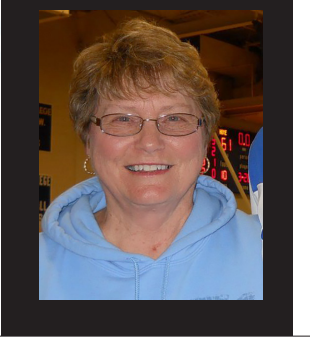
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### More Neat Stuff



A grandfather was walking through his yard when he heard his granddaughter repeating the alphabet in a tone of voice that sounded like a prayer. He asked her what she was doing.

"I'm praying, but I can't think of exactly the right words, so I'm just saying all the letters, and God will put them together for me because He knows what I'm thinking."

I was walking in the park and a little kid came barreling down the path on a bike, with his 10-year-old brother screaming, "Don't crash into the old lady! Watch out for the old lady!"

I looked around to see where the imperiled old lady was, and realized he meant me. I was 29.

#### THOUGHTS

\*I came, I saw, I forgot what I was doing, retraced my steps, and got distracted on my way back. I have no idea what's going on and now I have to pee.

\*I never wish death upon anyone who wrongs me. I wish sudden explosive diarrhea while stuck in traffic with frequent sneezes.

\*If you want to see bright-eyed and bushy-tailed in the morning, go find a squirrel.

\*You know it's cold when you trip over horse poop instead of stepping in it.

\*I see people my age out there climbing mountains and zip lining and here I am feeling good about myself because I got my leg through my underwear without losing my balance.

\*Dr. Oz says rubbing coffee grounds on your naked body prevents cellulite. APPARENTLY, you can't do it in Star-

bucks. And now the cops are here...

\*The fact that my entire body cracks like a glowstick whenever I move and yet refuses to actually glow is very disappointing.

\*Crocs are dangerous. You buy them thinking "These will be great for around the house" then suddenly grocery store crocs, mall crocs, birthday party crocs, wedding crocs...

HELP WANTED: Every athletic team should have a man who plays every position, never makes an error, and knows just what the opposition is planning...But so far there's been no way to get him to put down his popcorn and coke to come down out of the stands!

#### THINGS I'M SUPER GOOD AT

1. Forgetting someone's name 10 seconds after they tell me.
2. Buying produce...and throwing it away two weeks later.
3. Digging through the trash for the food box I just tossed, because I already forgot the directions.
4. Making plans and then immediately regretting making plans.
5. Leaving laundry in the dryer until it wrinkles, then turning on the dryer to de-wrinkle, then forgetting it again.
6. Calculating how much sleep I'll get if I can just "fall asleep right now."

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#### Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, February 17 at 5 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. The meeting is open to the public.

#### ARPA meeting

The Martin County ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Board will meet Thursday, February 17 at 5 p.m. in the commissioners' room of the courthouse in Shoals. The meeting is open to the public.

#### Redevelopment commission meeting

The Martin County Redevelopment Commission will hold a special meeting Thursday, February 17 at noon in the commissioners' room of the courthouse in Shoals. The purpose of the meeting is to establish a meeting schedule for 2022 and discuss other business that may come before the commission. 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 via Zoom. If interested in being a part of the tax force, email [echristmas@youthfirst.org](mailto:echristmas@youthfirst.org) or [toddamy@iu.edu](mailto:toddamy@iu.edu).

#### 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.

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#### Kindergarten and pre-school immunization clinic Feb. 18

The Martin County Health Department Immunization Clinic will be open on Friday, February 18 for any child who will be attending kindergarten or 4/5-year-olds who will be attending pre-school in the fall. Hours for this special clinic will be from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. In addition to this special clinic date, the health department conducts immunization clinics every Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to noon and from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. On the first Wednesday of each month, the clinic remains open until 6 p.m.

Please call 812-247-3303 for an appointment time. Bring your child's immunization record and insurance card for billing purposes. The health department office is located at 127 Water Street, Shoals (next to the Shoals Fire Station).

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#### 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](http://www.martinswcd.com) or call at 295-3149.



I, Julie Fithian, have announced my candidacy for the office of Martin County Clerk on the Republican ticket. I served as Martin County Clerk for 2 terms 2008-2014 and I have served as Deputy Clerk from 2015 to the present.

