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Shown above for the Jug Rox in the first row, from left to right, are Rator Hoffman, Ashur Dishman, and Lydia Cook. In the second row are Alexis Rush, Nicholas McCracken, Skylar Smith, Hannah Cook, Luke Troutman, Malachi McNabb, and Austin Rasico. Jug Rox Robotix are coached by Dean Troutman and Megan Hawkins and assisted by Lorna Troutman.

Shoals Robotix advance to World Championship

Jug Rox Robotix competed at the Indiana State FTC robotics championship on February 25 against 28 other teams from around the state. The Jug Rox won all five of their qualification matches to become the #1 ranked seed. This allowed the team to be the captain of one of four robot alliance teams in the final matches.

The Jug Rox chose alliance partners XLR8 and Heroes from Granger to make it past the double elimination semifinal matches to the finals. During the double elimination final rounds, Jug Rox and their partner, XLR8, won the first match 175 to 130. In the second round of finals, Jug Rox and their partner, Heroes, had a close loss of 150 to 169. During the start of the third and final match, Jug Rox and XLR8 got off to a slow start and were behind 96 to 135 at the 40-second mark. They then rallied to win in the remaining 80 seconds of the match with a final score of 239 to 177 over the robot alliance of Squirrel and Fire Wires, out of Granger.

The win by the Jug Rox as alliance captain advanced them to the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science

and Technology) World Championship in Houston Texas on April 19 through the 22nd. The World Championship will have 192 FTC teams from the US and countries around the world.

They also won the 2nd place Design Award. This judged award recognizes design elements of the robot that are both functional and aesthetic. The Design Award is presented to teams that incorporate industrial design elements into their solution.

The state championship can be viewed on line at <https://twitch.tv/firstinrobotics>. To see the final rounds, start to view at the 7:34 time mark.

Jug Rox Robotix would like extend their thanks to our many sponsors: Duke Energy, Martin County Community Foundation, Shoals Community Schools, Kimball Electronics, Jasper Engines, USG, Loughmiller Machine Tool & Design, Bauer Family, Bo-Macs, Toyota, Queen-Lee Chapel of the George Funeral Care, Loogootee Eye Center, CRANE Credit Union, Hawkins Health Center, German American Bank and National Gypsum Company.

Recycling center will stay open

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Martin County Solid Waste Board held a special meeting last Wednesday night, May 22 to provide an update on the fate of the recycling center, that is out of money. Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty, who serves as president of the solid waste board, said they met in a closed-door meeting the week prior and came up with a plan to keep the recycling center operating. He turned the discussion over to the interim director, Robin Haulk, to explain.

Haulk said they have decided to start charging businesses outside Martin County \$140 a month as a pick-up fee and fuel surcharge. There are around 100 businesses the recycling center picks up cardboard from in Daviess and Dubois counties. Haulk said he went around to several of those businesses prior to the meeting and some may be okay with paying the fee and others are not. He said some businesses

said they would just burn the cardboard or put it in with their regular trash. Haulk said they expect to lose 20 percent of those businesses but are not completely sure yet. A member of the audience asked if Meyer Logistics, in Jasper, would be one of the companies who would pay the fee. The company is owned by US Senator Mike Braun. It was mentioned that the company has "turned their back on the county" after years of having their cardboard picked up for free and are not interested in paying the fee. Several members suggested the elected officials reach out to Braun.

Haulk said they are estimating \$3,748 per month with the new pick-up fees being collected. He said cardboard prices are supposed to go up from the \$45 a ton to around \$80. He said they will never see the \$180 a ton again that they used to get, but prices have nowhere to go but up right now.

"You do what you've got to do to keep (See 'RECYCLING' on page 2)

Shoals Town Council approves sewer adjustment, discusses town clean up

The Shoals Town Council met Monday, February 13. Those in attendance were Council Members Cary D Albright, Roger Abel Jr. and Micky Crew; Clerk-Treasurer Sierra Rutledge, Attorney Dave Lett, Town Marshal Todd Eckert, Shoals Fire Department Assistant Chief Jeffrey Dorsey, General Laborer Caitlin Sanders, and Ordinance Enforcer Cecil Ragsdale. Others in attendance were Tony Abel and Debbie Montgomery.

Tony Abel, with Shoals Senior Housing, came before the board. Abel stated that the way the sewer increase fell with the timeline of budgets, he was requesting a sewer break for the remainder of the year for Senior Housing for both the Stephens Street and Capital Avenue complex. Abel stated each complex bill went up around \$200 and in November, when new budgets are submitted, he is hoping to have it covered. Abel stated he did not disagree with the increase; it has just been a hard year in whole with increases and he has tried to lessen the impact with the residents as much as possible. Councilman Abel asked Mr. Abel what kind of break he was looking for. Abel replied he was requesting \$50 off of each complex, this way the utility was still receiving part of the increase. Councilman Abel made a motion to approve the sewer break through the end of the year of 2023 with Councilwoman Crew making the second.

Debbie Montgomery, with Velma's Diner, came before the board and said she was wanting to know about the same subject. Montgomery stated she has owned Velma's Diner for around 16 years and has always just paid the bill. Montgomery said she doesn't use that much wastewater, mostly gray water and water so she too wanted to request a sewer break. Councilman Abel asked Montgomery how much the sewer bill was before the increase. Montgomery said she was unsure as she just pays the bill as is when it is due. General Laborer Caitlin Sanders explained the town does not have gray water and all water used that goes into drains goes to the wastewater plant and has to be processed and treated. Councilman Albright asked Montgomery what kind of break she was looking for. Montgomery said she was unsure, she didn't really know, just wanted to come ask. After discussion, it was suggested that Montgomery come back to the next meeting with a figure of what she requests and Clerk-Treasurer Rutledge would print her a history of her account. The request was tabled until the next meeting.

Next, appointed Ordinance Enforcer Cecil Ragsdale stated he has been working towards property clean ups and ordinance violations. Ragsdale reviewed several properties with the board that he feels should be addressed. Councilwoman Crew asked about mobile homes that are being pulled in and sitting around not set up. She stated that even empty homes are taxed and wanted to know if those were being taxed as well. Attorney Lett stated that mobile homes are taxed as personal property through the assessor's office and that is where that would have to be checked. Marshal Eckert stated his understanding was the same and that before a mobile home is moved, the owner has to inform the assessor's office and everything has to be paid and checked for a clean ti-

tle. Attorney Lett said he would look into the matter. After discussion, Councilman Abel made a motion to authorize Attorney Lett and Ordinance Enforcer Ragsdale to move forward with proper notices to property owners and take action on properties that need to be addressed. Marshal Eckert thanked the board for supporting moving forward as it has been a long-time work in progress. Ragsdale said he is also working with other agencies to see if a plan or something can be done with the old East Fork Lounge building. Ragsdale is also checking in to see if there are any emergency grant options.

