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Information on the COVID-19 virus

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Reported illnesses have ranged from mild symptoms to severe illness and death for confirmed coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) cases.

The following symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure: Fever, cough, and shortness of breath

According to the Martin County Health Department, no one has been tested for the virus in Martin County, therefore no one is known to be positive.

Early information out of China, where COVID-19 first started, shows that some people are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. This includes older adults, people who have serious chronic medical conditions like heart disease and diabetes and lung disease.

If you are a close contact of someone with COVID-19 or you are a resident in a community where there is ongoing spread of COVID-19 and develop symptoms, call your healthcare provider and tell them about your symptoms and your exposure. They will decide whether you need to be tested, but keep in mind that there is no treatment for COVID-19 and people who are mildly ill may be able to isolate and care for themselves at home.

The CDC offers the following advice: Stay home when you are sick, call your health care provider's office in advance of a visit, limit movement in the community, and limit visitors

How COVID-19 Spreads

Shoals School Board makes staff changes, teams up with Padanaram

The Shoals School Board met Thursday, March 12. Board members in attendance were Drexel Turpin, Eva George, Jenell Hoffman, Samantha Boyd, and Jerry Braun. Staff in attendance were Dr. Candace Roush, Amanda Heckard, Shannon Wagoner, Austin Malone, Theresa Holt, and Mary Ellen Baker. Patrons in attendance were Julia Albright, Mark Thomas, Norma Baker, Lorna Troutman, Dean Troutman, and Cindi Kidwell.

Mark Thomas, a representative from the American Legion, presented information about current scholarships that are available for students.

Theresa Holt and Julia Albright went over the current status of the coronavirus and went on to discuss the steps that are being implemented at the school to protect the students and staff.

The board approved the following personnel recommendations:

-Marsha Archer as varsity volleyball coach

-Andrew Beaver as varsity and middle school cross country coach

-Eric Rasico as middle school/assistant baseball coach

-Laura Myers as substitute teacher.

-Tracy Jones, Larry Jones, Josh Neidoffer, Miranda Albright, Louton Hager, Lori Black, and Lori Albright as summer cleaning crew

-Anita Letterman, Kelsey Sellers, San-

The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person, between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet) and through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.

People are thought to be most contagious when they are most symptomatic (the sickest).

Some spread might be possible before people show symptoms; there have been reports of this occurring with this new coronavirus, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads.

It may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads.

How easily a virus spreads from person-to-person can vary. Some viruses are highly contagious (spread easily), like measles, while other viruses do not spread as easily. Another factor is whether the spread is sustained, spreading continually without stopping.

The virus that causes COVID-19 seems to be spreading easily and sustainably in the community ("community spread") in some affected geographic areas.

In a continuing effort to slow the spread of COVID-19, Indiana Governor Eric J. Holcomb has announced additional ef-

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dra Hovis, and Ashley Albright as substitutes

-Ashley Allen as middle school track volunteer coach

-Mary Ellen Baker for the middle school special education position

-Janie Johnson to retire at the end of the 2019-2020 school year. The board thanked Janie Johnson for her years at Shoals. She will be greatly missed by both students and staff.

-Resignation of pep club sponsors, Aimee Harder and Madalyn Voorhies

-Ann Stewart requested FMLA beginning March 11 until after Easter

The Padanaram Community has been blessed with a lot of growth and expansion in its youth population over the past few years. They have re-opened their old school building for students in grades K-3 and it has been operating for the past two years and will continue to grow for many years to come. They have reached out to the Shoals administration and school board to see if they would be interested in partnering with their school to help ensure that their students are on the right learning paths to prepare them for their transition to Shoals Elementary in the 4th grade. Shoals has agreed to partner with them to provide instructional help as well as access to the same standards and curriculum programs that Shoals students

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Rox Robotix end season

-Photo provided

On March 7, 2020, Jug Rox Robotix traveled to Lexington, Kentucky for the 2020 FTC Kentucky State Championship. In the robot games they made it to the finals and received the Finalist Alliance Award along with their partners R.O.C.K.S Robotics and the Whitefield Robocats. They were also nominated by the judges for the Collins Aerospace Innovate Award and the Control Award. Unfortunately, because of coronavirus precautions, the Indiana State FTC Championship was cancelled along the World Championship in Detroit. Their record for the year was 38 wins and 14 losses while bringing home three Winning Alliance trophies. They were very optimistic that they could advance from the state championship to the Detroit championship. The team thanks their many sponsors for making this season a great success. Pictured receiving their Finalist Alliance trophies with their alliance partners R.O.C.K.S Robotics and the Whitefield Robocats are in the front row Colton Mullins, Andrew Newland, Shyla Taylor, Lydia Cook, and Mallory Waggoner. In the back row are Zane Lake, Luke Troutman, and Alan Cook.

Shoals Council discusses mobile home ordinance, clean-up days

The Shoals Town Council met Monday, March 9. In attendance were Council Members Cecil Ragsdale, Cary D. Albright, and Clint Hoffman; Clerk-Treasurer Sierra Rutledge, Town Attorney J. David Lett, SVFD Chief Jim Hamby, Beautification Board President Amber Hoffman, Kathy Collins, Monty Holt and Chris Bearden.

Chris Bearden stated he owned a lot on Stephens Street and is requesting to move out the current mobile home located on the lot and move a newer model in. He stated the old mobile home would be sold to Monty Holt. Mr. Holt was also in attendance and requested approval to move the mobile home he was purchasing from Bearden and place it on a lot he owns on 2nd Street. The trailer being moved in would also be replacing an older model mobile home. Pictures of the mobile homes were presented to the council.

Council Member Cecil Ragsdale asked if both mobile homes would be completely underpinned and decks placed. Bearden and Holt stated they would. Council Member Albright made a motion to approve Bearden's request of the mobile home placement with Council Member Hoffman making the second. All were in favor. Council Member Albright made a motion to approve Holt's request and Council Member Hoffman made the second. All were in favor.

The council thanked the both gentlemen for coming. Council Member Ragsdale asked both gentlemen if they were aware of the new law concerning safety tie downs and both said they were aware and that both mobile homes would have the safety tie downs.