The Clerk's Office is responsible for a variety of duties, including processing court documents, maintaining voter records, conducting elections and other numerous services to the community. In the 14 years that I have worked in the Clerk's Office, there have been a lot of changes. When I served as Clerk, our office transitioned from paper files only to paper and digital which means that we scanned all the court records into digital form. I was able to go from 4 full-time positions to 3 full-time and 3 part-time positions to 1 part-time, saving the county money without disrupting service to the public. I was able to streamline the Election process, also saving the county money.

When hired as Deputy Clerk, elections were to be my main responsibility. We have acquired new software and equipment for elections, which, after many hours of training, I have become very knowledgeable. When there is no work to be done for elections I help with the court side of things. We transitioned from one court system to the current statewide system. I was tasked with all the groundwork to make that happen.

My husband, Bruce, and I moved to Shoals 29 years ago. We have 2 daughters, Raquel (Cole) Osborne of Lake Lynn, Pennsylvania and Alyssa Fithian (Daniel Shaw) of Shoals. Before moving to Shoals, I was Operations Manager for Shearson Lehman Brothers at the Chicago Board of Trade. I currently manage the VFW in Shoals, I am the treasurer for the Shoals VFW Auxiliary and auditor for the Shoals Eagles Auxiliary. I am also a member of the East Fork Friends of the NRA where I previously served as secretary.

I enjoy working in the Clerk's Office. I feel blessed to live in a wonderful community with good people and enjoy helping those people whenever possible. I believe that County Office Holders are responsible for serving the community while keeping costs down. With the 14 years of experience I have acquired, I feel I am the best candidate to serve as Martin County Clerk. If elected, I will continue to serve you to the best of my ability.

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It is the Year of Salad Greens, according to the National Garden Bureau. After several weeks of recognizing flowers being honored, this week we get to the edible plant category. It is just the right time, too. It is now time to begin planting salad greens for those early spring salads.

In Southern Indiana, most people immediately think of leaf lettuce when we think of salad greens. My earliest gardening memories include that obligatory row of black-seeded Simpson lettuce at the edge of the garden, right next to a couple of rows of onions, needed for the traditional supper of wilted lettuce with brown beans and corncakes. We did grow mustard and kale, but they were used for cooked greens instead of salad greens. We grew cabbage, broccoli and cauliflower, but, again, for cooking mainly and not as salad greens.

Things have changed. Today, I grow a variety of greens for salads. It may be the best return on your seed money in the garden. Just look at the price one must pay for a small bag of micro-greens for a fancy salad. Micro-greens are nothing out of the ordinary. They are simply regular salad greens that have been harvested while they are small. Since most of the plants in this category sprout and grow rather quickly, one may actually grow micro greens in less than a month. Seeds for most salad greens are inexpensive and most come with a lot of seeds in a pack. I recommend buying several different types of greens, planting part of the seeds early and saving the rest for later in the spring. You may even plant more cabbage and other cole crops than you will need. Thin out the plants by clipping them when they are an inch or so in height and add them to the salad greens. In addition to the black-seeded Simpson, try some other lettuce varieties. There are numerous varieties of both romaine and bibb or butterhead lettuces. There are also other loose-leaf varieties, some of which are red, adding

## Explore Indiana's trails in a new WTIU Documentary

A new documentary from WTIU Public Television explores some of the 6,000 miles of hiking, pedestrian, and biking trails in Indiana. *The Hoosier Way: Trails of Indiana* premieres Monday, February 28 at 8 p.m. on WTIU and simultaneously streams on Facebook Live.

The program takes viewers on a tour of some of Indiana's finest outdoor nature trails, hikes, rails-to-trails conversion projects, and urban trails systems, revealing the beauty and wonder of the Hoosier state's natural habitats.

Across the country and within the state, unused railroad corridors are being converted to public multi-use trails. Indiana towns and cities—small and large—are dedicating funds, space, and precious resources toward paved recreational routes for residents and guests to enjoy. Indiana's extensive state parks and dedicated nature preserves offer some of the state's finest outdoor nature trails for hiking and mountain biking.

color to the salad.

Do not stop at lettuce and cole crops. There are many other types of greens that will add color and various tastes to a salad. Mache or corn salad is another good crop for late winter, as the plants tend to bolt and set seed as temperatures warm. You may plant part of your seed now and save the rest for a fall crop. Cress will add some spice to a salad. You definitely want to harvest and use cress as a micro-green, as the shoots may get rather hot as they age. If you enjoy a slight bitterness in your salads, add a chickory, such as escarole, endive or radicchio. Radicchio may also add some red color to brighten the plate.

