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Regional Champs!

-Photo by Jill Walker

The Loogootee Lady Lions Basketball Team (19-4) defeated Tecumseh last Saturday, 55-38, to claim the 2021 Class 1A Regional title. The girls defeated Orleans 55-26 on February 6 to take the Sectional trophy. They move on now to Semi-State in Jasper this Saturday, February 20. The girls will play Greenwood Christian Academy (16-6) at 1 p.m. Shown above in the front row, from left to right, are Isabelle Waggoner, Jaelyn Walker, Brooklynn Jones, Delaney Bateman, Shealyn Arthur, Adie Nolley, Kalea Fleming, and Makenzie VanHoy. In the back row, from left to right, are Jack Fellers, Madison Machmer, Karoline Tedrow, Madison McAtee, Anastasia Toy, Katie Callison, Macy McAtee, Mallorie Sutton, Kylie VanHoy, Grace Gingerich, Emily Hawkins, Andrea Sutton, Brenna Wade, Asst. Coach Chris Reed and Coach Brian Smith.

Shoals School Board approves several athletic positions

The Shoals School Board met Thursday, January 11. Board members in attendance were Drexel Turpin, Eva George, Jenell Hoffman, Jerry Braun and Sam Boyd. Staff in attendance were Dr. Candace Roush and Amanda Heckard. No patrons were present.

The board approved the following personnel recommendations:

-Ashley Roush as interim varsity softball coach

-Brittany Jones as varsity softball assistant coach

-Aimee Harder as JV softball coach (Varsity Softball Coach) and volunteer volleyball coach

-Tim Sorrells as varsity baseball coach

-Kyle Troutman as JV baseball coach

-Wes White as varsity assistant baseball coach

-Josh Sexton, Kenyon Sorrells, Dalton Roush, and Max Fischer as volunteer baseball coaches

-Dennis Dahlen as varsity girls' track coach

-Rhonda Sanders as varsity girls' track assistant coach and JV girls' track coach

-April Sutton as middle school girls' track coach

-Tim Howell as varsity boys' track coach

-Marsha Archer as varsity volleyball coach

-Taylor Atkison, Jill Holt, Teresa Ziegler, Cory Roush, Michael Archer, Lindsey Douglas, Macey Way, Kacey Jones, and Ashton Albright as volleyball volunteer coaches

-Stevie Witt as volunteer for boys' junior basketball which will be held February-March

-Amy Money as volunteer girls' junior basketball coach

-Emily French as substitute teacher

The board approved the 5th and 6th grade boys' basketball to use the gym and participate in tournaments (runs through

March); the girls' junior basketball to be held February - March and the Shoals spring volleyball to use the gym and host games during the spring.

The Shoals Summer League Board requested to use the high school main entrance lobby for signups for the upcoming season. The dates for signups will be Saturday, February 20 and Saturday, February 27 from 10 a.m. until noon. The board approved.

The Martin County Sheriff's Department requested to use the multipurpose room February 10. The board approved.

The board approved the prom date of April 24, 2021, along with two different plans.

Superintendent Roush recommended the board approve the cancellation of corporation checks and ECA checks outstanding for a period of two or more years. The board approved.

Heidi Hoffman requested FMLA beginning June 15, 2021 and returning the spring semester of the 2021-2022 school year. The board approved with Board Member Jenell Hoffman abstaining.

A first reading of the non-certified handbook policy change was held. The policy includes information on the extension of insurance once a non-certified employee retires, to which they will cover the full cost.

The superintendent recommended the board approve the following e-learning days: January 28, February 1, February 9, February 10, February 11, and February 12.

The superintendent recommended the board approve the auction of the old playground equipment. This does not include the swing sets which will not be replaced. Also, the remaining gym floor pieces. The board approved.

The high school volleyball team requested to sell license plates with school

logo. The funds will be used for team gear, camps, etc. The board approved.

Superintendent Roush presented the new insurance rates from German American.

A written report from High School Principal Kindra Hovis was presented. January discipline at a record low, freshmen Thursday school continues to go well. ISTEP+ began for all juniors this past Monday (hopefully they can finish next week). Currently planning a spring fling day for grades 9-12 the day before spring break (outside event, social distancing will take place). College signing day activity is being planned for seniors during spring fling day. Incoming freshmen orientation tentatively planned for March 18 at 6 p.m.

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Major snowfall

Martin County was slammed with two rounds of snowfall in the past week. After the first 3-6 inches was plowed away, another 8-10 inches showed up. The photos above are from Bramble. The photo on the left was the actual snowfall. The photo on the right was from a snow drift. More snow is on the way for Wednesday night into Thursday morning however the forecast is only calling for another less than an inch.

-Photos by Cory Brassine

Shoals Town Council goes over multiple topics

The Shoals Town Council met Monday, February 8. Those in attendance were Council Members Cary D. Albright, Clint Hoffman, and Cecil Ragsdale; Clerk-Treasurer Sierra Rutledge, Town Attorney Dave Lett, Municipal Utilities Manager Kevin Crecelius, Park Board President Zack Brown, and Park Board Members Sara Clark, Kaylee Diamond and Chad Damon. Others in attendance were Micky Crew.

