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## Township coffers hold over \$1 million in unused funds

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Martin County has six township trustees' offices – Perry, Halbert, Lost River, Mitcheltree, Rutherford, and Center. At the end of 2018, the six townships combined had \$1,040,770.31 in unused funds that rolled over to this year. All six townships spent a total of \$309,973.42 in 2018. Of that \$150,958 was spent on salaries and office expenses.

Each township has a trustee, an elected official with a four-year term. Each trustee also can have a paid secretary (Lost River Township chooses not to) and a paid advisory board of three people. All six township trustees in Martin County in 2018, operated the trustee's office from their homes and were reimbursed for rent, utilities, phone, and travel, in one case.

There are 1,008 townships in Indiana. One of the main jobs 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 utilities, rent, medical and dental expenses, prescriptions, vehicle repairs, fuel, groceries, and clothing.

The trustee also provides fire protection to its citizens when the township is not incorporated into a city or town. This includes writing a check to fire departments, annually, to provide fire service to their township residents. Townships, such as Lost River, also help by providing funds for buildings, equipment, and vehicles for the department.

The trustee also maintains cemeteries by hiring people to provide mowing services. Other duties, per state statute, can include helping with funeral expenses, 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

## Linda Sherfick retires after 43 years with Shoals School

The Shoals School Board met March 14. Members in attendance were President Drexel Turpin, Vice-President Eva George, Secretary Jenell Hoffman, Member Samantha Boyd and Member Jerry Braun.

The retirement letter of Linda Sherfick was presented to the board. The retirement will be effective at the close of the 2018-2019 school year. The board approved and extended a heartfelt thank you to Linda for her 43 years of service to Shoals Community Schools.

The high school principal recommended the following athletic coaches

-Brian Hert as varsity boys' track assistant for the 2019 season and retroactively for 2018-2019 season

-Alisha Asbell as varsity girls' basketball assistant

-JD Turpin as varsity boys' basketball assistant coach

-Tim Sorrells as C Team (freshman)

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

Each year the township trustees are required by state law to file an annual report. Those reports, according to the 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.ifonline.org/report\\_builder/](https://gateway.ifonline.org/report_builder/). Information directly from the state reports is broken down below for each township.

All six townships were recently audited and those audit results can be found here: <https://secure.in.gov/apps/sboa/audit-reports/#/>

### Rutherford Township

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 2018, Rutherford Township began with a balance of \$93,606.80. The township took in \$38,005.54 in tax dollars and spent \$40,152.87. The township ended 2018 with a balance of \$91,459.47 that rolled over to 2019.

Of the \$40,152.87 that was paid out, \$18,027.89 went toward salaries and office expenses including the trustee's salary of \$6,180 (increased by \$1,090.80 from the previous year), his assistant's salary of \$3,090 (increased by \$545.40 from the previous year) and the advisory board member's salaries of \$625 each (increased by \$47.17 from the previous year). \$5,280, (\$440 per month) was paid in rent, utilities and phone for the township office located in the Streets' home and \$242 was reimbursed to the trustee for mileage. Rutherford Township paid Shawn Truelove \$1,800 to provide mowing of cemeteries. The township also gave \$14,375 to the Haysville Fire Department for a fire service contract and \$275 each was paid to Keith Keller, Kenny Haven,

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boys' basketball coach

-Dillon Cornett as the volunteer boys' basketball assistant for summer weightlifting

-Marsha Archer was recommended as the varsity volleyball coach for the 2019-2020 school year. Samantha Boyd made a motion to accept this recommendation and was seconded by Jerry Braun. Motion passed 3-2 with Drexel Turpin, Samantha Boyd and Jerry Braun in favor and Jenell Hoffman and Eva George opposed.

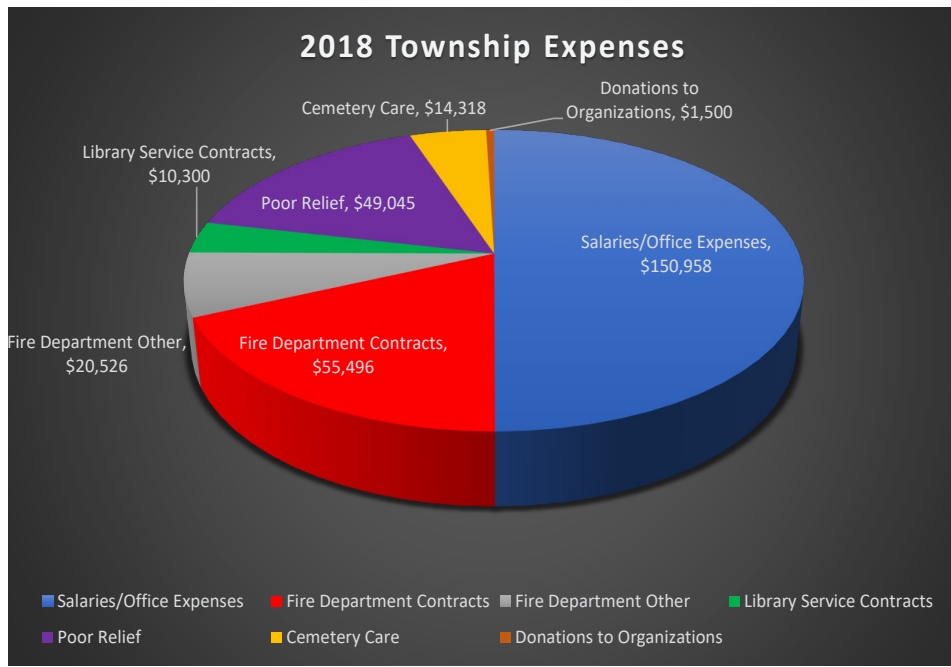
-Josh Sexton as varsity baseball assistant and JV baseball coach

-Corey Jones and Casey Jones as varsity baseball volunteers

The board approved the resignation of Cole Hovis from the position of Title I Aide effective March 11, 2019.

The board approved Brooke Meenach as a substitute teacher.

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## Chamber gives annual awards



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Don and Patty Bowling were honored with the Gene Shaw Citizen of the Year award at Monday night's Martin County Chamber of Commerce Dinner. Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb was the guest speaker. The Bowlings are shown above with Chamber President Noel Harty on the left and Governor Halcomb on the right.



-Photo by Carolyn Parsons-Downey

The Martin County Humane Society was awarded the Chamber's first "Organization of the Year" award at Monday's dinner. From left to right are Humane Society Board Members Josh Hughett and Courtney Hughett, Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb, and Humane Society Board Members Alexandra Wathen and Susan Wittmer. Along with the new "Organization of the Year" award, the Chamber of Commerce also gave out two \$500 scholarships for the first time - one to Loogootee Senior Cade Chezem and the other to Shoals Senior Kindra Hovis.

