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## Sheriff recommends buying lot next to the jail

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Sheriff Travis Roush talked to the Martin County Council at their meeting Monday night, April 5 about purchasing the lot next to the jail. Sheriff Roush said he has been in contact with the property owner and the commissioners and has a price for the property. The commissioners are on board with purchasing the lot. The property is one third of an acre on the southeast side of the jail. Roush said the lot is half the size of the property the jail sits on. He said he feels it is an opportunity for the county in the future.

Sheriff Roush said the county could start a work release program and could also get away from the prosecutor's office paying rent in their current building.

The council members verbally expressed interest in moving forward but would not release the asking price of the property. They suggested the sheriff

move forward with the purchase.

Sheriff Roush reported there are currently 82 inmates in the jail with 31 of them from Vigo County. He also told the council they are currently evaluating the deputy vehicles for potential trade in.

Council Member Randy Winger brought up an issue with maintenance on the generator at the community building. He said the council decided to eliminate the \$6,000 request at last year's budget hearing to provide maintenance to the generator once a week. He said the council felt that was excessive. Since that time, they have not made a decision on who will maintain the generator and how often. Council Member Winger said the jail pays \$3,200 a year to have their generator maintained twice a year by M&M Electric. He suggested someone contact M&M to get a contract together. Winger said it is important to make sure the generator is working because if there is a natural disaster in the county,

the community building is the county's to use.

Auditor Abel requested another member of the council join the committee that will be interviewing candidates for a financial advisor for the county, as has been discussed since last year. Currently Council Members Barb McFeaters and Sherri Bowling have already agreed to be on the committee. Council Member Adam Greene said he is willing to join.

The council approved the following additional appropriations:

-\$17,200 from the cumulative bridge/contract services fund to pay for work done to help the erosion around Brooks Bridge.

-\$187,802 to pay for the first round of the 2020 Community Crossings grant work. The funds are coming from the grant, not from county funds.

-\$400,000 from the Motor Vehicle Highway Restricted fund to pay the

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## Shoals man arrested in Spencer County

On April 3, Master Trooper Trey Lytton, Indiana State Police Jasper Post All Crimes Policing Team (ACP) member, and Deputy Zach Polster, Spencer County Sheriff Department, conducted a criminal interdiction patrol in northern Spencer County.

Deputy Polster stopped a white 1999 Pontiac passenger car in Dale, which officers had received information that the driver, Dennis Sipes II, 39, of Shoals, was a habitual traffic violator with a lifetime suspension. Master Trooper Lytton assisted Deputy Polster with the traffic stop. During the traffic stop, Deputy Polster located methamphetamine on Sipes. Master Trooper Lytton and Deputy Polster became suspicious that Sipes may be involved in drug activity at that Baymont hotel in Dale.

Deputy Polster then transported Sipes to the Spencer County Jail.

Master Trooper Lytton and Senior Trooper Patrick Stinson, ACP Team members, and Trooper Jake Lauer, went to the Baymont hotel and located Kaci M. Newport, 27, of Washington, and her juvenile daughter.

While speaking to Newport, Master Trooper Lytton determined that Newport and her juvenile daughter had been staying with Sipes at the hotel. While speaking to Newport, troopers discovered

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DENNIS SIPES II



KACI NEWPORT

## Commissioners approve buying mower, property

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The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, April 6. Highway Superintendent Scott Seals presented a list of proposed detour routes from the state for repair work on Highway 150. Seals said there are four projects planned that will roughly take two months each. The commissioners spent a bit of time discussing the routes proposed, which included Butler Bridge and Mill Road, and were not happy with any of them. It was noted the state will provide funds for repairs to one route. The commissioners decided to table a decision.

The commissioners voted to move forward with purchasing a mower for the highway department. Interest rates from two banks are required prior to financing equipment. Commissioner George requested the highway superintendent get interest rates from German American and Old National.

Highway Superintendent Seals said they are doing a lot of ditching and culverts.

Commissioners go back to Strawn Insurance

The Martin County Commissioners held a special meeting Tuesday, March 30 to hear from potential county insurance agents. Commissioners present were Paul George, Cody Roush and Aaron Summers. Also attending were Auditor Bobbie Abel, Rex Strawn, Strawn Insurance & Real Estate; Elaine Slaubaugh, Strawn Insurance & Real Estate; and Dave Welch, German American.

Rex Strawn, of Strawn Insurance & Real Estate and Dave Welch, with German American Insurance, presented what services each can provide for Martin County.

A motion to approve Rex Strawn, Strawn Insurance & Real Estate, to be the agent of record representing Martin County was made by Commissioner Cody Roush and seconded by Commissioner Aaron Summers. Commissioner Paul George opposed however the motion passed 2-1.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

vert work on Chicken Farm Road and requested that drivers slow down and obey signs. They are having issues with drivers not paying attention.

Commissioner Paul George asked County Attorney Dave Lett what was required to move forward with purchasing property next to the jail. Lett said that two appraisals are required, and the amount paid cannot exceed the average of both appraisals. He said he would get the process started. No purchase price was given.

Auditor Bobbie Abel asked the commissioners what they wanted to do about the maintenance on the generator at the community building on the fairgrounds, as was addressed at the county council meeting the night before. Commissioner Cody Roush said that he thought it was decided to have the highway department mechanic check the generator once a month. Commissioner George said he

forgot they had discussed that. He asked that Auditor Abel call the highway superintendent and remind him that this was their decision.

Auditor Abel reminded the commissioners that a plan had to be developed for the \$1.9 million in funds coming in from the American Recovery Act. She provided plans from other counties for reference. The commissioners said they would probably copy one of those plans. Auditor Abel said it can be amended if need be. Economic Development Director Angie Risacher said she would be happy to be the point of contact for the funds as it pertains to groups and organizations around the county.

Barb Hager, from the audience, requested the commissioners follow through with Council Member Adam Greene's request at last night's county council meeting to get an itemized bill,

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## Scholarship grant

The Whitfield Men's Club Scholarship Committee received a \$2,340 grant from the Whitfield Men's Club Educational Fund of the Martin County Community Foundation that will be used for scholarships. Shown from left to right are committee members Shelley Christmas, John Lannan, Gary Arvin, Phil Todd, and Tiffany Lingenfelter with MCCF Director Curt Johnson. Not pictured is Andy Ringwald, also a committee member.

-Photo provided





## Making A Difference

By **Curt Johnson**  
MCCF Director



-- WANT TO HELP? --  
So maybe you have been thinking about how you can help your community? How you can do your part, no matter how big or how small? You've probably heard that giving of your time, your talent, and your treasure are ways that you can do just that. The amount of each that you give is purely dependent upon you as an individual, unique in your own way.