Council Member Albright requested for a motion to renew the property and casualty liability insurance policy with changes as needed to include the deletion of items no longer owned, along with the workman's compensation insurance policy, both being with DeWitt Insurance. Councilman Ragsdale made a motion to renew the policies with Councilman Hoffman making the second and all were in favor.

Resident Micky Crew came before the council with complaints concerning a neighboring property to hers. Crew requested the council do something about the trash, debris and other concerns she had pertaining to the property. The council stated to Mrs. Crew that they would issue violations in accordance with town ordinances with the town marshal.

Attorney Dave Lett presented the timber contract for Council Member Albright's signature for the timber cutting of town-owned land on Sherfick School Road, with Indiana Timber & Veneer. The council put Municipal Manager Kevin Crecelius as the point of contact to see out the operations of the job. Next, Lett presented Ordinance 2021-1 for approval which is an ordinance revising the tap in fees to the water and sewer systems of the town. Councilman Ragsdale made a motion to approve the ordinance with Councilman Hoffman making the second and all were in favor. President Albright stated he wanted to reiterate that this does not affect current utility customers only new ones tapping into the main lines on the system.

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Making A Difference

By Curt Johnson
MCCF Director



-- OUR HISTORY --

The time of our county starts with our history. There are a lot of our friends and neighbors who have a passion for the history of the places and the people that brought Martin County to where it is today. The MCCF has a Martin County Historical Society Fund, which is a "designated" fund, whose earnings will always go for the Historical Society's work. Our history helps to define who we are.

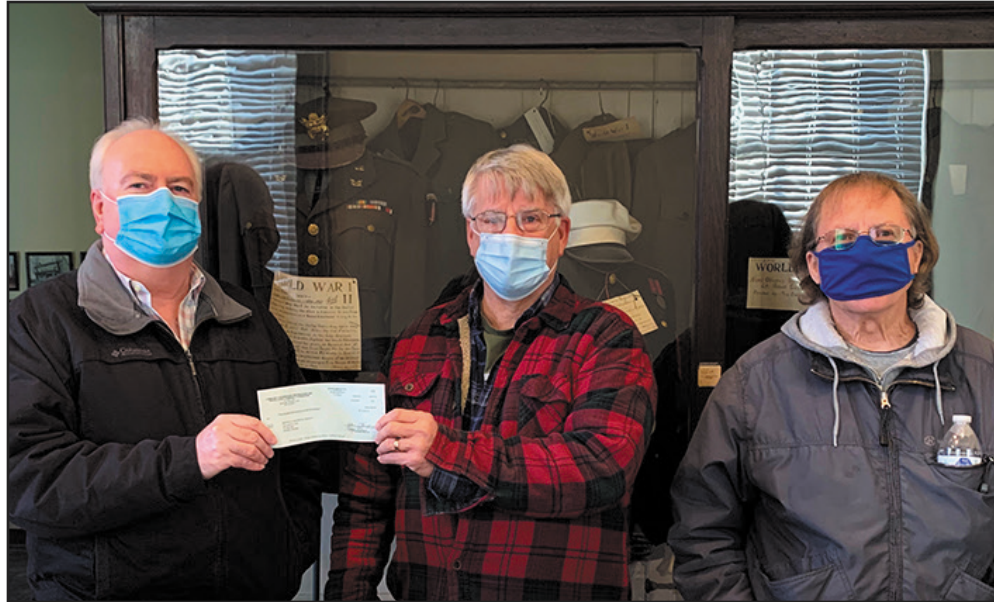
-- OUR MUSEUM --

Our Martin County Museum, the old courthouse, is the home of a lot of our history. The courthouse was constructed in 1876 and is on the National Register of Historical Places. It has historical significance to our community and quite a few of your families. And did you know that it is one of only seven courthouses, from the 92 Indiana counties, which is not located on a town square? This courthouse has many reasons why it needs to be preserved.

The Historical Society has been working on the preservation of the old courthouse and multiple needed repairs including the bell tower and lighting, brick and mortar repair, building restorations, and more. They have obtained grants and donations from many sources, including the MCCF. While there is still more to do, the completed repairs have helped ensure that the museum will remain for many more years.

-- OUR VETERANS --

One of the more recent repair and restoration projects is the future veterans' room at the museum. This room will house military displays to honor our local veterans and heroes. The Historical Society reached out to the community for help to fix the ceiling in the room and received an outstanding response, which is not a surprise for Martin County. The MCCF also saw the importance of the veterans' room and what it will mean to many in our community. There are also other needed repairs and improvements to the room



Pictured left to right is Jerry Braun (MCCF Grants Committee Chairperson) presenting a \$2,500 grant check to Bill Greene (Martin County Historical Society President) and Rick Bowling (Museum Director).

that need to be made before the museum re-opens in May.