# SHOALS

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There was more discussion on the topic of summer school. Dr. Roush recommends that the school apply for summer school. The board approved.

Donations were given by the following: Loogootee Christian Church donated \$150 to the lunch program, Tri-Kappa donated \$100 to the Shoals Art Department, the Community Foundation donated \$543 to the K-12 Fund and \$468 to the Ag Fund, and Leo Harding Endowment Fund donated \$1,341. The board approved the donations.

The art department requests to go on a field trip to Chicago, Illinois on April 5, 2019. This is an out-of-state field trip to visit The Field of Natural History Museum, The Art Institute of Chicago, Millennium Park, Navy Pier, and Willis Tower. The board approved.

The facility usage requests were approved as follows:

-Shoals Summer League requests to use the cafeteria for baseball sign ups and team draw. Dates are February 9, 16 and 23, 2019.

-Shoals Summer League requests the use of the main gym for baseball pictures on April 6, 2019.

-Shoals Parent Association requests the main gym and practice gym on May 18, 2019 for an 80's retro dance and basket silent auction.

-Shoals Summer Softball League requests the use of the elementary library on February 20, 2019 for an organizational meeting.

-The Shoals Christian Church requests the use of the athletic field on May 8, 2019 for a cookout for the softball and baseball teams.

-The Eastern Martin County Minister Alliance requests the use of the Main Gym on April 19, 2019 for a Good Friday Service.

Dr. Roush requested approval to renew the Annual Joint Services Agreement with North Lawrence and the Annual North Lawrence Schools Area Career and Technical Education Program Operating Agreement. The board approved.

The high school principal proposed the date of Saturday May 25, 2019 at 2 p.m. for graduation. The board approved.

The contract for Beth Hembree to drive corporation owned route 9 and the pre-school route for 2019-2020 was presented to the board. Jenell Hoffman motioned to accept the contract and was seconded by Samantha Boyd. Motion passed 5-0.

The High School Principal is requesting the following courses be offered in 2019-2020: Construction I, Current Events/Sociology, Advanced Science, Special Topics, Interpersonal Relationships/Communication & Leadership, Nutrition & Wellness/Food, Human Development & Wellness, and Educational Professions (Exploring Education). These courses will help with the new graduation pathways. Samantha Boyd motioned to accept the request for additional courses and was seconded by Eva George. Motion passed 5-0.

The middle school Student Council requests to have a March Madness Bracket Fundraiser from March 13-April 12. The funds will be used to create a fund for the Student Council. The board approved.

Sports Physical Night will be provided by St. Vincent Health on Thursday May 9, 2019 from 2:45-7 p.m. Students K-11 are welcome. Physicals will be \$10 this year.

Middle School Principal Austin Malone gave his report to the board first. The reported average attendance for January - March was 96.6 percent in 6<sup>th</sup>

grade, 94 percent in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, and 93.7 percent in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. These numbers are reflective of the flu season in full swing. Testing season is coming with practice testing of the IREAD 3 being completed today, ISTEP retesting finishing up and ILEARN preparations starting. The new test will be using the new AIR interface. IREAD 3 will start Monday March 18, 2019. This is a high stakes timed test that students must pass in order to advance. There are many benefits to the new ILEARN including no time limits, no testing tickets, predictive testing and there is only one testing window. The drawbacks are that it is in the brand new interface that the kids have never seen before, still high stakes, there are still kids that are not great test takers and they are still basing a test off of nine months of instruction. However, Mr. Malone stated that they will give it their best as they always do. The ILEARN testing will begin for 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> in late April. Spring Break is fast approaching in just five days. The new structure of the middle school design is taking shape. The 2019-2020 school year will be the introduction of the new Middle School Cohorts. There will be seven cohorts, or teams/houses. Each cohort will have a faculty leader and they will help the teams compete for prizes throughout the year. There will be a dedicated block schedule periods 1-6 that will eliminate the need for passing periods. This will help cut-down on tardies and any unnecessary disruptions in the hallways. There will also be a dedicated guided study time for each cohort that will help cut-down on homework. Mr. Malone gives a huge shout out to the bus drivers for getting the kids to school safely, Doug Wagoner and Roger Wraley for keeping the parking lots clear and safe and to the multiple teachers that have happily covered classes when they are short substitutes.

Elementary Principal Shannon Wagoner reported next. The VEX Robotics and their sponsor Lindsey Douglas competed for the first time this year. Although they did not place, they felt accomplished and are gearing up for next school year. Mrs. Douglas gave the students a great introduction into the world of robotics. The Jr. FLL Robotics season is getting ready to start. The selection process has begun for the 1st-3rd graders that will be invited to join. A big thank you goes to the FTC High School Team for helping Mrs. Douglas and the VEX Robotics team through their first year. Also, congratulations to the SHS team on their advancement to state finals this weekend and good luck. The Math Bowl teams both placed this year. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade team placed 1<sup>st</sup> and the 4<sup>th</sup> grade team placed 2<sup>nd</sup>. There were 26 elementary students inducted into the National Beta group on Tuesday evening. This brings the total of elementary students in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Beta to 45. The second grade went on a trip to Westgate Academy for a STEM presentation. There is an upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Westgate Academy for STEM as well. Again, IREAD3 practice testing was completed today and testing will begin Monday. They are reminding all parents that there will be a retest in June for any 3<sup>rd</sup> grader that does not pass this test. It is a high stakes test that determines advancement to 4<sup>th</sup> grade. The preparation for ILEARN is in full swing. The American Red Cross Blood Drive will be on April 3 from 2:30-7:30 p.m. Mrs. Wagoner completed her School Safety Specialist training and is now certified. There have been many Project Based School visits for the elementary teachers. They are inspired and are striving to implement an intentional personalized

way of learning for each student. A huge thank you to Cindy McNabb for writing the Project Lead the Way Grant, the elementary was awarded \$2,500.

High School Principal Kindra Hovis closed the reports. The attendance for the high school was 93 percent for the month of February. The incoming freshman parent night was a huge success. There were 25 of the 38 eighth graders and their parents in attendance. They were introduced to the new graduation pathways and were able to do their course requests. A huge thank you to Mrs. Hert for all of her hard work on the evening. The sophomore College and Careers class will be participating in the first ever "Jug Rox Make a Difference Day" on April 12. The students will be painting at the Senior Citizens Center, landscaping around town, cleaning up the ball park, and working at the town hall. More business will be added along the way. The High School Beta Club inducted 22 new members on Tuesday night. Shoals Community Schools has also received the National Beta Merit Award for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row. This signifies acknowledgement of the Senior Beta, Junior Beta and Elementary Beta in all three of the schools. The FFA students will be participating in Martin County Ag day this Saturday. They plan to show pigs and chickens as well

as showcase the variety of projects that have been completed in the Shop class. Bill Willis will once again be speaking to the 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders in regard to Liberty Day. He will be covering the contents of our Constitution.

