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Townships hold more than \$1.2 million in surplus funds

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT

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Martin County has six township trustees' offices - Perry, Halbert, Lost River, Mitcheltree, Rutherford, and Center. At the end of 2022, the six townships combined had \$1,226,011.58 in unused funds that rolled over to this year. All six townships spent a total of \$353,705.78 in 2022. Of that \$151,903 was spent on salaries and office expenses.

Each township has a trustee, an elected official with a four-year term. Each trustee also has 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 2022, 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 money to people 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



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.

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

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How to contact your township trustee

Center Township Trustee:

Ann Stewart

Office address: 13799 Rama Dye Road Shoals IN 47581

Phone: 812-388-7185

Halbert Township Trustee:

Exzelia Montgomery

Office address: 11545 Hilltop Honey

Road, Shoals IN 47581

Phone: 812-709-2434 **Lost River Township Trustee:**

Millie Brown

Office address: 6490 Brown Lane,

Shoals IN 47581 Phone: 812-247-3490

Mitcheltree Township Trustee:

Tammy Gore

Office address: 20472 Sipes Road,

Shoals IN 47581

Phone: 812-388-5612

Perry Township Trustee:

Jason Hennette

Office address: 804 North JFK Ave-

nue, Loogootee IN 47553 Phone: 812-296-1176

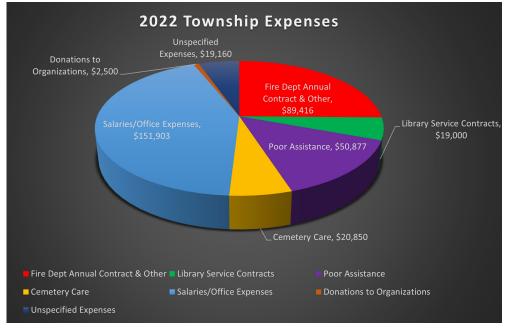
Rutherford Township Trustee:

Terry Street

Office address: 4224 Beard Road,

Loogootee IN 47553 Phone: 812-644-7949

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 res-



Mid-States Corridor topic of **Loogootee City Council meeting**

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The Loogootee City Council met Monday night, March 13.

Joe Lannan, who is contracted with the city to work on their behalf pertaining to the Mid-States Corridor, gave the council an update on the three new routes proposed. Lannan said between comments submitted to the Mid-States office from Martin County residents, along with a letter signed by Martin County's elected officials, the tier one environmental survey has been halted and the new routes were presented. He said the letter from officials had stated that the corridor would be traveling through 17 miles of Martin County and then bypassing Loogootee which would have serious economic effects on the city. Lannan said the goal is to find effective ways for residents to have their voices heard now so they will potentially have an impact on what is decided. He added that he understands a majority of residents don't want the new highway at all but the goal is to be a part of the discussion if the corridor is inevitable.

Jason McCoy, who was in the audience, asked Lannan when he contracted with the City of Loogootee to work on their behalf.

Mayor Noel Harty replied that it was last July. McCoy asked if he could see a copy of that contract. He also asked if Lannan is working on behalf of all Martin County residents. Lannan replied that he is only contracted with the city.

Brian Ader, who was in the audience, said he along with other residents and elected officials, met with Senator Mike Braun recently and they discussed the desire to just upgrade Highway 231. He said he appreciates what Lannan has been doing to help with the project. He said, at this point, the residents need to get onboard with helping steer the project to what would benefit Martin County. He said Martin County holds the purse strings currently with this project and Senator Braun, as a representative of Martin County, needs to be that representative. "He needs to listen to what we have to say," said Ader.

Mayor Harty said he is not in favor of the new highway but if it's going to happen, they do not want it to bypass Loogootee or that would cause major economical impact to the city.

Mark Nowotarski, who started the Coalition Against the Mid-States Corridor, was present and said he commends Loogootee residents for getting a meeting with

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Martin County Made Day held

On March 10, the Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth, Inc. partnered with administration from Loogootee and Shoals Community Schools, and hosted the first county-wide, "Martin County Made Day" a Manufacturing Day event. Manufacturing Day is a national event that highlights the reality of modern-day manufacturing careers by encouraging

companies and educational institutions to engage in one another during a planned event.

Manufacturing businesses within the community were encouraged to participate in showcasing their business and the job opportunities that exist within their organization.

"'Martin County Made Day' was an

event planned to give students the exposure to the opportunities that exist right here at home," said Jessica Potts, Executive Director of Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth. Manufacturing Day is geared towards 8th grade students. Both Martin County Schools participated with 55 students from Loogootee and 67 students from Shoals. "Students are

sometimes unaware of the opportunities that surround them. By taking these tours, students had the chance to see what great things are being done in our community," said Shelley Christmas, Director of Curriculum and Technology at Loogootee Community School Corporation.

Key partners that stepped up to help (See 'MADE DAY' on page 3)

TOWNSHIPS

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Each year the township trustees are required by state law to file an annual report. Those reports, according to the state 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.ifionline.org/report_builder/. Information directly from the state reports is broken down below for each township.

Rutherford Township

Per the 2018 US Census Bureau population estimate, Rutherford Township had 749 residents.

Rutherford Township's trustee is Terry J. Street. His clerical assistant is Renee Street. The three-member advisory board consisted of Virgil S. Street, Danny Berry, and Jeff Horney. In 2022, Rutherford Township began with a balance of \$59,135.38. After tax revenue of \$45,141.65 for the year and then disbursements, totaling \$40,797.39 the township ended 2022 with a balance of \$63,479.39. Of the \$40,797.39 that was paid out, \$18,458.76 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 \$643.66 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 \$14143.36 was reimbursed to Street for mileage. Rutherford Township paid Truelove Lawn Mowing \$2,000 to provide moving of cemeteries and \$2,500 to Tree Pros, Inc. The township also gave \$14,296.47 to the Haysville Fire Department for a fire service contract and \$200 each was paid to Keith Keller, Kenny Haven, Brandon Epple, and Derrek Johnson from the firefighting fund. As for helping the poor, \$914.68 was given to two people (two households) who requested help last year. Of that \$504.33 was paid to Daviess-Martin REMC and \$410.35 to Premier Propane.

Rutherford Township was recently audited and the report listing items shown as non-compliance can be found at http://www.in.gov/sboa/WebReports/B60564.pdf.

Halbert Township

Per the estimated 2018 US Census Bureau population estimate, Halbert Township had 1,604 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 2022 with a cash balance of \$318,627.94 and after tax income of \$47,869.52 and spending of \$64,409.42, the township ended the year at \$302,088.04

Of the \$64,409.42 total spent in 2022 by Halbert Township, \$28,741.97 was used to pay for salaries and office expenses including the trustee's salary of \$12,736.88, the clerical salary of \$4,155.76 and \$877.32 each to the three advisory board members.

Also \$3,022.83 (\$252.90 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 each was paid to Janie Johnson and Jaron Gibson, \$600 was paid to Marlin Courtright and \$1,200 was paid to Bill Keller.

For money given to the needy, 89 requests were made for help and 30 households received poor assistance, totaling \$13,567.45. Of the 27 households (85 total recipients) receiving help, money was paid to the following on behalf of those seeking help: The Bauer Family \$40, Kevin Boyd \$1,690, Centerpoint Energy \$478.47, CVS Pharmacy \$432, Daviess-Martin REMC \$3,212.81, Dubois Water Utilities \$88.39, Duke Energy \$2,691.87, Gill Funeral Home \$1,200, Orange County REMC

\$108.04, Premier Companies \$850, Shoals Municipal Utilities \$975.87, Tim Rincker \$250, Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes \$1,200, and Property Sure \$350.