Jerry Braun, MCCF Grants Committee Chairperson, was happy to present a \$2,500 grant to the Historical Society for those repairs and improvements to the veterans' room. We are honored to help with this important piece of our heritage.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

SHOALS

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– more details to come. If COVID cases remain low, the high school students will be returning to in-person learning every-day beginning after spring break.

Superintendent Roush congratulated the board on the successful joint board meeting with Mitchell and Orleans Schools on January 26. In partnership with Mitchell and Orleans, the school will be working with Vincennes University to help provide online dual credit classes to high school students. They also discussed the opportunity for high school students to take the new medical dual credit classes offered

For more information about the MCCF and how we can help you help our county, please contact the MCCF Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cf-partner.org.

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

in high school to earn their CNA before they graduate. Students are currently in year one of their medical coursework. Dr. Roush notified the board that they will be approving summer school and summer cleaning crew at the next board meeting. She also reminded the board that the new playground installation will begin over spring break. Finally, Dr. Roush notified the board about a new STEM grant that the school received for \$30,000 to help cover STEM and lab materials, and she spoke of a new federal COVID grant that will be coming up in the next few months. The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

COUNCIL

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Attorney Lett presented a license agreement/memorandum of understanding between the town and a property owner on West River Road for use of the property by the town of a future trail project. Councilman Hoffman made a motion to accept the agreement with Councilman Ragsdale making the second and all were in favor.

Attorney Lett opened and read the sealed bids received for the 2001 GMC Sonoma and the 2005 Ford F-150. Several bids were received. Councilman Ragsdale made a motion to accept the bids from the highest bidders for each vehicle with Councilman Hoffman making the second and all were in favor. The winning bid for the 2001 GMC Sonoma was Mark Robbins at \$1,356 and the 2005 Ford F-150 was Ray Hopkins at \$2,505. Attorney Lett read aloud two sealed bids received for the advertised water company jobs SMU Water #1 and SMU Water #2. Bids received were from CountyWide Painting SMU Water #1 \$3,500, SMU Water #2 \$2,800 for a total of \$6,300 for both jobs and Viking Construction SMU Water #1 \$3,200 and SMU Water #2 \$4,400 for a total of \$7,600 for both jobs. The board will take the bids under advisement and award at the March meeting.

The council members presented each of the park board members with a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the town as a thank you for all of their volunteer time, work and efforts towards the ball park area. Albright stated the board appreciated how hard the park board has worked to make the improvements that have been done under their leadership.

Council Member Albright requested a motion be made for HWC Engineering to prepare information for the Town of Shoals to apply for a federal grant in the December call for applications to address the Main Street area. Next, Albright requested a motion to make the current part-time clerical position in the clerk-treasurer's office full-time for a position of deputy clerk II. Councilman Ragsdale made the motion with Councilman Hoffman making the second and all were in favor.

Clerk-Treasurer Rutledge presented the (See 'COUNCIL' on page 3)

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MICHELE HINKLE

Michele (Hopkins) Hinkle passed away on Monday February 15, 2021 at her home. A resident of Washington, she was 59.



MICHELE HINKLE

She was born in Jasper on October 20, 1961; daughter of Hubert M. and Eleanore (Smith) Hopkins. Michele loved nursing, traveling, swimming, and fishing. She enjoyed gardening, flowers, and hummingbirds. Michele was a member of the VFW Post 120, the American Legion, and a life-long member of St. Mary Catholic Church Barr Township. She was a generous character and always helpful to others.

Michele is preceded in death by her parents, Hubert and Eleanore Hopkins and her twin sisters, Jane and Jean.

She is survived by her husband, Gary Hinkle; her step-children, Michelle (Mike) Hinkle Kavanaugh, Matthew Hinkle, Amy (Brent) Hinkle Cline; step-grandchildren, Haley (James) Hester, Elaina (Jordan) Koberstein, Cameron Kavanaugh, Kaden Hinkle, Kolten Hinkle, Xander Hinkle, Mattox Hinkle, Allyson Cline, and Mya Cline; her

great-grandchildren, Isaac and Samuel Hester; her siblings, Trina Hopkins, Raymond (Kim) Hopkins, Francis (Amy) Hopkins, Maureen (Steve) Sweet, John T. Hopkins, Denise (Mark) Wagler, Mark Hopkins, and Lisa A. (Eric) Jones, and many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at 10 a.m. Saturday February 20, 2021 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial will follow at St. Mary Barr Township.

Visitation will be held Friday February 19 from 4 until 8 p.m. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

Memorial contributions can be made to Helping Hearts Hospice 1314 E. Walnut Street, Washington, IN 47501 in honor of Michele.

Online condolences can be made at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Arrangements provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

DANIEL SPEARS

Daniel J. Spears went to meet his Savior on Monday, February 8, 2021 at his home. A resident of Loogootee, he was 68.

