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## Commissioners ask residents to watch out for highway employees, call in controlled burns

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The Martin County Commissioners discussed at their meeting Tuesday, March 22, the need for residents to call into the sheriff's department when they are doing a controlled burn on their property. According to Emergency Management Director Monty Wolf, passersby are calling in fires and fire personnel are leaving their paid jobs to respond only to find out that the fire is in fact a controlled burn. The commissioners discussed possibly creating an ordinance requiring controlled burns to be called in. They also suggested calling around to other counties to see how they handle the issue. In the meantime, they are asking residents who plan to burn on their property to report it to the sheriff's department so dispatch will know if someone calls in the fire.

Highway Superintendent Scott Seals told the commissioners that one of his employees was almost hit doing work on West River Road. He said the driver knocked out a cone and narrowly missed the worker. He asked that drivers please be on the lookout for highway employees so that one does not get injured or worse.

Seals said they are currently doing patching work, filling potholes around the county. He said there are a whole lot of potholes, and they are working to get them filled in as soon as they can.

Auditor Bobbie Abel told the commissioners that the Lost River Fire Department has requested changing one section of Simmons Creek Road's name to West Simmons Creek Road. Due to the lack of 9-1-1 addresses, emergency personnel are struggling to find properties on that section of road. Adding the West would help clarify where emergency staff are sup-

posed to go.

Highway Secretary Terri Alcorn said her only issue with the name change is that the road is listed differently on the INDOT map which may jeopardize any Community Crossings funding if they ever decide to do work on that road.

Commissioner George said he believes the road's name should be changed completely instead of adding "West". He said that section of roadway isn't connected to the rest of Simmons Creek Road so it would be easier to just make a new name. He recommended that Alcorn and Seals contact INDOT to see what they suggest.

The commissioners approved a resolution created by the county attorney for spending the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds of \$1.9 million. The list of 17 projects is tentative based on urgency and funding available. The projects (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 3)



### Town of Shoals award

-Photo provided

Town of Shoals Municipal Utilities Manager Kevin Crecelius received the "Manager of the Year" award at the Alliance of Indiana Rural Water Spring Conference on March 16. Town of Shoals employees attended the conference for annual training, continuing education courses and hours, at the French Lick Resort. Along with the many things Kevin does overseas for the Town of Shoals, he also holds licensing for drinking water treatment, drinking water distribution and wastewater treatment for Shoals Municipal Utilities. Kevin was presented the award during an awards luncheon where several other awards were also given.

## Uncovering history . . .



-Top photos provided, left photo by Bill Whorrall  
Andrew Benton, of Martin County, has been tirelessly working to excavate and uncover lost carvings on rocks around the springs at Trinity Springs Mustering Elm Park. The carvings, over time, were covered up with mud and dirt, some well over 150 years old.

## Shoals Town Council approves fund usage request, wastewater contracts

The Shoals Town Council met in Monday, March 14. Those in attendance were Council Members Cary D. Albright, Clint Hoffman, and Cecil Ragsdale; Town Attorney Dave Lett, Clerk-Treasurer Sierra Rutledge, Shoals Town Marshal Todd Eckert, Shoals Volunteer Fire Department Chief Jim Hamby, and Town of Shoals Beautification Board President Amber Hoffman. Others in attendance were Darin Jones, Missy Cooper, Yevonne Plocher, and Eric Smith and Todd Solomon, with HWC Engineering.

Yevonne Plocher came before the council to request approval for Ordinance 2019-1 for a property located on Stephens Street. She was asked if state regulations would be met and Plocher stated they would. Councilman Ragsdale made a motion to approve with Councilman Hoffman making a second and all were in favor.

Amber Hoffman, President of the Town of Shoals Beautification Board, stated she wanted to thank the town council, clerk-treasurer and all of the town staff, along with members of the community, for their continued support of the board.

Hoffman stated the board would be meeting this week to finish their 2022 plans. Hoffman requested approval to expend their donation funds and their appropriation in the general fund in the amount of \$2,500. With the funds, Hoffman stated the plans were to purchase 10 additional flower boxes for the bridge and currently getting cost estimates for concrete benches. Other purchases would be flowers, potting soil, tools and planting materials. Council Member Ragsdale asked if the board had done any planning yet for Christmas. Hoffman stated that the board is in discussion concerning the holiday. The new street signs being installed were brought up. Hoffman stated she wanted to recognize the Martin County Community Foundation again for funding the signs, the town for funding the installation cost and Roush Construction for doing the installation. Councilman Ragsdale made a motion to approve the board to expend their funds and Councilman Hoffman made the second and all were in favor.

Council Member Cary Albright stated that on Friday he had received the offi-

cial agreement for the OCRA Wastewater Grant the town received. Albright stated he approved the grant agreement electronically. Eric Smith, with HWC, stated now that the grant was officially received the timeline begins. Smith said he had the HWC contract for approval and once signed, there is a six-month timeline to get the project to bid. Once bids are received, the SRF (state revolving loan fund) process will start. Smith said his crew was ready to start surveying the project area and it was a tight timeframe, but everything could be done within the restraints. Smith stated invoices could be carried until the closing of the financing. Smith introduced Todd Solomon, with HWC, and stated he would be

### Correction . . .

In last week's article about the Loogootee City Council meeting, Council Member Tim Lawrence was attributed to speaking about the Pride Month decorations on the downtown square. Mr. Lawrence actually didn't speak, it was Council Member Carroll Rayhill. *The Journal* apologizes for the mixup.

managing the design and attending future meetings with the updates of the project. Smith said the surveyors would be starting as early as tomorrow. Councilman Ragsdale made a motion to accept the contract with HWC Engineering to oversee the project with Councilman Hoffman making the second. All were in favor.

Next on the agenda was the 2022 Park Cleaning Contract. Rutledge stated one name was received for the contract. Rutledge said the name was a minor, so the parent was putting the contract in their name. Councilman Hoffman made a motion to accept Brandi Gilbert for the 2022 Cleaning Contract with Councilman Ragsdale making the second and all were in favor.

Next President Albright stated, as previously discussed, he wanted to remind all he would not be present at the April meeting but that he is going to attend virtually.

