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## Townships roll over \$1.2 million in unused funds

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Martin County has six township trustees' offices – Perry, Halbert, Lost River, Mitcheltree, Rutherford, and Center. At the end of 2021, the six townships combined had \$1,135,486.60 in unused funds that rolled over to this year. All six townships spent a total of \$320,364.21 in 2021.

Each township has a trustee, an elected official with a four-year term. Each trustee also can have a paid secretary (Lost River Township chooses not to) and a paid advisory board of three people. All six township trustees in Martin County in 2021, operated the trustee's office from their homes and were reimbursed for rent, utilities, phone, and travel, in some cases.

There are 1,008 townships in Indiana. The main job of a township trustee is to provide financial assistance to their residents in need. Township assistance is given to individuals who are in an emergency situation and have no other means to provide the basic essentials of life. Residents in need can request help paying for funeral expenses, utilities, rent, medical and dental expenses, prescriptions, vehicle repairs, fuel, groceries, and clothing.

The trustee also provides fire protection to its citizens when the township is not incorporated into a city or town. This includes making an annual payment to a fire department, in the form of a contract, to provide fire service to their township residents.

The trustee also maintains cemeteries by hiring people to provide mowing services. Other duties, per state statute, can include helping by providing and maintaining township parks and community centers, destroying detrimental plants, noxious weeds, and rank vegetation; and providing insulin to the poor.

Money is provided to the townships from property taxes, auto excise tax, and county option income tax. Interest earned from the rollover of cash balances is also included in the budget.

Each year the township trustees are required by state law to file an annual report. Those reports, according to the Indiana Gateway site, must be provided to the state for upload onto the state database 60 days after the end of the year. To view all reports, visit [https://gateway.ifonline.org/report\\_builder/](https://gateway.ifonline.org/report_builder/). Information directly from the state reports is broken down below for each township.

### Rutherford Township

(Rutherford Township's annual report was not uploaded on the state's Gateway site by the deadline therefore 2020 numbers had to be used.)

Per the 2010 Census, Rutherford Township has 760 residents.

Rutherford Township's trustee is Terry J. Street. His clerical assistant is Renee Street. The three-member advisory board consists of Virgil S. Street, Danny Berry, and Jeff Horney. In 2020, Rutherford Township began with a balance of \$77,481.13. After disbursements, totaling \$43,556.95 the township ended 2020 with a balance of \$73,450.84. Of the \$43,556.95 that was paid out, \$17,631.31 went toward salaries and office expenses including the trustee's salary of \$6,180, his secretary's salary of \$3,090 and the

advisory board member's salaries of \$625 each. To maintain the trustee's office in his home, Street was paid \$5,280, (\$440 per month) in rent, utilities and phone for the township office and \$146.95 was reimbursed to Street for mileage. Rutherford Township paid Shawn Truelove \$2,000 to provide mowing of cemeteries. The township also gave \$18,332 to the Haysville Fire Department for a fire service contract and \$278 each was paid to Keith Keller, Kenny Haven, Steven Buchta, Brandon Epple, Bailey Holt, and Derrek Johnson from the firefighting fund. As for helping the poor, \$3,925.64 was given to eight people (eight households) who requested help last year. Of that \$2,068.28 paid to Daviess-Martin REMC, \$1,200 to Blake Funeral Home, \$257.36 to East Fork Water.

### Halbert Township

Per the estimated 2019 Census, Halbert Township has 1,593 residents.

Halbert Township's trustee is Exzelia Montgomery. Her clerical assistant is Pauletta Montgomery. The three-member advisory board includes Stephanie Horton, Travis Montgomery, and Kimberly Albright. Halbert Township started 2021 with a cash balance of \$296,966.73 and ended the year at \$318,627.94.

Of the \$57,333.32 total spent in 2021 by Halbert Township, \$23,612.91 was used to pay for salaries and office expenses including the trustee's salary of \$11,903.92, the clerical salary of \$2,710.48 and \$795.14 each to the three advisory board members.

Also \$3,036.91 (\$253.08 per month) was paid to Exzelia Montgomery for the use of her home and phone for the trustee's office.

For Halbert Township's cemetery care \$300 was paid to Janie Johnson and Jaron Gibson, \$600 was paid to Marlin Courtwright and \$1,200 was paid to Bill Keller.

For money given to the needy, 95 re-

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Halbert Township Trustee: Exzelia Montgomery

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Phone: 812-709-2434

Lost River Township Trustee: Millie Brown

Office address: 6490 Brown Lane, Shoals IN 47581

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Mitcheltree Township Trustee: Tammy Gore

Office address: 20472 Sipes Road, Shoals IN 47581

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Perry Township Trustee: Jason Hennette

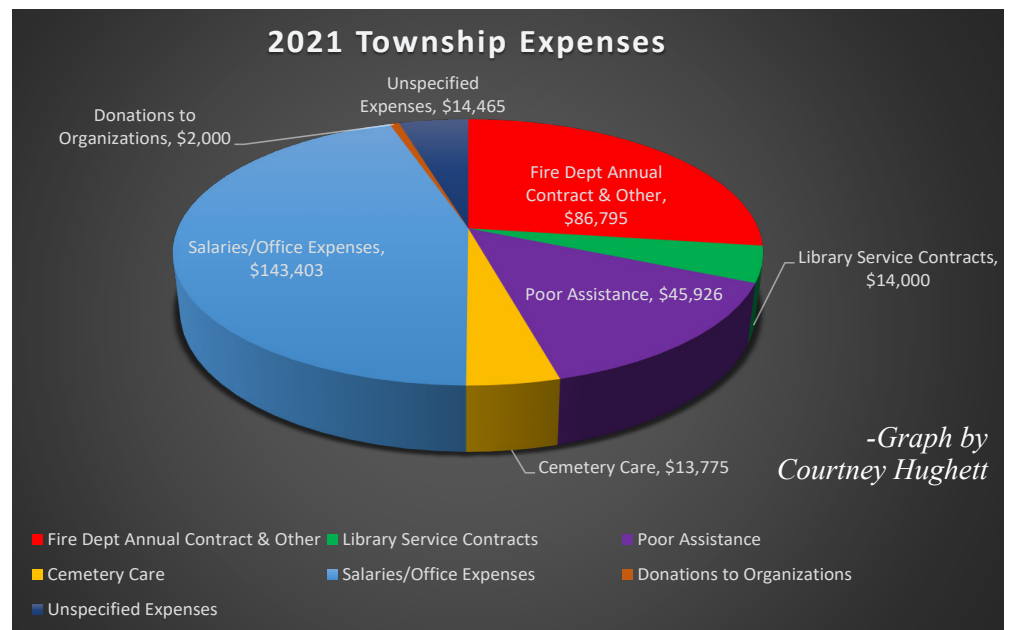
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Rutherford Township Trustee: Terry Street

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-Graph by Courtney Hughett

quests were made for help and 27 households received poor assistance, totaling \$14,312.23. Of the 27 households receiving help, money was paid to the following on behalf of those seeking help: Kevin Boyd \$800, Daviess-Martin REMC \$3,443.73, Duke Energy \$3,715.97, East Fork Water \$26.90, Erie Insurance \$224.90, Jones Oil \$25, M&M Electric \$800, Bryan Montgomery \$140, Property Sure \$650, Shoals Municipal Utilities \$471.26, Specialized Loan Servicing, LLC \$422.27, Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes \$2,400, and White River Co-Op \$1,192.20.

Also, \$10,600 was paid to the Shoals Fire Department and \$5,000 to the Shoals Public Library.

### Lost River Township

Per the 2010 Census, Lost River Township has 572 residents.

Lost River Township trustee is Mildred Brown and she does not pay a clerical assistant. The 2021 advisory board consisted of Alice Butler, Keith Emmons, and Bruce Fithian. At the beginning of 2021 the trustee's cash balance was

\$79,999.48 and was \$43,776.94 at the end of the year.

For 2021, a total of \$43,776.94 was paid out. Of that, \$7,581.94 was spent on salaries and office expenses including \$2,828.60 for the trustee's salary and three advisory board members were paid \$535.12 for the year.

Brown paid \$739.62 (\$61.63 a month) for the use of her home as the township office.

For cemetery care in Lost River Township, Blake Cooper was paid \$1,100, Keith Albright was paid \$1,000 and August Bauer and David Butler were paid \$500 each.

The township paid \$1,500 to the Shoals Public Library and \$31,595 to the Lost River Fire Department.

No one requested help from the Lost River Trustee so \$0 was paid out in township assistance.

### Center Township

Per the estimated 2018 Census, Center Township has 1,673 residents.

Center Township's trustee is Ann (See 'TRUSTEES' on page 2)

## Commissioners get updates on COVID, bridges, contracts

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, February 22. Commissioners present were Paul R. George, Aaron Summers and Cody Roush. Also present were Attorney Dave Lett and Auditor Bobbie Abel. In attendance were Rhonda Sanders, recorder; Anna Hynes, Air Evac; Terri Alcorn, highway clerk; Scott Seals, highway superintendent; Julia Albright, Martin County Health Nurse; De-Andra Magdaleno, deputy clerk; Amanda Magdaleno, deputy assessor; Steve Magdaleno; and Andy Ringwald, EMA.

Julia Albright, Martin County Health Nurse, advised that Covid-19 numbers have gone down. Two additional deaths were reported in February with 24 in total. Martin County will be one of three counties in Indiana that will be in blue status beginning Wednesday. The state will no longer do contact tracing except in jails and care facilities. New guidance for schools and daycares has been released. Clinic times for vaccines have been adjusted due to decrease in demand. Nurse Lisa Taylor will be working with the schools.

Scott Seals, highway superintendent, submitted the quote for repairs on Bridge

44. It is recommended that they proceed with repairing the damaged portion of the bridge to restore it to the way it was. A motion for Attorney Lett to proceed with contacting the insurance provider about decision to repair was made by Commissioner Roush, seconded by Commissioner Summers. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Superintendent Seals submitted a contract for approval between HWC and the county for \$9,000 to attain permitting for culvert replacement on Brett Road. A motion to approve the HWC contract was made by Commissioner Summers, seconded by Commissioner Roush. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Seals informed the commissioners of damage to Chicken Farm Road. He advised that the sheriff's department is following up with determining who is responsible for the damage. The county has an ordinance in place regarding damage to county roads. The party responsible will have to pay for repairs and receive a possible fine.

