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Shown are some of the early college students, a mix of freshmen and sophomore students. In the front row are Emmagale Winger, Sophie Carter, Madison Quinn, Emma Holt, Olivia Harker, Kenley Shaw, and Wyatt Boyd. In the back row are Chloe Holt, Clarissa Holt, Isabella Brett, Rator Hoffman, Malachi McNabb, Asher Wright, Jeremiah Lee, Gage Gilbert, and Skylar Boyd.

Shoals High School earns Early College Endorsement

The Center of Excellence in Leadership of Learning (CELL) at the University of Indianapolis recently announced the endorsement of the Early College (EC) program Shoals High School as highly effective in implementing with fidelity the Eight Core Principles of Early College. The Early College program at Shoals began in 2020, and this year will graduate four students with the Indiana College Core Certificate from Vincennes University and an additional six students with 15+ dual credits. The Indiana College Core is a block of 30 credits which meet the general education requirements at all public higher education institutions in Indiana.

Superintendent Kindra Hovis stated, "To see this vision of mine come true is truly incredible. I began this journey when I was the high school principal back in the fall of 2017. I knew we had so many students who were capable of obtaining a post-secondary education but may not have the means to get there following graduation. This program allowed us to bring that education to our students. While other schools had teams of 7-10 people, our early college team began with only two people, me, and Mrs. Jessica Hert, the school counselor. It has now grown to a team of 7-8 people, led by Miss Megan Hawkins. Without the help of the RECN grant that was received in 2021, the willingness and dedication of our staff to return to college themselves to become credentialed, or the support of administration and the school board, this would not have been made possible. This is such a huge accomplishment for a school our size and I am so excited to see what this program does for present and future students!"

Road closure planned for US 231 near West Boggs

The Indiana Department of Transportation announces a road closure for US 231 near West Boggs Lake.

Beginning on or around Monday, April 10, crews will close US 231 near the entrance of West Boggs Park for an emergency pipe replacement. During the closure, crews will remove and replace a pipe under the roadway. Once completed the roadway will re-open to traffic. Work is expected to take a day to complete, depending on the weather.

The official detour for this project is State Road 58 to I-69 to US 50. Local traffic will have access up to the point of closure.



Administration and teachers at Shoals attend quarterly RECN meetings to enhance current programs and network with other RECN schools. Picture is from the RECN QUAD meeting on February 9. Shown, from left to right, are Josh Mullis, Shoals High School Principal; Janet Boyle, Director of Rural Early College Network (RECN); Laura Tucker, Project Coordinator of Early College for CELL; Sandy Hillman, Director of Early College for CELL; Megan Hawkins, Shoals Teacher and Early College Director; Jeremy Eltz, Director of Rural Education for CELL; Tina Rue, Shoals Early College History Teacher; Erin Cage, Shoals Spanish Teacher; Lori Albright, VU Preservice Teacher at Shoals; Cammie Sanders, Shoals Business Teacher; and Jessica Hert, Shoals Counselor.

The Early College high school model creates cohorts within schools that are designed to give students jumpstarts for the rest of their lives. Students can earn both high school diplomas and up to two years of credit toward bachelor's or associate degrees. While open to all students, Early College programs specifically serve low-income young people, first-generation college students, English language learners, and

students of color – all statistically underrepresented in higher education.

To be considered for endorsement, the school prepared a portfolio that addressed the eight required principles established by CELL including providing a rigorous curriculum, robust student supports, and completion data. In addition, a CELL team visited the school to interview administration, (See 'SHOALS' on page 3)

Commissioners get updates on veteran service office, State Road 450 closure

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, April 4.

Veteran Service Officer Jonathan Cropp gave the commissioners an update on his office. He said the veterans' van has been cleaned up and been updated with new signage which includes the updated phone number. Cropp said once he got the van, he realized it was several thousand miles past the oil change so, since it was Sunday, he took it to Walmart to have that taken care of. He said he paid for it himself and is not seeking reimbursement but wanted the commissioners to know in case there is donation paperwork he would have to sign. He said they are up to 14 volunteer drivers for the veterans' van and there have been no issues with transports. Cropp asked the community for continued patience while they get the office running again.

Highway Superintendent Scott Seals requested that his department move back to four 10-hour days instead of five 8-hour days. The commissioners approved. Seals also requested permission to get quotes for new graders. He said there are several thousand hours on each model they currently have. Commissioner Paul George said he believes the current graders are around 15 years old. They told Seals to gather quotes.

Seals said he had a resident question the hold up on repairs to bridge 44 on Deep Cut Lake Road that was damaged by a truck driver in the summer of 2021. County Attorney Dave Lett said he is still going back and forth with the insurance company for the driver who damaged the bridge. He said he isn't getting anywhere but will try again. Commissioner George told Lett that if they haven't gotten a resolution within 30 days, they need to move forward with litigation. (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 2)

County council tasked with paying for ambulance service

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Martin County Council met Monday, April 3. The main topic of discussion was the continued funding of the ambulance service which has been in operation since August of last year.

The council was tasked with approving additional appropriations to cover the cost of running the service. The first group of additional money was to cover salaries. The council approved \$450,000 last month to cover salaries and then, on Monday, approved an additional \$347,219 to take care of the rest of that cost for 2023, for a total of \$797,219. This money is coming from the EDIT (Economic Development Income Tax) fund.

The council also approved \$494,563 to cover other costs for 2023: (\$100,000 for PERF, \$56,000 for FICA, \$8,000 for those opting out of health insurance, \$100,000 for employee health insurance, \$20,000 for holiday pay, \$5,000 for uniforms, \$35,000 for vehicle maintenance, \$4,400 for office supplies, \$10,000 for vehicle maintenance, \$1,500 for in-house training and recruiting, \$30,000 for medical supplies, \$6,000 for tires, \$1,000 for dues and subscriptions, \$5,500 for travel expenses, \$6,000 for telephone service, \$1,500 for radios, lights and sirens; \$1,500 for training, \$30,000 for liability insurance and workman's compensation, \$18,000 to pay the medical director and sponsor hospital, \$32,000 for the billing company contract, \$16,163 for the heart monitor lease, \$5,000 for intercept fees, and \$2,000 for new equipment). According to Council Vice President Adam Greene, after the meeting, the money will come from the general fund where the county currently has unallocated funds to the tune of \$1.8 million.

Ambulance Director Jeramey Osborn explained that he ran the numbers for the past three months of the ambulance service and he believes the total cost per year to run the service will be around \$780,000, instead of the \$1.2 million that was estimated. He said the cost to run the service will be \$65,000 a month, which includes (See 'COUNCIL' on page 2)



Summerfest looking for donations for fireworks

PAST WEEK'S DONORS

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The Loogootee Summerfest Committee needs donations this year for fireworks that end the festival, due to the cost. Donations can be mailed to Summerfest PO Box 341 Loogootee IN 47553. Donors will be listed in this section of *The Journal* each week with their donation amount and the running total of total contributions. Donors can be listed as anonymous if they so choose.

Shoals Robotics "Make My Day" grants



-Photos provided

Janie Johnson, Martin County Community Foundation Board Member, presented a Make My Day Grant to Shoals Community Schools for their Jug Rox Robotics Team who qualified for FIRST Robotics world competition. If you would like to make a gift to an endowment that helps support MCCF grants, please contact Development Director Curt Johnson at (812)295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org or send your donation to MCCF, PO Box 28, Loogootee, IN 47553. Shown with Janie is MCCF Board President Paula Ringwald, Jug Rox Robotics participants Malachi McNabb, Rator Hoffman, and Nicholas McCracken; and Jug Rox Robotics Leader Lorna Troutman.