If giving of your treasure, no matter how big or how small, is something that you want to pursue, the MCCF has some great giving options. Last week I explained endowments. We can help you help others with several types of these endowment funds. Choose the one that's right for you.

-- UNRESTRICTED FUNDS --  
The first type of endowment funds are the unrestricted funds. These are perhaps the most impactful of the types of funds. You can use your gift to meet ever-changing community needs, including future needs that often cannot be anticipated at the time your gift is made. We evaluate all aspects of community well-being, such as education, health and human services, civic and historical affairs, the arts and culture, recreational activities, and more. The flexibility of your unrestricted gift enables our local board and staff to respond to the community's most pressing needs, today and tomorrow. The MCCF Impact Grant Cycle is when community organizations can present their current needs to the MCCF.

-- FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS --  
You can also target your gift to address needs in an important area of community life, such as the arts, economic development, or at-risk youth. You identify your personal interest area when making your gift; our board awards grants to community agencies and programs that are making a difference in the area you select.

-- DESIGNATED FUNDS --  
With designated funds, you can direct your gift to a specific agency or purpose. You can provide ongoing funding for a youth organization, a church, a social service agency, or an arts group. Virtually any nonprofit charitable organization may be supported by such a fund. You identify the recipient you wish to

benefit through your gift; our staff manages the annual distribution of the funds.

-- DONOR ADVISED FUNDS --  
If you want ongoing involvement in the use of your gift, a donor advised fund is for you. You work with our professional grant-making staff, identifying ways to use dollars from your fund to address the issues and needs you care about most. Your recommendations are submitted to the Board of Directors for approval; we then distribute the grant dollars.

-- SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS --  
And lastly, but certainly not the least, the scholarship funds enable you to designate your gift to benefit students seeking opportunities to better themselves through education. You may define guidelines for candidacy, the advisory committee, the school, and/or the award itself. We ensure that scholarships are awarded accordingly.

-- ESTABLISH A FUND --  
Any of these funds can be established in your name, or in the name of your family, your organization, or anyone you wish to honor. There are minimum amounts for funds, whether for a specific "named fund" of a person(s) or for a more generic fund title. All grants distributed from your fund, today and in the future, are then awarded to charities and/or the purpose identified with the fund. It's a great way to always be involved with, and be remembered, for your community investment, no matter how big or how small.

-- GIVE TO A FUND --  
You can also give to any of the already established funds managed by the MCCF. There are a wide variety of organizations, fields of interest, scholarships, and, of course, the very flexible unrestricted funds. Any amount can be donated to funds that already exist. Your gift can be what is just right for you. And these gifts can also be made in memory or honor of a loved one.

-- MORE INFORMATION --  
For more information about giving to available funds or how to establish a fund, please contact the MCCF Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or [mccf@cfpartner.org](mailto:mccf@cfpartner.org).

# ARREST

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ered that she was in possession of illegal narcotics. Troopers found that Newport had a bag that contained what is believed to be methamphetamine and marijuana. During further investigation, it was determined that the drugs also belonged to Sipes. Newport was then transported to the Spencer County Jail.

The Indiana Department of Child Services assisted Indiana State Police and the Spencer County Sheriff Department.

Sipes was charged by ISP with possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class

B Misdemeanor and possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Spencer County Sheriff's Department charged Sipes with habitual traffic violator, a Level 5 Felony and possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony.

Newport was charged with possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; and possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

*All suspects are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.*

# SHERIFF

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county's matching portion of the Community Crossings grant.

-\$55,000 to cover legal fees associated with a personnel issue with the community corrections department. No invoices have been received to date however Auditor Bobbie Abel said the amount requested is an estimate of accumulated fees. Council Member Randy Winger said he thought the county would have received a bill by now. Council Member Adam Greene asked if a bill could be requested for work done so far. Auditor Abel replied that this would be something the commissioners would have to negotiate with the lawyer. Abel noted that the amount requested in the additional appropriation is just an estimate, the fees could be more or less than the \$55,000. "I don't think we have any choice, we have to pay it," said Council Member Sherri Bowling. She added that she would like to see a breakdown of charges once it is received. Auditor Abel said she would present it when it is received.

# COMMISSIONERS

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after every \$10,000 is spent, from the lawyer hired to handle the community corrections employee issue. She said the auditor had told the council last night that the commissioners would have to approve such a request. She asked if they would consider it. Commissioner George said he liked that idea. Auditor Abel said she would email the lawyer tomorrow with the request.

# Lady Lions kick off tennis season

The Loogootee Girls Tennis Teams kicked off their season last Friday, April 2 at Forest Park. The varsity lost their matches, 2-3, however the junior varsity swept the Lady Rangers 4-0.

Head Coach Mike Tippery said after the matches, "It was nice to see the girls back on the courts playing tennis. We definitely have some areas we need to clean up and improve upon. Though it has been almost two years, it felt a little bit like deja vu. In 2019, our season ended with a 3-2 loss, which was our 10th 3-2 match that season."

Varsity results

#1 Singles Brooke Haug (FP) defeated Annalise Powell 6-4, 6-1

#2 Singles Kieragen Napier (L) defeated Kenzie Schulz 6-4, 6-4

#3 Singles Caitlin Carrico (L) defeated Payton Dilger 6-1, 6-2

#1 Doubles Molly Lusk/Kaylee Uebelhor (FP) defeated Katie Callison/Grace Gingerich 6-3, 6-2

#2 Doubles Emma Grundhoefer/ Berg (FP) defeated Grace Foddrill/Madison McAtee 6-4, 3-6, 6-4

Junior varsity results












#1 Singles Morgen Wolfe (L) defeated Avari Schneider 8-3

#2 Singles Kalea Fleming (L) defeated Ali Wahl 9-7

#1 Doubles Olivia Dant/Anna Toy (L) defeated Dilger/Egloff 8-1

#2 Doubles Morgen Wolfe/Tessa Bradley (L) defeated Gelhausen/Anderson 8-2

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## MYRNA FREYBERGER

Myrna Freyberger passed away April 5, 2021 at Ascension St. Vincent Hospital in Evansville. A resident of Alfordsville, she was 60.



She was born July 6, 1960 in Jasper; daughter of Darrell and Joan (Dorsam) Freyberger.

Myrna graduated from Barr-Reeve High School in 1978. She worked at Kimball Electronics for 30 years.

She was preceded in death by her father, Darrell Freyberger.

Myrna is survived by her mother, Joan Harker of Alfordsville; three sisters, Darlene (Leon) Schmitt of Ireland, Elaine (Chris) Craney of Holly Springs, North Carolina and Jill Freyberger (Chris Allen) of Alfordsville; one brother, Charles (Connie) Freyberger of Alfordsville; many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted

at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, April 8, 2021 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial will follow in the Alfordsville Community Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Thursday, April 8, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Martin County Humane Society.