Council Member Albright said he wanted to thank Clerk-Treasurer Rutledge for the presentation of reports she has provided to the board. The reports included (See 'SHOALS' on page 2)



## School supplies

The Loogootee and Shoals schools each received a \$1,500 Vision Grant from the Martin County Community Foundation to replenish school supplies. Now that the second semester is well under way, crayons are broken, glue is drying out, scissors are broken or lost, the pencil supply is running low, and school supplies are not on sale. To help classrooms run smoothly through the end of the year, these Vision Grants will enable the schools to purchase classroom supplies to meet their teachers' needs. In the photo above of Loogootee, from left to right, are Associate Principal Cory Julian, MCCF Board member Angie Risacher, Elementary Principal Lacey Wade, Superintendent Dr. Brian Harmon, CFP Grants Officer Lisa Starr, CFP CEO Hope Flores, and MCCF Board member Kristi Ausbrooks. In the photo below of Shoals, in the back row, from left to right, CFP Grants Office Lisa Starr, Superintendent Dr. Candace Roush, teachers Tina Sullivan, Cathy Hovis and Amanda Fischer, MCCF Board member Annette Taylor, teachers Rebecca Rollins, Megan Hawkins, Ashley Montgomery and Kallie Fuhrman, MCCF Board member Angie Risacher, teacher Jennifer Mauntel, MCCF Board member Jenell Hoffman, CFP CEO Hope Flores, and teacher Susan Sewell. In the front row, left to right, are teachers Heidi Hoffman with daughter Neily, Christin Johnson and Raysha Wininger.

-Photos provided



## SHOALS

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monthly reconciliations, copies of bank statements and fund balance reports for all accounts.

Albright stated he had been asked to make a presentation about WRMCA (White River Military Coalition Alliance) which is a board he serves on as the vice president to represent the Town of Shoals. Albright said the board acts as a communication and information resource connection from communities to the Crane base. The main topic discussed was IGSA's (Intra Governmental Service Agreements) that may be beneficial to the Town of Shoals. Albright also discussed the importance of the board to Martin County and the projects that they are working on.

Albright reported the renewal for the Property & Casualty Insurance with DeWitt Insurance Agency was completed and still at a lower renewal rate since 2019.

Clerk-Treasurer Rutledge stated she had provided monthly reconciliation reports with current fund balances as of 2/28/22. She requested a fund transfer from sewer operating to sewer bond & interest in the amount of \$10,000 in preparation for the upcoming bond payment. Councilman Ragsdale made a motion to approve the transfer with Councilman Hoffman making the second and all were in favor.

Rutledge presented a quote for \$2,715 from Keystone for Device Utility Interface Module. This device is for the current utility billing system to interface with the new e-read meters that will be installed. Councilman Ragsdale made a motion to approve the quote with Councilman Hoffman making the second and all were in favor. Rutledge noted the device would be paid for out of the ARPA funds. Rutledge stated she wanted to take the time to talk about the ARPA funds and give an update for public record. Rutledge reported the council had voted to do the e-read meter system switch over with ARPA funds which was approximately \$123,000, an annual maintenance fee for the system which was \$3,500 and now the \$2,715 interface module. She said the other set plans for funds currently are upgrades desperately needed to the water booster station on Lynwood Street and the quote for the parts is \$17,600. Rutledge stated she received a letter from the State of Indiana Friday that the town received a supplemental distribution of ARPA Funds. Rutledge said this is the result of some NEU's (cities and towns with a population below 50,000) that did not claim their funds. The state was required to reallocate unclaimed funds to those NEU's that were eligible and that did not receive 75 percent of their top line budget amount in the first distribution of funds. Rutledge stated the town received \$337.13 for their supplemental and it had been put into the ARPA fund ac-

count. Rutledge said that state requires the supplemental funds to be handled with the same guidelines and rules of the initial distributions. Rutledge noted the second half of the ARPA distribution is expected to be received in July per the state.

Rutledge stated she met with the school last week concerning the 3rd Annual "Jug Rox Make A Difference Day" which is scheduled for Thursday, April 14. Rutledge said several plans had been made for various areas around town but if the council had any specifics to let her know. Rutledge noted Town Marshal Eckert would have a crew at the Overlook Park this year completing several tasks and the Town of Shoals Intern would have a crew of his own this year as well. Rutledge requested approval to have the "Spring Clean Up" again with the dumpster for residents and proposed the date of May 13-15. Rutledge also would like approval to have the 3rd annual "Town Wide Yard Sale & Main Street Market" for May 20 and 21. Rutledge noted this is the same weekend as the US Highway 50 yard sales. Councilman Ragsdale made a motion to approve the events with Councilman Hoffman making the second and all were in favor.

Rutledge stated she would like approval to have the "Garden Dig" for residents again this year from April 11- May 16 as several used the service last year. Councilman Ragsdale made a motion to approve the event with Councilman Hoffman making the second and all were in favor. Rutledge told the council spring hydrant flushing would begin this Sunday, March 20 and should be completed by Tuesday, March 22. It was noted the scheduled flushing had been previously advertised for awareness.

Rutledge stated she had received a speed bump request in the alley located between Lynwood Street and Chestnut Street. After discussion, it was decided Attorney Lett would look into the legal ownership of the alley and then the town could address the request depending on the ownership. Marshal Eckert said he would speak to those using the alleyway about their speed when driving it.

Council Member Albright stated he wanted to discuss the installation of the e-read meter system that is planned to be installed. He said he had spoken with a few different vendors and towns and the new meters would have antennas and parts attached to the lids. Albright said he felt a tampering fee should be put in place once installed. This fee would be enforced if an individual, other than a town employee, would open the meter pit causing any damage to the functionality of the meter. Albright also noted he felt that shut off valves that are located on the customer side of the meter should be addressed. Currently, there are some homeowners and

landlords that do not have shut off valves on their side of the meter. In the future, the water would not be shut off at the meter due to tampering with the electronic read system. Attorney Lett said he would research adding the verbiage and fee to the ordinance. Councilman Ragsdale stated he felt the town needed to look into the installation of the new system to get it quickly

installed. Albright stated he had started conversations concerning this and he has also already had a conversion with the Shoals Shop Class to complete the drilling of the antenna holes in the meter lids for the new system.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, April 11 at 5:59 p.m. at the Shoals Town Hall.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

### YARD SALE

**ANNUAL RSVP CRAFTER'S SUPPLY SALE.** Huge amount of supplies and materials for all types of arts and crafts. Fabric, yarn, scrapbooking, tools, patterns, books, equipment, sewing machines, and more. Eastside Park Community Building. Thursday March 24, Friday March 25, and Saturday March 26. 8am to 4pm Thursday and Friday, 8am-noon Saturday. Donations accepted. Sale is held to raise funds and obtain needed supplies for RSVP charitable projects.

