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## Martin County turning 200 years old amid virus crisis

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As Martin County celebrates its 200<sup>th</sup> year in existence, most residents are on lockdown due to the COVID-19. County Attorney Dave Lett told the Martin County Commissioners at their meeting Tuesday, March 24, that this Friday, March 27 is the county's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday. Commissioner Aaron Summers asked what is planned to celebrate the milestone. Commissioner Paul George said they are not sure right now what, if any, events will be planned in light of the current situation. Commissioner Kevin Boyd, who was under the weather, joined the meeting via video conference.

In other business, the commissioners discussed holding a work session with Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett to go over the bridge inspection proposals. No decision was made on when this would take place.

County Attorney Lett opened one bid received from Troutman Farms to purchase a maintainer from the highway department for \$1,018. The commissioners approved the bid.

The commissioners voted to extend the

## Food pantries, poor assistance

### Food Pantries

Greater Works Food Pantry/Hickory Ridge Church-each Monday from 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

Contact-Darrin Hovis -812-247-3777

The River Church-the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. or by appointment.

Contact-812-709-8628

The Blessing Box-905 West Broadway, Loogootee. Filled weekly. Contact Michael Holt 812-631-3550

Loogootee United Methodist Church Food Pantry-the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday evening

## Primary Election moved to June 2

The 2020 Primary Election that was scheduled for May 5, 2020 has been postponed until June 2, 2020 by order of Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb. Because the Primary was postponed, voter registration will close on May 4, 2020. Please make sure you are properly registered by May 4, 2020. You can call the Martin County Clerk's office at 812-247-3651 or go to [www.Indianavoters.com](http://www.Indianavoters.com) to check status of your registration.

You must have a photo ID to match your registration address in order to vote. In office absentee voting that was scheduled to begin April 7, 2020 will not start until May 5, 2020 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday thru Friday and end June 1, 2020. The clerk's office will also be open on Saturday, May 23; Saturday May 30; and Monday, June 1, 2020 from 8 a.m. until noon. You can request an application to vote by mail at any time by calling the clerk's office at 812-247-3651. If you have already requested to vote by mail, those ballots will be held until the June 2, 2020 Primary. The last day to send out an absentee ballot by mail is Thursday May 21, 2020.

emergency declaration for the county until April 2. The declaration must be reapproved every seven days and the first one was approved last Thursday in a special meeting of the commissioners.

Julia Albright, with the Martin County Health Department, updated the commissioners on the number of COVID-19 cases in counties around Martin. She said testing has started to increase so she expects the numbers to change. Martin County does not have any confirmed cases. She also said that she was contacted by a Martin County restaurant owner who needed to travel out of the county to purchase supplies. She told the commissioners that she can provide documentation to businesses if they need to travel for their work, in case they get stopped by law enforcement.

The commissioners approved an emergency leave policy for county employees. Auditor Bobbie Abel said that certain criteria will have to be met to qualify for the paid leave. The commissioners also approved including part-time staff in the policy, being paid an average of their weekly hours. The commissioners also approved a work from home policy presented by the auditor. Auditor Abel said they have sev-

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from 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. and each Thursday except the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Contact-Martha Greene 812-295-3049

St. Vincent dePaul Food Pantry-the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

Contact-Nancy Ward Smith 812-295-3662

Loogootee Schools-Free "Grab & Go" meals for all Loogootee students who wish to participate. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31; 10 meals (5 breakfast and 5 lunch) can be picked up in the front parking lot of the high school using a drive-up service. If you are unable to pick up food at this time, please call 812-295-3254 ext. 488 to arrange a time for pick-up.

### Poor Assistance

Center Township Trustee-Ann Stewart Phone: 812-388-7185; Office address-13799 Rama Dye Road, Shoals, IN 47581

Halbert Township Trustee-Exzelia Montgomery Phone: 812-709-2434; Office Address-11545 Hilltop Honey Road, Shoals, IN 47581

Lost River Township Trustee-Millie Brown Phone: 812-247-3490; Office Address-6490 Brown Lane, Shoals, IN 47581

Mitcheltree Township Trustee-Tammy Gore Phone: 812-388-5612; Office Address-20472 Sipes Road, Shoals, IN 47581

Perry Township Trustee-Jason Hennette Phone: 812-295-3237; Office Address-804 N JFK Ave, Loogootee, IN 47553

Rutherford Township Trustee-Terry Street Phone: 812-644-7949; Office Address-4224 Beard Road, Loogootee, IN 47553

St. Vincent DePaul Society Help Line -Phone: 812-295-9900



## Eagle still flying

-Photo by Bill Whorrall

Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, you can still count on the beauty of nature to keep everything grounded. Bill Whorrall captured this photo of a bald eagle taking flight on Tuesday.

## COVID-19 information for residents

As of today, at time of publication, Martin County had zero confirmed cases of COVID-19. According to the Martin County Health Department, they have received no notification that anyone in Martin County has been tested for the virus.

For counties bordering Martin County, there is currently one case confirmed in Dubois County and one confirmed case in Lawrence County. There are 477 confirmed cases statewide and 14 deaths.

Tests are limited and according to Governor Eric Holcomb in a press conference on Tuesday, only those deemed high risk are being tested. The state health department says that most people with mild symptoms do not need to be tested and should follow the self-isolation guidelines established by CDC. The Indiana State Department of Health supplies all the needed collection materials to providers and will not accept a specimen that has not been approved prior to collection.

The governor signed an executive order on Monday this week mandating that all Hoosiers, who are not working at essential businesses or out for an essential

reason, must stay home. The order is an attempt to stop the spread of COVID-19. All government buildings are closed to the public and all restaurants are closed to in-person dining. Most factories, liquor stores, restaurant drive thrus, grocery stores, pharmacies, doctor's offices and gas stations will remain open. The order went into effect today and will end on April 6 at 11:59 p.m. Residents are still allowed to do essential activities such as doctor's appointments, grocery shopping, etc. but are encouraged to stay at least six feet away from others while out.

The governor also noted that the stay-at-home order may be extended, if the situation warrants.

If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop a fever and symptoms such as cough or difficulty breathing, call your healthcare provider or the Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center Alternative Screening Site at 812-996-6330. Hours of operation are Monday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

General questions from the public (See 'INFO' on page 2)

## Steps to help prevent the spread of illness if you are sick

If you are sick with respiratory symptoms, follow the steps below to help protect other people in your home and community. Respiratory symptoms include but are not limited to cough, fever, shortness of breath.