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

Blake Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Myrna Freyberger.

## DAVID FRANKLIN

David Eugene Franklin, Sr., of Shoals, died Saturday, April 3, 2021 at his home. A resident of Shoals, he was 73.

He was born May 19, 1947, in Canton, Illinois; son of Donald Eugene and Dorothy Frances (Hoots) Franklin.

David attended school in Fulton County, Illinois, through tenth grade and received his GED in March, 1977, in Benton County, Arkansas. He was a faithful attendee and supporter of Weisbach Com-



DAVID FRANKLIN

munity Church. He had a strong interest in missions wanting all people to know forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ. His priorities were God, family, and country. He had a mechanical aptitude; enjoyed gardening and lawn work, all things related to tractors and farming, amateur (ham) radio and its phonetic alphabet, reading, poetry-often writing poems to be included in Christmas cards. He had an excellent memory with many scripture passages, poetic paraphrases and hymns committed to memory. He will be remembered for his hearty laugh, his mischievous sense of humor, his systematic preparation, his integrity, his careful life before God and his quiet enjoyment of get-togethers with family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Etta (Riddle) Franklin of Shoals; sons, David Eugene Franklin, Jr. (Tina) of Spokane Valley, Washington; Daniel Keith Franklin (Michelle) of Washington, and Dale Edward (Lisa) of Salem, Ohio. Also surviving are Melody Franklin of Marengo, Ohio, the mother of his grandsons; Josh-

ua David Franklin (Lisa) of Caledonia, Ohio, and Jonathan Mark Franklin of Marengo, Ohio; grandchildren, DeeLynn, Aundrea, Katie, Christian and Ryan Franklin, of Washington; and Matthew, Derek, and Kayla Franklin of Salem, Ohio; great-grandchildren, Maleah and Mason Franklin of Caledonia, Ohio; siblings, Carol Franklin of Canton, Illinois; Ruth (Lloyd) Gordon of Shoals, Janice (Joe) Canaday of Aledo, Illinois; and John Franklin of Bryant, Illinois, and nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Dorothy Franklin; his first wife, Carol Jean (Headley) Franklin; sister, Phyllis Franklin; infant granddaughter, Anna Jean Franklin, and three young nephews.

Funeral services are at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 10 at Weisbach Community Church with Pastor John Zeigler officiating. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Friday, April 9 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals.

Pall bearers are Terry Tichenor, Adam Sickler, Adam Crouse, Joel Gibson, Collin Hampton, and Byron Albright. Burial will be in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Queen-Lee Funeral Home, Shoals, has been entrusted with the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Evangelical Faith Missions, PO Box 609, Bedford, IN 47421-0609.

## Southern Indiana diabetes education service merits ADA recognition

The American Diabetes Association Education Recognition Certificate for a quality diabetes self-management education and support (DSMES) service was recently awarded to the Southern Indiana service on March 9, 2021: Walker Wellness & Diabetes Education, LLC. ADA believes that this service offers high-quality education that is an essential component of effective diabetes treatment.

The Association's Education Recognition Certificate assures that educational services meet the National Standards for Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support. The DSMES Standards were developed and tested under the auspices of the National Diabetes Advisory Board in 1983 and were revised by the diabetes community in 1994, 2000, 2007, 2012, and 2017.

DSMES services apply for recognition voluntarily. Services that achieve recognition status have a staff of knowledgeable health professionals who can provide participants with comprehensive information about diabetes management. "The process gives professionals national standards by which to measure the quality of services they provide," comments Emily Walker, RN, CDCES/ Owner/Quality Coordinator. "And, of course, it assures the consumer that he or she will likely receive high-quality service." Education Recognition status is verified by an official certificate from ADA and awarded for four years.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) 2017 National Diabetes Statistic Report there are

30.3 million people or 9.4 percent of the population in the United States who have diabetes. While an estimated 23.1 million have been diagnosed, unfortunately, 7.2 million people are not aware that they have this disease. Each day more than 3,900 people are diagnosed with diabetes. Many will first learn that they have diabetes when they are treated for one of its life-threatening complications – heart disease, stroke, kidney disease, blindness, nerve disease, and amputation. About 1.5 million new cases of diabetes were diagnosed in people aged 18 years or older in 2015. Diabetes continues to be the seventh leading cause of death in the US in 2015 as it contributed to 252,806 deaths.

The American Diabetes Association is the nation's leading non-profit health organization supporting diabetes research, advocacy and information for health professionals, people with diabetes and the public. Founded in 1940, the Association continues to support people affected by diabetes nationwide.

For more information on recognized education services in your area or other American Diabetes Association programs, call the ADA office at 1.800. DIABETE (342-2383) or contact the ADA online at [www.diabetes.org/erp](http://www.diabetes.org/erp)

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, MARCH 29

3:47 a.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennessee responded.

5:30 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:40 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

8:05 a.m. - Received a report of property damage north of Loogootee. Major Keller responded.

11:29 a.m. - Received a report of an impaired driver in Shoals. Major Keller, Loogootee Chief Floyd, Loogootee Assistant Chief Rayhill, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

2:22 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

2:26 p.m. - Received a dog complaint south of Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

3:53 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Loogootee. Loogootee Police responded.

4:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance west of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire, and Deputy Wells responded. The subject was transported to IU Health in Bedford.

5:20 p.m. - Received a report of an accident southeast of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson and Deputy Wells responded.

9:33 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 231, south of Loogootee. Captain Reed, Sergeant Gibson, and ISP Trooper Nolan responded.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 30

12:40 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50, near Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

12:53 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire, and Captain Reed responded. No one was transported.

5:25 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:28 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Floyd and Major Keller responded.

7:59 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Floyd, Loogootee Captain Hennessee, and Major Keller responded.

10:18 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Floyd, Loogootee Captain Hennessee, and Major Keller responded. All was secure.

11:30 a.m. - Deputy Seymour took one inmate to court.

1:39 p.m. - Sergeant Gibson assisted a motorist in Shoals with a vehicle identification check.

1:00 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took three inmates to court.

1:58 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing in Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

3:00 p.m. - Received a medical alarm call in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire, and Sergeant Gibson responded. No one was transported.

3:26 p.m. - Sergeant Gibson assisted a motorist in Shoals with a vehicle unlock.

3:54 p.m. - Deputy Wells assisted a motorist near Loogootee with a vehicle identification check.

3:57 p.m. - Deputy Wells assisted a motorist north of Loogootee with a vehicle identification check.

