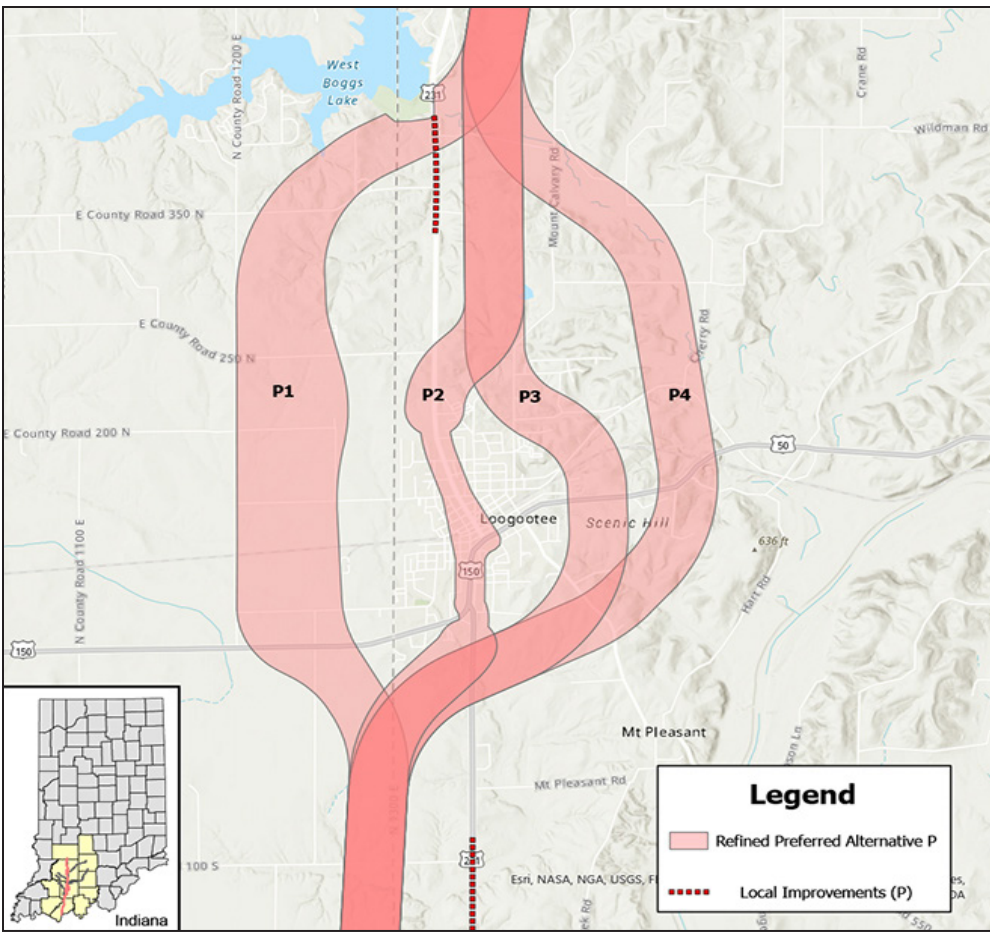


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Shown above are the three variations added to the proposed Mid-States Corridor project, P2, P3 and P4. To download a high resolution version of the map, click [here](#).

Mid-States Corridor project adds three variations in Loogootee

The Mid-States Corridor Project Team has added three variations in the Loogootee area. The changes were made in response to community feedback following the announcement of Alternative P as the preferred alternative in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) that was released last April for the improved highway connection. That preferred alternative followed a path west of Loogootee. The three additional variations include one that uses the path of 231 through Loogootee, and two variations east of Loogootee.

INDOT was asked to consider these variations to minimize the potential for negative impacts to Loogootee's local economy. These variations have the potential to support enhanced economic activity in Martin County and were also proposed to reduce potential impacts to the Amish community's travel patterns.

Alternative P remains the preferred al-

ternative. End-to-end, impact ranges differ little for the new variations from those shown in the DEIS. These refinements in the Loogootee area provide flexibility to further address key input as the project develops. They do, however, require further and more detailed study to select a final alignment in that area.

Selection of a single variation at Loogootee requires detailed, localized economic studies, traffic studies and public outreach surveys in Loogootee and Martin County. These activities are appropriate for conducting during Tier 2 Studies.

A combined Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Record of Decision or ROD is expected from the Federal Highway Administration in mid-2023. That Record of Decision will signify the end of the Tier 1 Study. A timetable for Tier 2 Studies is still being determined, but each Tier 2 Study is expected to take two to three years to complete. One of these studies will conduct the more detailed analysis to choose one of the versions in the Loogootee area. In the Tier 2 Studies final alignments are identified within the corridor. This includes the actual right-of-way that is anticipated to be 200 to 500 feet wide.

A video illustrating the changes is posted on the project website at <https://midstatescorridor.com/rpap/>. Updated materials showing the additional variations are also available for review at several area locations including the Mid-States Project Office, INDOT offices in Vincennes and Indianapolis and libraries in Dale, Ferdinand, Huntingburg, Jasper, Dubois, Otwell, Shoals, Loogootee and Bloomfield.

Comments on the variations can be made through a comment form at the Project Office, by mail, by email (info@midstatescorridor.com) or directly through the project website. To be included in the project record, please have your response returned by March 31, 2023.

County council discusses ambulance service, corridor, part-time positions

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Martin County Council met Monday night, March 6.

Ambulance Director Jeramey Osborn reported they had 83 ambulance runs in February with 49 of those being transported to the hospital. The total runs, so far, for 2023 are 210 and for 2022, since the ambulance started on August 22, there were 389.

Osborn said they expected their first payment from insurance company reimbursements at the end of February but learned one of the forms submitted wasn't signed by the right person. That has been corrected and turned back in, so they are now waiting for that to be processed. Osborn was asked how much he believes is pending from insurance payments and he said they believe it is around \$250,000 since the ambulance service started back in August.

Osborn also told the council they are not doing convalescent transports right now until they know what reimbursements will look like. He also noted the current rate of \$1,200 for an ambulance trip would increase once the county receives paramedic status. They cannot do paramedic-level service until a sponsor hospital and medical director are finalized. This is still in the works.

The council approved moving \$450,000 back to the EDIT (Economic Development Income Tax) fund, for the ambulance service contract that was budgeted for this year. Since the former

ambulance service ended their contract with the county last year, the money can now be used for the new Martin County Ambulance Service. The money had been moved to the ambulance service budget, but Auditor Michelle Norris learned that money cannot be moved from EDIT, per the department of local government finance, so it had to go back. The council approved the change and it was discussed that the ambulance service salaries would just have to be paid from EDIT.

Auditor Norris said the \$450,000 doesn't come close to covering the full salaries per year for ambulance staff. She said the total estimated amount for all ambulance staff will be around \$816,000, including overtime. This does not include benefits. She explained \$200,000 is still available in ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds and the rest of what is needed will also have to come out of EDIT, which has a current balance of \$798,000 after the amount that is already encumbered for other items 2023 (\$1.4 million). It is unknown at this time how the county will pay for the ambulance service salaries and benefits in 2024.

Jessica Potts, with the Martin County Alliance, talked to the council about projects through the Alliance. The Alliance was awarded a USDA Revolving Loan fund of \$10,000 to help businesses expand and get started in Martin County. The Alliance matched that by \$11,000 for a total of \$21,000. That loan has been given to Lazy Cricket Bait Company that

Resident upset over State Road 450 closure

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, March 7. Commissioner Aaron Summers was not present.

Resident Becky Sellers asked the commissioners if they have done anything to try and stop the upcoming closure of State Road 450 for the replacement of the bridge over Flat Creek. INDOT plans to close the highway for six to eight months for bridge replacement around the first of April. County Attorney Dave Lett said they have reached out to INDOT; however, they refuse to acknowledge any problems with the closure. INDOT says it would cost too much to put in a road around the work, based on the low traffic count on that highway. Attorney Lett said he and Commissioner Paul George will be reaching out again to the Vincennes office of INDOT however they don't think they will affect change.

Sellers said the road being closed would require residents to drive more than an hour out of their way, through Bedford, and emergency services would not be able to reach residents in that area of the county. She said this would also cut off school bus service and trash service and prevent residents on the other side of the closure from patronizing businesses in Shoals. Commissioner George said they are working with a property owner who may have a way for emergency vehicles to pass through, but it would not be something that would be available to the public. He said Lawrence County can also be contacted for ambulance service

for anyone on that side of the closure.

Sellers asked if the county could build their own road around the closure. Highway Superintendent Scott Seals said the cost would be astronomical with Commissioner George adding that this would use up the entire annual budget of the highway department.

Commissioner Cody Roush recommended that anyone against the road closure contact INDOT and their state officials to complain. The elected officials for Martin County are Senator Eric Bassler at 800-382-9467, State Representative Shane Lindauer at 800-382-9841 and INDOT can be reached at 855-463-6848.

Community Corrections Director Danielle Murphy provided the annual report for community corrections. She explained the client numbers have gone way up from an average of 28 clients with the highest now being 37. The cost for community corrections to supervise offenders is \$9.03 per day. It costs the Indiana De-



Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour on Sunday, March 12, for Daylight Saving Time.