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### QUOTES WANTED

## LIFE INSURANCE QUOTES

The City of Loogootee is currently accepting quotes on its Life Insurance coverage for the organizations 18 full-time employees. The current coverage for each staff member is in the amount of \$20,000.00. All quotes should include pricing options for staff members to be able to retain coverage after employment with the City of Loogootee has terminated. Deadline to submit quotes will be April 11th at 4:00 p.m. The common council will then review the quotes received at the April 11th meeting following the Board of Works Meeting which is held at 5:30 p.m. in the common council room of city hall. Anyone submitting a quote is welcome and encouraged to attend the meeting!

Noel D. Hartly  
Mayor of the City of Loogootee

# OBITUARIES

**MYRTLE MAE RUTLEDGE**

Myrtle Mae (Herndon) Rutledge, formerly of Shoals, passed away Saturday, March 19, 2022 at St. Vincent Dunn Hospital in Bedford. A resident of Bedford, she was 94.

She was born November 21, 1927, in Shoals; daughter of Victor and Eula Mae (Ketchum) Herndon. She married Alfred Aaron Rutledge and he preceded her in death in 1982. Myrtle was a graduate of Shoals High School, attended The River Church, and retired from NSWC Crane.

Surviving are her daughter, Mary Hatfield; grandchildren, Lisa Johnson, Jimmy Ragens, Theresa White, Amanda Hunt, Kevin Stewart, Troy Stewart, James Bruner Jr., Misty Stewart, John Rutledge, Carrie Cox, Nicole Hatfield, Andrew Workman, and Katrina Schitter; 27 great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; five children, Candace Mundy, Becky Costello, Cheryl Bruner, Alfred Rutledge, Jr., and Michael Rutledge; and one grandson, Alfred Rutledge III.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, March 22 at Spring Hill Cemetery in Shoals, with Pastor Lindy Hopkins officiating.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Queen-Lee Chapel of Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes.



**MYRTLE RUTLEDGE**

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

**DONALD JOHNSON**

Donald Richard "Dick" Johnson, loving husband and father of three sons, peacefully entered his eternal life on Monday, March 21, 2022. He was 82.



**DONALD JOHNSON**

He was born on April 29, 1939, in Shoals; son of Neal and Josephine (Stone) Johnson. Dick graduated from Shoals High School in 1958, where he was a member of the Jug Rox basketball team. After graduation, he joined the United States Navy and served for nine years, stationed in Pensacola, Florida; Bainbridge, Maryland; Norfolk, Virginia; and Lafayette, Louisiana. On April 23, 1960, he married his high school sweetheart, Judith Anne Cropp. When he was discharged from the Navy, he worked at Naval Support Activity (NSA) Crane, retiring in 1994.

He was best known for his kind and gentle soul and love for his family.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Carroll and Kenny.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Judy; his three sons, Greg (Marcy) Johnson of Kansas City, Missouri; Jim (Susan) Johnson of Bedford, and Brent (Dezarae) Johnson of Vincennes; four grandchildren, Morgan (YS Blake) Philips of Mission, Kansas; Abbey Johnson of Kansas City, Missouri; Karlie (Daniel) Dreiman of Vincennes; and Nick Johnson of Crag-

gy Wash, Arizona; and great-grandchildren, Ashlyn and Grayson "GR" Dreiman. He is also survived by two brothers, Johnny and Mike; and four sisters, Mary Jo, Nina, Sally, and Cindy; and many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Thursday, March 24 at 11:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 1409 K Street, Bedford.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the First United Methodist Church of Bedford.

Arrangements for Donald Richard "Dick" Johnson have been entrusted to Ferguson-Lee Chapel of Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes in Bedford.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared at [www.FergusonLee.com](http://www.FergusonLee.com).

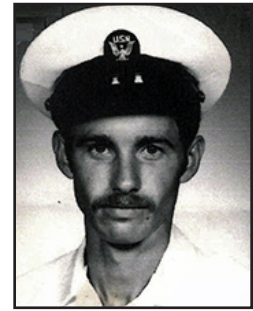
**BILLY TERRY**

Retired Senior Chief Petty Officer Billy Lee Terry entered into eternal rest on March 18, 2022 at his home. A resident of Shoals, he was 72.

He was born in French Lick on August 28, 1949; son of Harley C. and Lorena M. (Cleveland) Terry.

He married Donna Maxine Bennett on July 5, 1968 and she survives.

Billy proudly served his country in the United States Navy from 1968 to 1988 and retired after 20 years as US Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer. He had served



**BILLY TERRY**

on the USS Sierra, USS Stump, USS Leary, USS John F. Kennedy and served two years in Sigonella Sicily.

He then worked on the Norfolk Southern Railroad and following that he worked at Jasper Engines where he retired.

He was a member of American Legion Post 61 in Shoals and enjoyed traveling and wood working. Billy is survived by his wife, Donna Maxine Terry of Shoals; son, Christopher Lee Terry of French Lick; daughter, Christina Ann Terry of Jasper; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Anthony Terry; four brothers, Carl, Kenneth, Laverne and Bobby Terry; and three nephews, David, Roger and Donnie Terry.

Cremation was chosen and a graveside service will be held at a later date at Bond's Chapel Cemetery.

Arrangements are in the care of Brosmer-Kemple Funeral Home, French Lick, Indiana. 47432. Condolences may be made on their Facebook page at Brosmer-Kemple Funeral Home or at [www.brosmer-kemplefuneralhome.com](http://www.brosmer-kemplefuneralhome.com).