6:10 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

9:20 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver north of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson, Deputy Wells, and K9 Officer Spike responded.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

1:15 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Floyd, Corporal Barnett, Major Keller, and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

2:40 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

6:00 p.m. - Major Keller assisted a motorist south of Loogootee with a vehicle identification check.

6:40 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle south of Loogootee. Major Keller responded.

7:40 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:03 p.m. - Received a report of an altercation east of Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

11:47 p.m. - Deputy Lents assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 1

9:00 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. Martin County Ambulance, Crane Fire, Loogootee Fire, Major Keller, and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

11:03 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded.

11:10 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Police responded.

11:00 a.m. - Deputy Seymour took two inmates to court.

11:21 a.m. - Major Keller assisted a motorist with a vehicle identification check south of Loogootee.

11:40 a.m. - Deputy Seymour took one inmate to court.

2:30 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took four inmates to court.

3:53 p.m. - Corporal Barnett assisted a motorist south of Loogootee with a vehicle identification check.

5:07 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle north of Loogootee. Corporal Barnett responded.

6:00 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231 near Loogootee. Loogootee Police responded.

6:19 p.m. - Corporal Barnett assisted a motorist south of Loogootee with a vehicle identification check.

10:12 p.m. - Received a report of debris in the roadway on US 50. Deputy Lents and Loogootee Officer Gibson responded.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 2

12:55 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Shoals. Deputy Flanagan and Reserve Deputy Dorsey responded.

5:00 a.m. - Received a report of a slide-off on SR 550, east of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan and Loogootee Officer Gibson responded.

12:31 p.m. - Corporal Barnett assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

4:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Lost River Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:45 p.m. - Received a report of a do-

mestic dispute in Crane. Deputy Lents and Reserve Deputy Harmon responded.

6:38 p.m. - Received a noise complaint east of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

6:55 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

9:02 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 3

1:06 a.m. - Received a noise complaint southeast of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

4:24 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down on US 50, east of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan and Shoals Fire responded.

6:37 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:43 a.m. - Received a medical alarm call near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Corporal Barnett, and Shoals Fire responded. No one was transported.

10:59 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. Crane Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

12:11 p.m. - Corporal Barnett assisted a motorist with a vehicle identification check in Shoals.

12:13 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Corporal Barnett responded.

12:42 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Corporal Barnett responded.

5:49 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

6:01 p.m. - Received a cat complaint north of Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

7:25 p.m. - Received a report of property damage southeast of Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

9:48 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person near Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

10:25 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded and Animal Control Officer Hughett were notified.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 4

8:10 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Shoals. Corporal Barnett responded.

9:05 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle east of Shoals. Corporal Barnett responded. The vehicle had been reported stolen from Orange County.

12:47 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving in Shoals. Corporal Barnett responded.

2:01 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Lost River Fire and Dubois County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:34 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Deputy Wells and Loogootee Assistant Chief Rayhill responded.

5:13 p.m. - Received report of a brush fire southeast of Shoals. Lost River Fire responded.

6:49 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

7:17 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

8:00 p.m. - Received a request for an

ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:40 p.m. - Received a report of a possible drunk driver in Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson and Loogootee Sergeant McBeth responded.

9:15 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan responded.

9:32 p.m. - Received a report of a possible drunk driver east of Shoals on US 50. Deputy Wells and Sergeant Gibson responded.

### Real estate transfers

**Laura M. Graber**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Lisa J. Baker**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 12 in the Town of West Shoals, now Shoals, Martin County, Indiana.

**Andrew R. Kluesner and Emily M. Kluesner**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Foxx Properties, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana, Factory Site One and a part of Factory Site Two in Loogootee Land Company's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Norman E. Bratton and Christina F. Bratton**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Andrew David Jones**, of Jackson County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 29, Township 4 North, Range 3 West.

**Teresa Nolley**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Christina F. Bratton and Norman E. Bratton**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing 0.3 acre, more or less.

**Mark G. Arvin**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jared J. Mathies and Tonya M. Mathies**, of Martin County, Indiana, the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 12, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, containing 40 acres, more or less, except a section containing 2 acres, more or less.

**Norman Swartzentruber and Dorcas Swartzentruber**, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Phillip E. Raber and Melinda J. Raber**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the south half of Section 5, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, and being part of Center Township in Martin County, Indiana, containing 4.987 acres, more or less.

**George Sipes**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Prescilla Sipes**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 22 in the Town of Indian Springs, Martin County, Indiana. Lot Number 23 in the Town of Indiana Springs, Martin County, Indiana. Lot Number 24 in the Town of Indian Springs, Martin County, Indiana.

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# COURT NEWS

*Persons listed on criminal charges are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

## CRIMINAL COURT

### New Charges Filed

#### March 1

Gavyn R. Miller, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Nicholas A. Baker, unlawful possession or use of a legend drug, a Level 6 Felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor; carrying a handgun without a license, a Class A Misdemeanor; two counts of possession of a controlled substance, Class A Misdemeanors.

#### March 2

Alias Rian Keasling, resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor; criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor; public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Wyatt R. Campbell, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Chadwick K. Funk, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor.

James M. Maddox, II, reckless driving, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Rory A. Browder, battery resulting in moderate bodily injury, a Level 6 Felony.

#### March 5

William R. Bradley, possession of chemical reagents/precursors with intent to manufacture, a Level 6 Felony.

Joy M. Grace, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of chemical reagents/precursors with intent to manufacture, a Level 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony.

#### March 8

Evan C. Helms, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; visiting a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Delmar D. Knepp, visiting a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Jared D. Knepp, visiting a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Taylor Alan Kavanaugh, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance, controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Alyssa R. Matheis, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance, controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

#### March 11

Lucas J. Cunningham, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Tyler S. Hamm, forgery, a Level 6 Felony; possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor.

#### March 16

Joshua R. Hedrick, possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor; public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Courtney E. Palmer, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Chance W. Williams, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Cameron A. Gregory, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Derrick A. Archer, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Damon B. Meek, unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 Felony; possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Michael J. Heuser, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 Felony.

Carol E. Brock, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Kendra A. Burton, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Betty J. Schultz, operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Level 6 Felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Level 6 Felony.

Damon M. Dant, domestic battery, a Level 6 Felony.

#### March 18

Waylon S. Winger, rape, a Level 3 Felony.

#### March 22

Marty G. Peek, criminal recklessness, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Steven S. Arthur, operating a vehicle after being habitual traffic offender, a Level 6 Felony.

#### March 23

Ryan A. Miller, 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.

Tondra J. Matheny, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

John W. Matheny, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Michael C. Murphy, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Christopher Minks, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, less than 5 grams, a Level 5 Felony.

#### March 26

Sean D. Winger, rape, a Level 3 Felony.