We often grew Chinese cabbage when I was a child, using the crisp stalks much the same as celery. However, there are many different Asian greens available on the market today. Pak choy or bok choy will lend a tangy-sweet flavor to a salad. Mizuna will give you a slight mustard tang. Tatsoi is a rapid-crowning crop that may be used as baby leaves in salads or cooked in stir-fries. As with the other salad greens, seeds are usually not expensive, so try a wide variety.

Of course, immature leaves from many other garden crops may be used in salads. Bean and pea shoots add texture and flavor. The leaves of beets, radishes and turnips will add unique flavors, as will young chard leaves. Cutting some of these crops for greens is a good way to thin the plants to allow the remaining plants room to grow.

Regular readers of this column will know that my spring salads are not complete without some wild greens. I have already been adding dandelion and chickweed to store-bought salads and I look forward to the appearance of shawney or tall bellflower. Whatever combination you choose, a good spring salad is both food and tonic. You may find that mixing the greens will give enough flavor that you do not need the salad dressing.

From the expansive, rolling wilderness of Hoosier National Forest to the sandy paths and reed-filled marshes of Indiana Dunes along the Lake Michigan shoreline, to the paved rail-line conversion of Indianapolis' Monon Trail and a burgeoning list of rail-trails across the state, Indiana's trail systems boast a rich array of terrain, flora, fauna, history, and culture.

The documentary reveals that these scenic, winding trails embody the Midwestern experience—a wandering, laid-back mix of curious adventure-seeking and complacent contentment.

Watch a trailer and learn more about *The Hoosier Way: Trails of Indiana* at [wtiu.org/indianatrails](http://wtiu.org/indianatrails). Following the premiere on WTIU and Facebook Live, the program will be available to watch on this website starting March 1.

*The Hoosier Way: Trails of Indiana* is made possible with support from IU Credit Union and JL Waters Adventure Outfitters.

## 2021 grain dust explosions show decrease in incidents, result in one death

BY JILLIAN ELLISON  
Purdue University News Service

In the annual report recording nationwide grain dust bin explosions, seven incidents were reported in 2021, down from eight in 2020.

Kingsly Ambrose, Purdue University associate professor of agricultural and biological engineering and author of the report, said that despite the decrease in explosions from the previous year, one fatality and five injuries were reported. The 10-year average for explosions stands at 8.0, down from 8.1 in 2020.

The explosions occurred in one feed mill, one ethanol plant, one grain mill and four grain elevators. The probable ignition sources were identified as one case of a fire, two incidences of smoldering grain, while four cases were from

unknown sources. Fuel sources for the explosions were identified as grain dust in five cases, and the remaining two cases were unknown.

The dust explosions occurred in six different states, Ambrose said, with two occurring in Minnesota, one in Georgia, one in Idaho, one in Indiana, one in Iowa and one in Oregon.

"Grain dust acts as a fuel for these explosions, and all it takes is a small spark for ignition to occur," Ambrose said. "Controlling grain dust can significantly reduce the possibility and severity of explosions. Simple and effective house-keeping is the first line of defense."

Ambrose said keeping good maintenance of equipment to ensure proper working order and properly training workers are measures to help eliminate grain dust explosions

## Nearly \$500,000 in federal grant funds available for specialty crop industry

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA), beginning February 15, will seek project proposals from Indiana's specialty crop sector for funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Specialty Crop Block Grant Program. Eligible projects must enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops in Indiana, defined as fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, horticulture and nursery crops.

"Indiana is home to an abundance of agricultural sectors, including a robust specialty crop industry that contributes significantly to our economy," said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Secretary of Agriculture. "The funding through this program, whether that be research, market development or education and training, will help to greatly advance this industry in our state."

The USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant Program offers federal funding annually to the state departments of agriculture to support their specialty crop industries. Indiana's allocation is \$486,095.35.

ISDA created and distributed a funding priority survey in early 2022 for specialty crop funding; respondents included stakeholders across the specialty crop industry. Based on the survey suggested projects included enhancing food safety, pest and disease control, developing organic and sustainable production practices, and developing local and regional food systems. When the application opens please refer to the notice of funding opportunity for a full list of suggested projects.