Superintendent Seals asked about the highway department employees being (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 2)



# TRUSTEES

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Stewart, and her clerk is Kevin Stewart. The three-member advisory board includes Norma Baker, Matthew Sullivan and Dean Crandall.

Center Township's cash balance was \$156,480.16 at the beginning of 2021. At the end of the year the balance was \$188,454.68.

A total of \$45,070.41 was spent by the township last year. \$17,538.79 was spent on salaries and office expenses. Of that, \$7,232.95 was paid to Ann Stewart and \$3,146.82 to her clerk. The advisory board members were each paid \$613.34.

The Stewarts were paid \$1,920 (\$160 per month) for the use of their homes as the trustee's office.

For cemetery care, \$2,200 was paid to Jayce Graber and \$1,125 was paid to Roy Dale Grafton. Center Township gave \$10,600 to the Town of Shoals for a firefighting contract and fire department insurance. The township gave \$4,000 to the Shoals Public Library.

There were 38 poor assistance requests to the trustee last year and 22 households were given assistance. The amount given in assistance in 2021 was \$9,606.62. Of that, \$2,400 was paid to Queen-Lee Funeral Home, \$1,252.91 to Shoals Municipal Utilities, \$238.64 to RJ's Food Mart, \$1,004.98 to Duke Energy, \$1,200 to Blake Funeral Home, \$250 to the Town of Shoals, \$140 to East Fork Water, \$234 to Shoals Senior Housing, \$2,594.91 to REMC, \$91.18 to Centerpoint Energy, and \$200 to Propane Direct.

## Mitcheltree Township

Per the 2010 Census, Mitcheltree Township has 624 residents.

Mitcheltree Township's trustee is Tammy Gore and her clerk is Steven Anderson. The three-member advisory board

includes Charity Tolbert, Sharon Belcher and Becky Sellers.

At the start of 2021, the trustee's cash balance was \$239,857.38 and stood at \$248,765.85 at the end of the year.

A total of \$36,045.84 was spent last year and of that \$19,152.12 was spent on salaries and office expenses including \$7,000 for the trustee's salary, \$5,000 for the clerk's salary and \$800 for each advisory board member.

The trustee's office, located in Gore's home, had \$1,200 (\$100 per month) for rent and telephone expenses. Gore also was paid \$710 for communication and transportation and her husband was paid \$6,000 for repairs and maintenance.

\$2,000 was donated to the Trinity Springs Mustering Elm Park and \$3,500 each was paid out to the Shoals Library. \$4,000 was given to the Indian Creek Fire Department.

There were seven requests for township assistance in Mitcheltree for 2021 and seven households helped for a total of \$1,393.72. Norbert Mattingly was paid \$200 and Daviess-Martin REMC was paid 1,193.72.

\$4,000 was given to Indian Creek Fire Department for a firefighting contract and \$1,000 was given to the Shoals Public Library.

## Perry Township

Per the estimated 2019 Census, Perry Township has 4,993 residents.

Perry Township's trustee is Jason Hennette and his clerk for last year was Steven Anderson. The three-member advisory board consists of Brandi Hennette, Tony Dant, and Julie Green.

Perry's cash balance at the beginning of 2021 was \$294,681.57 and was \$335,843.19 at the end of the year.

A total of \$94,580.75 was paid out in

2021. Of that, \$57,886.35 was paid in salaries and office expenses including \$18,000 for the trustee, \$13,000 for his clerk and \$2,500 for each advisory board member). \$957.02 was paid to Collins Flags and \$6,100 to Gregory and Sons for repairs and maintenance.

A total of \$6,000 (\$500 per month) was paid in rent to Hennette for the use of his home as the trustee's office and \$1,657.80 was paid to Frontier for his phone and internet.

Shawn Truelove Mowing was paid \$2,950 for cemetery care and \$10,000 was paid to the City of Loogootee for fire protection.

Perry Township gave out \$16,687.38 in

poor assistance in 2021. There were 76 requests for assistance and what was paid out benefited 36 households. The following received payments on behalf of those seeking assistance: Eagle Place Apartments \$200, White River Co-Op \$110, Vectren \$253.21, Duke Energy \$6,674.13, Daviess-Martin REMC \$335.12, City of Loogootee \$1,991.76, Karry Stoll \$400, Blake Funeral Home \$1,000, Town of Crane \$1,868.35, James Pankey \$350, Bob Williams \$200, Centerpoint Energy \$249.81, Hoosier Uplands \$225, Teresa Nolley \$250, Premier \$80, Stewart Blake \$150, Charity Truelove \$875, Richard Hoff \$300, Denny Wagoner \$800, and Larkin Apartments \$375.

# Lions end season in Sectional, Jug Rox compete Friday night

BY GREG BATEMAN  
Sports Contributor

The Loogootee Lions basketball team's season came to an end Tuesday night at Jack Butcher Arena in the opening round of Sectional 63. The Lions got off to a strong start scoring the first 12 points of the game against the Orleans Bulldogs, but the Bulldogs fought back for a 49-45 overtime win to end the Lion's season. The Lions led 15-6 after the first break and extended the lead to 19-6 to start the second quarter, but the Bulldogs, led by sophomore Ian Hall's 31 points cut the lead to 23-19 before Peyton Bledsoe's three-point basket at the buzzer sent the Lions into halftime with a 26-19 lead.

The 3rd quarter started out promising with a Parker Arvin basket and free throw to extend the lead to 10, but the Bulldogs wouldn't fold, inching closer and eventually taking a 31-30 lead and it was nip and tuck the rest of the way.

Leading 43-41 with just under two minutes in regulation, the Lion's senior guard Luke Nonte fouled out of the game and the Lions struggled offensively the rest of the regulation and overtime scoring only two more points in the 4th quarter on two Peyton Bledsoe free throws giving the Lions a brief 45-43 lead before Hall tied the game at 45. The Lions had a chance to win in regulation but couldn't take advantage and failed to score in the four-minute overtime period.

The Lions, who ended their season with an 18-6 record were only able to get three players in the scoring column. Junior Peyton Bledsoe led the Lions with 27 points, while junior Parker Arvin finished with 14 and senior guard Luke Nonte ended a great career in black and gold with four points.

Meanwhile, Martin County's other

Sectional 63 team, Coach Bryson Abel and his Shoals Jug Rox drew a first-round bye and will open play in game one on Friday night at Jack Butcher arena against a North Daviess Cougar team who has been at the top of the Class A rankings much of the season. The Cougars (21-3) advanced in the opener of Sectional 63 with a 71-19 win over Washington Catholic.

The Jug Rox (9-14) and Cougars will play at 6 p.m. Friday night followed by the Barr-Reeve Vikings and the Orleans Bulldogs. The championship game is slated for Saturday night at 7 p.m.

## COMMISSIONERS

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given a day off in place of the day the courthouse was closed due to inclement weather. A motion to approve the replacement day off was made by Commissioner Summers, seconded by Commissioner Roush. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Andy Ringwald, EMA Director, advised that he attended the pipeline meeting. It was an informational meeting offering proper procedure on how to respond to a reported leak. He informed the commissioners that Monty Wolfe received recognition at the State Assembly on Monday for 50 years of volunteer fire service.

Auditor Bobbie Abel submitted the contract for signature for Financial Solutions Group to advise on the ARPA fund procedure and reporting. Abel advised that the ARPA board was in favor of retaining the advisor with the stipulation that it not exceed \$7,500 without approval.

Commissioner Summers asked when the last run report was submitted by Martin County Ambulance. Attorney Lett will follow up with the provider.



## DOOR BUSTERS

GREENWELL HARDWARE

March, 2022

Quantities are limited. While supplies last.

 <p><b>\$9<sup>99</sup></b> <b>10-Oz. 4500 EPDM Roof Bonding Sealant</b> One-step application - no need for cleaners, primers, or additional adhesives. May be used with most common building materials. Black color. 1077064</p>	 <p><b>\$4<sup>99</sup></b> <b>8-Oz. WD-40® Spray Lubricant</b> Stops squeaks, loosens rusted parts, frees sticky mechanisms. Uses: Quieting squeaky doors &amp; drawers, lubricating moving parts, loosening stuck bolts, removing grease, paint, gum, etc. 2076099</p>	 <p><b>\$4<sup>99</sup></b> <b>28-Oz. Lime-A-Way® Calcium/Lime/Rust Cleaner</b> Dissolves rust stains, lime-scale buildup and calcium deposits on a variety of surfaces inside and outside the home. 6446942</p>
 <p><b>\$34<sup>99</sup></b> <b>24-In. Multi-Surface Push Broom</b> Handle-free cleanup for the most demanding commercial jobs. Features fully assembled steel brace, die-cast aluminum connector and split-tip, PET fiber bristles for use on smooth and sealed surfaces. 4012613</p>	 <p><b>\$13<sup>99</sup></b> <b>1-Gal. Bug Max Home Pest Control</b> Kills roaches, ants, fleas, ticks, termites, carpenter ants, brown recluse spiders, black widows, carpenter bees and bedbugs. Kills on contact. For indoor and outdoor use. 6901474</p>	 <p><b>\$6<sup>99</sup></b> <b>1.41-In. x 60-Yds. Masking Tape</b> Suitable for freshly painted wallboard lacquer or polyurethane-coated surfaces, new unfinished wood and unpainted wallpaper. Removes cleanly from glass even when left in direct sunlight up to 14 days. 6939557</p>



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 <p><b>\$34<sup>99</sup></b> <b>1-Gal. Bug Wash® Windshield Washer Fluid</b> Removes bugs, road grime, and residue. Forms a barrier to prevent them from sticking. Streak-free and repels water. 7005390</p>	 <p><b>99¢</b> <b>Fly Catcher Ribbon</b> Traps flying insects. Safe and effective. No poisons or vapors. Hang in barn, garage, porch or food areas. 8212474</p>	 <p><b>\$13<sup>99</sup></b> <b>16-Oz. Roach Spray</b> Forces insects out of hiding and kills them. Kills roaches, fleas, ticks, ants, mosquitoes, spiders, flies, gnats and crickets. 9426586</p>
 <p><b>\$9<sup>99</sup></b> <b>1/2-In. x 3/8-In. Push Connect Straight Valve</b> 1/2" nominal push connect inlet x 3/8" OD compression outlet 1/4-turn straight valve controls water flow to household plumbing fixtures like faucets, toilets, dishwashers, icemakers, washing machines. 9599499</p>	 <p><b>\$9<sup>99</sup></b> <b>1/2-In. x 3/8-In. Push Connect Stop Angle Valve</b> 1/2" nominal push connect inlet x 3/8 in OD compression outlet 1/4-turn angle valve controls water flow to household plumbing fixtures like faucets, toilets, dishwashers, icemakers, washing machines. 9599507</p>	

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# OBITUARIES

## JIM WALTON

James L. "Jim" Walton passed away Thursday, February 24, 2022, at Indiana University Health Hospice House in Bloomington. A resident of Mitchell, he was 85.



