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## COVID-19 keeping Indiana residents home for at least another two weeks

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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Governor Eric Holcomb has extended the Indiana Stay-at-Home Executive Order until April 21 to slow the spread of COVID-19. Only essential businesses are allowed to stay open and citizens are asked to stay at home unless they must get out to purchase crucial household items or work in an essential job.

While the stay-at-home order chiefly continues as is, modifications and restrictions have been made to limit interactions among people. Here are some highlights of EO 20-18:

-Retail businesses that provide necessities of life may remain open but should

limit the number of customers in the establishment at any given time; implement hours for elderly and other vulnerable populations, as well as limit hours of operation to restock and clean; and comply with all mitigation measures to protect employees and the public.

-All other retail business may remain open if they restrict sales to online or call-in ordering with delivery or curbside pickup.

-Professional services should be conducted virtually or by telephone.

-All campgrounds will be closed except for those who use recreational vehicles or cabins as their primary residence. State parks remain open to daily visitors.

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## Martin County receives almost \$1 million in road, bridge funds

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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The Martin County Commissioners met in a quick meeting Tuesday night, April 7. All three commissioners were in attendance.

The main topic of discussion was the announcement that Martin County was awarded \$989,436 in Community Crossings grant funds. Commissioner Paul George said the amount was exactly what the county asked for. A 25 percent match is required.

Two bridges and eight roads were included totaling \$1.3 million, which incorporates the match. The bridges will cost \$300,000 and the roads will be \$1 million.

Roads included in this round of grant funds for repair include Old School Road, Indian Springs Road, Dover Hill Road, Mt. Pleasant Road, Brookhouse Road, Pine Creek Road, Alfordsville Road, and Beard Road.

The bridges are on Mt. Pleasant Road and Buckley Road.

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## County council discusses grant, timber money, tax abatements

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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Martin County will be working fast to get an application in for a \$250,000 OCRA grant due on April 13. Dena Held, with the Purdue Extension and Kathy Collins, Community Corrections Director, talked to the Martin County Council about it at their meeting Monday night, April 6. Council Member Keith Gibson was not present for the meeting.

Collins explained that the purpose of the grant is to help Martin County with emergency preparedness. While many of the "wish list" items for the grant involve COVID-19, Collins said they are looking at the big picture as well, and any future disasters that may befall the county. Currently, things they are discussing include setting up a triage area at the learning center in case there is an influx of ill residents, buying leg bands for inmates if the jail needed to be evacuated, helping with workforce development issues, such as aiding residents apply for unemployment; replenishing the food banks, helping provide remote access for healthcare workers, and helping with services for mental health concerns. Collins said they are planning to go after the grant with the Town of Crane, Town of Shoals, City of Loogootee and emergency management agency and fire departments. Currently

they are putting together the needs and will be holding a task force meeting to finalize. Collins said they needed the council to approve going forward with the grant application. No match is required for the grant. They will also be discussing the grant with the commissioners at their meeting Tuesday night. The council voted to move forward.

Council Member Barb McFeaters reported that she checked into why the county has not been receiving money from logging in Crane. She said the county has recently received \$79,610.12 for 2018 but has received nothing yet for 2019. She said she doesn't know why the amount is so much less than in years past.

The council voted on a resolution to stop a tax abatement for Indian Creek Quarries. The quarry received an abatement for personal property on October 1, 2012 for 10 years. The company stopped filing required paperwork for the abatement and ceased operations. The council voted to end the abatement effective immediately.

Council Member McFeaters reported that a business, located at WestGate 8, is expanding and will be approaching the council about approving a \$2.75 million real property tax abatement. She wanted to let the council know that this would be coming up.

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## Disability Awareness Month activities

Four Rivers/DSI has been a long-standing part of the Loogootee/Shoals and Martin County area, providing many services for individuals with disabilities of all ages! You may be familiar with "Red Door Martin County" and "Kidstuff Preschool".

During March, Disability Awareness Month, they try to do activities to achieve just that. And while their ability to do this was significantly shortened this year by COVID 19 recommendations for social distancing and stay in place orders, they only got a few in, but they were very successful and meaningful!

On March 9, they had the privilege of visiting with Whitney Fleagle, graduate of Kidstuff Martin County Preschool, and some of her elementary school friends, teachers and aides.

In addition to Mrs. LeTourneau and Mrs. Stoll, Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty stopped by for a visit, as well. He read a proclamation for Disability Awareness Month to the students and then he and Mrs. LeTourneau talked about disabilities and what this month means. According to DSI Development Director Sherri Tredway, education about individuals who have different abilities is so important at an early age, it makes inclusion so

much easier. "If you talk to almost any parent of a child with different abilities, you will find that one of their top five (and maybe their number one) concerns and worries is whether their child will have friends; something many parents just take for granted," she said. After the reading and photos, the students did some class activities and then headed out to the playground for recess.

### Shoals Town Hall to remain closed through April 17

The Shoals Town Hall will be closed to the public thru Friday, April 17 or until further notice due to the COVID-19 pandemic declaration. The clerk-treasurer's office will remain available to citizens and customers for any questions, concerns or requests by phone and/or email during the normal business hours of Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Utility workers will remain available for services as needed and there are no changes to the after-hours emergency answering service. Utility bills can be paid by mail or placed into the drop-box located on the front door of the Town Hall.

Community health updates concerning COVID-19 are being posted on the front door of the Town Hall for any citizens to view.

# MCCF non-traditional scholarships open for applicants until May 29

The Martin County Community Foundation (MCCF) is pleased to announce it is accepting applications for three non-traditional scholarships.

There are many paths to higher education. Many students choose to postpone college; many move directly into the workforce, bypassing a university education altogether; others put their college careers on hold, choosing the more difficult task of raising a family. It is only later that they decide to pursue a higher education, either to improve their personal and professional opportunities, or to expand their general knowledge. We are grateful for the donors in our community who have established non-traditional scholarships for returning students. These scholarships give preference to helping a student begin or return to college or trade school, years after leaving high school. The scholarships and criteria are below.

**Martin County Non-Traditional Scholarship**

This scholarship is for non-traditional students who meet the following criteria:

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- Must have graduated or left high school at least one year prior to applying for the scholarship
- Must seek to further their education at an accredited college, university, vocational or trade school
- Must demonstrate a need for assistance.

The Second Door Scholarship is named after the saying "When one door closes, another one opens..."

This scholarship is for non-traditional students who meet the following criteria:

- Must be a resident of Martin County
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- Must demonstrate a financial need
- The scholarship cannot be used for GED test fees
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- Applicant must provide evidence of program acceptance
- Program must be administered by a qualified institution/organization.

**Terri Sullivan Callaway Scholarship.**  
This scholarship is for non-traditional

students who meet the following criteria:

- Resident of Martin County
- Must have graduated or left high school at least one year prior to applying for the scholarship
- The applicant must have been accepted into a school for continuing education
- The applicant recipient must be pursuing a career in the field of nursing
- The applicant must be a member of a Christian faith church
- Priority to members of St. John Catholic Church in Martin County, Indiana.

Applications are available online at [www.cfpartner.org/scholarships](http://www.cfpartner.org/scholarships). If a copy is needed before the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, call or email the MCCF office and leave a message. Once the MCCF is re-opened, applications will also be available at the MCCF office located in the Community Learning Center on the Martin County 4-H fairgrounds, 2668 U.S. Highway 50, Loogootee. Applications must be returned to the Community Foundation by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 29th by either hand-delivering to the MCCF office or by mailing to MCCF, PO Box 28, Loogootee, IN 47553. The MCCF office hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 8 a.m. to 4 pm; call ahead to be sure someone is in the office. If mailing, be sure to allow delivery time so that the application is received by the deadline in order to be considered for a scholarship.