Dr. Roush congratulated that fall sports teams on their seasons and wished the high school robotics team good luck at their state competition. The Beta Club induction went very well, and they had many students inducted this year. Dr. Roush is applying for an agriculture grant to partner with Vincennes University on school related projects. The school is still in the middle of the ROI grant process with Mitchell and Orleans and the coordinators would like to attend the April board meeting to discuss the new ideas for the one million dollar Lilly grant. All three schools have been traveling around the surrounding states looking at some really neat schools to try to develop an idea that would really put Shoals Schools at the forefront school innovation. Spring break will be the last week of March. The school is looking into cyber liability insurance to help protect all the school's sensitive information housed online. The school also applied for a \$10,000 AT&T grant and they should find out in the next few weeks if the grant application was successful.

## Highways 231 and 50 to be resurfaced by next spring

Governor Eric J. Holcomb joined Indiana Department of Transportation Commissioner Joe McGuinness, law enforcement, and road construction industry partners on Tuesday to kick off the 2019 Next Level Roads construction season. The kickoff event was held at INDOT's Office of Materials Management in Indianapolis. The office develops, inspects and tests materials used to construct and maintain highways to ensure products used are efficient and effective. INDOT is embarking on its second full year of delivering Gov. Holcomb's Next Level Roads plan, which leverages long-term, sustainable funding to make record-setting investments in Indiana's transportation system.

"Maintaining our leading position as the Crossroads of America is vital to growing Indiana's economy, attracting new employers, expanding existing businesses and providing a quality of life we can be proud of," Gov. Holcomb said. "Because of our state's fully-funded plan, INDOT and local communities are making meaningful infrastructure investments with results that will be felt throughout Indiana for years to come."

More than 1,100 projects are scheduled for construction along INDOT routes in 2019. When combined with preventative maintenance activities, the state is investing more than \$2 billion in its highway network this year. Gov. Holcomb's Next Level Roads plan spends an estimated \$10 billion on construction and maintenance of state highways over the next five years and more than \$30 billion in the next 20 years. Additionally, INDOT is making available an estimated \$140 million to help address winter damage for projects like repaving portions of I-465 in Indianapolis.

With construction season kicking into high gear, Indiana residents and travelers to the Crossroads of America will see an increasing number of "Road Work Ahead" signs.

"INDOT is delivering a record num-

ber of projects in 2019 on top of many cities, towns, and counties that are also delivering more construction projects than ever before," INDOT Commissioner Joe McGuinness said. "In the short term, that means that Hoosiers will see a lot of orange barrels this year and should expect some delays. The payoff will be thousands of miles of smoother pavement and hundreds of improved bridges in all corners of Indiana."

Hoosiers are encouraged to visit [www.nextlevelroads.com](http://www.nextlevelroads.com) to use INDOT's Google Map tool to find projects happening near them. Motorists should also check INDOT's CARS program for real time-traffic conditions and construction project updates. To report a roadway concern, call 855-INDOT4U or visit [www.indot4u.com](http://www.indot4u.com).

### Martin County projects:

-Pavement resurfacing, preventative maintenance on Hwy. 50, from Loogootee to Shoals, 7.7 miles \$2,529,099 (estimated completion in the second quarter of 2020)

-Pavement resurfacing, preventative maintenance on Hwy. 231, from Loogootee to Haysville, 12 miles, \$4,199,073 (estimated completion in the second quarter of 2020)

-Small structure replacement on Hwy. 550, just past the Houghton Bridge, \$214,346 (estimated completion in the third quarter of 2019)

-Bridge painting on Hwy. 450 over Indian Creek \$230,602 (estimated completion in the fourth quarter of 2019)-Small structure replacement on Hwy. 50 over Beaver Creek \$680,230 (estimated completion in the third quarter of 2019)

-Small structure replacement on Hwy. 50, near Beaver Creek, \$318,424 (estimated completion in the third quarter of 2019)

-Bridge thin deck overlay on Hwy. 650 at Deep Cut Lake Road, by the Gypsum plant, \$346,846 (estimated completion in the fourth quarter of 2019)

## JUANITA FLICK

Juanita Flick passed away Saturday March 16, 2019 at 3:06 a.m. at Martin County Health-care and Rehabilitation Center. A resident of Loogootee, she was 92.



She was born January 31, 1927 in Beckley, West Virginia; daughter of Thomas C. Sr. and Maude (Harvey) Troutman.

Juanita moved to Indiana after graduating from high school, at the age of 17, to get a job. Her first job was at the Reliance Shirt Factory. Juanita married Elmer Flick on July 27, 1946.

During her life, she worked many jobs. She worked the longest, 27 years, and was proud of her position as ECA Treasurer at Loogootee High School. After her retirement from that position, she helped develop a software program for ECA Treasurers in high schools throughout the State of Indiana.

Juanita was a member of Loogootee Christian Church where she sang in the choir for many years. She also sang duets with Betty Dove during church services on numerous occasions. During her retirement years, she

helped in the church office.

In her leisure time, Juanita enjoyed and was best known for her knitting. Over the years she knitted many pieces for family members and friends. She is most known for an afghan blanket she made for her cousin Marvin Harvey, who was a golf pro at the New Smyrna Beach Country Club. She designed the afghan herself by using a score card from the country club, it depicted the entire 18-hole course. She even incorporated Marvin Harvey's actual signature into the design. The afghan hung in the country club until Marvin's retirement.

Juanita also enjoyed playing golf herself and spent many enjoyable hours on the links with some of her best friends. She belonged to various clubs over the years, such as the Business and Professional Women's group – an investment club, and the South Martin Arts, Reading, Travel, and Study Society.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Elmer Flick, who passed away on July 11, 1999; her parents, Thomas Sr. and Maude Troutman; her grandson, William T. "Willie" Walton; great-grandson, Gavin Thomas Rudder II; her siblings, Jeri Hartford, Thomas C. Troutman Jr., and Ronald E. "Arlie" Troutman; and her sister-in-

law, Helen Troutman.

She is survived by her children, Judy (Tony) Walton and Wayne (Kelly) Flick; her grandchildren, Shannon (Ryan) Biggs, Stephanie Carpenter-Weinman (Malcolm), Gavin (Rachel) Rudder, Tyler (Amelia) Flick, and Trevor Flick; her step-grandchildren, Danielle Ford and Caleb Ford; her great-grandchildren, Kristin Biggs, Hannah Biggs, Ellie Biggs, Ty-lie Walton, Dakota Weinman, Casey Weinman, Sean Cantu-Rudder, Tyler Rudder, Cooper Rudder, and Peyton Rudder; step-great-grandchild, Adrienne Ford, and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held this morning, Wednesday March 20 at 10 a.m. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee with Pastor Gary Elsten officiating. Burial followed in Goodwill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to Loogootee United Methodist Church or to the Martin County Humane Society.