Beautification Board President Amber Hoffman came before the council with an update on projects. Hoffman requested up to \$600 from the board to complete projects that will be constructed with money from the donation fund and the community foundation grant. Council

Member Albright made a motion to approve the request from Hoffman with Council Member Ragsdale making the second. All were in favor. Amber Hoffman stated they hope to have the projects complete before the Catfish Festival. She stated the board was busy making plans for grant applications and seeking donation requests for pots, soil and tools. She stated with one grant they are seeking to do improvements to the overlook. The board thanked Hoffman again for all of her hard work.

Council Member Ragsdale brought up the property clean-up updates. He requested an ordinance 83-4 violation letter be sent to a property on Low Street and another property on High Street.

Clerk-Treasurer Sierra Rutledge presented the council with a sheet of fund balances for all funds. She also gave the council the 2020 ballpark cleaning contract with a recommendation from the park board. The park board recommended the contract be awarded to Roger Jackson. Rutledge stated there were no changes from the previous year's contract. Council Member Hoffman made a motion to approve that the contract be awarded to Jackson with Council Member Albright making the second. All were in favor.

Rutledge presented an amended Resolution 2019-2 to the board. Resolution 2019-2 sets a rental fee and requirements for rental of the ballpark. The amendment lowers the rental fee to \$150 and requires a liability insurance policy to be provided. Council Member Albright made a motion to approve amended Resolution 2019-2 with Council Member Hoffman making the second. All were in favor.

Rutledge stated the small scoring table located at the little field at the ballpark had deteriorated and needed replaced. She contacted Mr. Kent at the Shoals Community School and the shop class

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have, and in return, their students would be counted as students of the Shoals Community School Corporation.

The elementary principal recommended hiring an elementary homebound teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. The board approved.

The high school principal requested permission for IU to provide another year with a career advisor counselor for the 2020-2021 School year, which is free to the school. The principal also requested for GM to provide a free distracted driving presentation on April 10, 2020. The board approved.

The board approved graduation date be set for May 23 at 2 p.m. in the main gym.

The board approved the athletic department's request for physicals to be held April 23 or May

6.

The board approved the following facility usage requests:

-Southern Indiana Gold Basketball to use the gymnasium.

-Summer League to use the cafeteria for baseball and softball signups and also the gym for baseball pictures. The date is to be announced.

-Shoals Christian Church to use the gym for the Good Friday Service. Also, to do a cookout for the softball and baseball teams in late May.

-Shoals Lions Club requested to host the annual Easter Egg Hunt in front of the Schools on April 11 at 1 p.m.

The board approved the following fundraiser requests:

-The Shoals Beta Clubs to sell tickets for 31 Bingo prior to the event on March 13. Funds will be used to help Beta students pay for National and State Beta Conventions.

-The high school softball team to have a spaghetti dinner on April 4 to raise funds for a new pitching machine and other equipment.

-The high school softball parents to sell Texas Roadhouse rolls to purchase equipment needed and items for the team.

Superintendent Candace Roush recommended summer school for three weeks during the 2020 summer for students. The board approved.

The board held the first reading of the summer job coach job description.

A driver's education program will be held during the summer of 2020 at the Shoals High School.

Middle School Principal Austin Malone reported on the procedures and awareness that the students and staff are using for the coronavirus. Testing this week will be the 3rd and final NWEA window. Malone attended the Edmentum Rural Education Summit on March 3 and 4. He met with 20 other leaders similar to Shoals as well as attending a live panel with five educators as they answered questions and provided strategies pertaining to leading a school in a rural setting. He wanted to thank Doug Wagoner for always being helpful, kind, and being one step ahead of everything. He also wanted to thank the middle school faculty for building student relationships and their cooperation. He said they value their teachers and everything that they do.

Elementary Principal Shannon Wagoner reported that all hands are on deck with the current coronavirus situation. All of the teachers have been phenomenal and creative with getting the e-learning days prepared in advance. Fundraisers have been a huge success. They were able to raise up to \$20,000. The funds that were donated will be used towards field day. iRead will be next week. Ms. Wagoner was able to visit the FabLab in Chattanooga Tennessee last week for three days. There were so many ideas that they will be able to use at the school.

Dr. Roush informed the board that the vaping convocation for students and in-

formational meeting for parents that was scheduled for next Monday has been postponed until May and the IU School of Education tour was postponed until later in the year. Dr. Roush explained how excited she was to travel to Chattanooga, Tennessee to view their new innovation labs because Shoals will have one in place by next school year as a pilot school for ROI. Dr. Roush thanked the Padanaram community for their invitation to view their school as well as a wonderful breakfast with their community members.

Dr. Roush explained to the board that the Special Education Co-Op at North Lawrence was dismantling, and the school will be hiring a school psychologist as well as a behavior and autism consultant next year. The federal funding that went to Joint Services will be coming back to the school to pay for those positions.

Dr. Roush updated the board about a road closure on SR 150 that will last from the middle of March until the middle of May.

Dr. Roush thanked Janie Johnson for her many years of service and dedication to the Shoals Community School Corporation. She will be missed by many.

Finally, Dr. Roush congratulated all of the fall sports teams as well as the robotics team who won the semi-state championship and due to the coronavirus will not get to play their state championship game.

The board also offered a big thank you to the nurses for being ahead of the game with the Coronavirus and they appreciate everyone's help in the matter.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

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forts.

The following are additional directives from Governor Holcomb.

Indiana will adhere to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for large events and mass gatherings. The guidance recommends no in-person events of more than 50 people. Here is a link to the guidance: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/mass-gatherings-ready-for-covid-19.html>

Under the current guidance for schools, 273 public school districts are closed, using e-learning days, or on spring break and have announced a future closure. The Department of Education is working with the remaining 16 school corporations to determine their next steps and needs

Bars, nightclubs and restaurants are required to close to in-person patrons and may provide take-out and delivery services through the end of March

Hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers should cancel and/or postpone elective and non-urgent surgical procedures immediately. This action will help the healthcare system conserve resources and personnel necessary to meet emerging health needs

Physicians should continue to perform critical procedures necessary to prevent short-term and/or long-term adverse effects to their patients' overall health

The state's Emergency Operations Center has been raised to a Level 1 status and will work in conjunction with the incident command center at the Indiana State Department of Health for planning, coordination, predictive analysis and other functions

State employees will maximize the use of remote work and meet virtually whenever possible while maintaining operations. Non-essential in-person meetings will be limited to 10 persons or less and should meet virtually whenever possible. High-risk individuals should not attend meetings in person

State employees over the age of 60 with underlying health conditions are advised

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has tables available for \$125. Council Member Hoffman made a motion to purchase the table with Council Member Albright making the second. All were in favor.