If you have any questions, please e-mail the MCCF Director, Curt Johnson, at [mccf@cfpartner.org](mailto:mccf@cfpartner.org) or call 812-295-1022.

# COUNTY COUNCIL

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Sheriff Travis Roush was not in attendance however Council Member Rich Summers reported that there are currently 75 inmates in the jail with 19 of them from Vigo County. Council Member McFeaters said she agreed with the sheriff's decision not to take in anymore inmates from Vigo County until the coronavirus passed since Vigo County has many more positive cases than Martin County.

Council Member Sherri Bowling asked if a deputy was still manning the courthouse, since the council approved that

# COVID-19

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-Hoosiers are reminded that all public and private gatherings of any kind that include more than 10 people are prohibited.

-All employers, regardless of type, must continue to comply with the Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Administration (IOSHA) standards and safety and health standards established and enforced by IOSHA. IOSHA is actively accepting and investigating complaints of violations. The complaint process may be accessed at [www.in.gov/dol/](http://www.in.gov/dol/)

-In addition to IOSHA investigations, Gov. Holcomb has directed the creation of a multi-agency enforcement response team, led by the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission to respond to and investigate other violations of the new order. Much like the enforcement of the restaurant, bar and nightclub executive order, this team will be charged with helping business owners comply with the order before issuing a directive to close a business.

As of publication time, Martin County still only had one confirmed case of COVID-19 however testing is still not widely available. Hospitals are required to only test patients if they meet criteria set by the Indiana State Department of Health. Many with mild symptoms are not tested and asked to isolate at home. Dubois County currently has nine cases, Daviess County has five with one death and Greene County has 12.

Memorial Hospital, in Jasper, reported on Tuesday that they have healthcare workers who have tested positive for

COVID-19. According to the hospital, they are taking steps, including appropriate work restrictions for the workers and conducting an investigation on who the workers were in contact with.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that people wear cloth face coverings to cover nose and mouth when out in the community setting especially in situations where you are around other people. Wearing a homemade fabric face mask for example is to protect people around you if you are infected but do not have symptoms of COVID-19.

Face coverings are not a substitute for social distancing and should not encourage false security to leave home. When there is an essential need to leave home (pharmacy, groceries), social distancing, of staying at least 6 feet away, is still needed. The cloth face mask may prevent the spread of virus from spreading to others.

Human coronaviruses most commonly spread from an infected person to others through:

- Respiratory droplets released into the air by coughing and sneezing;
- Close personal contact, such as touching or shaking hands;
- Touching an object or surface with the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes before washing your hands; and
- Rarely, fecal contamination.

The best way to protect yourself from any respiratory illness is to:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact (within 6 feet) with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) will provide updates as new information becomes available. Visit the ISDH website at <https://coronavirus.IN.gov> for the most up-to-date information on COVID-19 in Indiana.

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# OBITUARIES

### MARY JO DELONG

Mary Jo DeLong passed away at 7:04 p.m. Sunday, April 5, 2020 at Loogootee Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. A resident of Loogootee, she was 85.

She was born November 11, 1934 in Corsicana, Texas; daughter of the late Bruce and Lewellyn (Howard) Watson.

Mary was a member of the Loogootee United Methodist Church. She enjoyed getting her hair done every Friday and watching old game shows on television.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Sheridan DeLong; and parents, Bruce and Lewellyn Watson.

Mary is survived by her daughters, Becky Parfitt of Loogootee and Cynthia DeLong of Vincennes; grandsons, Daniel (Susie) Parfitt and David Parfitt; great-grandchild, Peyton Parfitt; and siblings, Martha (Sonny) McSpadden, Margie (Eddie) Donahue and Mark (Lynn) Watson.

Private graveside services will be held.

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

Blake Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Mary Jo DeLong.

### MARION "EDDIE" SORRELLS

Marion Edward "Eddie" Sorrells passed away at 2 a.m. Friday, April 3, 2020, at his home. A resident of Shoals, he was 77.

He was born March 24, 1943, in Shoals; the son of Charles D. Sorrells and Ruth (Arvin) Sorrells. Eddie married Carolyn Jones on June 22, 1963.

Eddie retired from the Martin County Highway Department and was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, in Loogootee, Indiana.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Sorrells of Shoals; two sons, Tim Sorrells and wife, Cindy, and Thomas Sorrells and wife, Deanna, all of Shoals; daughter-in-law, Melisa Sorrells of Shoals; brother, Fred Sorrells and wife, Fiona, of Loogootee; seven grandchildren, Seth Sorrells and wife, Emily; Shelby Sorrells and husband, Jeremy; Jordan Sor-

rells, Tanner Sorrells, Alex Doane, Kenyon Sorrells, and Abigail Sorrells; and great-grandchildren, Eleanor, Hazel Rae, Gunner, Wyatt, and Grayson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Jim Sorrells; and one son, John Sorrells.

A private graveside service was held Saturday, April 4 at the Spring Hill Cemetery in Shoals with Pastor Tim Fleace officiating.

Pallbearers were Seth Sorrells, Jordan Sorrells, Tanner Sorrells, Kenyon Sorrells, Jeremy Blaker, Kyle Troutman, and J.D. Troutman. Honorary pallbearers were Alex Doane, Ronnie Royston, Jr.; Chris Royston, Alan Royst-on, Bryan Ross, and Justin Whaley.

The Cresthaven Funeral Home and Memory Gardens in Bedford was in charge of the arrangements.

### KIMBERLY HYDE

Kimberly Hyde, age 61 of Washington passed away Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at her home. A resident of Washington, she was 61.



She was born February 5, 1959 in Washington; the daughter of Lloyd and Louise (Blinds) Callahan. She graduated from Washington High School in 1977. Kimberly retired from the Department of Agriculture. She loved to go camping and to the casinos with her besties.

She is survived by her husband, Jon Hyde; son, Jalen (Gabby) Hyde of Loogootee; daughters, Jessica Williams and Jordan Hyde, both of Washington; brother, Mike (Lois) Callahan of Loogootee; grandchildren, Joselyn Williams, Max Williams and Mallory Williams of Washington and great-granddaughter, Brynn Hill of Washington.

She is preceded in death by her parents. A celebration of Life will be at a later date.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at [www.edleemortuary.com](http://www.edleemortuary.com). All arrangements were entrusted to Ed Lee Mortuary.

### ALBERT SCHNARR

Albert L. Schnarr passed away at 12:15 a.m. Tuesday, March 31, 2020, at Northwood Retirement Community in Jasper. A resident of Jasper, he was 82.



He was born in a farmhouse in Daviess County on March 10, 1938; son of Robert and Eline (Sendelweck) Schnarr. He married Shirley Freyberger on May 23, 1959, in St. John's Lutheran Church in Boone Township officiated by Reverend Paul Seneff.

Albert was a self-employed farmer and bus driver for the Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools for 40 years. He was a deacon, a trustee, and a Luther League

youth sponsor for the St. John's Lutheran Church. He and his family received the Heritage Farm Award for over 50 years of farming through Farm Credit Services of Mid-America.

He was a United States army veteran who served in Korea.

He was a lifelong member of St John's Lutheran Church in Boone Township and a member of the American Legion.

In Albert's early years, he enjoyed mushroom hunting, square dancing, boating, and tractor pulling where he won several trophies. Later in life, he enjoyed attending demolition derbies and going on family vacations all over the United States. His lifelong dream was fulfilled when he saw the Grand Canyon with his family.