He was born January 8, 1937, in Loogootee; son of Garrison and Aletta (Divine) Walton.

**JIM WALTON** He married Martha L. Harrison on September 24, 1960.

Jim retired from Lehigh Cement Company with 32 years of service and had also been employed at U.S. Gypsum for 11 years. He was a Godly and quick-witted man who loved and was devoted to his family, friends, dog, and farming. Jim was a member of the First Baptist Church and a 1954 graduate of Loogootee High School. He was a U. S. Army veteran and a member of the Warren Brock American Legion Post No. 69.

Surviving are his wife, Martha L. Walton of Mitchell; daughter, Jamie (Troy) Young of Mitchell; daughter-in-law, Evelyn Walton of Mitchell; grandchildren, Dr. Landon (Calin) Young, Lauren (Josh) Wade, Elizabeth (Luke) Baker, Daniel (Kristin) Walton, and Hannah (Jarrod) Pickel; 10 great grandchildren; siblings, Bob (Sheryl) Walton of Mitchell, Linda (Bill) Hagerdy of Loogootee, and Janet Hart of Sullivan; sister-in-law, Helen Moffatt of Noblesville, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins

His parents; son, David Walton; siblings, Dean Walton, Margie Walton, and Addie Darlene Walton; and brother-in-law, Fred Hart, preceded him in death.

A funeral service was held Monday, February 28 in the Memorial Chapel of Chastain Funeral Home & Cremation Center with Pastor J. R. Moffatt and Pastor William "Skip" Mathews officiating. Burial followed Mitchell Cemetery. Military honors were accorded by Warren Brock American Legion Post No. 69.

Memorial gifts may be made to IU Health Hospice House.

## SUE FISHER

Sue Ann (Evans) Fisher and departed this Earth for her Heavenly Home on February 21, 2022. She was 83.



She was born to Hayes (1903-1971) and Mary Alice (Stuffle) (1915-2001) Evans in Daviess County, on June 5, 1938.

Sue graduated from Odon High School in 1955, and she married Ronnie Fisher on June 8, 1957.

Sue grew up on the farm next to the Raglesville Cemetery, and she lived most of her life in or near Raglesville. In addition to being a homemaker, Sue's work career included Dearmin's in Odon, Loogootee Textile, RCA in Bloomington, and the Naval Ammunition Depot currently known as the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Crane where she worked until retirement. Sue was very involved in the activities of the Frady Memorial United Methodist Church and of the Van Buren Homemakers Club, both at Raglesville. At various times in her life, Sue enjoyed participating in roller skating, bowling, ping pong in the garage, volleyball in the yard, card games at the kitchen table, family trips to watch Cincinnati Reds baseball games, and shopping. Sue loved playing games, and her favorites were Rook, Euchre, and Scrabble.

Because of the frequency of visitors at Sue's and Ron's house, Sue worked

to make everyone feel at home by providing an endless variety of snacks and quickly put-together-at-the-last-minute meals, thereby earning her the nickname of "Skillet" bestowed upon her by one of Ronnie's friends.

Sue and Ronnie's three sons, all of Odon, are Doug (Jennie), Jim (Diane), and Dave (Sherry) Fisher; their grandchildren are Angie Fisher of Paris, Illinois; Bailee Fisher of Newburgh, Tucker Fisher of Bloomfield, R.J. Fisher of Odon, Whitney Fisher of Avon, Kari (Sean) Gallagher of Odon, and Damon (Cecorra) Meek of Loogootee. Their great-grandchildren are Ava Fisher, Olivia Fisher, Fallon Gallagher, Kane Gallagher, all of Odon; Mason Meek of Evansville, and Kylan Holt of Loogootee. Sue's siblings are Pat (Bruce) Miller of Dexter, Missouri; Bill (Diana) Evans of Bloomington, and Sally Evans of Greenwood.

Sue's sister Janet (Fred) Potts of Odon, predeceased her in 1987. Sue also leaves behind three generations of nieces and nephews, several family members who entered her life through her marriage to Ronnie, multiple friends and former co-workers, and her recently-adopted "family" members who had been her caregivers and co-residents at the Ketcham Memorial Center in Odon.

For those wishing to honor Sue's life, memorial contributions may be made to the Frady Memorial United Methodist Church in Raglesville or the Raglesville Cemetery.

Funeral services were held Friday, February 25 at Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon. Sue was laid to rest near her two families in the Raglesville Cemetery.

Arrangements and care have been entrusted to Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family online at [www.mengfuneralhome.com](http://www.mengfuneralhome.com).

## EMMA LOU ENGLEMAN

Emma Lou Engleman passed away Sunday February 27, 2022, at St. Charles Health Campus Jasper. A resident of Loogootee, she was 85.



She was born in Montgomery on February 11, 1937; daughter of Frank Pettigrew and Lucille (Thompson) Hill.

**EMMA LOU ENGLEMAN** Emma married Donald Lee Engleman (deceased) on January 23, 1956. She was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

Emma spent many years as a caregiver in the community for friends and family. She loved helping people, she never thought of herself but always thought of others. When Emma wasn't taking care of others, she loved spending time with her six grandchildren and then later on her great grandchildren. She enjoyed time with her friends, and dancing. She loved it when people stopped by and visited when she sat in her swing.

She is survived by her two sons, Mike (Neina) Engleman and Steve (Lisa - deceased) Engleman, both of Loogootee; grandchildren, April (Kevin) Boone of Frankfort, Josh (Chelsey) Engleman of Mitchell, Amber McBride of Loogootee, Sarah (Ben) Hayhurst of Washington State, Anna (Branden) Martin of North Dakota, and Stephanie Engleman of North Dakota, 13 great grandchildren, her sister, Janet Cline of Washington and several nieces and nephews.

Cremation was chosen according to her wishes.

The family will host a Celebration of Life for Emma on Saturday April 2 from

1 p.m. until 3 p.m. in the lower level of St. John Center. Everyone who knew Emma is cordially invited to stop by and share a memory. These were Emma's wishes in lieu of a visitation and funeral.

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

Arrangements provided by Blake Funeral Home

## DAWNEEN HALL

Dawneen E. Hall passed away surrounded by her children, at 10:46 p.m. at Terre Haute Regional Hospital in Terre Haute. A resident of Bedford, she was 76.



She was born January 28, 1946, in North Freedom, Wisconsin; daughter of the late Clarence J. and Louise (Meyers) Rogne.

**DAWNEEN HALL** She was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church. She loved traveling, trap shooting, and spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren and her visits with Bro. Lyman Taylor.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Galand Rogne; two half-brothers; and the mother of her heart, Betty Iverson.

Dawneen is survived by her daughters, Cathy (Steve) Arvin of Loogootee, Annee (Jason) Fish of Bedford, and son, Tony (Amy) McGlocklin of Nashville; grandchildren, Harrison (Krista Blevins) Fleetwood, Alexandria (Jordan Hottell) Fleetwood, Ashton Fish, Eli Fish, Tyler (Jamie Hodges) McGlocklin, Taylor McGlocklin, Brayton (Nikolay Verevkin) Arvin, Cole (Jade) Arvin, Wade (Kyanna) Arvin, Nicole Arvin; and 12 great-grandchildren; and the family of her heart, David Iverson (Dad), Denise (Iverson) Gertsch, Kaye (Iverson) Larson, Jim Iverson, Lana (Iverson) Christoffel, Rita (Iverson) Vetterli, and Curt Iverson.

Visitation with the family will be Saturday, March 5 from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. with service at 11 a.m. at the Bedford Baptist Temple, conducted by Pastor Lyman Taylor.

Dawneen's wish was cremation therefore a private family burial will be conducted at St. Martin's Cemetery in Loogootee following the services.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Martin Cemetery Association c/o St. John The Evangelist Catholic church, 408 Church Street, Loogootee, IN 47553 or the ministry of the Bedford Baptist Temple 2417 N St., Bedford, IN 47421.

## THELMA SILVERS

Thelma Ruth Silvers passed away Friday February 18, 2022, at her home. A resident of Terre Haute, she was 63.



She was born June 20, 1958, in Shoals; daughter of Jacob and Audrey June (Hopkins) Jones.

She was a retired Registered Nurse and had also spent time teaching nurses.

**THELMA SILVERS** She is survived by her children, Darrin Silvers and wife, Jamie; Landice B. "Brent" Silvers II, and Sue Ellen "Susie" Silvers Taylor and husband, Michael; sisters, Mary McBride and Sharon Rose "Buck" Craft; brothers, Joe Jones, Jacob Jones, Kenny Jones, and Charles "Snook" Jones; grandchildren, Landice Jacob Silvers, Savannah Silvers, Ella Silvers, Weston Silvers, Stephen Taylor and wife, Mandy; and Sissy Tay-

lor Beckett and husband, John; several great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death her parents and her husband, Landice Brent "LB" Silvers who died in August of 2020.

A memorial service for "L.B." and Thelma Ruth Silvers will be held at 3p.m. Saturday, March 5 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals. Visitation will be at noon until the time of service.

Online condolences may be made at [www.queenlee.com](http://www.queenlee.com).

## WANDA BRADLEY

Wanda Mae Bradley passed away Friday February 25, 2022, at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center with her family by her side. A resident of Loogootee, she was 84.

**WANDA BRADLEY** She was born February 13, 1938, in Martin County; daughter of John and Pauline (Wyman) Taylor. Wanda was a 1956 graduate of St. John's Catholic High School. She stayed close with her classmates and was on the planning committee for reunions. She married Jerry Bradley on November 10, 1956.