Stay home: People who are mildly ill with respiratory symptoms are able to recover at home. Do not leave, except to get medical care. Do not visit public areas.

Stay in touch with your doctor. Call before you get medical care. Be sure to get care if you feel worse or you think it is an emergency.

Separate yourself from other people in your home, this is known as home isolation

Stay away from others: As much as possible, you should stay in a specific "sick room" and away from other people in your home. Use a separate bathroom, if available.

Limit contact with pets and animals: You should restrict contact with pets and other animals, just like you would around other people.

When possible, have another member

of your household care for your animals while you are sick with COVID-19. If you must care for your pet or be around animals while you are sick, wash your hands before and after you interact with them.

Call ahead: If you have a medical appointment, call your doctor's office or emergency department, and tell them you have respiratory illness. This will help the office protect themselves and other patients.

If you are sick: You should wear a facemask when you are around other people and before you enter a healthcare provider's office.

If you are caring for others: If the person who is sick is not able to wear a facemask (for example, because it causes trouble breathing), then people who live in the home should stay in a different room. When caregivers enter the room of the sick person, they should wear a facemask. Visitors, other than caregivers, are not recommended.

Cover your coughs and sneezes  
Cover: Cover your mouth and nose with (See 'STEPS' on page 2)

# STEPS

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a tissue when you cough or sneeze.

**Dispose:** Throw used tissues in a lined trash can.

**Wash hands:** Immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol.

**Hand sanitizer:** If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol, covering all surfaces of your hands and rubbing them together until they feel dry.

**Avoid touching:** Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

**Do not share:** Do not share dishes, drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, towels, or bedding with other people in your home.

**Wash thoroughly after use:** After using these items, wash them thoroughly with soap and water or put in the dishwasher.

**Clean high-touch surfaces in your isolation area** ("sick room" and bathroom) every day; let a caregiver clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces in other areas of the home.

**High-touch surfaces include** phones, remote controls, counters, tabletops, door-knobs, bathroom fixtures, toilets, keyboards, tablets, and bedside tables.

Be sure to follow the instructions on the label to ensure safe and effective use of the product. Many products recommend keeping the surface wet for several minutes to ensure germs are killed. Many also recommend precautions such as wearing gloves and making sure you have good ventilation during use of the product.

Most EPA-registered household disinfectants should be effective.

Seek medical attention but call first:

Seek medical care right away if your illness is worsening (for example, if you have difficulty breathing).

**Call your doctor before going in:** Before going to the doctor's office or emergency room, call ahead and tell them your symptoms. They will tell you what to do.

**Wear a facemask:** If possible, put on a facemask before you enter the building. If you can't put on a facemask, try to keep a safe distance from other people (at least 6 feet away). This will help protect the people in the office or waiting room.

**Follow care instructions from your healthcare provider and local health department:** Your local health authorities will give instructions on checking your symptoms and reporting information.

If you develop the following symptoms, get medical attention immediately. Emergency warning signs include\*:

Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath

Persistent pain or pressure in the chest

New confusion or inability to arouse

Bluish lips or face

\*This list is not all inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning.

People with respiratory illness who have stayed home (home isolated) can stop home isolation under the following conditions:

You have had no fever for at least 72 hours (that is three full days of no fever without the use medicine that reduces fevers) AND other symptoms have improved (for example, when your cough or shortness of breath have improved) AND at least 7 days have passed since your symptoms first appeared

For more information visit [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html) or [www.in.gov/isdh/28470.htm](http://www.in.gov/isdh/28470.htm).

# COMMISSIONERS

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eral already working from home, but the policy puts in place guidelines that must be used to access the county's server.

The commissioners approved closing the courthouse and all government offices outside the courthouse. It was noted that phone numbers for each office are posted

## ~LETTER TO THE EDITOR~ 'April blood drives have been changed'

To the editor of the Martin County Journal:

The locations for the April blood drives have been changed from the Shoals and Loogootee Schools to the following:

Shoals Christian Church, CRC building, Wednesday, April 15

Loogootee United Methodist Church, Family Life Center, Thursday, April 16.

Hours for both drives are from 2 to 7 p.m.

Scheduling is now available for both drives by going online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), using your ARC app, calling the ARC at 800-733-2767, or you may call me at 812-247-3767 or 709-2579.

If further updates are needed, I will contact our local news media.

Many thanks for your continuing support of the ARC mission of "saving lives through blood donations".

Lynn Hawkins,  
ARC Volunteer

## Immunization clinic closed

The Martin County Health Department Immunization Clinic will not be open for routine vaccinations until further notice. Any urgent immunization needs will be handled on a case by case basis by appointment only. (Example: tetanus shot for an injury) Please call 812-247-3303 if you have any questions or need to schedule an appointment.

on the front door of the courthouse along with information on how to pay child support. Commissioner George said that at least one employee needs to be in each office every day to help the public via phone or email.

Auditor Abel asked if title search companies were still allowed to come into the courthouse. After discussion, the commissioners said if the recorder is okay with it, they are as well. Auditor Abel said that the title searchers were listed as essential workers in his executive order.

Commissioner George added that the highway department will continue to work as normal.

Sheriff Travis Roush reported there are currently 80 inmates in the jail with 18 of them from Vigo County.

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or healthcare provider inquiries about COVID-19 may be directed to the ISDH COVID-19 Call Center at the toll-free number 877-826-0011 (available 24/7) or email [epiresource@isdh.in.gov](mailto:epiresource@isdh.in.gov).

## Shoals Town Hall closed to the public

The Shoals Town Hall will be closed to the public until Monday, April 6 or until further notice due to the COVID-19 pandemic declaration. The clerk-treasurer's office will remain available to citizens and customers for any questions, concerns or requests by phone and/or email during the normal business hours of Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Utility workers will remain available for services as needed and there are no changes to the after-hours emergency answering service. Utility bills can be paid by mail or placed into the drop-box located on the front door of the Town Hall.



# THANKING OUR UNSUNG HEROES

I am recognizing Leslie Guy for working as a nurse at the ZipMed Urgent Care clinic in town. She is continuing to care for patients in this trying time. From her family Trevor, Trevor S. and Luke

Dear Hope (CNA at The Timbers in Jasper),

I hope you know how proud I am of you. Thank you for being such a kind hearted girl. You are willing to help others and your love for your residents just melts my heart. We are all so proud of you and all the long hours you have put in. You truly are an angel.