He was born April 11, 1952 in Whitfield; son of the late Elmer H. Spears and Mary E. Stoll.

Dan was a follower of Christ and was

always there to help anyone in need. He retired from Versteel in Jasper and loved yard work and taking care of flowers.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elmer H. Spears and Mary E. Stoll; and siblings, Elmer L. Spears, Larry Spears, Judy (Bob) Bruner, Alberta (Charles) Beatty, Mary Jo (Jim) Blackman and Paulette Eichmiller.

Dan is survived by one sister, Patricia S. (Tom) Fischer of Cannelburg; sisters-in-law, Marlene Smith of Odon and Kathy Sims of Loogootee; and brother-in-law,



DANIEL SPEARS

Fred Eichmiller of Loogootee. Dan also leaves many nieces, nephews and cousins who loved him dearly.

To honor Daniel's wishes cremation was chosen, and no services will be held.

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



The first round of All-America Selections for 2021 have been released. Three flowering plants and three vegetables are among the plants given this honor.

Since 1933, All-America Selections have been accepted as being the cream of the crop of new plant releases. The reason is that these plants have been tested in more than 80 gardens across the United States and Canada and have been found to exhibit outstanding characteristics. Only a small percentage of the plants tested actually receive the AAS award seal. That designation is forever thereafter touted in seed catalogues and on plant tags. Some of those original selections from 1933 are still being sold and still exhibit that coveted shield. In addition to the national awards, some plants found to thrive in specific regions are awarded a regional award. Indiana is part of the Great Lakes Region.

All three flowers in the recent list of awards have been found to have outstanding blooms. Celosia Kelos Candela Pink was described by one judge as being the Energizer bunny of the garden. Bright pink blooms rise above the foliage like candles and continue to do so all summer long. Since it is a new plant, you may have to search for it this year, but the AAS prize ensures that it will be around for many years and usually becomes more-widely available after the first year. Leucanthemum Sweet Daisy Birdy is a perennial that has been a part of trials for three years. It is a Shasta daisy on steroids. The blooms are five inches in diameter, with white petals surrounding a yellow center. A special feature of the blooms is a ring of smaller feathery white petals that add an interesting crown around the center. The plant has been found to be very reliable and hardy and is disease resistant. It is a low-maintenance plant that needs little work other than some dead-heading to keep the blooms coming. It has been recommended for moon gardens, so I will certainly be seeking this plant this spring to put into my moon garden at Sandhill Gardens. The only seed-grown flower to receive the AAS award this year is Zinnia Profu-

sion Red-Yellow Bi-color. This zinnia has good disease resistance and does not flop as many zinnias are prone to do. The yellow petals surrounding a red center will morph to salmon, apricot and dusty rose, and a plant may have all of the colors with blooms at different stages on the plant at the same time. This flower also received awards in European trials. Seeds for this selection are available from Park Seed Company.

Three vegetables selected promise improvements over older varieties in the garden. Echalion Brulee is a shallot, a member of the onion family. It sports copper-pink outer skin with a rosy purple interior and has thick rings. It matures earlier than other shallots and has a citrusy flavor when eaten raw. It is recommended both for home gardeners and market gardens. You may find seeds for this shallot at Johnny's Seeds. Goldilocks is an acorn squash that was chosen for its vigorous plants, disease tolerance and high yield. The bright orange squash has a nutty flavor and is also great as an autumn ornamental. Seeds are available from Osborne Seed and Territorial Seed. Pepper Pot-a-pano is a dwarf jalapeno, perfect for pots and hanging baskets. The small spicy fruits mature earlier than other jalapenos and they are also very ornamental. You may buy these seeds from Park Seed.

Meanwhile, a snowy landscape makes it look like nothing is happening in the garden. However, I planted lettuce in a cold frame on Valentine's Day, as is the tradition, and it is time to begin planting seeds for other greens and cole crops in cold frames and greenhouses.

I have had many inquiries about the foliage that people have seen sprouting up in their gardens. The foliage of crocuses, daffodils and other spring flowers is very tough, and this is not at all unusual. The snow cover this week is actually good insulation against the frigid temperatures and as the warmer temperatures melt the snow, we will see more foliage and probably blooms within the next couple of weeks. Spring is coming!

Hoosiers have opportunity to purchase health insurance during special enrollment period

The Indiana Department of Insurance wants Hoosiers to know they have another opportunity to enroll in health insurance on the Federal Affordable Care Act Exchanges (HealthCare.gov) if they missed enrolling in the fall. The 2021 regular open enrollment period ended on December 15, 2020. The new opportunity to purchase health insurance follows the executive order signed by President Biden on January 28 to reopen enrollment on the Federal Marketplace. The special enrollment period is February 15 to May 15.