Funding will not be awarded to projects that benefit a particular commercial product, or provide a profit to a single organization, institution or individual. Each project must identify at least one of the new USDA performance measures that specifically demonstrates the project's impact on enhancing the competitiveness of eligible specialty crops.

"These funds have the potential to make a substantial impact on the specialty crop industry," said Bruce Kettler, Indiana State Department of Agriculture director. "I encourage those involved in the specialty crop sector to apply and work toward further supporting this industry and enhancing its significance in our state."

Applications opened on February 15, 2022, and are due by 11:59 p.m. ET on March 8, 2022. Proposals must be submitted online through the Indiana State Department of Agriculture's Grants

Management System. ISDA will host a SCBGP webinar for interested applicants on February 22, 2022. Registration information is available on ISDA's Funding Opportunities website at [www.in.gov/isda/grants-and-funding-opportunities/](http://www.in.gov/isda/grants-and-funding-opportunities/).

For more information and the solicitation click visit [www.in.gov/isda/grants-and-funding-opportunities/](http://www.in.gov/isda/grants-and-funding-opportunities/). For a full list of eligible specialty crops visit [www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/scbgp/specialty-crop](http://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/scbgp/specialty-crop).

## Hoosier National Forest Campgrounds enact price increase

Three recreation areas within the Hoosier – Hardin Ridge, Tipsaw, and Indian-Celina, will have slight fee increases for their campgrounds in the 2022 season.

According to FIND Outdoors, the non-profit that manages all three recreation areas, the increase is in full cooperation with the US Forest Service partners that work closely with FIND.

FIND Outdoors, a 50-year-old organization that specializes in recreational opportunities on public lands, has operated the three recreation areas for over a decade and shows no signs of slowing down.

Hardin Ridge, the largest of the three, is a hub of outdoor activities including a swimming beach, playground, spacious campsites, boat ramp and amphitheater for programs.

Tipsaw and Indian-Celina, although smaller than Hardin Ridge, are well-known for their fishing, swimming, hiking and laid-back personalities.

The new pricing for the 2022 Hoosier National Forest campgrounds will be as follows:

- Single Standard Campsite: \$21/night
- Single Electric Campsite: \$28/night
- Standard Double Campsite: \$41/night
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- RV Electric Campsite: \$31/night
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- Group Shelter Electric: \$47/day
- Cabin Rentals: \$55/night

To learn more about the opportunities at Hardin Ridge, Tipsaw, and Indian-Celina Recreation Areas, visit [www.gofind-outdoors.org](http://www.gofind-outdoors.org), or find them on Facebook and Instagram.

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LHS Junior English Class presents . . .

# Small Businesses, BIG Stories



**BY LINSEY ENGLAND, DARION OAKMAN & TYLEN WILLIAMS**  
*Loogootee High School Junior Class*

The junior English class at Loogootee High School are working with the City of Loogootee Recast Team to promote locally-owned small businesses. The class is interviewing business owners in Loogootee and Shoals. Below is their interview with Jolene McAtee with Jolene's Decorating in Loogootee.

### Jolene's Decorating

"So back a long time ago, I first just worked out of my basement. And I started off by just doing flowers, like for people's weddings, that kind of stuff. Then I expanded, rented, and I moved, where the apartments are at the Larkin building. So, on the backside, where the doctor's office is over there, I was on the backside in a little area down the bottom there. And then I started doing weddings, decorating, and still doing the flowers. Then after that, they kicked me out of there, because they were making it into apartments, I moved over to where the tattoo shop is now, and I started doing prom dresses. I was there for a long time. But I got so big, and that building is in such bad shape, that we decided I was going to build. So actually, just two years ago, I moved in here. So that's kind of how I started.

I like to keep busy. Sitting at home is not an option for me. I'm actually retired. I worked for VU for 35 years. At the time, I was doing both jobs. But when you have your own business, you are your own boss, and you can determine how much you're really going to do. If you just want to pull back, you can. I'm kind of a people pleaser. That's one of those traits you're not supposed to have because it's hard to please everybody. When I go to a wedding, I have the bride and groom come see everything I've done. And I mean, if they didn't pay

me, the reward is the smile on their face. And then, even just like the musicals going up and doing all the decorating, and it's just seeing the smiles on people's faces. You know, I just want people to have fun. That's kind of my goal in mind. And I know it can't always be that, but that's what I like to do. You know, there's too much bad stuff going on.