Garry Smith, Martin County Community Foundation Board Member, presented a Make My Day Grant to Shoals Community Schools for their Jug Rox Robotics Team who qualified for FIRST Robotics world competition. If you would like to make a gift to support MCCF grant cycles and programs like Jug Rox Robotics, send your donation to MCCF, PO Box 28, Loogootee, IN 47553 or contact Curt Johnson, MCCF Development Director, at (812)295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org. Shown, from left to right, are Megan Hawkins, MCCF Grants Chair; Garry Smith; Jug Rox Robotics participants Rator Hoffman, Malachi McNabb, Nicholas McCracken; and robotics leader Lorna Troutman.

COUNCIL

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staffing, benefits and overhead.

A few council members asked Osborn if he had everything figured into the amount and Osborn said he believed he did. It was noted, however, this doesn't include the cost of a new ambulance which can cost \$260,000. He said they will just need to put money back every year to cover that cost.

Osborn said they are still working to get a sponsor hospital for the county. There is a doctor currently serving as medical director (name has never been disclosed) but the sponsor hospital is still in the works. The county is currently only offering basic service instead of paramedic-level service until the sponsor hospital can be finalized. A member of the council asked Osborn if the paramedics he has on staff are being paid paramedic-level salary even though they cannot perform paramedic-level service. Osborn said they are. There are currently seven full-time EMTs and seven

part-time. Osborn would like to have nine total full-time EMTs.

Osborn said once a sponsor hospital is finalized, they can start doing convalescent transports which would bring in extra money. He said they have started receiving reimbursement for runs done at the beginning of the ambulance service and so far have taken in \$45,578. He said there is much more still to collect. A council member asked how much the service receives for each run. Osborn said, if they transport, they bill for \$1,200 however don't typically receive that much after the insurance companies negotiate. He said Medicare only pays half the amount billed.

Osborn said they had 95 runs in March and 52 of those patients were transported to the hospital. It was noted that 52 patients at \$1,200 each would be \$62,000. Council Member Warren Albright said they can probably expect to receive half that amount in reimbursement.

COMMISSIONERS

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A steward with the Loogootee Post Office approached commissioners with an issue involving a cul-de-sac on Bellbrook Avenue in Loogootee. She said due to an obstruction on one property, mail delivery has become impossible. She said she approached the City of Loogootee about getting something done however they told her it was a county road. She said they have had to stop mail service to the four residents on the cul-de-sac due to no access. The commissioners discussed the county's right-of-way and decided to reach out to the county surveyor before deciding what could be done.

Attorney Lett told the commissioners that an appointment had to be made at the meeting to add a representative from Martin County to the newly-formed Land Bank Initiative. He said he reached out to Alliance Director Jessica Potts who is willing to take that position. The commissioners approved.

Attorney Lett said there is a meeting set up in the morning with INDOT to discuss the closure of State Road 450 for the bridge replacement. Commissioner George said the county was told they were going to delay closing the bridge until the third week in April and then, out of nowhere, they

closed it a few days ago. He said he knows residents believe that something else could have been done by the commissioners however their hands are tied. He said the county doesn't have the ability to construct a temporary crossing even if the Army Corp of Engineers provided the bridge. He admitted that there were discrepancies in what the county was told about the road closure and the speed with which they moved utilities. "This is a really interesting deal up there," he said. County Attorney Lett said Martin County residents have been asking for that bridge to be raised for years and the best thing they can do now is just let the project proceed.

Auditor Michelle Norris presented a quote from Area One Protection to update the courthouse security cameras. It was questioned by Commissioner Cody Roush whether there are state funds that would be available to help with the cost. After discussion, the commissioners decided to table approving the quote until they could look into grant funds although noted they are in favor of updating the cameras.

Sheriff Josh Greene was not present at the meeting but reported to Commissioner George that there are currently 82 inmates in the jail with 35 of them from Vigo County.

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OBITUARIES

SANDRA QUALKENBUSH

Sandra Qualkenbush passed March 29, 2023, at 1:55 a.m., at IU Hospice House in Bloomington. A resident of Shoals, she was 62.



SANDRA QUALKENBUSH

She was born July 16, 1960, in Washington; daughter of John Robert and Mary Leona Henry. She married Charles Bradley "Brad" Qualkenbush, and he survives.

Sandy graduated from Shoals High School Class of 1978 and was employed at DSI working with adults with disabilities.

Sandy's legacy in the Shoals community will be felt long after her passing. The impact one person can have is like a pebble in the water, one initial ripple multiplies one hundred fold until it touches everyone. Sandy worked with DSI clients and staff for more than 30 years and will be greatly missed. Sandy acted from the heart and the actions of compassion, caring, understanding and humor leave a lasting impact on family and friends. Sandy leaves us with the challenge to love and care for each other and cherish each moment.

She is survived by her husband, Charles "Brad" Qualkenbush; mother, Mary Leona Henry; brothers, Robert Lee (Louise) Henry and John Alan (Marylen) Henry; one sister-in-law, Karla Henry; children, Lindsay Renee Qualkenbush and Charles James Robert Qualkenbush; one stepson, Nathan Bradley Qualkenbush and many cousins.

Preceding her in death are her father, John Robert Henry and one brother, Charles William Henry.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 4 at Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with burial following in the Spring Hill Cemetery. Pastor Cameron Gladish officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to Behind the Wire Ministries, The Shoals Fire Department or to Redemption Christian Church.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of George Funeral Care has been entrusted with the arrangements.

PENNY TOY

Penelope Rae "Penny" (Sipes) Toy passed away Monday, April 3, 2023, after a long, hard-fought battle against pancreatic cancer. A resident of Loogootee, she was 62.

She was born February 5, 1961, in Daviess County; daughter of Marilyn J. (Baker) Beemblossom and Albert C. Sipes.



PENNY TOY

Growing up, Penny shared the spotlight with her siblings Albert "Lee" and Tammy. Penny called Martin County, Indiana, her home for the majority of her life. She was a 1979 graduate of Shoals High School and took great pride in being a Jug Rock. She married the love of her life, Robert D. "Bob" Toy, in 1983. Bob and Penny lived in Greensburg, Indiana, and Vincennes, Indiana, before settling in Loogootee, Indiana, where she and Bob raised their children, Jordan Christopher and Alayna Brianne.

While raising kids and supporting Bob with his business, Penny found the time to be an active member of her community. She endeavored to support her kids in all of their pursuits. She was passionate about helping others and serving the community, participating in the LHS Band and Choir Boosters, volunteering at St. Vincent DePaul, and playing an active role in local food pantries. Penny was once described as someone who was "always in action and had the most perfect hair and makeup." She loved to lend a helping hand and was often the first one to show up at someone's house with her famous baked spaghetti when they needed support.

Penny loved her family, both those by relation, and those who she adopted along the way. Known as "Mama Toy" or "Nana" to many, she served as a consistent presence and cheerleader for many. Her cousin and longtime friend described her saying, "Penny told it like was. She loved big and bold and was fiercely protective." Penny longed for the day when she would have grandchildren. The timing didn't quite work out, so she settled for her grand-dogs, Jasper, Dixie, and Atticus. She was a pet lover and self-proclaimed cat-lady. She leaves behind her treasured cat, Parker, who will undoubtedly miss her love and affection, like so many others.

Throughout her life, Penny followed her creative passions including, baking, cake decorating, wreath making, and floral arrangement. Aside from talking on the phone, her favorite pastime was her love for finding a good deal at the local thrift store - especially if she could find something owl themed.

Penny is preceded in death by her father, Albert C. Sipes; mother-and father-in-law, Robert and Virginia (Williams) Toy; sister-in-law, Roberta (Toy) Williams; brother-in-law, Gary Williams, and dear friend, Bonita Ragsdale.