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

## JAMES IVEY

James William Ivey passed away at his home on March 12, 2019. A resident of Shoals, he was 81.

He was born August 10, 1937 in Har-

lan County, Kentucky; son of Arthur W. and Della May (Ivy) Ivey. He married Vera Janice Osborn on May 23, 1968 in Shoals and she survives.

He was a member of the Dover Hill Christian Union and retired in 2001 from Jasper Laminates.

He is survived by his wife, a son, Richard Brian and Charla Ivey of Shoals; grandchildren, Kayla and Kevin Nabors of Cross Isle, Michigan; Timothy and Koda Ivey of Shoals, and Jacob Ivey of Shoals; great-granddaughters, Aaralyn Nabors, Finley Grace Nabors, Chole Ivey, Jake Ivey, Damien Ivey, and Zayden Ivey; three sisters, Nadine Thompson of Austin, Glenda Porter of Bedford, Diane Hunt of Bedford; and brothers, Kenneth Ivey of Bedford, Tom Ivey of Shoals and Tony Ivey of Mitchell. Preceding him in death were his parents, two sons, William Jason Ivey and William Roy Ivey; and four sisters, Debbie Berry, Carolyn Wil-lens, Ora Holland and Sue Ivey. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 17 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with Pastor Mike Schlaegel officiating. Burial followed in the Hickory Ridge Cemetery.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes was in charge of the arrangements.

# TOWNSHIP

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Lacy Haven, Brandon Epple and Derek Johnson from the firefighting fund.

As for assistance, \$4,574.98 was given to 11 people (11 households) who requested help last year. Of that \$3,074.98 was paid to Daviess-Martin REMC, \$300 to White River Co-Op and \$1,200 to Blake Funeral Home.

## Halbert Township

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 2018 with a cash balance of \$230,529.65 and ended the year at \$254,202.14. \$72,426.11 was received in tax dollars and \$48,753.62 was spent. Any unused money rolled over to 2019.

Of the \$48,753.62 total spent in 2018 by Halbert Township, \$21,117.08 was used to pay for salaries and office expenses including the trustee's salary of \$11,336.88, the clerical salary of \$2,581.20, and \$757.27 each to the three advisory board members.

Also \$2,296.35 (\$191.36 per month) was paid to Exzelia Montgomery for the use of her home and phone for the trustee's office.

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

For money given to the needy, 50 requests were made for help and 28 households received poor assistance, totaling \$8,381.70. Of the 28 households receiving help, money was paid to the following on behalf of those seeking help: Kevin Boyd \$300, Daviess-Martin REMC \$3,487.23, Daviess County Hospital Management Clinic \$479.43, Duke Energy \$1,834.30, East Fork Water \$158.69, Louis Graber \$250, John Kemp \$175, Bryan Montgomery \$180, Property Sure \$775, Shoals Municipal Utilities \$100, and SHWS Development, LLC \$475.

Also, \$10,339.67 was paid to the

Shoals Fire Department for a fire service contract and insurance and \$4,000 to the Shoals Public Library for the library service contract.

## Lost River Township

Lost River trustee is Mildred Brown and she does not pay a clerical assistant. The 2018 advisory board consisted of Alice Butler, Keith Emmons, and Bruce Fithian. At the beginning of 2018 the trustee's cash balance was \$81,576.81 and was \$79,288.26 at the end of the year. \$37,953.80 was received in tax money and \$40,242.35 was spent.

For 2018, of the total \$40,242.35 that was paid out, \$6,446.48 was spent on salaries including \$3,078.24 for the trustee's salary and three advisory board members were paid \$527.69 (and increase of \$87.94 from 2017) each.

Brown paid \$800 (\$67 a month) for the use of her home as the township office.

For cemetery care in Lost River Township, Phillip Jones was paid \$700 and Jerry Schnarr, Keith Albright and David Butler were each paid \$200.

The township paid \$9,800 to the Lost River Fire Department and spent \$18,311.17 was paid out for expenses for the fire department including purchases at Hopf Equipment and MTech.

The township paid \$1,500 to the Shoals Public Library.

There were zero requests for hardship assistance from the Lost River Trustee last year so no money was paid out.

## Center Township

Center Township's trustee is Charles Hamilton and his clerk is Donna Hamilton. The three-member advisory board includes Kenneth Brett, Larry Downs, and Gerald Wilcoxen.

Center Township's cash balance was \$121,190.10 at the beginning of 2018. At the end of the year the balance was \$119,483.24. The township received \$43,166.74 in tax dollars and spent \$44,873.60.

Of the \$44,873.60 spent, \$16,560.37 was spent on salaries and office expenses. Of that, \$7,680 was paid to the

trustee, \$3,300 to the trustee's clerical assistant, and \$698 to each advisory board member.

The rent for the trustee's office was \$1,800 (\$150 per month).

For cemetery care, \$2,318 was paid out.

Center Township gave \$10,320.66 to the Town of Shoals for a firefighting contract and paid \$500 for fire department insurance. The township gave \$3,800 to the Shoals Public Library.

There were 40 poor assistance requests to the trustee last year and 19 households were given assistance. The amount given in assistance in 2018 was \$11,374.57. Of that, \$3,600 was labeled going to "funerals", \$99.70 to Kroger, \$30 to Jones Oil, \$75 to Propane Direct, \$3,607.27 to REMC, \$2,480.70 to Duke Energy, \$35.91 to the Town of Shoals, \$222.98 to Shoals Utilities, \$100 to East Fork Water, \$200 to M&M Electric, \$391.67 to Williams Bros., \$14.35 to CVS, \$26.99 to Quali Care, \$20 to Hoosier Uplands, and \$470 labeled as "housing".

## Mitcheltree Township

Mitcheltree Township's trustee was Tammy Gore and her clerk was Steven Anderson. The three-member advisory board included Dan Butler, Charity Tolbert, and Kay Belcher.

At the start of 2018, the trustee's cash balance was \$277,492.54 and stood at \$264,816.25 at the end of the year. \$33,872.71 was received in tax money and \$46,860.96 was spent.

Of the \$46,860.96 spent last year, \$29,447 was spent on salaries and office expenses including \$6,500 for the trustee's salary, \$4,100 for the clerk's salary and \$700 for each advisory board member (up \$100 each from last year). \$512.89 was paid to the IRS for salary withholdings.

The trustee's office, located in Gore's home, had \$1,200 for rent and telephone expenses (\$100 per month).

Mitcheltree paid out \$3,550 to William Hechard for cemetery work. 1,500 was donated to the Trinity Springs Mustering Elm Park.

There were 12 requests for township assistance in Mitcheltree for 2018 and 12 households helped. \$5,133 was paid out - \$3,986.23 to REMC, \$100 to John Gore and \$1,047.17 to White River Co-Op.