Summerfest needs help buying fireworks

The Loogootee Summerfest Committee will be accepting donations this year for fireworks that end the festival. Due to costs associated with purchasing the fireworks, the committee is going to need help this year. Donations can be mailed to Summerfest PO Box 341 Loogootee IN 47553. Donors will be listed in this section of The Journal each week with their donation amount and the running total of total contributions. Donors can be listed as anonymous if they so choose.

Jack Butcher receives Wooden Legacy Award

Former Loogootee High School Basketball Coach Jack Butcher was recognized among the honorees of the John Wooden Legacy Coaching Award presented by the National High School Basketball Coaches Association, announced Thursday, March 2.

Butcher is one of the 2022-23 honorees from the Hoosier state, as nominated by the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association. He was one of 61 winners from 31 states in an NHSBCA program coordinated with the Wooden family. The award honors scholastic basketball coaches from around the country who are educators and have achieved excellence on the floor, in the classroom and in the community that further embody the characteristics and legacy of the late John Wooden.

The criteria for the award are rooted in the ideals of education, longevity, character, service and excellence. Butcher, with an 806-250 career record, was Indiana's all-time boys' basketball winningest coach when he retired from coaching in 2002.

Butcher, 90, is a 1951 Loogootee graduate who helped his team to three sectional titles and earned all-sectional and all-regional honors as a senior. He was the Lions' career leading scorer when he graduated and then went on to a four-season career over six years at Memphis State University as his time in college was interrupted by two years in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Butcher was a three-year starter at Memphis State, being named an NCAA all-regional player in 1956 and to the all-NIT team as a senior in 1957 when his team was the NIT runner-up. The Boston Celtics selected Butcher in the 10th round of the 1957 NBA Draft, but he turned down that opportunity to instead return home to Loogootee as the school's basketball coach — a position he held for 45 years while working for six superintendents and eight principals.

During Butcher's tenure at Loogootee, his teams posted 43 winning seasons with 14 20-win seasons, four undefeated regular seasons (1962-63, 1974-75, 1981-82 and 1989-90) and three one-loss regular seasons (1966-67, 1976-77 and 1979-80). In the postseason, his Lions claimed championships in 20 sectionals, eight regionals and two semi-states with a state runner-up finish in 1975. Butcher coached 11 players who scored 1,000 points or more during their careers and two Indiana All-Stars in Junior Gee (1963) and son Bill Butcher (1975). He was named Indiana's state Coach of the Year in 1970 and 1975, was an IBCA district Coach of the Year in 1980 and 1989 and was Indiana's nominee for NFHS national Coach of the Year in 1970, 1999, 2001 and 2002. In 2004, he authored a book entitled "Butcher Ball: It's Not Just a Game." In 1986, he was among founding members of the Hoosier Basketball Coaches Association, a group that serves coaches in southern Indiana. He was the group's first executive director and was inducted into the HBCA Hall of Excellence in 2013. Butcher also received an IBCA Virgil Sweet Award in 2003 and has been awarded "Keys to the City" in Loogootee, Indianapolis and Memphis. He was inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 1991 and the Memphis State (now University of Memphis) Athletic Hall of Fame in 1995. He was named a Sagamore of the Wabash by Gov. Frank O'Bannon in 2000.

The current Loogootee High School gymnasium was named The Jack Butcher Sports Arena in 1983, and it is located on Butcher Boulevard, the roadway being renamed in his honor from Vincennes Street in 2000. "I think my longevity had

so do with the fact it was my hometown," Butcher told the Bedford Times-Mail in 2002 after his retirement. "It was a dream of mine, before I was ever qualified to coach, before I realized I would be able to go to college. ... I sometimes think it was destiny that I stayed here as long as I did."

Since retiring, Butcher has helped create two scholarships that annually benefit Loogootee graduating seniors. The first was founded in 2004 and now is called the Butcher2- Gee-Brett Scholarship in honor of the four Loogootee players who have been inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame (Jack Butcher, Junior Gee, Steve Brett and Bill Butcher). The second was founded in 2011 through the Martin County Community Foundation and is called the Jack and Rita Butcher Loogootee Basketball Family Scholarship. Nearly 65 students have received scholarships from the two funds. Butcher still attends Loogootee basketball games and plays golf when he can. He used to fish a lot and has enjoyed traveling with his wife to Alaska, Canada, the Bahamas and to Florida among other places over the years. He and his wife, Rita, have seven children, 15 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren with two more on the way.

Greg Wooden, grandson of John Wooden, wrote a letter to each winner of the Wooden Legacy Coaching Award in that stated: "Our family cannot express how excited we are that you are receiving the NHSBCA Wooden Legacy Coaching Award. My grandfather, John R. Wooden, devoted his life to making an impact in the lives of others through the game of basketball. His passion was teaching, and there was no group that he was more passionate about that subject than coaches. "The fact that you are receiving this award is a testament to a long-standing commitment you have made as a teacher/coach within your community. You are receiving this award because you embody many traits that my grandfather felt were vital to success. "I know that if my grandfather was here today, he would feel that it was an honor to meet you and congratulate you on your success. In his memory, our family wants to do that for him. We appreciate you, and the commitment you have made to success. We could not be more thrilled that the NHSBCA has incorporated this award and could not be happier that you are its recipient in its inaugural year."

John Wooden, namesake of the award, was an Indiana native, Martinsville High School graduate and Purdue University graduate. He was a three-time basketball all-state selection in high school, leading the Artesians to a state title as a junior in 1927 and to state runner-up finishes as a sophomore and senior in 1926 and 1928. He became a three-time All-America player at Purdue, helping the Boilermakers be named the Helms Athletic Foundation national champion in 1932. Wooden later guided UCLA to a record 10 NCAA men's national championships with a 620-147 mark after previously coaching at South Bend Central High School and Indiana State University. His 29-year college coaching record, including two seasons at Indiana State, was 664-162. His 11-year high school coaching record, including two seasons at Dayton (Ky.), was 218-42.

The National High School Basketball Coaches Association is a network of coaches' associations from all 50 states and the District of Columbia, with a member from each state on its board of directors. The NHSBCA is the national voice for high school basketball coaches, working to foster high standards of professionalism and to support coaches.

COUNTY COUNCIL

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is opening later this month in the former convenience store across from the West Boggs Park entrance. Once that money is repaid, it will be loaned out to another business.

The Alliance hosted a QuickBooks training at the beginning of the month. It was well attended with 19 participants from Martin, Daviess and Warrick counties. Also, the Alliance has partnered with both Loogootee and Shoals schools and is hosting Martin County Made Day, a manufacturing day event for eighth graders. They will be travelling around to five businesses to learn more about what is being manufactured in Martin County.

Her last topic of discussion was the annual dinner hosted by the Alliance and the Martin County Chamber of Commerce to be held Thursday, March 16 at 6 p.m. in the lower level of St. John's Center in Loogootee. Denny Spinner, the former Mayor of Huntingburg, and the current Director of Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA), is the guest speaker. Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased as Crane Credit Union, German American Bank, and the Martin County Chamber of Commerce office.

Resident Joe Lannan, who is serving as the liaison for the City of Loogootee with the Mid-States Corridor project, talked to the council about what the new proposed routes could mean for Martin County. He said when the original plans for the corridor were announced, a letter was sent to the state from all of Martin County's elected officials expressing their desire to be more a part of the discussion. This, he said, opened up the ability for Martin County to have input. Now the planners of the corridor have added the three new routes. Lannan said this is the time for Martin County to have a say in what is being planned before the project goes forward any more, as the path of the corridor could go around Loogootee or through it.

He said going around Loogootee would have a serious impact on the economy of Martin County and provide Daviess County with a host of new development possibilities. He wants to hold a public meeting to get feedback from residents. The council agreed the public meeting was needed and requested Lannan plan one for next week.

The council approved two part-time positions to full-time. The first was the administrative assistant in the probation department. Chief Probation Officer Stephanie Helton explained the position was originally full-time but the person who recently vacated that position didn't want that many hours so they allowed her to work part-time. The probation department currently has 211 adult offenders, 13 active juvenile offenders and 20

COMMISSIONERS

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partment of Corrections \$55 a day to house those offenders so having them on community corrections home detention saves the state money. Murphy said they plan to start road crew again this summer and will come back to the commissioners at a later meeting to see what priorities they have for cleaning up areas of the county.

New Veteran Service Officer Jonathan Cropp told the commissioners he has only been on the job for a week however he has a growing list of drivers for the veterans' van that transports veterans to medical appointments. He said Kim Showalter has offered to serve as a volunteer assistant for the veteran service office a few days a week. The commissioners approved Showalter and also thanked her for volunteering. The phone number to the veteran service office is 812-247-2210 and Cropp said veterans can leave a message if no one is in the office and he will call them back as soon as possible.

The commissioners approved hiring

pre-trial offenders so they need the full-time help. The probation department has the money in the budget for this year and the individual they plan to hire will be full-time and be provided benefits. The council suggested removing the part-time line item in the budget so it is not used in the future, if that money is being used for the full-time position. Auditor Norris said she would look into doing this.