The clerk-treasurer then presented the current Sitex Corporation agreement that is up for renewal. Rutledge stated the price had just increased again and she thinks that another service would be cheaper. Council Member Albright stated the board does not want to renew the agreement. Town Attorney Lett advised Rutledge to notify the corporation in writing.

Rutledge presented the council with a sample of one new set of street pole banners for Main Street. Council Member Albright made a motion to purchase the set of banners with Council Member Ragsdale making the second. All were in favor.

Rutledge stated the "Spring Clean Up" date needed to be set, and she recommended it be set for the same day as the beautification board volunteer day which is May 16. The board agreed for Spring Clean Up to be May 15-17, 2020.

Rutledge asked for approval to try a 1st annual "town-wide yard sale" for Shoals. After discussion with all those in attendance, the dates for the event were set for Friday and Saturday, May 15 and 16. Hoffman asked, with it potentially being a very busy weekend in Shoals, if caution signs could be placed at each end of town for safety. Fire Chief Hamby stated he would talk to INDOT about some congested area signs. Rutledge stated the Jug Rox Student Volunteer day

in town would be May 7, 2020.

The clerk-treasurer presented two meter deposit applies for C. Sims and J. Campbell and a transfer for S. Harding/T. Hewitt. Council Member Albright made a motion to approve the meter changes with Council Member Hoffman making the second. All were in favor. Rutledge stated that a property on Lynwood Street, that has been discussed for a potential project area, needed a decision to move forward or not. Council Member Albright made a motion to have Town Attorney Lett investigate the purchase of the property and retain appraisers. Council Member Hoffman made the second and all were in favor. Rutledge stated water main flushing will take place starting on Sunday, March 22 and should be completed by Tuesday, March 24.

Fire Chief Jim Hamby gave an update from the recent ISO inspections and presented the invoices from Nichols Fire & Fleet for assistance with the inspections. Hamby stated he felt that everything with the inspection went well and he is striving to lower the rating for Center and Halbert townships through a fill and dump timing exercise with the current fleet equipment. Hamby let the council know he is working on setting up a joint meeting with the town and Center and Halbert townships concerning fire protection information.

With no further business, Council Member Albright made a motion to adjourn with Council Member Hoffman making the second and the meeting closed at 6:56 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, April 13 at 6 p.m.

to work from home, and agencies should identify work that can be accomplished remotely for those individuals

The Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites, which are closed on Mondays, will close to the public beginning Tuesday

The visitors center at White River State Park will close

Indiana state parks and recreation centers, including state park inns, remain open. Restaurants will convert operations to take-out and delivery

State agencies already are developing remote work plans for employees and will continue to implement them while maintaining necessary state services. Employees who work outdoors are encouraged to practice social distancing

The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) has suspended rules requiring certain unemployment insurance claimants to physically appear at a Work One location to engage in reemployment services for the next four weeks. This will ensure that individuals who may be symptomatic do not have to physically appear to continue their unemployment insurance eligibility

The DWD will also request flexibility under federal and state law to expand eligibility for claimants and ease burdens on employers.

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation will postpone the inaugural Indiana Global Economic Summit, scheduled for April 26-28

Communities are encouraged to work together to provide childcare options for all who need assistance and delivery services of meals and other necessities for senior citizens

Hoosiers who can donate blood are encouraged to visit local blood centers. Blood supplies are low. Please follow the guidance at www.redcross.org

More information may be found at the ISDH website at <https://on.in.gov/COVID19> and the CDC website at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html.

The following are local postponements

or cancellations due to the COVID-19 virus.

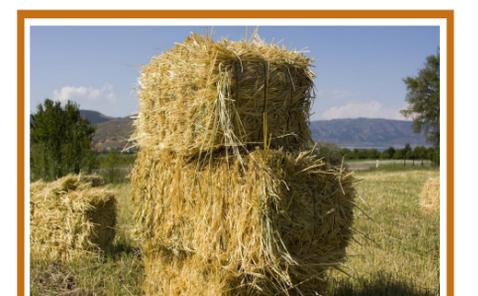
The Loogootee Public Library will be closed until further notice.

Ag Day, scheduled for this coming Saturday, March 21, at the fairgrounds, has been cancelled.

The RSVP fundraiser arts and crafts sale scheduled for March 26, 27 and 28 at Eastside Park in Washington has been postponed. The hunter education class scheduled for March 27 and 28 at Faith Baptist Church in Loogootee has also been postponed. Both events will be rescheduled later this year.

Absentee voting info

The Martin County Clerk's Office wants to remind voters that they are able to vote by mail at any time. Due to the COVID-19 virus, you may want to take advantage of absentee voting by mail. The clerk's office will be open for in-person absentee voting at the courthouse starting April 7, 2020 at 8 a.m. Either of these methods will reduce your chances of contracting this virus. You can call the clerk's office at 812-247-3651 with any questions or to request application for ballot.



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MARY CLARK

Mary E. Clark passed away Friday March 13, 2020 at Deaconess Gateway Hospital in Newburgh surrounded by her family. A resident of Loogootee, she was 79.



She was born on April 14, 1940 in Bruceville; daughter of the late Hubert A. and Bulah M. (Messer) Boyles.

Mary was a member of Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church. She loved her family and babysitting her granddaughter, Audrey Clark.

She is preceded in death by her first husband, Clifford Allen; her second husband, John R. Clark Sr.; her parents, Hubert and Bulah Boyles; and her siblings, Elizabeth Farrior, Melvin Maurice Boyles, and Lynda Dudley.

