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County council discusses Mid-States Corridor

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The Martin County Council met Monday night, April 1.

Resident Jason McCoy talked to the council about the Mid-States Corridor and each council members' stance on the issue. Each council member said they were against a new terrain highway with some saying they would prefer the state to just do upgrades on Highway 231 instead.

McCoy gave a background on how the Mid-States Corridor came to be. He said the RDA (Regional Development Authority) was created because residents in

the state rejected paying for a study for the corridor several years ago. The RDA was formed through state legislation that allowed private businesses to donate money to move forward with the study. Martin County wasn't asked to be part of the RDA, only Spencer and Dubois counties, despite Martin County being highly affected by the new highway.

McCoy said he approached the former county council and commissioners a few years ago and Commissioner Paul George was the only one who was very much against the Corridor. He said after that, Commissioner Cody Roush got involved and sat in on an RDA meeting saying Martin County wanted a seat at

the table. According to McCoy, Roush was invited to join the RDA if he was willing to be in favor of the project but not if he was against it. McCoy said the Corridor is to benefit just a few rich business owners in Dubois County, including Mike Braun.

McCoy said the general public fighting the Corridor at this point is futile. He said the only way it will be stopped is if at least 50 percent of landowners refuse to give up their property to the state. He said property owners will be pressured to do so but are under zero obligation to sell. He told the council that property owners need to throw away any letters they receive and simply not negotiate.

The council discussed with McCoy a comprehensive plan that is currently being updated to help guide the county in the future, including with the Mid-States Corridor. Council Member Monty Gregory said if the corridor is going to happen, he would prefer to see it go through Loogootee instead of around it because the city will be forgotten.

In other business, Ambulance Director Jeramey Osborn provided run totals for the first three months of 2024. He said they had 416 runs in that time period, up from 286 during the same time last year. He said the increase is in part due to providing convalescent transfers. The ambulance service has collected \$102,000 so far this year in insurance reimbursements and has outstanding receivables of around \$147,000. They collected \$49,000 in the first three months of last year. Osborn said they are not sure how much of the outstanding balances they will receive due to negotiations with insurance companies and Medicare.

Council Member Jordan Dant said it is difficult to come up with an accurate budget for the ambulance service without having more solid figures pertaining to income. Osborn said they will have more

solid numbers now that they have started doing the transfers.

During last month's council meeting, the council expressed concern with a "blanket" amount given to the ambulance service from ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds. The request was for \$176,471.79 with much of that being slated for the ambulance service. The council approved \$30,000 and wanted to get more information from Osborn about what that money was being used for.

At Monday night's meeting, Osborn provided a breakdown of the items that still need to be purchased. The council then agreed to allow the allocations from ARPA.

Auditor Norris said she will have to readvertise for the allocation of the ARPA funds and bring it back to the next meeting for council approval.

The council also approved Osborn's request to hire two new part-time positions in lieu of paying overtime to full-time staff members. The council agreed if money was already available in the budget for employees.

Joe Lannan requested the council approve a resolution that supported a grant application to the Lilly Endowment for \$5 million to help initiate the development of affordable housing and childcare facilities in Martin County. Lannan said this grant application is in partnership with the Martin and Lawrence County Community Foundation Partnership.

Lannan explained that housing has been frequently discussed at various meetings and the need is evident based on the planned expansion of microchip production at Crane. He said Martin County needed to be a part of the plan to increase housing to draw in new residents.

The council unanimously approved the resolution.

The next council meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 6 at 6 p.m.

Commissioners hear annual community corrections report, discuss animal control

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The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday morning, April 2. Commissioner Paul George was not present for the meeting.

Community Corrections Director Danielle Murphy provided the commissioners with her department's annual report for 2023. Murphy said that other than \$21,000 from the county riverboat fund for road crew, the \$417,783 the department received was from grant funds. She said community corrections spent \$365,274.01 last year. The department had 88 direct home detention program participants last year. Total served in all areas was 207.

Murphy said each client in the program, including road crew, cost the department \$4.83 per day. Those on community corrections are required to pay for their home detention. Murphy said road crew started up again last year, after COVID, and a total of 2,734 community service hours were put in. Those hours were used to clean up trash in the county or work at the recycling

center. Murphy said this would have cost the county \$19,825 if they paid someone to do this work. She said she has a lot more doing community service hours this year and last count was 75. Last year that number was 20.

Murphy said that due to unknowns associated with receiving grant funds, she would like the commissioners to consider paying the health insurance costs of her department. She said she has four full-time employees, three whom opt out of county insurance at \$4,000 each and one who receives health insurance at around \$12,000, for a total of \$24,000. The commissioner approved paying for the insurance.

Commissioner Aaron Summers read a statement regarding a request by Courtney Hughett at the last commissioners' meeting to find out why Sheriff Josh Greene has not replaced the animal control position in the last six months. Hughett had explained that the humane society volunteers were inundated with law enforcement calls because dispatch was saying there was nothing the sheriff's department could do. (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 2)

Shoals Town Council holds public hearing on water improvements

The Shoals Town Council held a public hearing on Monday, March 18 to get comments on the recommended improvements to the town water system.

Chris Franz, engineer with HWC who is overseeing the project, said those improvements include modifications to the well #1 structure, replacement of well controls, new chemical feed buildings, and replacement of a deteriorated water main attached to US Highway 50 bridge across White River. Franz stated well #1 is currently down for pump and seal failure. The structure for the well is also unsafe. The water treatment plant flooring will be addressed to add a safer material. Franz stated the main part of the project was the six-inch water main and that it was discovered to have issues during the wastewater improvements project work. The way the water main pipe is attached to the piers under the bridge is an issue. Franz stated records show the flanges at the piers were installed in the 1980's. He said they are looking at the water storage tank as well and it appears to not have major issues at this time but does have items to be addressed. Franz went over

all project details and alternatives. Total construction cost for all alternatives is approximately \$2.143 million and total construction cost is approximately \$2,143,500 and non-construction costs would \$540,000 bringing the total to \$2,683,500.

The project is planned to be funded through a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan for disadvantaged communities and is due in April. Franz stated with average median household income, the community would qualify for the program. With this program there is no pay back of the funding. Franz stated the applications have become more competitive as many communities are in need. He said the award should be known in June. If all goes through the project would start approximately in June of 2025.