Left to cherish memories of Penny include her beloved husband of 39 years, Bob, of Loogootee; her son, Jordan Toy (husband, Alexander Frederick) of Elkins Park, Pennsylvania; daughter, Alayna (Toy) Spicer (husband, Sterling) of Lawson, Missouri; mother, Marilyn (Baker) Beemblossom; brother, Albert "Lee" Sipes; and sister, Tammy (Sipes) Winger, all of Shoals. Additionally, she is survived by many nieces, nephews, godchildren, and the many loving friends who brought joy to her life.

A Mass of Christian Burial was cele-

brated by the Very Reverend J. Kenneth Walker, this morning, Wednesday, April 5 at St. John The Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial followed in St. John Catholic Cemetery in Loogootee.

Arrangements and care have been entrusted to Ed L. Lee Mortuary in Washington.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.edleemortuary.com, or on Penny's favorite social media, Facebook.

The staff of the Ed Lee Mortuary is honored to have been entrusted with Penny Toy's arrangements.

SHOALS

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teachers, students, and parents about the EC and its benefits and challenges before designating the program as endorsed.

"These newly endorsed Early College High Schools have documented evidence of quality programs that help high school students graduate high school and accelerate into post-secondary education, whether at a four-year institution or a career/technical program. These students' accomplishments are true game changers for them and their families!" said Sandy Hillman, CELL Director of Early College. "The EC School Leadership Team at Shoals under the leadership of Kindra Hovis, Josh Mullis and Megan Hawkins is commended for its strong commitment to blurring the line between high school and post-secondary education."

Miss Megan Hawkins would like to thank all members of the RECN School Leadership Team (SLT) for their work and efforts in this celebration for Shoals School. Other SLT members include Mrs. Kindra Hovis, Mr. Josh Mullis, Mrs. Jessica Hert, Mrs. Danielle Cornett, Mrs. Tina Rue, Mr. Ben Kent, Mrs. Audrey Gibson, and Dr. Nicole Shankle, Vincennes University Dean of Academic Early College. Miss Hawkins would also like to thank all early college educators at Shoals High School for obtaining and maintaining credentials to allow students to earn college credits in high school. "We will keep striving to provide college and career readiness for students at Shoals. Thank you

to all!"

CELL, at the University of Indianapolis, is a leading convener, catalyst, and collaborator for dynamic, innovative education change in Indiana. It has trained over 170 high schools across the state in the fundamentals of Early College and endorsed 47 Early Colleges as of March of 2023. Once a school receives endorsement, it is expected to further develop its opportunities and will be reviewed for re-endorsement every three years.

For more information, contact Sandy Hillman, Director of Early College, hillmans@uindy.edu

About CELL

Created in 2001, the Center of Excellence in Leadership of Learning (CELL) at the University of Indianapolis has served as the leading convener, catalyst and collaborator for innovative education change. CELL's mission is for all people in Indiana to experience meaningful and high-quality education. CELL partners with schools and communities to improve outcomes for students of all ages by leading sustainable educational innovation and transformation across Indiana. Providing leadership that is both cutting-edge and action-oriented, CELL unites districts, schools, communities, universities and businesses to build a sense of urgency and form innovative collaborations for statewide educational and economic improvement. Learn more: cell.uindy.edu.

PUBLIC AUCTION

Hoffman and Mullen Auctioneers have been commissioned to sell approx. 133.385 acres for Betty R. Butler Estate on

Thursday, April 13, 2023

at 7:00 p.m. Martin County time

Auction held at the Martin County Community Building 2664 US Hwy. 50, 2 1/2 miles east of Loogootee. Property can be shown anytime by appointment

Directions to Farm: From the Junction of Indiana Hwy. 56 and Hwy. 545 (known as Dubois Crossroads), go 5 miles north on Hickory Grove Road and Windom Road to farm on the corner of Windom Road and River Road. From Shoals, go southeast on Hwy. 150 for 3 miles. Then turn south on Windom Road to farm

Farm is located in Section 36, Twp. 2 N, Range 4 W. in Lost River Twp. Martin Co. on Windom Rd. The Farm will be sold in 2 tracts. Purchasers may buy each tract separately or combine both. Tract 1- 76.5 acres: 39.2 acres of excellent tillable row crop ground and the remainder in grassland and woods. City water is available and this parcel would make an excellent homesite. Also includes a 24' x 48' pole barn for storage. Very seldom does land of this quality come for sale and Indiana farmland has become an excellent investment. This tract is sold with a 30 ft. easement off the west end for access to Tract 2 and the Buyer will have the right to clear the easement.

Tract 2 - 56.885 acres: 18.95 acres of excellent row crop ground are included with the balance in grassland and woods. Timber has been subject to a select cut 8 years ago under the supervision of a forester but this wooded tract has much good timber remaining. Included is a 30 ft. easement off the west side of Tract 1.

Auctioneer's Note: For 2022 Indiana land prices increased 12% making a good investment even better. This farm has areas that could be made tillable with a little effort. Possession is on sale date so the Buyer can plant this year's crop. City water and blacktop road make this farm easy to divide for smaller homesites. The farm will be sold to the highest bidder.

Terms: 5% down on day of auction, balance due in 60 days. Sellers will provide owners title insurance in the amount of the purchase price and taxes will be prorated to the date of closing. Announcements made day of sale take precedence over all printed material. Hoffman and Mullen Auctioneers are agents of the sellers only. Not responsible in case of accidents.

Owner: Betty R. Butler Estate
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-Admiral Grace Hopper

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, MARCH 27

7:18 a.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means responded.

11:06 a.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check on a boat and trailer east of Shoals. Sergeant Wells responded.

1:00 p.m. - Received a call from Verizon advising their 911 has an outage that will affect incoming calls.

1:04 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Loogootee. Crane EMS and 1st responders responded. No one was transported.

2:18 p.m. - Received a call advising that water is now over Windom Road.

2:40 p.m. - Received a call advising that water is now over Butler Bridge Road.

3:50 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Caller advised it was an accidental dial.

4:23 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means responded.

4:37 p.m. - Received a call reporting a possible stolen vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded.

5:15 p.m. - Received a call reporting a semi blocking both lanes of traffic south of Loogootee. Sergeant Wells, Haysville Fire Department, Chief Deputy Keller and Stork's Towing responded.

5:26 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Crane. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

6:00 p.m. - Received a report of an accident with no injuries south of Loogootee. Sergeant Wells and Big John's Towing responded.

10:54 p.m. - Received a call reporting a suspicious vehicle south of Shoals. Deputy Erwin responded.

11:13 p.m. - Received a call from Daviess Community Hospital advising their CT Scanner is down and would like our EMS notified.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

5:58 a.m. - Received a call reporting a car-deer accident south of Loogootee. Deputy Erwin responded.

7:00 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

7:02 a.m. - Received multiple landline calls reporting a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

7:18 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident southeast of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

7:54 a.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn north of Loogootee.

9:52 a.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down south of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department responded.

11:00 a.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check south of Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded.

11:29 a.m. - Received multiple 911 calls requesting an ambulance in Crane. Crane EMS and 1st responders responded.

1:28 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver in Loogootee. All Martin County Law were notified.

7:19 p.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn north of Shoals.

8:28 p.m. - Received a 911 call advising of a possible break-in in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

8:00 a.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn south of Shoals.

9:00 a.m. - Received a call from Crane advising IED training.

9:30 a.m. - Received a call from Mid America Safety Solutions advising of a road closure in Loogootee.

11:53 a.m. - Received a call requesting

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

12:19 p.m. - Received a call from Mid America Safety Solutions advising the road is now open.

1:34 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Greene County address. Transferred call to Greene County 911.

3:10 p.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn west of Shoals.

4:29 p.m. - Received a call advising of a field fire west of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

5:11 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department and Dubois County EMS responded. Dubois County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:21 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check north of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

7:46 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:21 p.m. - Received a call advising that Friends Creek Road is now flooded.

9:27 p.m. - Received a call from Daviess County Dispatch advising of a reckless driver north of Loogootee. All Martin County Law Enforcement were advised.