Starting February 15, Hoosiers seeking to take advantage of this Special Enrollment period can find out if they are eligible by visiting HealthCare.gov. If eligible, you can enroll and select a plan with coverage that starts the first of the month after plan selection. The premium must be paid by the 15th of the month after plan selection for coverage to start on the first of the next month. If the premium is paid between the 16th and the end of the month, coverage will start on the first of the month after next. You will have 30 days after submitting your application to

choose a plan.

Current enrollees will be able to change to any available plan in their area without restriction to the same level of coverage as their current plan. During the Special Enrollment Period, current enrollees will need to go through their application and make any needed changes to their current information, then submit their application to receive an updated eligibility result to continue on to enrollment. To learn more, check out the CMS Fact Sheet at www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/2021-special-enrollment-period-response-covid-19-emergency.

Indiana Navigators can assist you with the process of applying for health insurance on the Federal Marketplace. Indiana Navigators are certified with the Indiana Department of Insurance and are located in counties across the state. Find a Navigator near you at www.in.gov/healthcare-reform/healthcare-reform/indiana-navigators/find-a-navigator/.

You also may choose to work with a local insurance agent or agency. You can verify if an agent or agency is licensed in Indiana on the Indiana Department of Insurance website.

COUNCIL

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Beautification Board information. Rutledge stated President Amber Hoffman said the board's 2021 meeting schedule has been posted on their Facebook page. Hoffman requested to expend the \$20,000 received from the Martin County Community Foundation Grant for the signage project and that she would be meeting with a local contractor this week to get a quote for labor and installation for the project. Councilman Ragsdale made a motion to allow the board to expend their grant money with Councilman Hoffman making the second and all were in favor.

Rutledge presented a quote received from SVFD Chief Jim Hamby for the replacement of four batteries for first responders in the amount of \$900. Councilman Ragsdale made a motion to approve

the purchase with Councilman Hoffman making the second and all were in favor.

Municipal Utilities Kevin Creelius presented two quotes from Tony True-love for tree work needed at the wells area and on High Street. Councilman Ragsdale made a motion to approve both quotes with Councilman Hoffman making the second, contingent on proof of insurance, and all were in favor.

Rutledge stated that council members Albright and Ragsdale had met with HWC Engineering concerning the 2021 Community Crossing Grant application and at this time the town potentially would be able to address six areas for improvements.

Rutledge stated that with the increase in the county income tax the town's monthly distribution has increased with

the largest increase being in the EDIT fund substantially.

Councilman Ragsdale asked Rutledge to relay some information about the OCRA Main Street Organization program. Rutledge stated she had been told that there are some citizens interested in putting together a group to hopefully get things in motion to move forward to making it possible for Shoals to become a part of this program.

Park Board President Zack Brown asked the council for permission to move forward with land acquisition requirements for land the park board is interested in. After discussion, Councilman Ragsdale made a motion to authorize Attorney Lett to prepare a document to move forward with Councilman Hoffman making the second.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

12:10 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident south of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson responded.

12:30 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle north of Loogootee on US 231. Reserve Deputy Commander Gammon and Loogootee Sergeant McBeth responded.

5:33 a.m. - Received a report of an accident involving injuries on SR 150, east of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson, Martin County Ambulance, and Shoals Fire responded.

6:23 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231, north of Loogootee. ISP was notified.

7:41 a.m. - Major Keller assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

9:02 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:55 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on SR 450. Deputy Seymour was advised.

10:04 a.m. - Deputy Seymour assisted a motorist in Shoals with a vehicle unlock.

11:52 a.m. - Received a report of a possible intruder near Shoals. Major Keller, Deputy Seymour, and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

12:44 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

1:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:27 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle on US 50, near Loogootee. Corporal Barnett responded.

4:33 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Chief Floyd, and the Martin County Coroner responded.

4:58 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Dubois County Ambulance and Lost River Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:55 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 50, near Loogootee. Captain Reed, Corporal Barnett, Loogootee Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

7:16 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled car on SR 450, north of Shoals. Captain Reed responded.

7:27 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

8:36 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 50, east of Shoals. Corporal Barnett, Captain Reed, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

2:05 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Means responded.

7:11 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle east of Shoals. Major

Keller responded.

8:40 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire, and Major Keller responded. The subject was transported to IU Health in Bedford.

11:00 a.m. - Deputy Seymour took two inmates to court.

12:05 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 50, east of Shoals. Major Keller and Shoals Fire responded.

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

1:51 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took two inmates to court.

2:38 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded. No one was transported.

3:21 p.m. - Received a report of a slide-off east of Shoals. Corporal Barnett responded.

3:42 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle on US 50, east of Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Floyd responded.

4:00 p.m. - Received a report of five slide-offs east of Shoals. Corporal Barnett responded.

4:48 p.m. - Received a report of a slide-off east of Shoals. Major Keller responded.

6:15 p.m. - Received a report of several slide-offs near Shoals. Corporal Barnett and Shoals Fire responded.

9:12 p.m. - Received a report of an impaired driver on US 231, near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Means responded.

9:26 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to IU Health in Bedford.