#### March 29

Isaac D. Davis, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Anthony G. Jones, resisting law enforcement, a Level 6 Felony; reckless driving, a Class C Misdemeanor.

#### March 30

Tina D. Gravitt, knowingly or intentionally operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Richard B. Allen, 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; 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.

Matthew J. Tolliver, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; cruelty to an animal, a Class A Misdemeanor; leav-

ing the scene of an accident, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Jacob R. Fox, nonsupport of a dependent child, a Level 6 Felony.

## CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

### March 24

Jobe E. Sergent, 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 22 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 11 actual days previously served plus 11 Class A credit days.

James W. Cunningham, convicted of reckless driving, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to pay court costs and fees.

### March 25

Kimberly S. Fisher, convicted of battery resulting in bodily injury to a public safety official, a Level 5 Felony. Sentenced to serve 2,190 days with 1,757 days suspended and credit for 325 actual days previously served plus 108 Class B credit days. Defendant received 60 months of probation. Also convicted of resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 365 days suspended. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

### March 30

Jonathan Shane Roush, convicted of theft, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 12 months with 12 months suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served plus 1 Class A credit day. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

### March 24

Jobe E. Sergent, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

James W. Cunningham, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

### March 25

Kimberly S. Fisher, battery resulting in bodily injury to a public safety official, a Level 5 Felony, dismissed; two counts of resisting law enforcement, Level 6 Felonies, dismissed; residential entry, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; theft, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; unlawful use of 911 service, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; disorderly conduct, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT

### New Suits Filed

### March 24

Melissa D. Winger vs. Waylon S. Winger, petition for dissolution of marriage.

### March 25

TD Bank USA vs. Regina Floyd, civil collection.

### March 26

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. William Beltz, civil collection.

### March 27

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Crystal Schofield, civil collection.

### March 29

Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs. Jason Wathen, civil collection.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

### March 24

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff U.S. Bank National Association and against the defendant Dennis Williams in the amount of \$3,595.03.

### March 25

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midland Funding, LLC and against the defendant Henry Kent in the amount of \$2,659.03.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midland Credit Management, Inc. and against the defendant Joshua Hopkins in the amount of \$817.71.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff U.S. Bank Trust National Association and against the defendants Charles O. Kruchten and Angela Erwin Kruchten for mortgage foreclosure in the amount of \$51,988.85.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crown Asset Management, LLC and against the defendant Amy Freeman in the amount of \$870.06.

### March 26

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Citibank and against the defendant Penny F. Hunter in the amount of \$2,552.63.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT

### March 29

Julie Lents vs. Gerald Emmons and Bethany Lents, complaint.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

### March 23

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Shannon J. Bell in the amount of \$7,511.73.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Devin D. Dorsett in the amount of \$1,970.74.

## SMALL CLAIMS DISMISSED

### March 26

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Kenneth McGuire, complaint, dismissed.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Dakota N. Mullins, complaint, dismissed.

# ARRESTS

## MONDAY, MARCH 29

9:32 p.m. - Richard Allen, 47, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Wells and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangerment. He is being held on a \$10,000 10% bond. Assisting with the arrest was Sergeant Gibson.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 30

1:02 a.m. - Hannah Flynn, 35, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Nolan and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangerment. She is being held on a \$10,000 10% bond. Assisting with the arrest were Captain Reed and Sergeant Gibson.

10:11 p.m. - Nathan Harmon, 38, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Wells and charged with operating while intoxicated refusal, possession of marijuana, and possession of paraphernalia. His bond has been set at \$15,000 10%.

Assisting with the arrest were Sergeant Gibson and K9 Officer Spike.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 1

10:21 a.m. - Jacob Fox, 40, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Chief Floyd on two Martin County warrants and is being held on a \$5,000 cash only bond.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 4

10:01 p.m. - Stacy Voorhies, 43, of Mitchell, was arrested by Deputy Wells and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated refusal and operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangerment. She is being held on a \$10,000 10% bond.

11:58 p.m. - Trystan Schroeder, 18, of Minnesota, was arrested by Deputy Flanagan and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of paraphernalia. His bond has been set at \$30,000 10%. Assisting with the arrest were K9 Officer Spike and Sergeant Gibson.



## More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



PARAPROSDOKIANS are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected and frequently humorous:

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.
3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
5. We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public.
6. War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
7. Buses stop in bus stations. Trains stop in train stations. On my desk is a work station.
8. I thought I wanted a career. Turns out I just wanted paychecks.
9. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
10. Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.
11. Behind every successful man is his woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.
12. A clear conscience is the sign of a fuzzy memory.
13. You do not need a parachute to sky-dive. You only need a parachute to sky-dive twice.
14. Money can't buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with.
15. I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.
16. To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
17. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
18. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
19. Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.
20. How is it one careless match can

start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?

21. Hospitality: making your guests feel like they're at home, even if you wish they were.
22. A bus is a vehicle that runs twice as fast when you are after it as when you are in it.
23. When tempted to fight fire with fire, remember that the fire department usually uses water.

### THOUGHTS

- \*Facebook is like a fridge. When you're bored, you keep opening and closing it every few minutes to see if there's anything good in it.
- \*My ancestors navigated the ocean using the stars and I'm over here missing my exit with a GPS.
- \*Say what you want about Captain Hook, but he ran the entire pirating operation single-handedly.
- \*Wine is made from grapes. Grapes are a fruit. Fruit is good for you. You're welcome.
- \*I hate when I'm trying to pull the blanket up and I punch myself in the face.

Make someone smile today!

## ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



**CELESTE is a calico cat, 5 months old. She is very sweet, playful and fine with other cats. She is spayed and up to date on shots. Adoption fee is \$45. The shelter is open by appointment only. For more info, visit [www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org](http://www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org).**

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Shoals School Board meeting

The Shoals School Board will meet Thursday, April 8 at 6 p.m. in the central administration office. The meeting is open to the public.

### Grief support program

A grief support program is being provided by Thorne George Funeral Homes free of charge. The program, normally \$79, can be received for free by using the coupon code "Thorne-George". The program is confidential and self-directed. Those interested can visit [www.griefplan.com](http://www.griefplan.com) and click "take me to the grief plan program".

### 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 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m.

### Mental Health Task Force

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

### Celebrate Recovery meetings

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

### Local recovery meetings

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

### Free lunch for kids

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

### SOAR Tutoring

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## Bill Whorrall art on display in Jasper

New art work by Martin County Artist Bill Whorrall will be on display at the Jasper Community Arts Thyen-Clark Cultural Center from now until May 21. The gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; and Sunday noon-3 p.m. The Center is located at 100 Third Avenue, Suite A, in Jasper. More information can be found at [www.jasperarts.org](http://www.jasperarts.org).