Love Mom

Beverly Gee, Receptionist at Loogootee Family Medicine and Catina Cannon, Registered Nurse / Intake and Authorization Specialist at Jasper Memorial Hospital, Thank you for all you do for our family and the community. You work

hard everyday to keep people safe and healthy. We are all truly blessed to have people like you in our lives. Love you to the moon and back.

Missy Dorsey

Jeffery Dorsey is my unsung hero. He is a Shoals volunteer firefighter and a reserve Martin Co. Sheriff's Deputy. He not only has his regular day job, but is on call 24/7 for his community. Thank you for your continued selflessness to serve others in need. You're appreciated every day.

Love always, Shelby Bridgewater

These are my unsung heroes:

Madison Mann- Phlebotomist at Memorial( lab tech) David Qualkenbush- State trooper Kasey Becher- nurse Corey VanMeter- fire fighter Jared Mann - police officer These are just my unsung heroes. Not just in this time of uncertainty and chaos but just in everyday life. These people are the ones who go running towards the panic while everyone else runs away. These are the ones that comfort even when their fear can not be shown. These are the ones that see the tragic and still carry on ....they don't see themselves as hero's but to many they are. I pray God keeps each and everyone safe now thru this scary and unknown time ahead of us

Ame Zins.

We have several essential workers in our home. My husband, Marty Tarrh is driving a truck over the road to deliver things that other folks are waiting on. Josh Wingo who lives with us is working long hours at our local CVS store stocking shelves and waiting on customers. He's risking his well being every day so that we can get some things that we think we need. I myself am a home health aide. I go to the homes of others to help with their basic daily needs. I really hope that we can all stay well and safe so we can continue to help others in our community.

Sincerely, Mary Jane Tarrh

Thank you to the following unsung heroes: Jail Officers: Billy Joe Norman, Dylan Dant, Josiah Holt, Swayzee Grimes, Jason Kent, Jerry Oakman, Krista Nicholson and Austin Higgs; Jail/dispatch: Jonah Shaw; Dispatch: Melissa Sorrels, Kathryn Ochs, Luke Copeland, Brett Richardson, Patty Abel, Alexis Rhodes, and Mary Smith; Matron: Danielle Murphy; Cook: Kristen Berry; Sheriff Roush; Deputies: Chief Greene, Major Keller, Sergeant Reed, Corporal Wright, Deputy Seymour, Deputy Lents, Deputy Gibson, Deputy Barnett, and Deputy Wells; Animal Control Deputy Hughett; Reserve Deputies: Gammon, Harmon, Greene, Dorsey, and Ochs

From Jail Commander Josh Brulla

I'd like to thank Danna Holt, Bud Goldsberry, Trenady Miller, Ashton Carnegie, Danna Holt, Jatin Nicholson, Kaylin Taylor, Lawson McCloskey, Vicki Mullen, Michelle Thurnehorst-Jones, Nicole Pendleton, Tony Miller, Dakota Holcomb, Seth McCray, These are the people and crew I work with at McDonald's in Loogootee. If it wasn't for all of us putting our selves out there. This would not happen to serve our small but mighty community. Thank you Day Shift at McDonald's.

Thank you to Levi Motyka for showing up every day stocking the shelves in the grocery to keep everyone fed. You have endured more than your share of grief!

Love, Mom

Jeramey R Osborn is the Ambulance Services Clinical Manager at Jasper Memorial Hospital. He also serves as a paramedic. We are very proud of you and the services you provide for our communities. Thank you and your people for always putting others first.

We love you! Dad & Mom



Thank you to all of our "essential workers" for being there for us every day! From The Hughett Family and the Martin County Journal

# OBITUARIES

## MARSHA BLAKE

Marsha Blake went to be with Jesus at 6:45 p.m. March 22, 2020 at the IU Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. A resident of Washington, she was 66.



She was born to Brayton and Imogene (Krodel) Thompson on March 26, 1953 in Washington. Marsha married the love of her

life, James R. Blake, on November 27, 1971.

She was a member of the Twin Oaks Holiness Church in Petersburg and loved Jesus. Marsha lived life to the fullest...she loved laughing and did it often. She loved playing games, telling jokes, hosting parties for family and friends, and antiquing anywhere their travels took them.

She designed and they built her dream home. She had an amazing talent for com-

binning and arranging their antiques, family heirlooms, and her preferred current style to make her home look like a picture from a magazine.

Marsha had the awesome privilege of staying home and raising her girls. Christmas traditions, family vacations, and special family gatherings were a priority for her.

In recent years, she especially loved just being home, playing her baby grand piano, having her kids, grandkids, family and friends over, driving her 1965 red Mustang, their annual trips to Florida, and, as we said before, laughing and having a good time.

Marsha is preceded in death by her parents and sister, Diane (Thompson) Ross.

She is survived by her loving husband, Jim of Washington; her daughters, Denise Bittinger of Indianapolis and Nicole (Stephen) Cassady of Beavertown, Pennsylvania; and her five grandchildren, Cammi and Bentley Bittinger; Blake, Chloe, and Ashton Cassady.

A private funeral and burial will be held. A special Celebration of Life service will be announced after the quarantine is lifted.

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee is honored to serve the family of Marsha Blake.

## IRENE HURT

Irene Hurt passed away at 3:45 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at Memorial Hospital and Healthcare Center. A resident of Loogootee, she was 82.

She was born October 2, 1937 in Loogootee; daughter of the late Walter and Leoma (Stuckey) Bough.

Irene married James E. Hurt on April 15, 1961 and he preceded her in death.

She was a member of the Loogootee United Methodist Church. In her younger years, Irene enjoyed crocheting and cooking. She loved spending time with her fam-

ily, friends and children. She and her sister, Lois, made many shopping trips to the "mall" (St. Vincent De Paul) while their health allowed. Irene was a former head cook for over 20 years at Loogootee Elementary West and Loogootee High School.

She is preceded in death by her husband, James E. Hurt; son, Fred Hurt; parents, Walter and Leoma Bough; and siblings, Don Bough, Gordon Bough, Wendell Bough, Ford Bough, Eloise Throop and Lois Dearwester.

She is survived by her sons, Michael Hurt and Rick Hurt, both of Loogootee and grandson, Dakota Hurt.