Mary is survived by her sons, Matthew (Candace) Clark of Shoals, Clifford (Brenda) Allen and Joseph (Pam Chrisman) Allen, both of Loogootee; her stepson, John R. Clark Jr. of Tacoma, Washington; her grandchildren, Audrey Clark and Cory Allen; her step-grandchildren, Virginia Holmes, Jonathan Tufts, Kyle Tufts, and Daniel Flanagan; eight great grandchildren, her siblings, Thelma (Donnie) Bryant of Greentown and Elsie Bales of Sharpville, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A funeral service was conducted this morning, Wednesday March 18 at 11 a.m. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee with Pastor Caleb Moffatt officiating. Burial followed in Goodwill Cemetery in Loogootee.

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

HAROLD WINKLEPLECK

Harold Ray 'Winkie' Winklepleck passed away with his loved ones by his



HAROLD WINKLEPLECK

side Friday, March 13, 2020 at his home. A resident of Odon, he was 78.

He was born April 1, 1941 in Daviess County; daughter of Alva and Mattie (Williams) Winklepleck. Ray married the love of his life, Betty (Doyle) Winklepleck on August 9, 2008.

Ray worked as a carpenter for many years, McCords Inc. and also employed by Raydar. He was a member of the VFW Auxiliary where he assisted with several military services and was proud of the activities with them. Ray enjoyed hunting and fishing, spending time with his family.

Family left to cherish Ray's memory include his wife, Betty; two daughters, Dana (Bob) Winklepleck Hunley of Dugger and Stacy Winklepleck (Chris Kingsbury) of Ellettsville; one step-son, Clay Howard of Shoals and eight grandchildren; three brothers, George (Martha) Winklepleck, of Texas, Jonas (Betty) Winklepleck and Roy (Judy) Winklepleck, both of Odon; three sisters, Lois O'Bryan of Arizona, Wanita MacDonald of Washington and Betty (Gary) Thomas of Odon.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents, stepson, David Michael 'Howie' Howard; brothers, Edward Winklepleck and Johnnie Sipes; sister, Georgia Ann Vaughn and sister-in-law, Judy Winklepleck.

Funeral services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday, March 19 at Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon with Adam Cissell officiating. Harold will be laid to rest in Raglesville Cemetery. A VFW service will be held honoring Ray's dedication to helping with Military Services with Frank Roberts #9627.

Family and friends may call from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 18 at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Raglesville Cemetery in memory of Ray. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

The Winklepleck family has entrusted

all arrangements to Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon. Online condolences may be sent to www.mengfuneralhome.com.

Martin County jobless rate bumps to 2.9 percent in January

Martin County's unemployment rate bumped up to 2.9 percent in January, from 2.1 percent in December. The county had the 8th lowest jobless rate in the state for January, tied with Gibson, Johnson and Steuben counties.

In January, the county had 5,378 residents in the workforce and 155 of them were unemployed. In December, there were 5,360 residents able to work and 113 of them were without jobs.

In January of 2019, Martin County's jobless rate was 3.5 percent with 5,341 residents in the workforce and 188 of them unemployed.

Daviess County's unemployment rate also moved up from 2.3 percent in December to 3 percent in January. The county had the 12th lowest jobless rate in the state for January, tied with seven other counties.

In January, the county had 16,748 residents in the workforce and 504 of them were unemployed. In December, there were 16,728 residents able to work and 390 of them without jobs. In January of 2019, Daviess County's unemployment rate was 3.5 percent with 16,704 residents in the workforce and 583 of them unemployed.

Dubois County's jobless rate moved from 1.9 percent in December to 2.7 percent in January. The county had the second lowest jobless rate in the state for January, tied with Boone and LaGrange counties.

In January, the county had 22,959 residents in the workforce and 615 of them were unemployed. In December, there were 22,989 residents able to work and 446 of them without jobs. In January of last year, Dubois County's jobless rate was 3.2 percent with 23,128 residents in the workforce and 730 of them unemployed.

Greene County's unemployment rate jumped a full point to 4.7 percent in January. The county had the 10th highest jobless rate in the state for January, tied with Blackford County.

In January, the county had 13,692 residents in the workforce and 637 of them were unemployed. In December, there were 13,669 residents able to work and 509 of them were jobless. In January of last year, Greene County's unemployment rate was 5.7 percent with 13,929 residents in the workforce and 794 of them unemployed.

The top ten spots in the state for lowest jobless rate for January were Hamilton County at 2.6 percent, Dubois, Boone and LaGrange counties at 2.7 percent; Jackson, Hendricks and Bartholomew counties at 2.8 percent; and Steuben, Martin, Gibson and Johnson counties at 2.9 percent.

The top ten spots in the state for highest jobless rate for January were Crawford County at 6.1 percent, Vermillion County at 5.8 percent, Lake County at 5.3 percent, Starke County at 5.1 percent, Fayette County at 5 percent, Jasper, LaPorte, Newton and Sullivan counties at 4.8 percent; and Blackford and Greene counties at 4.7 percent.

Indiana's unemployment rate drops to 3.1 percent for January and remains lower than the national rate of 3.6 percent. The last time Indiana's unemployment rate was lower than 3.1 percent was November 2000. The monthly unemployment rate is a U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

(BLS) indicator that reflects the number of unemployed people seeking employment within the prior four weeks as a percentage of the labor force.

Indiana's labor force had a net increase of 3,749 over the previous month. This was a result of a decrease of 877 unemployed residents and an increase of 4,626 employed residents. Indiana's total labor force, which includes both Hoosiers employed and those seeking employment, stands at 3.39 million, and the state's 64.4 percent labor force participation rate remains above the national rate of 63.4 percent.

Learn more about how unemployment rates are calculated here: <http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov/infographics/employment-status.asp>.

Employment by Sector

Private sector employment has decreased by 1,300 over the year and has grown by 8,400 over the previous month. The monthly increase is primarily due to gains in the Trade, Transportation and Utilities (3,600); the Leisure and Hospitality (3,200); and the Private Educational and Health Services (2,600) sectors. Gains were partially offset by a loss in the Manufacturing (-4,800) sector. Total private employment stands at 2,741,900, which is 7,400 below the new January 2019 peak.

Memorial Hospital opens alternative screening site

As they continue to closely monitor and proactively plan for COVID-19, Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center has developed an Alternative Screening Site, located at 695 West Second Street (entrance on the west side of the building- follow the yellow signs) for those patients who do not require emergency department services, but who have symptoms of fever, cough, and respiratory congestion or shortness of breath.