Councilman Albright read aloud a letter from the Martin County 4 H Horse & Pony Club requesting a donation. After discussion, the topic died due to lack of a motion. Next, Albright presented the 2023 renewals for the liability insurance policy and the workman's compensation policy with DeWitt Insurance Agency. Councilwoman Crew made a motion to approve both with Councilman Abel making the second and all were in favor.

Councilman Albright stated that General Laborer Caitlin Sanders had met with a couple different vendors and sampled cold patch as the patching that was being used is not of very good quality. Sanders said she has sampled EZ Street and Sealmaster. Sanders said of the samples put down, Perma Patch with Sealmaster had held up the best and has not chipped at all. Councilwoman Crew said in experience you get what you pay for with these products. Councilwoman Crew made a motion to authorize Sanders to place an order for the Perma Patch with Councilman Abel making the second and the motion passed.

Councilwoman Crew stated she has been asked by residents about the tree and debris mess on Lower Circle Drive. Crew said one resident said they understood it needed to be cleaned up but now it is a mess. Property ownership came up in question and if the railroad owned the property. Abel stated the railroad did except for the town right of way. After discussion, a ticket will be submitted online to CSX to see if they will clean up the area. Albright stated if a dangerous situation arises with trees posing a danger over roadways that is beyond the scope of the town's abilities, a professional service should be sought. Attorney Lett agreed stating it was an insurance liability.

Clerk-Treasurer Rutledge stated one bid had been received for the 2023 & 2024 Spring Hill Cemetery Mowing that was previously advertised. Attorney Lett opened the bid from Lewis Lawn and Tree Care. The bid amount for 2023 was \$23,000 and the 2024 amount was \$23,000. Councilwoman Crew made a motion to accept the bid with Councilman Abel making the second and all were in favor. Next, Rutledge stated she had a webinar with the Indiana Office of Technology concerning in.gov email addresses. Rutledge said this will be a requirement in the future to reserve any federal funding and also adds protection to the town. Rutledge said the IOT can offer a state contracted rate for the service and the town would be the administrator of the account for all changes. Councilwoman Crew made a motion to authorize Rutledge to start the process to (See 'SHOALS' on page 2)

SHOALS

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get the emails addresses used converted to in.gov. Councilman Abel made the second and all were in favor.

Rutledge stated that the utility department would be doing spring hydrant flushing March 19-21. Next, Rutledge reported the annual "Jug Rox Make A Difference Day" was scheduled for Thursday, April 6 with a rain date of April 12 and that she had been attending the planning meetings. Rutledge stated depending on how many volunteers sign up this year they are hoping to deploy groups in various areas around town for litter pick up. Councilwoman Crew said that she had reached out to them and asked about a crew picking up litter at Spring Hill Cemetery.

Rutledge stated the annual Spring Clean Up date needed to be set so the dumpster could be ordered. Councilman Able made a motion to set the date and order the dumpster for May 12-14, 2023 with Councilwoman Crew making the second and all were in favor.

Rutledge stated the Martin County Humane Society would be working on trapping cats in the area of Water Street in the near future. Rutledge said she had received a complaint of an influx of stray cats in that area.

Jeffrey Dorsey came before the board and said the new lights that were installed at the fire station have fallen out of the fixtures. Rutledge said DEQ was who installed, and she would send an email concerning the matter. Dorsey said the fire department was supposed to receive 25 kits of NARCAN from the state through a grant, but the kits have not been received yet.

Councilwoman Crew said a lot of the Main Street lights are not working. Sanders said they went out during the last big storm and have not come back on. Sanders said she would recheck the breakers but that she thought they were on. The council stated they would be looking into getting the lights all repaired and switched over to LED. Sanders said a quote had been received from DEQ previously. Albright stated he would follow up with them and then the council would request quotes for the job again with possibly having them rewired. Marshal Eckert said they have been worked on several times by different companies since being installed in 2004.

Marshal Eckert also said he thought something different should be done for the Catfish Festival because a lot of power goes through them. Councilman Abel made a motion to send out request for bids to repair the lights with Councilwoman Crew making the second and all were in favor.

RECYCLING

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the doors open," said Haulk. He said they will not close the center but may have to limit services due to having a barebones staff.

The center also plans to raise the fees for taking in tires and trash. Haulk said it won't be anything drastic, but they have learned they are not charging enough.

The board agreed that they do not plan to discuss increasing the \$24 a year property asset fee. This was brought up at a recent meeting when the center was getting desperate. The proposal was to increase the fee by \$12, to \$36 a year for property owners.

The commissioners, this month, gave \$30,000 in ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds to the center and the City of Loogootee gave \$15,000. This was to carry the recycling center until they receive their payout of the property tax asset fee of around \$120,000 in June. Haulk said money will be tight, but they will be able to manage, and their budget will be breaking even, instead of losing money each month, if all goes as planned. He said they are also applying for grants.

They are also in talks with community corrections to see if they can provide community service help, mostly on weekends.

A member of the audience asked if they will also charge businesses in Martin County to pick up cardboard. Haulk said they have talked about it but haven't really addressed it yet. Casey Dearwester, who was in the audience, mentioned that those businesses do already pay an asset fee on their property taxes, which should be considered.

Haulk also brought up a future partnership with Rumpke, who is opening a glass facility in Bloomington which will allow the center to collect glass and sell it to them. They also plan to buy number 5 plastic as well. He said this partnership is in the very beginning phases, however.



-Photo provided

MCCF grant

Shoals High School recently received two "designated" grants from the Martin County Community Foundation. These yearly grants are from endowments established to benefit a particular organization. One grant was for \$986 from the Shoals Community School Corporation K-12 Fund. The other grant of \$1,352 was from the Leo Harding Memorial Fund for maintenance of the ballfield. Shown above is Superintendent Kindra Hovis receiving the checks from MCCF Director Curt Johnson.



-Photo provided

Fund distribution

The Shoals United Methodist Church received their yearly distribution from the Shoals United Methodist Church Fund, a designated fund held with the Martin County Community Foundation. This year the fund provided for a grant of \$75,639 to the church for operations and maintenance. Shown in the front row, from left to right, are council members Barb Loomis, Dorothy Albright and Joy Gibson. In the back row, from left to right, are Jerry Loomis, Alton Qualkenbush and Jan Engle.

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OBITUARIES

ROY PANNELL



ROY PANNELL

Roy E. Pannell passed away Friday February 24, 2023, surrounded by his family at Memorial Hospital and Healthcare Center in Jasper. A resident of Loogootee, he was 79.