Also, \$12,700 was paid to the Shoals Fire Department and \$7,000 to the Shoals Public Library.

Halbert Township was recently audited. To see the result visit www.in.gov/sboa/WebReports/B60162.pdf.

Lost River Township

Per the 2018 US Census Bureau population estimate, Lost River Township had 567 residents.

Lost River Township trustee is Mildred Brown, and she does not pay a clerical assistant. The 2022 advisory board consisted of Alice Butler, Keith Emmons, and Bruce Fithian. At the beginning of 2022 the trustee's cash balance was \$76,266.33 and was \$87,095.52 at the end of the year, after \$40,867.86 in revenue and \$30,038.67 in expenses.

Of the \$30,038.67 paid out in 2022, \$7,432.21 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 \$741.43 (\$61.79 a month) for the use of her home as the township office.

For cemetery care in Lost River Township, Blake Cooper was paid \$800, 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 \$15,000 to the Lost River Fire Department plus \$856 for insurance

The township provided poor assistance totaling \$2,450.46 to five families with payments to Premier \$550, Daviess-Martin REMC \$547.60, Synergy \$532.86, Randy Stevens \$600, JayC Food Store \$100 and RJ's \$120.

Lost River was recently audited. To see the results, visit www.in.gov/sboa/WebReports/B59727.pdf.

Center Township

Per the estimated 2018 US Census Bureau population estimate, Center Township had 1,673 residents.

Center Township's trustee is Ann 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 \$155,512.50 at the beginning of 2022. At the end of the year the balance was \$149,494.08, after tax income of \$48,980 and spending of \$54,998.42.

Of the \$54,998.42 spent last year, \$18,633.60 was spent on salaries and office expenses. Of that, \$7,360.08 was paid to Ann Stewart and \$1,993.18 to her clerk. The advisory board members were each paid \$613.34.

The Stewarts were paid \$2,400 (\$200 per month) for the use of their home as the trustee's office.

For cemetery care, \$2,300 was paid to Jayce Graber and \$1,900 was paid to Richard Ivey. \$3,800 was paid to Riggle and Sons Tree Service.

Center Township gave \$12,000 to the Town of Shoals for a firefighting contract and \$6,500 to the Shoals Public Library.

There were 43 poor assistance requests to the trustee last year and all were granted, totaling 28 households. The amount given in assistance in 2022 was \$9,864.82. The following was paid, Duke \$2,127.77, RJ's \$106.71, Shoals Municipal Utilities \$1,101.10, Shoals Senior Housing \$234, Propane Direct \$200, St. Vincent de Paul \$200, East Fork Water \$360, Kevin Boyd \$200, REMC \$1,959.35, Premier Ag \$606, Ruler \$161.12, Bauer Family \$183.11, CVS \$25.66, and Queen Lee Funeral Home \$2,400.

Mitcheltree Township

Per the 2018 US Census Bureau population estimate, Mitcheltree Township had 621 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 2022, the trustee's cash balance was \$248,765.85 and stood at \$272,098.92 at the end of the year, after \$62,508.57 in tax income and \$39,175.50 in spending.

Of the \$39,175.50 spent last year, \$19,409.50 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 \$1,920 (\$160 per month) for rent and telephone expenses.

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

\$6,500 was paid to Logan Dant for cemetery care.

There were seven requests for township assistance in Mitcheltree for 2022 and seven households helped for a total of \$2,766. Norbert Mattingly was paid \$200 and Daviess-Martin REMC was paid \$1,366 and Queen Lee Funeral home \$1,200.

Perry Township

Per the estimated 2018 US Census Bureau population estimate, Perry Township had 5,003 residents.

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

Perry's cash balance at the begin-

ning of 2022 was \$335,728.39 and was \$351,755.63 at the end of the year, after \$140,313.62 in tax income and \$124,286.38 in spending.

Of the \$124,286.38 spent last year, \$59,227.41 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). \$11,500 to Gregory and Sons for repairs and maintenance and \$2,950 to Cameron Truelove for cemetery mowing.

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 \$1,681.49 was paid to Frontier for his phone and internet

\$10,000 was paid to the City of Loogootee for fire protection and \$19,763.40 was paid to buy a new Kubota for the Loogootee Fire Department.

Perry Township gave out \$21,313.28 in poor assistance in 2022. There were 61 requests for assistance and what was paid out benefited 61 households. The following received payments on behalf of those seeking assistance: Charles Tedrow \$171.10, Stewart Blake \$250, Duke Energy \$7,337.18, Premier \$750, Martin County Cremation \$315, Ed Green \$200, Town of Crane \$1,000, Marie Truelove \$675, Larkin Apartments \$157, Rick Norris \$325, Centerpoint Energy \$1,067.86, Pam Loughmiller \$500, Martin County Co-Op \$469, Daviess-Martin REMC \$1,300, Propane Direct \$300, City of Loogootee \$1,849.43, Jay Smith \$300, Carl Wiscaver \$650, Matthew Wellokent \$200, and Blake Funeral Home \$3,000.

Perry Township Trustee was recently audited. See the results at www.in.gov/sboa/WebReports/B59997.pdf.

CITY COUNCIL

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the senator. He said no one will meet with him, including Braun, Mark Messmer or the governor. He said he has been told the corridor is not a done deal, despite what the elected officials are saying. He said Martin County didn't have a seat on the RDA (Regional Development Authority), that started the Mid-States Corridor discussion, and this should have never been the case.

The comment period for the new environmental study ends March 31. Residents can send comments at https://midstatescorridor.com/comments-and-questions/.

In other business, the council approved Police Chief Aaron Means' recommendations to hire Wesley Baumgart as full-time patrolman, Kyle Long as assistant police chief, Tyler Davis as full-time patrolman and Alisha Wagoner as part-time dispatch. Means also reported that officer Dylan Erwin resigned but wants to stay on part-time.

Loogootee Fire Chief Eric Thomas, who took over as Loogootee Fire Chief at the beginning of the year, told the council that they have eight sets of turnout gear that have expired. He said in his first meeting with the department, he asked everyone to bring in their gear and this is when it was discovered. Fire gear only lasts 10 years, regardless of its condition. Thomas said the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) requires the gear be destroyed so the eight firemen with the expired gear cannot respond to calls at this time. Thomas would like to buy 10 new sets of headto-toe gear, eight for the firefighters with expired gear and two extra for new hires.

Thomas told the council that he is working to keep better track of inventory as chief and doesn't believe the council was educated on what the fire department needs by way of budget. He wants them to consider that all their equipment, down to fire truck tires, has an expiration date. He wants the council to consider this during budget time for 2024. He plans to slowly replace the turnout gear, four to six sets at

a time, until all 29 firefighters are outfitted.

The council approved the \$36,000 to come from the LOIT (Local Option Income Tax) fund for public safety. Council Member Teresa Nolley said this fund needs to be looked at because they are already paying three police officer salaries from LOIT. She said they need to make sure they have enough money in that fund before moving forward.

Chief Thomas also presented a signed letter from the former Loogootee Mayor Don Bowling regarding the original agreement with Air Evac for the landing zone in Loogootee. Thomas said he is aware the pickleball committee is moving forward with building new courts next to the landing zone however the contract with Air Evac says Bowling had agreed to a 100 foot by 100 foot area for the helicopter landing zone, that is free of debris. He said he is not against the pickleball courts but wants to make sure the area is kept the way it was agreed upon.