Surviving are his wife of 60 years, Shirley Schnarr of Jasper; one daughter, Cheryl L. (Terry) Stemle of Jasper; one son, Jerry D. (Patti) Schnarr of Shoals; three grandchildren, John (Michelle), Joanna, and Anthony Schnarr; and two great grandchildren, Michael Eugene and Kyle Luther Schnarr.

Preceding him in death was one sister, Marcella Hoffman.

Private services were held at the Becher-Kluesner Funeral Home downtown chapel in Jasper with burial at St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery in Boone Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church in Boone Township or the Gideons International.

Online condolences may be made at [www.becherkluesner.com](http://www.becherkluesner.com).

### RUTH SMITH

Ruth Elaine Smith passed away at 1:10 p.m. Monday, April 6, 2020 at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center. A resident of Loogootee, she was 69.

She was born March 27, 1951 in San Diego, California; daughter of the late William and Julia (Gebhardt) Coverstone.

Ruth was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. She was a former council woman for the City of Loogootee and was a proud member of the democratic party. She was also a past member of the City of Loogootee Board of Public Works and Friends of the Pool. Ruth was the past owner of Video Magic and Green Pro Lawn Service.

She loved supporting the Martin County Humane Society and Feral Cat Rescue. She enjoyed watching Indiana University basketball and Green Bay Packers football. Music was a huge part of her life, next to her family, it was the most important. Ruth attended Woodstock in 1969 and it was one of her proudest moments.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, Larry Smith; and parents, William and Julia (Gebhardt) Coverstone.

Ruth is survived by her children, Jason (Tina) Smith and Aaron (Brenda) Smith, both of Loogootee; grandchildren, Ian, Rian, Aiden, Alex and Noah Smith and

Emma and Charles Graber; and fur babies, Quinn, Snow, Vivian and Luke.

Ruth wished to be cremated and no services will be held at this time.

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 Ruth Smith.

## FUNDS

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Shoals was awarded \$133,270.50 and Loogootee didn't apply for this cycle because they didn't have any matching money available.

Daviess County received the full \$1 million, the City of Washington received \$408,302, Dubois County received the full \$1 million, and Jasper received \$264,162.50. Also, Alfordsville was awarded \$91,291.50.

Martin County is now maxed out for 2020 on Community Crossings grant funds and can't apply again until 2021.

In other business, Community Corrections Director Kathy Collins discussed the \$250,000 OCRA grant the task force for COVID-19 are preparing for. This was discussed at the county council meeting on Monday night also. (See county council story for more information.)

The commissioners approved a resolution allowing the use of public funds for a public health emergency. Auditor Bobbie Abel said this is a requirement from the state.

The commissioners approved extending the Emergency Declaration for Martin County another seven days. The declaration can only be made seven days at a time.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned after 20 minutes. The next commissioners' meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21 at 5:30 p.m.

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**In Memory of Dorothy Bough**

Thank you so much for all the kindness, support, and messages of sympathy and comfort shown to us during this difficult time from afar due to the current situation of social distancing.

Thanks to all those who sent food, gifts, donations and cards.

Special thanks to Brother Stan Day for officiating, Blake Funeral Home, Loogootee Nursing Center and Jasper Memorial Hospital.

*Dorothy's Daughters -  
Sherry, Janice, Karen and Kathy*

## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, MARCH 30

11:30 a.m. - Received a call requesting officer assistance with a subject in Shoals.

11:59 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill, Major Keller and ISP Trooper Dick responded.

12:02 p.m. - Received a report of juveniles on a roof in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

12:16 p.m. - Received a report of a phone line across the road east of Shoals. Advised Frontier Communications.

1:14 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Loogootee.

1:20 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Shoals. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

1:22 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Shoals. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

2:46 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious activity in Shoals. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

2:51 p.m. - Deputy Wells assisted a disabled vehicle near Loogootee.

2:53 p.m. - Received a report of theft and vandalism near Shoals.

3:25 p.m. - Received a report of persons being unsafe near a roadway.

4:30 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person near Shoals. Deputy Lents and Deputy Barnett responded. Everything checked okay.

5:50 p.m. - Received a report of a semi stuck in construction east of Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

7:58 p.m. - Received a report of a traffic jam north of Shoals. Advised INDOT and Deputy Lents and spoke with parties referencing road work.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 31

5:45 a.m. - Received a request for medical assistance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Dubois County EMS and Lost River Fire responded.

7:42 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver east of Shoals. Advised all Martin County Law Enforcement.

10:36 a.m. - Received a report of missing dogs near Shoals. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

1:38 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint near Shoals. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

1:56 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person near Loogootee. ISP responded. Everything checked okay.

2:56 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint near Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

5:10 p.m. - ICO Doane assisted a semi stuck in construction east of Shoals.

6:30 p.m. - Received a report of an abandoned vehicle near Shoals. ICO Doane responded and located driver.

8:20 p.m. - Received a report of a semi stuck east of Shoals. ISP Trooper Nolan, Deputy Lents and Briggeman's Wrecker Service responded.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

2:33 a.m. - Received a report of loud noises from a residence in Shoals. Sergeant Reed and Deputy Seymour responded.

1:24 p.m. - Received a report of kids playing in the road in Crane. Major Keller responded.

3:50 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across the road near Shoals. Martin County Highway Department responded.

4:15 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious male near Loogootee.

6:24 p.m. - Received a report of an audible fire alarm near Loogootee. Advised Loogootee Fire Department and Major Keller.

9:00 p.m. - Received a report of a

one-vehicle accident north of Shoals. ISP, Martin County Ambulance and Indiana Creek Fire responded.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 2

2:04 a.m. - Received a report of an audible alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Allen responded. Everything checked okay.

7:25 a.m. - Received a request to speak to an officer working a case. Advised ICO Doane.

11:30 a.m. - Major Keller and Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded to a residence with a report of an unauthorized male entering residence.

11:55 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Major Keller responded.

12:26 p.m. - Received a report of stolen property in Shoals. Deputy Gibson responded.

12:55 a.m. - Received a request to speak with the Loogootee Police. Advised Loogootee Chief Rayhill.

1:30 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn near Loogootee.

3:55 p.m. - Received a report of reckless four-wheelers near Hindostan. Corporal Wright responded.

4:53 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Corporal Wright responded.

5:40 p.m. - Received a request to speak with an officer referencing security issues. Deputy Wright responded.

6:00 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Crane. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

7:15 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver Loogootee. Deputy Gibson responded.

7:15 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

8:41 p.m. - Received a request for medical assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 3

7:42 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic altercation near Shoals. Major Keller, Loogootee Sergeant Floyd and Deputy Seymour responded.

10:19 a.m. - Received a request for an officer for subject disagreement. Deputy Barnett responded.

10:45 a.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals. Deputy Barnett and ISP responded.

11:00 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock near Shoals. Deputy Gibson responded.

11:28 a.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn near Shoals.

12:02 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Floyd responded.

12:13 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Shoals. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

1:05 p.m. - Received a report of damage done to a vehicle in Crane. Deputy Gibson responded.

3:03 p.m. - Received a report of a semi in construction east of Shoals. Driver wants to make a complaint. Deputy Gibson responded.

3:23 p.m. - Received a request to speak with animal control. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

3:51 p.m. - Received a report of an animal being found in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

4:48 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn near Shoals.

5:14 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Floyd responded.

7:20 p.m. - Received a report of cows

out near Shoals. Deputy Gibson responded and contacted cattle owners.

7:33 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

10:02 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn near Shoals.

11:47 p.m. - Received a request for medical assistance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded. Subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 4

12:47 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle north of Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded.