Wanda was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, she sang in the choir, was a Eucharistic Minister, and helped arrange flowers in the sanctuary. She was a member of the Daughter's of Isabella, and was a participant and helped with planning the Christ Renews his Parish Retreat. She always had a positive attitude, was strong in her faith, and prayed for everyone she knew.

Wanda and Jerry enjoyed visiting the French Lick Casino and watching horse races. They loved to take walks together, fish, and mushroom hunt. Jerry was a great conversationalist and Wanda was a patient listener. She worked various jobs cleaning local businesses, a stylist at Laurie's Flowers, RCA, and Textile. Wanda loved to work in her flower garden, paint, play cards, and was a talented seamstress that was known to fix anything! After they were first married Wanda and Jerry managed a local hometown diner called "Sandwich Haven".

Wanda was known as the social butterfly of the nursing home. Most of all she loved to spend time with her family, grandchildren, and great grandchildren and will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Wanda is preceded in death by her husband, Jerry "Foxye" Bradley, who passed away on September 22, 2014; and her parents, John and Pauline Taylor.

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21

4:56 a.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

7:16 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

8:18 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle. ISP Master Trooper Lents responded.

2:32 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:16 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded vehicle east of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

4:50 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check north of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson responded.

### OBITUARIES

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She is survived by her children, Martin Joseph (Mary) Bradley of Loogootee, Robert (Diana) Bradley of Raglesville, Brian (Heather) Bradley of Clanton, Alabama; her grandchildren, Brett (Lexi Geiger) Bradley of Celestine, Jason (Amber) Bradley of Indianapolis, Stephen (Tara) Bradley of Bloomington, Ashley (Zach) Albin of Bloomington, Matt Bradley of Newburgh, Max (Aby) Bradley of New Albany, Tori (Justin) Quick of Indianapolis, and Jon Bradley of Indianapolis; her great grandchildren, Addalyn Bradley, Jayven Bradley, and Colter Speedy of Celestine; Amelia Bradley of Bloomington, Lillian Bradley of Newburgh, and Ryleigh and Ella Quick of Indianapolis; her brother, Donald (Nita) Taylor of Loogootee; her sister, Wanita (Earl) Bennet of Indianapolis, and several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by the Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker on Tuesday March 1, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial followed in St. John Catholic Cemetery in Loogootee.

Memorial contributions can be made to St. Vincent De Paul in memory of Wanda.

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

Blake Funeral home is honored to serve the family of Wanda Bradley.

### YVONNE STONE

Yvonne Stone passed February 26, 2022, at the Loogootee Nursing Center. A



resident of Shoals, she was 83.

She was born November 25, 1938, in Shoals; daughter of David and Ruth (Lindley) Tinkle.

She attended Shoals High School.

She is survived by her children, Mary Jo Mullins, Darren Bruce Stone and Sonja Davis; seven grandchildren, several great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews; brothers, Tennis Tinkle and Harold (Loretta) Tinkle; and sisters, Lana Bush and Brenda Tedrow.

Preceding her in death are her children, Evelyn Padgett and Randy "Doc" Stone; and siblings, Janet Ragains, Jack Tinkle, Clara Wininger, William Bill Tinkle, Carolyn Sue Bailey, Carl Tinkle, Pam Blair, Linda Courtright and Danny Tinkle.

Funeral services were held this morning Wednesday, March 2 with burial following in Spring Hill Cemetery.

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

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

5:22 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance west of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded.

5:21 p.m. - Received a report of a fire east of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson, Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded.

10:53 p.m. - Received a request for a lift assist north of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

2:54 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

6:17 a.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Police were notified.

6:26 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

6:38 a.m. - Received a report of a traffic hazard north of Loogootee. Captain Reed was notified.

9:14 a.m. - Major Keller assisted a motorist in Crane with a vehicle identification check.

9:27 a.m. - Received a report of water over the road north of Shoals. INDOT was notified.

10:42 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted a motorist in Shoals with a vehicle identification check.

11:31 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. INDOT was notified, Shoals Fire Department responded.

11:46 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:15 p.m. - Received a report of a theft north of Loogootee. All Martin County law enforcement were notified.

1:23 p.m. - Corporal Wells took three inmates to court.

2:20 p.m. - Corporal Wells took one inmate to court.

4:09 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check south of Loogootee. Corporal Wells responded.

10:30 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute south of Shoals. Captain Reed, Sergeant Gibson, Loogootee Officer Seymour and Loogootee Officer Erwin responded.

11:00 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Loogootee. Civil Defense responded.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

1:10 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance west of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

9:03 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check east of Shoals. Major Keller, Chief Deputy Greene, Sergeant Gibson, Deputy Shaw, Deputy Hawkins, ISP Trooper Wilson, and Community Corrections Officer Murphy responded.

10:24 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

2:00 p.m. - Deputy Shaw took one inmate to court.

1:12 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:51 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:03 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance southwest of Shoals. Daviess County Ambulance responded and transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

3:19 p.m. - Received a report of a bur-

glar alarm in Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

4:08 p.m. - Received notification that West River Road in Shoals is closed due to high water.

8:42 p.m. - Deputy Hawkins and Deputy Long assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

2:04 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

4:38 a.m. - Received notification that Shoals Community School was having an e-learning day due to weather conditions.

6:48 a.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Captain Reed responded.

10:06 a.m. - Deputy Shaw took three inmates to court.

1:59 p.m. - Deputy Shaw took two inmates to court.

2:30 p.m. - Deputy Shaw took two inmates to court.

3:12 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

3:58 p.m. - Shoals Town Marshal Eckert assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock.

5:12 p.m. - Deputy Flanagan assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

5:37 p.m. - Received a report of a fire northeast of Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan, Deputy Long and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

8:24 p.m. - Received a request for a lift assist in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded.

8:28 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

6:39 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down southeast of Shoals. Lost River Fire

## Martin County real estate transfers

**Robert Spurgeon**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Brandee L. Spurgeon**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Number 12 and 13 in Riverfront Subdivision to Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana.

**Jeffrey T. O'Dair and Debra A. O'Dair**, of Marion County, Indiana to **Jeffrey T. O'Dair and Debra A. O'Dair**, co-trustees of the **Jeffrey T. O'Dair and Debra A. O'Dair Joint Revocable Trust**, central part of the south one-half of Section 35, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, containing 29.07 acres, more or less.

**Alice A. Robbins and Chad L. Phillips**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Brittany D. Chandler**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 8 in McCormick's Subdivision to Lot Number 103 in Chenoweth's Extension to the Town of Shoals, formerly West Shoals, Indiana. Also, Lot Number 9 in McCormick's Subdivision to Lot Number 103 in Chenoweth's Extension to the Town of West Shoals, now Shoals, Indiana, more commonly known as 600 McCormick Street, Shoals IN 47581.

**Robert D. Sutton and Helen M. Sutton**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Melisa D. Sorrells**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 13 and a strip 14 feet 9 inches wide of even width off of the west side of Lot Number 12 in the original plat of West Shoals, now West Shoals Addition to the Town of Shoals, Indiana.

**Sabra S. Bough**, f/k/a Sabra S. Harder, of Martin County, Indiana to **Sabra S. Bough and Terry Bough**, of Martin County, Indiana, the northeast corner of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing .75 of an acre, more or less.

Department responded.

7:56 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver east of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene and Deputy Shaw responded.

9:13 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:00 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Crane. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

12:30 p.m. - Deputy Flanagan assisted a motorist in Crane with a vehicle identification check.

2:09 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

2:19 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

3:35 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to IU Health Bedford.

4:30 p.m. - Received a cat complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

8:00 p.m. - Received notification that Haw Creek Road is closed due to high water.

11:14 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

12:10 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire Department, Deputy Hawkins, Deputy Long and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

12:41 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle north of Shoals. Deputy Long and Deputy Hawkins responded.

**Carrie A. Bratton**, f/k/a Carrie A. Gabhart, of Martin County, Indiana to **Carrie A. Bratton**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 22, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, containing 1.18 acres, more or less. Also, a part of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 22, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.297 acres, more or less.

**Loogootee Public Library Board**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Knox County Hospital d/b/a Good Samaritan Hospital**, of Knox County, Indiana, Lot Number One in the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Linda M. Divine**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Michael A. Roach**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 12, Township 1 North, Range 5 West, Rutherford Civil Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 5.895 acres, more or less.

**Joseph R. Doyle and Vivian A. Doyle**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Brittney E. Gibson and Bo T. Gibson**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the east half of the southeast quarter of Section 13, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.17 acres, more or less.

**Ashley C. Price**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Larry J. Gibson**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of Section 1, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, situated in Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 7 acres, more or less.



# Loogootee Police log

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21

11:23 a.m. - Chief Means completed a welfare check on a male on US 231 North.

2:32 p.m. - Chief Means assisted the Martin County Ambulance on a medical call at Chuckles.

2:57 p.m. - Chief Means responded to a report of a vehicle broken down on the railroad tracks on US 231.

5:14 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on East 950 North.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

8:24 p.m. - Officers Seymour and Erwin responded to a report of a broken window on a vehicle.

10:35 p.m. - Officers Seymour and Erwin responded assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a domestic dispute.

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

9:12 a.m. - Chief Means responded to a report of a theft at a residence on Grant Street.

11:15 a.m. - Chief Means assisted with a funeral procession.

11:45 a.m. - A complainant reported an erratic driver.

1:00 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth spoke with a complainant regarding threats.

1:08 p.m. - Chief Means assisted with a child locked in a vehicle.

3:15 p.m. - Chief Means responded to an alarm at a local bank.

8:43 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to assist with a vehicle unlock.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

5:26 a.m. - Officer Sims responded to a vehicle accident on US 50 West.

8:10 a.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth completed a request for a welfare check.

5:38 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department

## Jasper troopers cracking down on impaired driving

Starting last week, the Jasper District of the Indiana State Police will be stepping up patrols to help curb dangerous and aggressive driving. The enforcement campaign will run through Monday, March 21. The safety initiative is designed to reduce crashes and traffic fatalities and to promote safe driving around St. Patrick's Day and the NCAA Tournament. It also comes at a time when roadway deaths continue to climb across the state and nation. In response, officers will be conducting high-visibility patrols over the next several weeks, showing zero tolerance for anyone driving aggressively, over the speed limit, or under the influence. The extra enforcement is funded through National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) grants administered by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI).