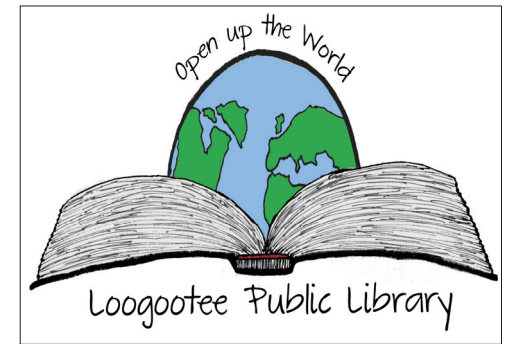
at 812-709-1618 to learn more. Located in the Martin County Community Learning Center Improve Your Skills, Improve Your Life!

### Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

### Soil and Water meetings

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



### BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The Martin County Community Foundation awarded the library a grant for \$8850 for a pilot program for kids getting ready to start kindergarten in the fall of 2021. A parent will need to register the soon-to-be kindergartner at the library, then starting June 1, 2021 check out books to read to their child. The program runs from June 1, 2021 until July 31, 2021 and at the completion of the program each child will receive their school supplies free. Also, each child will receive a copy of the book, "Kindergarten, Here I come". Pre-registration is required, and you can begin registration now by calling the library or stopping in. Limit of 20 kids.

Assistant Librarian Carolyn Parsons-Downey will be offering a Murder Mystery Party for individuals 18 and older. It will be held on Saturday, June 5 from 5:30-9:00 p.m. The program is called Murder on A Train and you will need to contact Carolyn to choose your character. You will be served a meal in the "dining car". Pre-registration is required.

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

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# Loogootee Police log

## MONDAY, MARCH 29

3:47 a.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a report of a disturbance at a residence on SW Third Street.

11:35 a.m. - Chief Floyd and Assistant Chief Rayhill assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a welfare check.

11:42 a.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill spoke with a complainant about a possible breaking and entering at his residence.

11:50 a.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill spoke with a complainant about a suspicious subject he had come in contact with.

3:34 p.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill responded to a report of property damage on North Street.

4:32 p.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill spoke with a complainant about a harassment.

5:15 p.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill assisted a complainant in retrieving personal items from a residence.

9:13 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth completed a security check at a residence.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 30

8:00 a.m. - Chief Floyd responded to a burglar alarm at a local business.

10:21 a.m. - Chief Floyd completed a vehicle check.

11:21 a.m. - Chief Floyd spoke with a complainant about a theft.

5:50 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a report of an impaired driver.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

11:56 a.m. - Caller reported a possible unlicensed driver entering Loogootee on US 50 East.

12:38 p.m. - A female caller reported being chased by a dog while walking in the area of Southwest Second Street.

1:15 p.m. - Chief Floyd completed a

welfare check.

2:50 p.m. - Chief Floyd responded to a report of loose dogs on Old US 50.

2:53 p.m. - Chief Floyd responded to a residential burglar alarm.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 1

9:00 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call in Crane.

11:08 a.m. - Chief Floyd responded to a property damage accident on West Broadway Street.

2:16 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a property damage accident on West Broadway Street.

6:00 p.m. - Caller reported an erratic driver nearing Loogootee on US 231 North.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 2

9:52 a.m. - Captain Hennette checked a controlled burn on US 231 South.

9:00 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Church Street.

9:14 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance on Mulberry Street.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 3

6:37 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Park Street.

5:30 p.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill spoke with a complainant about harassment.

6:42 p.m. - Officer Seymour completed a welfare check.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 4

3:36 p.m. - Caller reported an erratic driver nearing Loogootee on US 231 South.

7:55 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Cedar Street.

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# Alert: Consumer Products Recalled in March

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is encouraging Hoosiers who purchased consumer products that were recalled in March to take advantage of the remedies available to them.

"Hoosiers, you do not have to put up with faulty products," Attorney General Rokita said. "If something you purchased was recently discovered to be defective, don't wait to act. Find out what the company that made the product is offering as a solution and take advantage of it."

The following consumer products were recalled in March, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission:

Masi Evoluzione and Gran Corsa bicycles (model years 2017-2020) from Haro Bicycles

Ranger Recreational Off-Highway Vehicles and ProXD Utility Vehicles from Polaris

Cabina Bunk Beds from Casa Kids  
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Closed-Course Competition Motorcycles from KTM and Husqvarna

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Ranger Recreational Off-Highway Vehicles and ProXD, Gravelly and Bobcat Utility Vehicles from Polaris

Closed-Course Competition Motorcycles from KTM, Husqvarna and GASGAS

If you believe you purchased a recently recalled product, stop using it. Then, check its recall notice (linked above for all aforementioned products) and follow the notice's instructions. Generally, the instructions will include directions about where to return the product, how to get the product fixed, how to dispose of the product, how to receive a refund for the product, or what steps must be taken to receive a replacement product.

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## Grazing Bites

By Victor Shelton  
NRCS State Agronomist/Grazing Specialist

Yes, it's getting to be that time of year — new spring green growth! The cows start complaining about eating hay and bellowing when they hear my voice or even just see me. It's not that the hay is any less delectable, it's just not what they know is available across the fence. It's about like a kid walking by a candy store; the focus is on the treat.

I've listened to several pretty intense arguments over the years on the topic of when to start grazing in the spring. Some spoiled cows are never denied their micro-greens and sadly, the pastures usually show it. I've heard some say, "the cows know best." They do have excellent biological feedback from their stomachs that tells them there is usually more energy and protein in that lush new forage. This is even more true with small ruminants such as sheep and goats who can and will sometimes select specific plant parts because of differences in energy or nutrients that are needed at the time. Perhaps this is the ruminant animals "gut" instinct.

Unfortunately, just like eating too much candy from the candy store, ruminants eating too much lush green cotton candy growth early in the year can have its consequences. If you don't believe me, let them graze that short new growth for two or three days and then run them through the cattle chute to work them. You won't want to be the person tailing them in the chute. Like I've said before, don't stand too close behind those cows! One cough or skuttle from the cow in front of you and you might be covered.

What the cows try to initially ignore is the same thing your doctor may tell you: you need fiber. If that particular pasture was grazed down tight last fall and little or no residual was left behind, there is little or no fiber present. This young lush forage is rapidly fermentable in the rumen and may not meet two critical forage roles: maintaining the rumen forage mat and stimulating cud chewing. The rumen/fiber mat is essentially a mass of long-fiber plant matter that slows down and buffers the rumination and digestive processes of any other feeds that are consumed. It keeps the microbe balance, pH and digestive speed of the rumen stable throughout the day.