10:23 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

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

2:13 a.m. - Received a call reporting property damage in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

7:48 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver north of Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means responded.

10:12 a.m. - Received a call reporting possible harassment in Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller and Loogootee Chief Means were notified.

10:40 a.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 Daviess Community Hospital.

11:44 a.m. - Received a call reporting a traffic hazard southeast of Loogootee. Sergeant Wells responded.

12:53 p.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn south of Shoals.

2:22 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident south of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Chief Deputy Keller, Loogootee Chief Means, Loogootee Fire Department and Big John's Towing responded. No one was transported.

3:38 p.m. - Received a call advising of trash being dumped northeast of Shoals. Sergeant Wells responded.

4:13 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

4:39 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver east of Shoals, heading east. Contacted Lawrence County with information.

4:40 p.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn south of Loogootee.

4:43 p.m. - Received an animal complaint northeast of Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

10:40 p.m. - Received a call from Area One Protection advising of a residential burglar alarm northeast of Shoals. Owner

advised to disregard.

10:53 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries west of Shoals. Sergeant Wells, Loogootee Officer Baumgart, Deputy Branham and Shoals Fire Department responded.

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12:27 p.m. - Received multiple 911 calls reporting an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means, Loogootee Assistant Chief Long and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

2:41 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 Daviess Community Hospital.

5:06 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims, Deputy Haven, Sergeant Wells, Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

7:03 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Deputy Branham, Deputy Haven and Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

7:37 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver east of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

11:30 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting Monroe County Sheriff's Department phone number. Information was given.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

12:20 a.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down north of Shoals. Deputy Branham and Shoals Fire Department responded.

12:40 a.m. - Received multiple 911 calls reporting a tree down south of Loogootee. Deputy Branham and Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

1:14 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting trees down south of Shoals. Deputy Branham and Lost River Fire Department responded.

1:21 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute in Monroe County. Called Monroe County with information.

1:55 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a tree down south of Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

3:52 a.m. - Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Called Daviess County with information.

6:03 a.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down southwest of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

6:06 a.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down southwest of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

6:10 a.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down southeast of Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

6:28 a.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down southeast of Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

8:00 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a tree down south of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department responded.

9:24 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Assistant Chief Long, Loogootee Fire Department and Daviess County EMS responded. Daviess County EMS transported.

9:29 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting a lift assist in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

9:40 a.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down northeast of Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

10:29 a.m. - Received a 911 call in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded.

10:50 a.m. - Received a call reporting a car-deer accident east of Shoals. Deputy Erwin responded.

12:19 p.m. - Received a call reporting

power lines and phone lines down south of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Deputy Erwin responded. REMC was contacted.

12:57 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

12:59 p.m. - Received multiple calls reporting a tree down north of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

1:35 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department responded.

3:20 p.m. - Received a report of a fire north of Shoals. Deputy Haven, Deputy Erwin and Shoals Fire Department responded.

3:50 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.

4:19 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting assistance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

6:41 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

6:57 p.m. - Received a 911 call from Onstar requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Loogootee Officer Sims and Martin County Medic 1 responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

7:02 p.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn southeast of Shoals.

11:08 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a possible break-in in Shoals. Deputy Branham, Deputy Haven and Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

3:05 a.m. - Received a call from Medical Alarm Co. advising of a medical alarm in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Deputy Branham and Loogootee Officer Sims responded. No one was transported.

4:29 a.m. - Received a call from Medical Alarm Co. advising of a medical alarm in Loogootee. Deputy Branham, Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

6:45 a.m. - Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Transferred call to Daviess County 911.

10:58 a.m. - Received a call reporting a theft in Shoals. Sergeant Wells and Deputy Haven responded.

11:28 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:34 p.m. - Received a call reporting someone burning trash in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

5:43 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department, Loogootee Officer Sims, Deputy Haven and Sergeant Wells responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:50 p.m. - Received a call reporting a verbal dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims, Deputy Erwin and Deputy Haven responded.

10:08 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Deputy Erwin, Deputy Haven, Loogootee Officer Sims, Loogootee Fire Department and Daviess County Medic 6 responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital with one DCH medic on board.

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL COURT New Charges Filed February 23

Lisa M. Lemons, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor; false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Christina D. Stinebaugh, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 Felony; legend drug deception, a Level 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance-controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Shelby P. Venters, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance-controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

David E. Shaw, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Storm L. Bradley, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Joshua J. L. Key, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; legend drug deception, a Level 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance-controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

February 24

James M. Hert, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

February 27

Tylor J. Robertson, reckless driving, a Class C Misdemeanor.

March 1

Chadd W. Lents, possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor.

March 2

Carl D. McCarty, theft, a Class A Misdemeanor.

March 3

Jobe E. Sergent, public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor.

March 6

Ryan E. Lee, operating a motor vehicle after forfeiture of license for life, a Level 5 Felony.

James D. Holt, escape, a Level 6 Felony.

March 8

Chad L. Taylor, domestic battery, a Level 6 Felony; intimidation, a Level 6 Felony; interference with the reporting of a crime, a Class A Misdemeanor.

March 9

Samuel C. Smith, hunting wild animals without a license, a Class B Misdemeanor; providing false information to DNR, a Class C Misdemeanor.

March 10

David Byers, Jr., driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Amber N. Cissell, neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 Felony.

March 14

Mark Alan Alexander, failure to appear, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Jordan R. Harris, 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; reckless driving, a Class C Misdemeanor.

March 16

Joseph D. Suroiu, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; operat-

ing a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession or sale of adulterant or synthetic urine, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

March 20

Billy G. Mitchell, possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Curtis D. Brown, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Michael A. Jones, two counts of driving while suspended, Class A Misdemeanors.

Jordyn Tyler Walton, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor; minor consuming alcohol, a Class C Misdemeanor.

March 21

Eric J. Johnson, possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Tracy M. French, conversion, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Christopher J. Huntspon, dealing in methamphetamine, a Level 2 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Level 3 Felony; neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 Felony.

Thomas C. Holt, auto theft, a Level 6 Felony.

March 22

Michael T. French, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Donnie G. Cato, escape, a Level 6 Felony.

March 24

Chadwick K. Funk, invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Marnita Z. Arvin, dealing in methamphetamine, a Level 2 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Level 3 Felony.

Michael L. Arvin, dealing in methamphetamine, a Level 2 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Level 3 Felony.

March 28

Thomas C. Holt, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS

March 23

Gregory A. Machmer, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony and operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 730 days with the Indiana Department of Corrections, for each count, with 0 days suspended.

March 27

Travis R. Gruber, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 222 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 111 actual days previously served plus 111 Class A credit days.

March 28

Michael D. Westhafer, convicted of failure to register as a sex or violent offender, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 912 days with 868 days suspended and credit for 22 actual days previously served plus 22 Class A credit days. Defendant received 28 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

March 23

Gregory A. Machmer, battery, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; maintaining a common nuisance-controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

March 27

Travis R. Gruber, possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

March 28

Michael D. Westhafer, criminal trespass, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

March 22

U.S. Bank National Association vs. Zachary Danielson, civil collection.

March 24

TD Bank USA vs. Josh Archer, civil collection.

First Portfolio Ventures I, LLC vs. Natalie Wulle, civil collection.

Nicholas R. McCracken vs. Krystal McCracken, petition for dissolution of marriage.

CIVIL COURT DISMISSED

March 28

Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs. Nancy Cox, civil collection, dismissed.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

March 22

General Audit Corporation vs. Cody Craig, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

Martin County real estate transfers

Roger Sanders and Flora Sanders, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jeremy L. Sanders, Jason B. Sanders, and Joseph A. Sanders**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 12, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, containing 7 acres, more or less.