Private family services will be held. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Loogootee United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be made online at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com).

## Indiana DNR COVID-19 response

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources has adjusted services, events and operations to protect Hoosiers and prevent further spread of COVID-19. The list below, and updates, can be found at [on.IN.gov/DNRcovid19](http://on.IN.gov/DNRcovid19).

### What's open

All DNR properties including state parks, state forests, fish and wildlife areas, nature preserves and state recreation areas. Families will be able to go outside and take a walk, run or bike ride, but they should continue to practice social distancing by remaining 6 feet away from other people. Entrance fees at properties have been temporarily suspended.

### Unstaffed archery ranges.

Indiana DNR-managed trails and campgrounds at Brookville, J.E. Roush, Salamonie, Mississinewa, Cecil M. Harden (Raccoon SRA), Cagles Mill (Lieber SRA), Patoka and Monroe lakes (campgrounds, wildlife areas, and boat ramps) remain open. However, public facilities managed directly by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at or below the dams at these lakes (tailwater areas, observation mounds, etc.) are closed.

Campgrounds remain open at this time, but advance reservations are required. No walk-ins are permitted. For those who would prefer to cancel or reschedule due to COVID-19, we are committed to waiving fees for cancellations or transfers of reservations and to issuing refunds as requested for campsites held through April 30, 2020. This time frame may be extended as the COVID-19 status evolves.

### What's closed

All property offices. Passes and permits can be purchased online at [ShopIN-Stateparks.com](http://ShopIN-Stateparks.com). Property maps are available online at [dnr.IN.gov](http://dnr.IN.gov). Office contact information will be provided on doors for those who have specific questions.

### State park inns and restaurants.

Welcome centers, playgrounds, cabins, camper cabins, fire towers, and other facilities.

Nature Centers, Historic Buildings and Visitor Centers, Forest Education Centers, rifle ranges, and enclosed picnic ar-

eas.

State Park Inn pools and the aquatic center at Abe Martin Lodge.

All group camps, recreation buildings, youth tent and rally tent areas through April 30, 2020. Any groups with reservations have been contacted and fees will be refunded.

The DNR Customer Service Center in downtown Indianapolis is closed to public but is still available by telephone.

### Events

All indoor and outdoor public programs and special events are postponed through April 30. There will be virtual programming added through social media; watch the DNR calendar at [calendar.dnr.IN.gov](http://calendar.dnr.IN.gov) for details and times.

We will continue to implement recommendations from the Indiana State Department of Health and will follow other directives from the State of Indiana regarding any future closures or cancellations. Notifications of any changes will be provided directly to guests and groups with reservations, and added to our property advisories webpage and the DNR calendar.

### Online and phone options

We urge the public to do business with us by phone, email, or online. Here are your options:

Indiana Fish & Wildlife Online License System ([www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/9339.htm](http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/9339.htm))

Make or change State Park Inns reservations online or by phone at 877-LODGE-ES1 (1-877-563-4371). Call center open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

Make or change campground reservations by calling 866-622-6746 or visiting [camp.IN.gov](http://camp.IN.gov)

The DNR Customer Service Center staff can answer questions at 317-232-4200 or 877-463-6367. It is open 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### Updates on our website

Please check our COVID-19 webpage regularly for additions and modifications to this list, at [www.in.gov/dnr/10342.htm?utm\\_source=agency-website&utm\\_medium=&utm\\_campaign=&utm\\_term=&utm\\_content=](http://www.in.gov/dnr/10342.htm?utm_source=agency-website&utm_medium=&utm_campaign=&utm_term=&utm_content=)



My daily walks around Sandhill Gardens have been increasingly exciting recently. Each day, there is something new pushing through the ground or a new bloom opening. The hellebore clumps continue to mature and have taken on an appearance of vases of blooms masterfully arranged. The daffodils have progressed from the early-season blooms to the mid-season varieties. Since the weather has been cool, the early daffodils are still looking good, which has resulted in golden rivers flowing through various parts of the gardens.

On a recent morning walk, I happened upon a swath of purple anemones in the shade of an old maple tree. I actually had forgotten that I had planted the corms there last fall, so the lovely jewel-tone flowers were a pleasant surprise. Not far away, I noticed the first tiny blue flowers of brunnera floating above deeply-veined heart-shaped leaves. Grown mostly for the foliage, the tiny spring flowers are a wonderful bonus. A few sprigs of blue tucked into a vase of tete-a-tete miniature daffodils look like airy clouds above the tiny golden trumpets. A few steps farther around an emerging shrub, I spied a clump of pulmonaria with its small buds of pink, white and blue. The spotted leaves give rise to the common name of lungwort.

A couple of days later, it was my nose that made a discovery in the garden. I was walking to my car and the scent of a hyacinth greeted me. It is the odor of spring. The bulbs planted along the walk allow me to enjoy that experience when I come and go each day. The bulbs have multiplied over the years, so there are several blooms in various stages of maturity and the lovely scent should stay around for a while.

There has been a lot of garden work to do this week. I continue to plant seeds in the greenhouse for vegetable and flower bedding plants. Some of the plants I have ordered have begun arriving and I try to take advantage of times between showers when I can get things planted. I have decided to plant a moon garden, filled with mostly white flowers and night-blooming flowers. This will be located near the top of the cliff, where I love to sit and watch sunsets. I transplanted some white re-blooming bearded irises and some white Japanese irises in that location. I also planted some bulbs for two varieties of white Oriental lilies. I plan to plant a white-veined caladium and white begonias in the old cauldron that sits next

to the bench. I hope to install an arbor on which I will grow moon flowers and white clematis. It will be a good place to end the days.

One of the greatest joys of gardening is to share the garden with others. I rarely miss preparing an arrangement to take to church on Sunday. With the present virus-fighting measures, that will not be happening for a few weeks. I will also miss my visits to some area nursing homes, where I usually sing and often take flowers. I may not be able to visit, but I plan to send flowers to some of the residents I usually visit. I recently read an article lamenting that we have abandoned the custom of May-day bouquets left hanging on the doorknobs of neighbors. The writer proposed renewing that custom and I think that is a great idea. However, with the many flowers available now and those that will come and go before May, I think sharing our gardens with others is a great way to bring a ray of sunshine into the lives of people who may be lonely during the isolation period. You do not need to use fancy vases. A soup can with a wire bail will do. I often use olive jars and other small glass jars. I have even cut cloth to cover peanut butter jars and used ribbon to fasten it to the jars. Whatever you have will do. Fill it with the bounty of your garden and take it to someone's home. Leave it by the door and be aware that you have brightened someone's day.