The second position approved was a clerical position in the community corrections department. Director Danielle Murphy explained her board approved moving the position to full-time however she needs the council's approval to change the salary and wage ordinance. The position is currently \$12.75 per hour as part-time however she wants it moved to \$14 per hour and will include benefits. She is not requesting an additional appropriation of funds at this time until they know how much the insurance will cost. The money will come from her budget. Community corrections operates almost completely on grants and user fees. The county provides \$21,000 a year to fund road crew and pays the rent in their building in Loogootee.

Murphy also told the council they have five or six offenders who will be doing community service and they plan to work with the recycling center to get hours served there. They also plan to start road crew again which has been shut down since COVID. She is talking to the commissioners about what areas of the county need help.

Sheriff Josh Greene requested the council's help with stopping the shutdown of State Road 450 for a bridge replacement. Greene said the highway will be completely closed, for six to eight months, thus cutting off a portion of the county for emergency services, school bus transport, etc. He said it could take well over an hour for residents to go through Bedford to get around the closure. He said he was told farmers had protested against a detour around the work but he has learned that this is not true. Greene suggested the council members get in touch with state representatives to see if they could get something done because the Indiana Department of Transportation will not speak to residents. "There's got to be a better solution," he said.

Greene reported the jail currently has 80 inmates with 40 of them from Vigo County. He also reported that he is fully staffed at the jail so they can go back to paying compensation time instead of overtime as the council agreed to a few months back.

The council appointed Warren Albright to serve on the courthouse security committee. The committee is a requirement of the state for all counties.

Calcar Paving for roads included in last year's Community Crossings grant for \$667,680.40. Bids were opened at the last meeting and Calcar was the lowest bid.

The commissioners approved giving \$5,000 to each of the fire departments from the DNR timber funds the county received as was discussed at their last meeting. The four departments receiving funds include the Loogootee Fire Department, Shoals Fire Department, Martin County Civil Defense and the Lost River Fire Department.

The commissioners approved providing Air Evac medical helicopter services for the 114 county employees at a cost of \$65 each for a total of \$7,410. They also approved paying for \$3,800 for computer equipment and supplies for the ambulance service from ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds.

Commissioner George volunteered to serve as the commissioners' appointment to the new courthouse security committee.

OBITUARIES

JOSEPH PHILLIPS



JOSEPH PHILLIPS

Joseph D. Phillips passed away at 12:38 a.m. Monday, March 6, 2023, surrounded by family in The Waters of Huntingburg. A resident of Jasper, he was 82.

Joe was born in Columbus on September 14, 1940; son of Paul and Lillian (Street) Phillips. He married Georgiane Fleck on February 1, 1969. He was a high school graduate and served in the United States Army. He retired from Masterbrand where he had worked for 37 years. He was a member of the V.F.W. Post #673, American Legion Post #147, and the Jasper Moose.

Joe enjoyed golfing, bowling, playing cards, watching NASCAR and I.U., collecting NASCAR die casts, and spending time with family and friends.

Surviving are his wife Georgiane Phillips of Jasper; four children, Paula (Paul) Stone of Washington, Joe Jr. (Connie) Phillips of Washington, Frank Phillips of Loogootee, Paul (Shanda) Phillips of New Castle; six grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

Preceding him in death are two sisters, Betty Graber and Patty Beyer and one brother, Roger Phillips.

A funeral service for Joseph D. Phillips will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 8 at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper. Pastor Ryan Stiles will officiate. The V.F.W. Post #673 will conduct military rites at the funeral home and the Jasper Moose will conduct a ritual at 6 p.m. at the funeral home. Inurnment will follow at a later date.

Visitation will be held from 4 p.m. until the 7 p.m. service time at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel on Wednesday.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Waters of Huntingburg Nursing Home.

TIMOTHY CHATTIN

Timothy Adam Chattin died unexpectedly March 3, 2023 at his home. A resident of Shoals, he was 51. His loss was completely unexpected, and the family is shocked and deeply saddened.

Tim was born in Valparaiso on June 25, 1971; son of Norman Louis Chattin and Deborah Kay (Dorsey) Chattin and Kenny Rainey of French Lick.

He was employed at Jasper Engines and Transmissions. Anyone who knew

Tim knew him as a loving, smiling, happy man who loved his devoted wife, Lori Jean Chattin and his entire family fiercely. He loved to laugh. He had an immense passion for fishing and being outdoors. Tim's family and friends will miss him more than words can say.

Tim is survived by his loving wife of 23 years, his parents, brothers, Randall (Joni) Chattin of Norfolk, Virginia and Corey (Shaye) Chattin of Evansville; sons, Michael Underhill, Toby Underhill, and Aaron Underhill, all of Virginia; grandchildren, Ashley Johnson, Angel Ward and Audrey Ward, Aly Burton and two great grandchildren as well as several nieces and nephews and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Christian (Christy) Underhill of Virginia and several extended family members.

Tim had chosen cremation prior to his passing and a celebration of his life is being planned for June 25, 2023, with details to come at a later date.

BRIAN WITTMER

Brian Lee Wittmer passed away Sunday, February 26, 2023. He was 59.



BRIAN WITTMER

He was born in Terre Haute on June 16, 1963; son of Wilmer and Dora Wittmer. For all those that knew Brian, they will remember his loud laugh, contagious energy, and passion to be with people. He was a dedicated Reitz Panther, a fan of the Fighting Irish, and a fierce friend to those close to him. Brian enjoyed fishing, good music, and getting to know others. He was hospitable, kind, and could usually be found telling the same stories he had been telling for 40 years to someone new, with the same joy and laughter as the first time he told it. He worked for many years with his father selling life insurance for Franklin Life, and also enjoyed helping to coach his children's baseball teams when they were younger.

Brian was preceded in death by his father, Wilmer Wittmer; his first-born son, Jason and granddaughter, Ellison.

He is survived by his loving mother, Dora; sons, Tyler (Alicia) and Brayden; daughter, Brooklyn; grandsons, Roman and Hunter; brother, Shawn; sister-in-law, Andrea, and their children, Noah, Margo and Adeline.

A celebration of life service was held

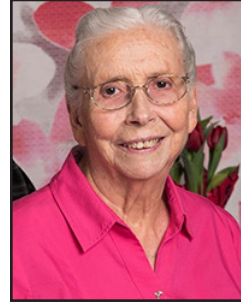
Thursday, March 2, 2023, at Alexander Funeral Home West, 2100 W. Illinois St., Evansville IN 47712.

Memorial contributions may be made to It Takes A Village No-Kill Rescue, www.itvrescue.org, where Brian had rescued two dogs, whom he loved dearly.

Condolences may be offered at www.AlexanderWestChapel.com.

ALMA WAGONER

Alma Aileen Wagoner passed away at 5:15 p.m. Thursday, March 2, 2023, at Poplar Care Strategies. A resident of Shoals, she was 85.



ALMA WAGONER

She was born March 19, 1937, in Shoals; daughter of the late Erwin and Bernice (McFarlen) Hollen. Alma married Samuel Wagoner on May 4, 1955, and he preceded her in death on October 16, 2020.

Alma attended the Weisbach Community Church. She loved sewing, cooking, and reading.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Sam Wagoner and siblings, Velma, Virginia, George, Erwin Junior, Joyce, Maxine and Fern. Alma is survived by her children, Doug (Shannon) Wagoner and Sherri Brett, both of Shoals; grandchildren, Kevin (Mary Beth) Brett, Ashley (Thomas) Kerr, and Evan (Angel) Wagoner; and great-grandchildren, Keaton, Katie, and Charlie Brett and Mason and Austin Kerr.

A funeral service was conducted Monday, March 6, 2023, at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial followed in Pleasant Valley Cemetery.

Condolences may be made online at

www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

Blake Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Alma Aileen Wagoner.

DAVID GAITHER

David L. Gaither passed away on Friday, February 24, 2023. A resident of Shoals, he was 56.



DAVID GAITHER

He was born February 8, 1967, in Bedford; son of John E. and Grace (Dant) Gaither. He married Glenda Jewell, and she survives.

He was the owner/operator of David Gaither Excavating and a firm believer in God. Survivors include his wife, Glenda of Shoals; his parents of Shoals; sisters, Susan Garines and husband, Jim, of Bedford, and Jona Butler of Williams; nieces and nephews, Cinandra McCleery and husband, Kenny; Deidra Brown and husband, Tony; Lucas Butler, and Desirae Brown; four great-nieces and nephews, Ben and Mya McCleery and Collier and Mattingly Brown.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Gladys and Herschel Dant; his paternal grandparents, Pearl and Glenn Gaither; a brother, Johnny Gaither; brothers-in-law, Davey Butler and Mike Jewell; and two sisters-in-law.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 3 in the Elmwood Chapel of the Day & Carter Mortuary. Burial followed in Trinity Springs Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the White River Humane Society or Martin County Humane Society. Family and friends may express condolences at www.daycarter.com.