Services provided at this site will include the following: testing for influenza A & B, strep throat, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), and chest x-rays. At this time, they are unable to provide COVID-19 testing at this site or at the Memorial Hospital Emergency Department unless the patient meets the criteria defined and authorized by the Indiana State Department of Health.

This site will be open Monday- Friday from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Patients may call 812-996-6330.



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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, MARCH 9

5:06 a.m. - Received a report of a two-vehicle accident near Loogootee and one left the scene.

5:42 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

7:11 a.m. - Received a report of an injured deer. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

7:47 a.m. - Received a report of a verbal domestic dispute north of Shoals. Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

8:29 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene and Major Keller assisted with traffic control in Shoals for trees being cut.

9:26 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check south of Loogootee. ISP Trooper Beaver and Martin County Ambulance responded.

10:56 a.m. - Received a report of someone walking in the highway north of Shoals. Major Keller responded.

11:03 a.m. - Received a report of credit card fraud in Shoals. Advised Major Keller.

11:59 a.m. - Received a report of harassment north of Shoals. Major Keller responded.

1:49 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

3:20 p.m. - Received a report of a single-vehicle accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

3:42 p.m. - Received a request for an officer for a verbal disagreement. Deputy Wells and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

5:54 p.m. - Received a report of a two-vehicle accident east of Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

6:57 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Crane. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 10

12:14 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle near Shoals. Advised Sergeant Reed.

2:23 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

3:18 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded and removed the tree.

5:13 a.m. - Received a report of a two-vehicle accident in Loogootee. Sergeant Reed, Loogootee Officer Floyd, Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded.

8:12 a.m. - Received a request for officer assistance at a business in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill and Major Keller responded.

9:52 a.m. - Received a report of a two-vehicle accident east of Shoals. Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, Major Keller, Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded.

9:53 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock north of Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

9:55 a.m. - Received a request for assistance with a funeral detail. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

10:30 a.m. - Jail Commander Brulla and Major Keller took transported three inmates to court.

11:05 a.m. - Major Keller transported two inmates to court.

1:31 p.m. - Deputy Wells transported two inmates to court.

2:13 p.m. - Deputy Wells transported two inmates to court.

4:40 p.m. - Received a request for a VIN check near Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

5:00 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic altercation. Loogootee Officer Cummings responded.

6:30 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint near Loogootee.

6:50 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic altercation in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Cummings, ISP Trooper Beaver and Deputy Wells responded.

7:35 p.m. - Received a request for animal assistance in Crane. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

5:55 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle off the roadway near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd and Martin County Ambulance responded.

7:40 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

8:22 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

9:20 a.m. - Major Keller transported one inmate to court.

11:00 a.m. - Major Keller transported one inmate to court.

12:36 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn south of Loogootee.

1:12 p.m. - Major Keller responded to a welfare check.

1:18 p.m. - Received a report of property damage to a home in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

3:45 p.m. - Received a request for medical assistance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:45 p.m. - Received a request to speak with animal control. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

8:36 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident south of Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

8:38 p.m. - Received a report of gunshot noise in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded. Advised it was firearms practice at the American Legion Country Club.

9:06 p.m. - Received a report of a roadway hazard south of Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

10:25 p.m. - Received a request for assistance getting a subject in a house. Shoals Fire Department responded.

10:40 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle near Shoals. Deputy Gibson and G&M Towing responded.

11:02 p.m. - Received a report of a hitchhiker north of Loogootee. Deputy Seymour and Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

4:43 a.m. - Received a report of an audible burglary alarm in Shoals. Sergeant Reed responded.

7:55 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic argument near Shoals. Major Keller, Loogootee Chief Rayhill and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

9:01 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic argument in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

10:25 a.m. - Corporal Wright transported one inmate to court.

12:15 p.m. - Received a request for medical assistance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:55 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Shoals. Major Keller responded.

12:55 p.m. - Corporal Wright transported three inmates to court.

3:42 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle near Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

3:50 p.m. - Received a report of lines hanging low on Hwy. 550. Advised Frontier of the issue.

4:02 p.m. - Received a report of an aggressive driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

5:40 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

5:48 p.m. - Received a report of animal negligence in Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

7:25 p.m. - Received a request for officer assistance from a prior domestic argument. Deputy Gibson, Loogootee Officer McBeth and Town Marshal Eckert responded.

8:00 p.m. - Received a request to serve a protective order in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

11:05 p.m. - Received a request for medical assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

6:19 a.m. - Received a request for medical assistance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire Department and Deputy Seymour responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:05 a.m. - Received a report of a one-vehicle accident east of Shoals. Major Keller, Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire Department and G&M Towing responded.

8:13 a.m. - Received a request to speak with an officer in reference to juvenile issues. Advised Corporal Wright.

9:40 a.m. - Loogootee Captain Hennette performed a VIN check in Loogootee.

9:48 a.m. - Received a report of a stolen license plate in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

10:30 a.m. - Received a report of lines hanging on Hwy. 550. Advised Frontier that this is a hazard.

11:10 a.m. - Received a request for

Man receives prison sentence for dealing meth in Martin County

On February 16, 2019, James Maple was initially stopped by Martin County Sheriff's Office



Corporal J. Tyler Reed which led to a vehicle pursuit and the defendant fleeing on foot into a wooded area. The defendant was soon discovered by law enforcement hiding in a Martin County residence and the defendant surrendered. Corporal J. Tyler Reed with Martin County Prosecutor Aureola S. Wright applied for a search warrant, which was granted by the Martin Circuit Court, and upon execution enough evidence of dealing in methamphetamine was recovered for charges to be filed.

On March 5, 2020, Judge Lynne E. Ellis approved the prosecutor's request of 11 years state prison sentence for dealing in methamphetamine and 910 days state prison sentence for criminal recklessness to be served at the Indiana Department of Corrections.

medical assistance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

11:43 a.m. - Received a report of limbs being thrown in the highway. Deputy Wright responded.

1:00 p.m. - Received a report of an animal being found in Shoals. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

2:35 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Advised all Martin County Law Enforcement.