*A Proud Member of the Shoals Community Since 1937!*

**Stop by and see our newly renovated facility!**

**QUEEN-LEE CHAPEL**  
Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes, Inc.

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<b>Loogootee</b> (812) 295-2312	<b>Shoals</b> (812) 247-3321	<b>Jasper</b> (812) 634-2222	<b>Washington</b> (812) 254-2540
<b>Sullivan</b> (812) 268-5252	<b>Martinsville</b> (765) 342-6623	<b>Linton</b> (812) 847-4494	
<b>Jasonville</b> (812) 665-3969	<b>Bicknell</b> (812) 735-3545	<b>Bloomfield</b> (812) 384-4453	

## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, MARCH 16

10:01 a.m. - Received a call reporting a domestic dispute in Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Chief Deputy Greene responded.

12:39 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

2:20 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:44 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance for transport to the hospital from Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department First Responders responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:33 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department First Responders responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:38 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department First Responders responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 17

3:19 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in the Loogootee area. Martin County Ambulance and Crane First Responders responded.

5:23 a.m. - Received a welfare check for a male whose vehicle was found abandoned. The male subject was located by the Daviess County Sheriff's Office.

8:54 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department First Responders responded. No one was transported.

9:07 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock at Shoals Jay C store. Major Keller responded. Vehicle was unlocked.

10:40 a.m. - Received a call from the Samaritan Center in Loogootee requesting assistance in transporting someone to the hospital. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded and transported one person to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:44 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver on US Hwy 50, near Loogootee. Major Keller responded and was unable to locate.

12:54 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver on US Hwy 50, near the Lawrence County line. Lawrence County was advised.

1:00 p.m. - Deputy Wells transported three inmates to court.

1:16 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock on Main Street, Shoals. Major Keller responded. Vehicle was unlocked.

1:50 p.m. - Deputy Wells returned from court with three inmates.

1:59 p.m. - Deputy Wells transported three inmates to court.

2:30 p.m. - Received a call reporting a missing dog near North Line Street, Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

2:34 p.m. - Deputy Wells returned from court with three inmates.

3:31 p.m. - Received a 911 call from the Odon area. This call was transferred to Daviess County.

3:38 p.m. - Deputy Wells transported one inmate to court.

4:03 p.m. - Deputy Wells returned from court with one inmate.

4:53 p.m. - Received a call reporting a controlled burn on Sorrells Lane.

05:21 p.m. - Received a call reporting

a possible intoxicated driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Dispatch and Dubois County Dispatch were advised.

7:29 p.m. - Received a call requesting an officer's assistance with a suicidal individual. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

8:39 a.m. - Received a call reporting animal abuse. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

9:11 a.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock at US Gypsum. Chief Deputy Greene responded. Vehicle was unlocked.

9:59 a.m. - Received a call requesting an officer for a verbal domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

10:21 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Major Keller responded. Vehicle was unlocked.

2:34 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Shoals. Major Keller responded.

3:58 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee McDonald's. Major Keller responded.

4:36 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance for a lift assist. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire First Responders responded. No one transported.

7:43 p.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down across the road on US 231 South, near the Hayesville Bridge. Deputy Wells responded.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 19

1:00 a.m. - Received a call reporting a loud noise disturbance in Loogootee. Loogootee Sgt. Floyd responded.

10:41 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

3:50 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down over the roadway on Windom Road. Shoals Fire Department responded.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 20

1:08 a.m. - Received a call reporting a repossession in Loogootee.

3:31 a.m. - Received a call from ADT reporting a residential burglary alarm. Deputy Seymour responded.

3:37 a.m. - Received a call reporting a rollover accident on US Hwy 231 South. Deputy Seymour, Deputy Gibson, Loogootee Sgt. Floyd and Martin County Ambulance responded. Big John's towed the vehicle.

4:14 a.m. - Received a call reporting telephone lines and poles down near Houghton Bridge. Deputy Gibson responded.

6:07 a.m. - Received a call reporting a large limb across US Hwy 50 near Max Warrens curve. Shoals Fire responded.

7:48 a.m. - Received a call from Area One Protection reporting a burglary alarm in Loogootee. Major Keller and Shoals Fire Department Chief responded.

8:28 a.m. - Received a call reporting an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

12:01 p.m. - Received a call reporting a traffic hazard in the roadway near Loogootee. Deputy Wright responded.

12:35 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check near Loogootee. Major Keller responded.

3:38 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near the Daviess County line. Daviess County was notified.

4:06 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance from a Loogootee nursing home. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:30 p.m. - Received a call requesting Animal Control Officer Hughett pick

up a stray dog. Animal control Officer Hughett was advised.

6:59 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department First Responders responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one to Daviess Community Hospital.

7:22 p.m. - Received a call reporting an accident at the intersection of US 231 and US Hwy 50 in Loogootee. Deputy Barnett, Deputy Wright, Loogootee Officer Allen, Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

11:47 p.m. - Received a call from Guardian Medical requesting an ambulance to transport one patient from Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department first responders responded. Martin County Ambulance transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 21

12:41 a.m. - Received a call reporting of an intoxicated individual acting odd. Deputy Gibson, Reserve Deputy Dorsy, and Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded and were unable to locate.

3:25 a.m. - Received a call requesting a lift assist in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire First Responders responded. No one was transported.

6:25 a.m. - Received a call reporting an accident near Shoals on US Hwy 50. Deputy Gibson and Shoals Fire Department responded. No one transported.

## AG Curtis Hill warns of scams related to coronavirus pandemic

Attorney General Curtis Hill, last week, asked Hoosiers to be wary of scams as the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic sweeps across the globe.

In times of crisis, Attorney General Hill said, scams become more prevalent. Scammers and fraudsters often attempt to take advantage of vulnerable consumers during difficult moments.

Attorney General Hill urged Hoosiers to remain vigilant during these hardships and to always be on the lookout for fraudulent activities.

"The unprecedented coronavirus pandemic has undoubtedly left many Hoosiers feeling worried, scared or uncertain about the world around them," Attorney General Hill said. "Scammers capitalize on challenging times like this to prey on innocent consumers. Falling victim to a scam during this pandemic could have irreversible consequences."