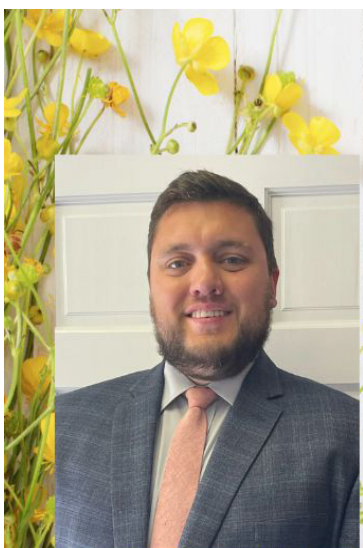
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Silent Auction includes: park passes, gift cards, Martin County memorabilia, and more

Thursday, March 9th 3:00 – 7:00 PM @ Shoals Public Library – Lower Level

All proceeds go to library improvements. Hosted by: Friends of Shoals Public Library

Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

1:50 a.m. - Received a call from Koorsen Fire and Security advising of a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Major Reed responded.

3:41 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting extra patrol east of Shoals. Major Reed was advised.

4:11 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

5:12 a.m. - Received a call advising of a medical alarm in Dubois County. Information was given for Dubois County Dispatch.

6:05 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

8:04 a.m. - Received a call advising of a reckless driver northeast of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

8:10 a.m. - Received an animal complaint north of Loogootee. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

11:38 a.m. - Received a call reporting an accident in Loogootee. ISP Trooper Lents and Martin County Medic 1 responded. No one was transported.

11:48 a.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down north of Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

12:05 p.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down south of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department responded.

12:25 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:42 p.m. - Received a call reporting a pole leaning in Shoals. Shoals Town Hall was notified.

2:01 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Dispatch was notified.

2:05 p.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down north of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department responded.

2:14 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department responded.

3:54 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Corporal Hawkins and Captain Gibson responded. REMC and Frontier Communications were notified.

4:24 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance east of Shoals. Sheriff Greene, Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

4:26 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Crane. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

5:33 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

6:52 p.m. - Received calls reporting possible trespassers Southwest of Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

7:02 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle north of Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

7:37 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Advised Daviess County of call.

8:11 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Corporal Hawkins and Big John's Towing responded.

8:53 p.m. - Received a call reporting a roof blowing on powerlines in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded. Duke Energy was also notified.

10:56 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

11:27 p.m. - Received a call reporting a disabled vehicle east of Shoals. Big John's Towing responded.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

12:58 a.m. - Received a call from Area

One Protection advising of a commercial burglar alarm in Shoals. Major Reed responded.

6:27 a.m. - Received a call reporting a water outage in Shoals. Shoals Water was notified.

7:26 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver south of Loogootee. All Martin County Law was advised.

10:23 a.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock northeast of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

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

12:52 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported three inmates to court.

1:52 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

1:57 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. Notified Loogootee Dispatch.

2:20 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported three inmates to court.

2:26 p.m. - Received an animal complaint south of Loogootee. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

2:59 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

3:26 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported two inmates to court.

4:39 p.m. - Received a call reporting a neighbor dispute south of Loogootee. Corporal Hawkins responded.

5:09 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

5:47 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Loogootee Officer Sims responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:51 p.m. - Received a call reporting two dogs being dumped south of Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

7:44 p.m. - Received a call reporting a disabled semi south of Loogootee. Corporal Hawkins, Major Reed, Loogootee Officer Sims and Salem Wrecker Service responded.

10:50 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute north of Loogootee. Major Reed and Corporal Hawkins responded.

11:43 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting a welfare check at a Daviess County address. Transferred call to Daviess County 911. Also notified ISP.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

6:42 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an injured deer south of Loogootee.

8:00 a.m. - Received a call from Duke Energy advising of a road closure in Loogootee.

8:24 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident north of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, Crane Fire Department, Crane EMS, Loogootee Assistant Chief Long, Chief Deputy Keller, Captain Gibson, ISP Trooper Lents and Brigman's Towing responded. Crane EMS transported one patient to IU Health Bloomington. INDOT and REMC were notified.

9:21 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

11:27 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

12:53 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported three inmates to court.

1:16 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Transferred call to Daviess County 911.

2:50 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

3:58 p.m. - Received a call from Duke Energy advising the road is now open.

6:01 p.m. - Received a report of possible harassment northeast of Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

7:45 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance east of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:00 p.m. - Received a call from Lawrence County requesting a welfare check east of Shoals. Corporal Hawkins and Major Reed responded.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

12:26 a.m. - Received a call reporting a suspicious person north of Shoals. Major Reed and Martin County Medic 1 responded. No one was transported.

3:15 a.m. - Received a call reporting farm animals in the roadway north of Loogootee. Major Reed responded.

3:24 a.m. - Received a call reporting a disabled semi on US 50, west of Shoals. Major Reed and Martin County Civil Defense responded.

6:44 a.m. - Received a call reporting a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Major Reed, Loogootee Chief Means, Martin County Civil Defense and Big John's Towing responded.

8:30 a.m. - Received a call requesting an officer south of Shoals. Deputy Erwin responded.

9:25 a.m. - Deputy Pressley transported two inmates to court.

12:48 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a grass fire in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

12:55 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported one inmate to court.

1:14 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means, Loogootee Assistant Chief Long, Sergeant Wells, Chief Deputy Keller and Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

1:29 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

2:00 p.m. - Chief Deputy Keller transported one inmate to court.

4:07 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to an officer. Sergeant Wells responded.

4:35 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

4:51 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a controlled burn north of Shoals.

5:07 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Deputy Coroner responded.

5:21 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

6:37 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance northeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:49 p.m. - Received a call reporting a brush fire in Daviess County. Contacted Daviess County with information.

11:51 p.m. - Received a call from Koorsen Fire and Security advising of a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

4:08 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance northeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Deputy Branham and Martin County Deputy Coroner responded.

4:11 a.m. - Received multiple 911 calls. Caller advised they were accidental.

5:23 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:34 a.m. - Received a 911 call re-

porting an accident south of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller, Haysville Fire Department, Martin County Medic 1 and Big John's Towing responded. No one was transported.

8:17 a.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down south of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department responded.

8:52 a.m. - Received multiple calls reporting a tree down south of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller, ISP Trooper Beaver, Shoals Fire Department and Frontier responded. INDOT and REMC were notified also.

9:13 a.m. - Received multiple reports of flash flooding on State Road 450.

11:02 a.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down southeast of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department responded.

12:41 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department responded.

1:00 p.m. - Received a call requesting an officer southeast of Loogootee. Deputy Erwin responded.

1:39 p.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down south of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department responded.

1:39 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check south of Shoals. Sergeant Wells and Deputy Erwin responded.

2:55 p.m. - Received a report of a tree hanging over road south of Shoals. Sergeant Wells responded.

3:54 p.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down south of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

4:05 p.m. - Received a call reporting a tree had fallen on two parked vehicles south of Shoals. Sergeant Wells responded.

4:06 p.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down south of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

4:35 p.m. - Received a call reporting a utility pole down in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Sergeant Wells responded.

4:48 p.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down southeast of Shoals. Deputy Erwin and Martin County Civil Defense responded.

5:00 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense and INDOT responded.

5:21 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:31 p.m. - Received a call reporting a road beginning to wash out southeast of Loogootee. Notified Martin County Highway Department.

5:53 p.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down southeast of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

6:15 p.m. - Received a call requesting an officer north of Shoals. Deputy Erwin responded.

7:15 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a disabled vehicle south of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

7:28 p.m. - Received a call from Astro Security advising of a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

8:51 p.m. - Received a call reporting a suspicious person north of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

8:55 p.m. - Received a call reporting a trespasser north of Loogootee. Deputy Branham and Deputy Erwin responded.

10:41 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

11:34 p.m. - Received an accidental

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COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS

February 23

Andrew T. Masterson, convicted of dealing in methamphetamine, a Level 4 Felony. Sentenced to serve 2,190 days with credit for 276 days served. Remaining sentence shall be served through the Indiana Department of Corrections.

February 24

Scott R. Wagler, convicted of forgery, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 730 days with 0 days suspended. Defendant shall serve 730 days of executed time on Martin County Community Corrections Home Detention, so long as he remains eligible.

Gregory S. Stroud, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 730 days with 724 days suspended and credit for 3 actual days previously served plus 3 Class A credit days. Defendant received 24 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

February 23

Steven S. Stroud, auto theft, a Level 5 Felony, dismissed; two counts of resisting law enforcement, Level 6 Felonies, dismissed; false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; driving while suspended, a Class A Infraction, dismissed.

Andrew T. Masterson, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; maintaining a common nuisance-controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony; unlawful possession or use of a legend drug, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; posses-

sion of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; strangulation, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

February 24

Scott R. Wagler, forgery, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; theft, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Laura L. Henninger, two counts of invasion of privacy, Level 6 Felonies, dismissed; driving while suspended with prior conviction within 10 years, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

February 24

Pamela D. Gammon vs. Makaya Hope Baylis, petition for dissolution of marriage.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

February 23

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Goldman Sachs Bank and against the defendant Tina Wathen in the amount of \$9,117.09.

February 24

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Mariner Finance and against the defendant Connie Shipman in the amount of \$7,810.21.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff LVNV Funding, LLC and against the defendant Pamela Clark in the amount of \$1,679.26.

CIVIL COURT DISMISSED

February 23

U.S. Bank National Association vs. Andrew P. Hopkins and Audrey Hopkins, mortgage foreclosure, dismissed.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT New Suits Filed

February 27

Cherie Pressley vs. Raul Sandoval, complaint.