12:53 a.m. - Received a call of a possible break in near Shoals. Deputy Seymour and Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

12:35 p.m. - Received a report of a minor two-vehicle accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Police responded.

2:19 p.m. - Received a report of a two-vehicle accident in Loogootee. Deputy Barnett responded.

3:40 p.m. - Received a request for medical assistance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

5:27 p.m. - Received a request for

medical assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

7:32 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn near Loogootee.

8:08 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn in Loogootee.

8:30 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn near Shoals.

9:01 p.m. - Received a report of a cow out near Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 5

9:50 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Shoals. Advised Deputy Barnett.

2:43 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Advised Deputy Wells and Deputy Barnett.

3:04 p.m. - Received a report of a break in near Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Floyd responded.

4:15 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle near Loogootee. Deputy Wells and Loogootee Sergeant Floyd responded.

6:37 p.m. - Received a request for medical assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

6:48 p.m. - Received a request for medical assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Dubois County EMS, Deputy Lents and Deputy Barnett responded.

## AG: Scammers posing as pastors in fraudulent emails

During the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, scammers are putting extra effort into preying upon Hoosiers distracted by the ongoing crisis, Attorney General Curtis Hill said today — including by sending fraudulent emails falsely appearing to come from reputable sources. This practice is known as “phishing.”

Two recent examples of such phishing scams include 1) an email that appeared to come from Amazon and 2) a message to church members that appeared to come from their pastor.

The fake Amazon email sought to induce recipients to provide personal financial information — likely trying to capitalize on the fact that consumers are frequently using Amazon and other delivery services as they avoid stores for the sake of social distancing.

The fake church email, meanwhile, contained malware that infected the computers of recipients who clicked on prompts within the email.

“Those who would use the current perilous circumstances as an opportunity to prey upon others are manifesting a particular kind of wickedness,” Attorney General Hill said. “We all would like to apprehend such criminals and prosecute them to the fullest extent of the law. In the meantime, though, we need to do our best to help would-be victims avoid falling into their traps.”

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

Carefully inspect the email addresses in all messages landing in your inbox.

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

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

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

Don't reveal personal or financial in-

formation via email or text message.

Verify the authenticity of a charity before donating money.

Read guidelines offered by the Federal Trade Commission on avoiding phishing scams.

Hoosiers who believe they have encountered possible scams may file a complaint with the Office of the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division by going online and clicking “File a Complaint.” If you need more information about services provided by this office, you may call 1-800-382-5516.

## ARRESTS

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

6:00 a.m. - Daniel Todd, 36, of Mitchell, was arrested by Sergeant Reed and charged with kidnapping, strangulation, criminal confinement, interference with reporting a crime, criminal mischief and domestic battery. He is being held without bond.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 3

12:19 a.m. - Alias Keasling, 22, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Watson and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangerment. He is currently being held without bond.

8:55 a.m. - Shawn Brown, 44, of Shoals, was arrested by Major Keller and charged with domestic battery, resisting law enforcement and disorderly conduct. She is currently being held without bond.

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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 February 27

Robert W. Waggoner, theft, criminal mischief.

Justin R. Boyd, theft, public intoxication.

James E. Rothrock, operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body.

February 28

Nicholas A. Clifton, invasion of privacy.

Polyanna Oaks Uplinger, check deception.

Grazzin T. Eaton, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body.

### March 2

Cecorra R. Holt, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, possession of marijuana.

Erika C. Harl, operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

### March 4

Heather L. (Douglas) Waggoner, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more.

Shawn M. Horock, theft.

### March 6

Kaedon R. Holt, possession of marijuana.

Nicholas A. Clifton, illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

Steel C. Wolcott, possession of methamphetamine, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, neglect of a dependent.

Jennifer L. Lents, possession of methamphetamine, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, neglect of a dependent.

### March 9

James C. Gingras, possession of marijuana.

Curtis D. Brown, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, possession of marijuana, operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, driving while suspended.

Damon D. Colvin, possession of methamphetamine, possession of paraphernalia.

Robert W. Waggoner, possession of methamphetamine.

### March 11

Darren Craig Ross, strangulation, domestic battery resulting in moderate bodily injury.

### March 12

Jared R. Butcher, possession of marijuana.

### March 13

Franklin Duane Hallett, Jr., operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, refusal to submit to breath or chemical test.

Robert A. Osborne, domestic battery, neglect of a dependent, intimidation.

### March 16

Patrick G. Moffitt, possession of marijuana.

Jessica D. Howard, resisting law enforcement, possession of marijuana, public intoxication.

Jessica L. Davis, domestic battery resulting in bodily injury to a person less than 14 years of age.

Eddie Joe Cundiff, dealing in methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia.

Jace Brynne Ross, domestic battery resulting in moderate bodily injury, disorderly conduct.

Amy Moffitt, possession of methamphetamine, visiting a common nuisance –

controlled substances, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia.

David M. Baugh, Jr., possession of methamphetamine, visiting a common nuisance – controlled substances, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia.

Logan Alan-Thomas Padgett, possession of methamphetamine.

Chadwick K. Funk, possession of methamphetamine, visiting a common nuisance – controlled substances, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia.

Bradley E. Short, possession of methamphetamine, possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia.

### March 17

Richard L. Woody, Jr., invasion of privacy.

Logan Alan-Thomas Padgett, obstruction of justice.

### March 18

Caleb C. Shumaker, operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license.

### March 19

Brenton L. Griffin, driving while suspended.

Troy W. Arvin, theft.

## CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS

### March 5

Jacqueline Mattingly, convicted of disorderly conduct, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 10 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 5 actual days previously served plus 5 Class A credit days.

Cody Richardson, convicted of child solicitation, a Level 5 Felony. Sentenced to serve 1,460 days with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 365 days suspended and credit for 293 actual days previously served plus 98 Class B credit days. Defendant received 1 year of probation.

## CIVIL COURT

### New Suits Filed

### March 23

Ally Bank vs. Marty Peek, civil plenary.

### March 27

Rachel R. Winger vs. Waylon S. Winger, petition for dissolution of marriage.

### March 31

Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC vs. Cindy K. Clark, civil collection.

Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC vs. Staci Waid, civil collection.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT

### New Suits Filed

### March 24

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Carrie A. Arvin, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Gary W. Clark, Jr., complaint.

### March 27

Brett Mattingly vs. Adnan Dhahir, complaint.

# Loogootee Police log

## MONDAY, MARCH 30

12:01 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle on US 231 speeding and making bad passes. Vehicle was located.

12:15 p.m. - Caller reported juveniles on the roof of the post office.

3:25 p.m. - Caller reported juveniles on skateboards causing a traffic problem.

5:44 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on East Main Street.

9:23 p.m. - Female reported an unwanted person in her home.

9:50 p.m. - Caller reported a possible sex crime.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 31

9:23 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

12:15 p.m. - Male reported a lost or stolen license plate.

6:45 p.m. - Male reported a traffic complaint.

8:48 p.m. - Caller reported a controlled burn.

10:11 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on US 231.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

1:40 p.m. - Sgt. Floyd assisted a motorist.

5:11 p.m. - Male reported a child custody matter.

7:35 p.m. - Female reported a violation of a protective order.

8:11 p.m. - Male reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 2

2:04 a.m. - Officer Allen responded to a business alarm.

9:15 a.m. - Female reported an unwanted male entering her home.

12:55 p.m. - Male reported a lost or sto-

len license plate.

5:22 p.m. - Caller reported a male causing problems on Park Street.

9:27 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance on JFK Avenue.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 3

12:02 p.m. - Male reported harassment.

8:41 p.m. - First responders were requested on Cedar Street for a medical call.