Franz stated there is a five-day public comment period which is open until March 25. Kathy Collins asked if the materials from the meeting would be made available. Franz stated that everything that was discussed and presented is in the binder presented at the hearing. Collins (See 'SHOALS' on page 2)



4-H Fund

-Photo provided

The Martin County 4-H Council received a \$1,280 grant from the Martin County 4-H Fund. This fund was one of the very first endowments established at the Martin County Community Foundation and was set up for yearly distributions to help the 4-H with their operations and maintenance costs. Contact the MCCF Director Curt Johnson at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org if you also want to help the 4-H in this way. Any amount donated to this fund will have a forever impact on the 4-H and our youth. Pictured in the front row, from left to right, are Dena Held (Martin County Extension Director/Educator), Hank Hamilton, Elizabeth Jones, and Ryder Simmerman. In the middle row are Caleb and Kathy Overton, Kimber Padgett (Horse & Pony Club Historian), Ivy Phillips (H & P Club Secretary), Lily Phillips (H & P Attendance Officer), and Becca Hallway. In the back row are Curt Johnson (MCCF Director), Sarah Jones, Abigail Lucas, Kristen Padgett, Gwen Pournier, Donald Simmerman, Phoebe Jones (H & P President), Lexie Butler, Jill Phillips, Audrey Clark (H & P Vice President), Waylon and Beverly Hamilton, and Candace and Colten Clark.

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A closed-door meeting was set up with the sheriff last week. The statement Summers read said that the commissioners were looking into changing the animal control ordinance for the county.

Hughett asked if the sheriff had agreed to fill the position of animal control. County Attorney Dave Lett said that since it was discussed in a closed-door meeting, he couldn't provide that information as it was related to personnel. Hughett disagreed saying this was in regard to filling a vacant position so it should have been discussed in an open meeting not an executive meeting. Lett said the statement was all the information they were willing to provide.

Commissioner Roush said the commissioners are working to create a new position on their own, but they have to change the animal control ordinance first. Commissioner Summers said they are working on it but it's going to take time.

Hughett told the commissioners that humane society volunteers were not going to wait much longer to get a resolution. "We're hanging on by a thread, here," she said.

In other business, Commissioner Roush explained that with the county working on a comprehensive plan, residents were going to be approached in their homes for a survey. He asked that residents please provide input for the survey because it would make a difference for the county.

The commissioners approved a resolution presented by Joe Lannan to support applying for a \$5 million Lilly Endowment grant to provide low-income housing and childcare facilities to Martin County. The county council approved the same resolution at their meeting the night before.

DCS emphasizes community support during Child Abuse Prevention Month

The Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) and its community partners are working together to raise awareness and educate the public in honor of Child Abuse Prevention Month. DCS encourages individuals and organizations to play a role in making Indiana a safer place for children and families -- not just in April, but throughout the year.

Gov. Eric J. Holcomb has proclaimed April Child Abuse Prevention Month to call attention to efforts to support families and keep children safe. View the governor's proclamation here.

"Every child has the right to safe, secure and supportive environments free from child abuse and neglect," Governor Holcomb said. "The key to preventing these cases is to ensure we have community programs and systems that are engaged and supportive so families can thrive."

DCS and its partners work to provide support for communities through preventive programs for families, including Healthy Families Indiana and Community Partners for Child Safety (CPCS). DCS also opened family resource centers in La Porte, Wayne, Tippecanoe, Clark and Elkhart counties in the past six months. These centers are designed to allow easy access to a range of services and supports, including tutoring, notary services, parent trainings, tax preparation and other resources to help increase protective factors and reduce the likelihood of child abuse and neglect.

"Child safety is our number one goal," DCS Director Eric Miller said. "For DCS, this month is all about increasing awareness of the things that put children at risk so that families and communities can better protect them and prevent abuse and neglect."

Throughout April, DCS will share resources, photos and videos related to prevention on Instagram, X and YouTube. DCS local offices and partners

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asked if there was any information in the reports concerning the material of the pipe that is in the ground for the water system. Franz stated there were some and that the town is currently collecting surveys from all residents to determine the type of lines that are in the ground to be addressed in accordance with the IDEM Lead Service Inventory requirement.

The public hearing closed at 5:35 p.m. with a motion from Roger Abel and a second from Micky Crew.

A special meeting directly following the public hearing. HWC Engineer Franz presented the AMP certificate and PER application signed to move forward with the water line project.

Councilman Abel made a motion to approve the Asset Management Plan certificate for the water line project with councilwoman Crew making the second.

Councilman Abel made a motion to approve the application to apply for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program with Councilwoman Crew making the second.

Franz stated if any public comments are received during the five-day comment period, he will work with the town to best address those.

Attorney Dave Lett said the bidder who was awarded the Spring Hill Cemetery mowing contract has backed out. Lett said the second bidder had not objected to any of the contract terms and was willing to accept the contract. Councilman Abel made a motion to approve Green Thumb Services, LLC mowing bid with Councilwoman Crew making the second.

With no further business the meeting closed at 5:41 p.m.

also will host special events focused on education and prevention. In partnership with Firefly Children and Family Alliance, the Marion County DCS office will host a kickoff celebration at Bicentennial Plaza from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. on April 7. To view the statewide Child Abuse Prevention Month calendar of events, click here.

Anyone who suspects a child has been neglected or abused should call the Indiana Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline at 800-800-5556. For more information and resources on preventing child abuse and neglect, click here.

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The Town of Shoals Park Board is accepting names for the ballpark cleaning contract for the 2024 season.

Cleaning Season is set as: April 1 thru October 31, 2024

Contracted terms:

\$275.00 per month for the season. A bonus check for the week of Catfish Festival will be issued. Duties as listed in the contract.

Interested individuals can pick up a copy of the contract with expected duties and details and a name submittal form at the Shoals Town Hall located at 221 Low Street. Interested individuals will need to submit their name for consideration using the provided form to the Clerk-Treasurer's office at the Shoals Town Hall by Friday, April 12, 2024.

Any questions can be directed to the Clerk-Treasurer's office at 812-247-2110.

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We are at a critical point in the history of this county. With the Mid-States Corridor, West Boggs Water issues, and the overall economy we need to pull together and speak with One Voice to make sure Martin County is represented at all levels. We also have an obligation to act with the new Micro Electronics facility coming to WestGate (Crane). We need to make sure the county and its schools are poised to take advantage of the more than 1,500 high paying jobs coming to Martin County and the housing required for those additional jobs.

VOTE

for me as your next Martin County Commissioner for the 3rd District. I have more than 37 years in the Army and civic minded thought process I believe I'm the best person for the job.

-Paid for by Dana Strange for Commissioner

OBITUARIES

NORMA HARDWICK

Norma Marcella Hardwick passed away Saturday, March 30, 2024, at her home. A resident of Loogootee, she was 85.



She was born July 13, 1938, in Shoals; daughter of the late Norman and Helen (Qualkenbush) Payne.

Marcella was an excellent quilter and enjoyed embroidery. She was a master gardener and an avid reader.

She was member of the Loogootee Methodist Church and a board member of the Loogootee Public Library. Marcella volunteered for the Methodist Church Food Pantry and for the American Cancer Society. She was also a member of the Shoals Alumni Association Class of 1956.

Marcella was preceded in death by her parents, Norman and Helen Payne; brother, Bill Payne; niece, Jennifer Payne; and nephew, Norman Lagenour.