10:34 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:57 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious activity in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Means responded.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

4:58 a.m. - Received a medical alarm call near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Officer Means, and Sergeant Gibson responded. No one was transported.

5:30 a.m. - Received a report of a man walking on US 231, south of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson and Loogootee Officer Means responded.

11:00 a.m. - Deputy Seymour took one inmate to court.

1:25 p.m. - Received a report of a structure fire southeast of Shoals. Major Keller, Shoals Fire, Lost River Fire, Martin County Civil Defense, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

1:57 p.m. - Received a report of a slide-off on US 50. Deputy Seymour responded.

2:55 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee on US 231. Martin County Ambulance, Deputy Lents, ISP, and Haysville Fire responded.

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4:51 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 50, near Loogootee. Deputy Lents and Deputy Flanagan responded.

7:40 p.m. - Captain Reed assisted a disabled motorist north of Shoals.

11:01 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire, and Deputy Flanagan responded.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

10:15 a.m. - Deputy Seymour took two inmates to court.

11:00 a.m. - Deputy Seymour took two inmates to court.

11:01 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance west of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:56 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took one inmate to court.

2:17 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took three inmates to court.

3:23 p.m. - Town Marshal Eckert assisted a stranded motorist east of Shoals.

3:45 p.m. - Deputy Lents assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

5:15 p.m. - Received a report of property damage south of Loogootee. Deputy Lents responded.

5:45 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Police responded.

5:50 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

6:30 a.m. - Received a call of suspicious activity in Loogootee. Major Keller and Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

8:29 a.m. - Received a report of an accident with no injuries north of Shoals. Major Keller responded.

8:48 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:07 a.m. - Received a report of animal neglect near Loogootee. Animal Control Deputy Hughett responded.

9:48 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle blocking a drive near Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

9:53 a.m. - Received an animal complaint. Animal Control Deputy Hughett responded.

11:00 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle inspection near Shoals. Major Keller responded.

11:28 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle slide off near Shoals. Major Keller, Shoals Fire Department responded. Big John's towed the vehicle.

12:24 p.m. - Received a report of drugs found in Loogootee. ISP Trooper Beaver, Loogootee Captain Hennette, and Major Keller responded.

12:25 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle slide off in Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded.

1:05 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle slide off near the Dubois County Line. Major Keller responded. Uebelhors's Towing moved the vehicle.

4:05 p.m. - Received a report of a fire alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

5:56 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on Rusk Road. Cpl. Barnett responded. CNC Towing of Loogootee towed the vehicle.

6:52 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Shoals Town

Marshal Eckert responded.

8:20 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle north of Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

9:30 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

10:15 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle inspection on a homemade trailer. Cpl. Barnett responded.

10:27 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock southeast of Shoals. Reserve Deputy Dorsey responded.

11:50 a.m. - Received a report of an accident with no injuries south of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, and Cpl. Barnett responded. Big John's towed the vehicle. No one was transported.

5:50 p.m. - Received a report of a possible domestic dispute near Shoals. Cpl. Barnett, Reserve Deputy Dorsey, and Indiana Conservation Officer Doane responded.

7:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

1:52 a.m. - Received a request for help in Shoals. Deputy Lents, Shoals Fire Department, Loogootee Officer Means, and Martin County Ambulance responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:28 a.m. - Received a report of a slide off accident in Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

3:53 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital. Shoals Fire Department responded.

12:21 p.m. - Received a report of something in the roadway. Shoals Fire Department responded.

1:01 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department responded. One patient transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:27 p.m. - Received a report of a bale of hay in the roadway south of Loogootee. Cpl. Barnett responded.

11:45 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department responded. One patient transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

ARRESTS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

12:42 p.m. - Derrick Wheeler, 29, of Bloomfield, was arrested by Deputy Seymour on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

4:10 p.m. - Ulrich Kinnaman, 27, of Washington, was arrested by ISP Detective Lents on a Martin County warrant and is being held on a \$15,000 cash only bond.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8:02 a.m. - Vincent Aliano Jr., 29, of Bloomington, was arrested by Major Keller on a Monroe County warrant and is being held on no bond.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

5:17 p.m. - James Mundy, 30, of Shoals, was arrested by Reserve Deputy Dorsey on a Martin County Warrant for a Level 6 possession of methamphetamine, and a Class C possession of paraphernalia. He is being held on no bond.

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Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

12:03 a.m. - Caller reported a civil issue at a residence.

12:06 a.m. - Sgt. McBeth assisted the county with a car/deer accident.

12:01 p.m. - Chief Floyd assisted with a search at a residence.

1:24 p.m. - First responders were requested in Country Court for a medical call.

4:34 p.m. - First responders were requested in Sunset Trailer Court for a medical call.

6:50 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint on Riley Street.

6:59 p.m. - First responders were requested on Hwy. 50 for a vehicle accident.

8:16 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on two children.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

11:45 a.m. - Caller reported a semi ran over a fence on Sheridan Street.