He was born October 21, 1943, in Bedford; son of Francis Earl and Mary Louise (Colburn) Pannell. Roy married Nancy Lee on August 19, 1967.

Roy was a United States Air Force Veteran. He retired from NSWC Crane where he served for over 30 years including 3 1/2 years in the U.S Air Force Crash Rescue. Roy is also retired from The American Federation of Government Employees where he served for 11 years, as National Vice President of the 6th District (KY., IN., OH). Roy has served the State of Indiana as a Safety Consultant for the Bureau of Safety Training & Education, Indiana Department of Labor. After retiring 4 times, he started U Safe, Safety Consultation/Training & Outreach Ministry – The Way, serving as a safety consultant for local residents.

Roy was a previous member of or served in a leadership role in the following groups, Little League, Martin County Emergency Unit, Loogootee PTA, (President & State Regional Vice President), Martin County Humane Society, he was appointed by Governor to serve on the formation of a Four County Vocational Rehabilitation network for our area, formerly Four Rivers, in which the Loogootee Red Door was a part, additionally, he was one of the few selected to oversee the first free election in South African History in 1994.

While working at Crane Roy became very active with AFGE Local 1415 and held most all positions in the Local, most notable President. He served as a lobbyist for 25 years; he has effectively worked with both political parties at a national and state level.

Roy's lifelong love of sports included his love of St. Louis Cardinals, Loogootee Lion Fan, and the Colts. He will be remembered by years of fireworks displays on the 4th of July and inflatables, Christmas, and Halloween. Roy provided years of fun and entertainment for friends and family and will be missed by all that knew him.

Roy believed the most important leadership position he had worked in has been in the church, The Shoals UMC, Loogoo-

tee Christian Church, Parkview Christian Church, and the Antioch Christian Church. Roy would say, "I'm a Christian and most proud of it."

He is preceded in death by his parents, Francis Earl and Mary Louise Pannell; his son, Michael Rex Pannell; and his siblings, Don Howard (Susan) Pannell, Kenneth Earl Pannell, and Thomas R. Pannell.

Roy is survived by his wife, Nancy Pannell of Loogootee; his children, Nannette Michelle (Aaron) Hembree of Loogootee, Angela Louise Pannell-Dillon of Odon, and Cori Lee (Tim) Lukomski of Loogootee; his grandchildren, Meagan Louise Friede, Gregory Scott Pannell, Tanner Skye Akles, Frankie Michael (Talitha) Dillon, Isaac Jaron Dillon, and Lilian Rose Lukomski, great grandchildren, Areanna Nicole Friede, Zoey Renee Friede, and Nevaeh Talitha Dillon; his daughter-in-law, Michelle Pannell of Loogootee; sister-in-law, Jewell Pannell of Bloomington, and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held Thursday March 2, at 11 a.m. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee with Bro. Alfred Helms to officiate. Burial and military rights will follow at Goodwill Cemetery in Loogootee.

Visitation will be held Wednesday March 1 from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

Memorial contributions can be made to the North Andhra Coastal Evangelizing Association, P.O Box 2309 Washington, Indiana in memory of Roy.

Online condolences can be made at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

Arrangements provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

JOYCE BROCHIN

Mary "Joyce" (Mangin) Brochin passed during the evening hours of February 23, 2023, at the Daviess Community Hospital. She was 79.

She was born in Montgomery on May 9, 1943; daughter of Austin A. and Thelma E. (Capehart) Mangin. On November 22, 1962, she married Robert "Larry" Brochin, and he survives.

Joyce was a 1961 graduate of Montgomery High School. She was a cook at the Washington Catholic Elementary School for 31 years. A lady who devoted her time to the service of others, Joyce volunteered at St. Vincent de Paul, and was a Pink Lady at the Daviess Community Hospital. Known to be a wonderful cook, she was on the church's Bereavement Committee preparing many funeral meals, and often cooked and baked for



JOYCE BROCHIN

others in need. She was an avid supporter of Washington Catholic Sports, the WC Booster Club, and Band Boosters. She loved to watch old Westerns and was an Elvis fan. However, her greatest joy was spending time with family and friends playing cards and traveling.

Joyce was a member of Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church, Daughters of Isabella, and the Our Lady of Hope Choir.

Those who now mourn Joyce's passing include her husband, Robert "Larry" Brochin; her children, Brenda (Rob) Dyer of Evansville, Robert H. Brochin (Julia Cruse) of Jasonville, and Bryan (Christina) Brochin of Cary, North Carolina. Joyce was blessed with six grandchildren, Jocelyn, Kathryn, Elizabeth, Noah, Nina, and Nicholas; and four great-grandchildren, Elijah, King, Kash, and Chanlee. She leaves four siblings, Patty Brothers of Vincennes, Kenny (Dosia) Mangin of Montgomery, Mike (Mary Rose) Mangin of Loogootee, and Linda (Pat) Mullen of Jasper.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents, Austin and Thelma Mangin and brothers, James A. Mangin, Richard Mangin, Bernard Mangin, and Jerry Mangin.

Visitation for Joyce Brochin will be 4-8 p.m., Wednesday, March 1, at the Ed L. Lee Mortuary, 620 East Viola Avenue, Washington.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m., Thursday, March 2, at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church. Father Paul Ferguson will be the celebrant. Burial will be in the St. John Cemetery at a later date.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.edleemortuary.com.

MICHAEL ELLIOTT

Michael D. Elliott Jr. passed away at 4:32 a.m. at Deaconess Gateway Hospital in Newburgh. A resident of Shoals, he was 50.

He was born May 7, 1972, in Washington; son of Michael D. and Vonda (Parsons) Elliott.

Michael was preceded in death by his mother, Vonda Elliott.

He is survived by his father, Michael D. Elliott Sr. of Loogootee; sister, Michel Elliott of Loogootee; aunts and uncles, Irene Elliott, Georgia Elliott, Thelma Elliott, Mary Elliott, Rita Elliott, Donna Van Winkle, Donna Williams and Tony

(Debbie) Elliott; and many cousins.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Fr. Ken Walker and concelebrant Fr. Sudhakar Bhastati on Friday, February 24 at St. Martin Catholic Church in Whitfield. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

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

Blake Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Michael D. Elliott Jr.

DONALD WAGGONER

Donald G. Waggoner passed away at 2:25 p.m. Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at Community Hospital South. A resident of Indianapolis, he was 83.

He was born January 31, 1940, in Loogootee; son of the late Joseph and Nellie (Cannady) Waggoner.

Donald married Patricia Divine on September 20, 1959, and she survives.