The mayor read an update from Clint Roos from Midwestern Engineers regarding the prep work they are doing for the drainage issue in Green Acres in the city. Roos said that Brandon Parker has completed getting locates and all utilities have been marked. Parker will now be in contact with property owners before survey work begins. Once the survey is complete, they will begin drawing up plans for the drainage improvements, including getting easements from property owners.

The council approved a quote for \$14,680 to completely remodel both bathrooms of the municipal building. It was noted that they had budgeted \$11,000 for the work last year.

A resident in the audience questioned whether the council was going to change the city ordinance that prohibits chickens. She said that the cost of eggs is very high and she doesn't see an issue with residents owning a few chickens, as long as they don't have roosters that will bother neighbors. Mayor Harty said they will discuss the issue in a future meeting.



WEASE

denly at his home on March 6, 2023. resident of Mitchell, he was

He was born April 3, 1931, in Orange County; son of Paul and Viola Mae (Thacker) Wease. He married Betty Horner in

July 1950, then married Twila Jean Grissom in January 1975.

Wendell was a proud veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps serving during the Korean War. He also served in the USAF Reserve and IN Air National Guard. He was employed by the Naval Weapon Support Center for 39 years, during which time he volunteered twice to deploy for three months with MAERU (Mobile Ammunition Evaluation and Renovation Unit) to Vietnam with a Marine Corp unit. He retired in 1988 and went to work with SAIC, a defense contractor that supports military efforts, for 18 years.

He was a lifetime member of Mitchell American Legion Post 250 and served on the American Legion Honor Guard and Lifetime member of Crane V.F.W. Post 9297. He was also a member of the Mitchell First Christian Church and served on several boards there. Wendell enjoyed watching the St. Louis Cardinals, I.U. basketball and fishing. He was a member of the Honor Flight of Southern Indiana in May 2017.

Survivors include his wife, Twila J. Grissom Wease of Mitchell, Tony Wease of Loogootee, Marsha A. Kirkland (Lawrence Kirkland) of Newport News, Virginia; Terry W. Wease (Jane Wease) of Corydon, and Theresa K. Fuhrman of Shoals. He also is survived by seven grandchildren, Kris Wease and Michele (Joe) Quinn of Loogootee, Kim (Bill) Bates of Carmel, Jay Kingsley of Lynnhaven, Florida; Rachel Wease of Astoria, New York; Bonnie Wease of North Hollywood, California; and Chelsi Feathers of Bloomfield; ten great-grandchildren and devoted caregiver, Rebecca Keefe.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Paul B., William C., John E. and Arthur K. Wease; sister, Nancy Alice Ratliff; daughter, Mary T. Wease Feathers; son-in-law, Roger Fuhrman, daughter-in-law Judy Wease, and grandsons, Matthew Fuhrman and Kevin Col-

Center with Pastor Brian Bolton officiating. Burial followed in Burns City Cemetery with military honors accorded by American Legion Post 250 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9107.

Casket bearers were Kris Wease, Joe Quinn, Bradley Quinn, Gary Thacker, Kenny Wease, John Feathers, Mike Baker, and Jay Kingsley.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mitchell American Legion Post 250 Honor Guard, 404 Sheeks Drive, Mitchell, IN 47446 or to Honor Flight of Southern Indiana, PO Box 8234, Evansville IN 47716.

ARZELIA COCHRAN

Arzelia Helen Cochran passed away Monday, March 6, 2023, at Indiana Uni-



ARZELIA COCHRAN

versity Health in Bloomington. resident of Shoals, she was 90.

She was born May 3, 1932, in Indianapolis; daugh-William ter of Henry and Nancy (Morning) Ryan. On April 27, 1963,

she married Gerald Cochran, and he preceded her in death on May 13, 2000.

Arzelia was formerly a secretary in the health care field. She was of the Christian faith. Arzelia loved to play bingo.

Arzelia is survived by her sons, David Chasteen and wife, Linda, of Fairland and Richard Nixon and wife, Rita, of Shoals; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to Gerald, Arzelia was preceded in death by her parents; son, James Chasteen; brothers, Richard Ryan, Lawrence Ryan and Eugene Ryan; and sisters, Rebecca Campbell, Nettie Seibenthal and Eunice Dunagan.

Graveside services were held Friday, March 10 at Patterson Cemetery in Shel-

Services have been entrusted to Freeman Family Funeral Homes and Crematory, 819 S. Harrison St. in Shelbyville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Indiana Organ Procurement Organization, 3760 Guion Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46222.

Online condolences may be shared with Arzelia's family at www.freemanfamilyfuneralhomes.com.

ROBERT JONES

312-247-3101

A funeral service was held Saturday, Robert Curtis Jones, formerly of Marion, Indiana, passed away at 7:15 p.m. March 11 in the Memorial Chapel of Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at Heart to Chastain Funeral Home & Cremation "The most dangerous phrase in our language is, "We've always done it this way." -Admiral Grace Hopper It may seem strange to plan your own cremation or funeral ceremony, but it's the best way to ensure it's what you want. It also helps your family get everything taken care of in advance, so they know they're doing the right thing for you. Gain peace of mind by preplanning with a name you trust. Derek George vner & Funeral Director QUEEN-LEE CHAPEL EORGE FUNERAL CARE, LLC 431 High Street



ROBERT JONES

Heart Hospice Inpatient Center in Evansville. A resident of Loogootee, he was 64.

He was born August 31, 1958, in Princeton; son of Russell and Elfriede (Mayer) Jones. Rob married Karen

Ellis on October 23, 1982.

Rob was a 1977 graduate of North Daviess High School and a 1981 graduate of Purdue University with a B.S. degree in engineering. He retired from Indiana Michigan Power after 37 years as a technologist.

Rob is a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. He served on the boards of the Deer Creek Conservation Club and Deer Creek Realty Corp. Rob had been an Assistant Scout Master for Boy Scout Troop 401. Rob enjoyed hiking, camping, target shooting, reading and spending time with family and

He is preceded in death by this parents, Russell and Elfriede Jones and brotherin-law, Dennis Ash.

Rob is survived by his wife of 40 years, Karen Jones; son Chadwick Jones; daughter Kimberly Jones; brothers Bradley (Ellen) Jones, Shelby, NC and Bruce (Michelle) Jones of Loogootee; brother and sister-in law, Keith and Darlene Ellis; and sister-in-law, Barbara Ash.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker on Saturday, March 11 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial followed in St. Joseph Catho-

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to St. Joseph Cemetery Fund or the Alzheimer's Association.

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

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee, Indiana is honored to serve the family of Robert Curtis Jones.

JUDY STUFFLE

Judith A. Stuffle passed away at The Health Center at Glenburn in Linton on Monday, March 6, 2023, after a fierce



five-year with cancer. A resident of Loogootee, she was 71.

She was born July 7, 1951, in Washington; daughter of the late William Dent and Luella (Jones) Hughes.

JUDY STUFFLE Judy was the owner and stylist at His and Hers Beauty Salon for 32 years. She had a passion for her work and poured her heart into her clients. When Judy wasn't working, she loved to spend time with her family and grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, William Dent and sister, Barb De-

Judy is survived by her children, Jody Allen (Starr) Stuffle of New Salisbury, Jenny Annette Stuffle of Loogootee, and Julia Ann (Mark) Thomas of Bedford; mother, Luella Hughes; grandchildren, Sophia, Wyatt, and Isiah Stuffle, Alissa (Aaron) Means, Ashley Sargent, and Kailey and Max Meadows; great-grandchildren, Jude, Isabelle, and Anastasia; and siblings, Larry (Margaret) Dent, Willy Dent, and Pat (Frank) Wallace.