The Office of the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division is actively communicating with health departments, health clinics and retail outlets to stay on top of potential scams and concerns. Cyber scams involving emails or text messages related to the coronavirus have already been reported.

## ARRESTS

### MONDAY, MARCH 16

12:44 a.m. - Bradley Short, was arrested by Loogootee Sgt. Floyd and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, possession of a controlled substance and possession of paraphernalia.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

7:47 p.m. - Tammy Allen, was arrested by ISP Trooper Nolan for a probation violation warrant.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 19

7:50 p.m. - Jessica Davis was arrested by ISP Trooper McBeth for a Martin County warrant.

8:25 a.m. - Received a call reporting a fight in Loogootee. Deputy Wright, Loogootee Captain Hennette, and ICO Tony Mann responded.

9:38 a.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

10:36 a.m. - Received a call reporting an accident on Main Street in Shoals. Deputy Wright responded.

2:35 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on Hwy. 231 South. Deputy Barnett and Loogootee Officer Allen responded.

2:40 p.m. - Deputy Barnett checked on a disabled vehicle.

3:51 p.m. - Received a call reporting a fire in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

7:39 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and did not transport.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 22

5:42 a.m. - Received a call requesting an officer to Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

10:33 a.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire First Responders responded.

6:08 p.m. - Received a call requesting an officer for help with a dog who was hit. Animal Control Officer Hughett and Deputy Barnett responded.

Attorney General Hill offered these tips to avoid phishing scams during the coronavirus pandemic:

Be on alert for communications with dangerous attachments or fraudulent links.

Treat any emails or texts with subject lines or information about coronavirus with caution.

Avoid clicking on links in unsolicited emails and be wary of email attachments.

Always verify the email addresses of those who send you emails.

Use trusted, legitimate government websites to obtain up-to-date information.

Don't reveal personal or financial information via email or text message.

Verify the authenticity of a charity before donating money.

Attorney General Hill also asked Hoosiers to avoid fraudulent products that claim to test for, prevent or treat coronavirus. The Federal Trade Commission and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration have said there are currently no vaccines, pills, potions, lotions, lozenges or other prescription or over-the-counter products commercially available to treat or cure the virus.

"It's a shame that in these already tough times, scammers are trying to make consumers' lives even more difficult," Attorney General Hill said. "But by exercising caution, you can avoid them."

Check back regularly at [www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/2426.htm](http://www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/2426.htm) for Office of the Attorney General consumer-related updates and alerts.

To submit a price-gouging complaint, the Office is encouraging Hoosiers to utilize the online consumer complaint form. You can find the form by going to [www.indianaconsumer.com](http://www.indianaconsumer.com) and clicking "File a Complaint."

For up-to-date information about the coronavirus, please visit the Indiana State Department of Health website at <https://www.in.gov/coronavirus/>. You may also call the department 24/7 at 1-877-826-0011.

# COURT NEWS

## CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS

March 5

James Robert Maple, III, convicted of dealing in methamphetamine, a Level 2 Felony; criminal recklessness, a Level 6 Felony; and intimidation, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced on the first count to serve 11 years with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 383 actual days previously served plus 128 Class B credit days. Sentenced on the second count to serve 2.5 years with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 361 actual days previously served plus 361 Class A credit days. Sentenced on the third count to serve 2.5 years with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 361 actual days previously served plus 361 Class A credit days.

James M. Osbourne, Jr., convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 209 days suspended and credit for 78 actual days previously served plus 78 Class A credit days. Defendant received 6 months of probation.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

March 5

James Robert Maple, III, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 3 Felony, dismissed; carrying a handgun without a license, a Level 5 Felony, dismissed; criminal recklessness, a Level 6 Felony,

dismissed; resisting law enforcement, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; intimidation, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

James M. Osbourne, Jr., maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

March 11

Benjamin D. Sanders, theft, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT

### New Suits Filed

March 12

Cavalry SPV I, LLC vs. Mitchell J. Pfau, civil collection.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT

### New Suits Filed

March 12

Isha E. Wright-Ryan vs. Lacy Young, complaint.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

March 18

Deana Louise Short of Loogootee and Corbin Daniel Wildman of Loogootee.

March 20

Danny L. Collins, Jr., of Shoals and Rachel D. Roach, of Shoals.

## Martin County real estate transfers

George L. Sipes, of Martin County, Indiana to Sara Chastain, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4 in the plat of the Town of Cale City, a subdivision of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter, and the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 9, Township 4 North, Range 3 West.

Joshua M. Graber and Brittany L. Parker n/k/a Brittany L. Graber, of Martin County, Indiana to Jamie M. Divine, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 13, Township 3 North, Range 5 West.

Carl R. Walker and John L. Walker, of Martin County, Indiana to Cole W. Walker and Taylor R. Walker, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, in Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 3.872 acres, more or less.

Larry R. Fellers, of Martin County, Indiana to Larry R. Fellers and Nancy L. Dant, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West.

Dean Swartzentruber and Karen Swartzentruber and Gary Swartzentruber and Karen Sue Swartzentruber, of Martin County, Indiana to Dean Swartzentruber and Karen Swartzentruber, of Martin County, Indiana, th87 acres in Township 4 North, Range

4 West.

Larry Dean Swartzentruber and Gary Lee Swartzentruber, of Martin County, Indiana to Gary Swartzentruber and Karen Swartzentruber, of Martin County, Indiana, 18.11 acres, more or less, in Section 31, Township 5 North, Range 4 West.

Larry Dean Swartzentruber a/k/a Dean Swartzentruber and Karen Swartzentruber and Gary Lee Swartzentruber and Karen Sue Swartzentruber a/k/a Gary Swartzentruber and Karen Sue Swartzentruber, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: The northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 31, Township 5 North, Range 4 West, containing 40 acres, more or less. Tract II: The southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 30, Township 5 North, Range 4 West, containing 140 acres, except 1.08 acres, more or less.

## Shoals Ballpark closed

The Shoals Ballpark and playground are closed to the public to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, effective immediately.

All league play on the fields is forbidden at this time along with anyone being on the playground equipment. Employees have gated off access to the park area and are posting signs to alert residents of the change.

# Loogootee Police log

## MONDAY, MARCH 16

12:44 a.m. - Sgt. Floyd assisted the county with an arrest.