Deborah K. Zins, of Martin County, Indiana to **Justin Wagler and Kelsey Cronin**, a part of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing approximately ½ acre, more or less. More commonly known as 220 Doyle Avenue, Loogootee IN 47553.

Stanley D. Young and Mary J. Young, of Martin County, Indiana to **Michelle Goldsberry**, of Orange County, Indiana, Lot Number 25 in Section II of Sawmill Ridge.

The Eastern District of the Immanuel Missionary Church of the United States of America, of Martin County, Indiana to **Sonlight Ministries**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.181 acres, more or less.

The Great Outdoors Partnership, of Indiana to **Jason and Jodi Havican**, part of the north half of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 26, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Second Principal Meridian, Lost River Civil Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 15.29 acres, more or less.

Fred Morgan Roberts and Charlotte F. Roberts, of Knox County, Indiana to **Susan A. Birtchman**, of Marion County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quar-

March 27

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Michelle Cissell in the amount of \$2,678.45.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Michael F. Holt in the amount of \$7,798.37.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Cherie Pressley and against the defendant Raul Sandoval in the amount of \$5,125.

March 28

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Lacey K. Dent in the amount of \$1,224.67.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Lori L. Moore in the amount of \$2,912.19.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Joel C. Boyd in the amount of \$1,036.89.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

March 28

Ethan Cole Adams of Shoals and Breanna Marie Nelson of Shoals.

ARRESTS

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

2:13 a.m. - DeWhawn Fleming, 41, of Loogootee, he was arrested by Deputy Erwin on a Lake County Indiana warrant.

8:11 a.m. - Thomas Robbins Jr., 42, of Loogootee, he was arrested by Deputy Erwin and charged with possession of methamphetamine. He is being held on a \$15,000 10% bond.

9:13 a.m. - Curtis Brown, 52, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Pressley on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

4:06 p.m. - Shelby Venters, 27, of Shoals, was arrested by Loogootee Chief Means and charged with possession of marijuana. She is being held on \$5,000 10% bond.

7:52 p.m. - Danny Arthur, 18, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Baumgart and charged with resisting law enforcement and battery on a minor. He is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

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8:25 p.m. - Jeyson Marroquin Carrera, 26, of Richmond Virginia, was arrested by Deputy Haven and charged with never receiving a license and counterfeit ID. He is being held on \$5,000 10% bond.

CLASSIFIED ADS

HELP WANTED

BOOKKEEPER WANTED

The Martin County Solid Waste Management District is currently seeking a Bookkeeper. This is a 32-hour position with benefits. Must have knowledge of accounts payable, accounts receivable, and payroll. Please send resume, including level of education and job history with dates, to Martin County Solid Waste District P.O. Box 343 Loogootee, Indiana 47553. The last day to receive resumes is April 19, 2023.

Martin County Sheriff's Office stepping up patrols to enhance school bus safety

The Martin County Sheriff's Office will be out in full force this spring to ensure that students remain safe when traveling to and from school. Over the next couple of weeks, officers will be positioned along bus routes and in school zones where they will be on high alert for stop-arm violations, speeding and other forms of reckless driving.

The overtime patrols are part of the state's Stop Arm Violation Enforcement (SAVE) program and funded with National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) grants administered by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI).

"Every time you see a bus, slow down, be ready to stop and watch for children," said Chief Deputy Keith Keller. "If the overhead lights flash red and the stop arm extends, you are required by law to stop. Under no circumstances, should you speed up in an attempt to beat the bus. That's beyond reckless and puts every child boarding or exiting the bus in danger."

The department joins more than 200 police agencies for the spring enforcement campaign, as part of an ongoing effort to prevent reckless driving in school zones and around buses. Last year alone, more than 2,700 drivers were cited for stop-arm violations by Indiana law enforcement, according to ICJI.

To address this, officers will be conducting high-visibility patrols in the morning and afternoon hours along routes identified in cooperation with local bus drivers and school transportation officials.

"School buses have several highly vis-

ible indicators to let drivers know when to stop," said Devon McDonald, ICJI Executive Director. "The only way you're going to miss those—the activated stop arm and flashing lights—is if you're on your phone or not paying attention to the road. That choice can be deadly."

As part of the campaign, the department is urging motorists to slow down, pay attention to the road and to never pass a bus that has its red lights flashing and stop arm extended. This applies to all road with one exception. On highways divided by a physical barrier, such as a concrete wall or grassy median, only vehicles traveling in the same direction as the school bus are required to stop.

It's also important when approaching a school bus to be prepared to stop. Plan ahead and factor in extra time during each commute for school bus stops.

"You'll never regret playing it safe, but you will regret driving past a stopped bus and injuring someone's child," said Robert Duckworth, ICJI Traffic Safety Director. "These are people who have their whole lives ahead of them. No hurry is worth the possibility of robbing someone of their future or a family of their child."

Disregarding a school bus stop arm is a Class A Infraction and a serious offense. Violators could pay a fine of up to \$10,000, have their license suspended for up to 90 days (for the first offense) or up to 1 year (for the second).

Visit www.nhtsa.gov/road-safety/school-bus-safety for school bus safety tips. To learn more about the Martin County Sheriff's Office, please visit <https://www.in.gov/counties/martin/>.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Easter Service

Easter Services will be held Sunday, April 9 at The Loogootee Revival Center Church, 205 NW First Street. They will begin with breakfast from 9-9:45 a.m. Service will begin at 10 a.m. with Communion. Everyone is invited to attend.

Free community meal

The Loogootee Christian Church, at 206 Sherman Street, is having their monthly free meal for the community on Thursday, April 6 from 6-8 p.m. at the church. This month they will be having turkey and ham, sides, rolls, desserts and drinks. All members of the community are invited to attend.

Zoning meeting

The Loogootee Land Use Planning Committee will meet Monday, April 10 at 5 p.m. (prior to the regular council meeting) in the council chambers of the Loogootee Municipal Building. On the agenda is discussion on the rezoning of the former Dollar General Store location from business one to industrial two. The meeting is open to the public.

Dog/cat Wellness Clinic

The Martin County Humane Society Spay/Neuter Clinic 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 is required.

Mental Health Task Force

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

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.

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

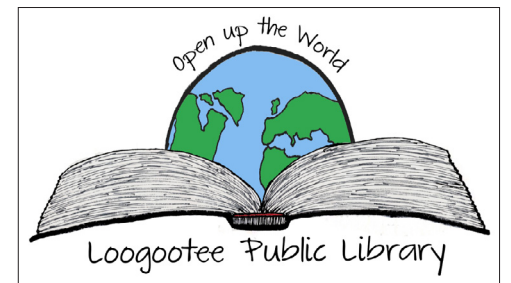
The Loogootee United Methodist Church Food Pantry is open every Thursday (except the fourth Thursday) from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Solid waste board

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

Soil and Water meetings

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



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Little Learners is held every Tuesday at 10:15. Story time and crafts for 2-5 years old.

Friday, April 7 and 8 the library is closed for Good Friday and Easter. Libby and Evergreen Indiana will not be available due to Indiana State Library switching out a server. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

Senior Citizen Bingo (55 and older) will be held on Monday, April 17 at 10:15 a.m. Come and join Alyssa and win some amazing prizes.

Teen night Paint and Plant is on April 25 at 5 p.m. Paint a pot and plant a succulent. Pre-register please.

FOLL Book & Bake Sale on Saturday April 22 from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

New Books:
Inspirational Fiction: "Windswept Way by Irene Hannon".

DVDs: "Everything Everywhere All At Once".

Children's Books: "Freshwater" by Amina Luqman-Dawson, "Palace of Books" by Patricia Polacco, and "The Unexpected Light of Thomas Alva Edison" by Raymond Arroyo.

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.

TOY'S AUTO PARTS, INC.

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

Shoals Farm & Arts Market

Community-Cultivate-Create

Calling ALL local growers & makers!