Donald graduated from Loogootee High School in 1957. He then served in the United States Navy on the USS Mt. McKinley from 1957 to 1963.

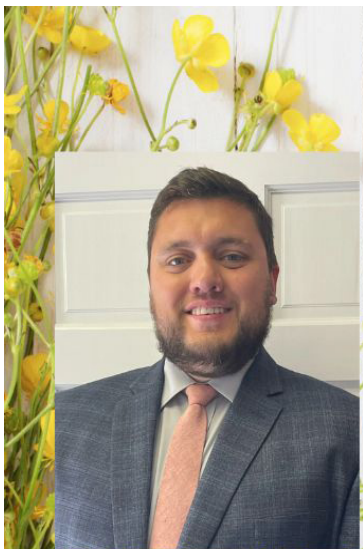
Donald was a member of the USS Mt. McKinley Association. Prior to his retirement, Donald was a nursing home administrator for 40 years. He was an avid sports fan. He loved the Chicago Cubs, Indianapolis Colts, and Indiana University sports.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Nellie Waggoner; brothers, Bill (Beverly) Waggoner and Charles Waggoner; brothers-in-law, Henry Lyon and C. Jay Stoll; and sister-in-law, Kathy Waggoner.

Donald is survived by his wife, Patricia Waggoner of Indianapolis; children, Tammy Shaw of Indianapolis, Tim Waggoner of Indianapolis, Lee Waggoner of Indianapolis, and Dana (Michael) Hawkins of Warrensburg, Illinois; grandchildren, Andrea (Anthony) Burnett, Jessica (Josiah) Daniels, Jillian Shaw, Matt Waggoner, Brett Waggoner, Jake (Mercedes) Waggoner, Julia Waggoner, Griffin Hawkins and Mason Hawkins; great-grandchildren, Andrew, Allie, Abi, and Nolan; siblings, Rose Ann Lyon, Dorothy (Al) Hein, Jane Stimson, Sharon Stoll, and Dean Waggoner; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was conducted Monday, February 27 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial followed in Goodwill Cemetery.

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



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-Admiral Grace Hopper

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

7:47 a.m. - Received a call requesting an officer south of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

10:00 a.m. - Received a call from a Duke Energy contractor advising of a road closure on Sheridan Street between 2nd and 3rd in Loogootee.

10:17 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance northeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to IU Health Bedford.

10:48 a.m. - Received a call from a Duke Energy contractor advising the road in Loogootee is now open.

3:06 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

3:07 p.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn in Shoals.

3:20 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

4:32 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

4:51 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Erwin responded. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

5:49 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Crane. Animal Control Deputy Hughett responded.

7:00 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Deputy Hughett responded.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

1:20 a.m. - Received a call reporting a suspicious vehicle northeast of Loogootee. Major Reed responded.

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

3:18 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:34 a.m. - Received a call reporting a possible traffic hazard north of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

9:05 a.m. - Received an animal complaint south of Loogootee. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

9:20 a.m. - Deputy Pressley transported one inmate to court.

9:40 a.m. - Received a call requesting officers do a welfare check south of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller, Captain Gibson and Loogootee Officer Erwin responded.

11:45 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231 South, heading South. Called Dubois County with information.

1:29 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported three inmates to court.

1:40 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:35 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:47 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

3:49 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

4:17 p.m. - Received a call from a Daviess County address. Advised caller he needed to call Daviess County.

4:18 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check in Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

5:08 p.m. - Received a call from Daviess County requesting assistance at an

accident. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

5:16 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

10:10 p.m. - Received a call requesting an officer south of Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

10:21 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

10:23 p.m. - Received a call from Life-line Alarm Company requesting an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Lost River Fire Department responded. No transport was needed.

10:58 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Knox County address. Call was transferred.

11:38 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a possible missing juvenile in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

4:08 a.m. - Received a call from Koorsen Fire and Security reporting a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

6:54 a.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn south of Loogootee.

7:44 a.m. - Received a call reporting a disabled semi north of Shoals. Martin County Civil Defense, Captain Gibson and Big John's Towing responded.

9:02 a.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm in Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

10:06 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries, northeast of Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded.

10:19 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

10:26 a.m. - Received a 911 call from a Lawrence County address. Transferred call to Lawrence County 911.

10:33 a.m. - Received a call from ADT advising of a commercial burglar alarm in Shoals. Keyholder was notified.

11:33 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

1:55 p.m. - Received a call from ADT advising of a burglar alarm in Crane. Contacted Crane dispatch.

2:01 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Reserve Officer Shaw and Corporal Hawkins responded. No one was transported.

2:10 p.m. - Received a call reporting a tree hanging low north of Shoals. IN-DOT was notified.

2:59 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a tree down south of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

3:11 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:57 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a possible field fire northeast of Shoals. Indian Creek Fire Department responded.

6:30 p.m. - Received a call reporting a tree on a power line northeast of Shoals. REMC was notified.

7:38 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check north of Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

9:23 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

1:59 a.m. - Received a call from Care Center advising of a medical alarm in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:58 a.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:07 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

9:11 a.m. - Deputy Pressley transported one inmate to court.

9:35 a.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:45 a.m. - Deputy Pressley transported three inmates to court.

1:24 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported one inmate to court.

3:29 p.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down north of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

3:45 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

4:48 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

5:05 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver in shoals. Sergeant Wells responded.

8:13 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Dubois County dispatch was notified.

10:30 p.m. - Received a call requesting an officer south of Shoals. Sergeant Wells and Deputy Branham responded.

10:34 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7:45 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

8:23 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

8:41 a.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn west of Shoals.

8:51 a.m. - Received a call from a Duke Energy contractor advising of a road closure in Loogootee.

9:16 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

10:17 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance northeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Indian Creek Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to IU Health in Bedford.

12:48 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, Sheriff Greene, Chief Deputy Keller and ISP Trooper Lents responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:55 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to an officer. Sergeant Wells responded.

3:00 p.m. - Received a call reporting a verbal dispute. Sergeant Wells and ISP Trooper Wilson responded.

4:09 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

4:18 p.m. - Received a call advising of fire alarm drills in Loogootee at the Nursing Center.

4:23 p.m. - Received an animal complaint east of Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

9:00 p.m. - Received a call requesting an officer in Crane. Deputy Branham responded.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

12:46 a.m. - Received a call from Koorsen Fire and Security advising of a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

1:19 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

8:44 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

10:36 a.m. - Received a call reporting a possible water leak in Shoals. Shoals Water was notified.

11:58 a.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:07 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County Medic 2 responded but did not transport.

1:53 p.m. - Received a report of a possible fire north of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

2:08 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 2 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:59 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Lawrence County address. Transferred call to Lawrence County 911.