## COMMISSIONERS

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include replacing the cell lock system in the jail \$150,000 and creating an IT clean room in the jail \$150,000, adding electric signage (\$39,860.53) along with upgrading wi-fi at the community building (\$5,000) on the fairgrounds, replacing central air units at the jail \$100,000, updating roads and getting new equipment at the highway department \$100,000, doing stormwater drainage repairs \$100,000, offering retention bonuses for county employees for \$74,200, rehab of the courthouse sidewalks including adding ADA requirements along with new windows, landscaping and an open area for employees for \$117,000; updates to downtown buildings in Shoals and Loogootee through Radius or the housing program through ROI for \$60,000; expansion of office space for the county for \$500,000, broadband expansion for the Shoals and Loogootee libraries for \$12,720 each;

match money for county projects for \$63,000, air purification, boiler and A/C systems for the courthouse for \$350,000 and the Town of Shoals wastewater project for \$152,000. The list will now go on to the county council for approval.

Cary Albright, representing the White River Military Coordination Alliance, talked to the commissioners about the mission of the alliance. He said that the goal is to connect cities and towns surrounding Crane to help save money by purchasing through communities instead of through federal contracts. He said Crane has a \$2 billion budget with 5,000 employees and through federal contracts, they spend much more money than is necessary. He said by working with neighbors, they can go in to purchase things like salt, transformers, etc. at a much cheaper cost. "It's a win-win with a partnership like this," he said. Albright currently serves as the vice president of the alliance.

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, MARCH 14

1:54 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:47 a.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Captain Reed responded.

6:09 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded.

7:30 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident south of Loogootee. Major Keller responded.

8:03 a.m. - Received a deer complaint in Shoals. Major Keller responded.

8:05 a.m. - Received a report of car-deer accident in Shoals. Major Keller responded.

9:05 a.m. - Received notification of IVFA district 17A meeting in Scotland, Indiana.

9:35 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Shoals. Major Keller responded.

9:42 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. ISP Master Trooper Lents responded.

9:47 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

10:12 a.m. - Received a complaint concerning county roads north of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department was notified.

12:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

5:22 p.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson, Loogootee Assistant Chief McBeth, Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patients were transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

5:45 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism west of Shoals. Corporal Wells responded.

6:36 p.m. - Corporal Wells assisted a motorist in Shoals with a vehicle identification check.

8:14 p.m. - Received a noise complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims and Corporal Wells responded.

10:26 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in east of Loogootee. Corporal Wells responded.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 15

6:41 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:46 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Major Keller and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:12 a.m. - Received notification of a controlled burn southeast of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department was notified.

9:12 a.m. - Received notification that a stoplight in Loogootee was inoperable. INDOT was notified.

10:00 a.m. - Deputy Shaw took one inmate to court.

10:15 a.m. - Tornado sirens were tested in Shoals for National Severe Weather Awareness Week.

10:20 a.m. - Deputy Shaw took two inmates to court.

12:16 p.m. - Sergeant Gibson assisted a motorist east of Shoals with a vehicle identification check.

1:58 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Loogootee Police were notified.

4:10 p.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm in Shoals. Sergeant Gibson and Deputy Long responded.

5:30 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

5:53 p.m. - Deputy Long assisted a motorist in Shoals with a vehicle identification check.

7:19 p.m. - Received a dirt bike complaint east of Shoals. Deputy Long was notified.

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

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

5:50 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

7:37 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:16 a.m. - Received a report of a stranded vehicle southwest of Shoals. Major Keller responded.

9:00 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

10:13 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person north of Loogootee. Major Keller responded.

11:18 a.m. - Received a deer complaint in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

11:40 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:15 p.m. - Received a report of a fire southwest of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Martin County Ambulance, Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, Sergeant Gibson, and Deputy Hawkins responded.

3:20 p.m. - Received a report of a fire northeast of Shoals. Civil Defense and Indian Creek Fire Department and Lawrence County Ambulance responded.

3:45 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Loogootee Police were notified.

4:01 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Lost River

Fire Department, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:07 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

6:01 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn north of Loogootee. Loogootee Police were notified.

6:53 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:07 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Deputy Flanagan and Deputy Hawkins responded.

7:34 p.m. - Deputy Flanagan assisted a motorist north of Loogootee with a vehicle identification check.

8:02 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Deputy Flanagan, Deputy Hawkins, and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 17

1:27 a.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

2:45 a.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm north of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

6:27 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

6:47 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:07 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:56 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

10:23 a.m. - Deputy Shaw took two inmates to court.

10:34 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:45 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

1:00 p.m. - Received a report of a dispute south of Shoals. Deputy Hawkins responded.

1:04 p.m. - Deputy Shaw took two inmates to court.

1:13 p.m. - Received a report of a fire southeast of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Lost River Fire Department, Shoals Fire Department, and Orange County Fire Department responded.

1:49 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:15 p.m. - Deputy Shaw took two inmates to court.

4:12 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Deputy Hawkins, Deputy Flanagan, and Daviess County Ambulance responded.

7:11 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Deputy Flanagan and Deputy Hawkins responded.

9:17 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

10:45 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Deputy Flanagan was notified.

11:31 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan, Deputy Long and Loogootee Officer Erwin responded.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 18

3:13 a.m. - Received a request for an

ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

12:39 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

1:24 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:14 p.m. - Major Keller assisted a motorist north of Loogootee with a vehicle identification check.

3:24 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded vehicle north of Loogootee. Major Keller responded.

6:03 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Major Keller responded.

6:49 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle north of Loogootee. Major Keller, Loogootee Officer Wells, and Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

9:55 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Loogootee Officer Sims and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 19

7:50 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle southeast of Loogootee. Corporal Wells responded.

8:00 a.m. - Received a report of a medical alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Corporal Wells, and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

8:34 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

1:18 p.m. - Corporal Wells assisted a motorist east of Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

1:27 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

4:03 p.m. - Corporal Wells assisted a motorist south of Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

4:32 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Erwin responded.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 20

1:15 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle east of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims and Deputy Long responded.

8:30 a.m. - Received notification of a controlled burn in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department was notified.

9:17 a.m. - Received report of a burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Erwin responded.

10:03 a.m. - Received a cow complaint southeast of Shoals. Corporal Wells responded.

12:28 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Erwin, Sergeant Gibson, and Corporal Wells responded.

2:24 p.m. - Received notification of a controlled burn east of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department was notified.

2:39 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

6:30 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

8:07 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

9:07 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

9:18 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident south of Loogootee. Deputy Long responded.

10:10 p.m. - Received notification the Town of Shoals was flushing hydrants.

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# Loogootee Police log

## MONDAY, MARCH 14

1:54 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on North Clark Street.