She is survived by her children, Grace (Rex) Arvin, Brent (Carlee) Hardwick, Brian Hardwick, Jacki Smith, Sheila (Bill) Elliott, and Rhonda Hardwick; sisters, Sharon Chaney, Doris Lagenour, Rebekah (Mark) Jenkins, and Rachel (John) Sutton; grandchildren, Sarah Mullen, Kale Smith, Leah Huey, Garrett Smith, Graden Hardwick, Hannah Hardwick, Vanessa Stovall, Ian Elliott, Bryce Hayworth, Helen Hayworth, and Carol Spears; 15 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild; and her card club friends, Shirley Crays, Martha Greene, and Judy Yarnell.

Cremation was chosen and no services will be held.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Loogootee Public Library.

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

Blake Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Norma Marcella Hardwick.

TALMADGE WAGGONER

Talmadge Waggoner passed away at 12:10 p.m. Thursday, March 28, 2024, at Majestic Care in Bedford. A resident of Springville, he was 86.

He was born June 13, 1937, in Martin County; son of Ralph and Flossie (Sipes) Waggoner. He had been a die cast operator for Extruded Alloy's.

A celebration of life will be scheduled at a later date. Family and friends may express condolences at www.daycarter.com.

com.

LEONARD PAYNE

Leonard Payne passed away Saturday, March 30, 2024, at his home surrounded by his family. A resident of Shoals, he was 81.



LEONARD PAYNE

He was born May 31, 1942, in Martin County; son of Claude and Ruby (Waggoner) Payne.

Leonard married Betty Nicholson on June 29, 1963, in Shoals, and she

survives.

He retired from National Gypsum after 38 years.

Leonard is a member of the Shoals Nazarene Church.

He enjoyed fishing, traveling, mushroom hunting, camping, and just being outdoors.

Surviving are his wife, Betty; daughter, Shirley (Donald) Holt of Shoals; two sons, Larry Joe Payne and his companion, Melissa Mae Dobson, of Shoals, and Leonard Lester Payne and Tim Wade of Washington; seven grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Henry, Carl, Norman, William George, Charles, and George William Payne, in infancy; and sisters, May Payne, Helen Hart, Sue Marquese, Deloris Nelson, and Dora Pennington.

A funeral service was held today, Wednesday, April 3 at the Queen-Lee Chapel of George Funeral Care, with Pastor Marvin Lagle officiating. Burial followed in Pleasant Valley Cemetery.

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

RENEE MORRISON

Renee Pauline Morrison, formerly of Bloomington, passed away Sunday, March 31, 2024, at IU Health Methodist. A resident of Loogootee, she was 55.

She was born June 17, 1968, in Terre Haute; daughter of Richard Allen and Lavanda Pauline (Terry) Mikeworth.

Renee was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and Clear Creek Christian Church in Bloomington. She loved to cook, bake, and to camp. Renee took great pride in being a mother and a wife.

She was preceded in death by her father, Richard Allen Mikeworth; sister, Monica Wright; and niece, Melissa Mikeworth.

Renee is survived by her husband, Thomas Morrison, who she married May

9, 2002; children, Alexa Mikeworth-Sager and Thomas R. Morrison; mother, Lavanda Mikeworth; brothers, Richard Mikeworth and Thomas (Sophia) Mikeworth; first husband, Jeff Sager; and family friends, Kelly Hopkins and Tina Sturgeon.

A funeral service was held today, Wednesday, April 3 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial followed in Goodwill Cemetery.

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

Blake Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Renee Pauline Morrison.

BETTY HARBISON

Betty Jean Harbison passed away Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at her home. A resident of Loogootee, she was 89.



She was born June 15, 1934, in Loogootee; daughter of the late Charles Edward and Alma Ruth (Cole) Fry.

Betty married Billy Blaine Harbison on August 31, 1952, and he preceded her in 2003.

She attended Redemption Christian Church and was of the Christian faith. Betty enjoyed bowling and crocheting.

Betty was preceded in death by her hus-

band, Billy Blaine Harbison; children, James Harbison and Kathy Kuebler; brother, Vernon Souerdyke; granddaughter, Stephanie Bothwell; and daughter-in-law, Stacie Harbison

She is survived by her children, Billy Lee Harbison, Teresa Sue (Layne) Dobbs, and Chuck (Shirley) Adams; grandchildren, Cody Williams, Heather Truelove, Kelly Williams, Leslie Fuhs, Natalie Smith, Craig Harbison, Tabitha Hill, Ashley Schneider, Zach Harbison, Randalyn Young, Melissa Pritchard, and John Adams; and 15 great-grandchildren; and daughter-in-law, Kris Harbison.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 2 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial followed in Goodwill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society or Riley Hospital for Children.

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

Blake Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Betty Jean Harbison.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department activity log

MONDAY, MARCH 25

12:36 a.m. - Received a report of low water pressure in Shoals. Notified Shoals Water. They advised they are flushing hydrants.

9:37 a.m. - Received a call reporting a traffic hazard in Daviess County. Notified Daviess County.

9:38 a.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

10:13 a.m. - Received a call requesting assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Chief Deputy Keller and Loogootee Chief Hunt responded. No one was transported.

10:55 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

11:17 a.m. - Received a call reporting a disabled vehicle in Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

11:42 a.m. - Received a call from Area 1 Protection advising of a commercial fire alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

12:16 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a forest fire east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

12:58 p.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down south of Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

1:05 p.m. - Received a report of a fire east of Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

4:13 p.m. - Received a report of road damage south of Loogootee. Martin County Highway Department was notified.

6:00 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

6:35 p.m. - Received a call reporting a neighbor dispute south of Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

7:33 p.m. - Received a 911 call from CVS Pharmacy. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded. Put in work order for phone issues.

9:51 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:55 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down northeast of Shoals. Martin County Civil Defense and Deputy Doane responded. REMC also responded.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

6:37 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

7:45 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department responded.

9:03 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department responded.

9:36 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded but did not transport.

9:59 a.m. - Deputy Erwin transported one inmate to court.

10:33 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer. Sheriff Greene responded.

10:45 a.m. - Received a call advising of a verbal dispute in Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

12:23 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231 South, traveling north into Loogootee. Advised Loogootee Police.

12:43 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle identification number check on a trailer in Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

1:06 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin

County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:13 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Hunt, Loogootee Officer Rayhill and Sergeant Wells responded.

4:05 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver on US 231 North, traveling south into Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

7:25 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer. Captain Gibson responded.

7:57 p.m. - Received a call reporting an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

8:11 p.m. - Received a 911 call from CVS Pharmacy. CVS advised they are having phone issues.

8:42 p.m. - Received a report of possible vandalism south of Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

8:24 a.m. - Received a call reporting a verbal dispute in Shoals. Sheriff Greene and Captain Gibson responded.

9:42 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a verbal dispute south of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

10:41 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle in Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

11:11 a.m. - Received a call requesting an officer in Loogootee. Notified Loogootee Police.