3:30 p.m. - Received a call reporting a possible traffic hazard south of Loogootee. Sergeant Wells responded.

3:55 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Lawrence County address. Transferred call to Lawrence County 911.

6:44 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver east of Shoals. Sergeant Wells responded.

6:58 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:27 a.m. - Received a 911 call from an Orange County address. Transferred call to Orange County 911.

11:19 a.m. - Received a request to speak with an officer in Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

12:31 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver east of Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded. Notified Lawrence County also.

12:51 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Corporal Hawkins and ISP Trooper Beaver responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:18 p.m. - Received a call reporting a possible scam in Loogootee. Loogootee Dispatch was notified.

3:15 p.m. - Received a call reporting a controlled burn south of Shoals.

3:30 p.m. - Received a call reporting a controlled burn south of Loogootee.

7:42 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident East of Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded.

8:50 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Major Reed and Captain Gibson responded.

10:21 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

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COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL COURT New Charges Filed January 25

Scott R. Woody, possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

January 27

James Davis Wallisa, two counts of driving while suspended with prior conviction within 10 years, Class A Misdemeanors; speeding, a Class C Infraction

January 31

Ryan N. Totton, resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor; false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

February 2

Zane A. Sanders, battery with bodily injury to a public safety officer, a Level 5 Felony; resisting law enforcement, a Level 5 Felony; reckless driving, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Sherry D. Gibson, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony.

James D. Holt, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

February 3

Casey J. Mathews, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; refusal to submit to breath or chemical test, a Class C Infraction.

Joshua A. Phillips, resisting law enforcement, a Level 6 Felony.

February 8

Makayla A. Cundiff, leaving the scene of an accident, a Class B Misdemeanor.

February 10

Judith A. Harlow, two counts of criminal recklessness, Class B Misdemeanors; reckless driving, a Class C Misdemeanor.

February 14

Travis A. Arvin, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Katherine S. Cundiff, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 Felony; possession of altered firearm, a Level 5 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance-controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Regina K. Campbell, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Trevor L. Atherton, operating a vehicle while intoxicated with prior conviction within 7 years, a Level 6 Felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor.

February 16

Tabatha J. Boyd, battery, a Class B Misdemeanor; criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed February 15

TD Bank USA vs. Phyllis Lannan, civil collection.

February 16

Northwest Bank vs. Alyssa Matheis, civil collection.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT New Suits Filed February 15

Wright Attorneys P.C. vs. Brandon M. Whitis, complaint.

MARRIAGE LICENSES February 15

Jadan Michael Wagler of Loogootee and Madalyn Grace Hudson of Monroe City.

February 17

Vernon Dale Swartzentruber of Loogootee and Jessica Renae Hochstetler of Loogootee.

ARRESTS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

3:19 p.m. - Storm Bradley, 22, of Shoals, was arrested by Sheriff Greene and charged with possession of methamphetamine, neglect of a dependent, maintaining a common nuisance, possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. She is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

3:19 p.m. - Shelby Venters, 26, of Shoals, was arrested by Sheriff Greene and charged with possession of methamphetamine, neglect of a dependent, maintaining a common nuisance, possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. She is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

4:17 p.m. - David Shaw, 29, of Shoals, was arrested by Sheriff Greene and charged with possession of methamphetamine, neglect of a dependent, maintaining a common nuisance, possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

4:19 p.m. - Christina Stinebaugh, 36, of Shoals, was arrested by Chief Deputy Keller and charged with possession of methamphetamine, unlawful possession of a syringe, maintaining a common nuisance, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia and possession of a

legend drug. She is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

4:20 p.m. - Joshua Key, 29, of Shoals, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Erwin and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of a legend drug, unlawful possession of a syringe, maintaining a common nuisance, possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

3:28 a.m. - Lisa Lemons, 37, of Owensboro, Kentucky, was arrested by Major Reed and charged with driving while suspended-prior, false informing and a Daviess County warrant. She is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

10:31 a.m. - James Hert, 60, of Shoals, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Erwin and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. He is being held on \$15,000 cash only bond.

7:44 p.m. - Tylor Robertson, 22, of Bloomington, was arrested by Loogootee Reserve Officer Shaw and charged with reckless driving. He is being held on \$3,000 10% bond.

Martin County real estate transfers

James Isaacs and Sandra Isaacs, of Martin County, Indiana to **James C. Venters**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 9 in the plat known as Scenic Hill, Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana.

L&A Construction Company, LLC, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Roy Templin and Rebecca Templin**, of Manatee County, Florida. Tract I: Lot Number 4 in Oliver & Taylor's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana. Tract II: Part of Lot Number 5 in Oliver & Taylor's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Reva J. Szabo and Delphia R. Hellums Hert to **Reva J. Szabo and Delphia R. Hellums Hert and Rosetta Albright**, a part of the south half of the southwest quarter of Section 1, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing one acre, more or less.

Verneeda Roach to **Kevin E. Roach, Rhonda R. Crouse and Jacqueline L. Jones**, a part of the northwest quarter

of the northwest quarter of Section 13, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, more commonly known as 13871 US Highway 231 Loogootee IN 47553.

Mary Beth Adams a/k/a Mary Elizabeth Adams, of Martin County, Indiana to **Mark D. Adams, Shannon S. Burris and Christina D. Wilcoxon**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of Lot Number 6, Risacher's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Gary Blubaum, of Martin County, Indiana to **Beeke Farms, LLC**, of Michigan, a part of the south half of fractional Section 6, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Lot Number 15 in Lazy Acres Subdivision. Also, part of Section 6, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, situated in Center Township, containing 78 acres, more or less. Also, a part of Section 6, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 33.22 acres, more or less.

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COMMUNITY & EVENTS

Loogootee resident hired as assistant principal at Indiana Connections Career Academy

Indiana Connections Career Academy, a tuition-free full-time public virtual school, has recently hired Loogootee resident Erica Fair as the school's CTE (career technical education) assistant principal. Indiana Connections Career Academy provides students with a safe, engaging environment that offers STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) and career-focused courses for specific skill development and career exposure.

In its sixth year of operation, Indiana Connections Career Academy students utilize the same long-standing and developed online curriculum and technology as its companion school, Indiana Connections Academy. The difference between the two high school programs is that Indiana Connections Career Academy students pursue graduation re-

quirements to earn a high school diploma while also completing a career-focused program that prepares them for joining the workforce in one of Indiana's high-growth fields. By engaging in Career Education Live Lessons, completing career-facing activities and demonstrating employability skills, students earn badges, gain elective credit and are better prepared for life after high school.