I can hear my wife saying, "cut to the chase." Okay, it is somewhat situational. Ideally, continue feeding hay until the forages have grown more and start containing more lignin. Lignin is a major component of the plant cell wall and give plants structure. Those fields grazed short last fall will lack sufficient fiber to go with all the washy high-water, high-protein forage that will come on with first growth. All ruminant livestock need to balance the carbon-nitrogen ratio in their rumen to maintain that mat. If they don't, then they will not perform the way you want them to and have less gain and milk production. The plants just go through their system faster than they can effectively utilize it.

If stop grazing heights were maintained with the last grazing prior to winter, then that dry forage left behind can help to balance out the lush forage. At a minimum, everyone should leave at least one field, ideally the one they plan to use first in the spring, with a fair amount of residual over winter and, in this case, more is better (four to six inches). That field can also provide a great alternative for calving over a muddy lot.

If you watch the cows after early turnout, they will graze exclusively on the lush new forage for two to three days and if sufficient fiber is not present, they will quickly start hitting fence rows and eating about any dry material they can find and will actually eat straw too if available, something they would

normally rarely do.

Another alternative is to feed some hay along with the new growth. The cows will then eat enough dry hay to help balance out the fiber needs to maintain that rumen mat. This is certainly better for the cow, but not particularly ideal for the forage. Grazing too early can be costly by reducing total forage production for the entire grazing season. Grazing too early in the spring does nothing but remove the solar panel the plants need to start building sugars and growing new roots. The forages really need to be able to fully leaf out or canopy and get a good start before animals start removing that new growth, otherwise production will be reduced. Forages should be at least eight to ten inches tall, ideally more. If the cows-to-pasture acres ratio is low, then starting to graze a bit early might help to keep growth under control later, but in most cases, the cows-to-pasture acres is higher than it should be and therefore, detrimental to overall production.

If I have plenty of hay, then I'd continue feeding hay. Strategically, saving the better hay for early spring and feeding less quality hay earlier is usually a good thing and that usually is also true nutritional-wise for spring calving cows too.

That biological feedback mentioned earlier doesn't always work quick enough when it come to poisonous weeds — for some, it doesn't take very much. 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 with bare hands. According to Purdue's toxic plant website, poison hemlock has toxic components that include the volatile alkaloids coniine and gamma-coniine. A lethal dose for a horse is four to five pounds of leaves. Cattle may be poisoned with one to two pounds, and sheep with a half-pound or less. Humans are often poisoned, mistaking the roots for parsnips, the leaves for parsley or the seeds for anise.

Poisoned animals show signs within two hours of eating the plant, and tend to become nervous, will tremble and become uncoordinated. After the excitement phase, the animal becomes depressed. The heart and respiratory rates slow down, the legs, ears and other extremities become cold, colic and/or bloating may occur. Even at this stage, the animal may not die, but may remain like this for several hours to days, and then recover. In lethal cases, the animals tend to die within five to 10 hours after the onset of the clinical signs, typically from respiratory failure (in which case the mucus membranes will appear blue). A mousy odor has been reported to emanate from affected animals. Contact your local extension office for more information on this plant or control methods.

I'll end today with a reminder on magnesium. It is a good idea to move to a high magnesium type mineral supplement (usually 10-20 percent instead of 1 or 2 percent) and continue with it until we are past the early flush of new forage. The issue with insufficient magnesium is more of a problem where nitrogen and/or potassium has been recently applied or in excessive amounts. For more detailed information about grass tetany, contact your local extension service or large animal veterinarian.

Management of spring regrowth will impact overall production. The cows or sheep are the tools to help manage the forage! Remember, it's not about maximizing a grazing event, but maximizing a grazing season! Keep on grazing!

## In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser,  
Purdue University Master Gardener

I am happy to report that most of Sandhill Gardens survived last week's freeze. I used some old blankets and burlap sacks to protect some tender plants and it seems to have worked. There was some frost and freeze damage, but nothing that will kill any plants.

I have had several questions about what to do about damage on plants. The first step is to determine if it is frost damage or freeze damage. Frost occurs when moisture freezes on the surface of plants. Since cold air flows into low places in the landscape, it is possible to have frost damage in those low spots even if the air temperature does not fall below 32 degrees. Also, since frost occurs only on nights with little or no wind, it is possible for temperatures to fall below freezing and still not produce frost. Generally, frost damage is surface damage. The affected area will usually turn brown or black and will become brittle. Frost damage rarely kills a plant, unless it is a tropical plant or a tender annual. However, frost may mean that a plant will not have its normal flowers. If fruiting plants suffer frost damage on the blooms, fruit will fail to develop. Once frost damage has occurred, there really is very little that one can do. In most cases, that brittle material will eventually drop off and the plant will produce new leaves. Some plants may even produce new flowers, but most will simply skip flowering for the year.

Freeze damage occurs when temperatures fall into the mid-twenties, causing the water in the plant cells to freeze and expand. That causes the cell walls to burst, killing that tissue. That does not necessarily mean the whole plant will die.

## Local groups spread word about common invasive landscaping plants

This week area residents might notice billboards going up featuring the popular landscaping plants Burning Bush and Callery Pear. Burning Bush, also called Winged Burning Bush or *Euonymus alatus* has been a go-to landscaping shrub for years, selected for its brilliant fall foliage. Callery Pear, also called Bradford Pear or *Pyrus calleryana*, is a spring favorite of many homeowners for its showy white flowers. However, while attractive both plants are considered invasive species in Indiana, joining the ranks of more well-known invasives like Honeysuckle, Autumn Olive, and Multiflora Rose.

Burning Bush was introduced to the US from Asia in the 1860s, but since the 1970s has been documented spreading from cultivation to invade woodlands, prairies, and other natural areas. Likewise, when the Bradford Pear cultivar was first promoted in the 1960s, it was thought to be ideal, and was initially sterile. However, since then additional cultivars such as Capital, Cleveland Select, and Aristocrat have been planted. These cultivars have allowed cross pollination, abundant seed production, and an army of invasive trees spreading from our landscaping.

Birds easily spread the seeds of both plants from yards to nearby forests and natural areas. There wild Burning Bush shrubs grow into large and dense thickets, spreading via root suckers and new seedlings, eventually outcompeting native plants for space and light. Able to survive even in heavily shaded woodlands, overtime Burning Bush can degrade wildlife habitat as it replaces native tree, shrub, and understory species. Wild Callery Pear populations are just as bad, overtaking open pastures, roadsides, fence rows,

Freeze damage usually occurs in tender new growth, and just the outer areas may be affected. Freeze-damaged plant material usually becomes limp and will quickly rot.