8:57 a.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth completed a welfare check.

12:00 p.m. - Chief Means assisted with a funeral procession.

5:26 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a rollover accident with unknown injuries on US 231 North.

8:20 p.m. - A caller reported hearing possible gunfire near J. Strange Avenue.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 15

8:49 a.m. - Chief Means completed a vehicle check.

9:56 a.m. - Chief Means assisted with unlocking a vehicle.

2:00 p.m. - Chief Means assisted with unlocking a vehicle.

7:25 p.m. - Officer Sims completed a welfare check.

9:03 p.m. - A caller reported a domestic dispute and property damage.

9:51 p.m. - Officer Sims assisted an individual in retrieving personal items from her residence due to a domestic dispute.

10:45 p.m. - Officer Sims spoke with an individual regarding trespassing.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

5:50 a.m. - Officer Sims responded to a report of a suspicious person at a local business.

9:00 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Half Moon Road.

1:10 p.m. - School Resource Officer Rayhill completed a welfare check.

3:35 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle near Lincoln Avenue.

3:47 p.m. - Officer Sims and Assistant Chief McBeth assisted with unlocking a vehicle.

4:50 p.m. - Chief Means completed a watercraft vehicle check.

6:00 p.m. - Officer Seymour completed a vehicle check.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 17

9:00 a.m. - Caller reported a semi nearing Loogootee on US 50 East that was losing a lot of grain on the roadway.

12:10 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth completed a vehicle check.

12:20 p.m. - Chief Means assisted with a funeral procession.

1:50 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call at Loogootee High School.

10:50 p.m. - An individual came on station to report a suspicious person at a local business.

11:31 p.m. - Officer Erwin responded to a report of a possible impaired driver entering Loogootee on US 50 West.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 18

12:34 a.m. - Officer Seymour assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with an arrest.

3:20 p.m. - Officer Wells assisted a stranded motorist.

3:38 p.m. - Officer Erwin completed a vehicle check.

4:20 p.m. - Officer Erwin responded to a report of debris in the roadway on US 50 East.

6:51 p.m. - Officers Sims and Wells responded to assist the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a report of a truck in the ditch on US 231 South.

9:55 p.m. - Officer Sims and first responders were dispatched to a report of an accident with unknown injuries at the intersection of Williams Street and JFK Avenue.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 19

8:00 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical alarm on North Street.

4:32 p.m. - Officer Erwin responded to a report of a vehicle left parked in the roadway on Bloomfield Road.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 20

9:17 a.m. - Officer Erwin responded to an active alarm at a local business.

12:28 p.m. - Officer Erwin responded to a report of a suspicious person outside a local business.

2:21 p.m. - Officer Erwin responded to a report of illegal dumping.

6:30 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a civil dispute on West Washington Street.

9:33 p.m. - Officer Sims assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a deer accident on US 231 South.

## ARRESTS

### MONDAY, MARCH 14

12:02 p.m. - Daniel Lane, 39, of Owensboro, Kentucky, was arrested on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 18

3:09 a.m. - Sonya Davis, 52, of Petersburg, was arrested by Deputy Flanagan and charged with driving while suspended- prior, and operating a vehicle while intoxicated- prior. She is being held on a \$15,000 10% bond.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 20

4:00 a.m. - Randy Smith, 60, of Mitchell, was arrested by Deputy Long and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated. He is being held on a \$15,000 10% bond.

# COURT NEWS

## CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

### March 9

Nathan G. Truelove, convicted of theft, a Class A Misdemeanor and resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 240 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 120 actual days previously served plus 120 Class A credit days.

### March 10

Kendra A. Burton, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony and possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 360 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 66 actual days previously served plus 66 Class A credit days.

Jessica Lee Perez-Alvarado, convicted of driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 2 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served plus 1 Class A credit day.

### March 11

James A. King, convicted of driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 4 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit day. Also convicted of check deception, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 0 days.

### March 14

Justin S. Lacey, convicted of possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 365 days suspended. Defendant received 12 months of probation. Also convicted of residential entry, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days with 507 days suspended and credit for 20 actual days previously served plus 20 Class A credit days. Defendant received 17 months of probation.

Jonathan M. Payne, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 912 days with 878 days suspended and credit for 17 actual days previously served plus 17 Class A credit days. Defendant received 29 months of probation.

Cleveland J. Burchett, convicted of possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor and operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the blood, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 180 days with 178 days suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served plus 1 Class A credit day. Defendant received 6 months of probation.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

### March 9

Nathan G. Truelove, criminal trespass, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

### March 10

Kendra A. Burton, possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

### March 11

James A. King, nine counts of check deception, Class A Misdemeanors, dismissed.

### March 14

Justin S. Lacey, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Mis-

demeanor, dismissed.

Jonathan M. Payne, maintaining a common nuisance- controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Cleveland J. Burchett, carrying a handgun without a license, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT

### New Suits Filed

#### March 9

Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC vs. Patrick Ryan, civil collection.

#### March 14

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Geraldine Pendley, civil collection.

Dawn Hartzburg vs. Jeremy Hartzburg, petition for dissolution of marriage.

#### March 15

Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs. Adrian Arvin, civil collection.

Crane Credit Union vs. Collin Padgett, civil collection.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

#### March 7

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Cassie N. Carroll in the amount of \$4,816.92.

#### March 10

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Freedom Mortgage Corporation and against the defendant Brent A. Wessel for mortgage foreclosure in the amount of \$89,885.85.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff LVNV Funding, LLC and against the defendant Paul George in the amount of \$1,759.48.

#### March 15

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midland Funding, LLC and against the defendant Shawn Brown in the amount of \$859.29.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

#### March 7

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Gary B. Campbell in the amount of \$841.23.

## SMALL CLAIMS DISMISSED

#### March 15

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. William Isaacs, complaint, dismissed.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Christopher L. Horn of Loogootee and Amber Cramer of Loogootee.

Kevin Streete of Carlisle and Carolyn Shipp of Loogootee

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



A snake began to chase a firefly that only lived to shine.

The firefly stopped and said to the snake: "Can I ask you three questions?"

The snake said, "Yes."

"Do I belong to your food chain?"

The snake said, "No."

"Did I do anything to you?"

The snake said, "No."

"Then why you wanna devour me?"