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

## Perry Township

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

Perry's cash balance at the beginning of 2018 was \$197,682.33 and was \$231,520.95 at the end of the year. The township received \$122,928.64 in tax dollars and spent \$89,090.02.

Of the \$89,090.02 that was paid out, \$59,359.62 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.

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 \$1,756.33 was paid to Frontier for his phone and internet.

Shawn Truelove Mowing was paid \$2,950 for cemetery care and \$7,000 was paid to the City of Loogootee for fire protection.

Perry Township gave out \$19,580.40 in poor assistance in 2018, benefiting 91 households. The following received payments on behalf of those seeking assistance: City of Loogootee \$3,320.82, Duke Energy \$6,853.73, White River Co-Op \$250, Vectren \$637.96, Daviess Martin REMC \$900, Lee Mortuary \$1,500, Blake Funeral Home \$3,000, Country Place Apartments \$75, Propane Direct \$150, Stuart Blake \$200, Jason Hennette \$508.89, Byron Slau-baugh \$200, Monty Gregory \$150, Carl Wiscaver \$350, Perry Water \$159, Larry Fellers \$100, Weldon McPherson \$150, Jill Walker \$200, Mark Taylor \$150, and the Town of Crane \$725.

## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, MARCH 11

9:35 a.m. - Received a request for lift assistance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Chief Deputy Greene responded.

10:25 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

2:06 p.m. - Received a report of trash dumping and property line dispute near Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene was notified.

5:02 p.m. - Deputy Shinn performed a vehicle identification check near Shoals.

5:26 p.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Shoals. Deputy Shinn and Deputy Gibson responded.

7:15 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Williams Fire, Deputy Shinn, and Deputy Gibson responded. The subject was transported to IU Health in Bedford.

7:35 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle east of Shoals. Deputy Shinn and Deputy Gibson responded.

7:36 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance near Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

9:12 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital. Deputy Shinn and Deputy Gibson assisted.

11:10 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Shoals. Deputy Gibson responded and all was secure.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 12

1:20 a.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

7:30 a.m. - Received a report of theft in Crane. Deputy Wright responded.

8:30 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:20 a.m. - Deputy Gibson took three inmates to court.

9:45 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was contacted.

10:20 a.m. - Deputy Gibson took three inmates to court.

11:17 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance and law enforcement north of Shoals. Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, Deputy Wright, Martin County Ambulance, and Shoals Fire responded. The Martin County Coroner also responded.

11:58 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee for list assistance. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

12:45 p.m. - Deputy Wright assisted a motorist near Shoals with a vehicle unlock.

12:50 p.m. - Deputy Gibson transported one inmate to court.

2:37 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance near Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

4:12 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Loogootee. Deputy Gibson responded.

4:38 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

6:23 a.m. - Received a report of a

car-deer accident near Shoals. Deputy Reed responded.

9:50 a.m. - Deputy Gibson took two inmates to court.

10:50 a.m. - Deputy Gibson took two inmates to court.

12:44 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:29 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance near Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

1:48 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Chief Rayhill, and Sergeant Keller responded. No one was transported.

7:00 p.m. - Jail Officer Shaw took one inmate to the doctor.

11:45 p.m. - Corporal Reed assisted a motorist north of Loogootee.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 14

12:05 a.m. - Received a report of a possible break-in in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Floyd and Town Marshal Eckert responded. All was secure.

4:26 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:13 a.m. - Received a report of a burglary north of Shoals. Deputy Greene responded.

7:17 a.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Shoals Fire, ISP Trooper Lents, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

7:30 a.m. - Received a report of several large boulders on US 50, east of Shoals. Shoals Fire and the Indiana State Highway Department responded.

8:19 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:58 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across Hillham Road, southeast of Shoals. Martin County Highway responded.

11:15 a.m. - Loogootee Chief Rayhill assisted with a funeral detail in Loogootee.

11:30 a.m. - Deputy Wright assisted a motorist with a vehicle identification check near Loogootee.

12:30 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:36 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on US 50 in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Duke Energy responded.

12:45 p.m. - Sergeant Keller took three inmates to court.

1:27 p.m. - Received several reports of trees down in the county. Shoals Fire, state highway, county highway, Duke Energy, and REMC responded.

2:15 p.m. - Sergeant Keller took two inmates to court.

3:35 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Shoals. The subject checked okay.

4:03 p.m. - Received several calls throughout the county of trees down. All emergency departments and electric companies responded.

6:45 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire responded and all was okay.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 15

6:40 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Shoals. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

7:56 a.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene, Haysville Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

7:59 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Haysville Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:39 a.m. - Received a report of an accident on SR 150, east of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene and Shoals Fire responded.

12:15 p.m. - Received a report of people dumping trash near Loogootee. Deputy Wright responded.

4:09 p.m. - Received a report of horses out near Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

4:34 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

5:35 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Deputy Shinn responded. The subject was transported to IU Health in Bedford.

6:00 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Shoals. Deputy Wright responded and all was okay.

6:19 p.m. - Jailer Shaw took one inmate to the doctor.

7:36 p.m. - Received a request for

an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 16

3:30 p.m. - Received a noise complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

5:24 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

5:30 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

7:30 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

7:33 p.m. - Received a report of a break-in north of Loogootee. Deputy Lents responded.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 17

9:54 a.m. - Received a request for a funeral detail in Shoals. Deputy Gibson assisted.

1:43 p.m. - Received a report of a fire north of Shoals. Williams Fire and Martin County Civil Defense responded.

3:42 p.m. - Deputy Gibson performed a vehicle identification check near Shoals.

4:59 p.m. - Received a report of horses out north of Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett and Deputy Shinn responded.

## Two arrested on drug charges in Shoals

On March 12, at approximately 2:30 p.m., Chief Deputy Josh Greene saw Jessica A. Gregory, 38, of Shoals, driving with a suspended license on US Highway 50. Chief Deputy Greene conducted a traffic stop at Shoals High School parking lot on Gregory for driving while suspended prior. Deputy John Wright arrived to assist with the stop.

Chief Deputy Greene and Deputy Wright made contact with the driver, Gregory, and passenger, Jeremiah E. Jackson, 42, of Shoals. They asked Gregory for consent to search the vehicle, which she granted.

The search in the vehicle resulted in Deputy Wright locating methamphetamine, marijuana, hypodermic needles, and paraphernalia. Before transporting Gregory and Jackson, Chief Deputy Greene recovered a hidden container in Jackson's groin area containing cocaine.

Gregory and Jackson were then transported to the Martin County Security Center, without further incident by Trooper Qualkenbush.

Gregory also gave consent to search her residence, which resulted in Chief Deputy Greene locating a controlled substance, marijuana, methamphetamine, and paraphernalia.

Gregory was charged with possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of hypodermic needles, a Level 6 Felony; possession of a controlled substance, a Level 6 Felony; neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 Felony; driving while suspended prior, a Class A Misdemeanor; and enhancing circumstance school property.