3:50 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Crane. Advised Corporal Wright.

7:41 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Deputy Gibson responded.

8:58 p.m. - Received a request for an officer at a business in Loogootee for an accident and argument. Loogootee Officer McBeth, Deputy Gibson and Deputy Seymour responded.

9:51 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic argument in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert, Deputy Gibson and Deputy Seymour responded.

10:49 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

11:28 p.m. - Received a report of a person laying near the roadway east of Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert, Deputy Gibson, Deputy Seymour, Reserve Deputy Dorsey, Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded.

11:34 p.m. - Received a request to speak with an officer in reference to a juvenile issue. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

3:04 p.m. - Received a request for medical assistance north of Shoals.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

4:50 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle east of Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded.

9:10 a.m. - Received a request for medical assistance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:51 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

6:30 p.m. - Received a report of cows out near Shoals. Advised cattle owners.

9:03 p.m. - Martin County Ambulance responded to evaluate an inmate.

Road closure scheduled for US 150 in Shoals

The Indiana Department of Transportation announces a complete road closure on U.S. 150 in Shoals.

Beginning on or around Monday, March 23, contractors will close U.S. 150 at a location about two miles east of the junction of State Road 550 and U.S. 150 for a geological slide repair and replacement of small drainage structures. This is the first of three locations in which work will be performed.

Crews will stabilize the slide digging below it and repairing the drainage issues that create the slide. They will then reconstruct the area.

Work is expected to last until the middle of October, depending upon weather conditions.

During the closure locals will have access up to the point of closure, but all other traffic should use the official detour following U.S. 50, S.R. 60, S.R. 37, U.S. 150 and S.R. 56.

INDOT urges drivers to slow down and stay alert near crews.

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS

February 20

Ashten L. Carnegie, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony and check deception, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced on the first count to serve 365 days with 205 days to be served on electronically monitored home detention through Martin County Community Corrections and credit for 80 actual days previously served plus 80 Class A credit days. Sentenced on the second count to pay restitution in the amount of \$448.33 to Jones Oil Company.

Trenton C. Chastain, convicted of domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor, amended from domestic battery by means of a deadly weapon, a Level 5 Felony and also convicted of domestic battery, a Level 6 Felony, amended from domestic battery by means of a deadly weapon, a Level 5 Felony. Sentenced on the first count to serve 360 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 180 actual days previously served plus 180 Class A credit days. Sentenced on the second count to serve 730 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 351 actual days previously served plus 351 Class A credit days.

Thomas E. Robbins, Jr., convicted of two counts of theft, Class A Misdemeanors. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 229 days suspended and credit for 68 actual days previously served plus 68 Class A credit days. Defendant received 7 months of probation.

March 3

Joseph L. Campbell, convicted of hunting deer with the aid of bait, a Class C Misdemeanor, amended from unlawful taking of a deer or wild turkey, a Class B Misdemeanor. Received no sentence but ordered to pay restitution of \$500 to the Conservation Officers Fish & Wildlife Fund. Hunting license suspended for one year.

Lawrence R. Dillinger, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days with 58 days suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served plus 1 Class A credit day. Defendant received 6 months of probation.

March 4

Michael E. Bakerian, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6

Shoals Water Department to flush mains March 22

The Shoals Water Department will be flushing water mains beginning Sunday, March 22 and ending on Tuesday, March 24. Customers may experience periods of low water pressure and/or cloudy water. It is recommended that you check your water quality before cooking, drinking, or doing laundry. If problems with your water quality should continue, contact the Shoals Town Hall at 812-247-2110.

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

Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days with 323 days suspended and credit for 112 actual days previously served plus 112 Class A credit days. Defendant received 10 months of probation.

Teresa R. Snyder, convicted of neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 159 days suspended and credit for 103 actual days previously served plus 103 Class A credit days. Defendant received 5 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

February 20

Ashten L. Carnegie, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; four counts of check deception, Class A Misdemeanors, dismissed.

Trenton C. Chastain, possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Thomas E. Robbins, Jr., use of private land without consent, a Class C Infraction, amended to a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; use of private land without consent, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

March 4

Michael E. Bakerian, two counts of cruelty to an animal, Class A Misdemeanors, dismissed; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

Teresa R. Snyder, visiting a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

March 5

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Laura A. Stillings, civil collection.

March 9

Stephanie Seymour vs. Joshua Seymour, petition for dissolution of marriage.

March 10

Amber Harty vs. Noel Harty, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Zach Taylor vs. Larita Taylor and Mark Taylor, civil plenary.

Real estate transfers

Adam M. Trueblood, of Martin County, Indiana to **Abbie Leann Neukam**, of Martin County, Indiana, ten feet of even width off of the south side of Lot Number 11; Lot Number 10; and all that part of Lot Number 9 which lies north of the street adjoining on the south, all in Block "F" in the Loogootee Land Company's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Charline J. Sandel, of Martin County, Indiana to **Charles K. Guy**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 12 of Pruet Subdivision.

Carolyn R. Clark, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jerome H. Jennings and Donna M. Jennings**, of Daviess County, Indiana, part of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 13, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing 3.04 acres, more or less.

Devin Wilson, of Martin County, Indiana to **DeLeona D. Miller**, of Greene County, Indiana, Lot Number 10 and Lot Number 11 in the Original Town of Crane.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, MARCH 9

7:55 a.m. - Male came on station to report a lost license plate.

10:34 a.m. - Male came on station to report an object in the road on US 231.

2:15 p.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

3:20 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident on Butcher Boulevard.

7:30 p.m. - Daviess County advised to be on the lookout for a hit-and-run driver.

9:10 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on Hwy 50.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

2:23 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious male on Park Street.

5:13 a.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident on Broadway Street.

8:12 a.m. - Caller reported an unruly male at a local business.

10:09 a.m. - Vehicle that was deemed abandoned was towed from property on Riley Street.

5:00 p.m. - Female reported a battery.

5:48 p.m. - Female reported being stalked by a male.

11:01 p.m. - Sgt. Floyd assisted a female with transportation.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

5:55 a.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident on Bloomfield Road.

8:22 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

12:16 p.m. - Male reported a suspicious male on JFK Avenue.