2:46 p.m. - First responders were requested on JFK Avenue for a medical call.

5:10 p.m. - Male came on station to report a possible scam.

9:19 p.m. - Caller reported a possible impaired driver on US 231.

9:20 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious activity near North Line Street.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

4:58 a.m. - Officer Means responded to a medical alarm.

10:32 a.m. - Caller reported a security issue on Broadway Street.

3:23 p.m. - Chief Floyd assisted the county with a traffic stop.

3:52 p.m. - Chief Floyd issued a minor in consumption citation.

4:55 p.m. - Chief Floyd assisted the county with a vehicle accident.

8:55 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

2:33 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted the department of child services.

3:49 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person at a local business.

5:26 p.m. - Caller reported two vehicles racing on Broadway Street.

5:45 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a business alarm.

7:15 p.m. Caller reported a broken-down vehicle on Hwy 50.

9:25 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

10:45 a.m. - Captain Hennette reported an item in the road near US 231.

10:20 a.m. - Caller reported a civil issue.

11:13 a.m. - First responders were requested on William Daily Drive for a medical call.

12:20 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle making bad passes on Hwy. 50.

12:25 p.m. - Caller reported locating possible drugs at a residence.

3:54 p.m. - Caller reported a driver of a small white bus driving left of center.

4:07 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to an alarm on Nobles Court.

9:31 p.m. - First responders were requested on East Main Street for a medical call.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

10:30 a.m. - First responders assisted with the food giveaway at the church.

3:39 p.m. - Caller reported an accident in the Dollar General parking lot.

7:02 p.m. - First responders were requested on Truelove Drive for a medical call.

9:18 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious activity on US 231.

9:51 p.m. - First responders assisted with a escort for the basketball team.

Martin County real estate transfers

Mark L. Epple and Laurain M. Epple, of Martin County, Indiana to **Brandon M. Epple and Maelena Hernandez-Epple**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 5, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, containing 2.15 acres, more or less.

Brooke Jones, of Martin County, Indiana to **Linda L. Seal**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 10 in Summers, Cannon and Crane Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Martin County, Indiana.

Ronald G. Coleman and Deatrice L. Coleman, of Martin County, Indiana to **Delmar Knepp and Ida Mae Knepp**, of Martin County, Indiana, 116 acres, more or less, in Section 20, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana.

Rebecca R. Gallagher and John T. Gallagher, of Martin County, Indiana to **Gary Dorsey and Patricia Dorsey**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 12, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, containing 2.471 acres, more or less.

Sheri J. Bowling, of Martin County, Indiana to **Adam J. Bowling and Alan J. Bowling**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 7 and Lot Number 8 in Ackerman's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Gary D. Graber and Ada M. Graber, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Daniel R. Wagler and Martha Wagler**, 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.

Cathy Mason, of Martin County, Indiana to **Christopher J. Kelsey and Cindy L. Kelsey**, of Daviess County, Indiana, property in Section 32, Township 5 North, Range 4 West in Burns City, Martin County, Indiana.

Randall Wayne Pendley and Geraldine Pendley, of Martin County, Indiana to **Angela Kay Hagen**, of Dubois County, Indiana and Deborah Lynn Bateman, of Daviess County, Indiana, the north half of the southeast quarter of Section 26, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, more commonly known as 5215 Powell Valley Road, Shoals IN 47581.

Stephen D. Sorrells and Gaye E. Sorrells, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Norman Raber**, of Daviess County, Indiana. Tract I: The south half of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 2, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 20 acres, more or less. Tract II: The northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 11, and the west half of the northeast quarter of Section 11, all in Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 49.938 acres, more or less.

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MOWING BIDS WANTED

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2668 US Hwy. 50, Loogootee, IN 47553

We will be taking bids until February 26, 2021.

Any questions, contact Josh Ausbrooks at 812-709-0984.

HELP WANTED

Martin County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications to fill open FULL AND PART-TIME DISPATCHER POSITIONS

Successful applicants will serve as Dispatchers for Martin County and will be responsible for receiving incoming emergency and non-emergency calls, dispatching information to appropriate response units, and maintaining various computer records.

Applications:

To be considered for an open position, interested candidates are encouraged to pick-up an application at the Martin County Sheriff's Office: 318 Capital Avenue, Shoals, IN 47581.

Requirements:

1. Must be a citizen of the United States
2. Must be at least 18 years of age
3. Must have a high school diploma or GED
4. Must not have any Felony, Misdemeanor Battery or Domestic Violence convictions
5. Must be willing to submit to pre-employment drug screening
6. Ability and willingness to work a variety of shifts, including evenings, weekends and some holidays

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MOWING BIDS WANTED

The Town of Shoals is taking sealed bids for the contracted mowing of the Spring Hill Cemetery for the 2021 and 2022 mowing seasons. Mowing Season: April 1st through October 31st of each year.