It's not very often, but I have had one bride that wasn't pleased with what I did. And I didn't handle that very well at all. Being able to give people what they want is very important, and as a businessperson you're going to get somebody that doesn't like what you do. You just are. It took me down for about two weeks. I was devastated. I would say that the disappointment of not being able to please your customer, it's pretty hard on me, but you got to get over that."

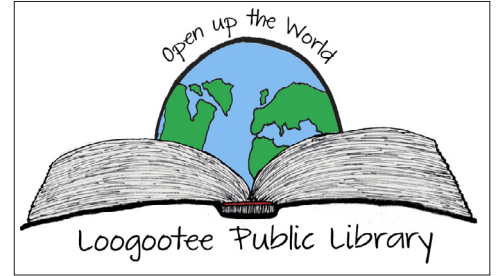
In the very beginning, it [working] was probably for extra money. I thought well, this is the way I can contribute. Because I was a stay-at-home mom, I waited till my kids got in school before I went to work because I just thought that was important to be at home with your kids. It was something I could do at home, and kind of contribute some money to it. And then it just grew from there. Well, it just kind of grew on its own. I didn't really think that I would ever have a building like this, I just didn't dream that this would happen.

Because we're in such a small area, there's not a lot of competition. The flower shop, I really don't try to compete with them. But I always told them, I will always do my prom flowers. And if a bride comes in and wants me to do her wedding, I'm gonna do those flowers. But I don't typically do real flowers. I try not to compete with the small businesses in town. A lot of the decorators that were local, they're not doing it anymore. It's a lot of work and a lot of expense. I can't really think of any other decorators close.

I think there is one in Washington now, but I don't really know her that well.

My brother, who owns Destination Yachts, asked me one time, "how much money did you make?" I don't know. Really, your most important thing should be, are you financially stable? As long as I can pay my bills. I don't worry about that so much.

When you own a business, at the end of the day, did you make any money? So, the scary part for me, was when I first started, I had just a little bit of money in my account for the business. So, I would always have to worry from event to event, am I going to have enough money to buy the stuff I need for that next event, because you have so much expense in putting on a 400 people wedding, because around here, everybody in God's creation is invited. Right now, my washer and dryer go 24/7. So, there's a lot of expense. Then you have the expense of all your utility bills, which is a lot. But then you have to make sure you have enough money to buy the stuff you need, before that event happens. But over the years, I've learned how to cut down on that expense, not for the customer. I've gotten such a good supply of all my tablecloths and all my centerpieces and how to reuse things. I've slowly built that checking account up to where it is now because I don't have to worry, I always keep a certain amount in there that I know, I'm going to be fine, even for three or four weddings if I have to. So, you know, when someone's thinking about owning a business, everyone thinks if you own your own business, you get all kinds of money, usually that's not the case, especially in a small area like this. You're kind of stretching all the time. And the other thing about small areas like this, small businesses are hit up for every fundraiser- I'll get like 10 a week. So, it's hard not to support everybody, it's just good for me, because I'm a people pleaser. But that's not a bad trait!"



**BY DARLA WAGLER**

*Librarian, Loogootee Public Library*

With some of the federal ARPA grant funds, the library purchased 20 new Play-away Launchpads for kids. A Launchpad is a learning tablet for kids ages 3-8. It is pre-loaded with apps, games, comics or videos that can be accessed anytime, or anywhere-no internet required. The categories are STEAM, Life Skills, Math, Reading, and Language Arts designed for various grade levels. A library card holder aged 18 and older can check out one Launchpad for seven days. Stop by the library and check it out!

The library inclement weather policy states that if Loogootee School is closed then we are as well. Staff will notify WWBL and WAMW radio stations plus post on Facebook.

Library hours: Monday 10-7, Tuesday 10-5, Closed on Wednesday, Thursday 10-7, Friday 10-5, and Saturday 9-1. The library phone number is 812-295-3713 and check out the website [www.loogootee.lib.in.us](http://www.loogootee.lib.in.us) or like us on Facebook. The library has free Wi-Fi service available for patrons.

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# SHOALS SCHOOL

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-Rhonda Sanders as varsity girls' junior varsity and assistant coach

-Amy Baesel's resignation

-Eileen Dawson's retirement effective May 31, 2022.

-Rebecca Rollins FMLA beginning August 2022 and returning November 2022

The high school principal requested permission to recycle/dispose of old office supplies. The board approved. She also requested permission to use a \$400 RECN stipend sent for teachers who completed a survey to purchase Amazon gift cards for teachers who participated. The board gave the okay.