Vendor packets & applications will be available starting April 1st by contacting Lisa Taylor at 812-631-7352 or at ltaylor@martincounty.in.gov

2023 Dates:
June 3rd thru October 21st

No market on the following dates:
July 1st (Catfish Festival)
October 7th (Hindustan Days)

1st & 3rd Saturdays
9 AM TO 1 PM
Shoals Community Ballpark

Sponsored by the Shoals Business Association

Annual Community EASTER EGG HUNT

Date: April 8, 2023

Time: Noon

Place: American Legion Country Club

Breakfast w/ The Easter Bunny
10:00 to 11:30 am
Pancakes/Sausage
Coffee/OJ
\$5.00/person

Come & join the fun!
Group #1 - Ages 2-4
Group #2 - Ages 5-7
Group #3 - Ages 8-10



In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser,

Purdue University Master Gardener

April is National Gardening Month. While we do not hit our frost-free date until May, in April we get serious about getting ready for the gardening year. April is also the month for Earth Day and Arbor Day.

After a windy March, the first order of business in April is clean-up of the garden. The strong winds of last week caused some tree and shrub damage in many areas. Using a sharp saw or pruners, the damaged areas should be removed from woody plants. Always cut back to a natural joint. You will notice that most plants have a swollen area at the point where a limb emerges. That swollen area contains some hormones that will help the plant to scab over and heal. Otherwise, the exposed softwood may be invaded by insects or pathogens. The warmer weather of April also means that the various critters that have over-wintered in the debris of last year's plants have emerged. That debris may now be cleared. If it is free of disease and seeds, it may be shredded and added to the compost pile. Otherwise, the debris may be burned, if ordinances allow burning and the weather conditions are acceptable, or it may be taken off site for disposal.

If you have ordered plants, bulbs or seeds from mail-order nurseries, you will likely start receiving packages in April. Read the instructions that come with most such packages. If the instructions say to plant after the danger of frost has passed, it is better to wait until May 10 to plant. However, many plants are tolerant of some light frost, and should be planted as quickly as possible. If a hard freeze should be in the forecast, you may need to provide some protection at that time.

Earth Day is observed on April 22. The theme for this year's Earth Day is "Invest in Our Planet". One need not make Earth Day a political debate. The earth is home for all of us, and caring for the planet should be a concern for all. I admit

Turkey hunting season begins April 26

Indiana spring wild turkey season starts April 26 and goes through May 14, 2023. Youth turkey season is April 22 and 23, 2023. 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 properties on Eastern Time.

To hunt wild turkey during the spring season, a valid spring turkey hunting license and Game Bird Habitat stamp

that there are differences of opinion on many matters, but let's all do our part to care for the earth. Clean up trash along the roads and in our parks. Do what you can to save energy (and money) in your home. Get out and enjoy nature. Make it a priority to learn some new things about the world around you. Join an effort to eradicate invasive plants in a park, forest or in your own yard.

The other big ecological event in April is Arbor Day. Indiana observes Arbor Day on Friday, April 28. This is because it is prime time for planting trees in our state. Other states may observe Arbor Day at different times because of climate differences. Arbor Day is also observed in many other countries at the appropriate time for tree planting in those countries. Trees provide us with a lot of benefits. Of course, wood products come from trees, and companies that produce wood products are usually careful to plant trees to replace the ones they harvest. Trees also make a lot of the oxygen we and the animal kingdom need to breathe. Trees provide shade and windbreaks that can save you a lot of money on the heating and cooling bills. Plan now to plant a tree for Arbor Day. I often plant trees as memorials or to honor important events. Many families plant a tree when a baby is born. Make your tree planting a family or group affair. Whether you choose a fruit tree, a shade tree, a flowering tree or simply a tree to replace a harvested tree or a burned forest, the act of planting a tree is a gift for the future. I hope to be able to plant a tree bosquet (Yes, that is spelled correctly.) We will have more about that in a future column.

Celebrate National Garden Month in your garden, or by visiting a public garden, or by stopping by and visiting a friend or relative. If you need a garden to visit, stop in at Sandhill Gardens. I might even let you do some gardening to celebrate.

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

Free Fishing Days reminder

Indiana's four Free Fishing Days are May 7, June 3-4, and September 23, 2023. On Free Fishing Days, Indiana residents do not need a fishing license or a trout/salmon stamp to fish the state's public waters. All other rules such as seasons, bag, and size limits apply.

To see what properties are hosting events, go to <https://events.in.gov/search/events?search=fishing>.



Grazing Bites

By Victor Shelton

NRCS State Agronomist/Grazing Specialist

I'm usually glad to be past April Fools Day. In the past, too many found it way too entertaining to try and spoof someone into believing something untrue. The tomfoolery tradition supposedly started because some groups thought that the beginning of the year should be with the spring equinox instead of January 1 and were considered a bit foolish. Weather around the spring equinox in the northern hemisphere is usually still changing or switching to warmer conditions. But the back and forth keeps "fooling" us. I live in Indiana where if you don't like the weather, just wait a few minutes!

I have already heard the question, "When can we start grazing?" That question came up a bit earlier this year than normal because we had enough warm days in between the cold ones to provide the energy to really see some early green up.

I've seen a lot of livestock already out grazing fields. That is OK if they are still grazing stockpiled forages left from last year's growth, but if they are consuming only new growth and chasing after each new green blade of grass like a chicken after a bug, then you're usually doing more harm than good.

Fields that were grazed hard last fall, especially prior to dormancy, and fields that were grazed early this year because the cows needed someplace to go, could absolutely use a longer deferment prior to grazing again this spring. Those fields will need to first try to grow or regrow their new solar panel off the reserves that are left, and then spend valuable time rebuilding roots and root reserves before allocating energy and resources on growing forage. The plant is going to try and preserve itself and yield is the last thing on its mind. It's thinking about survival. If you push it too much, production is altered and seed head production will be more of a focus for the plant.

Quite often you will find these stands initiating reproductive stages quicker and earlier because of this survival mechanism. In some cases, some anti-quality factors, such as alkaloids, may also be higher due to this stress. In the long run, if you take care of the plant, the plant will help take care of you.

Ideally, it is best to wait and let the forage grasses develop a good solar panel prior to starting to graze. In most tall, cool season forages like tall fescue and orchardgrass this is at least eight to 10 inches. A little more is usually better. If you say, "I can't wait that long," then you better keep the animals moving and rotating them pretty quickly and absolutely not allow any grazing of regrowth.

Nothing is more important than rest and recovery for forage plants. Multiple removal and multiple bites off the same plant, especially of regrowth, will hamper growth for the season and that forage plant will never fully express itself.

Ideally, after the plant has been grazed, it needs sufficient time and rest to allow it to fully recover prior to being grazed again. One very smart individual, Burt Smith, pointed out that if you can still see the last grazing event (torn or bitten leaf ends), then you shouldn't be grazing yet. I've found this to be very true. The biggest challenge is staging out the paddocks where they don't get ahead of you too much or are not ready for grazing again quick enough. If you start grazing too early, you will end up grazing regrowth prior to sufficient recovery. If you wait too long, you'll have more grass trying to mature. Keep an eye on what is ahead growth wise. Faster rotations work well in the spring as long as you keep them moving. Slower rotations work well later with more growth letting them remove more yet

keeping the grazing period short. This normally allows for longer recovery prior to grazing again. We'll talk more about this later on.

If you haven't taken any soil tests on your pastures recently, especially in the last four years, then now is a good time to do it unless you already did it last fall. Fields that have had any hay taken off them should be tested more often and at least every other year. It is difficult to maintain a stand of quality forage that produces to its potential and provides nutritious feed without adequate fertility levels. Systems that are rotated frequently, managed well and don't have any hay removed from them are generally a lot easier to maintain long term.