Enrollment for Indiana Connections Career Academy's 2023-2024 school year is open for students in grades six-12. Interested families are encouraged to attend one of the upcoming online information sessions to find out if virtual school is the right fit for their students. For more information about Indiana Connections Career Academy, visit IndianaConnectionsCareerAcademy.com.



ERICA FAIR

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Free community meal

The Loogootee Christian Church, at 206 Sherman Street, is having their monthly free meal for the community on Thursday, March 2 from 6-8 p.m. at the church. This month, they will be having chicken strips, hot and cold sides, rolls, desserts and drinks. All members of the community are invited to attend.

LHS Class of 1978 meeting

The Loogootee High School Class of 1978 will meet at Loogootee Public Library Saturday, March 11 at 1 p.m. This is the first of several meetings to discuss the upcoming 45th class reunion.

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 or toddamy@iu.edu.

Celebrate Recovery meetings

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

St. Vincent Food Pantry

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, on Park Street in Loogootee, is open the fourth Thursday of the month except November and December when they are open the third Thursday. The hours are 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3:30 p.m.

Free lunch for kids

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

SOAR Tutoring

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

LUMC Food Pantry

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

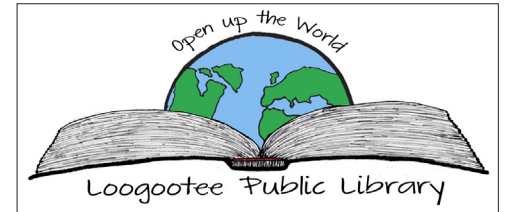
Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board

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

Soil and Water meetings

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



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Federal and state tax forms are available at the library.

Carolyn's Book Club is on Monday night March 6, at 6 p.m. The book that will be discussed "Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet".

Jennifer Walton (Walton Greenhouse) will be doing a Beginner Gardening Workshop on Thursday at 5 p.m.

VU computer class will be held on Saturday, March 11 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. This is a free program to help individuals learn the basics of computers or iPads.

CR Ryan Magic Show will be held on Saturday, March 18 at 10 a.m. at the United Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

New Books:

Mystery: "Lemon Curd Killer" Laura Childs.

Inspirational Fiction: "A Match in the Making" by Jen Turano, "Remember Me" by Tracie Peterson, "Second Time Around" by Melody Carlson, "Letters of Trust" by Wanda E. Brunstetter, "Forged in Love" by Mary Connealy, and "Sycamore Circle" by Shelley Shepard Gray.

Nonfictions: "All My Knotted-Up Life" by Beth Moore.

Library hours: Monday 10-6, Tuesday 10-5, Closed on Wednesday, Thursday 10-6, 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 or like us on Facebook.

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Our new address is 106 Mill Street. You can still call the same phone number as before, 812-295-3597, if you want to check stock on an item or if you are having trouble locating us.

Our hours are Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, from 8 a.m. until 12 Noon.

We couldn't have done this without our loyal customers and the great citizens of Martin and Daviess County. We ask everyone to continue to be patient with us as we make this transition to our new location. It will take some time to get things cleaned up and to restock.

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Walks in the garden have been exciting this week. The early daffodils are putting on a great show. My whole front yard is ablaze in yellow, as early daffodils of various sizes are at peak bloom. At Sandhill Gardens, I have nearly 40 different varieties of daffodils, with cultivars that bloom early, mid-season and late-season. Over the next several weeks, daffodils will bloom in various colors, including white, pink, red, orange and peach. There will be large and small blooms, singles and doubles and various hybrids with unusual blooms.

Recently, I read an article lamenting that daffodils do not supply the nectar needed by the insects that are awakening at this time. That article urged gardeners to plant native flowers. I agree that native plants are necessary to sustain native communities, but I still believe that the landscape may contain non-native plants, as long as they are not invasive. Invasive plants are those which grow out of control, often crowding out native communities.

While daffodils do spread, and you may, indeed, find them growing in the wild, most of those are the progeny of bulbs planted by pioneers around old homesteads. Even there, plenty of natives still manage to blend in. Daffodils are ephemeral, and the foliage will die down a few weeks after they bloom. Since the bulbs are relatively deep in the ground, many native plants will coexist. Annual plant seeds may be grown right over the top of the daffodils, as most of the daffodils will have died down by the time annual seeds begin to germinate.

With the recent unseasonably warm

weather, new blooms join the daffodils almost every day. On Saturday, I noticed that some pulmonaria has put on growth and actually has a few blooms. Commonly known as lungwort, pulmonaria has spotted, fuzzy leaves. The flowers change colors in different stages, so it is not unusual to see plants with purple, pink and white flowers at the same time. Pulmonaria is not exactly showy but is one of those plants that help to brighten shady areas. It combines well with hostas, hellebores and other shade plants. The “Raspberry Splash” cultivar is a particularly beautiful plant and is usually available at local nurseries.

The warm weather has also brought out some insects. I actually saw a butterfly in the garden on Saturday. We know that the weather in Indiana is subject to change at any time, especially this time of the year, and winter may be back. The return on cold weather could disrupt the life cycles of some insects and there could be some damage to plants that have budded out. Of special concern, are the buds on fruit and nut trees. Small plants may be covered with fabric to shield them from a cold blast, but there is not much that can be done to save tree blooms. Such is the nature of gardening in the Ohio Valley.

Of course, as we wait for the garden season to get going, we may satisfy our gardening urges by attending the Indiana Flower and Patio Show at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. This year’s show runs March 11-19. There will be many demonstrations and all sorts of garden-related items for sale. It is a fun way to spend a late winter day.



Dust explosion incidents increased last year, no fatalities

BY ASHVINI MALSHE
Purdue University News Service

The annual summary recording nationwide grain dust bin explosions reported nine incidents in 2022. This compares to seven reported incidents in 2021 and a 10-year average of 7.8 explosions annually.

Kingsly Ambrose, Purdue University professor of agricultural and biological engineering and report author, said that despite the increase in explosions from the previous year and 18 total injuries this year, no fatalities were reported.

The explosions occurred in one ethanol plant, two feed mills, two grain elevators, two rice mills and two grain processing plants. The probable ignition sources were identified in three cases as a fire and one incidence as welding, while five cases were from unknown sources. Fuel sources for all nine explosions were identified as grain dust.

The dust explosions occurred in seven different states, with two each occurring in Arkansas and Louisiana, and one each in New Mexico, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas and Ohio.

“Often, five of the conditions needed for a grain dust explosion to occur are present in most grain feed, milling and processing facilities,” Ambrose said. “These conditions include dust, dispersed dust, confined space and oxygen. The presence of the fifth factor, an ignition source such as overheated bearing or mechanical friction, could lead to an explosion.”