Do not be in a hurry to trim frost or freeze damage. Pruning plants stimulates new growth and that tender growth is more susceptible to damage if another frost or freeze occurs. In southern Indiana, we are not considered safe from frost until after May 10. Until then, allow the plant to compartmentalize the damage and seal off the affected areas. Should there be damaged areas that could become a hazard or if it is just so unattractive that you cannot bear to see it, go ahead and prune it out. Just as with any other pruning, cut back to a leaf node in healthy tissue. It is from the nodes that new growth will emerge. If the mercury drops again, be prepared to give the plant some extra protection.

In the meantime, better weather has returned to the Hoosier Hills. Many of our tough plants shrugged off the cold nights and continued developing. It does not appear that the lilacs were our far enough to sustain damage from the cold and buds are now swelling, promising a banner year for lilac blooms. The Korean spice viburnum is beginning to perfume the garden. The flowering quinces have burst into bloom and show no signs of damage. Every day, I walk through the garden and see new plants breaking through the soil. Seedlings in the greenhouse seem to double in size each day. Although weather is unpredictable in Indiana, it looks like we will truly have a spring season this year and the flower display is turning out to be a superb show. Get out there and enjoy it.



and forests. A simple spring drive around Jasper or any interstate highway reveals dense patches of this flowering tree in areas that were open just 10 years ago.

That is why this spring local Soil & Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) and invasive species groups are working to raise awareness through five area billboards. They also encourage homeowners to replace their invasive landscaping with native alternatives, such as Ninebark, Chokeberry, Redbud, and Serviceberry.

Removing and controlling these invasives in landscapes and woods will help to limit their spread and support healthy forests. Small individual plants can be pulled out but may re-root from stems or roots if left lying on the ground. Cutting plants will result in resprouts from the stump unless herbicide is also applied. For more information on Burning Bush and Callery Pear, including handouts with information on controlling them, visit [www.isacdc.org](http://www.isacdc.org).

Landowners struggling with invasive plants in Daviess, Dubois, and Martin counties can also find help through the SWCD's Invasive Species Specialist, Emily Finch. For more information, contact Finch at [Emily.Finch@in.nacdn.net](mailto:Emily.Finch@in.nacdn.net) or 812-482-1171 ext.3.



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# 2021 Senior SPOTLIGHTS



**MADISON PING**

Madison Adelle Ping is the daughter of Kyra and Brutus Wright. She has seven siblings, Holden Ping, Seven Stanger, Remington Wright, Edenyah Wright, Lotus Wright, Abraham Wright, and Thorian Wright. Madison's favorite memories in high school were talking with Mrs. Hert and having teachers who care about her. After graduation, Madison plans to enter the workforce until she decides what she is passionate about.



**CLAYTON HARKER**

Clayton Thomas Harker is the son of Tom and Lynette Harker. He has two siblings. While in high school, Clayton participated in Baseball, Beta, Pep Club, and Spanish Club. His favorite high school memory is going on class trips to watch a play and go to the mall in Indianapolis. After graduation, Clayton plans to attend college.



**BRAYDEN SUTTON**

Brayden Eugene Sutton is the son of Mary Elizabeth Sutton. After graduation, Brayden plans to attend Vincennes University to study nursing. While in high school, Brayden participated in Beta Club (10-12), Chorus (9-12), Show Choir (9-12), Track (9-12), and Cross Country (10-12).



**DELANI BATEMAN**

Delani J. Bateman is the daughter of Joseph and Erin Bateman. After graduation, Delani plans to attend a place of higher education. While in high school, Delani participated in FCA (10), Intern (12), Spanish Club (9-11), Beta Club (9-12), SADD (9-12), Job Shadow (11), Student Council (10,11,12), and FFA (9-12). Delani was elected FFA reporter (9), FFA Secretary (10), and FFA Vice President (11). Delani also participated in Track (9-12), Basketball (9-12), and Cross Country (9-12).



**EMMA HERT**

Emma Marie Hert is the daughter of Scott and Deanna Hert. She has three siblings, Kevin, Jordan and Cody. While in high school, Emma participated in cheerleading, track, basketball, managing soccer, Beta Club, Student Council, 4-H, Pep Club, SADD, Spanish Club, and Spell Bowl. Emma's favorite high school memory is hanging out with friends. After graduation, Emma plans to attend college and major in social work.



**ZANE LAKE**

Zane Reece Lake is the son of Tom Lake and Jill Lake. His siblings are Remington Lake and Wyatt Sipes. While in school, Zane participated in Baseball, Basketball, Robotics, and Boy Scouts. His favorite high school memory is building the smoker in shop class. After graduation, Zane plans to attend college and study mechanical engineering.



**WYATT SHEETZ**

Wyatt Lee Sheetz is the son of Mr. Ron and Laura Sheetz. After graduation Wyatt plans to obtain a higher education in welding. While in high school, Wyatt participated in Intramural Basketball Association (9-12). Wyatt also participated in Baseball (9-12) and Tennis (9-12).



**MARIA CHESTNUT**

Maria Rain Chestnut is the daughter of Jermey Chestnut and Becky Phillips. After graduation, Maria plans to study nursing but is undecided where she will attend. While in high school, Maria participated in Band (9-12), Right to Life (9-10), Spanish Club (9-12), Chorus (11), Recycling (9), SADD Club (9-12), Twin Rivers (12), Job Shadow (11), Student Council (9-12), Girls Basketball (10), Girls Basketball Manager (11), and Softball (9-11).



**SHYLA TAYLOR**

Shyla Ann Taylor is the daughter of Mike and Jackie Taylor. She has two brothers, Wyatt Taylor and Waylon Taylor, and one sister, Alyssa Taylor. While in high school, Shyla participated in Track and Field, Beta, Dance Team, and Robotics. Her favorite high school memory is winning the Inspire Award with the Robotics team. After graduation, Shyla plans to attend college and study radiology.



**JUSTIAM WRIGHT**

Justiam Abraham Elias Wright is the son of Angela Otwell and Camelot Wright. He has two sisters, Jewelena Wright and Milina Otwell, and one brother, Drake Otwell. While in school, Justiam played basketball and track. His favorite memory is his first day of freshman year. After graduation, Justiam plans to attend Vincennes University.



**EMILY GINGERICH**

Emily Rose Gingerich is the daughter of Wendy Chapman and Alleng Gingerich. After graduation, Emily plans to attend Vincennes University to study Nursing. While in high school, Emily participated in Musical (11-12), Beta Club (9-12), Chorus (9-12), SADD (11-12), Student Council (11-12), and Show Choir (10).



**CODY CARRICO**

Cody Michael Carrico is the son of Michelle and George W. Carrico, Jr. After graduation, Cody plans to attend college but is undecided as to where he will attend. While in high school, Cody participated in Intern (11), Spanish Club (9-11), and Beta Club (9-12).