"The snake replied, "Cause I can't stand to see you shine."

Moral of the story...Often, some people can't stand to see you shine, and that's why they act like snakes, silent and ready

to destroy you!

The bitter truth.

#### THOUGHTS

\*Turned on the wrong burner and have been cooking nothing for about 25 minutes.

\*Yep, I'm ready for the rest of this week! I have my umbrella, my flip flops, my mittens, my suntan lotion, my winter coat, my sunglasses, my thermals, my iced tea and my hot chocolate.

\*Old age comes at a bad time! When you finally know everything, you start to forget everything you know.

\*I find it helps to organize chores into categories: Things I won't do now; things I won't do later; things I'll never do.

\*Friend: Any plans for this weekend?

Me: Triathlon.

Friend: Wow! Swim, cycle, run?

Me: No. Book, bath, nap.

\*On New Year's Eve, an old Irish tradition is to open your door at midnight ant let the Old Year our and the New Year in. I think 2021 deserves all the doors, windows, and garage door to be open.

\*I'm listening to '70s Pop on Alexa, and I suddenly realized that I can no longer shake my booty. It made me a little sad.

\*I put on a layer of fat for the winter... unfortunately, I put it on in the winter of '68.

#### SERIOUSISMS

\*Do you know why God didn't allow our pets to speak? To teach us that love and loyalty are demonstrated by actions and not words.

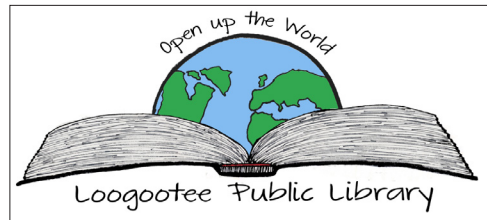
\*Keep the other person's well-being in mind when you feel an attack of soul-purging truth coming on.

\*A wise person once told me, "Let people do what they wanna do, so you see what they'd rather do." That'll answer all the questions you have.

\*Compassion for animals is intimately connected with goodness of character, and it may be confidently asserted that he is cruel to animals cannot be a good man. -Arthur Schopenhauer.

\*If I pass away unexpectedly, remind my family every time you see them how much I love them, and how I would do anything in this world for them. This is all I want.

Make someone smile today!



#### BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Friends of Loogootee Library (FOLL) will have a National Library Week book sale starting on Saturday, April 2 from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The books will remain out until Friday, April 8. There are several nice hardback books, paperbacks, audiobooks, and DVDs. Stop by and enter our special prize drawing.

If you like reading author C.J. Box, check out a similar mystery series "David Wolf series" by Jeff Carson. It has been getting high praise from library patrons.

Martin County Ag committee donated two new kid friendly books "Popcorn Country" by Cris Peterson and "Compost Stew" by Mary McKenna Siddals to the library.

#### NEW BOOKS:

Mystery Fiction: "The Recovery Agent" by Janet Evanovich.

Fiction: "French Braid" by Anne Tyler

InNonfiction: "The Real Anthony Fauci" by Rbert F. Kennedy.

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

#### Dancing for the Future event

Southwestern Indiana Child Advocacy Center Coalition (SWIACC) is a local non-profit child advocacy center providing services for children reported to be victim of abuse. Being a non-profit, SWIACC relies heavily on donations and fundraising to continue their mission to provide a safe reporting location for victims of crime. The SWIACC Kickback is back this year with "Dancing for the Future". This event will include entertainment, silent auction, dessert paddle raise, cash bar, and dancing. Tickets can be purchased through Eventbrite "SWIACC Dancing for the Future", ticket sales end March 25. Follow social media #swiacc to learn more and see local stars practicing to win the mirror ball trophy. SWIACC serves Crawford, Daviess, Dubois, Martin, Orange, Perry, and Spencer counties.

#### Cemetery cleanup

In preparation for mowing season, spring cleanup of St. John Catholic, St. Joseph, and St. Martin Cemeteries will take place on Saturday, April 9. 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. If rain on the 9th the backup date is April 16.

#### Election public test

Notice is hereby given that the public testing of DS200 Image Scanners and Expressvote units that will be used in the 2022 Primary Election will be conducted in the commissioners' room of the Martin County Courthouse, located at 129 Main Street Shoals, IN 47581, on Tuesday March 29 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).

#### Dog/cat wellness clinic

The Martin County Humane Society Animal Shelter holds a monthly wellness clinic on the third Friday from 5-6:30 p.m. Low cost services such as vaccinations, microchips and disease testing are offered. No appointment is required.

#### St. Vincent Food Pantry

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

noon and 1-3:30 p.m.

#### LUMC Food Pantry

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

#### Mental Health Task Force

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

#### Celebrate Recovery meetings

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

#### Local recovery meetings

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

#### Free lunch for kids

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

#### SOAR Tutoring

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#### Solid waste board

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

#### Soil and Water meetings

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



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**Sunday, May 15**

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All items are to be placed inside of the dumpster. Do not place items on the ground around the dumpster. Once the dumpster is full please do not leave your unwanted items.

Please do not dispose of the following items in the dumpster: tires, construction waste, paint, batteries, any other chemical, hazardous or harmful material.

*Let's all do our part to help keep Shoals beautiful and clean!*

# COMMUNITY & EVENTS



Spring is finally here, and with it a flurry of activities in the garden. It is a time for removing the remains of last year's garden and a time to plan and plant the best garden ever. It is a time for tearing out and a time for starting new projects. It is also a time to enjoy the garden. Do not get so busy with the work to be done that you do not take time to sit in a swing and admire your garden.

A major take-out project was completed at Sandhill Gardens last week. An ornamental pear tree that I had been trying to get removed was taken down. I know that I will have to keep cutting back suckers, but the invasive tree is finally gone. It was not always such a pest. When I planted the small Cleveland Select pear tree many years ago, it was being touted as an answer to a major landscaping problem. The world of ornamental pear trees had begun years ago with the introduction of the Bradford pear. It grew into a medium-sized tree with a nice shape and had eye-catching blooms in the spring. Many estate drives were planted with rows of Bradford pears. The tree became the darling of the landscaping world. Cities planted the beautiful pear trees in tree plots and on medians. They were looking for the look of the Japanese cherry blossoms of Washington D.C., but with a tree that was more affordable and required less maintenance.