11:18 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Medic 3, Loogootee Fire Department, Loogootee Officer Rayhill, Sergeant Wells and Martin County Coroner responded.

1:00 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn southwest of Shoals.

1:07 p.m. - Received a report of a possible scam. Captain Gibson responded.

1:47 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:44 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle south of Shoals. Sergeant Wells responded.

4:28 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

6:33 p.m. - Received a report of possible vandalism in Shoals. Deputy Shields responded.

6:36 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee, in Daviess County. Deputy Shields, Loogootee Officer Wagoner, Big John's Towing and a Daviess County unit responded.

9:06 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute south of Shoals. Deputy Shields responded.

10:16 p.m. - Received a report of a cow in the roadway east of Shoals. Deputy Shields responded.

10:34 p.m. - Received a call reporting a power outage at a business in Loogootee. Duke Energy was notified.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

6:59 a.m. - Received a 911 call on Crane base. Transferred call to Crane 911.

7:32 a.m. - Received a call reporting a possible traffic hazard north of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

7:55 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Medic 3, Loogootee Fire Department and Loogootee Chief Hunt responded. No one was transported.

8:53 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to IU Bloomington.

10:27 a.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check south of Shoals. Sergeant Wells and Deputy Branham responded.

11:07 a.m. - Received a call advising that Poplar Care would be testing fire alarms today.

11:31 a.m. - Received a call requesting an officer south of Shoals. Sergeant Wells responded.

11:57 a.m. - Received a call advising that Shoals High School would be testing fire alarms today.

12:37 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50, traveling east toward Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

1:51 p.m. - Received a call reporting suspicious individuals in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Hunt, Loogootee Officer Rayhill, Sergeant Wells and Corporal Hawkins responded.

2:08 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:09 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle identification number check north of Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

3:32 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 and Haysville Fire Department responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:07 p.m. - Received a call advising Sycamore Care Center will be testing fire alarms.

4:18 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:32 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

7:38 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn north of Shoals.

8:09 p.m. - Received a call reporting an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

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2:59 a.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver on US 231 North, traveling southbound. Deputy Baumgart responded.

7:50 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:20 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

10:12 a.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn north of Shoals.

10:26 a.m. - Received a call reporting a stoplight not working in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Hunt responded.

10:50 a.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Hunt responded.

11:55 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Chief Hunt and Deputy Branham responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

2:15 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn southeast of Shoals.

3:28 p.m. - Received multiple 911 calls. Caller advised they were accidental.

5:07 p.m. - Received a report of receiving a possible counterfeit bill in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

5:12 p.m. - Received a report of a possible domestic dispute in Shoals. Deputy Shields and Deputy Branham responded.

7:04 p.m. - Received a call requesting assistance in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded.

8:12 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn north of Shoals.

8:53 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn south of Loogootee.

9:20 p.m. - Received multiple calls reporting the controlled burn north of Shoals.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

7:30 a.m. - Received a call reporting a field fire north of Shoals. Advised it is a controlled burn.

10:42 a.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock. Deputy Branham responded.

10:55 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down southwest of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

1:41 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Sergeant Wells, Deputy Branham, Deputy Shields, Loogootee Fire Department and Big John's Towing responded. No one was transported.

3:46 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, Deputy Branham, Deputy Shields, and Martin County Coroner responded.

4:14 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an animal complaint north of Shoals. Deputy Shields responded.

4:20 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Gave caller Daviess County's information.

4:24 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

7:01 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer. Deputy Baumgart responded.

7:12 p.m. - Received a call reporting a break in north of Shoals. Deputy Shields and Deputy Baumgart responded.

8:40 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn south of Loogootee.

10:58 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle west of Shoals. Deputy Shields, Loogootee Reserve Officer Shaw and Big John's Towing responded.

11:26 p.m. - Received a call reporting a car-deer accident in Monroe County. Contacted Monroe County with information.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

5:54 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a tree down northeast of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Deputy Baumgart and REMC responded.

6:02 a.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department and Deputy Baumgart responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:36 a.m. - Received a call from Care Center advising of a medical alarm push south of Loogootee. Owner advised it was an accidental push.

12:11 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer. Corporal Hawkins responded.

12:56 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check south of Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

1:04 p.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn northwest of Shoals.

1:14 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire and Loogootee Officer Stivers responded. No one was transported.

5:59 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Reserve Officer Shaw responded.

6:34 p.m. - Received a report of an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Deputy Doane responded.

8:20 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231 North, traveling southbound. Major Reed and Loogootee Reserve Officer Shaw responded.

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL COURT New Charges Filed March 1

Todd W. Dasenbrock, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; refusal to submit to breath or chemical test, a Class C Infraction.

Kathleen J. Rush, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor.

March 5

Valerie Parsley, operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor.

March 7

David M. Bledsoe, theft, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Colin Anthony Neville, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Melissa Sue Ling-Westfall, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Jordan G. Davis, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

March 11

Giovanni A. Greaves, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Christy L. Stone, resisting law enforcement, a Level 6 Felony; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Eddie L. Heacock, two counts of neglect of a dependent, Level 6 Felonies; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor.

March 14

Zachary T. Smith, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor.

March 15

Rudy M. Jones, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Brian M. Conley, driving while suspended with prior conviction within 10 years, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor.

March 18

Neville A. Mayorga-Rosales, knowingly or intentionally operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Bradley K. Middleton, operating a vehicle while intoxicated with prior conviction within 7 years, a Level 6 Felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Lester J. Brummett, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony.

March 20

Ivy Smith, possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Johan D. Peng, removal of deer's head prior to check in, a Class B Misdemeanor; illegal taking of a wild animal, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Jayne W. Graber, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Kenneth Lee Leatherman, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

March 22

Viking R. Wright, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

March 25

Tracy Taylor, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Kathy Welborn, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor; refusal to submit to a breath or chemical test, a Class C Infraction.

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCINGS March 20

Willie D. Wilson, convicted of unlawful possession of a firearm by a serious violent felon, a Level 4 Felony. Sentenced to serve 6 years with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 3 years suspended and credit for 332 actual days previously served plus 111 Class B credit days. Defendant received 36 months of probation.

March 25

Roger A. Salmon, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 910 days with 494 days suspended and credit for 208 actual days previously served plus 208 Class A credit days. Defendant received 494 days of probation.

Noah Whittaker, convicted of operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 8 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 4 actual days previously served plus 4 Class A credit days.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED March 20

Willie D. Wilson, domestic battery, a Level 5 Felony, dismissed; battery by means of a deadly weapon, a Level 5 Felony, dismissed; invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; three counts of theft, Class A Misdemeanors, dismissed.

March 25

Roger A. Salmon, possession of a schedule I, II, III or IV controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Noah Whittaker, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

March 26

Jeremiah E. Jackson, criminal mischief, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; two counts of domestic battery committed in the presence of a child less than 16 years old, Level 6 Felony, dismissed; disorderly conduct, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed March 22

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. James Bex, civil collection.