A graveside service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 16 at Sandborn Cemetery in Sandborn, Indiana.

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

Blake Funeral Home is honored to

serve the family of Judith A. Stuffle.

HAZEL LEWIS

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

Hazel Marion Lewis, 100, of Shoals, passed away Saturday, March 11, 2023,



at Care Strategies in Loogootee. A resident of Shoals, she was 100.

She was born May 9, 1922, in Clermont County, Ohio; daughter of Loyd and Marie (Osborne)

She married Leroy E. Lewis on November 3, 1945, in Goshen, Ohio, and he preceded her in death on October 22, 2006.

Hazel graduated from Blanchester High School in Ohio. In 1957, Leroy and Hazel moved to Indiana where she became a part of the Shoals Community. She was a farm housewife and homemaker; cook at Shoals Community School, Gentle Care Nursing Home, and Velma's diner. Hazel loved farming, gardening, and playing cards. She was a member of Shoals Methodist Church, Grange, Rusk Homemakers, Farm Bureau, Hoosier Uplands, and volunteered at the Seniors Citizen's Center in Shoals. Hazel had a very strong sense of community.

Surviving are her six children, Daniel J. (Alice) Lewis, Ernest L. (Jill) Lewis, Marianne G. (Don) Burgan, and Cynthia L. Lewis-Carithers, all of Shoals; Martin F. Lewis of Loogootee, and Melissa B. (Troy) Pride of Washington; daughterin-law, Karen Lewis of Ohio; 21 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren; several-great-great-grandchildren; siblings, Polly Rose, Donald (Irene) Conover, Anne Osborne, Peggy Acuff, and Virginia Rapp; sister-in-law, Judy Conover; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Leroy; son, David Lewis; grandson, Davey Lewis; siblings, Carl Conover, Lloyd Conover, and Neil Conover; daughter-in-law, Marcia Lewis; son-in-law, Ed Carithers; brothers-inlaw, Arthur Rose, Ron Acuff, and Bob Rapp; and sister-in-law, Jo Ann Conover.

Funeral services were held this morning, Wednesday, March 15 at the Queen-Lee Chapel of George Funeral Care with Pastor Marty Evans officiating. Burial followed in Waggoners Chapel.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Friends of Waggoners Chapel or the Waggoners Chapel Cemetery Board.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.queenlee.com.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, MARCH 6

3:42 a.m. - Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Transferred call to Daviess County 911.

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

7:39 a.m. - Received a call reporting high water south of Shoals. Notified Martin County Highway Department for

8:14 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

9:27 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

9:30 a.m. - Received a call reporting a possible lost motorist. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

9:37 a.m. - Received an accidental 911

9:55 a.m. - Received an accidental 911

10:24 a.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Chief Means and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:55 a.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down north of Shoals. INDOT was notified.

11:15 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

11:40 a.m. - Received a call requesting officers south of Loogootee. ISP Trooper Lents, Chief Deputy Keller and Loogootee Chief Means responded.

12:00 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer. Corporal Hawkins responded.

1:19 p.m. - Received an accidental 911

1:57 p.m. - Received a call reporting a suspicious person in Loogootee. Notified Loogootee Dispatch.

2:00 p.m. - Received a call reporting a controlled burn northeast of Loogootee.

2:03 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a field fire southwest of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, ISP Trooper Beaver and Martin County Medic 1 responded. No one was transported.

3:00 p.m. - Received an animal complaint south of Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

4:16 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries north of Loogootee. Corporal Hawkins respond-

4:41 p.m. - Received an accidental 911

4:48 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Notified Loogootee Dispatch.

5:08 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Transferred call to Daviess County 911.

6:09 p.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn northeast of Shoals.

6:57 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:50 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

1:09 a.m. - Received a neighbor complaint in Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

1:25 a.m. - Received a call requesting an attempt to locate in Martin County. Major Reed responded.

5:58 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver north of Loogootee. Called Daviess County and Greene

County with information.

7:26 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

8:17 a.m. - Received a call from Duke Energy advising of a road closure in Loogootee.

8:35 a.m. - Received a call reporting a neighbor dispute southeast of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller, Captain Gibson, ISP Trooper Beaver and ISP Trooper Collins responded.

8:46 a.m. - Received a call reporting a neighbor dispute southeast of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller, Captain Gibson, ISP Trooper Beaver and ISP Trooper Collins responded.

8:49 a.m. - Deputy Pressley transported three inmates to court.

10:30 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries in Loogootee Chief Means responded.

10:36 a.m. - Received a call from Duke Energy advising the road is now open.

11:04 a.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance northeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Captain Gibson and Indian Creek Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

12:30 p.m. - Received a call from Duke Energy advising of a road closure in Loogootee.

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

1:08 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

1:18 p.m. - Received a call from Duke

Energy advising the road is now open. 1:56 p.m. - Received an accidental 911

2:40 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported three inmates to court.

3:11 p.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn northeast of Loogootee.

5:08 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

5:30 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock north of Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

5:33 p.m. - Received a call reporting an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

5:52 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident in Daviess County. Called Daviess County with information.

8:18 p.m. - Received a call requesting an officer in Shoals. Corporal Hawkins and Loogootee Officer Baumgart re-

8:29 p.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn southwest of Shoals.

11:17 p.m. - Received a call from Koorsen Fire and Security advising of a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

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

2:16 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting suspicious juveniles east of Shoals. Major Reed responded.

7:23 a.m. - Received a report of two lost dogs north of Shoals.

8:36 a.m. - Received a call from Duke Energy advising of a road closure in Loogootee.

8:52 a.m. - Deputy Branham transported one inmate to court.

10:53 a.m. - Deputy Branham transported one inmate to court.

11:31 a.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check south of Shoals. Deputy Erwin responded.

11:57 a.m. - Received a test 911 call from Frontier.

12:30 p.m. - Received a call from Duke Energy advising the road in Loogootee is now open.

was notified.

1:32 p.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn northeast of Loogootee.

1:36 p.m. - Received a call from Lawrence County advising of reckless drivers heading west on US 50. Deputy Erwin responded.

2:41 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

3:00 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver south of Loogootee. All on duty Martin County officers were advised.

3:06 p.m. - Received a call reporting possible harassment in Shoals. Deputy Erwin responded.

3:48 p.m. - Received an accidental 911

3:50 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded semi in Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

4:15 p.m. - Received a call reporting possible intruders south of Shoals. Deputy Erwin responded.

4:20 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle identification number check in Loogootee. Deputy Erwin responded.

5:13 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Called Daviess County Dispatch with the information.

6:02 p.m. - Received a call reporting a busted water line in Loogootee. Loogootee Water Department was notified.

7:14 p.m. - Received a call reporting a gas smell in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Chief responded.

8:16 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver north of Loogootee. Advised all Martin County on duty offi-

8:40 p.m. - Received a call reporting a traffic hazard east of Loogootee. Corporal Hawkins responded.

9:00 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious subjects in Shoals. Corporal Hawkins, Loogootee Officer Sims and Major Reed responded.

9:50 p.m. - Received a call about high-water south of Shoals. Notified Martin County Highway Department.