Contracted terms:

MOWING: Mowing of grass to a height of 3.5 inches is desired

*The expectations of the contractor is to mow the area once a week except in adverse weather conditions. For example, drought grass may not need mowing once a week in certain areas and wet and soft areas need plenty of time to dry to reduce the risk of making ruts in the cemetery.

TRIMMING: Trimming around headstones, trees, shrubs, etc. is to be done twice a month.

CLEANING: Cleaning of the cemetery grounds is to take place five (5) times a year. This is preferred to happen during the following time through the season:

1. At the beginning of the mowing season April 1st.
2. The week before the Memorial Day holiday.
3. The week before the July 4th holiday.
4. The week before the Labor Day holiday.
5. The week after the last needed mowing of the season.

Accepted contractor is required to furnish proof of 1,000,000 liability insurance prior to the start of the mowing season.

BID INFORMATION:

Sealed bids will be accepted at the Shoals Town Hall at 221 Low Street Shoals, IN 47581 or by mail at PO BOX 1078 Shoals, IN 47581 until Friday, March 5th 2021 at 3 p.m. Bids will be opened at the regular scheduled meeting on Monday, March 8th at 6 p.m. at the Shoals Town Hall.

Bid Should include: Bidder Name, address, phone number. Bid amount in total for each year. Upon awarding, the bidder will sign a contract with Town of Shoals agreeing to all terms listed above.

The Town of Shoals reserves the right to refuse or deny any bid received.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Loogootee School Board meeting
The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, February 18 at 5 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. The meeting is open to the public.

Commissioners special meeting
The Board of Commissioners of Martin County will conduct a special meeting Friday, February 19, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioners' room of the courthouse. Due to Covid-19 and limited seating the attendance will be offered virtually. A virtual executive meeting will be held prior to the open meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Card shower for Fred Woods
A card shower is being held for Fred Woods, former Martin County Soil and Water Director, who is turning 100 years old on February 26. The family is requesting birthday cards be sent to Mr. Woods at 4175 N Meadowlark Lane, Jasper IN 47546.

City Council special meeting
The Loogootee City Council will hold a special meetings Monday, February 22 at 5:30 p.m. in the city council meeting room of the municipal building. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss funding for the railroad lot project at the corner of Church Street and JFK Avenue and also the fountain on the square. The meeting is open to the public.

Land Use Committee meeting
The Loogootee Land Use Planning Committee will meet Monday, February 22 at 6 p.m. in the council meeting room of the municipal building. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss a variance for a local business. The meeting is open to the public.

Grief support program
A grief support program is being provided by Thorne George Funeral Homes free of charge. The program, normally \$79, can be received for free by using the coupon code "Thorne-George". The program is confidential and self-directed. Those interested can visit www.griefplan.com and click "take me to the grief plan program".

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 hours
The Loogootee United Methodist Food Pantry will be open the first, second, third and fifth Thursdays of the month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and also the first Monday of the month from 5-6:30 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 third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

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.

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More Neat Stuff

By Ann Ackerman


MY SELF-ISOLATION QUARANTINE DIARY
Day 1 – I can do this! Got enough food and wine to last a month!
Day 2 – Opening my 8th bottle of wine. I fear wine supplies might not last!
Day 3 – Strawberries: some have 210 seeds, some have 235 seeds. Who knew?
Day 4 – 8:00 p.m. Removed my day pajamas and put on my night pajamas.
Day 5 – Today, I tried to make hand sanitizer. It came out as Jello Shots!
Day 6 – I get to take the garbage out. I'm so excited, I can't decide what to wear.
Day 7 – Laughing way too much at my own jokes!
Day 8 – Went to a new restaurant called "The Kitchen." You have to gather all the ingredients and make your own meal. I have no clue how this place is still in business.
Day 9 – I put liquor bottles in every room. Tonight, I'm getting all dressed up and going bar-hopping.
Day 10 – Struck up a conversation with a spider today. Seems nice. He's a web designer.
Day 11 – Isolation is hard. I swear my fridge just said, "What the heck do you want now?"
Day 12 – I realized why my dog gets so excited about something moving outside, going for walks or car rides. I think I just barked at a squirrel.
Day 13 – If you keep a glass of wine in each hand, you can't accidentally touch your face.
Day 14 – Watched the birds fight over a worm. The Cardinals lead the Blue Jays 3-1.
Day 15 – Anybody else feel like they've cooked dinner about 395 times this month?

80% water. I'm not fat, I'm flooded.
*A burglar broke into my house last night. I didn't shoot him, I just put the red laser dot on his forehead. My three cats did the rest.
*A day without wine is like, I have no idea.
*If they don't intend for you to eat 12 donuts, they why do they sell them by the dozen?

A nice thought from Mother Teresa: "People are often unreasonable and self-centered. Forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway. If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway. The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway. Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway. For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway."

Make someone smile today!

ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



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NICE THOUGHTS
*If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours. -Dolly Parton
*The world is full of nice people. If you can't find one, be one

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