Discover Bank vs. Victoria Hatter, civil collection.

March 25

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Ruth Gilbert, civil collection.

March 26

Cavalry SPV I, LLC vs. Stephanie Ballinger, civil collection.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Eric King, civil collection.

Mariner Finance, LLC vs. Dillon Norman and Kaci Sorrells, civil collection.

CIVIL COURT DISMISSED March 25

Cheryl J. Lake vs. Jeffrey K. Lake, petition for dissolution of marriage, dismissed.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS March 25

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Jason Marion Davis and against the defendants Geoffery Kallner and G&H Concrete in the amount of \$5,125.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Thomas Bausch and against the defendant Edward Sutton for eviction in the amount of \$847.

SMALL CLAIMS DISMISSED March 26

Hoosier Account Service vs. Renae G. Keller, complaint, dismissed.

MARRIAGE LICENSES March 20

Hannah M. Hall of Loogootee and Xavier A. Main of Loogootee.

Loogootee Police Department log

MONDAY, MARCH 25

10:11 a.m. - Chief Hunt responded to a call on Kentucky Avenue.

11:43 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a call at the Loogootee Middle School.

7:33 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call at CVS Pharmacy.

9:51 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call at Popular Care Strategies.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

9:35 a.m. - Chief Hunt responded to a call on Main Street.

12:26 p.m. - Chief Hunt responded to a call near Redemption Church.

1:08 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call at Country Place Apartments.

1:16 p.m. - Chief Hunt and Officer Rayhill responded to a call on High Street.

2:42 p.m. - Officer Rayhill performed a vehicle unlock at the Marathon.

4:07 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call on US Highway 231.

7:57 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call at the IGA store.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

10:50 a.m. - Officer Rayhill responded to a call at community corrections.

11:15 a.m. - Officer Rayhill responded to a call on Washington Street.

11:19 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department

and Officer Rayhill responded to a medical call at Sunset Trailer Court.

12:58 p.m. - Officer Rayhill responded to a call near Stemen's Automotive.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

7:55 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Chief Hunt responded to a medical call on Wood School Road.

1:51 p.m. - Chief Hunt responded to a call near Taco Bell.

2:08 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Church Street.

8:09 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call at Subway.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

10:26 a.m. - Chief Hunt responded to a call near the Dollar General.

10:50 a.m. - Chief Hunt responded to a call on Wood Street.

5:17 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call at McDonald's.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

1:41 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a call at On The Fly.

3:46 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Queen Street.

10:58 p.m. - Officer Shaw responded to a call on US Highway 50.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

9:58 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a call near the intersection of 100 South and 1300 East.

Martin County real estate transfers

John Everette Davidson, of Orange County, Indiana to **Michael Malone**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 49 in the Original Town of Crane, Indiana.

Judith K. Stanford, of Marion County, Indiana to **Patrick Stanford**, trustee of the Stanford Irrevocable Trust, of Marion County, Indiana, the west half of the southwest quarter of Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, containing 80 acres, more or less. The north one-fourth of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter and of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, containing 20 acres, more or less.

Micky A. Crew f/k/a Micky A. Collins and **Lynette K. Jones**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Micky A. Crew and Bethany L. Tuomi and Kai S. Tuomi**, of Hamilton County, Indiana, the west half of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, containing 20 acres.

Gregory & Sons Properties, LLC, of Martin County, Indiana to **Countryside Enterprises, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, Second Principal Meridian, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1 acre, more or less.

Christopher L. Baugh and Janet L. Baugh, of Martin County, Indiana to **Daniell M. Summers**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 12, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1 acre. Also known as Lot Number 4 in Northview Subdivision. Also, a portion of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 12, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1 acre, more or less. Also known as Lot Number 3 in Northview Subdivision.

Roy Alan Lents and Kim L. Lents, of Martin County, Indiana to **Thomas C. Hudson and Sheila R. Hudson**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.12 acres, more or less. More commonly known as 920 North Line Street Loogootee IN 47553.

Gregory A. Radtke and Dina C. Radtke to **Gregory A. Radtke**, a part of the northeast quarter and the southeast quarter of Section 32, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana, 0.464 acre, more or less. More commonly known as 8748 Ridge Road, Shoals.

Darren S. Gilmore and Tanya C. Gilmore, of Martin County, Indiana to **Robert Witt and Heather Witt**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: A part of the east half of Section 3, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 16.67 acres, more or less. Also, a part of the east half of Section 3, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 8.834 acres, more or less, after exceptions.

ARRESTS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

11:38 a.m. - Timothy Ervin, 47, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Erwin on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

9:48 p.m. - Jakob Graber, 31, of Loogootee, was arrested by Sergeant Wells and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated-prior and operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

3:01 p.m. - Justin Killion, 43, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Branham on a Vanderburgh County warrant. He is being held without bond.

4:40 p.m. - Caleb Kemp, 19, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Shields on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

4:47 a.m. - Ronald Bannon, 53, of Anderson, was arrested by Deputy Baumgart and charged with possession of methamphetamine and operating a vehicle while intoxicated-refusal. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

2:45 p.m. - Cain Sorensen, 24, of Elнора, was arrested by Loogootee Reserve Officer Shaw and charged with reckless driving. He is being held on \$3,000 10% bond.

8:20 p.m. - Troy Arvin was arrested by Loogootee Officer Shaw and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated refusal and operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangerment.

More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



The following is a repeat from an earlier column, but several people of my generation have asked me to repeat (for obvious reasons).

HILARIOUS THINGS MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME:

1. My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE. "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."
2. My mother taught me RELIGION. "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."
3. My mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL. "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week."
4. My mother taught me LOGIC. "Because I said so, that's why."
5. My mother taught me MORE LOGIC. "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."
6. My mother taught me FORESIGHT. "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
7. My mother taught me IRONY. "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."
8. My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS. "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."
9. My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM. "Will you just look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"
10. My mother taught me about STAMINA. "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

SHARE IF YOU REMEMBER

THOUGHTS

*Things I have in common with Victoria's Secret models: 1. I'm always hungry.

*Things I'm no longer interested in:

1. Driving at night.
2. Leaving my house at night.
3. Driving in the winter.
4. Driving.
5. Leaving the house.

*The three stages of life:

1. Wanting stuff.
2. Accumulating stuff.
3. Getting rid of stuff.

*Sorry, I'm late – got here as soon as I wanted to.

*Welcome to adulthood where you'll be constantly tired, except for when it's time to go to bed.

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

*Old age has come at a bad time. Just as I was beginning to know everything, I'm now forgetting everything I knew.

- Tip your server.
- Return your shopping cart.
- Pick up a piece of trash.
- Hold the door for the person behind you.
- Let someone into your land.

Small acts of kindness have a ripple effect. That's how we change the world.

Make someone smile today!