10:29 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

2:59 a.m. - Received a call from Koorsen Fire and Security advising of a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

6:11 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Major Reed was notified.

6:22 a.m. - Received multiple 911 calls reporting an accident south of Loogootee. Major Reed, Martin County Medic 1, Haysville Fire Department, Chief Deputy Keller and Big John's Towing responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:34 a.m. - Received a call from Residential Burglary reporting an alarm north of Loogootee. Keyholder was notified.

8:00 a.m. - Received a call referencing a report for a car-deer accident. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

9:59 a.m. - Deputy Pressley transported two inmates to court.

10:07 a.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn south of Shoals.

10:15 a.m. - Deputy Pressley transported one inmate to court.

10:33 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting officers northeast of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller, Loogootee Chief Means and ISP Trooper Wilson respond-

10:33 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee.

12:49 p.m. - Received an animal com- Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee plaint. Animal Control Deputy Hughett Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

> 10:58 a.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock northeast of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

> 11:32 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

> 1:07 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Call was transferred to Daviess County 911.

> 1:15 p.m. - Received a call from Daviess County dispatch requesting 1st responders in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

> 1:39 p.m. - Received a call reporting an accidental alarm push.

3:29 p.m. - Deputy Branham and Deputy Haven on station with one male juvenile.

3:42 p.m. - Received an accidental 911

5:10p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check south of Loogootee. Deputy Haven and Deputy Branham responded.

5:33 p.m. - Received a call reporting stolen property in Daviess County. Caller was advised to call Daviess County with information.

5:47 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock east of Shoals. Deputy Branham and Deputy Haven responded.

6:47 p.m. - Received a call advising of a protective order violation. Deputy Erwin responded.

7:20 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer. Deputy Erwin

10:45 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:30 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

3:30 a.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 Daviess Community Hospital.

4:59 a.m. - Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Call was transferred to Daviess County 911.

6:33 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded but no transport was needed.

7:00 a.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check northeast of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

8:26 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hos-

8:40 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to IU Health Bedford.

12:18 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver south of Loogootee. All on duty Martin County Law Enforcement and Dubois County were advised.

1:00 p.m. - Received a call requesting an officer south of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

3:23 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

4:20 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check

(See 'SHERIFF'S LOG' on page 5)

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND **SENTENCINGS** March 6

Charles T. Kline, convicted of public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 180 days with 180 days suspended. Also convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 180 days suspended and credit for 56 actual days previously served plus 56 Class A credit days. Defendant received 6 months of probation.

Tyler A. Hostetter, convicted of unlawful possession or use of a legend drug, a Level 6 Felony and operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 547 days with 457 days suspended and credit for 35 actual days previously served plus 35 Class A credit days. Defendant also received credit for 16 actual days served on Martin County Community Corrections pretrial release program plus 4 Class P credit days. Defendant received 15 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

(Continued from page 4) southeast of Shoals. Deputy Branham

and Deputy Haven responded. 6:47 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a traffic hazard southwest of Shoals.

Deputy Erwin and Deputy Haven re-7:56 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin

County Medic 1 responded but did not 9:44 p.m. - Received a 911 call report-

ing possible trespassers east of Shoals. Deputy Erwin and Deputy Haven responded.

10:24 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:11 p.m. - Received a 911 call advising of an accident in Orange County. Call was transferred to Orange County 911.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

5:15 a.m. - Received an accidental 911

7:00 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident north of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Assistant Chief Long, Deputy Branham, Loogootee Fire Department, Big John's Towing and Loogootee City Water responded. No one was transported.

7:11 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer. Deputy Branham responded.

7:21 a.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn north of Loogootee.

7:23 a.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance east of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 responded. No one was transported.

9:46 a.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Deputy Branham and Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded. No one was transported.

10:58 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

11:39 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Deputy Branham re-

12:47 p.m. - Received a call concerning an injured animal. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

1:25 p.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn in Loogootee.

3:06 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

4:08 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver west of Loogootee.

Charles T. Kline, refusal to submit to breath or chemical test with prior OWI, a Class A Infraction, dismissed.

Tyler A. Hostetter, possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed March 1

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Heather Evans, civil collection.

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Adam Vaught, civil collection.

March 2

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Rebecca McCoy, civil collection.

March 7

Kelly G. Lents vs. Michelle L. Lents, petition for dissolution of marriage.

SMALL CLAIMS DISMISSED March 2

Property Sure vs. Madison Roush and Spencer Byers, complaint, dismissed.

Loogootee Police and Martin County Officers were advised.

5:10 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to a Loogootee officer. Assistant Chief Long responded.

6:10 p.m. - Received a call reporting possible trespassing in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

7:07 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Notified Dubois County.

7:40 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Called Daviess County with information.

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

9:09 p.m. - Received an accidental 911

10:04 p.m. - Received a call reporting possible trespassers south of Shoals. Deputy Haven and Deputy Erwin responded.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

12:46 a.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check in Daviess County. Caller was given Daviess County phone number.

9:57 a.m. - Received an accidental 911

10:42 a.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

11:43 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

12:39 p.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn north of Shoals.

1:06 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

1:38 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Greene County address. Call was transferred to Greene County 911.

2:50 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded.

4:24 p.m. - Received an accidental 911

6:24 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Captain Gibson and Loogootee Officer Baumgart

6:53 p.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn southeast of Shoals.

7:10 p.m. - Received a call reporting a trespasser in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

8:27 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Captain Gibson and Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

Martin County real estate transfers

Jonna D. Walker, of Martin County, Indiana to **Heather N. Allen**, the south one-half of Lots Numbered 1 and 2 in the First North Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana. More commonly known as 406 North Line Street, Loogootee IN 47553.

Allan L. Bradley, of Martin County, Indiana to Allan L. Bradley and Marjorie Bradley, of Martin County, Indiana, a parcel of land being a part of the southwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

James V. Matthews and Waylon James Matthews, of Martin County, Indiana to Jeffers Properties, LLC, of Daviess County, Indiana, Lot Numbered 40 in Roger's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Jason D. Loughmiller, of Martin County, Indiana to JAP Enterprises, LLC, of Martin County, Indiana, all that part of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 9, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, that lies east of the centerline of West Boggs Creek, containing 20 acres, more or less. The northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 9, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 40 acres, more or less. That part of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter, containing .15 of an acre. Containing in all, 60.15 acres, more or less.

Richard A. Burch, of Martin County, Indiana to Jason D. Loughmiller, of Martin County, Indiana, all that part of

the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 9, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, that lies east of the centerline of West Boggs Creek, containing 20 acres, more or less. The northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 9. Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 40 acres, more or less. That part of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter, containing .15 of an acre. Containing in all, 60.15 acres, more or less.

RRESTS

MONDAY, MARCH 6

12:52 p.m. - Chad Taylor, 34, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with domestic battery in the presence of a minor and interference with reporting of a crime. He is being held on \$15,000 cash only bond.

6:36 p.m. - Joselyn Souerdike, 26, of Loogootee, was arrested on a Martin County warrant. She is being held with-

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

2:13 p.m. - Laura Henninger, 51, of Jasper, was arrested by ISP Trooper Beaver and charged with driving while suspended prior and possession of paraphernalia. She is being held on \$10,000 10% bond. **SATURDAY, MARCH 11**

4:48 p.m. - Jordan Harris, 32, of Mitchell, was arrested by Loogootee Assistant Chief Long and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated. He is being held on \$3,000 10% bond.