1:18 p.m. - Caller reported a trash truck had stuck a utility line on Lincoln Avenue.

2:00 p.m. - Male came on station for transient assistance.

3:30 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

11:02 p.m. - Caller reported a male in the road on US 231.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

7:55 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the county with a domestic dispute on Hwy 550.

10:05 a.m. - Chief Rayhill completed an emergency detention on a male.

2:45 p.m. - Female reported a violation of a protective order.

3:42 p.m. - Caller reported a broken-down vehicle on US 231.

4:02 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 550.

5:48 p.m. - Caller reported an animal complaint.

7:25 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth assisted the county with a domestic dispute.

8:00 p.m. - Female reported a violation of a protective order.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

9:40 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

4:44 p.m. - Caller reported a dispute on Church Street.

6:40 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

9:03 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident in the CVS parking lot.

10:40 p.m. - Male reported an animal complaint.

11:34 p.m. - Caller reported a possible crime against a child.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

1:20 p.m. - Female reported a violation of a protective order.

3:15 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a business alarm.

6:10 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

7:00 p.m. - Caller reported a juvenile in an abandoned trailer on SW 3rd Street.

8:10 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on Hwy 50.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

9:10 a.m. - First responders were requested on Hart Road for a medical call.

1:45 p.m. - Female requested a welfare check on a male.

7:10 p.m. - Male reported a traffic complaint.

9:45 p.m. - Caller reported an animal complaint.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, MARCH 9

2:43 a.m. - Damon Colvin, 38, of Louisville, Kentucky, was arrested by ISP Trooper Nolan and charged with possession of methamphetamine. He is currently being held without bond.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

7:45 p.m. - Darren Ross, 53, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Wells and charged with domestic battery and strangulation. He is currently being held without bond.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

8:04 p.m. - Robert A. Osborne, 33, of Loogootee, was arrested by Town Marshal Eckert and charged with domestic battery, neglect of a dependent x2, and intimidation x3. He is currently being held without bond.

10:45 p.m. - Franklin Hallett, 53, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Gibson and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated refusal and operating a vehicle while intoxicated. He is currently being held on \$25,000/10% bond.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

11:44p.m. - Jessica Howard, 30, of Shoals, was arrested by Town Marshal Eckert and charged with public intoxication, possession of marijuana and resisting law enforcement. She is currently being held without bond.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

3:50 p.m. - Candida Richie, 38, of Vincennes, was arrested on a Martin County warrant. She is currently being held without bond.

8:00 p.m. - Richard Woody Jr., 53, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Wells and charged with invasion of privacy. He

is being held without bond.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

2:53 a.m. - Logan Padgett, 28, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Gibson and charged with possession of methamphetamine and visiting a common nuisance. He is currently being held without bond. Town Marshal Eckert assisted with the arrest.

4:13 p.m. - Chadwick Funk, 40, of Ferdinand, was arrested by Deputy Wells and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of paraphernalia and visiting a common nuisance. He is currently being held without bond. Deputy Seymour assisted with the arrest.

4:13 p.m. - David Baugh, 18, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Wells and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia and visiting a common nuisance. He is currently being held without bond.

4:13 p.m. - Eddie J. Cundiff, 60, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Wells and charged with dealing methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia and maintaining a common nuisance. He is currently being held without bond. Reserve Deputy Harmon assisted with the arrest.

4:14 p.m. - Amy Moffitt, 36, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Wells and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia and visiting a common nuisance. Loogootee Officer Floyd assisted with the arrest.

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COMMUNITY & EVENTS

More Neat Stuff

By Ann Ackerman



THOUGHTS:

*I write on calendars and make lists and I still have no idea what's going on.

*I don't feel like I'm getting older – it's more like my warranty has expired and my parts are wearing out.

*When someone says, "Stop living in the past," I say, "But the music was so much better then."

*My boss texted me, "Send me one of your funny jokes.

I replied, "I'm working at the moment, I will send you one later."

He replied, "That was fantastic. Send me another one.

*I bought a new wrinkle cream. If you use it once a day, you look younger in a month. Twice a day, you look younger in two weeks. I ate it.

*Home is where you trust your toilet seat.

*I'm really tired of people who complain about the price of everything:

\$2.00 for a cup of coffee

\$3.00 for coat check

\$4.00 an hour for parking.

I'm just going to stop inviting them to my house.

Farming looks mighty easy when your plow is a pencil and you're a thousand miles from the cornfield. -Dwight Eisenhower.

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The brother who worked at a convenience store – Stop N Gogh

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The constipated uncle – Can't Gogh

The ballroom dancing aunt – Tang Gogh

The bird lover uncle – Flamin Gogh

An aunt who taught positive thinking Way-to-Gogh

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A sister who loved disco – Go Gogh

The brother with low back pain – Lum Bay Gogh

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Loogootee School Board meeting
The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, March 19 at 5 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. The meeting is open to the public.

Election public test
Notice is hereby given that the public testing of DS200 Image Scanners and Expressvote units that will be used in the 2020 Primary Election will be conducted in the commissioners' room at the Martin County Courthouse located at 129 Main Street Shoals, IN 47581 on Tuesday, March 24 at 1 p.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).

Food pantry hours
The Loogootee United Methodist Food Pantry will be open the first, second, third and fifth Thursdays of the month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and also the first Monday of the month from 5-6:30 p.m.

Mental Health Task Force
The Martin County Mental Health Task Force meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 1-2 p.m. at the Community Learning Center on the Martin County Fairgrounds.

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

Local recovery meetings

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

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

SOAR Tutoring
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Solid waste board
The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

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

NOTICE:

In preparation for mowing season, spring cleanup of St. John Catholic Cemetery will take place on Saturday, April 4, 2020. 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 on the 4th of April.

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

For more than a hundred years, each March, people have come out for the Chicago Flower Show and the unofficial beginning of spring. The show has weathered two world wars, the Great Depression and countless other obstacles. However, a virus has brought the show to its knees in 2020. Like so many other events, the Chicago Flower Show has been cancelled. I have been to the show in the past, but I always seem to make it to the Indianapolis Flower and Patio Show, which usually is about the same time and is a lot closer. I had tickets for that show this year, which should be happening this week. It, too, has been cancelled.