Re-elect J. Cody Roush for Martin County Commissioner

—Sustain the Change—

My family's long-standing business presence in Martin County started with Queen's Clothing Store, founded by my great-grandparents, and then taken over by my grandparents, Son and Inez Sorrells. My wife, Michelle, and I continued the family tradition on Main Street in Shoals as we started our own business, White River Marine, in 2007. After 18 years of working in the coal mine, we decided to commit to the business full-time in 2019. We are whole-heartedly vested in Martin County and raised our three children, Kaley, Ellie, and Collin Roush, in the same Main Street storefront where I grew up.



Four years ago, I was blessed to be elected to serve as a member of a team representing Martin County. As a county commissioner, I have been tasked with addressing issues ranging from animal control to, at times, having the privilege and honor of representing and lobbying for Martin County interests on the floor of the Indiana Statehouse. A current example that my fellow commissioners and I are currently addressing is the Mid-States Corridor.

I believe that the direction of the Mid-States Corridor is something that will be detrimental to Martin County and its citizens. That is why I supported the Redevelopment Commission Board in hiring engineering consultants to research the impact on our community. I am an active participant on the Mid-State Corridor steering committee because I know the importance of this issue to our county. I believe that most Martin County citizens do not want the Corridor; however, they are on board with an upgrade to US 231 through downtown Loogootee.

I am also on the steering committee reviewing the Comprehensive Plan for Martin County. This plan will work in conjunction with research to help us approach INDOT with our needs for 231 upgrades. I have attended all possible meetings regarding this project to ensure we are represented as a community.

I pledge continued dedication to this and many other important issues currently affecting Martin County and its citizens.

I am asking for your continued support in the May Primary Election.

-Paid for by Cody Roush for Commissioner

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

County office closings

The Martin County Board of Commissioners, upon the recommendation of law enforcement and public safety personnel, have determined that the Martin County Courthouse and all county offices, that are not involved with public safety, shall be closed all day Monday, April 8 due to the solar eclipse event that will occur in Martin County.

Free community meal

The Loogootee Christian Church, at 206 Sherman Street, is having their monthly free meal for the community on Thursday, April 4 from 6-8 p.m. This month they will have pulled pork (sandwiches or nachos), hot and cold sides, desserts and drinks. All members of the community are invited to attend.

Tourism meeting

The next Martin County Tourism Council meeting will be Tuesday, April 16 at 5 p.m. at the Martin County Alliance conference room at 404 N JFK Avenue Loogootee IN 47553.

Right to Life drives

The next Right to Life Aluminum Can Drive will be on Saturday, April 6 at the Tractor Supply parking lot in Washington. This is the main location for this drive with hours from 9 a.m. to noon. No newsprint will be accepted at this location. Any questions, call Louie Kavanaugh Jr. at 812-486-3658. Martin County Right to Life will have their newspaper/aluminum can drive on Saturday, April 6 at the Martin County Recycling Center from 9 a.m. to noon. Newsprint is accepted at this location.

Celebrate Recovery meetings

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

Dog/cat Wellness Clinic

The Martin County Humane Society hosts a wellness clinic on the third Friday of each month from 5-6 p.m. The clinic offers low-cost vaccines, testing, nail trims, etc. No appointment needed.

St. Vincent Food Pantry

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, on Park Street in Loogootee, is open the fourth Thursday of the month except November and December when they are open the third Thursday. The hours are 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3:30 p.m.

Free lunch for kids

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

SOAR Tutoring

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

LUMC Food Pantry

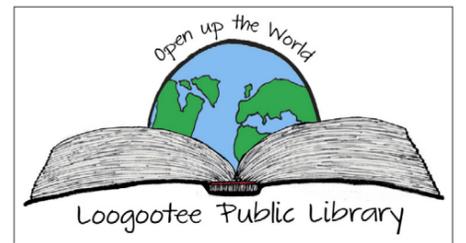
The Loogootee United Methodist Church Food Pantry is open every Thursday (except the fourth Thursday) from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 8:30 a.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 Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) meets the third Tuesday of the month at the SWCD office located at 404 JFK Avenue in Loogootee. The meetings are at 7:30 p.m. (April-October) and at 6:30 p.m. (November-March). Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Please call 812-295-3149 for assistance.



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Friends of Loogootee Library (FOLL) have postponed their book sale until May. There was a scheduling conflict, so the group voted to reschedule it. There will be more information will be coming soon.

The library will be closed on Monday, April 8 for the Solar Eclipse.

The library will open at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 4 to allow employees to attend training.

Sit and Sew meets at the library on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Call Anneta Dawson to ask about the program.

Little Learners is offered on Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. A story and craft is part of the program.

The next Sensory Hour is scheduled for Monday, April 15 at 3:30 p.m.

Library hours: Monday 10-6, Tuesday 10-5, Closed on Wednesday, Thursday 10-6, Friday 10-5, and Saturday 9-1. The library phone number is 812-295-3713 and check out the website www.loogootee.lib.in.us or like us on Facebook. The library has free Wi-Fi service available for patrons.

Jenny's Place

221 Nobles Ct. Loogootee

812-295-6549

Appointments Only

Same day if available

Closed Sundays





March winds bring April showers. April Showers bring May flowers. May flowers bring pilgrims, or furniture, or the Colts to Indianapolis about 40 years ago.

Actually, there have been a lot of flowers already, but more will come in May. The early daffodils have faded, but if you have many different varieties, there will be more daffodils to come. The bulb catalogues have arrived, so order your bulbs to plant in the fall. Be sure to order some that are labeled as early, mid-season and late-blooming, and the daffodil season could last for three months. As happens every year, someone asks what to do with the daffodil foliage after they have stopped blooming. The answer—NOTHING. As long as the foliage remains green, photosynthesis continues. This is feeding the bulb so it will bring more flowers next year. Once the foliage has turned brown and droops to the ground, it may be removed. However, if you have planned well, you could have hostas and other summer perennials coming up now. The foliage of those perennials will hide the daffodil foliage as it expires. It is also recommended to deadhead the daffodils after the blooms fade, cutting the bloom stem to the ground. Yeah, right. At Sandhill Gardens, there are thousands of daffodils, and this would be a monumental task. If you have just a few, you may do this. Left on, the blooms will form seed pods, taking energy away from the bulb, so deadheading will send more food to the bulb.

In general, the same rules apply to all bulbous plants. At Sandhill Gardens, the tulips have started to bloom. I do not grow a lot of tulips, but generally the one bed where I have tulips peaks at the end of April or early May. This year, the first bloom came in March, so we are roughly a month ahead of schedule. There is not much one can do to change it, so just enjoy the flowers as they come.