Nationwide, traffic fatalities continued to rise at a record pace last year, accord-

## ARRESTS

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:48 p.m. - Hector Carranza, 32, of Honduras, was arrested by Sergeant Gibson and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and being held on a \$485.50 bond.

11:24 p.m. - Skyly Cummings, 24, of Dubois, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Erwin and charged with driving while suspended - prior. She is being held on a \$10,000 10 % bond.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

4:09 p.m. - James Maddox II, 32, of Lamar, was arrested on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

6:48 a.m. - Kaala Spurgeon, 33, Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Hawkins and charged with public intoxication, possession of methamphetamine, possession of paraphernalia and battery. She is being held without bond.

was dispatched for a possible house fire.

8:30 p.m. - Officer Sims assisted Martin County Ambulance with a medical call on East Broadway Street.

10:55 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to an alarm at a local business.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:14 a.m. - First responders were dispatched for a medical call on Cherry Street.

10:08 a.m. - Officer Erwin completed a request for a welfare check.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

7:16 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on US 231 South.

11:19 a.m. - Officer Erwin responded to a property damage accident on Southwest Grant Street.

8:21 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a report of a civil disturbance at McDonald's.

9:26 p.m. - Officer Seymour assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a report of a possible impaired driver on St. Mary's Road.

11:17 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call in Sunset Trailer Court.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

1:00 a.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a report of possible vandalism in Sunset Trailer Court.

6:10 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Friends Creek Road.

12:30 p.m. - Officer Erwin responded to a report of an altercation in the McDonald's parking lot.

12:50 p.m. - Officer Erwin and first responders were dispatched to a medical call on US 231 North.

3:23 p.m. - Officer Erwin completed a welfare check.

ing to newly released federal data. NHTSA projects that an estimated 31,720 people were killed on U.S. roadways in the first nine months of 2021, a 12 percent increase from the same period in 2020. In Indiana, preliminary data from ICJI shows that 941 people died in fatal crashes last year. While that's up 5 percent from 2020, it's a 16 percent increase from pre-pandemic 2019 and represents the highest number of traffic fatalities since 2005.

Alcohol and drug impairment, distracted driving, speeding, and not wearing seat belts are some of the leading causes behind the rise in fatalities. "Last year, Indiana saw more traffic fatalities than we've seen in over a decade, and it doesn't appear to be improving," said Devon McDonald, ICJI Executive Director. "So far this year, fatal crashes in Indiana have claimed the lives of 2.5 people every day on average with over 100 lives lost already. It's going to take an all-hands-on-deck approach to turn this around."

Throughout the campaign, the department will be encouraging motorists to focus on safe driving and following the rules of the road. This means always wearing a seat belt, driving sober, watching for pedestrians, driving distraction-free, and obeying all posted speed limits. However, some precautions should be taken before getting behind the wheel. For plans that involve alcohol, designate a sober driver ahead of time or plan to use public transportation or a ride service to get home safely. "We cannot and should not tolerate the continuing crisis on our roadways," said Robert Duckworth, ICJI Traffic Safety Director. "Every driver and vehicle occupant has a responsibility when traveling. We need more people to take this seriously and to drive as if their lives depends on it - because it does."

Motorists are encouraged to call 911 if they encounter an impaired or unsafe driver on the road.

# COURT NEWS

*Persons listed on criminal charges are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

## CRIMINAL COURT

### New Charges Filed

#### January 26

Lloyd Reed Burch, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Ricky Lamar Stigger, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Devin Marquel Dewberry, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Elizabeth M. Shay, knowingly or intentionally operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor.

#### February 2

Logan R. Plano, invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor; criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor.

#### February 7

Diagina M. Williams, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor.

#### February 9

Roger A. Terry, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Level 6 Felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

#### February 10

Charles T. Kline, public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor.

#### February 11

Brian D. Cox, battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor; disorderly conduct, a Class B Misdemeanor; criminal recklessness, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Lacey Marie Bateman, leaving the scene of an accident, a Class B Misdemeanor.

William E. Yarbrough, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor; knowingly or intentionally operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor.

William A. Kidwell II, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony.

#### February 16

Phillip W. Rutledge, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Frank J. Kane, domestic battery, a Level 5 Felony; invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor.

#### February 17

Tyler J. Quinn, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Larry Joseph Summers Jr., felon carrying a handgun, a Level 5 Felony; unlawful possession or use of a legend drug, a Level 6 Felony; possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with a schedule I

or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Shara L. Freeman, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; maintain a common nuisance - controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony.

#### February 22

Hector Carranza, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Dale E. Jones, Jr., unlawful possession of a firearm by serious violent felon, a Level 4 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance - controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony; possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor.

## CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

#### February 16

Kaala A. Spurgeon, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 355 days suspended and credit for 3 actual days previously served plus 3 Class A credit day. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

## CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

#### February 18

Capital One Bank vs. Valdis Freibergs, civil collection.

Kathy Collins vs. Martin County Indiana Board of Commissioners, Rhonda Hardwick, and David Lett, civil plenary. February 21

Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs. Christine Holtsclaw, civil collection.

PCA Acquisitions V, LLC vs. Bonnie Reedy, civil collection.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

#### February 7

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Credit Acceptance Corp. and against the defendant Bobbi (Taylor) Fields in the amount of \$10,882.60.

#### February 14

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midland Credit Management Inc. and against the defendant Connie Shipman in the amount of \$1,484.08.

## CIVIL COURT DISMISSED

#### February 14

Capital One Bank vs. Georgia Cunningham, civil collection, dismissed.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT

#### New Suits Filed

#### February 18

Jason D. Tinkle vs. Bruce Smith, complaint.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

#### February 18

Robert W. Meechan of Shoals and Phyllis C. Enlow of Shoals.



## The Town of Shoals Park Board is accepting names for the ballpark cleaning contract for the 2022 season.

Cleaning Season is set as: April 1 thru October 31, 2022

### Contracted terms:

\$275.00 per month for the season. A bonus check for the week of Catfish Festival will be issued. Duties as listed in the contract.

Interested individuals can pick up a copy of the contract with expected duties and details and a name submittal form at the Shoals Town Hall located at 221 Low Street. Interested individuals will need to submit their name for consideration using the provided form to the Clerk-Treasurer's office at the Shoals Town Hall by Friday, March 11th, 2021.

Any questions can be directed to the Clerk-Treasurer's office at 812-247-2110.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



**Wife's Diary:**

Tonight, I thought my husband was acting weird. We had made plans to meet at a nice restaurant for dinner.

I was shopping with my friends all day long, so I thought he was upset at the fact that I was a bit late, but he made no comment on it.

Conversation wasn't flowing, so I suggested that we go somewhere quiet so we could talk. He agreed, but he didn't say much.

I asked him what was wrong. He said, "Nothing".

I asked him if it was my fault that he was upset.

He said he wasn't upset, that it had

nothing to do with me, and not to worry about it.

On the way home, I told him that I loved him.

He smiled slightly and kept driving. I can't explain his behavior. I don't know why he didn't say, 'I love you, too.'

When we got home, I felt as if I had lost him completely, as if he wanted nothing to do with me anymore. He just sat there quietly and watched TV. He continued to seem distant and absent.

Finally, with silence all around us, I decided to go to bed. About 15 minutes later, he came to bed. But I still felt that he was distracted, and his thoughts were somewhere else. He fell asleep. I cried. I don't know what to do. I'm almost sure that his thoughts are with someone else. My life is a disaster.

**Husband's Diary:**

A one-foot putt, who the hell misses a one-foot putt?....

**THOUGHTS**

\*There is no better feeling than going to bed at night and not having to set an alarm for tomorrow morning.

\*My favorite winter activity is going back inside where it's warm.

\*Blessed are the children of bookworms, for they shall inherit the books.

\*No, I can't do Snapchat or Tiktok but I can write in cursive, do math without a calculator and tell time on a clock with a hand.

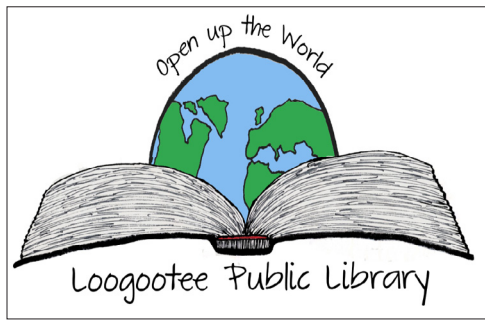
\*Some days you eat salads and go to the gym. Some days you eat cupcakes and refuse to put on pants. It's called balance.

\*In the early 1970s, I fell off my bike and hurt my knee. I'm telling you this now because we did not have social media then.\*

**8 PIECES OF WISDOM THAT CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE:**

1. Words are powerful. Use them wisely.
2. People come and go, but the right ones stay.
3. You are doing enough even if it doesn't feel like it.
4. Failure is when you don't try.
5. Random acts of kindness make everyone feel better.
6. Live for today, not for tomorrow.
7. Never look back. There is nothing there for you.
8. Overthinking kills happiness.

Make someone smile today!



**BY DARLA WAGLER**

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Federal tax forms have arrived, but state tax forms haven't been delivered yet. If a form is needed and it is not available, the library staff will print pages, up to 10 for free.

Friends of Loogootee Library will meet on Monday, March 7 at 1 p.m. and Carolyn's Book Club is scheduled for 6 p.m. that evening. The monthly library board meeting will be held on Monday, March 14 at 4 p.m.

**New Books:**

Mystery Fiction: "Nothing to Lose" by J.A. Jance.

Fiction: "Calder Grit" by Janet Daily and "Gwendy's Final Task" by Stephan King.

Children's Books: "Cupcake Diaries: Mia's Sweet Surprises."

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

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



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**ARPA meeting**

The Martin County ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Board will meet this evening, Wednesday, March 2 at 5 p.m. in the commissioners' room of the Martin County Courthouse in Shoals. The meeting is open to the public.