Fire Department, ISP and Martin County Medic 1 responded. No one was transported.

8:45 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Lawrence County address. Transferred call to Lawrence County 911.

9:54 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

2:48 a.m. - Received a call reporting a stranded person southwest of Shoals. Deputy Branham and Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

3:50 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a vehicle in flood waters south of Shoals. Deputy Branham, Lost River Fire Department, Shoals Fire Department, Loogootee Officer Sims, Indiana Conservation Officer Fuhrman and Martin County Medic 1 responded. No one was transported.

7:17 a.m. - Received a call reporting a disabled vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded.

7:28 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:40 a.m. - Received a call reporting a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long and Corporal Hawkins responded.

9:10 a.m. - Received a call reporting a possible stolen vehicle in Loogootee. Corporal Hawkins responded.

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

12:10 p.m. - Received a call reporting a controlled burn south of Shoals.

12:44 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a possible field fire northeast of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Loogootee Assistant Chief Long and Captain Gibson responded.

1:25 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:33 p.m. - Received a call requesting officers in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long, Captain Gibson and ISP

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

2:42 p.m. - A complainant called in reference to a neighbor's dog.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

10:16 a.m. - Officers Erwin and Baumgart assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a search warrant.

3:28 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Church Street.

3:43 p.m. - Officer Shaw spoke with a complainant regarding a theft.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

2:02 p.m. - Officer Shaw and the Loogootee Fire Department responded to a property damage accident on US 50 West.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

9:07 a.m. - Officers Erwin and Baumgart responded to a domestic dis-

pute.

11:30 a.m. - Caller reported a noise complaint.

4:54 p.m. - Received a complaint of an erratic driver nearing Loogootee on US 231 South.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

8:28 a.m. - Caller advised of a vehicle driving at a high rate of speed.

12:43 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a personal injury accident.

6:26 p.m. - A complainant came on station in reference to a property dispute.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

1:50 p.m. - The Loogootee Fire Department was dispatched to a chimney fire on Mt. Calvary Road.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

2:24 p.m. - Caller advised of a possible scam and sale of fake items in Loogootee.

Martin County real estate transfers

Sharon A. Balog, of Martin County, Indiana to Sharon A. Balog and Gary L. Burress, of Martin County, Indiana, the north half of the southeast quarter of Section 17, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 15 acres, more or less.

Charline J. Sandel, of Martin County, Indiana to Oakley J. Collins and Lauren E. Shaff, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the southeast quarter of Section 6, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, in Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2.50 acres, more or less.

Feldan, LLC, of Martin County, Indiana to M And L Properties, LLC, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West.

William David Perkins and Wanda Diane Perkins, of Rush County, Indiana to WDP Investments, LLC, of Rush County, Indiana, the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 17, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, containing 39 acres, more or less. More commonly known as South Martin Road, Loogootee, Indiana 47553.

Larry D. Hembree and Stephanie Hembree, of Martin County, Indiana to GSES, LLC, of Daviess County, Indiana, Lot Number 21 in Keck's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana. Also, Lots 33 and 34 in Keck's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana, except a section containing 0.24 acre, more or less.

ARRESTS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

5:50 p.m. - Zane Sanders, 23, of Shoals, was arrested by Sergeant Wells on a Martin County warrant for violation of probation, battery resulting in bodily injury to a public safety official, resisting law enforcement and reckless driving. He is being held without bond.

12:53 a.m. - Jobe Sergent, 23, of Shoals, was arrested by Major Reed and charged with public intoxication. He is being held on \$3,000 10% bond.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

11:02 p.m. - Joshua Cooley, 43, of Palestine Illinois, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Baumgart on a Crawford County Illinois warrant. He is being held without bond.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

6:00 p.m. - Kenneth Basham, 56, of Owensboro, Kentucky, was arrested by Deputy Erwin on a Kentucky warrant. He is being held without bond.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

7:36 p.m. - Ryan Lee, 54, of Washington, was arrested by Deputy Erwin and charged with habitual traffic violator. He is being held on \$30,000 10% bond.

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

7:12 a.m. - Dayson Wright, 21, of Bedford, was arrested by Deputy Branham and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and criminal recklessness. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

4:43 p.m. - Amber Cissell, 33, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Beaver and charged with neglect of a dependent. She is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

SHERIFF'S LOG

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911 call.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

9:39 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

10:50 a.m. - Received a call reporting a smoke alarm going off in Loogootee. Sergeant Wells, Loogootee Fire Department and Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded.

10:54 a.m. - Received a call reporting a controlled burn south of Shoals.

11:26 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:31 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting reckless driving on US 50, heading east. Advised Lawrence County and Orange County.

1:59 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting to be transferred to Bloomington. Advised caller we could transfer to Lawrence County. Transferred call to Lawrence County 911.

3:30 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

3:38 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

3:48 p.m. - Received a 911 call with no one on the line. Deputy Erwin responded.

5:18 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

5:34 p.m. - Received a call reporting a suspicious person north of Shoals. Deputy Erwin responded.

5:46 p.m. - Received a call reporting a controlled burn northeast of Loogootee.

6:48 p.m. - Received an animal complaint southeast of Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

7:18 p.m. - Received a call reporting possible harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

8:11 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a vehicle in flood waters southeast of Shoals. Deputy Erwin, Lost River

Trooper Beaver responded.

3:16 p.m. - Received a call reporting a controlled burn west of Shoals.

4:08 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check in Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

4:17 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance southwest of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

4:45 p.m. - Received an animal complaint southeast of Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

6:29 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

6:46 p.m. - Received a 911 call with no response in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

7:30 p.m. - Received a report of a possible domestic dispute in Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

7:41 p.m. - Received a call reporting a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

7:55 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Haysville Fire Department and Dubois County EMS responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital with a Dubois County medic on board.

8:43 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to an officer. Captain Gibson responded.

10:36 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute south of Loogootee. Major Reed responded.

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VU to hold recital featuring former LHS Band Director Betsy Graves

The Vincennes University Performing Arts Department will present a Faculty Recital featuring VU Music Professor H. Joyce Kim-Rohrer, clarinet, on Tuesday, March 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Red Skelton Performing Arts Center. Professor Kim-Rohrer will be accompanied by VU Music Professor Dr. Claudia Bossard, piano, and guest artist and former VU music adjunct faculty member Betsy Graves, flute. The recital will feature music by French composers: Charles Lefebvre, Francis Poulenc, and Camille Saint-Saens. Doors open at 7 p.m. and admission is free.

In 2018, Professor Kim-Rohrer retired from public school teaching with 20 years at South Knox School Corporation and 11 years at Barr-Reeve School Corporation. Currently Mrs. Kim-Rohrer is an adjunct professor at Vincennes University teaching woodwind lessons and woodwind ensemble. She stays active in the band world working with the bands at many area schools, including Barr-Reeve, Princeton, Vincennes Lincoln, Springs Valley, and

Scholarship available to LHS seniors

The Owensby Alternate Scholarship is open to Loogootee High School seniors interested in journalism, mass communication, the visual arts, or media production. Applications can be in the form of a letter, email, graphic or multimedia presentation, video, or other format chosen by the applicant, and must answer two questions: 1) What are the applicant's goals in his/her chosen field? 2) How does he/she plan to reach them? (Please include past and current progress.)

Comments from teachers/mentors/others familiar with the applicant's work are welcome, but not required. Preference will be granted to students who do not play interscholastic sports. Applications should be turned into the high school office by April 14, 2023.

Washington. Mrs. Kim-Rohrer loves to motivate and inspire young students. She has directed All-Region Honor Bands and an All-District Honor Band sponsored by Indiana Bandmasters Association.

Mrs. Kim-Rohrer is the choir director for Westminster Presbyterian church and the Southwest Indiana Cantata Choir (SWICC). In addition to inspirational cantata performances locally, members of SWICC recently performed in Carnegie Hall and will be traveling to Scotland this summer to perform in historic cathedrals and castles.

Dr. Claudia Bossard, pianist, has concertized as a soloist and chamber musician with performances at the National Taiwan Academy of Arts in Taipei, the K ngresshaus in Innsbruck, Austria, the American Institute of Music Studies in Graz, Austria, and at museums, colleges and universities in the United States.

She has presented numerous lectures and workshops that highlight her research on Simultaneous Learning, Sight Reading, Piano Adjudication, Intermediate-Level Slavic Piano Music and Metacognition in Music Education. Ms. Bossard teaches applied piano and music theory and coordinates the class piano program at Vincennes University.

Betsy Graves is a 32-year retired band director from the Shoals and Loogootee Community School systems where she taught Instrumental Music grades 6-12. She holds BS and MS degrees in Music Education from Indiana State University. Betsy has kept an active private flute studio for over 40 years and is an ISSMA District and State Solo and Ensemble Woodwind adjudicator. Recently Betsy performed with the Terre Haute Flute Choir at the 2022 National Flute Association National Convention in Chicago and currently performs in the Southern Indiana Wind Ensemble in Bloomington, Indiana. She resides in Bloomington with her husband, Rick.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Loogootee Election Public Test

Notice is hereby given that the public testing of DS200 Image Scanners and Expressvote units that will be used in the 2023 Primary Election will be conducted in the commissioners' room in the Martin County Courthouse located at 129 Main Street Shoals, IN 47581 on Thursday, March 16, 2023, at 11 a.m. This test is to ensure all equipment is tallying votes correctly and working properly. This public test is open to the public in accordance to (IC 3-11-13-22).