5:15 p.m. - Caller reported a possible impaired driver on US231.

5:42 p.m. - Caller reported a controlled burn.

9:02 p.m. - Male reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 4

9:30 a.m. - Caller reported a possible theft.

4:42 p.m. - Caller reported a large group of bikers at McDonalds.

6:04 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle making bad passes on Hwy 50.

7:27 p.m. - Female reported a male and female going through dumpsters at a local business.

8:15 p.m. - Male reported a controlled burn.

8:53 p.m. - Caller reported striking a deer on US 231.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 5

12:28 a.m. - Sgt. Floyd assisted the county with a pursuit.

3:04 p.m. - Male reported a theft.

4:15 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on US 231.

6:37 p.m. - First responders were requested on Poplar Street for a medical call.

11:45 p.m. - Caller reported a harassment complaint.

# Martin County real estate transfers

**Michael E. Pridemore**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Michael E. Pridemore and Jason W. Pridemore**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 32, Township 5 North, Range 4 West.

**Roy D. Holland and Shirley J. Holland**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Carolyn J. Norris and Kathy A. Wittmer**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing 0.45 acre, more or less.

**Linda Riggs**, of Lee County, Kentucky; **Lewis Kincaid**, of Hamilton County, Ohio; and **Louise Jones**, of Lee County, Kentucky to **Hoosier Wood Products, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the west half of the southwest quarter of Section 35, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 68.8 acres, more or less.

**William T. Lucas**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Daryl W. Swartzentruber and MaryLou Swartzentruber**, of Martin County, Indiana, all that part of the north half of the northeast quarter of the north-

west quarter of Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 5 West.

**Stacy L. Wagler**, of Tarrant County, Texas to **Daryl W. Swartzentruber and MaryLou Swartzentruber**, of Martin County, Indiana, all that part of the north half of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 5 West.

**Michael E. Pridemore**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Michael E. Pridemore and Jason W. Pridemore**. Tract I: A part of Section 32, Township 5 North, Range 4 West, containing one-third of an acre, more or less. Tract II: A portion of the west half of the southwest quarter of Section 32, Township 5 North, Range 4 West.

**Rodney Hedrick and Melissa Hedrick**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Joshua Lee Franklin and Waynessa J. Franklin**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a portion of the northeast quarter of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 17.26 acres, more or less, except a section containing 3.66 acres, more or less.

# CLASSIFIED ADS

## FOR RENT

**Country Home For Rent**  
13762 US 231  
1 mile north of Loogootee  
4 bedroom, 2 baths,  
2-car separate garage,  
paved driveway, approximately  
1 acre yard, fireplace, front &  
back porch  
**\$950 per month rent**  
**\$950 deposit**  
**Available after April 15th**  
**Call 812-295-2716**

## NOTICE

**SENIOR DISABLED** male would like to receive birthday cards, whose birthday is April 10, from all his friends in Martin County, Shoals, and Montgomery. Late cards fine. Glen Arvin, 3828 N. Portersville Rd, Jasper IN 47546.

## HELP WANTED

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

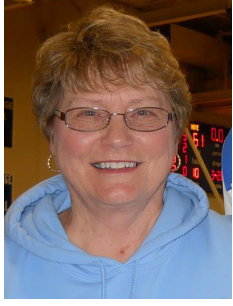
Due to the COVID-19 restrictions Applications will be mailed to those wishing to apply. Call Mayors office at 812-295-4770 between 8-4, Monday-Friday. Applications may be dropped off in the Utility Office Drop Box in the City Hall parking lot.



**Applications need to be turned in by Wednesday, April 15.**

## More Neat Stuff

By Ann Ackerman



### THINGS TO PONDER

\*If the No. 2 pencil is the most popular, why is it still No. 2?

\*Why do we press harder on the remote control when we know the batteries are getting weak

\*Why are you "in" a movie, but "on" TV?

\*What was the best thing BEFORE sliced bread?

\*Why do we drive on parkways and park on driveways?

\*Why do "fat chance" and "slim chance" mean the same thing?

\*Why do British people never sound British when they sing?

\*At a movie theater, which arm rest is yours?

\*When does it stop being partly cloudy and start being partly sunny?

\*When French people swear, do they say, "Pardon my English?"

\*Why do people say "heads up" when you should duck?

"Today was a difficult day," said Pooh. There was a pause.

"Do you want to talk about it?" asked Piglet.

"No," said Pooh after a bit. "No, I don't think I do."

"That's okay," said Piglet, and he came and sat beside his friend.

"What are you doing?" asked Pooh.

"Nothing, really," said Piglet. "Only, I know what difficult days are like. I quite often don't feel like talking about it on my Difficult Days either."

"But goodness," continued Piglet, "Difficult Days are so much easier when you

know you've got someone there for you. And I'll always be here for you, Pooh."

And as Pooh sat there, working through in his head his Difficult Day, while the solid, reliable Piglet sat next to him quietly, swinging his little legs...he thought that his best friend had never been more right.

### THOUGHTS

\*I really don't mind getting older, but my body is taking it badly.

\*Starting off the day with two eggs for breakfast. They're Cadbury eggs but whatever. Diet plan just says "two eggs" so let's not get picky.

\*I swear every cart at Walmart needs a front-end alignment and a tire rotation.

\*I just told my kids I'm older than Google. They think I'm kidding.

\*Going to check out a couple of antiques - yep, time for my mammogram.

\*When I say, "I'm going to the toilet, my kids hear" - "family meeting - assemble in the bathroom now!"

\*Forget dancing like no one is watching. Dance like a toddler. They don't even care if there's music.

\*I haven't been everywhere but it's on my list.

\*Finally shaved my legs and donated it to locks of love.

\*How to drink wine:

1. Open bottle and let it breathe.

2. If it doesn't look like it's breathing, give it mouth to mouth.

\*When a woman says, "Correct me if I'm wrong," do not under ANY circumstances do it.

Make someone smile today!

## Shoals Water Department asks customers not to cause plumbing blockages

The Town of Shoals Water Department is asking residents not to flush disinfecting wipes, "flushable" wipes, baby wipes, napkins, paper towels or disposable gloves down toilets. They are asking that you please throw them away instead. The wastewater treatment plant will become overwhelmed and consumers will face in-home plumbing backups and blockages.

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the water department is aware of the increased use of "flushable" wipes and flushing of non-flushable materials such as baby wipes, disinfecting wipes, napkins, paper towels and disposable gloves. While the "flushable" wipes concern is not new to our facility, we are instructing our customers to use extra caution when flushing items and to remind you NOT to flush anything other than toilet paper please. The wipes, paper towels and gloves do not break down like toilet paper, and therefore clog systems very quickly and wreak havoc on small wastewater treatment facilities.

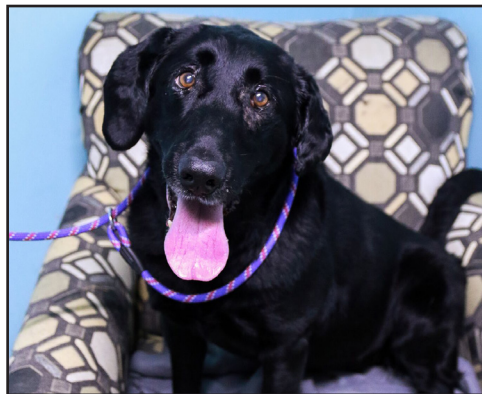
The COVID-19 outbreak concern has created added stress and uncertainty for everyone, and while the water department understands that supply shortages add to these worries and challenges, it is important to keep in mind that flushing anything other than toilet paper can create not only expensive but also unsanitary problems for homeowners and businesses. Flushing wipes (even those labeled "flushable") and other non-toilet paper materials cause clogs, backups, equipment and pipe breakages, infrastructure damage and in bad

cases, can even force raw sewage back into peoples' homes. While these items may go down the drain, they do not break down. The cost to repair these damages is unfortunately placed onto the individual homeowners or the public.