However, the starlette had a fatal flaw. As the trees matured, the branch crotches exhibited weak unions and ice and wind often resulted in falling limbs. It did not take long for the beautiful-rounded canopies to look more like snags. Still, those estate owners had been charmed by the flowering-tree-lined drives. Plant breeders got busy trying to develop a solution. In a few years, new ornamental pears were introduced, the most promising being the Cleveland Select and Chanticleer pears. They had more conical shapes but did have the beautiful spring blooms that

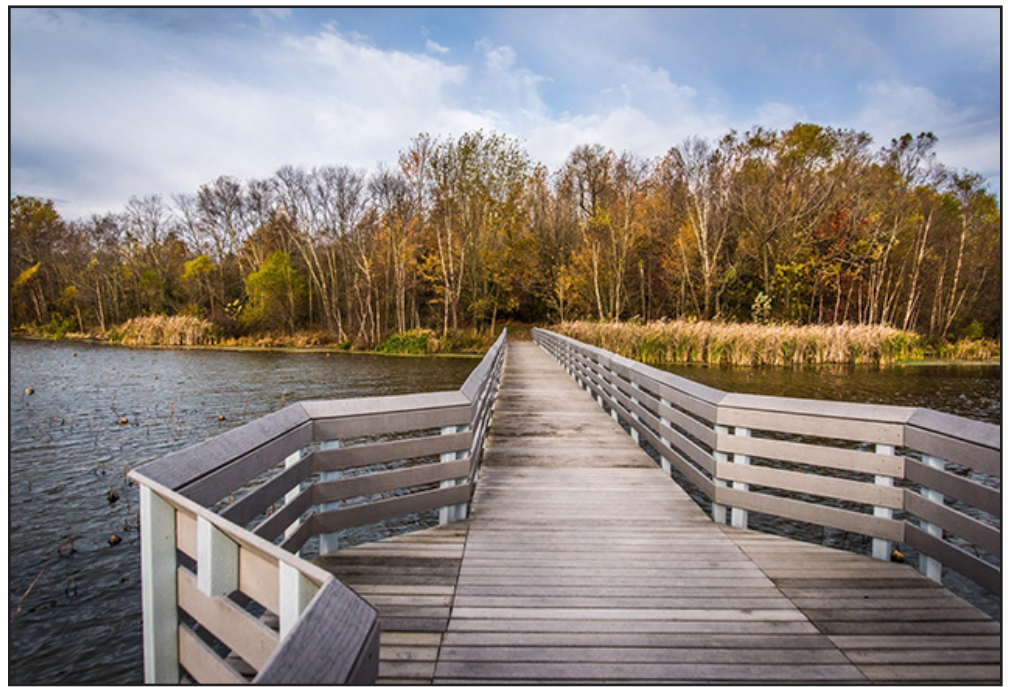
Bradford's weak branch joints.

All these trees had been bred for their flowers and not for fruit. The Bradford was considered to be sterile. However, like many other fruit trees, cross-pollination is necessary for the production of fruit. Up to this point, there had been no pollinator for the Bradford Pear. The introduction of the new varieties changed that. Suddenly, small berry-sized fruits were produced on the ornamental pears. That still did not seem to be a problem. After all, the birds seemed to love eating the fruit. That is about the time I splurged to purchase a fairly large Cleveland Select pear tree.

The digestive tracts of birds do not always digest everything eaten. As the birds ate the fruit, the seeds were not digested and were deposited with the bird droppings. Soon, little ornamental pear trees were coming up everywhere. They grow pretty rapidly, and soon, these non-native trees were crowding out the native trees on which the wildlife depend. That is the very definition of an invasive species.

Eradicating an invasive species is not an easy task. I have done only a small part by having the offending tree cut. I have already cut down several saplings that I have found growing and will probably have to continue doing so for many years. I also am using this column to urge others to refrain from planting ornamental pear trees and to remove any that they presently have.

That brings us full circle. What can be planted to produce the desired rows of flowering trees along driveways? Choose something native. My favorite recommendation is the native serviceberry tree. I think the flowers are actually more beautiful than those of the pear trees. The bonus is tart fruits in mid-June, which are enjoyed by people and wildlife. Once difficult to find in nurseries, they have become more readily available. If you are looking for a good tree for the landscape,



## New boardwalk trail

-Photo provided

Come explore the newest addition to the Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge - Buck's Marsh Boardwalk Trail. This trail takes visitors to Buck's Marsh where visitors can experience the marsh on a 120-foot-long boardwalk extending halfway across the wetland. The trail provides exceptional scenic viewing, a way to explore the diversity of habitats the Refuge has to offer, plus opportunities for observing birds and other wildlife. The Buck's Marsh Boardwalk Trail is approximately three quarters of a mile long to the boardwalk and is through rolling and sometimes moderately steep terrain. Most of the trail is graveled, but some portions are soil/grass. The parking lot for the trail is located off of SR 57 northeast of Oakland City at the east end of Base Road (CR 00) on Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge. Visitors can contact the Refuge Headquarters at 812-749-3199 with questions.

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**JAYLEIGH HARGER**

Jayleigh Harger is the daughter of Caleb and Cameron Sanders. Her siblings are Jayden and Peyton Harger and Bryson and Mayson Sanders. In high school Jayleigh participated in volleyball, basketball, cheer, cross country, beta club, and pep club. Her favorite high school memory is “knocking my front teeth out my junior year of volleyball.” After graduation, Jayleigh plans to attend college, major in psychology, and minor in sociology.



**LANCE ASBELL**

Lance Lee Asbell is the son of David and Alisha Asbell. He has one sister named Haley Asbell. In high school Lance participated in baseball and beta club. His favorite high school memory is “It hasn’t happened yet, it will be when I graduate”. After graduation, Lance plans to apply for an apprenticeship at the Local 181 International Union of Operating Engineers and make a career out of heavy equipment operating.