The board approved the following fundraiser requests: Daisy Troop (Girl Scouts) to sell cookies at the February 15 game; the culinary/ag/shop students to have their annual strawberry sale along with jellies/jams and nuts; and the Class of 2022 requests to sell cinnamon rolls for their senior trip

The board approved the following facility usage requests: Daisy Troop (Girl Scouts) to use the cafeteria monthly for

meetings; the sheriff's department to use of the multipurpose room for training on January 26; the DNR Hunter Education Course provided by Indiana Conservation Officer Tony Mann to use the school cafeteria on March 3 from 6-9:30 p.m. and March 5 from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; and the indoor walking group to use the facility

The Robotix Team requested approval for an overnight field trip to attend the FTC State Championship at Crawfordsville High School and the high school principal's request for the Senior Class Trip. The board approved.

The high school principal requested permission to pay the following dual credit teachers a stipend EACH through the RECN grant: Dennis Dahlen (DC ELA), Tine Rue (DC Social Studies), Kimberly Perry (DC Business), Wesley Stephenson (DC Chemistry), Danielle Cornett (DC Biology), Myrna Greene (DC Psychology), Theresa Holt (DC Healthcare), Erin Cage (DC World Languages), and Jonathan Holt (DC Mathematics). The board approved.

A report from Middle School Principal, Josh Mullis, started out congratulating the

January Students of the Month and January teacher of the month recently. January students of the month were 6th grader: Peyton Harger, 7th grader: Sebastian White, and 8th grader: Nicholas Sutton. January teacher of the month was Ashley Montgomery. They enjoyed lunch together from Velma's Diner. They appreciate Velma's partnership to help provide this meal. They recently celebrated Anti-Bullying Week with a parade throughout the elementary school and it was a huge success. Many of the posters made by the middle and high school students are on display throughout the elementary hallways. The middle school took part in the System Readiness Test to make sure they are prepared for the ILEARN standardized test. Mrs. Raysha Winger has been creating a testing schedule. Mr. Mullis has completed the online tests and quizzes, part of the School Safety Specialist Training, starting tomorrow and the next two Fridays he will have additional seminars to listen to online. The middle school staff have begun to look at schedules for next year as they hope to add a couple of classes to bring some excitement to the curriculum (film study and media). They are about to wrap up winter sports seasons for the middle school. Congratulations to Mrs. Harder and her husband, John, on the arrival of their new baby boy, Paul Scott Harder, who was born on Wednesday, February 9.

High School Principal Kindra Hovis began by welcoming the first litter of piglets. The 12 piglets were born on January 20. Shoals Grounds, the student-run coffee shop, is gearing up for its grand opening on Monday, February 14. They have enjoyed trying the new drinks. Mrs. Hovis wanted to congratulate and wish the robotics team the best of luck at their competition on March 12. The RECN visit went very well on Tuesday. They complimented the school/students. There are currently

two teachers who are enrolled or enrolling in master level classes to be able to teach dual credit. Their classes were completely paid for through the RECN grant. The first-ever scholarship event was hosted on Wednesday and there was a great turnout. They served approximately 20 seniors and their families. The students have been very busy interviewing with COSMOS leaders to try and create a mission statement for COSMOS and ROI leaders regarding a new program called UpSkill.

Superintendent Dr. Roush informed the board that the school will be writing a STEM acceleration grant in partnership with Indiana University's School of Education. She also told the board of another partnership with Indiana University to work on a shared course collaboration with all three COSMOS schools. She updated the board on the status of the FEMA grant she is writing to help build two new classrooms at the high school that will also serve as tornado safe rooms. She conducted a survey of substitute pay rates at other area local schools and presented a proposal to increase the pay rate of substitutes at Shoals. She will bring this back for review at the March board meeting as well as plans for this coming 2022 summer school. She notified the board of some potential retiring school bus drivers and presented some options for recruiting and hiring future bus drivers. After this year, the current bus drivers have one year left so bus route bidding will take place this coming fall. Dr. Roush congratulated Evan and Angel Wagoner on their wedding, thanked Amanda Heckard for her hard work in transitioning to the new treasurer, as well as Doug Wagoner and Roger Wraley for their great work keeping the parking lots and sidewalks cleared off. Finally, she wished the robotics team good luck at their state competition coming up in March.

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