There are some other plants that are peaking a little early. Winter weeds, such as chickweed and purple dead nettle are blooming earlier than usual. These weeds are annuals and germinate from seeds in the fall, then remain dormant through the winter, taking off early in the spring. The reason bloom time is of concern is that seeds follow quickly. It is important to get the weeds out before the seeds set, or you will have more of these weeds next year. Since they are annuals, they do not re-sprout after being cut, so it is not necessary to pull these weeds. Get your favorite type of weeding hoe, sharpen the blade and cut them off at soil level. Rake up the weeds and remove them from the garden. Do not put them in the compost bin if they have started to bloom! You may, however, eat them. Both chickweed and nettle are edible and are healthy greens. Add them to a salad or cook them with other greens.

I have also been busy potting up plants for the annual Hoosier Hillside Master Gardeners plant sale. Spring is a great time to divide perennials and dig up seedlings. The resulting new plants are a wonderful way to share one's garden. The plant sale will be held on Saturday, April 20 at the gravel lot on the southwest corner at the stoplight in Orleans. The sale will be from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. This is the same day as the Orleans Dogwood Festival town-wide yard sale. So far, I have potted: hellebores, hostas, goji berries, American plums, flowering crabapples, pulmonaria, woods poppies, Queen of the Prairie and epimediums. I will be potting other things as time allows. Other members will also bring plants and seeds. There will be vegetable starts, flowers, herbs, shrubs and trees. This is a good opportunity to get some new plants for your garden at bargain prices and to visit with a great group of Master Gardeners. Stop by and chat for a while.

Spring turkey season starts April 24

Indiana spring wild turkey season starts April 24 and goes through May 12, 2024. Youth turkey season is April 20 and 21, 2024. Youth aged 17 or younger on the date of the hunt can participate in the youth season but must be accompanied by an adult who is at least 18 years of age and licensed to hunt wild turkey (unless exempt from license requirements under state law). The youth hunter must comply with all other turkey hunting regulations. The youth's adult partner may not take a turkey during the youth season and must not possess a firearm, bow and arrow, or crossbow while in the field, except for a handgun carried lawfully.

The bag limit during the spring season is one bearded or male turkey. The youth hunter may take only one bearded or male wild turkey in the spring, which includes both the youth and regular spring turkey seasons.

Spring turkey hunting is allowed statewide. Wild turkeys may be hunted only from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. All DNR properties managed by the Division of Fish & Wildlife have spring turkey season hunting hours one-half hour before sunrise until noon for properties on Central Time and until 1 p.m. for proper-

ties on Eastern Time.

To hunt wild turkey during the spring season, a valid spring turkey hunting license and Game Bird Habitat stamp privilege are required. Those who have a lifetime comprehensive hunting, lifetime comprehensive hunting and fishing, or resident youth hunt/trap license can hunt wild turkey and do not need to purchase the Game Bird Habitat stamp privilege.

Turkeys can be hunted only with:

- A 410 caliber and 10-, 12-, 16-, 20-, or 28-gauge shotgun loaded with pellets of size No. 4, 5, 6, 7, 7½, and Tungsten Super Shot 9 and 10. Non-toxic shot is required while hunting turkey on some DNR properties. Call the property you are interested in hunting on for additional information.

- A muzzleloading shotgun not smaller than 20-gauge and not larger than 10-gauge, loaded with pellets of size 4, 5, 6, 7, 7½, and Tungsten Super Shot 9 and 10. Combination loads using shot sizes other than these are illegal.

- Bow and arrow

- A crossbow

To purchase a license, visit www.in.gov/dnr/fish-and-wildlife/indiana-fish-and-wildlife-online-license-system.

Wabash and Erie Canal Walk/Talk

The Wabash and Erie Canal is a historic waterway that connected Toledo, Ohio to Evansville, Indiana. Canal construction began in 1832, reaching Evansville in 1853. At the Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge there are places where the canal can still be recognized to this day. On April 6, Preston Richardt, a member of the Friends of the Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge and Canal Society of Indiana board member, will present a program focusing on the section of the canal as it approaches the town of Dongola from the Patoka River aqueduct. As they walk along, participants will learn the history of the canal including why it was built and why it was abandoned. They

will see a section of the canal as it is today and walk through and understand a canal town. Preston will also help participants locate other sections of the canal on the Refuge property and beyond.

The program will begin at 9 a.m. (Central Time) at the McCandless Tract on the Refuge. The walk, approximately 1/2 mile to one mile in length, is expected to last one to 1.5 hours. It will pass through wooded areas and a power line right-of-way that has briars and other undergrowth on it.

Participants should dress appropriately for weather and hiking conditions. Insect repellent is recommended. Lowland areas might be flooded.

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How to safely view the April 8 total solar eclipse

A solar eclipse occurs when the moon blocks any part of the sun. On Monday, April 8, 2024, a solar eclipse will be visible in North and Central America, as well as parts of Europe and South America. All 50 U.S. states (excluding most of Alaska) will have a chance to see at least a partial solar eclipse. In a narrow track across Mexico, the U.S. from Texas to Maine, and Canada from Ontario to Newfoundland, the moon will completely cover the Sun's bright face, producing a spectacular total solar eclipse.

Protect Your Eyes

- Looking directly at the sun without proper eye protection is unsafe EXCEPT during the brief total eclipse phase ("totality"). This happens ONLY within the narrow path of totality. At all other times, it is safe to look directly at the Sun ONLY through special-purpose solar filters, such as "eclipse glasses," that comply with the transmittance requirements of the ISO 12312-2 international standard. Ordinary sunglasses, even very dark ones, are not safe for looking at the Sun.

- If you are inside the path of totality on April 8, 2024, remove your solar filter ONLY when the moon completely covers the sun's bright face. As soon as the sun begins to reappear, replace your solar filter to look at the remaining partial phases.

- Outside the path of totality, there is NO TIME when it is safe to look directly at the sun without using a solar filter that complies with the transmittance requirements of the ISO 12312-2 international standard.

Instructions for the Safe Use of Solar Filters and Viewers

- Always inspect your solar filter before use; if scratched, punctured, torn, or otherwise damaged, discard it. Read and follow any instructions printed on or packaged with the filter.

- Always supervise children using solar

filters.

- If you normally wear eyeglasses, keep them on. Put your eclipse glasses on over them or hold your handheld viewer in front of them.

- Stand still and cover your eyes with your eclipse glasses or solar viewer before looking at the bright Sun. After looking at the Sun, turn away and remove your filter – do not remove it while looking at the Sun.

- Do not look at the uneclipsed or partially eclipsed Sun through an unfiltered camera, telescope, binoculars, or other optical device. Do not do so even while wearing eclipse glasses or using a handheld solar viewer in front of your eyes – the concentrated solar rays could damage the filter and enter your eyes, causing serious injury.

- Solar filters must be securely attached to the front of any telescope, binoculars, or camera lens. Seek expert advice from an astronomer before using a solar filter with a camera, telescope, binoculars, or any other optical device.

What If You Don't Have a Safe Solar Filter or Viewer?