As a reminder, the following products are NOT flushable and should be disposed of in a waste basket: paper towels, napkins, Kleenex and other tissues, wet wipes/baby wipes (even those labeled as "flushable" wipes), diapers, feminine hygiene products, gauze/band-aids, disposable gloves

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Shoals Town Hall at 812-247-2110.

## ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



**SABLE** is a female lab mix, 8+ years old. She is very sweet and playful. She is spayed and up to date on shots. Adoption fee is \$90. For info on all the dogs and cats at the Martin County Humane Society, visit [www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org](http://www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Shoals School Board meeting

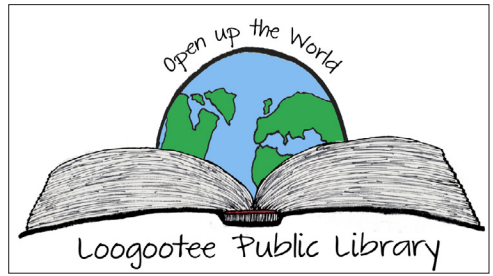
The Shoals School Board will hold an executive meeting Thursday, April 9 at 5:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to receive information about and interview prospective employees. The meeting is closed to the public in accordance with I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1.

### Shoals Town Board meeting

The Shoals Town Board will meet for its regularly scheduled business meeting on Monday, April 13 at 6 p.m. at the Shoals Town Hall. The public is invited to attend. The town board shall impose reasonable restrictions on the number of attendees to control audience density in consideration of the existing COVID-19 national emergency. The town board will provide electronic access to all parties through ZOOM. Parties interested in participating in the meeting electronically must contact the Shoals Town Clerk prior to the meeting to arrange for electronic access. The town clerk's telephone number is (812) 247-2110.

### Banquet postponed

The Pregnancy Care Center of Washington's Gift of Life banquet scheduled for April 16, 2020 has been postponed until July 23, 2020. The banquet will still be held at the Simon Graber Complex. Doors will



### BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The Loogootee Public Library Board of Trustees have decided to close the library until further notice per Governor Holcomb's stay at home order. The drop boxes will be closed too. Please hold on to your materials until the library reopens. As part of the Evergreen Indiana consortium, there will be no fines charged during this time.

The library is a member of eIndiana digital consortium that can be accessed anytime via the library website [www.loogootee.lib.in.us](http://www.loogootee.lib.in.us). Magazines, books, and audiobooks can be downloaded free with your library card.

Children's Librarian Jen Zehr has virtual story times, crafts and science projects on the Loogootee Public Library Facebook page Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday each week.

Free Wi-Fi can be accessed anytime in the library parking lot. Password and instructions are posted on the entrance door. Please be sure to follow social distance guidelines. Any questions can be directed to Library Director Darla Wagler at [dawagler@loogootee.lib.in.us](mailto:dawagler@loogootee.lib.in.us) or Loogootee Public Library Facebook page.

The library staff miss our patrons and want to extend our wish for everyone to stay safe.

David Miller, Hoosier Uplands Economic Development, awarded The Loogootee Public Library a \$7,237 grant that will be used for a 25-foot by 20-foot patio, two large concrete tables, and two jumbo size umbrellas. Individuals both young and old will benefit from the new outside area. There will be green space to offer outdoor programs, individuals that like to sit and read have another option outdoors, checker games can be ongoing, staff, patrons, and individuals can enjoy some fresh air outdoors adding to an enhanced quality of life. We appreciate the wonderful grant by Mr. Miller and the Hoosier Uplands Economic Development Board.

open at 5:30 p.m. with the banquet starting at 6:30 p.m.

### Food pantry hours

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

### Mental Health Task Force

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

### Celebrate Recovery meetings

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

### Local recovery meetings

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

### Free lunch for kids

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

### SOAR Tutoring

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!

### Solid waste board

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

### Soil and Water meetings

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

## ~LETTER TO THE EDITOR~

### 'Scheduling continues for the April blood drives'

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

Scheduling continues for the April blood drives. If you have never donated, you may go online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to gain information about the blood donation process.

For those who have or will be making your appointments, please use the ARC app or go online to utilize the Rapid Pass option whereby you can answer the history questions on the day of your donation. This will streamline the waiting time for the history process. Of course, you may still go over the donation information prior to your donation while you are at the CRC or Family Life Center.

Appointments can be made online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), the ARC phone app, calling the ARC at 800-733-2767, or calling me at 247-3767 or 709-2579 (please leave a message).

Many thanks to all of you,  
Lynn Hawkins  
Red Cross Volunteer

**LOOGOOTEE HIGH SCHOOL**  
**2020 Senior SPOTLIGHTS**



**2020 Seniors**  **SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL**



**ALEXIS LONG**

Alexis Chantel Long is the daughter of David and Starletta Long. After graduation, Alexis plans to study pre-law. While in high school, Alexis participated in Cadet Teaching (10-12), Chorus (9-12), Yearbook (10), Musical (9-10), Students for Life (10-12), Students for Life Treasurer (11), Students for Life Co-Public Relations (12), and Show Choir (11-12).



**ALEXANDER C. BOWLING**

Alexander C. Bowling is the son of Rachel Bruner and Adam Bowling. After graduation, Alex plans to attend the University of Southern Indiana to study criminology. While in high school, Alex participated in Beta Club (9), French Club (9-12), Intern (12), Intramural basketball (9), and Job Shadow (11).



**HUNTER JONES**

Hunter Alan Jones was born on January 4, 2002 to Steven Jones and Trina Morris. While at Shoals High School, Hunter was involved in the Pep Club and FTC Robotics. He also was in the Band and ran track for two years. Hunter plans to enlist in the Navy after graduation. Following his service, he wants to become a state police officer.



**LINDSEY ROBINSON**

Lindsey M. Robinson was born on February 12, 2002 to Jason and Becky Riggins. Throughout her time at Shoals, Lindsey participated in IMPACCT Club, SADD Club, Pep Club, BETA Club, and Spanish Club, Band, Student Council, and served as the manager for the girls varsity track team. Her favorite memory includes going to school early on Thursday mornings to meet with the IMPACCT Club and share her faith with other students. After graduation, Lindsey plans to receive an undergraduate degree in pathology and specialize in pediatrics.



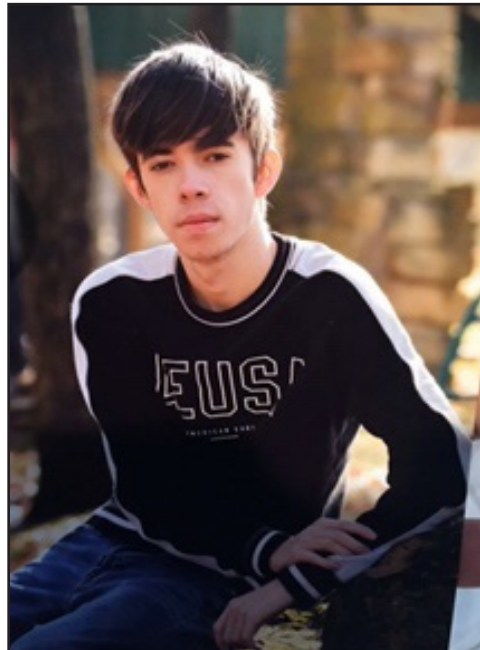
**CASSIDY ESCH**

Cassidy Anne Esch is the daughter of Brian and Jackie Esch. After graduation, Cassidy plans to attend Western Michigan University to study social studies education. While in high school, Cassidy participated in Cheerleading (12), Lionettes (9-12), Musical (9-12), Right to Life (9-11), Spanish Club (9-12), Beta Club (9-12), Chorus (9-12), Recycling (9-10), SADD (9-10), Spell Bowl (9), Job Shadow (11), Student Council (10-11), Show Choir (10-12), and Volleyball (9-12). Cassidy was the class representative for SADD Club (9) and the Vice President of Right to Life (11).