YARD SALES

ANNUAL RSVP ARTS AND CRAFTS SUPPLY SALE March 23, 24 & 25 at Eastside Park Community Building in Washington. Fabric, yarn, paints, books, needlework, scrapbooking and much more. Thursday and Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to noon. Support RSVP and find some great items. For more info, call 812-254-1996. Item donations are still being accepted.

HELP WANTED

Deputy Clerk Wanted

The Martin County Clerk's Office is looking for a full-time Deputy.

If interested, please send resume to clerk@martincounty.in.gov or call the office at 812-247-3651.

Shoals Varsity Basketball Coach

Post Date: March 10, 2023

Position: Varsity Basketball Coach

Location: Shoals High School

Job Expectations/Qualifications: Our basketball coach will be able to do the following tasks:

- 1. Be knowledgeable on all aspects of basketball as a sport.
- 2. Create an environment of positivity and support for our athletes and our
- 3. Plan and set up all aspects of practices and meet management.
- 4. Maintain and inventory all equipment, warm-ups, and uniforms for practice and competition.
- 5. Schedule practices, departure time for buses, and create and distribute expectations for the team.
- 6. Work fundraising events through the Athletic Department.
- 7. Communicate with parents/guardians about expectations, consequences, and other important information.
- 8. Communicate with Athletic Directors about results, team management, and goals for team improvement.
- 9. Model professional behavior both with the team and within the community. 10. Uphold and know all rules and regulations of the IHSAA, NFHS, and Blue Chip Conference in regard to basketball.

Compensation: Stipend position

Apply To: Bryson Abel & Danielle Cornett- Athletic Directors; Shoals Community Schools, 7900 US HWY 50, Shoals, IN-47581; (812)-247-2090, athletics@shoals.k12.in.us. Include Letter of Interest, Resume and Non-Certified Application, found on school website.

COMMUNITY & EVENTS

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Humane society fund

-Photo provided

The Humane Society received their yearly distribution from the Martin County Humane Society Fund, a designated fund held with the Martin County Community Foundation. This year the fund provided a grant of \$462.72 to the Humane Society for operations and maintenance costs. If want to see you how your gifts can help the Humane Society forever, contact Curt Johnson at 812-295-1022, mccf@cfpartner.org, or at 2668 Hwy 50 in the Community Learning Center on the 4-H Fairgrounds. Pictured is MCCF Director Curt Johnson, Humane Society Vice-President Jessica Parker, MCCF Board member Janie Johnson, and CFP CEO Hope Flores.



Library grant

-Photo provided

The Loogootee Public Library recently received their yearly "designated" grant from the Martin County Community Foundation. This grant from the endowment fund was for \$1,033.62. If you want to make a gift to the Loogootee Public Library Fund to help them continue the important services they provide for years to come, contact the MCCF Director Curt Johnson or send your donation to MCCF, PO Box 28, Loogootee IN 47553. Be sure to put "Loogootee Library" in the memo field of the check. Pictured left to right are MCCF President Paula Ringwald, Library Director Darla Wagler, and MCCF Director Curt Johnson.

NOTICE

In preparation for mowing season, spring cleanup of St. John Catholic Cemetery will take place on Saturday, April 1 2023. All grave blankets and other ground decorations as well as obviously outdated gravestone decorations (e.g. Christmas) must be removed prior to that time. Any ground or outdated decorations remaining will be removed by the cleanup crew..



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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).

Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, March 16 at 5 p.m. in the high school media center. The meeting is open to the public.

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



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

CR Ryan Magic Show scheduled for Saturday, March 18 has been rescheduled to April because of Loogootee Lions playing in the semi-state on Saturday.

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.

be picked up at the fellowship hall of the church, located at 105 Wood St, Loogootee no later than 10:30 a.m. Deliveries will begin between 10:30 and 11 a.m. Saturdays.

SOAR Tutoring

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

LUMC Food Pantry

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

Solid waste board

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

Soil and Water meetings

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

Martin County Recycling Center HOURS

Tuesday thru Friday

9 a.m. - noon and 1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Saturday 8 a.m. - noon

500 Industrial Park Dr. Loogootee 812-295-4142







Martin County Chamber of Commerce and Martin County Alliance

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 German American Bank, Crane Credit Union and the Martin County Chamber Office





MARTIN COUNTY JOURNAL



The warm weather that has pushed spring flowers into early bloom has certainly awakened the desire to garden. I want to dig in the soil and plant something! Indeed, I have already planted lettuce in the cold frame and St. Patrick's Day is the traditional day to plant peas. I may also plant some kale and other greens in areas where they may be covered if the mercury dips too far. However, I am keenly aware that it is just too early for planting most warm season crops and annual flowers.

Some vegetables, herbs and flowers do very well planted indoors and then transplanted into the garden after the May 10 frost-free date. Read your seed packets. Most will tell you if a particular plant may be grown indoors for transplants. In most cases, it will say that the seed may be planted six to eight weeks prior to the frost-free date. In Southern Indiana, that date is around May 10, so we are now in the indoor planting period.

First, get your pots ready. If re-using containers from previous years, empty out the old soil and wash the pots with hot water. You do not have to use the fancy trays used in commercial greenhouses. Any pot that has good drainage will

Next, get the potting mix ready. Do not use soil from your garden and I do not recommend using potting soil, especially if the soil you have contains fertilizer. The seed contains all of the nutrients needed by the tender plant for its first weeks, and the added nutrients may result in spindly plants. I suggest using a soil-free mix, usually containing mostly coir or peat. You will notice that bags of seed-starting mix are very light. This is because there is little moisture in them. Before you use the soil, slowly mix water into it. You do not want it soggy, but such mixes do not absorb water easily if you do not add the water before planting.

You may need to get the seeds ready also. Most seeds do quite well planted directly into the potting mix, but some seeds need special treatment. Read the packet to see if soaking the seed is recommended. Other seeds need to have a cold treatment, which may be accomplished by putting the seed in the refrigerator for a few days. Other seed need to be scarified by breaking the outside layer with a knife, file or rough sandpaper to ensure rapid germination.

The information on the seed packet also will tell you how much potting mix needs to be used to cover the seed. Some seeds actually need light to germinate. Plant the seed and spray the pots with water. You may cover the pots with clear plastic to help hold in the moisture.

Some crops benefit from bottom heat to promote germination. You may purchase heating mats made for this purpose, but you may also get the needed heat from your appliances. The top of a refrigerator or freezer may be warm enough to provide the heat needed, and since light is not needed by most seeds at this stage, the pots may be left on the appliances until the seeds germinate and then moved to an area where they young plants will receive light.

If you are depending on the sun to provide the light needed for plant growth, you will have to rotate the pots frequently to ensure the tender plants do not grow toward the window. You may decide to invest in some grow lights. This is not as expensive as it once was. Today, there are LED grow lights that are inexpensive. As the plants grow, you may need to adjust the lights and eventually remove the plastic coverings. Keep the plants watered and you should have some healthy transplants by the time the weather warms enough for outdoor planting.

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Farmer sentiment dips in February

BY KAMI GOODWIN

Purdue University News Service

The Purdue University/CME Group Ag Economy Barometer dipped 5 points to a reading of 125 in February. Farmers' perspectives regarding both current conditions on their farms and expectations for the future also weakened. The Index of Current Conditions fell 2 points to 134 and the Index of Future Expectations declined 6 points to 121. The Ag Economy Barometer is calculated each month from 400 U.S. agricultural producers' responses to a telephone survey. This month's survey was conducted February 13-17.