LHS Class of 1978 meeting

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

Mental Health Task Force

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

Celebrate Recovery meetings

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

St. Vincent Food Pantry

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

Free lunch for kids

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

SOAR Tutoring

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

LUMC Food Pantry

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

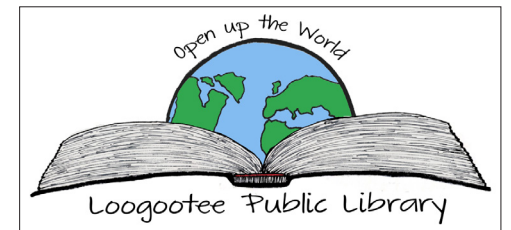
Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the sec-

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

Soil and Water meetings

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



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Senior Citizen Bingo (55 and older) will be held on Monday, March 13 at 10:15 a.m. Come and join Alyssa and win some amazing prizes.

March 16, 2023, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., The Puzzle People program will be offered. Various puzzles will be available to put together-work as a group or individually. Grandparents and parents are encouraged to bring your kids and work a puzzle with them.

March 23, 2023 at 5 p.m., Julie Fithian will be at the library to discuss voting etiquette. Do you have questions about voting, do you know where to vote, or how to register to vote? Did you know that the April Primary election in the City of Loogootee will have a Democrat ballot only because the Republican categories are all uncontested? What does that mean, who can vote? Julie will be here to educate us on the process.

On, Monday, March 27 at 10:15 a.m., a Peripheral Neuropathy Workshop will be provided by Advanced Rehabilitation from Jasper.

New Books:

Mystery: "I Will Find You" by Harlan Coben.

Fiction: "Worthy Opponents" by Danielle Steel.

Library hours: Monday 10-6, Tuesday 10-5, Closed on Wednesday, Thursday 10-6, Friday 10-5, and Saturday 9-1. The library phone number is 812-295-3713 and check out the website www.loogootee.lib.in.us or like us on Facebook. The library has free Wi-Fi service available for patrons.

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ANNUAL DINNER

Thursday, March 16 at 6 p.m.

St. John's Center Lower Level

Tickets: \$25 • Table Sponsor \$250

Guest Speaker: Denny Spinner, Director of OCRA

Tickets are available for purchase at
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I am often asked when the best time is to visit Sandhill Gardens. While I have always tried to plan for interest at all times, I would have to admit that this week has been breathtaking. Perhaps it is just that the early blooms are such a great contrast to the winter, but it seems that the daffodils and hellebores have been especially vibrant. Of course, in addition to these stars, there have been some supporting players, including crocus, winter aconite and pulmonaria. This week, another supporting bloom added to the show. A deep blue Grecian Windflower poked through the leaf litter beneath a large maple tree.

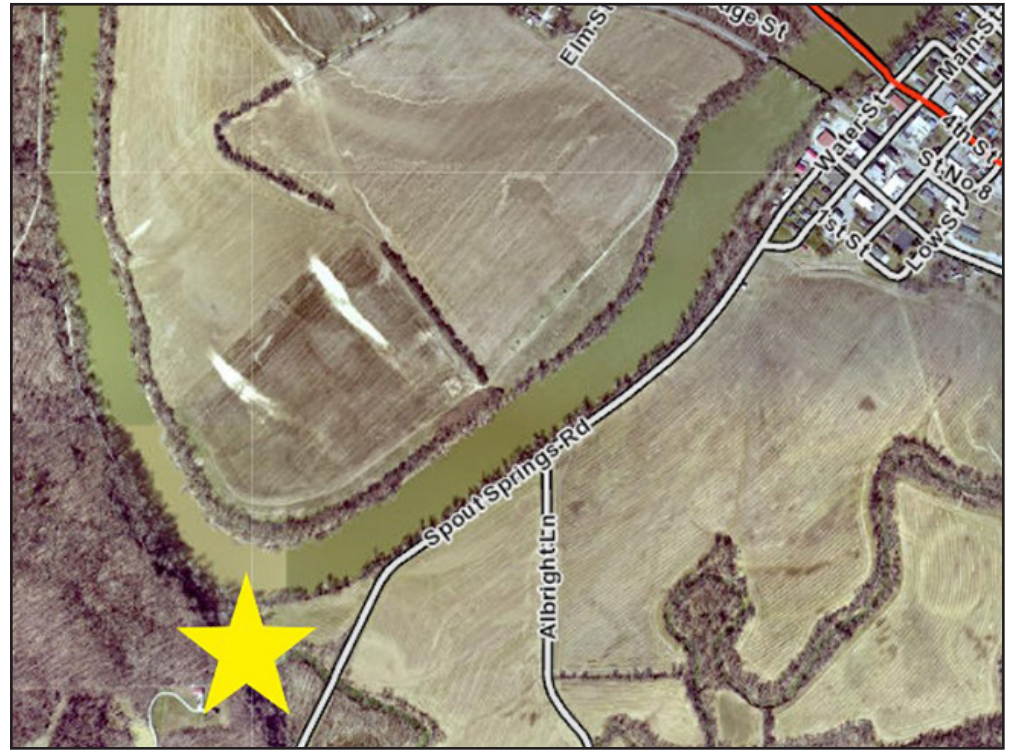
Grecian windflowers are beautiful early spring groundcovers, and I think they deserve more use. Botanically known as *Anemone blanda*, they certainly are not bland. They grow from corms, usually planted in the fall, and will spread into mats of fern-like foliage in early spring. The flowers are borne on stiff stems about six inches above the ground-hugging foliage. They come in a variety of colors, including deep blue, purple, white, pale pink, red, magenta, lavender and mauve. There are some which are bi-colored, and some will produce double flowers. Like their late-summer blooming cousins, Japanese anemones, they earn the windflower name because of the way the blooms sway on the wiry stems in the spring breezes.

Once planted, Grecian windflowers require almost no care. Plant the corms about three inches deep and two to three inches apart. Planting in drifts will give you the best impact. The foliage is ephemeral and will disappear fairly quickly after the weeks of blooms in the spring. They may be planted in sun to partial shade. I like to plant them in areas

where hostas will be coming up about the time the anemone foliage dies. Like other bulbous plants, they do not do well in wet areas, but will grow about anywhere the soil has good drainage. A light leaf mulch in winter will provide some protection but is not usually necessary in Indiana. However, the decomposition of the leaves will provide nutrition to keep the anemone returning for many years. I should mention that all parts of the Grecian windflower are toxic, so that should be considered if you have small children on animals that tend to chew on plants. That toxicity also means that they are not eaten by deer or other wildlife.

Grecian windflowers are native to the mountains of Europe, giving them good winter hardiness. They have not shown any invasive nature, but if you prefer to keep to native plants, our native wood anemone might be an option. Wood anemones are native to the northeast area of the United States. *Anemone nemorosa* bears flowers with five petals atop tufts of five-lobed leaves. The color pallet is more limited. Most wood anemones are white, but some will have a pale pink or lavender cast, thanks to some color on the under-side of the sepals. They grow in shaded areas. The wood anemones may be a little harder to find. Usually, they are planted from potted plants available in garden centers in early spring. Many people miss the wild plants, as they flower much earlier than most of the other spring wildflowers, and few people are out looking for wildflowers so early in the season.

Over the next few weeks, we should see a lot more of those ephemeral spring flowers making their appearance. Many of those flowers grow here at Sandhill Gardens. Stop by and enjoy the show.



The map above shows the event location just south of Shoals, off Spout Springs Road.

Shoals Bluffs of Beaver Bend Wildflower Walk is April 15

The Daviess-Martin Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA) will host a wildflower walk on Saturday April 15 at 10 a.m. at the Bluffs of Beaver Bend Nature Preserve. The event is free, but space is limited and attendees must RSVP by emailing emily.finch@in-nacdnet.net or calling 812-482-1171 x3.

Attendees will learn to identify the wide variety of native plants growing along the roadway at the base of the bluffs and up into the rocks, as well as the invasive garlic mustard that threatens them. No special equipment will be needed. The roadway follows closely along the bluffs so this walk will be accessible for all abilities.

The event will take place rain or shine, unless severe weather is forecast.

To reach the Bluffs, turn south from Highway 50 at the east end of the White River bridge, onto Water Street in downtown Shoals. Stay on this street/road for

exactly one mile, passing the fire station and crossing the bridge over Beaver Creek. Stop immediately and park along the road near Spout Springs. The guided nature walk will take attendees from Spout Springs into the nature preserve itself.

Emily Finch, from the Martin County SWCD, and CISMA volunteers Karen Whorrall and Marion Mason will lead the walk, which is expected to last about 45 to 60 minutes.

For more information on the nature preserve visit the Indiana DNR website at www.in.gov/dnr/naturepreserve/files/np-BluffsofBeaverBend.pdf. If you're interested in learning more about invasive species in the area, follow the Daviess-Martin CISMA on facebook at www.facebook.com/Daviess-Martin-CISMA-262962797961644 or check out their webpage at www.Daviess-CoSWCD.com/invasive-species.