**CHRIS ASHBY**

Chris L. Ashby is the son of Melissa Ashby. After graduation, Chris plans to attend Indiana University to study theatre. While in high school, Chris participated in Chorus (9-12), Show Choir (12), Musical (9-12), Students for Life (9-12), Yearbook (9,12), and Track (9).



**ETHAN SEXTON**

Ethan Wayne Sexton was born on July 18, 2001 to Nancy and Gary Sexton. His favorite high school memory is the time Chase made him scrub the tiles in the locker room for not doing his work. After graduation Ethan plans to make it past the age of 21.



**MAGGIE SHAW**

Jasie Lee Sipes was born April 2, 2002 to Neil Sipes and Victoria Tow. While in high school, Jasie participated in volleyball, track, and served as basketball manager her Sophomore year. She was also active in Pep Club, Spanish Club, Film Club, SADD Club, Academic Team, and Beta Club. One of her favorite memories is when she got to wax off Ethan Sexton's eyebrows in Media because he lost a bet to her. After graduation, Jasie plans to attend Vincennes University and receive her Bachelor's degree in Nursing. She hopes to further her career by majoring in Health Science to become a Physician's Assistant.



**LIZ BURCH**

Liz Burch is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Chris Burch. After graduation, Liz plans to attend Indiana University to study marketing. While in high school, Liz participated in Lionettes (9-12), Musical (9-12), Spanish Club (9-12), Beta Club (9-10,12), Chorus (9-12), and Show Choir (9-12).



**GARRETT WILLIAMS**

Garrett Andrew Williams is the son of Brian and Jennifer Williams. After graduation, Garrett plans to attend Indiana University to study Anthropology. While in high school, Garrett participated in Musical (9-11), Spanish Club (9-12), Academic Math Team (9-10), Beta Club (9-12), Chorus (9-12), Cadet Teaching (10), Show Choir (10), and Tennis (9).



**DELANI ARMSTRONG**

Delani Elizabeth Armstrong was born on March 21, 2002 to Mark and Melinda Armstrong. During her time at Shoals she participated on the Academic team, Film Club, and Spell Bowl. Delani's favorite memory from high school was when she was giving a speech in her English class and she threw her index cards at the teacher! After graduation, Delani plans to attend Indiana University in pursuit of becoming a high school teacher.



**TEAGAN DISHMAN**

Teagan Jase Dishman was born June 30, 2002 to Jason and Vanessa Dishman. Teagan's favorite memory is moving to Shoals, attending Shoals High School his Senior year, and being able to make so many new friends. After graduation he plans to get a job to help pay for college and major in Computer Science.

## Grazing Bites

By Victor Shelton

NRCS State Agronomist/Grazing Specialist

Yes, there is green grass. Yes, both you and the livestock are more than eager to utilize it. Yes, you both should wait before grazing it.

It is one of the hardest times of the season for some people, me included. We are tired of mud and tired of feeding hay. There is an increasing amount of fresh new lush green grass beckoning to be grazed. Why shouldn't you allow the cows to partake in this new growth? When is the ideal time to start grazing?

Let's think this over a little. What is the real problem with grazing too early? Forages have just woken up from a long winter's nap. New growth comes from energy reserves stored in the roots and lower shoots; that early growth does not come from photosynthesis. Plants must make their own food. That process is called photosynthesis the production of carbohydrates from carbon dioxide, water and sunlight. The process creates sugars and oxygen. Early growth is not supported by photosynthesis; early growth comes from stored energy.

You probably remember some past conversations we've had about not overgrazing last fall, especially before the forages went dormant. That was a critical time for energy storage that is now expressed in the speed of new spring growth. If reserves were withdrawn last fall, then it will take longer for plants to jump start this spring. That last growth prior to going dormant is critical. That particular solar panel is building reserves to sustain the plant over winter and providing energy for new growth in the spring. If you turn around and let them graze it too early, especially if energy reserves are withdrawn last fall, then not only is spring production going to be reduced, total production for the whole year will be reduced.

If you either deferred grazing last fall until the plants were dormant or you stopped grazing once you reached appropriate stop grazing wintering heights (generally similar to stop grazing heights during the season, four inches for cool-season forages), then energy reserves should be decent and spring growth normally will be good. Those reserves that were built in the roots and lower shoots last fall provide energy for quicker and more abundant growth in the spring.

It's not hard to notice the differences between two fields side by side, especially those managed so differently the past fall and early winter. There is usually a remarkable difference in forage growth. If you took clippings right now, you will often find a four to six-fold difference in forage present and I've seen even bigger differences.

There are times when we want to slow growth in the spring, such as frost seeding legumes, so we reduce competition for those new seedlings. Even under those conditions, we often see a slight reduction in total yield for the year, even with the benefits of the legumes and providing a little extra time for establishment. A worse scenario is overgrazing in the fall with reserves not built and then turning around and initiating grazing too early in the spring or never removing them the entire time. Energy reserves are grossly hampered in this situation and total yield potential for the season is quite often reduced by at least fifty percent.

I've heard people say, "The cows didn't lose anything, they consumed it all." They consumed all that was grown, but the amount that was grown didn't come

close to the potential of the field. It all boils down to, "it takes grass to grow grass."

So, when should I initiate grazing in the spring? Good question. Fields that have good fast growth with reserves maintained over winter could be utilized for some grazing when forages are at least eight to ten inches tall. Try and remove no more than one third of the forage and then move them on to the next field. When forages are growing fast, rotate fast. Try to never remove more than half of the entering growth amount or closer than the appropriate stop grazing height. We're talking cool season forages this time of year, so you can't go wrong with using four inches as the stop grazing height. Remember, stop grazing height is the shortest forages left standing, not the tallest. If the pasture is rotated correctly it will have a fair amount of forage, between four and six inches left standing.

Fields that were grazed hard last fall, especially prior to dormancy, could use a longer deferment prior to grazing this spring. Those fields will need to first try to grow some solar panel off the reserve left, and then spend valuable time rebuilding roots and root reserves before allocating energy and resources to growing forage. The plant is going to try and preserve itself and yield is the last thing on its mind; it's thinking survival. 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. In the long run, if you take care of the plant, the plant will help take care of you. Unless you have run out of hay or are calving in mud, wait until the grass is ready.

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 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 have 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.

I'll end today with a thought on magnesium. It is a good idea to move to a high magnesium type mineral supplement (usually 10-20% instead of 1 or 2%) 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 applied recently or in excessive amounts. For more detailed information about grass tetany, contact your local extension service or large animal veterinarian.

Keep on grazing!

## In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser

Purdue University Master Gardener

They say that the sense of smell is more closely connected to the memory center in the brain than any of the other senses. This week, the scent of Sandhill Gardens reminded me of a spice cake with caramel icing that was a specialty of my grandmother, Ada Purkhiser. No, I have not taken to baking in an outdoor oven. It was the intoxicating odor of the Korean spice viburnum that evoked those memories. Like other viburnums, this plant is relatively easy to grow. It is not picky about the soil and will grow in sun or partial shade. Once established, they are tolerant of dry periods. They are one of the earliest shrubs to bloom in the spring. Like the more common snowball viburnum, the flowers of Korean spice grow in clusters that look like balls. Usually about the size of tennis balls, the Korean spice viburnum clusters are smaller than those of the snowball viburnum. However, what they lack in size, they more than make up in scent and beauty. Before completely blooming, the buds are deep red. As the florets start to open, they appear pink before fading to a creamy white, still retaining a pink overcast.