He emphasized the importance of developing and implementing a detailed housekeeping program to mitigate the hazards and utilizing government and industry resources that are publicly available to provide guidance on developing such a program.

USDA announces Conservation Reserve Program signup for 2023

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that agricultural producers and private landowners can begin applying for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) General signup starting February 27 through April 7, 2023. CRP is a cornerstone voluntary conservation program offered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and a key tool in the Biden-Harris administration’s effort to address climate change and help agricultural communities invest in the long-term well-being of their land and natural resources.

“The Conservation Reserve Program is one of the largest private lands conservation programs in the United States, offering a range of conservation options to farmers, ranchers and landowners,” said Julia A. Wickard, FSA State Executive Director in Indiana. “CRP has and continues to be a great fit for farmers with less productive or marginal cropland, helping them re-establish valuable land cover to help improve water quality, prevent soil erosion, and support wildlife habitat. Under this administration, we have made several updates to the program to increase producer interest and enrollment, strengthen the climate benefits of the program and help ensure underserved producers can find a pathway to entry into CRP.”

Producers and landowners enrolled more than 5 million acres into CRP through signups in 2022, building on the acceptance of more than 3.1 million acres in the largest Grassland CRP signup in history. There are currently 23 million acres enrolled in CRP, with 1.9 million set to expire this year. USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA) is aiming to reach the 27-million-acre cap statutorily set for fiscal year 2023.

General CRP

General CRP helps producers and landowners establish long-term, resource-conserving plant species, such as approved grasses or trees, to control soil erosion, improve water quality and enhance wildlife habitat on cropland. Additionally, General CRP includes a Climate-Smart Practice Incentive to help increase carbon sequestration and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by helping producers and landowners establish trees and permanent grasses, enhance wildlife habitat, and restore wetlands.

Continuous CRP

Under Continuous CRP, producers and landowners can enroll in CRP throughout the year. Offers are automatically accepted provided the producer and land meet the eligibility requirements and the enrollment levels do not exceed the statutory cap. The Climate-Smart Practice Incentive is also available in the Continuous signup.

FSA offers several additional enrollment opportunities within Continuous CRP, including the Clean Lakes Estuaries and Rivers Initiative (CLEAR30), the State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) Initiative, the Farmable Wetlands Program (FWP), and the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). The CLEAR30 Initiative, which was originally piloted in twelve states in the Great Lakes and Chesapeake Bay watershed, has been expanded nationwide, allowing producers and landowners to enroll in 30-year CRP contracts for water quality practices. Under this administration, FSA also moved SAFE practices back to the Continuous CRP signup, giving producers and landowners more opportunities to participate in the initiative. Through the FWP, producers and landowners can enroll land in CRP as part of their efforts to restore

previously farmed wetlands and wetland buffers, to improve both vegetation and water flow.

This administration has also made significant improvements to CREP, which leverages federal and non-federal funds to target specific State, regional or nationally significant conservation concerns. Specifically, USDA made significant improvements to CREP to reduce barriers and make the program more accessible to a broad range of producers and new types of partners. These updates included flexibility for partners to provide matching funds in the form of cash, in-kind contributions, or technical assistance, along with an investment in additional staff to work directly with partners. Through CREP, for the first time ever, three Tribal Nations are now partnering with USDA to help conserve, maintain, and improve grassland productivity, reduce soil erosion, and enhance wildlife habitat.

Grassland CRP

FSA will announce the dates for Grassland CRP signup in the coming weeks. Grassland CRP is a working lands program, helping landowners and operators protect grassland, including rangeland and pastureland and certain other lands, while maintaining the areas as working grazing lands. Protecting grasslands contributes positively to the economy of many regions, provides biodiversity of plant and animal populations, and provides important carbon sequestration benefits to deliver lasting climate outcomes.

How to Sign Up

Landowners and producers interested in CRP should contact their local USDA Service Center to learn more or to apply for the program before their deadlines.

Producers with expiring CRP acres can use the Transition Incentives Program

(TIP), which incentivizes producers who sell or enter a long-term lease with a beginning, veteran, or socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher who plans to sustainably farm or ranch the land.

More Information

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

Peent! An evening with the woodcocks

Saturday evening, March 4, the Refuge Friends of Patoka River National Wildlife will offer a unique birding experience for the whole family. Most outings aren’t focused on just one animal, but woodcocks are so neat they get a whole night all their own.

Just what is a “Peent”? It’s the sound made by male woodcocks while performing their courtship ritual flights. Join at Columbia Mine Preserve main parking lot on Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge on March 4 at 5:30 pm CST for a brief presentation on the woodcock. Then walk Timberdoodle Trail and hope the woodcocks are in the mood to put on a show. This event is open to all, regardless of age or experience. Yet, since this is an event in the evening that is dependent on a fairly quiet environment, parents are encouraged to stay with their children.

Consider arriving early to enjoy the sunset and walk some trails.

In case of inclement weather, the event will be held on March 11.

NSA Crane hears fourth-annual State of the Community address from Alliance members

The White River Military Coordination Alliance provided Naval Support Activity Crane as well as fellow Alliance members and stakeholders with the fourth-annual State of the Community address at WestGate Academy February 17.

Alliance Chair Brienne Jerrels, along with representatives from Daviess, Greene, Lawrence, Martin, and Sullivan counties, delivered the State of the Community briefing. This comes as a response to the "State of the Installation" address NSA Crane presented to the Alliance membership communities in November 2022.

"The only way the base can continue to succeed and thrive is through your support and partnership," said CDR James Smith, Commanding Officer NSA Crane. "Great work has been accomplished in our communities from workforce development to talent attraction, and I look forward to further exploring those initiatives and communicating them to our workforce."

Input for the presentation is provided by the five counties and nine incorporated towns that formed the Alliance in 2017. The briefing creates a forum for the communities to share accomplishments and initiatives in mutual interest areas between them and NSA Crane such as housing development, infrastructure resiliency and future planning. This year, the address focused on how communities and NSA Crane can increase collaboration to improve major initiatives in the following areas:

Opportunities to build long-term relationships: Incorporating more Team Crane representation into organizations, commissions and boards can help ensure that NSA Crane and the communities are working together and communicating effectively. The efforts of the Alliance have laid a foundation for strong partnerships between NSA Crane and community leaders.

Community Achievements and Initiatives: The Alliance prepared information that covered childcare, housing, infrastructure, and workforce development as well as aspects that influence the quality of life in the communities that can assist Crane leadership when recruiting new employees.