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CAROLINE WALKER

Caroline Jo Walker is the daughter of Chris and Tammy Walker. After graduation, Caroline plans to attend a place of higher education, she plans to study Neuroscience. While in high school, Caroline participated in Cheerleading (9-12), Lionettes (9), Spanish Club (9-12), Beta Club (9-12), Recycling (11), Student Council (9-12), and Pep Club (9-12). Caroline also participated in Club Soccer (9), and Track (9). Caroline was Class president (11), Class Vice President (10 & 12), and Class Secretary (9).



DANNY ARTHUR

Danny Marion Arthur Jr. is the son of Danny Sr. and Tabitha Arthur. After graduation, Danny plans to enter the Workforce.



MORGAN WOLFE

Morgan Grace Wolfe is the daughter of Nathan and Valerie Wolfe. After graduation, Morgan plans to attend Indiana University to study Speech Language Pathology. While in high school, Morgan participated in Band (9-10), Intern (11-12), Spanish Club (9), and Beta Club (9-12). Morgan has also participated in Cadet Teach (11-12), Student Council (11-12), Tennis (9-10), and Tennis Manager (9-10).



JUDD BLEDSOE

Judd M. Bledsoe is the son of Davey Bledsoe. After graduation, Judd plans to enter the workforce or military.



ZOEY BRASSINE

Zoey Rose Brassine is the daughter of Michael Brassine and Lundzee Hart. After graduation, Zoey plans to attend Grace College to study Criminal Justice Social Sciences. While in high school, Zoey participated in Band(9), Cheerleader(9-12), Musical(9,11-12), Beta Club(9), Chorus(9-12), FFA(11-12), Show Choir(10-12), Tennis(9,11-12) and Jazz Secretary(12).



PARKER ARVIN

Parker James Arvin is the son of Heather and Brian Arvin. After graduation, Parker plans to attend Western Kentucky University to study Marketing. While in high school, Parker participated in Internship (12), French Club (9-12), Beta Club (9-12), Beta Club (9-12), Pep Club (11-12), and Student Council (11-12). Parker also participated in Basketball (9-12), and Baseball (12).

2023 Seniors SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL



WYATT ASBELL

Wyatt James Asbell is the son of Cary and Tammie Asbell. His siblings include Ashley, Emily, and Dakotah. While in high school, Wyatt participated in IM-PACCT, FFA, SADD, Beta Club, and Student Council. His favorite high school memory is hanging with his friends. After graduation, Wyatt plans to attend college and explore his options.



ALEXIS RUSH

Alexis Marie Rush is the daughter of Josh Rush and Rebecca Doyle-Rush. Her siblings include Andylashia Stewart, Robert Stewart, Iriannah Salmon, Mercedes Salmon, Abbiella Hudson, and Londyn Rush. While in high school, Alexis participated in cross country for two years, soccer for one year, basketball for one year, Beta Club for four years, band for four years, track for one year, and Media Club for three years. Her favorite school memory will be graduation. After graduation, Alexis plans to attend USI and become a high school English teacher.



LEILA SANGO

Leila Marie Sango is the daughter of Angela Smith and Marciano Sango. Her siblings include Mariko Yamoto and Nicolas Sango. While in high school, Leila participated in Chess Club. Her favorite school memory was the time she spent with her friends, and getting through high school with them will always be very dear to her. After graduation, Leila plans to live the best life she can.



CYRUS ELLIS

Cyrus Xaxon Ellis is the son of Patrick and Menirva Ellis. He has one brother. While in high school, Cyrus participated in soccer, Chess Club, Beta Club, and was a basketball manager. His favorite school memory was not knowing who Tony Smith is. After graduation, Cyrus plans to attend USI for computer science.



JOE SMITHSON

Joe Curtis Smithson is the son of Stephanie and Darin Smithson. His siblings include Staci, Brandi, Adrianna, and Alexa. While in high school, Joe participated in basketball, baseball, soccer, FFA, Spell Bowl, SADD, and IMPACCT. His favorite school memory is singing Jingle Bell Rock to the entire student body. After graduation, Joe plans to attend college and major in business and agriculture.



EMILY RIGGLE

Emily Marie Riggle is the daughter of Amber Clifton and Kevin Riggle. Her siblings include Hallie Handson, Gavin Miller, Reece Miller, Tyler Riggle, and Sabree Myers. While in high school, Emily participated in Pep Club, cheer, and worked in the school's coffee shop, Shoals Grounds. Her favorite school memory is going to basketball games with her friends. After graduation, Emily plans to attend VU to get her cosmetology license.

Consumer Alert: Products recalled in February

Attorney General Todd Rokita alerted Hoosiers of important consumer protection concerns for products recalled in February. Attorney General Rokita encourages consumers to take advantage of opportunities available for those who purchased the recalled items.

“Hoosiers deserve protection from products that are faulty, especially when they can injure our most precious assets, our children,” Attorney General Rokita said. “If you have one of the recalled products, stop using it immediately and pursue resolution from the manufacturer.”

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the following consumer products were recalled in February:

- Children’s Pajamas from Paper Cape
- Children’s Robes from Amazon
- Lancaster Table & Seating Brand High

SWICACC looking for volunteers

The Southwestern Indiana Child Advocacy Center Coalition (SWICACC) continues to grow and is seeking community volunteers.

A volunteer learning event will be held Wednesday, March 15 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. or 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m. at SWICACC’s Center on 5th (505 W 5th Street, Jasper).

Volunteers must work and/or reside in Crawford, Daviess, Dubois, Martin, Orange, Perry, or Spencer counties.

Opportunities are available in fundraising and finance, marketing and communication, and board and staff development.

Donations for the organization’s three centers will also be accepted. Items needed: Lysol wipes, paper towels, copy paper, snacks and candy, bottled water, drinks, and legal pads.

Please contact Director Tammy Lampert via email volunteer@swicacc.com with any questions or if you are interested but unable to attend.

Information on the impact SWICACC makes in your community can be found on Facebook #SWICACC.

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If you believe you recently purchased a recalled product, stop using it, and check its recall notice. Then follow the notice’s instructions, including where to return the product or what steps must be taken to receive a replacement product.

To view recalls, visit www.cpsc.gov/Recalls.

LCC accepting grant proposals through March 31

The Martin County Local Coordinating Council (LCC) is requesting proposals for the 2023/2024 CJI fiscal year, for Martin County organizations and businesses. Funding amounts up to \$5,000 will be considered.

All interested applicants should take into consideration that funds will be granted exclusively to those addressing one or more of the three “Problem Statements” listed within the grant application instructions. For more information or to request a grant application packet, contact the Martin County LCC Coordinator Sheila Bobay at sbobay@indysb.org. Please include “Martin County LCC Grant” in the subject line of your email.

The grant supports businesses and organizations in efforts to address substance misuse concerns and preventative endeavors within Martin County.

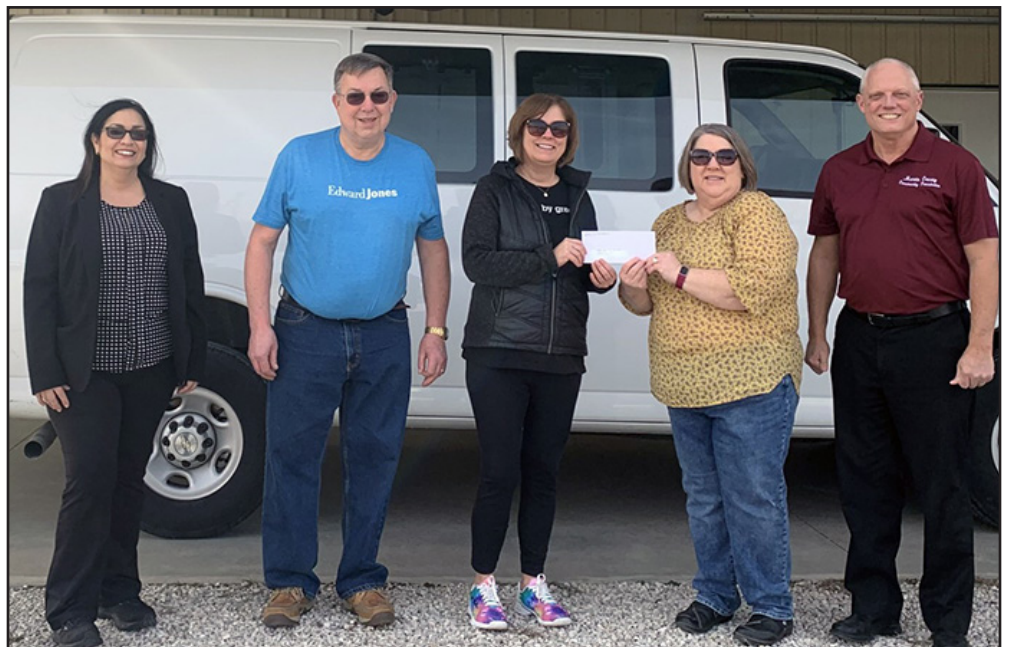
All funding applications with supporting documents are due by 5 p.m. March 31, 2023. This is a firm deadline.