**Free community meal**

The Loogootee Christian Church, at 206 Sherman Street, is having their monthly free meal for the community to be held Thursday, March 3 from 6-8 p.m. at the church. This month's meal will be spaghetti and fettuccine alfredo. All members of the community are invited 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.

**LUMC Food Pantry**

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

**Mental Health Task Force**

The Martin County Mental Health Task Force meets via Zoom. If interested in being a part of the tax force, email [echristmas@youthfirst.org](mailto:echristmas@youthfirst.org) or [toddamy@iu.edu](mailto:toddamy@iu.edu).

**Celebrate Recovery meetings**

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

**Local recovery meetings**

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

**Free lunch for kids**

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

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**Solid waste board**

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

**Soil and Water meetings**

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

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I have to admit that I have a bad case of spring fever. I can hardly wait to get out into the yard and dig in the soil. I have some plans for this new season and can hardly wait to get started. One way to get started early is by starting plants indoors. This is not difficult, but there are some steps that will help ensure success.

Before you begin planting, clean up your pots. If you are re-using pots, wash them with soapy water. This helps get rid of any disease spores that could remain from previous years. Once you have clean pots, start with fresh seed starting medium. I recommend using a sterile soil-less planting medium, which may be purchased at any garden center. You may also make your own using compost, coir or peat moss. You may sterilize the potting medium in an oven or a microwave.

Most commercially-available media tend to be packaged very dry to cut down on shipping weight. If you plant directly in such media, it is difficult to get the mix to take in enough moisture to support germination and growth. I usually put my planting mix in a bucket and stir in water until the mix is damp, but not soggy. I then fill my containers with the mix, plant the seeds and cover with an appropriate layer of the mix. If you are planting seeds from packets, the packets usually have instructions that tell you how deep the seed should be covered. If using saved seed or bulk seed, the general rule of thumb is to cover the seed as deep as twice the diameter of the seed.

Read the seed packet instructions. It will tell you how many days to plant the seed indoors before the plants can be set outside. It will also tell you if the seed needs special treatment. Some seeds need to go through a chilling period to germinate. This may be done by placing the seed in the refrigerator for the required chilling period. Other seed may need to be soaked or stratified by cutting a notch in the outer layer or scuffing the seed with sandpaper. Following the instructions increases the likelihood of success.

The next step is to place the container in a spot where it gets proper heat. Many seeds need a little extra heat to start the germination process. A heat mat is a good way to get that extra boost. If you do not have access to such a mat, you may wish to place the containers on top of a refrigerator or other appliance that gives off some heat. It is also important to keep the mixture moist. Covering the container with plastic or placing it in a plastic tent will help keep the humidity level up and will keep the planting medium moist. Check your containers frequently

## Mark your calendars for 2022 Free Fishing Days

This year's four free fishing days are May 1, June 4-5, and September 24. Indiana residents do not need a fishing license or a trout stamp to fish in public waters on these days. Free Fishing Days are a great opportunity to give fishing a try or share fishing with a friend or family member.

(at least daily) to see if they need more water. Allowing them to dry out after the germination process has begun is sure to lead to the death of the young plants.

Most seeds do not need light for germination, but as soon as the young plants develop leaves, they need light for proper growth. If growing plants in a window, you will need to turn the pots around to keep the plants growing straight. Artificial light works best if the light is close to the plants. This will require checking and raising the light daily as the plants grow.

The next step is the hardest for me. Plants often need to be thinned for maximum growth. Taking out the extra plants allows the remaining plants to develop better root systems. However, pulling out those plants may actually harm the roots of the remaining plants, so a pair of scissors may be the best tool for thinning. Some plants may be harvested as micro-greens and that makes the thinning a little easier to take.

Many people have been asking about starting sunflowers, the national flower of Ukraine. In general, sunflowers do not transplant well, so it is best to wait and sow them directly. However, some dwarf types may be grown in pots, and you may go ahead and plant those pots indoors to get an early start. Say a prayer for their country as you plant.



## Register for Becoming an Outdoors Woman

The annual Becoming an Outdoors Woman workshop is April 29 to May 1 at Ross Camp in West Lafayette. The workshop is open to women ages 18 and older and limited to 85 participants.

The program is designed for women to learn outdoor skills in a relaxed, low-pressure environment. Participants will choose four activities from more than two dozen offerings, including fishing, archery, geocaching, wilderness survival, natural gardening, wild edibles, wildlife tracking, shooting firearms, and outdoor cooking.

The workshop is for women who have never tried these activities, but have hoped for an opportunity to learn; who have tried them but are beginners hoping to improve; or who know how to do some of the activities, but would like to try new ones.

Women who enjoy the camaraderie of like-minded individuals and who seek time away to reconnect with nature are also prime candidates for BOW.

Registration, which opens March 1 and runs until there are 85 registrants, can be done online at [Indianabow.com](http://Indianabow.com). The cost for the workshop is \$250 and includes all equipment, meals, and lodging.



I'm writing this the last full week in February. We are about a month away from spring which officially starts on March 20 because there is a minute more daylight than night than the day before. Probably more importantly, we're at least twice that many days before spring grazing. With that said, a few bulls just threw dirt back with their front hoof, the cows produced a low harmonious bellow in objection, and the old ewes just mournfully bleated in total disgust. That just can't be right!

Now don't get your switch in a knot. There are a few exceptions to my estimated spring grazing timeline. Certainly, if you have any stockpiled forage left from the previous season, that is game. To have decent quality at this time, it had to be good stockpile from last fall with adequate nitrogen present and is likely tall fescue which holds its value better over winter than other grasses.

During this time of year, you absolutely want to make sure that you have enough residual forage present to not only provide fodder for the livestock, but also protect the soil surface. That generally means a minimum of at least 3,000 pounds of dry matter or a good thick ten inches of forage. If you don't have good cover and the soil is thawed and wet, you can quickly do more damage than good. Even if you have good cover, you shouldn't let your livestock stay on any one place too long. They have got to keep moving or they will damage the sod opening it up to pesty weeds, erosion and yield reducing compaction.

Pastures that were grazed to the nubbins last fall are going to require more rest and will be slower to respond in the spring. Fields that are continuously grazed close lack deep roots and structure and are more subject to damage under wet conditions and also slower to respond in the spring.

Pastures that were stockpiled and grazed after going dormant are in a little better shape and, depending on how fast regrowth comes, can usually be grazed sooner than others. Stockpiled pastures that had adequate residue left behind, usually a minimum of 3-4 inches, are really good places to start grazing and are actually better balanced as far as crude protein, nitrogen, carbon and fiber are concerned. These will grow quicker in the spring because of better root reserves and will often have slightly warmer soils beneath them. Perennial plants are alive year around and just appear dormant above the soil surface. Below ground, there is always some biological and microbial activity going on.

So, here is how to answer the real question of the day - "when do I start grazing?" Preferably, you will want to start grazing when the plants are at least 8 to 10 inches tall (tall cool-season forages such as fescues and orchardgrass) and the ground is dry enough to support the weight of the livestock without causing damage to the forage base. That is slightly taller than I used to recommend. Sufficient growth that includes enough fiber, is, or should be, the goal.

Immature forage is very high in crude protein (nitrogen) and low in fiber. All ruminant livestock need to balance the carbon nitrogen ratio in their rumen to maintain that mat. If they don't then they will not perform the way we want them to, i.e., less gain, less milk production. It goes through them faster than they can effectively utilize it. Immature forage that lacks sufficient fiber can also lower the rumen pH. Rumen pH drops as feed is digested rapidly and rises when the rate of digestion slows. Acidosis occurs when acid is produced faster than it can be used. Those pastures with no residual left from the previous season and are extremely lush new growth are the greatest risk. It's all about the fiber!

Now, this can be avoided by a smooth transition from fed forages to pasture by making sure the forages have enough growth prior to grazing or the addition/supplementation of some hay with the lush pasture. That will help to advocate for the ruminant livestock, but it

will still have a negative impact on the total production of the field for the year. Just like a grazing event during the growing season, the forage plant needs to be able to fully express itself and that takes patience with both us and the livestock. The forage plant early in the spring is pulling reserves from the roots and starting photosynthesis. Being consumed at this time slows the process and reduces resilience and long-term growth potential for the season.

A crop field with leftover corn residue and a winter annual planted in it can help provide some early grazing without concern of damaging pastures but are best grazed while frozen or dry to help deter compaction. Fall-planted spring oats may look a bit anemic in the early spring if there are any left but mixed with new growth from something like cereal rye, the combination makes pretty good grazing. Immature annuals without enough fiber present can have similar issues as short lush early pasture.

I was recently told about a conversation between a guy and his wife as they traveled down a highway. She noticed cows grazing on a hilltop and said, "That is so pretty." The husband agreed, but also noted that there really wasn't much left to graze. The producer probably thinks he is saving some hay, but it comes at a cost of grass this coming summer. Time to shut the gates and wait until the grass is really ready to graze!

Enough of that topic for now. It is not too late to do some frost-seeding or overseeding of clover. The successfulness now is the seeds' ability to reach the soil and start growing before it gets too much competition from existing perennial plants. Fertilizer is high and seed is also no bargain. Clover seed is higher than normal and probably won't get any better until new supplies from this year are bagged. That said, even with higher price tags, the addition of more clover this year could be a game changer. Adding clover to pastures and hayfields where it is lacking can increase forage production and improve forage quality because of high digestibility and protein and help boost the grass component of the stand.

Legumes can utilize atmospheric nitrogen. Biological nitrogen fixation occurs on legume root nodules due to a special symbiotic relationship the plant has with bacteria. That is why it's important to inoculate the seed. Most legumes have a very specific rhizobium needed to fix nitrogen so to get the biggest bang for your buck, make sure it's present.

Clover can produce an incredible amount of nitrogen for the sward if the correct rhizobium is present. Nitrogen this year is about one dollar per pound. If the clover can provide even 100 pounds of nitrogen to the stand, then that clover is worth at least \$100 per acre for the nitrogen. Clover can sometimes provide a lot more than just 100 pounds. I usually recommend that the legume be 30-40 percent of the stand by dry weight. Bloat causing legumes, which do include red and white clovers, should never be over 50 percent of the stand.