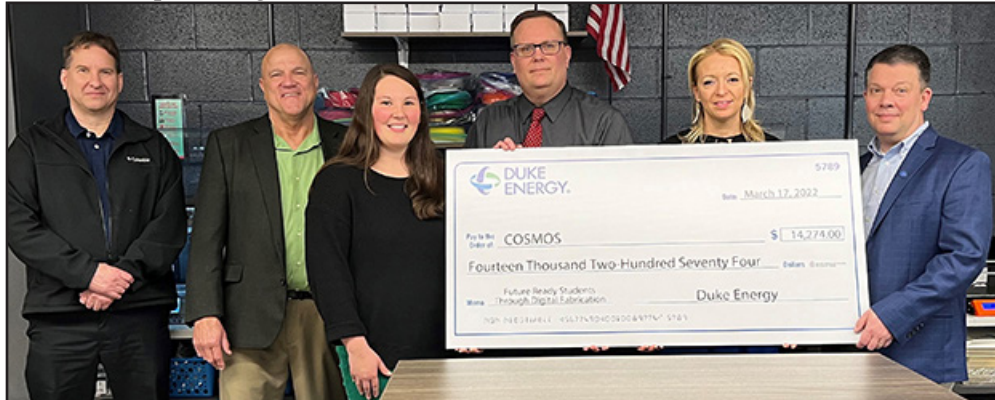
**MASON FISHER**

Mason Lee Fisher is the son of Dana Gilbert. He has one brother named Payton Foster. In high school Mason participated in basketball, track & field, beta club, and project aspire. His favorite high school memory is “being in Smith’s P.E. class playing wall-ball”. After graduation, Mason plans to get his license.



**DANELA MCCARTY**

Danela Jean McCarty is the daughter of Pamela McCarty and Daniel Golden. Her siblings are Daigen McCarty and Jaylyn Golden. In high school Danela participated in cheer, dance, beta, and pep club. Her favorite high school memory is “the bus rides home from away games during cheer”. After graduation, Danela plans to attend IU to become a pediatric nurse.



## STEM grant

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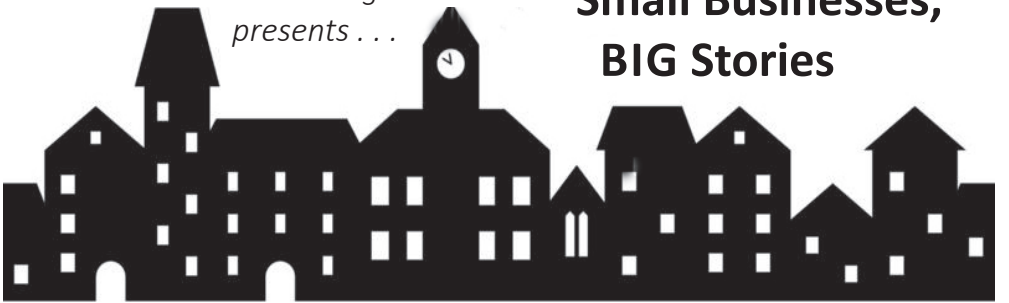
COSMOS (The Collaboration of Shoals, Mitchell and Orleans schools) received a \$14,274 grant from the Duke Energy Foundation. The funds will be used for digital fabrication and STEM programming at the schools. Shown above, from left to right, are Kurt Phegley and Bruce Calloway of Duke Energy, Apryl Kidd of COSMOS, Jimmy Ellis, Superintendent of Orleans Schools; Candace Roush, Superintendent of Shoals Schools; and Brent Comer, Superintendent of Mitchell Schools.

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## Small Businesses, BIG Stories



BY TASHA KREILEIN, KAYLYNN SIMS & ABBY SURVANCE  
LHS Dual-Credit Junior English Class

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

Emilee Bauernfiend, For Raven’s Sake  
“I named my business, ‘For Raven’s Sake,’ because I was a single mother, completely alone, I took care of her by myself. Everything that I did was for her. I didn’t want to work a normal nine to five, where she was stuck in a daycare all day. So, I put her in a playpen and she sat alongside me. I worked hard to provide for her, and people knew that, and that’s why I think people were more willing to give me a chance in the beginning. They knew I was taking care of my daughter.

I was always into art. I always had a sketchbook with me, and I was always drawing. People knew that about me. I went to college for two years at Vincennes University to study art, that definitely helped with everything. Early on Kat Von D. was my inspiration, she really showed me that a woman could be more than successful in a male-dominated industry. I care a lot about what other people think, so I do each job like my life depends on it. I believe I have one shot and that I better make it count. I’ve not always made things easy for myself in life. That’s part of why I pushed myself to be a good artist. It was the one thing that was easy for me. At any time, we have the ability to change things, a plot twist at any moment. Art speaks for itself.

I would really like to get Raven to start tattooing. I would love to start teaching her because she is an amazing artist, and I would love for her to follow in my footsteps. She’s only 12 but she is better than I was at that age, so I know she’s got what it takes if she’ll do it. I’ve started to show her TikToks of close-up tattooing. She doesn’t really like coming into the shop when I’m tattooing anymore, but I think she’ll come around.

My parents were really supportive, and they saw my potential and my drive, and they gave me my own space to work in for the first five years. I don’t know many parents that would just let random people come in; that they didn’t know, and they were really supportive about that. I don’t know that I could do that with Raven. My parents have probably helped me the most, whether it be them putting me through college, or them



giving me my own space. I wouldn’t be where I’m at without their help and support. Also, my fiancé, Andrew, is a huge help. Just him being here with me, because before it was just me. He also picks up a lot of things that I don’t necessarily have time for.

Having my parlor where it’s at right now has made it better. People love the privacy and there are no distractions. If someone is doing a body piece that is revealing or feels open to them, they don’t have to worry about other strangers walking in on them and seeing them. There is no phone ringing or people walking around talking, they really like how quiet it is and it can really calm anxiety for them. I also don’t have to worry about other distractions such as getting up to talk to other clients. Whatever money I make or get back through tax returns, I put back into my business. I believe you have to spend money to make money. I’ve always bought better machines or better needles or just better equipment. Covid has made it a lot more of a day to day, I do get some cancellations. I am totally okay with them. If they’re sick, I don’t want them to come in. We make adjustments and reschedules. Overall, I believe I have more business now than I did before Covid. The shutdown was the first major obstacle because I’ve never been told that I couldn’t work, so that was a huge thing to me. It was really hard for me to just sit there so I switched mediums and I started to tie dye. Just so I had something to do. I tried piercing early on, it’s just not my thing. Beside the smaller-side mediums, I want to just focus on tattooing rather than doing so many things, it has helped me to get better over time. ‘For Raven’s Sake,’ it’s kind of clever.”



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