If funds are limited, calcium is probably the first and best money spent. Calcium and its relationship, or ratio, with magnesium has a major impact on the forage's ability to extract nutrients from the soil and certainly the acidity or alkalinity of the soil which can dictate what will or can grow. You should shoot for at least a 4:1 ratio of calcium to magnesium, or 5:1 if you are a dairy operation. If you are really short on calcium and start fixing that problem, then you might find out that other elements start becoming more readily available.

It is a good idea to move to a high magnesium type mineral supplement (usually 10-20% instead of 1 or 2%) during the early forage period and continue with it until we are past the early flush of new forage. Ideally start using it a few weeks prior to needing it. Grass tetany can occur during these early forage growth periods and especially with huge swings in temperatures. It can also occur occasionally in the fall. This is also true whether you are grazing perennials or annuals.

Most high magnesium mineral mixes are lower in phosphorus so you probably should change back after the tetany season has passed. The issue with insufficient magnesium is more of a problem where nitrogen and/or potassium has been applied recently or in excessive amounts. For more detailed information about grass tetany, contact your local extension service or large animal veterinarian.

Lastly, I am already seeing a fair amount of poison hemlock in some fields and especially along roadsides and low areas. Poison hemlock looks a lot like cow or wild parsnips but has purplish colored streaks and spots on the smooth stem. This plant is poison to both livestock and humans. It is a true biennial so it will set seed the second year — so kill it the first year! It is a prolific seed producer. Do not handle it with bare hands.

Poisoned animals show signs within two hours of eating the plant, and tend to become nervous, tremble and become uncoordinated. After the excitement phase, the animal becomes depressed. Contact your local extension office for more information on this plant or control methods.

Remember, it's not about maximizing a grazing event, but maximizing a grazing season! Keep on grazing!

Reminders & Opportunities

International Grassland Congress (IGC) - The American Forage and Grassland Council is hosting the IGC. - May 14 to 19, 2023 - Covington, KY. The theme of the conference is "Grassland for Soil, Animal, and Human Health." For additional information or to register for the IGC, visit <https://internationalgrasslands.org/2023-igc/> or follow-on social media at @IGC2023.

Please send comments or questions to grazingbites@gmail.com.

PURE COUNTRY *Throwback*

By Dan Gregory

Originally published April 27, 2014

Barb and I went to the local big store this past Sunday morning. We had been to church on Saturday evening and then went to dinner with some good friends and later sat around our backyard fire pit just talking about the past week's experiences. It was the end of a traumatic week for our family as we once again mourn the loss of a close family member. My brother, Bryan, left us on Good Friday in a very unexpected and sudden way.

My computer was down for several weeks, and I missed writing columns while we were on a cruise in the Eastern Caribbean, we went to our newest granddaughter's baptism in West Lafayette and a few other things. By the time I got my PC back I had missed writings columns for several weeks and was contemplating quitting altogether as I have pretty much used up a lot of available material and don't like repeating myself. And then a new experience comes along. The first loss of a sibling.

Like most siblings we had fun together, fought as brothers sometimes do, encouraged each other in what we were doing, and now...much to my regret, also didn't talk as much as we should have. In short, ours was a somewhat typical brother relationship for us.

A few years ago, Bryan and I went to a family reunion in Northern Indiana and rode together for parts of three days to make the trip. Just me and him in his truck. I don't recall spending that much steady time in each other's presence since childhood. We talked about a lot of things that I won't go into here, but we did gain insights into each other's lives and thoughts that I don't think we ever had before. I cherish those memories now much more than I did then. I thought there would be more opportunities. But there won't be.

Barb and I went to the big store today to get our grandson Eli a new bike. He is quite the little biker dude and has worn out and outgrown all the hand-me-down bikes from his older brother and sister. I always had to go through my older brothers (I have two) stuff too. It wasn't a bad thing and I know some of it was economics. Hand-me-downs are part of a family culture when there are siblings. Bikes to a little boy is an important part and step on the way to adulthood and Eli has earned a new bike to call his own.

Our family is strong and resilient in the face of loss and tragedy. That doesn't mean we put on a strong face and muscle through it, we just have learned to accept what we can't change and realize there is a higher power than we can understand. Tears come easy and often now, and I believe that is good and right. It would be sad if someone died, and nobody cared.

Many people have offered us condolences and sympathy in all kinds of ways. That helps us more than we can express here in a newspaper column. Friends and family are the glue that holds us together and we truly appreciate all of it.

I keep thinking Bryan's name will pop up on my phone every time it rings.... I know that won't happen.... but how I wish it would.

USDA announces additional assistance for distressed farmers facing financial risk

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that beginning in April it will provide approximately \$123 million in additional, automatic financial assistance for qualifying farm loan program borrowers who are facing financial risk, as part of the \$3.1 billion to help distressed farm loan borrowers that was provided through Section 22006 of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). The announcement builds on financial assistance offered to borrowers through the same program in October 2022.

The IRA directed USDA to expedite assistance to distressed borrowers of direct or guaranteed loans administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) whose operations face financial risk. For example, in the October payments, farmers that were 60 days delinquent due to challenges like natural disasters, the pandemic or other unexpected situations were brought current and had their next installment paid to give them breathing room.

"In too many cases, the rules surrounding our farm loan programs may actually be detrimental to helping a borrower get back to a financially viable path. As a result, some are pushed out of farming and others stuck under a debt burden that prevents them from growing or reacting to opportunities," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "Loan programs for the newest and more vulnerable producers must be about providing opportunity and tailored to expect and manage stumbles and hurdles along the way. Through this assistance, USDA is focusing on generating long-term stability and success for distressed borrowers."

In October 2022, USDA provided approximately \$800 million in initial IRA assistance to more than 11,000 delinquent direct and guaranteed borrowers and approximately 2,100 borrowers who had their farms liquidated and still had remaining debt. USDA shared that it would conduct case-by-case reviews of about 1,600 complex cases for potential initial relief payments, including cases of borrowers in foreclosure or bankruptcy. These case-by-case reviews are underway.

At the same time in October 2022, USDA announced that it anticipated payments using separate pandemic relief funding totaling roughly \$66 million on over 7,000 direct loans to borrowers who used the USDA Farm Service Agency's disaster-set-aside option during the COVID-19 pandemic. The majority of these payments have been processed and USDA anticipates it will complete all such payments in April 2023.

New Assistance for Distressed Borrowers

FSA intends to provide the new round of relief starting in April to additional distressed borrowers. This will include approximately \$123 million in automatic financial assistance for qualifying Farm Loan Program (FLP) direct loan borrowers who meet certain criteria. Similar to the automatic payments announced in October 2022, qualifying borrowers will receive an individual letter detailing the assistance as payments are made. Distressed borrowers' eligibility for these new categories of automatic payments will be determined based on their circumstances as of today. More information about the new categories that make up the \$123 million in assistance announced today and the specific amount of assistance a distressed borrower receives can be found described in this fact sheet, IRA Section 22006: Additional Automatic Payments, Improved Procedures, and Policy Recommendations.

To continue to make sure producers are aware of relief potentially available to them, all producers with open FLP loans will receive a letter detailing a new oppor-

tunity to receive assistance if they took certain extraordinary measures to avoid delinquency on their FLP loans, such as taking on more debt, selling property or cashing out retirement accounts. The letter will provide details on eligibility, the specific types of actions that may qualify for assistance, and the process for applying for and providing the documentation to seek that assistance.

These steps are part of a process USDA announced along with the October payments that is focused on assisting borrowers unable to make their next scheduled installment. Earlier this year, all borrowers should have received a letter detailing the process for seeking this type of assistance even before they become delinquent. Borrowers who are within two months of their next installment may seek a cashflow analysis from FSA using a recent balance sheet and operating plan to determine their eligibility.