Another method for safe viewing of the partially eclipsed sun is indirectly via pin-hole projection. For example, with your back to the sun, cross the outstretched, slightly open fingers of one hand over the outstretched, slightly open fingers of the other, creating a waffle pattern. In your hands' shadow on the ground, the spaces between your fingers will show the sun as crescents.

A solar eclipse is one of nature's grandest spectacles. By following these simple rules, you can safely enjoy the view and be rewarded with memories to last a lifetime. For more information about eye safety and the eclipse, visit <https://eclipse.aas.org/eye-safety>.

Daviess/Martin Retired Teacher meeting

The Daviess/Martin Retired Teachers met at the Gasthof restaurant on Friday, March 15. After a brief welcome, President Ramona Lennen led attendees in the pledge to the flag then proceeded to conduct the meeting. The minutes of the January meeting, submitted by Nancy Adams, were approved as presented. Treasurer David Lennen reported that \$52 was collected for Pennies from Heaven at the January meeting. Lawana Hand gave the community service report and stated that 31 teachers, plus an associate member, volunteered 7,863 1/2 hours. Of those 850 were youth hours. At a cost of \$31.80 per hour, the value of service adds up to \$250,059.30. The nominations committee consisting of Pat Brochin, Ken Macy and Linda Strosnider presented the slate of officers for the coming year and they are: Ramona Lennen, president; Donna Keller, vice president; Vicky Bauernfiend, secretary; David Lennen, treasurer; program committee, Arlene Owens and Alana Thompson and community service, Marilyn Read and Denise Walden. The nominations were accepted.

Ramona Lennen gave the Area 8 director's report, and she was pleased to report that there will be a 13th check this year. Scholarship applications from the IRTA Foundation are due by April 1. The Representative Assembly will be held on Wednesday, June 12. Vicky Bauernfiend and Rosie Winger will represent the group. Ramona read a note from Shoals Schools thanking the association for the candy they received following the January meeting. Loogootee schools will be the next school system to receive candy. The Martin County Humane Society will be the recipient of the Pennies from Heaven money this semester. AMBA representative Jason Williams reported that he had the opportunity to meet with

current Barr Reeve teachers and they had many questions about insurance.

The program at the meeting was presented by Don Spillman, a local retired history teacher. He spoke about David DeJernett who with his parents, John and Mary, moved here in 1912. David started school at the Dunbar School in 1918. He broke the color line when in 1930 the Washington Hatchets became the first integrated team in the state and nation to win a major championship. This was a generation before Jackie Robinson became the first Major League Baseball player of color. David DeJernett paved the way for aspiring black athletes.

Attending the meeting were: Donna Keller, Ruthann Burkhart, Arlene Owens, Alana Thompson, Linda Strosnider, Denise Walden, Ramona Lennen, Janice Riley, Vicky Bauernfiend, Rosie Winger, Barb Hager, Marilyn Read, Ken Macy, Alice Jones, Lawana Hand, Marian McCracken, Don Spillman, David Lennen, Pat Brochin, Jason Williams and Nancy Adams.

Furnishing the door prizes (Eclipse Survival Kits) were Pat Brochin and Peg Neidigh. They were won by Don Spillman, Alice Jones, and Alana Thompson.

The next retired teachers meeting will be May 17 at the Gasthof. After the blessing was sung the meeting was adjourned for lunch.

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~LETTERS TO THE EDITOR~

'Please, be a lifesaver'

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

Appointments are available for the April 10th and 11th blood drives sponsored by the Shoals and Loogootee Beta Clubs. Scholarship monies are awarded to the schools based on the number of units collected at the October and April drives. You will be able to make an impact on the amount awarded by donating at one of the drives AND will be saving lives.

You may make appointments by calling the ARC at 800-733-2767, use your phone app, or contact me at 247-3767 or 709-2579 (please leave a message).

Please, be a lifesaver. There is NO substitute.

Many thanks,
Lynn Hawkins
ARC Volunteer

'We can defeat this project'

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

Spring is busting out all over; and, we have an eclipse on the way. What a great time to live in rural Indiana. The wonders of nature are all around us.

Recently I had to go to Indianapolis. I decided to take my time and drive up to Bloomington, the old way, US 231 to Indiana 45. At Bloomington I picked up I-69 to Indianapolis. Why am I telling you this? The scenery was amazing, it brought back memories of when I was in college; and this was the only way to

Bloomington. Not only that, it reminded me why we are opposed to the Mid-States Corridor. The open farmlands, the forests, the trees and flowers in bloom and the slower pace of driving to be able to enjoy it.

If we allow the Mid-States Corridor it will intrude and forever remove another piece of rural enjoyment. Instead of the leisurely drive in the country we will have just another fast-paced highway, we live here in rural Indiana to be away from this; and, most of want to keep the area rural. If one wants a faster pace, and everything that comes with it, close at hand are the cities of Bloomington, Evansville, Terre Haute and yes, Indianapolis.

The Corridor is not necessary, as just a few miles to the west is I-69 with faster speed limit, the loud trucks and the impatient travelers. In order to preserve "our way of life" we must all oppose the Mid-States Corridor. We can do this by voting against any candidate who is in favor of the Corridor, no matter the party. The best grassroots opposition is when you receive any communication, no matter who it's from, inquiring about your land along the route, just throw it away. If someone comes to your door and wants to talk about buying your property, just say: "No thank you".

We can defeat this project by staying strong and united in our opposition to the Mid-States Corridor.

Jim Arvin
Rutherford Township
Martin County

NOTICE FROM GOODWILL CEMETERY

Spring Clean Up and Work Day is April 6th at Goodwill Cemetery. Please start removing all Christmas arrangements, weather worn flowers, ground blankets and ceramic decorations that will interfere with mowing and weedeating. Volunteers will go through on April 6th removing all still remaining, especially broken ceramic pieces that could be hazardous to our mowing crews.



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The purpose of this meeting:

- 1) The election of two directors
- 2) Any other business which may come before the meeting

If you live in either Glendale or Montgomery Exchange, ballots will be sent in the mail, available online or at RTC headquarters. All ballots submitted/received by April 15, 2024 by 12:00 Noon.

The following have been nominated for Board Directors by the Nominating Committee:

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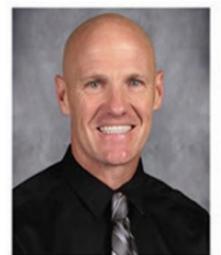
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This year's Annual Meeting will be held through a Live Streaming Event and Direct Correspondence Booklet that will be sent by direct mail to all Incumbent Cooperative Members. As always, door prizes will be given out, with the possibility of winning the grand prize or countless other prizes. Incumbent Members will also have the possibility to receive up to \$20 in bill credits by voting (in-person at RTC headquarters, online or by mail) along with commenting in the live stream meeting.

Instructions on how to be entered for prizes, bill credits and make or second motions will be provided to the Incumbent Members in the informational book.

- Bennie Lawyer, Secretary - Treasurer