Jackson was charged with possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 Felony; possession of cocaine, a Level 5 Felony; possession of marijuana,

a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of hypodermic needles, a Level 6 Felony; neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 Felony; and enhancing circumstance school property.

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# COURT NEWS

## CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCING

February 7

Frank J. Kane, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 545 days with 235 days suspended and credit for 155 actual days previously served plus 155 Class A credit days. Defendant received 7 months of probation.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

February 7

Frank J. Kane, dealing in methamphetamine, a Level 5 Felony, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

March 6

Christina Yamamoto vs. Kevin E. Moore, civil tort.

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance vs. Laura Harker, civil plenary.

March 7

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Kevin Gillick, civil collection.

March 8

Bank of America vs. Ricky L. Heckard, civil collection.

March 11

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Thomas Hudson, civil collection.

March 12

Bradley A. Jones vs. Julie A. Jones, petition for dissolution of marriage.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

March 15

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendants Laura A. Hall and Kyle R. Hall in the amount of \$8,625.07.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT New Suits Filed

March 8

Stephen Lafree vs. Robert Woodall, complaint.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

March 12

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Medical of Dubois and against the defendant Deanna R. Asbury in the amount of \$404.84.

March 15

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Medical of Dubois and against the

defendant Darlene R. Wiscaver in the amount of \$526.40.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff White River Cooperative, Inc. and against the defendant Donald P. Bakehorn in the amount of \$959.68.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Medical of Dubois and against the defendant Unisha A. Pearison in the amount of \$411.15.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Medical of Dubois and against the defendant Ryan D. Swartzentruber in the amount of \$465.84.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Kason J. Henderson in the amount of \$1,149.04.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

March 15

Brian M. Barton of Williams and Morgan M. McGee of Williams.

## Indiana Conservation Officers urge Hoosiers to "Spring Aboard"

Indiana Conservation Officers are again partnering with the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) to encourage boaters to "Spring Aboard" and enroll in a boater education course.

Working in partnership with states, online providers Boat-ed.com and Boaterexam.com are offering course discounts for students who enroll in or complete a course during the Spring Aboard campaign from March 17-23.

"An informed and knowledgeable boat operator is much more likely to recognize hazardous conditions on the water and avoid a boating mishap", said Indiana Boating Law Administrator Lt. Kenton Turner.

Online classes are available 24/7 and provide state-specific information needed for your boating location. Indiana Conservation Officers also offer classroom courses. Hoosiers can visit [www.boat-ed.com/indiana](http://www.boat-ed.com/indiana) for online courses. For classroom course options, visit [www.register-ed.com/programs/Indiana](http://www.register-ed.com/programs/Indiana) for classes offered in your area. Online users should use VIP Code: SpringAboard19 for discounts.

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# Loogootee Police log

## MONDAY, MARCH 11

10:05 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

1:10 p.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

3:15 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

6:30 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody matter.

10:45 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 12

9:00 a.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from a vehicle parked near Church Street.

11:58 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the ambulance service.

1:15 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on Hwy 50.

3:57 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a business alarm.

5:13 p.m. - Caller reported problems with juveniles.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

9:15 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

11:06 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

4:00 p.m. - Caller reported an illegal dumping complaint.

8:34 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on US 231.

11:01 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on Broadway Street.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 14

12:05 a.m. - Caller reported a possible break-in.

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

5:00 p.m. - Caller reported a tree over the road on Pine Tree Road.

5:39 p.m. - Caller reported a power line down on Howard Street.

## Real estate transfers

**Robert L. Miller and Julie M. Miller**, of Dubois County, Indiana to **Knepp's Properties, LLC**, of Daviess County, Indiana, the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter in Section 6, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 75 acres, more or less.

**Anton H. Gallagher and Pamela J. Gallagher**, of Johnson County, Indiana to **Marvin Lengacher and Naomi Lengacher**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the east half of the east half of the southwest quarter of Section 16, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 31.35 acres, more or less.

**Terry D. Streicher**, of Dubois County, Indiana to **Terry D. Streicher and Donna K. Streicher**, of Dubois County, Indiana, part of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 24 and part of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 25, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 41.92 acres, more or less.

**Diana K. Fegan, Charles C. Brown, Jr.; Rebecca L. Doane n/k/a Rebecca L. Bauer, Peggy L. Gee n/k/a Peggy L. Mattingly, and Clifford D. Brown**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Patrick C. Stinson and Shawna D. Stinson**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the east half of the northwest quarter of Section 36, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.721 acres, more or less.

**Lane A. Magers and Bobbette R. Magers**, of Lawrence County, Indiana to **Rafael Carrera**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 84 in the Original Town of Crane, Indiana.

5:53 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to a small fire on Dover Hill Road.

6:53 p.m. - First responders were requested on Cedar Street for a medical call.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 15

4:04 a.m. - Sgt. Floyd assisted the county with an arrest.

6:18 a.m. - Sgt. Floyd responded to a residential alarm.

7:38 p.m. - First responders were requested on Cedar Street for a medical call.

9:29 p.m. - Caller reported having problems with a juvenile.

9:30 p.m. - Sgt. Floyd responded to a business alarm.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 16

9:45 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

3:30 p.m. - Caller reported loud music on East Main Street.

3:43 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody matter.

3:55 p.m. - Caller reported a possible fight on Crane Street.

10:15 p.m. - Male reported a reckless driver on US 231.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 17

5:32 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle blocking an alley.

8:20 p.m. - Caller reported having problems with a juvenile.

9:34 p.m. - Caller reported an animal complaint.

11:09 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

# ARRESTS

## TUESDAY, MARCH 12

2:36 p.m. - Jeremiah Jackson, 41, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Wright and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of cocaine, possession of a syringe, possession of marijuana, and neglect of a dependent while on school grounds. He is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest were ISP Trooper Qualkenbush and Chief Deputy Greene.

2:36 p.m. - Jessica Gregory, 31, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Wright and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of cocaine, possession of a syringe, possession of marijuana, neglect of a dependent, and driving while suspended prior, while on school property. She is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest were ISP Trooper Qualkenbush and Chief Deputy Wright.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

4:04 p.m. - Robert Torres, 30, of French Lick, was arrested by Sergeant Keller on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 15

9:22 p.m. - Brian McKibben, 60, of Shoals, was arrested by Town Marshal Eckert for operating while intoxicated and was released on his own recognition.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 15

4:04 a.m. - Cassandra Heacock, 33, of Vincennes, was arrested by Corporal Reed for driving while suspended prior and possession of methamphetamine. She is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest were Loogootee Sergeant Floyd and K9 Officer Yirka.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 17

12:37 p.m. - Vicky Mullen, 55, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Gibson and charged with driving without being licensed. She is being held on a \$10,000 10% bond.