I've said this before, but I'll say it again, shop and choose a high-quality seed, named varieties and from reputable companies. Do the math and seed at pure live seed (PLS) rates. Take the amount of seed needed (4 lbs. per Acre PLS) and divide it by (percent purity x percent germination). Four pounds divided by (.95 x .80) = 5.26 pounds of seed needed per acre. You can do the same calculation and compare prices by dividing the price of the seed per pound by the PLS percent and see what the true cost is of the seed. Three dollars and twenty cents per pound seed at the previous PLS rate is actually about \$4.21 per pound (\$3.20/((.95 x .80))) due to the lower germination. Compare that price of the "bargain" seed, always checking the seed tag and testing date. A bargain is not always a bargain.

Remember, it's not about maximizing a grazing event, but maximizing a grazing season! Keep on grazing!

## GOLF CART PERMITS AVAILABLE

Golf Cart Permits are available at the Loogootee Police Department, located in the City Hall Building. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.





# Poison Hemlock: Under control or out of control?

You've probably seen it on the sides of roads, field edges, and creeks. Toxic to livestock and humans, classified as an invasive plant and a noxious weed, the infamous Poison Hemlock (*Conium maculatum*). Everyone seems to agree that Poison Hemlock needs to be controlled, so why is it that these plants seem to be spreading further instead? Why can't we get poison hemlock under control?

Well, that is the goal of the Daviess and Martin County Soil & Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs). They've noticed the rapid spread of Poison Hemlock in the region and want landowners to know exactly how to control Poison Hemlock.

According to Emily Finch, Invasive Species Specialist with the SWCDs, while several landowners spray Hemlock plants, very few of these treatments are effective in controlling hemlock. That's mostly because Hemlock needs to be controlled earlier in the year, before plants even flower. To understand why, you have to understand the weed.

Poison Hemlock is a biennial, meaning it only lives for two years before producing seed and dying. The only way to eliminate infestations is to prevent that seed production. Hemlock plants start as a short basal rosette with fern-like leaves. Then, in their second year of life, plants will send up a flowering stem, also called bolting, in spring/early summer (around



**Poison Hemlock has smooth stems with irregular purple splotches that helps distinguish it from other plants. Shown is small patch of flowering Poison Hemlock in Martin County.**

May/June in southern Indiana). These flowering plants can be quite large, anywhere from 3 to 10 feet tall. Because Hemlock is in the carrot family, it produces abundant umbrella-shaped clusters of white flowers, often compared to the flowers of Queen Anne's Lace, aka wild carrot. To help distinguish the plants, remember that Hemlock blooms before Queen Anne's lace, lacks any hairs on its stems/leaves (a common feature of Queen Anne's Lace), and has distinctive purple splotches on its stems and often the base of large leaves as well.

There are a few options to control Poison Hemlock, so long as plants are not allowed to flower and produce seed. In fact, Hemlock seeds have a very short duration in the soil, and many populations can be eradicated with just a few years of effective treatments (a short timeframe for most weed control). Small populations can be removed by hand, either digging the plants up or severing the root with a sharp shovel (wear gloves to avoid contact with plant toxins). Cutting/mowing the plants is NOT effective unless repeated regularly through the summer as plants will resprout readily. In fact, mowing after plants have produced seed is one way infestations have spread through the area. Herbicides are the most efficient way to control large areas, and several chemicals are effective, including glyphosate, triclopyr, and 2,4-D products. All of which also come in aquatic safe formulations for use near open water creeks and ditches. Whatever product you choose, make sure to read and follow all label directions.

According to Finch, the earlier you can spray Hemlock, the better!

## Town of Shoals to flush water mains

The Shoals Water Department will be flushing water mains beginning Sunday, March 20 and ending on Tuesday, March 22. Customers may experience periods of low water pressure and/or cloudy water. It is recommended that you check your water quality before cooking, drinking, or doing laundry. If problems with your water quality should continue, please contact the Shoals Town Hall at 812-247-2110.

The crew will be flushing mains during the night and early morning hours. The reason for this is to help prevent interruptions during the day and high demand periods. The water department would like to caution drivers and pedestrians to be cautious when utility employees are in the area. Water main flushing through fire hydrants releases large volumes of water at high pressure which can be dangerous and harmful to yourself and their employees.

"Spring planting is a busy time for everyone, so why not avoid that and spray your hemlock plants in February or March instead? The Hemlock rosettes are green that time of year, plus the plants are smaller so you'll use less herbicide," says Finch. For best results, she suggests only spraying on days above 50 degrees.

Wait longer and you may run into problems. As Hemlock plants start bolting and prepare to flower, they also get harder to kill. If herbicide rates aren't increased when spraying these plants, they may only be knocked back or stunted temporarily. And according to Kenny Eck with Purdue Extension Dubois County, once they flower there is no point in spraying

them.

"Spraying a flowering Hemlock plant is just a revenge killing. It makes you feel good, but it does nothing to control it as it will still go to seed," says Eck. He recommends checking out options in the Purdue Extension/SICWMA publication "Poison Hemlock." This publication, along with more resources on identifying and controlling Hemlock, is available at [www.duboisswcd.org](http://www.duboisswcd.org).

Residents of Dubois, Daviess, and Martin counties can also receive free technical assistance, including site visits to their property, by emailing Emily.Finch@in.nacdn.net or calling 812-482-1171 x3.

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### West Boggs Park Summer Employment - Come join A Great Team

Want to make some summer cash and have fun doing it?? West Boggs Park is hiring several seasonal positions for 2022! Positions pay starts at \$10.41/hour and may begin middle to the end of March lasting until the end of October. The hours will vary but employees must be willing to work weekends, holidays, and weekdays. All positions require excellent customer service skills and a strong work ethic. The following positions are available;

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- Park Rangers—Enjoy the interaction with our park patrons while keep everyone safe and enjoying our great facility.



For more information, please contact the West Boggs Park office. Applications are available on our website at the bottom of the homepage, at the office, by mail, or by email. Applications must be completely filled out and turned

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## As We Observe Another Anniversary of Abortion

As we observe the 49th Anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court we look ahead to what may take place later this year. I have been asked numerous times what I expect from the U.S. Supreme Court on their Decision in the Mississippi and the Texas cases due to be released in late June or early July. I do not expect a complete overturn of Roe V Wade but I do think it will be altered greatly and maybe sent back to each state to let them decide for themselves what is best for their state.

During the verbal arguments in early December the conservative judges asked some pointed questions to those arguing to keep the pro-abortion view as the status quo. However I know it has been said you cannot tell how the Judges will rule by what they say in verbal hearings.

We owe a great deal to former President Donald Trump for his appointments of conservative judges not only on the U.S. Supreme Court but on all levels of the Federal Courts System. The Federal Court System has been overloaded with liberal judges pushing their liberal pro-abortion agenda from the bench but that changed greatly when Donald Trump took office. No matter what the liberal pundits said of former President Trump he did much for the pro-life movement during his term of office. Now we are faced with the most pro-abortion administration we have ever had to this point in U.S. History. Biden surpasses the Obama Administration and that is saying a lot. From Biden's executive orders to every appointment in his administration, it has been hard core pro-abortion.

We were given ample warning of the danger this administration would have on this country but sadly some did not listen. Now, many voters publicly regret their decision but it may be too late to recover from the damage that the Biden Administration has done and will do before he leaves office.

Now I know there is hard core Democrats that say the Pro-Life voters have moved too far to the right and support Republicans more so than Democrats. When every single Democrat running for federal or state office sides with the pro-abortion agenda, can you blame them! The National and State elected Democrats have taken a pledge to support abortion up until the time of birth. We know that not all the rank-and-file democrat voters take this position but when they go to the polls how will they vote?

As we look ahead to the decision by the U.S. Supreme Court, we can only hope they will return us to the value of life and away from the killing of the unborn that has taken place in this country since 1973. May God grant these Judges wisdom!

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## Councilman's Corner

By Shoals Town Council President Cary D. Albright

The following is a copy of the presentation I made to the ARPA committee last week, at the Martin County Courthouse.

The Town of Shoals continues to push forward with the wastewater project, pursuing several angles of funding. The Town of Shoals is facing reoccurring daily problems with our current wastewater system. One more current example is our lift station at the lagoons. This is a pump that lifts all our waste from Shoals to our ponds so the sediment can be processed, and clean drinking water can be released

back into Beaver Creek that eventually runs back into the White River. During hot weather, these pumps continually throw weak electrical breakers and constantly overheat. These are very heavy and expensive breakers and electrical equipment that are basically worn out. This shuts down the whole system and we must restart the system manually. This is in addition to the 725-foot forced main line (raw sewage pipe) that crosses the White River bridge. This line is very fragile. It's only a matter of time before we experience a major environmental disaster with this line.

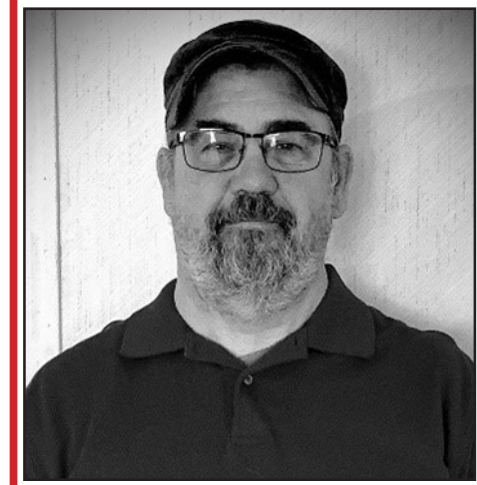
You have a commitment from me that the requested funds will not be used for any type of bonuses or stipends due to COVID. These monies will go directly to hardware replacement and necessary equipment to keep our wastewater system up and running. This necessary wastewater program was started over three years ago, before COVID. Since then, we have experienced unprecedented additional expenses due to COVID. The major expenses are due to plastic increases and shortage of hardware goods.

The Town of Shoals provides the county offices and the courthouse along with the Martin County Security Center with essential wastewater treatment. The Town of Shoals moves all the wastewater that comes from the county offices and courthouse along with the Martin County Security Center. The stressors this puts on our wastewater system are tremendous.