"Increased concern over the risk of falling output prices, rising interest rates and uncertainty over the future growth of U.S. agricultural exports is weighing on producers' minds," said James Mintert, the barometer's principal investigator and director of Purdue's Center for Commercial Agriculture.

Producers' expectations for their farms' financial performance in 2023 compared to 2022 weakened in February. The Farm Financial Performance Index declined 7 points to a reading of 86. Farmers continue to point to concerns about higher input costs (38 percent of respondents), rising interest rates (24 percent of respondents) and lower output prices (18 percent of respondents) as their biggest concern for the

Agricultural exports have been a key source of growth for U.S. agriculture for decades. Beginning in 2019, the Ag Economy Barometer survey routinely included a question asking producers about their expectations for agricultural exports in the upcoming five years. Since peaking in 2020, when just over 70 percent of respondents said they expected exports to increase in the upcoming five years, the percentage of farmers looking for exports to grow over time has drifted lower. In February just 33 percent of survey respondents said they expect exports to increase, which leads Mintert to suggest that a lack of confidence in future agricultural export growth is contributing to weakened senti-

ment among producers.

Despite strong farm income, the February reading of the Farm Capital Investment Index changed little, rising 1 point to a reading of 43. This month 72 percent of producers said it is a "bad time" to make large investments in their farming operation, while just 15 percent reported it is a "good time" to make such investments. The disparity between producers' responses to the question and actual farm equipment sales continues to be focused on costs. Of those who said now is a "bad time" to make large investments, 45 percent of respondents said it was because of an increase in prices for farm machinery and new construction, while 27 percent of respondents said it was because of "rising interest rates."

Producers' expectations for short-term and long-term farmland values fell in February but remain positive. The Short-Term Farmland Value Index declined 1 point to 119 while the Long-Term Farmland Value Index dropped 5 points to 137. Although both indices remain above 100, indicating a positive outlook on farmland values, the percentage of producers who said they expect values to decline over the next five years reached 19 percent this month, the highest percentage since this question was first routinely included in barometer surveys in 2019. Still, over half (56 percent) of respondents expect values five years from now to be higher than today. This month just 33 percent of respondents said they expect values to rise in the next 12 months, while 14 percent said they expect values to

Each February, the barometer survey includes a question focused on farm growth, asking respondents about the annual growth rate they expect for their farm over the next five years. This year 49 percent of respondents said their farm either had "No plans to grow" (33 percent) or "Plan to exit or retire" (16 percent). Of those respondents who expect their farms to grow, 19 percent expect it to grow by "Less than 5 percent annually," and 22 percent said they expect it to grow by "5 percent to 10 percent an-

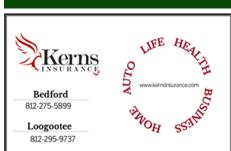
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KYLEIGH COURTER

Kyleigh Jean Courter is the daughter of Brent and Melissa Courter. After graduation, Kyleigh plans to attend Purdue University to study Engineering. While in high school, Kyleigh participated in Cheer (9-12), Beta Club (9-12), Spanish Club (9-12), Pep Club (9-12), SADD (9-12), Lionettes (9 and 12), and Musical (11). Kyleigh also participated in Softball (9-12) and Volleyball (9-12). Also an avid member of student council (9-12) and beta club (9-12), Kyleigh was class president (9 and 12), class vice president (11), Class secretary (10 and 12), and Beta president (12).



PEYTON BLEDSOE

Peyton Allen Bledsoe is the son of Jeff and Lori Bledsoe. After graduation, Peyton plans on attending somewhere of higher education. While in school, Peyton participated in Tennis (9-12), Basketball (9-12), and Student Council (9-12).



MADISON ESCH

Madison Elizabeth Esch is the daughter of Jackie and Brian Esch. After graduation, Madison plans to attend a place of higher education to study Plant Sciences. While in high school, Madison participated in Band (9-12), Musical (9-12), Spanish Club (9-12), Beta Club (9-12), Choir (9-12), FFA (12), Show Choir (9-11), and GSA (9-10).



LUCAS BRITTAIN

Lucas David Brittain is the son of Lisa and Eric Brittain. After graduation, Lucas plans to attend Western Kentucky University to study Finance and Business Administration. While in high school, Lucas participated in Intern (12), Intra Basketball (12), French Club (9-11), Beta Club (9-12), Pep Club (9-12), and Student Council (9-12). Lucas also particapted in Baseball (9-12) and Basketball (9-11). Lucas was also the class president (10 and 12).



LINSEY ENGLAND

Linsey N. England is the daughter of Beth England and Bob England. After graduation, Lindsey plans to attend college but isn't sure where or what she is going to be doing. While in high school, Rory participated in Band (9-12), musical (9-12), Spanish club (9), beta club (9), chorus (9-12), recycling (9), cadet teaching (10, and show choir (10-12). She also participated in tennis (9-12).

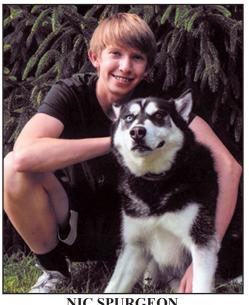


MATTHEW COLEMAN

Matthew G Coleman is the son of Adam and Jessica Coleman. After graduation Matthew plans to enter the workforce. While in high school, Matthew participated in job shadowing (9).

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NIC SPURGEON

Nicolas Cole Spurgeon is the son of Tracy and Rick Spurgeon. His siblings include Ryan and Hunter Spurgeon. When in high school, Nic participated in cross country for four years, basketball for four years, baseball for four years, Pep Club, Spell Bowl, and SADD. His favorite school memory was running cross country with his friends. After graduation, Nic plans to attend VUJC and get an associates degree in nursing. He plans to return to school in hopes of becoming a nurse practitioner.



RYLAN PERRY

Rylan Samuel Perry is the son of Sam and Kim Perry. His siblings include Ava and Casen Perry. While in high school, Rylan participated in cross country for one year, soccer for three years, basketball for four years, IMPAACT club one year, SADD for one year, Spell Bowl for one year, and FFA for two years. His favorite school memory is beating Dubious at Dubious his junior year on the Jeeps birthday. After graduation, Rylan plans to go to college and start his own business.

(Continued from page one) make this event possible and allowed 8th graders to tour their facilities were Country Pines Printing, Knox County Association for Remarkable Citizen (KCARC),

Loughmiller Machine, Tool and Design,

SC Draperies, and Safety and Security International (SSI).

Students designed and manufactured shirts for the event. Students were divided into groups that consisted of both Loogootee and Shoals students. Each student was able to tour two businesses, participate in a STEM activity, and eat lunch together at the Martin County Community Building. The lead sponsor for the event was Martin County Community Foundation. Additional sponsors included ME Screenprinting, Bauer Family Enterprise, Martin County 4-H Council, Martin County Purdue Extension, Martin County Alliance, and St. John's Catholic Church Hospitality Group.

Since the student's were broken up into groups, not all visiting the same locations, the idea was for conversations to continue amongst the students and teachers once returning to the schools about what they had learned that day by touring these facilities. Hopefully their conversations will spark an interest in a specific career

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.

pathway or ignite some entrepreneurial spirit in our next generation of leaders. Emily Stoner, owner of SC Draperies shared, "We were so proud to be participating in the first Martin County Made Day. There is a lot of excitement in seeing Martin County revitalized and renewed. Part of that process is showing our future high school graduates what businesses are already here in Martin County. Our hope is that this education will help them envision their future part in building their hometown into a thriving community for them and their families."