Engagement in community events:

Communities encouraged Team Crane to participate in local events, celebrations, festivals and programs. Community members can get to know NSA Crane better through its increased presence at events that are a point of pride and connection for the cities, towns and counties. It was also noted communities would like to explore opportunities to venture behind the gate for focused base tours and interactions with Team Crane leadership.

Resiliency planning and assistance with future base design: A key component of NSA Crane's State of the Installation address included the upcoming future base design planning. Communities provided various ways they can become more involved in the future planning, what resiliency initiatives they are implementing in both energy and infrastructure, and how NSA Crane can continue to be communicative and involved in community planning for alignment and collaboration as we continue to grow the region together.

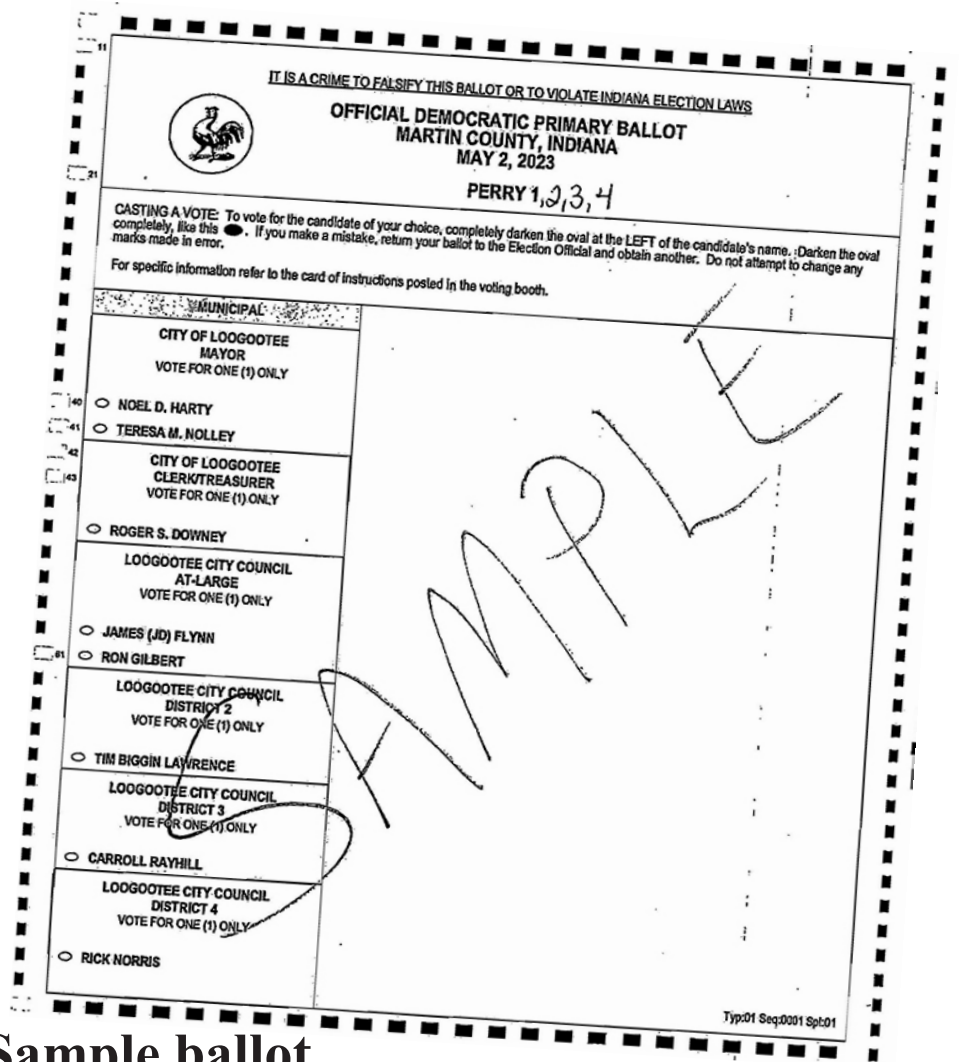
"This State of the Community Address provides a unique opportunity to collaborate with our neighbors at NSA Crane and allows for open discussions surrounding areas of mutual interest and potential impact," said Jerrels. "We are again grateful for this opportunity to continue to grow partnerships and support the development of our region."

The next quarterly Alliance meeting will be held May 19, 2023.

ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



DECEMBER is a female tiger stripe and white kitty, around 2 years old. She is spayed and up to date on all shots. Adoption fee is \$45. For more info or to apply to adopt, visit www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org.



Sample ballot

Ballots for the 2023 City of Loogootee Democratic Primary are approved. The ballots for Perry 1, 2, 3, and 4 are all the same. You may pick up hard copies of the sample ballots at the Martin County Clerk's Office, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Reminder: There will not be a Republican ballot in the Primary since there are no contested races with Republican candidates. Winners of the Democratic Primary and all Republican candidates that have filed for the primary will be on the General Election ballot in the fall.

CLASSIFIED ADS

HELP WANTED

The City of Loogootee Park and Recreation Dept. is accepting applications for Pool Lifeguards

Applications may be picked up at Loogootee City Hall Mayor's Office or High School Offices at Loogootee or Shoals. They may be dropped off at Loogootee Mayors office or in the Utility Office Drop Box at City Hall parking lot.



Applications need to be turned in by Friday, April 14, 2023.



ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth has a part-time job opportunity available for a qualified individual to work as an administrative assistant. Under the direct supervision of the Executive Director, this position provides administrative and clerical support for the Executive Director, the Board of Directors, and other initiatives in which Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth is involved. This position also serves as a community liaison representing Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth at various meetings and events throughout Martin County, and handling requests from community organizations.

- This position handles a variety of office duties to include but not limited to:
- Answer incoming office phone calls, emails, direct mail and in person communications in a timely and effective manner
 - Maintain financial information for the organization
 - Organize and maintain the filing system for paper & digital records
 - Organize and prepare information and documents for monthly board meetings
 - Assist the Executive Director with the organization's communications to include press releases/newsletters/ social media, etc.
 - Provide general administrative and clerical support to the Executive Director as requested

This is a part-time position includes scheduled days of Monday-Friday. The successful candidate should possess skills of: general clerical and customer service skills, basic computer skills, organized, multi-tasking, working in a team environment as well as independently.

Requirements: High School Diploma; general clerical and administrative experience preferred.

Resumes can be submitted by email to Jessica.Potts@martinalliance.org (subject: Resume/Administrative Asst.), dropped off in person or mailed to the address of 2664 US Highway 50 Loogootee, IN.

"We must not be surprised when we hear of murders, of killings, of wars, of hatred."

"If a mother can kill her own child, what is left but for us to kill each other?"

"A nation that kills its children in the womb has lost its soul."

Mother Teresa

Abortion is the Killing of the Unborn!

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