Our wastewater system is aging, and we do the best to keep the system in compliance with State of Indiana compliance standards. (We are currently under warning by the State of Indiana Department of Environmental Management IDEM) The \$1.9 million project is only a partial replacement of the current system. The Shoals Town Council, along with our engineers, have defined the weakest areas to start with first. I would like to make the point again that \$1.9 million we're seeking can only come from our wastewater and water customers. We cannot increase taxes in order to pay for this project. This is by order of the Indiana State Board of Accounts. The wastewater project cannot wait two years to be funded! The Town of Shoals does not have the convenience of time on our side in order to wait for material prices to go down from COVID. We are on track to move forward with this project in the spring of 2022. The Town of Shoals is requesting that Martin County only contribute 8% (\$152,000) of this \$1.9 million project. This project is rising each day we delay and puts it well over the \$1.9 million. We are and will be seeking several avenues to help us with this project. Some of those, just to name a few, are the state revolving loan fund SRF, Office of Rural and Community Affairs (ORCA), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Martin County Community Foundation, and Ice Miller bond counsel of Indianapolis.

At this point, we have partial funding. The Town of Shoals is requesting that you help us fund this much-needed infrastructure project.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this project.



## HAMBY FOR MARTIN COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2

Martin County voters, I am Jim Hamby, and I am proudly running, on the Republican ticket, for District 2 of the Martin County Council. I am married to Shari (Newland) Hamby and we have four children and seven grandchildren. Presently, I am the West Boggs Park maintenance supervisor. Since 1987, I have worked in the mechanical field in electrical, heating, and cooling.

I proudly served in the U.S. Army for seven years. I have been part of the Shoals Fire Department for 26 years and currently serve as the Chief. I worked for Martin County EMS for fourteen years as an EMT. I have also served as a Martin County Deputy Coroner for four years, and I am currently the Chief Deputy Coroner. I, along with others, was instrumental in implementing a First Responder Program for the Shoals Fire Department. I am a 30-year member of the Shoals American Legion and currently serve as the Post Commander.

While serving in public service positions over these past decades, I have operated within and overseen several very stringent budgets. However, even while working within the confines of these strict budgets, I still got the job done. I firmly believe my experiences, as an outsider to county government, will be a welcome and beneficial change to the Martin County Council and aid in contributing to the fiscal responsibilities of Martin County—including managing the various county funds and budgets, overseeing the checks and balances, and representing citizens of Martin County.

I listen well to people's concerns and serving you on the county council will allow me to continue my decades-long public service to this beautiful county—we call home. I ask for your continued support for the May primary election.

-Paid for by Jim Hamby for County Council

# 2022 Seniors SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL



CHEANEY ARCHER

Cheaney Michelle Archer is the daughter of Michael and Marsha Archer. Her siblings are Chauncey and Chandley Archer. In high school Cheaney participated in volleyball, pep club, and was the junior class vice president. Her favorite high school memories are "all the volleyball bus rides, practices, and team bonding activities we got to do together". After graduation, Cheaney plans to attend Wabash Valley College in January on a scholarship to play volleyball.



JOSHUA CLIFTON

Joshua River Clifton is the son of Racquel Baker and Cary Clifton. His siblings are Kolton Braun and Jamison McCracken. In high school Josh participated in basketball and pep club. His favorite high school memory is "working out with Smitty". After graduation, Josh plans to attend Ivy Tech.



LEVI ALBRIGHT

Levi Nicholas Albright is the son of Miranda and Jeremy Albright. His siblings are Logan and Lori Albright. In high school Levi participated in the beta club. His favorite high school memory is "going home". After graduation, Levi plans to attend Vincennes University to get a maintenance degree.



HAILEY JUSTUS

Hailey Nichole Justus is the daughter of Jack and Kristyna Justus. Her siblings are Dakota Meece, Angel Meece, Emma Justus, and Jaylynn Justus. In high school Hailey participated in basketball. Her favorite high school memory is "all the bus rides to basketball games and having a blast with the team my junior year". After graduation, Hailey plans to go to college and become a hairdresser. She is also thinking about taking a gap year.



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### Small Businesses, BIG Stories



BY CARLA MARTINEZ, VITTORIA ZOIA & HANNAH VANMETER  
LHS Dual-Credit Junior English Class

The dual-credit junior English class at Loogootee High School is working with the City of Loogootee Recast Team to promote locally-owned small businesses. The class is interviewing business owners in Loogootee and Shoals. Below is their next interview.

Amanda Butler, Hair Tropics

"I decided to start my own business and go out on my own because I had seen a need for it and Shoals was a smaller town. I had a lot of people come into Bedford, where we lived, to get their hair done at a walk-in salon that I worked at. Whenever they did, I built up quite a bit of clientele from there, rather than advertising that I was going to Shoals because I didn't want them to lose any business or anything. I just decided I was going to start my own salon once I had my little boy. That way, he could be there with me, and he wouldn't have to go to daycare. I eventually got too busy for that, and he had to go to daycare when he was about one year old. So that was back in 2009. And it's 2022 now, so he was three months old when we started working on it. And I opened up in October 2009. He was six months old.

As far as the most important thing in becoming a successful business owner is being reliable, honest, and hardworking. The biggest obstacle in having your own business is that there are times when it can be very overwhelming and it outgrows you. When it outgrows, you're unable to take care of it completely by yourself. So, you'll have customers that are not satisfied, or they can't get in when they need to get in. So, you have to start hiring. And when you start hiring it's hard to find somebody that is reliable but also has the passion.

So, whenever I went into it, yes, it was



my own business. But anybody that I've ever hired, I treated it as if we were sharing everything so that they would have the chance to build and grow with me. It's hard to find someone that shares that kind of passion and has that drive. So, you'll have some people not show up for work or just don't have the best intentions as far as growing up to be very professional as far as dealing with customers.

I've got two kids. My son is in the seventh grade. I got a little girl who's into sports. They consume a lot of my time. We have like five ball games this week. They still required a lot of time when they were little but not as much as they do now, surprisingly. I'm pretty happy with the way things are going. I might add some extra hours later on down the road after they get older and they can take care of themselves, but I think I'm in a good place right now. It's really enjoyable and we like what we do and it's been a nice thing owning our vision for the future."

### Lions' legend Mark Riggins speaks at annual Lion Backers' Pre-Sectional Banquet

A large crowd was on hand Sunday evening at St. John Center lower level for the Lion Backer's annual Pre-Sectional Banquet, believed to be the longest running tradition of its kind in Indiana. This year marks at least the 56<sup>th</sup> year the Lion Backers have sponsored this event.

This year's guest speaker to the team was Loogootee Lion legend, Mark (Bramble) Riggins, pictured on the right with fellow Indiana High School Baseball Hall of Famer, and another Loogootee Lion legend who coached Mark on the basketball court and the baseball field, Tim Nonte.

Riggins was a starter on the 1975 state runner-up basketball team for Coach Jack Butcher but made his mark in his profession on the diamond. Mark, who is a 2016 inductee to the Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame, spent 41 years in professional baseball. As a highly touted left-handed pitcher out of Murray State University, Mark reached as high as Triple A in the St. Louis Cardinal organization. After his playing days were over, Mark went into coaching, mostly in pitcher development, making it to the big leagues as a pitching coach for the St. Louis Cardinals, Chicago Cubs, Cincinnati Reds and Toronto



Blue Jays. Mark retired from baseball in 2019 and resides in Murray, Kentucky, where he is an avid supporter of his alma mater.

Mark's message to the team focused on doing whatever they can, within their control, to contribute to their team's success. Mark responded to questions from players and fans. An added treat in attendance was Mark's elderly father, Kelly Riggins, who some of a certain age will tell you, he may have been the first local legend on the baseball field.



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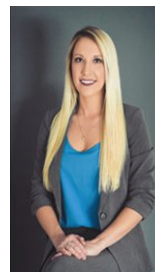
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# Making A Difference

By Curt Johnson  
MCCF Director



“Dreams are the seeds of change. Nothing ever grows without a seed, and nothing ever changes without a dream.”

-- DREAMS --

That’s a nice quote from Debby Boone, a singer with a successful career in the pop, country and Christian music industries (her signature song was “You Light Up My Life” in 1977). I think she got it right by telling how important dreams are for our future. Dreams spring from hope and ideas for changes in ourselves and our community. We see change all around us. Most times it’s good, sometimes it’s not so good, and sometimes we may not agree with it. But if someone doesn’t dream for something better, something to change, we’re left in a rut and a life without hope.

-- BUILDING THEM --

While I would agree with Debby that dreams are the seeds of change, I would also say that new awareness and new ideas are the seeds of dreams. Dreams have to start with something planted within us, whether it is a new idea or a newfound understanding of one thing or a combination of things.

-- HOW --

How do those initial seeds get planted within us? How can we come up with those new ideas? We learn. We learn from our experiences and observations or from those of others. We have the capacity to develop wonderful dreams and goals from a single seed or from many that we cultivate into something beyond what we thought possible. Dreams are a great gift.

-- READING --

The premise that we learn through our own experiences is easy enough. But how do we learn from others? We either see it, they tell us, or we read it. Reading easily gives the most opportunities to learn from others. Reading literally opens up the world to us. Reading plants the seeds for dreams. Dreams are the seeds for change. Change brings us hope.

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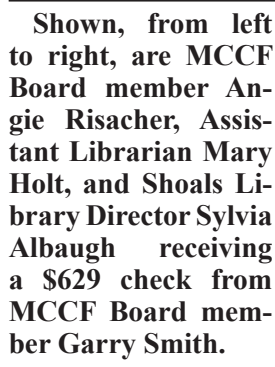
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Shown, from left to right, are MCCF Board member Angie Risacher, Loo-gootee Library Director Darla Wagler with a \$895 grant check, and MCCF Director Curt Johnson.



Shown, from left to right, are MCCF Board member Angie Risacher, Assistant Librarian Mary Holt, and Shoals Library Director Sylvia Albaugh receiving a \$629 check from MCCF Board member Garry Smith.

Fund and the Shoals Public Library Fund. The grants from these funds are designated to be paid out to the libraries every year. Of these designated grants, the Loo-gootee Public Library received \$895 and the Shoals Public Library received \$629. You can donate to these funds, help them grow, and be a part of ensuring dreams are a reality in our community, forever.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

For information about how the MCCF can help you put your own passion and dreams back into the community, please contact the MCCF Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or PO Box 28, Loo-gootee IN 47553.

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