12:39 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

3:35 p.m. - Chief Rayhill tagged an abandoned vehicle on Brickyard Road.

3:44 p.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a medical call.

4:34 p.m. - First responders were requested at the Loogootee Library for a medical call.

8:20 p.m. - Male caller requested a welfare check on a female.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 17

10:40 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female at a local business.

11:15 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the school with lunch handouts.

4:12 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

9:34 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

9:59 a.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on Broadway Street.

3:58 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

6:45 p.m. - Caller reported a loud music complaint on US 231.

8:15 p.m. - Male reported an animal complaint.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 19

11:20 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

1:45 p.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted a motorist.

3:30 p.m. - Male reported a child custody matter.

8:45 p.m. - Female caller requested a welfare check on a male.

10:00 p.m. - Male reported a utility problem.

10:41 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious persons on North JFK Avenue.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 20

## AG urges Hoosiers to submit price-gouging complaints online amid coronavirus outbreak

Attorney General Curtis Hill today urged Hoosiers who believe they have been subjected to excessive prices for consumer goods during the coronavirus pandemic to file a complaint online with the Office of the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division.

While specific price-gouging authority in Indiana law refers to fuel prices during a state of emergency, the Office of the Attorney General has authority to enforce the Deceptive Consumer Sales Act, which permits appropriate enforcement of any unfair, abusive, deceptive or unconscionable conduct. In an executive order issued Monday, Gov. Eric Holcomb said Hoosiers who believe they've been subjected to excessive prices for

12:01 p.m. - Caller reported an object in the road on Hwy 50.

12:35 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

6:09 p.m. - Female reported a child custody dispute.

6:30 p.m. - Caller reported a loose dog. Animal Control was contacted.

6:54 p.m. - Female reported threatening text messages.

7:22 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 50 and 231.

11:27 p.m. - Sgt. Floyd was notified to be on the look-out for a possible intoxicated driver on US 231.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 21

12:41 a.m. - Sgt. Floyd assisted the county with an intoxicated person call.

8:25 a.m. - Caller reported a fight in progress on North Line Street.

2:35 p.m. - Female reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

2:47 p.m. - Male reported a suspicious person on SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

3:06 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on JFK Avenue.

3:51 p.m. - Female reported seeing smoke on Vine Street. Everything checked okay.

7:17 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance on North Line Street.

7:53 p.m. - Caller reported a male harassing customers at a local business.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 22

5:42 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person at a local business.

10:33 a.m. - First responders were requested on Locust Street for a medical call.

1:45 p.m. - Female reported a speeding vehicle on Hwy 50.

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

11:55 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious persons on Church Street.

consumer goods should contact the Attorney General's Office.

In accordance with the executive order and the authority of the Office within Indiana law, the Office of the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division is accepting complaints related to excessive prices for all consumer goods.

To submit a price-gouging complaint, the Office is encouraging Hoosiers to utilize the online consumer complaint form, which can be found at [www.indianaconsumer.com](http://www.indianaconsumer.com), click on "File a Complaint". If you have questions about the types of complaints handled by the Consumer Protection Division, you may call the Consumer Protection Division at 1-800-382-5516 or 317-232-6330.

# CLASSIFIED ADS

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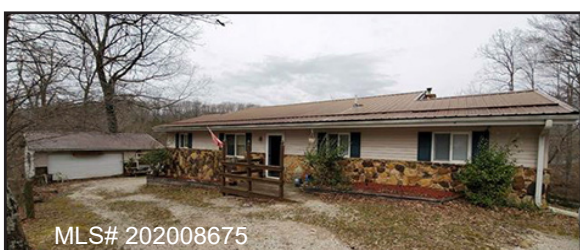
### The City of Loogootee Park and Recreation Dept. is accepting applications for Pool Manager, Assistant Manager, Lifeguards & Concession Workers

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions Applications will be mailed to those wishing to apply. Call Mayors office at 812-295-4770 between 8-4, Monday-Friday. Applications may be dropped off in the Utility Office Drop Box in the City Hall parking lot.



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# COMMUNITY & EVENTS

## More Neat Stuff

By Ann Ackerman



I often come in to contact with people who have read this article and they tell me about their favorite story and ask me to repeat it. I laughed out loud the first time I read the following and laughed even harder the second time. Hope you enjoy it:

"Late again!" the third-grade teacher sternly said to little Robbie.

"It ain't my fault this time, Miss Russell. You can blame this 'un on my Daddy. The reason I'm three hours late is my Daddy sleeps naked!"

Miss Russell had taught grammar school for 30-some-odd years. Despite her mounting fears, she asked little Robbie what he meant by that. Full of grins and mischief, and in the flower of his youth, little Robbie and trouble were old friends but he always told the truth.

"You see, Miss Russell, out at the farm we got this here low-down fox. The last few nights, he done ate six hens. Last night, when Daddy heard a noise out in the chicken pen, he grabbed his double-barreled shot gun and said to my Ma, "That fox is back again... I'm a gonna git him!"

"Stay back," Daddy whispered to all us kids!

"My Daddy was naked as a jaybird -- no boots, no pants, no shirt! To the hen house he crawled, just like an Injun on the snoop. Then, he stuck that double-barreled 12-gauge shotgun through the window of the coop. As he stared into the darkness, with a fox on his mind, our old hound dog, Rip, had done gone and woke up and comes sneaking up behind Daddy. Then, as we all looked on, plumb helpless, old Rip done went and stuck his cold nose on my Daddy's butt!"

"Miss Russell, we all been pluckin' chickens since three o'clock this mornin'!"

### THOUGHTS

\*I just checked my account balance at the ATM. It printed me a coupon for Ramen noodles.

\*There's a strange voice in my head saying, "Vacuum the floor, clean the house!" Luckily, my mom always told me not to listen to strangers.

\*A study just released says that if you drink coffee in the nude, you're much less likely to spill it.

\*I asked my daughter to give me the phone book. She laughed at me, called me a dinosaur and lent me her iPhone. So, the spider is dead, the iPhone is broken, and my daughter is furious!

\*I'm not clumsy, it's just the floor hates me, the tables and chairs are bullies, and the wall gets in my way!

\*Did you know? When you walk through a door and forget why you are there, it could be because you ran into an alien, and he had to erase your memory so he could escape.

\*Hi, I finished my free trial of adulthood and I'm no longer interested so I would like to cancel my subscription. Is there a manager I can speak to?