Many cities host spring (or late winter) flower shows. Serious gardeners and hobbyists alike look forward to these shows. The shows usually include nationally known speakers, landscapes built inside buildings and vendors galore. I usually buy some specialty seeds at a spring show. There are also booths filled with plants, tools and garden décor. The lack of shows to attend this year makes it seem like spring will be delayed.

Actually, we will have a rather early spring this year. The vernal equinox will occur on Thursday, March 19 at 11:49 p.m. The fact that February had 29 days this year results in the equinox's occurring a day earlier on the calendar. Most calendars show March 20 as the first day of spring. It is the first full day, but for 11 minutes, it will be spring on March 19.

With all of the cancellations, everyone will be looking for other outlets for their energies. One may work in his or her own garden without much chance of coming in contact with the virus. I spent most of the past weekend doing just that. I cut back all of the ornamental grasses at Sandhill Gardens and did some other

spring clean-up, just a little early. I also spent a considerable amount of time in the greenhouse planting seeds for vegetable and floral bedding plants. It may not be as much fun as seeing the latest garden gadgets and décor, but there is something very satisfying when I stand back and see the progress made in the garden.

I suspect that there will be many new gardeners this year. Some people will find gardening can fill some of that time usually reserved for watching basketball games. Some will turn to gardening as a way to ensure the family's food is safe. Some will see gardening as a link back to simpler times.

For first time gardeners, my best advice is to start small. You do not need to grow everything in the seed catalogue. Choose the things that you and your family enjoy and concentrate on growing those vegetables. I would also encourage you to add a few flowers into your garden. Flowers attract pollinators and many flowers serve to divert pests from the vegetable crops. Besides, beauty is important, and you may find a new passion for ornamentals.

Information is the gardener's friend. There are many wonderful sites available for those who have access to computers. Find out all you can about the plants you choose to grow. Pay attention to the soil, light and moisture requirements. Learn all you can about the growing process.

There may yet be a silver lining in the dark cloud that is overshadowing our world. Perhaps this will finally be the year when all of those garden projects I have planned will actually get done. Maybe I will have a weed-free garden, compost that is turned every week and all vegetables will be harvested at the peak of goodness. We can always dream.

Small businesses needed for SBA disaster loans

The federal government has allocated \$50 billion to the Small Business Administration (SBA) for Economic Injury Disaster Loans. For Hoosiers to gain access to this funding, the SBA needs to collect small business economic impact data from every county in Indiana so that Governor Holcomb can declare an economic injury disaster.

If you know of an entrepreneur or small business that has been or anticipates being impacted by the coronavirus, please ask them to complete this form (<https://isbdc.org/indianacovid19small-business/>).

Information obtained from this form will only be used to assist in requesting an economic injury disaster declaration from SBA and identifying greatest areas of need. Once a disaster declaration is made for designated areas within Indiana, information on the application process for Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance will be updated at www.SBA.gov/disaster.

DNR-managed reservoir facilities remain open

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources operates Brookville, J.E. Roush, Salamonie, Mississinewa, Cecil M. Harden, Cagles Mill (Lieber SRA), Patoka and Monroe lake facilities and services through long-term leases with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), which constructed them. The USACE manages the dams, water levels and acreage immediately around the dams.

All Indiana DNR-managed facilities at these lakes, including campgrounds, wildlife areas, boat ramps, nature centers, property offices, and other public facilities and services remain open at this time.

The public facilities managed directly by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at or below the dams at these lakes (tailwater areas, observation mounds, etc.) are closed.

2020 Seniors



SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL



AJ BLAKENBAKER

Adam John Blakenbaker was born April 30, 2001 to Randall Blakenbaker and Jonna Walker. While in high school, AJ was involved in FFA and baseball. His favorite memory of high school was playing tag football during shop class. After graduation, AJ plans to enter the workforce.



HANNAH DAVIS

Hannah Lee Davis was born July 5, 2002 to Misty and Ernie Davis. As a student leader, Hannah was a member of the Student Council for three years. She participated in volleyball, basketball, and track. Hannah has also been active in BETA club, Spell Bowl, SADD Club, PEP Club, Film Club, and Spanish Club. Her favorite memory of high school includes hanging out and laughing with friends. After graduation, Hannah will be attending Vincennes University to obtain her undergraduate degree in nursing. Following that, she wants to attend medical school to become a pediatrician.



JOCELYN DAVIS

Jocelyn Rose Davis was born May 4, 2002 to Sarah Davis-Berger and Eric Berger. While in high school, Jocelyn was very involved in the school community and participated in cheerleading, track and field and was an active member of Mayor's Youth Council, Academic team, BETA club, Spanish Club, Spell Bowl, student publications, and served on the Student Advisory Team. Her favorite memory is when she was able to attend the FTC Robotics World Championship and meeting Dean Kamen. After graduation, Jocelyn will be attending Indiana University Bloomington to earn a degree in medical lab sciences. After obtaining her degree, Jocelyn plans to enlist in the Air Force as an officer.



HUNTER HIGHTOWER

Hunter Raydale Hightower was born December 18, 2001 to Charlie Hightower and Misty Hightower. His favorite memory is playing basketball in the gym. Hunter plans to go to college to pursue a path in technology.



DALTON ROUSH

Dalton Jay Roush was born on September 6, 2001 to Danny and January Roush. Dalton was involved in several activities while at Shoals High School. These include BETA Club, Student Athletic Leadership Team, Mayor's Youth Council, basketball, and baseball. His favorite memories include spending time with Jacobson Wagoner, Caleb Baker, and Jace Erwin. After graduation, Dalton plans to play college baseball and earn a bachelor's degree in business management.



ZETTA GORE

Zetta Deloris Gore was born August 24, 2001 to John and Tammy Gore. While in high school, Zetta enjoyed being active in SADD, Pep Club, BETA Club, and Film Club. She also participated on the track and field team in grades 9-12, served as manager of the boys' basketball team, a peer tutor and library aide. Zetta served as president of her class all four years of her high school career. Zetta states that she has too many great memories throughout high school to have a favorite! Her plans after graduation include attending Indiana University and obtaining her master's degree in psychology to become a clinical therapist.

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