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Historical society fund

The Martin County Historical Society received their yearly distribution from the Martin County Historical Society Fund, a designated fund held with the Martin County Community Foundation. This year the fund provided a grant of \$15,456 to the Historical Society for operations and maintenance costs. This endowment fund was established in 2009 by Jim and Jane Marshall, Margaret Wilcher, Beth Lett and Wanda Harding and has had many generous donations from others to build it to where it is today. Shown above is MCCF Board President Paula Ringwald presenting the grant check to Historical Society President Bill Greene.



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St. Vincent designated grant

The St. Vincent de Paul Society recently received several yearly “designated” grants from the Martin County Community Foundation. One grant was for \$2,299 from the Martin County Food Pantry Fund which is designated specifically for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Panty. Two other grants were provided to help St. Vincent de Paul continue their mission of helping the needy in our county. One of these was for \$1,817 from the Good Samaritan Fund of SVDP and the other was for \$2,827 from the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. John’s Catholic Church Fund. Shown from left to right are CFP CEO Hope Flores, SVDP Vice-President Keith Greenwell, and SVDP President Sammy Nelson receiving the grants from MCCF Board member Janie Johnson and MCCF Director Curt Johnson.

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

Loogootee Primary Election info

Filing for Candidacy in the 2023 Loogootee Municipal Primary Election is closed as of noon, Friday, February 3, 2023.

Only voters registered in Perry 1, Perry 2, Perry 3, Perry 4 will be eligible to vote. The address on the ID being used to verify identity at the poll MUST match the address on your voter registration and must be located in one of the Perry 1-4 precincts. Voters may update and confirm their voter registration by no later than 11:59 p.m., Monday, April 3, 2023. You may do this by calling the clerk's office at (812)247-3651, or by going online at <http://www.indianavoters.com/>.

There will only be a Democratic Ballot available at the May 2 Primary Election. Republican candidates do not have any contested races; therefore, there will not be a Republican Primary. All Republican candidates will appear on the November General Election ballot.

Absentee ballot by mail applications can be submitted anytime through 4 p.m., Thursday, April 20, 2023. Any applications received after this time will not be accepted. Absentee voting in-person for the Primary Election will be April 17-April 28, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturdays, April 22 and April 29, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., and the last day to vote in-person at the Martin County Clerk's office will be Monday, May 1, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. The Martin County Clerk's Office is located at 129 Main St, Shoals, IN 47581.

The following candidates have filed for the City of Loogootee Primary Election on May 2, 2023:

Loogootee Mayor: Brian T. Ader (R);

Noel D. Harty (D); Teresa M Nolley (D)
Loogootee Clerk/Treasurer: Lori D. Carrico (R); Roger S. Downey (D)
Loogootee City Council At-Large: Buck Holland (R); James (JD) Flynn (D); Ronald Gilbert (D)

Loogootee City Council District 1: Mike Engleman (R)

Loogootee City Council District 2: (John) David Smith (R); Tim Biggin Lawrence (D)

Loogootee City Council District 3: Carroll R. Rayhill (D)

Loogootee City Council District 4: Rick Norris (D)

If you have any questions, please call the clerk's office at 812-247-3651.

Youth reserved turkey hunt applications to open

Youth under age 18 on the day of their hunt may apply March 20-31 for reserved youth turkey hunts on DNR properties during the youth turkey hunting season.

The 2023 youth turkey hunting season is April 22-23. Interested youth hunters or an adult representing them must register in person or by phone during regular office hours for the property they wish to hunt.

More information about the participating properties and youth turkey hunt regulations is at <http://bit.ly/3Zquj5y>.

Hunters are allowed to register for only one property. Limits are placed on the number of youth hunters allowed to hunt a respective property each day. A drawing will be held on Monday, April 3 at properties where the number of registered hunters exceeds the spots available. A youth hunter may be drawn for one or both hunt days, depending on the number of applicants. All applicants will be notified of drawing results by mail.

To register a youth for a hunt, the following information is needed: hunter's name, type of license and license number, hunt date(s), mailing address, phone number, and parent or guardian's name, address, and phone number

To purchase a hunting or hunting apprentice license, visit on.IN.gov/inhuntfish.



It might not be true everywhere, but from my viewpoint and for quite a bit of the Midwest, spring like weather has been very real recently. A warm day here or there this time of year is certainly welcomed, but extended periods of abnormally warm weather have their own issues. Honestly, I'm not quite ready for spring – mentally yes, physically no. There are just too many winter projects to finish up before everything is let loose.

It is still early, and warm periods are usually still followed by more cold spells. I appreciate any new growth of forages, but we need to remember that this new growth is coming from stored energy in the plant.

That stored energy is utilized until the plant can grow and obtain enough new green leaf area or solar panel to start converting and building new energy. What does this mean in a pasture setting? It means that any grazing of this new material will reduce energy reserves, slow forage growth and usually reduce total production.

The plant needs that new growth to not only rebuild its solar energy factory, but also to initiate new root growth for new energy reserves and to fuel new tillering.

One exception to this rule is use of any remaining stockpiled forage. For most producers, stockpiled forage is long gone. Most was used up in December or January if it lasted that long. I often suggest, especially if you are calving or lambing, etc. more in tune with nature, that leaving some stockpiled forage can be really beneficial. Calving on stockpiled forages makes for cleaner, drier, less muddy conditions – something that is almost always better and there is readily available forage too.

I know, earlier calves make better size for 4-H calves, and usually heavier weaned calves earlier in the fall, but that normally comes at a price. Calving later, which I like to do, and many others advocate, is more in tune with grazing forage availability and the lactation curve of the dam. Peak milk in this case is more likely to line up with peak spring forage production. That doesn't work for everyone's goals or agenda, but it is something worth thinking about.

If stockpiled forage is not utilized until there is new green spring growth occurring it can still be utilized, but it may require a slightly longer rest period before it can be grazed again. If there is a lot of new green growth in this stockpiled forage, which generally means that you have waited a bit longer to graze it, the dry stockpiled forage slows down the passage of the super lush watery new forage in the rumen and animals do quite well on it mixed much more balanced.

Unfortunately, with enough new growth trying to push its way through with early warm days, it also interferes with what I refer to as "winter cleanup." When conditions are good, e.g., frozen or dry soils, some cleanup of remaining stockpiled forage and hay aftermath can sometimes be done and help open up the sward a bit where clover has been over seeded. You just don't want to graze what is left into the dirt which would also hamper some growth later. Just remove excess forage and hoof in sown seed for better seed to soil contact.

If you haven't gotten your frost-seeding or overseeding of legumes done it is time to get it done. It is also a good time to look for any thin or bare areas that lack sufficient forage plants. This is quite common in areas that are heavily used at

different times of the year. I like to scatter grass seed in these areas to try and get some growth before it is used again.

If those raw or bare areas are around permanent fixtures that are used for longer periods or a lot more frequently, then no grass is going to hold up very well and a rock pad is probably needed. This not only protects the integrity of the facility, but also reduces the overall impact of heavily used areas. If a site is only used occasionally, such as a portable water tank that is moved frequently, then those can usually be spot treated with some seed and allowed a good break before the spot is used again and fair quite well.

I've found that sites that fall in between heavily used and occasionally used still need some help sometimes and ag lime works quite well to help armor the area, especially if laid on some geotextile fabric. It is a good time to fix those sites ahead of use.

I'm behind on my late winter or early spring pasture work. Every fence that lies next to a woodland or wooded fence line needs to be checked for fallen limbs, down fences and occasionally limbs trimmed back too. Every fence that crosses a waterway or valley needs to be checked to make sure they are stable and secure, especially if they are easy access to predators.

I was asked recently to explain animal units (AU's) and why it was important. An animal unit is one thousand pounds live weight. For example, a 1,200-pound cow is 1.2 animal units (1,200/1000=1.2). A 160-pound ewe is 0.16 animal units. If you calculate your total animal units on your farm, then you have a good starting place to figure out an estimate of how much dry matter is going to be needed on a daily basis or even long term. Dry matter is the amount of a feedstuff remaining after all the free moisture is evaporated out.

Different types and classes of livestock consume a somewhat fixed amount of dry matter based on their live weight. Maintenance animals can usually be estimated at approximately 26 pounds of dry matter per animal unit (2.6%) – that is for the most part just maintaining the same weight. Growing or lactating animals will consume more and closer to four percent (4%) quite often. A quick reasonable estimate on average is 3%. So, if a 1,000-pound cow is consuming an average of 3% dry matter per day, she is taking in about 30 pounds daily.

You can quickly see how this estimate can help you plan out both pasture and feed needs. Certainly, each feed type has to be adjusted to dry matter weight based on moisture content.

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

Reminders & Opportunities
Southern Indiana Grazing Conference – March 29, 2023 – Shiloh Community Center, Odon – For more information call 812-254-4780, Ext 3 or register online at <https://sigc2023.eventbrite.com>

International Grassland Congress (IGC) - The American Forage and Grassland Council is hosting the IGC. - May 14 to 19, 2023 - Covington, KY. The theme of the conference is "Grassland for Soil, Animal, and Human Health." For additional information or to register for the IGC, visit <https://internationalgrasslands.org/2023-igc/> or follow-on social media at @IGC2023.

Please send comments or questions to grazingbites@gmail.com.

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