\*Why do our cars have to be roadworthy, but the roads are not car worthy?

### SERIOUSISMS

\*Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better. -Maya Angelou

\*The only one qualified to throw a stone . . . didn't.

Make someone smile today!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Mustering Elm Park postponements

The Trinity Springs Mustering Elm Park Officers have decided to postpone the April 6 meeting until May 4 due to the COVID-19. Also postponed is the building of the deck which was scheduled to start on April 11. A new date will be announced later. The park needs new members to keep going. Please think about becoming a member.

### Banquet postponed

The Pregnancy Care Center of Washington's Gift of Life banquet scheduled for April 16, 2020 has been postponed until July 23, 2020. The banquet will still be held at the Simon Graber Complex. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. with the banquet starting at 6:30 p.m.

### Food pantry hours

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

### Mental Health Task Force

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

### Celebrate Recovery meetings

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

### Local recovery meetings

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

### Free lunch for kids

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

### SOAR Tutoring

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### Solid waste board

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

### Soil and Water meetings

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

## NOTICE:

In preparation for mowing season, spring cleanup of St. John Catholic Cemetery will take place on Saturday, April 4, 2020. All grave blankets and other ground decorations as well as obviously outdated gravestone decorations (e.g. Christmas) must be removed prior to that time. Any ground or outdated decorations remaining will be removed by the cleanup crew on the 4th of April.

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# SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL



**ALAINA BRIGGEMAN**

Alaina Renee Briggeman is the daughter Robert and Ramona Briggeman. After graduation, Alaina plans to attend Vincennes University to study nursing. While in high school, she participated in Cheerleading (11), Chorus (10), Club Soccer (10-11), Intern (11), and Spanish Club (10).



**ALEX BOWLING**

Alex Reed Bowling is the son of Jeff and Kara Bowling. After graduation, Alex plans to attend Vincennes University to study electronics. While in high school, Alex participated in Spanish Club (9), Intramural Basketball (11-12), Baseball (9-12), and Basketball (9-10).



**CASSIDY SHAW**

Cassidy Kristian Shaw was born on February 4, 2002 to Larry and Annette Shaw. While at Shoals, Cassidy participated in Band, Pep Club, Spanish Club, SADD, Student Council, Mayor's Youth Council, and served as a manager for the high school track team. Her favorite memory includes performing at Universal Studios with the band her sophomore year. After graduation she plans to attend Vincennes University to become an accountant.



**PATRICK TOLBERT**

Patrick Wallace Ray Tolbert was born November 17, 2000 to Chris and Patty Tolbert. While in high school, Patrick was active in Cross Country and Track. He has also participated in Chess Club and Film Club. His favorite memory at school is meeting his friend Dylan. After graduation Patrick plans to attend basic training and then go to Culinary school.



**WYATT STREET**

Wyatt Cody Street is the son of Terry and Renee Street. After graduation, Wyatt plans to attend Indiana University. While in high school, Wyatt participated in Fellowship of Christian Athletes (9-12), Spanish Club (9), Beta Club (9-12), French Club (10-12), Intramural Basketball (11-12), Recycling (10), Pep Club (9-12), SADD (12), Cadet Teaching (12), Job Shadow (12), Student Council (9-12), Baseball (9-12), Basketball (9-12), Basketball Manager (11-12), Tennis (9-12), and Class Vice-President (9-12), and Class Vice-President (9-12).



**TRINITY HOWELL**

Trinity Anne Marie Howell is the daughter of Jaclyn and Matt Murray. After graduation, Trinity plans to attend Indiana University to study biology. While in high school, Trinity participated in Band (9-12), Cheerleading (9-11), Lionettes (9-12), Musical (9-12), Spanish Club (9-12), Beta Club (9-12), Beta Club Secretary (12), Chorus (9-10,12), Recycling (9-10), Pep Club (9-12), SADD (12), Student Council (9-12), Show Choir (9-12), Class Secretary (9), and Class President (10).



**CHLOE SPENCER**

Chloe Faith Spencer was born on May 21, 2002 to Rene and Terry Phillips. Chloe was involved in both volleyball and track while at Shoals High School. She also was part of the Spanish Club, Film Club, BETA Club, Pep club, Media Publications, and SADD Club. Her favorite memory was when her track team almost won Watermelon day at the end of the season. After graduation, Chloe plans to go to Indiana University Southeast to get her bachelor's degree in nursing.



**ROBERT SULLIVAN**

Robert Edward Sullivan was born on December 19, 2001 to Matt and Tina Sullivan. While at Shoals, Robert participated in basketball, cross country, and track. He served as president of BETA Club, secretary of student council, president of Martin County Mayor's Youth Council, and was an active member of SADD club, IMPACCT club, and Academic Team. His favorite memory includes winning the talent show at the Senior BETA Convention his Senior year. Robert is undecided on his career choice.



**EMILY THOMAS**

Emily Christine Thomas is the daughter of Eric and Kristi Thomas. After graduation, Emily plans to attend the University of Southern Indiana. While in high school, Emily participated in Beta Club (9-10,12), Cadet Teaching (9-12) French Club (10-12), Intern (11-12), Recycling (9), Student Council (9-10, 12), SADD (9-12), Spanish Club (9), Softball (9-10,12), and Volleyball (9-10).



**JAYDEN LEATHERMAN**

Jayden James Leatherman is the son of Talisa Slaubaugh. After graduation, Jayden plans to attend Indiana University to study Business. While in high school, Jayden participated in Beta Club (9-12), Chorus (9-10), French Club (9-12), Intern (9-12), Intramural Basketball (9-12), Recycling (11), Student Council (9,11), and Tennis (9-12).



**SHANA TROUTMAN**

Shana Colleen Troutman was born on February 23, 2002 to Patrick and Laura Troutman. Her high school activities include softball, BETA club, Mayor's Youth Council, and FFA. Shana's favorite high school memory is of her freshman year when she was able to go to the Farm and Machinery Show for the first time. After graduation, she plans to major in psychology at ISU. After receiving her undergraduate education she wants to start a family.



**TAYLOR RYAN**

Taylor Kaitlyn Ryan was born May 18, 2002 to Alison Ryan and Roscoe Petty. Taylor's favorite memory is meeting her boyfriend Laythan. After graduation Taylor plans to go to school for Cosmetology and eventually develop her own make-up line.