## More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



### THOUGHTS:

\*The older we get, the better we used to be.

\*You know you're getting older when a recliner and a heating pad are your idea of a hot date.

\*If my body was a car, I'd trade it in for a newer model, cause every time I cough or sneeze, my radiator leaks and my exhaust backfires.

I'm not really a "glass half full" kind of person, I'm more of "where'd I put my glass?" kind of person.

\*I could give up chocolate but I'm not a quitter.

\*I don't think it's age that makes us forgetful. I just think there's too much stupid crap to remember.

\*How to avoid stress at work: Don't go to work.

\*Starting the day off with two eggs for breakfast. They're Cadbury eggs but whatever. Diet plan just says "2 eggs" so let's not get picky.

### RIDDLES:

1. What do you call an acid with an attitude?

2. What do you call a small bathroom in Robin Hood's house?

3. What is Ronald McDonald's favorite dance?

4. What do you get if Batman and Robin get smashed by a steam roller?

5. What do you call a short plump branch?

### SERIOUSISMS:

\*Always find a reason to laugh. It may not add years to your life but will

## Jug Rox Preschool open enrollment

Shoals Elementary School is conducting its search for potential preschool (ages 3 to 5) students. The registration will be held for incoming preschool students Friday, April 5, at Shoals Elementary School from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Because space is limited, you must make a reservation by calling 812-247-2085 NO LATER THAN Friday, March 22.

A child must be 3 years old by August 1 in order to enroll in preschool and should be potty trained. All eligible children should enroll during registration. During registration, parents need to bring the child's

1) certificate of birth; 2) social security card and; 3) immunization records.

Please call 812-247-2085 to schedule a registration appointment. When you call, you will be asked to choose from a list of available time slots.

Each session will last approximately 45 minutes. Parents are asked to please

surely add life to your years.

\*Classy is when you have a lot to say but you choose to remain silent in front of fools.

\*Some people will never understand how much I love my dog – but that's OK – my dog knows.

\*My father said there are two kinds of people in the world: givers and takers. The takers may eat better, but the givers sleep better.

\*Sometimes you just have to be done, not upset. Just done.

\*Reading gives us some place to go when we have to stay where we are.

\*Never in the history of calming down has anyone calmed down by being told to calm down.

### ANSWERS:

1. A-mean-o-acid
2. The Little John
3. The Big Macarena
4. Flatman and Ribbon
5. Porky Twig

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use the front parking lot (in front of the gym) and enter through the elementary entry door three.

A physical, complete immunizations, social security card, and certificate of birth (not the hospital birth certificate) are all required for entry into school.

It is absolutely necessary to call the school office at 812-247-2085 before March 22 to schedule an appointment. Keep in mind they will operate on a "first come-first served basis." So, the earlier you can call, the better your chances of securing a spot. If you call and all spots have been filled, you will be placed on a waiting list and will be called when a spot is available. The school office will be closed March 25-March 29 for Spring Break.

The cost of preschool is \$10 per day, Monday through Friday. Preschool childcare vouchers are available. Transportation is not available.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, March 21 at 5 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. The meeting is open to the public.

### Burns City Cemetery meeting

The Burns City Cemetery Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 26 at 7 p.m. at the Burns City Methodist Church. Anyone interested in the meeting is welcome to attend.

### Election public test

Notice is hereby given that the public testing of DS200 Image Scanners and Expressvote units that will be used in the 2019 Primary Election will be conducted in the commissioners' room at the Martin County Courthouse, located at 129 Main Street, Shoals, on Thursday March 28 at 1:30 p.m. This test is to insure all equipment is tallying votes correctly and working properly. This 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.

### Free lunch for kids

New Beginnings Community Church

will be offering a free lunch to all school-age children every Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. at the fellowship hall of the church, located at 200 West Main Street next to the post office. For more info, call 812-709-2525.

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### Humane society meetings

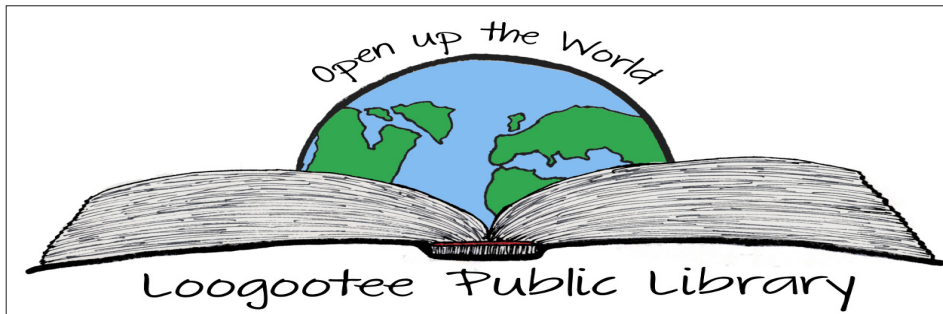
The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 5:30 p.m.

### 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](http://www.martinswcd.com) or call at 295-3149.



### BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The library will be closed Thursday, March 21, from 2-5 p.m. so employees can attend the new library building groundbreaking.

On Saturday, April 13 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. National Library Week Spring Fling Book/Bake and Vendor Sale at Loogootee United Methodist Church will be held by Friends of Loogootee Library (FOLL).

Some of the vendors that have registered so far are Young Living, Trades of Hope, LemonGrass Spa, Wini Frances, Children's Book author, Color-Street, 31 (Thirty-one) gifts, Damsel in Defense, Handwoven by Sharon, Mary Kay, Vessels Pottery Studio, Antique Jewelry with MaryAnn, and Vicki Matting & Loretta Eaton handmade

Crafts.

Sunday, April 14 from 2-3 p.m., Marla Williams-Vanhoy will be at the library to discuss "Memories of a Small Town". Copies are available to purchase at German American Bank, Martin County Chamber of Commerce, and Friends of Loogootee Library (FOLL). There will be copies available at the book signing.

### New Books:

Mystery Fiction: "Celtic Empire" by Clive Cussler and "Away" by Harlan Coben.

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

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# Ag Day held this past Saturday at fairgrounds



2018 Miss Martin County Megan Hawkins kissed the Shoals FFA pig to show her love for agriculture at Ag Day held last Saturday.



Martin County 4-H Junior Leaders started off the 24th Ag Day with the pledges as well as volunteered to serve over 300 people breakfast.



Shoals FFA provided pigs and chickens for the petting farm as well as displayed the picnic tables they have been making. The Ag Day Committee gave a donation toward their program.



Martin County Boy Scouts presented the colors at the beginning of Ag Day. They also received a donation from the Ag Day Committee.



Joe and Vernita Williams received the 2019 Ag Day Award for their many years of farming as well as contributing to many organizations throughout Martin County. They recently stepped down from the Ag Day Committee after serving for 22 years.