Tax Resources

USDA will continue to work with the Department of Treasury to help borrowers understand the potential tax implications from the receipt of an IRA payment, including that options may be available to potentially avoid or alleviate any tax burden incurred as a result of receiving this financial assistance.

In early April, USDA will send a specific set of revised tax documents, educational materials and resources to borrowers that received assistance in 2022, including a link to a webinar hosted by a group of farm tax experts to provide education on the options available. USDA cannot provide tax advice and encourages borrowers to consult their own tax professional, but FSA is providing educational materials for borrowers to be aware of the options. USDA has tax-related resources available at farmers.gov/taxes.

Improved Procedures and Policy Recommendations

FSA is finalizing changes to its policy handbooks to remove unnecessary hurdles, improve loan making and loan servicing and provide more flexibility on how loans are structured to maximize the opportunities for borrowers. Additional details on those changes can be found in the linked fact sheet and are the start of a broader set of process enhancements. The fact sheet also provides information on the eight, no-cost legislative proposals included in the Fiscal Year 2024 President's Budget that are designed to improve the borrower experience.

VU offers free healthcare training throughout Indiana

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- Fort Branch - April 11, 2023
- Jasper - April 25, 2023
- Vincennes - May 8, 2023
- Petersburg - June 5, 2023
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2023 Senior SPOTLIGHTS



JAYDEN DENNY

Jayden M. Denny is the son of Adam and Donna Denny. After graduation, Jayden plans to enter the workforce.



MALLORIE SUTTON

Mallorie S. Sutton is the daughter of Mark and Andrea Sutton. After graduating, Mallorie plans to attend USI to study Dental Hygiene. While in High School Mallorie participated in Lionettes (9-10), Beta Club (9-12), Chorus (9), French Club (9-12), Recycling (11), Cadet (11-12), Job Shadow (10). Mallorie also participated in Basketball (9-12) and Volleyball (9-12).



ISAAC EAGLE

Isaac Lucas Eagle is the son of Liza Denson and Luke Eagle. After graduation, Isaac plans to attend a place of higher education. While in high school, Isaac participated in Intern (12) and basketball (9-12).



ABIGAIL SURVANCE

Abigail Elizabeth Survance is the daughter of Betty Survance, Rich Crouse, and Jason Survance. After graduation, Abigail plans to attend VUJC to study Nursing. While in high school, Abigail participated in Band (9-12), Cheer (9), Intern (12), Cadet (9-11), and Yearbook (9).



TASHA KREILEIN

Tasha Nicole Kreilein is the daughter of James and Teresa Kreilein. After graduation, Tasha plans to attend Southern Illinois University to study Visual Communication Design. While in high school, Tasha participated in Band (9-12), Spanish Club (9), Beta Club (9-12), SADD (9-12), Cadet (12), Yearbook (9), Student Council (9-10), and Tennis (9 and 12).



TYLER CAMPBELL

Tyler Cole Campbell is the son of Joseph Campbell and Rhonda Campbell, and Tonya Stone. After graduation, Tyler plans to go into the workforce. While in high school, Tyler participated in intern-ing (11) and cadet teaching (12).

2023 Seniors



SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL



GRACIE SHAW

Gracie Erica Shaw is the daughter of Eric and Jamie Shaw. Her sister is Maggie Shaw. While in high school, Gracie participated in basketball, volleyball and Beta Club. Her favorite school memory is playing sports and cards in study hall. After graduation, Gracie plans to attend college and get a degree in business.



ARIAHA LABARGE

Ariaaha Laray Labarge is the daughter of Kaala and Micheal Spurgeon. Her siblings include Aiden, Hayley, and Chaney Spurgeon. While in high school Ariaaha participated in chess club. Her favorite school memory was playing DND with her friends. After graduation, Arahah plans to attend college.

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Greenwell's demo

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Crews took down the former Greenwell's Hardware on Church Street in Loogootee last week. The building had partially collapsed on October 28, 2022. The building was built in 1880 and was said to be the oldest surviving structure in Loogootee. Greenwell's is now set up to do business across the street from the original hardware store. The address is 106 Mill Street. The phone number is still 812-295-3597. Hours are Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Attorney General warns Hoosiers of storm scams during severe weather

With thunderstorms brewing, Attorney General Todd Rokita is warning Hoosiers to be wary of scams. With Spring storms, scammers will be out in full force trying to con Hoosiers out of their hard-earned money, and calling it clean-up, repair, or rebuilding.

"Hoosiers can protect their hard-earned money by asking questions, demanding a written contract, and doing old-fashioned research," Attorney General Rokita said. "It can be tempting to accept help to fix damages to your home, but it's crucial to

take a step back and fully vet the contractor."

Unfortunately, far too many dubious con artists appear on people's doorsteps, promise to make needed repairs, and then disappear with their victims' down-payments in their pockets – never to return to do the work.

Attorney General Rokita is sharing the following tips to help Hoosiers avoid falling victim to storm-chasing scammers:

Be skeptical of people promising immediate clean-up and debris removal.

Know that FEMA doesn't charge application fees. If someone wants money to help you qualify for FEMA funds, that's probably a scam.

Check out contractors' reputations before enlisting their services.

Ask for IDs, licenses, and proof the contractor is both bonded and insured.

Get more than one estimate for work.

Don't believe any promises that aren't in writing.

Never pay by wire transfer, gift card, cryptocurrency, or in cash.

Don't pay the full amount for the project up front.

Dealing with a disaster is never easy. But when scammers target people just trying to recover, the experience can become even more difficult. If you ever suspect a scam of any type, file a complaint at indianaconsumer.com or call Attorney General Todd Rokita's office at 1-800-382-5516.

State rep visits Shoals Robotics teams

On Friday March 31st Indiana State Representative Shane Lindauer visited with the FTC Jug Rox Roboix Team and the FLL Rox Stars Team. Lindauer learned about the robotix program and what the teams face in their competitions. Each team gave an overview of their competition project, research and their robot and also gave a demonstration of their

robot. Mr. Lindauer even got to try his skills at driving the FTC robot. The FTC Jug Rox Robotix Team has advanced to compete in the World Championship on April 18-22 in Texas. The FLL Rox Stars Robotix Team has advanced to compete in the National Championship May 13-14 in New Jersey. Both teams are coached by Dean and Lorna Troutman.



-Photos provided

Shown above is the FLL Robotix Team Rox Stars. From left to right are Rep. Shane Lindauer, Remi Lake, Bentley Smith Kyle Wining, Emmalyn McNabb, Abbi Rollins, Ian French, Mason Lake and Tritt Rutledge. Team members not pictured are Jonathan Kreitler and Jaxon Mullis.



Shown above is the FTC Robotix Team. From left to right are Luke Troutman, Hannah Cook, Lydia Cook, Nick McNabb and Skylar Smith and Rep. Shane Lindauer. Team members not pictured are Malachi McNabb, Rator Hoffman, Asher Dishman, Alexis Rush and Austin Rasico.

REQUESTING SEALED BIDS FOR MAIN STREET LIGHTING SYSTEM

The Town of Shoals is requesting sealed bids to update/repair the Main Street lighting system. Updates will include but are not limited to: making sure all wiring is up to date and in good working order, all power outlets on the poles are in good working order or replaced as needed and lighting switched over to LED. The lighting system is located on both sides of North Main Street and South Main Street.

Sealed bids will be accepted until Friday, May 5th at 3:00PM. Sealed bids can be dropped off at the Shoals Town Hall located at 221 Low Street Shoals, IN 47581 or mailed to Town of Shoals P.O.Box 1078 Shoals, IN 47581. Sealed bids should include Contractor name and contact information, final bid price with details of work that needs to be completed, and expected start date/timeline for project if awarded. Contractor will be required to provide proof of insurance upon awardment.

Bids will be opened at the monthly Town Council meeting on Monday, May 8th 2023 beginning at 5:59PM at the Shoals Town Hall.

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