Pam Loughmiller, owner of Loughmiller Tool and Design shared, "Loughmiller Tool and Design was excited about the opportunity to show the students our facility and our operations during Martin County Made Day. It is so important that we allow the students to see what career opportunities are available to them local-

Students from each school completed surveys talking about their experiences, what they enjoyed about the tours, and how organizers can improve future events. Leaders from the participating businesses, school administrators, and Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth will be meeting to discuss survey results as well as make plans for future events to expose students to all the opportunities that exist in Martin County.

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~LETTER TO THE EDITOR~

'Eight months is too long to worry about needing help'

To the editor of the Martin County Journal and Mitcheltree residents,

Are you aware the bridge near Fred Sims Road on Highway 450 is being replaced? More than likely you are aware by now and know it is greatly needed due to flooding on the highway. But are you aware this will be a complete closure? No one lane with a light or a bypass to go around construction? The detour is through Lawrence County. The estimated time for the closure is 8 months. And we know how that works with Indiana weather, construction setbacks, supply shortages and such things that delay projects by the state.

I am NOT against the bridge replacement. It is very much needed. I am against a state highway being closed for 8 months, cutting over 600 people off from medical emergency and law enforcement services. If I call an ambulance and it is at the civil defense building, it will take them over 45 minutes to get to me ONE WAY. I am against students being picked up super early for almost an hour bus trip one way. I am against delay in trash ser-

vice, mail service, package deliveries. I am against the extra cost for gas of parents picking up their kids from school for extracurricular activities. I am against the families that will be separated from the elderly loved ones they check on daily. What about the loss of revenue from people that patronize businesses in Shoals? Do you think people will drive an hour one way to shop local? No, we will stop

All we are asking for is a way to bypass the construction. Eight months is too long to worry about needing help and not receiving it due to the closure. This could affect all county residents. If law enforcement or emergency services are in our area and a call goes out, you will be waiting quite a long time to get help

If you would like your voice to be heard, please call Senator Eric Bassler at 800-382-9467, Shane Lindauer at 800-382-9841 and INDOT at 855-463-6848. We do not want the project stopped; we want a bypass.

Thank you for your time, **Becky Sellers Trinity Springs**

Daviess/Martin Retired Teachers meet

The Daviess/Martin Indiana Retired Teachers Association met at the Gasthof restaurant on Friday, March 10. President Ramona Lennen led the members in the pledge to the flag and conducted the meeting. The minutes of the January meeting, submitted by Nancy Adams, were approved as read. David Lennen presented the treasurer's report, followed by Lawana Hand with the community service report. Lawana reported the group had a total of 8,026 service hours which is an increase of 1,242 hours over last year. Volunteering was done by 34 retired teachers and two associate members. At a value of \$28.54 per hour, the monetary value of our service was \$229,062. Ramona Lennen gave the Area 8 Director's Report and then urged them to contact legislators because all their voices are needed to inform them about the importance of the 13th check to retired teachers.

The program was presented by Dave Graber from the CORE Center. He received a Master of Physical Therapy from the University of Evansville 25 years ago, and then worked with Dr. Norris in Jasper. Eight years ago, he came to the CORE Center which has 30 therapists on staff. The CORE Center is a 9,000-square-

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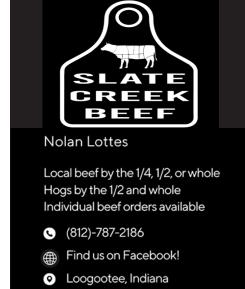
foot building which houses a heated pool and state-of-the-art equipment. There are many specialized forms of therapy available, and they treat newborns to geriatric adults. The center also does athletic training for WHS and Barr Reeve. Washington is the hub for rehabilitation therapy in this area, but the CORE Center also has a room at Parkview Christian Care in Odon.

The Connecting Virtually Workshop was held on January 25 with about 130 people online sometime during the day. Pennies from Heaven this semester will go to the Power House. Candy bags were distributed to the Washington Elementary Schools this week. The Representative Assembly will be June 7th in Indianapolis.

Peg Neidigh and Pat Brochin furnished the door prizes which were won by Janice Riley, Rosie Wininger and Alana Thompson. Aggie Cooper and Marilyn Read will furnish door prizes for the May meeting.

Those attending the meeting were Lawana Hand, Linda Strosnider, Peg Neidigh, Marilyn Read, Ken Macy, Janice Riley, Rosie Wininger, Donna Keller, Alana Thompson, Marian McCracken, Pat Brochin, David Lennen, Ramona Lennen, Nancy Adams, and Dave Graber, CORE Center.

The next meeting will be held on Friday, May 19 at 11:30 a.m. at the Gasthof. All retired teachers living in Daviess and Martin counties and the surrounding areas are invited to attend.



RTC Communications announces personnel promotions and alignment

Kirk Lehman, CEO of RTC Communications, is pleased to announce several promotions and changes in the organizational structure that were recently made effective in February 2023. RTC Communications, based in Montgomery, offers fiber-to-the-home and business in many areas of Daviess, Martin, Lawrence and now Knox counties. In addition, RTC offers a business phone solution, Managed Services for IT business operations, and associated telephone and computer equipment that can be utilized anywhere.

Will Smith was promoted to the position of Manager of Network Operations.



Will has a bachelor's degree from Indiana University in Computer Informatics and has worked for RTC Communications since 2019, most recently as a software developer. Will is

WILL SMITH to lead RTC's group of network engineers that work to ensure the computer network infrastructure remains efficient and secure. Will currently resides in Linton with his wife, Becky.

Steve Donley was promoted to Senior Manager of Network Operations.



Steve has been with RTC Communications in several roles, including Network Engineering and overseeing the Solutions Engineers, as well as the Network Operations Center.

Steve has been with **STEVE** DONLEY RTC Communications since 2021. Steve will help Will lead the Network Engineering Department, while continuing his current duties and responsibilities over the Network Operations Center. Steve has the unique experience of working in some of the most remote parts of Alaska and Canada in the telecommunications industry during his career. Steve lives with his wife, Holly, and children in Washington.

Adria Brelage is the Director of Mar-



ADRIA

keting and is now also over the Contact Center and Customer Care Representatives. Adria has been with the organization since August of 2021 and brought nearly 20 years of marketing and graphic design

BRELAGE experience. Adria has been instrumental in the design of many area logos, including the imagery for a new Daviess County slogan. Adria holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Evansville and currently resides in Ire-

Pat Todd has been promoted to Vice-President of HR and Public Relations. Pat has been with RTC Commu-



nications since early 2022 with the Human Resources Department. He will maintain responsibilities for Human Resources and will oversee the Marketing Department and the

PAT TODD Contact Center. Pat has a bachelor's degree from Indiana State University and a master's degree from the University of Southern Indiana. He lives north of Loogootee with his wife, Amy, and children.

Randy Preston remains Chief Operating Officer and will be overseeing Network Engineering, Plant Engineering, and Operations. Randy has been with



RTC since 2021 and has more than two decades of experience with other telecommunication companies, the most recent being for a nation-wide company in Dallas, Texas. Randy has a bachelor's degree

RANDY from Arizona State Uni-PRESTON versity and is a U.S. Navy Veteran. Randy lives north of Loogootee and is married to his wife, Monica.

Nate Willis is the Chief Financial Officer and will remain over Finance, Busi-



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