The winners of the 2nd grade coloring contest were, from left to right, Elijah Brewer, Haylo Harmon, Wyatt Holt, and June Harner.

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# In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser  
Purdue University Master Gardener

Spring officially begins Wednesday, March 20 at 5:58 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. It is gardening time. On the first day of spring, the daylight hours and night-time hours are equal and from now until the summer solstice in June, each day, the daylight period will grow longer. That means more hours to spend in the gardens.

There is plenty to do this time of year. Clean-up efforts continue. Not only is there still debris from last summer's plants, but winds last week scattered limbs and blown-in trash throughout the gardens. I cannot say that clean-up is my favorite activity, but at least it means time in the garden, where each day I find some other signs of the awakening of plants.

I finally have daffodils in bloom at Sandhill Gardens. It is the first time in recent memory that I did not have early daffodils in February. I hope that this late beginning means that the daffodil season will continue into May. However, I fear that some of the bulbs which sprouted during the warm days in January may not bloom at all this year. There is a lot of dark foliage on those clumps, and I fear the extreme cold that we had later nipped the buds on these daffodils. I plan to give the area some organic fertilizer, hoping that the bulbs will be able to set buds for next year.

In the vegetable garden, it is time to plant cool-season crops. As soon as the soil is dry enough to work, you may plant garden peas or snow peas. I recommend soaking the seeds overnight in lukewarm water to hasten germination. You may wish to use an inoculant on the seeds, which is available at most garden centers. Be sure to give peas some sort of trellis on which to climb. This a traditional way to use some of those tree branches which have blown down.

You may also plant potatoes whenever the ground is workable. It is best to use new certified seed potatoes, but I admit that I will probably plant some of the tubers I have from last year, which have already begun to sprout. I do not use many potatoes and they are not a major crop for me, so I can afford to take a chance on using the old potatoes. Whatever you use, make sure that each piece of potato has at least one eye. I will again plant my small crop in a bin, adding compost and organic matter around the plants as they grow. Potatoes are heavy feeders, so you should side dress the furrows with some type of fertilizer.

Cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower and other cole crops should soon be available as transplants. These crops can take some light frost, but if you plant this early, you may need some protection should we have a late period of extremely cold temperatures. There is still

time to plant seeds for these crops and expect to get a harvest before the summer heat causes them to bolt.

In the ornamental garden, there are some annuals that also thrive in the cool weather of early spring. Pansies and other members of the viola family will take some frost and will give color to planters or gardens during the cool weather. You may even eat the leaves and flowers of these plants.

The stores have bulb displays out and I encourage you to buy while the bulbs are in good condition. The stores do not provide optimal conditions for storing bulbs, so buying now and storing them in the vegetable crisper of a refrigerator is a good way to ensure that you have good bulbs to plant. However, most of these summer bulbs should not be set out until the ground warms. Two notable exceptions are irises and peonies. Both of these may be planted now, and neither should be planted too deeply. With any luck, these perennials may give you blooms this first year. They may be a little later than those which were planted in the fall, but they need to get planted as soon as possible.

Get out and get started. Gardening season is here.

## Radius Indiana unifies region with new tourism initiative

After a year-long effort, Radius Indiana has unveiled its new tourism initiative: 'Discover Southern Indiana'. The region-wide tourism drive is the first of its kind for the area and gives an identity to the opportunities the Radius region has to offer to its visitors.

Tourists looking to visit the Radius region will soon be able to visit the 'Discover Southern Indiana' website, a one-stop shop for all and any resources they may need to plan a trip to the region. From luxurious accommodations to outdoor recreational adventures, the region has vacation activities for people of all ages.

Unifying the tourism initiative across the region allows community leaders and tourism businesses to cost-share practices to more effectively implement the branding because multiple counties are likely to be visited by a single visitor. The communities recognize the need to work together to invite travelers to the Radius region.

According to Rockport Analytics, tourism is one of the leading industries in the Radius region, accounting for \$290.4 million in tourism spending and providing 3,930 jobs in 2017. With such a level of economic impact on the region, tourism serves as a large economic driver for jobs and quality of place initiatives.

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## Radius Indiana releases update to Manufacturing Index

Radius Indiana released a quarterly update today to its Radius Manufacturing Index (RMI). The new index showed continued growth in the eight-county region, powered by an increase in manufacturing employment in the region to a level of more than 21,000 jobs out of a total regional workforce of over 91,000.

RMI was developed by Radius Indiana and gives the organization an analytic tool that monitors several facets to gauge the strength of the manufacturing industry in the region and provides cumulative information about 12 data indicators of the manufacturing sector.

This first quarter 2019 RMI update reflects data from first quarter 2018 and shows how the region is performing in comparison to the state of Indiana. The raw number of the RMI is 57.97 for the quarter, which represents the total scores of the 12 factors included in the index. The overall state index saw a score of 57.92.

According to the report, the number of manufacturing establishments, as well as total business establishments in the Radius region, grew during the quarter. For the region, the average manufacturing wage reflected a higher wage than the previous quarter, rising from \$46,051 to \$46,370.

The positive portrayal of manufacturing strength in the region corroborated the findings in the 2018 Wage and Benefit Survey of businesses in the Radius region and surrounding counties. In that survey, a manufacturing-heavy sample of businesses self-reported that 71 percent of companies in a 15-county region expect to add workers in the next year, while only 5 percent anticipate potential layoffs.

"The RMI allows Radius to continuously see how manufacturing is growing in our region," said Jeff Quyle, president and CEO of Radius. "Gathering this information for our LEDOs allows us to keep them updated on how our region compares to the state regarding the manufacturing sector."

The Radius Manufacturing Index uses statistics from publicly available sources to provide an estimate of the state of health of the manufacturing sector in the region. The index is a backward-looking tool that reflects conditions approximately six-12 months in the past, based on the dates for some of the statistics used. Data used for this RMI update was gathered on March 7, 2019, using JobSEQ.

"The Radius Manufacturing Index provides us with a measure of the overall health of our regional economy which relies heavily on our strong manufacturing base," said Ed Cole, President of Dubois Strong. "Manufacturing plays a huge role in the Dubois County economy. Just over half our workforce is employed in manufacturing jobs. Out of the nearly 23,000 who are employed in our county, almost 12,000 are employed in manufacturing."

For the state, manufacturing jobs decreased as a percentage of total employment, which appears to corroborate the state's ongoing economic diversification.

### Master Gardeners meeting

All toads are frogs, but not all frogs are toads. Can you tell a green frog from a bullfrog? Just who is singing in the woods at night? Learn identification tips and fun facts about these amphibian friends at the March meeting of the Hoosier Hillside Master Gardeners. The meeting will be held Thursday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the Orange County Community Building at 1075 N. Sandy Hook Road in Paoli. You may get to see some frogs and salamanders. The meeting is open to the public and master gardeners attending will receive continuing education credit.

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