The warm temperatures last week triggered rapid growth and development in the gardens. Plants that had not even sprouted a week ago, shot up and started blooming. I have lived on this property for most of my life and know every inch of the gardens intimately. Still, I feel like I have made a great discovery when I spy a flash of color where there was none the day before. The progression of blooms that began in February with the winter aconite and will continue through the autumn with the last blooms of the witch hazels never ceases to amaze me, even though I planted most of the flowers myself. It has not happened by chance and you can do the same in your garden. This time of social distancing may give you an occasion to spend some time planning a progression of blooms for your garden.

The computer has proven to be a great friend during this isolation. It allows me to

## FWAs change procedures for turkey hunters selected in 2020 draw and open supplemental draw

Reserved turkey hunt procedures will change on participating DNR fish & wildlife areas (FWAs) for selected turkey hunters completing their hunt registration this year, as a result of COVID-19.

The changes will allow turkey hunting to continue on FWAs while maintaining social distancing practices.

Selected turkey hunters will be mailed date-specific hunting permit cards for their hunt period as well as a parking permit. FWA offices will be closed to the public; however, the selected turkey hunters will still need to sign in each day at a property self-serve check-in booth before hunting. Hunters must maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet between each other while signing in.

Both youth-season and regular-season turkey hunters will use the same procedures. Hunters should keep their hunt permit card on their person while hunting and place their parking permit in the windshield of their vehicle. After each day's hunt, hunters should deposit their hunt permit card in a property drop box.

The pre-season drawing for allocating hunting opportunities on FWAs for the regular spring turkey hunting season has already been conducted. Youth turkey season drawings (if necessary) will be completed by the first week in April.

Several FWAs have open spots later in the turkey season, as not enough hunters applied to fill the available openings. Typically these hunting opportunities are

continue doing my regular job, but it also allows me to dream of ways to improve my gardens. I may not be able to take a trip to visit some of the world's great gardens, but many of those gardens have websites, and some even offer virtual tours. In some cases, those tours are archived, so you can see a garden at various times of the year in a single day. Of course, if you plan to use the garden as a pattern for your own, be sure you choose a garden located in a similar climate. Pay attention to what is blooming at different times of the year. Pay attention to the placement of the plants. Do they need sun, or will they thrive in the shade? Pay attention to the other plants in the bed. Compare that same bed over time. Are there other plants that come into bloom during other times?

Monet's garden in Giverny, France is one of my favorite gardens that I have had the pleasure to visit. Few of my readers have the large pond that supports the famous waterlilies that were the subject of many of the great artist's paintings. I love the arched bridges, which Monet himself copied from some Japanese gardens, but few of us could have such structures installed. Still, we can take inspiration from great gardens. We may have to settle for a small water feature or even a birdbath, but we can add water to our garden, which will serve to help invite wildlife into the estate. Some recent visitors to Sandhill Gardens noted that it was not only the flowers that made the gardens special, but the fact that the birds were singing, and frogs were croaking. They noted that the bees were busy working at blossoms, thereby performing the pollination that makes food production possible. A great garden is alive with activity and that is no accident. It takes planning and experimentation to see just what works best.

I think I may travel to Japan this week. The cherry blossoms and tree peonies should be beautiful this time of the year. Join me!

filled by the no-show drawings. Because FWAs will not conduct no-show draws this year, there will be a supplemental online draw for these remaining spots.

The supplemental drawing application period will begin Monday, April 6 at 8 a.m. ET and end at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, April 12. Hunters will be drawn on Monday, April 13, and results will be emailed to applicants.

For the supplemental draw, hunters are allowed to apply for only one FWA. Hunters can choose up to two different hunt periods for this draw. If drawn, the hunter will be selected for either their first choice or second choice, not both. Each FWA only has the designated number of available openings for each of the hunt periods listed. If a hunt period is not listed, then there are no available openings. If a hunter was already successfully drawn for a reserved turkey hunt, they are not eligible for this supplemental drawing.

To apply for the supplemental drawing, visit <https://bit.ly/2X4AzCO>. Click on the button to "Add another hunt period" for that property as a second choice before clicking "Submit" and placing an order from the cart.

Individuals not selected in the pre-season or supplemental draw are also able to hunt on several southern FWAs later in the season, because not all days are reserved. A list of those FWAs is at [on.IN.gov/reservedhunt](http://on.IN.gov/reservedhunt).



## National unemployment bumps up to 4.4 percent in March

Total nonfarm payroll employment fell by 701,000 in March, and the unemployment rate rose to 4.4 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week.

The changes in these measures reflect the effects of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and efforts to contain it. Employment in leisure and hospitality fell by 459,000, mainly in food services and drinking places. Notable declines also occurred in health care and social assistance, professional and business services, retail trade, and construction.

This news release presents statistics from two monthly surveys. The household survey measures labor force status, including unemployment, by demographic characteristics. The establishment survey measures nonfarm employment, hours, and earnings by industry. Note that the March survey reference periods for both surveys predated many coronavirus-related business and school closures that occurred in the second half of the month.

### Household Survey Data

In March, the unemployment rate increased by 0.9 percentage point to 4.4 percent. This is the largest over-the-month increase in the rate since January 1975, when the increase was also 0.9 percentage point. The number of unemployed persons rose by 1.4 million to 7.1 million in March. The sharp increases in these measures reflect the effects of the coronavirus and efforts to contain it.

Measures from the household survey pertain to the week of March 8th to March 14th.

In March, unemployment rates rose among all major worker groups. The rate was 4.0 percent for adult men, 4.0 percent for adult women, 14.3 percent for teenagers, 4.0 percent for Whites, 6.7 percent for Blacks, 4.1 percent for Asians, and 6.0 percent for Hispanics.

The number of unemployed persons who reported being on temporary layoff more than doubled in March to 1.8 million. The number of permanent job losers increased by 177,000 to 1.5 million.

The number of unemployed persons who were jobless less than 5 weeks increased by 1.5 million in March to 3.5 million, accounting for almost half of the unemployed.

The number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more), at 1.2 million, was little changed in March and represented 15.9 percent of the unemployed.

The labor force participation rate, at 62.7 percent, decreased by 0.7 percentage point over the month. Total employment, as measured by the household survey, fell by 3.0 million to 155.8 million, and the employment-population ratio, at 60.0 percent, dropped by 1.1 percentage points over the month.

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons, at 5.8 million, increased by 1.4 million in March. These individuals, who would have preferred full-time employment, were working part time because their hours had been reduced or they were unable to find full-time jobs.

In March, 1.4 million persons were marginally attached to the labor force, little changed from the previous month. These individuals were not in the labor force, wanted and were available for work, and had looked for a job sometime in the prior 12 months but had not looked for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey. Discouraged workers, a subset of the marginally attached who believed that no jobs were available for them, numbered 514,000 in March, up

by 109,000 from the previous month.

### Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment fell sharply in March (-701,000), reflecting the effects of the coronavirus and efforts to contain it. About two-thirds of the drop occurred in leisure and hospitality, mainly in food services and drinking places.

Notable employment declines also occurred in health care and social assistance, professional and business services, retail trade, and construction. In the prior 12 months, nonfarm employment growth had averaged 196,000 per month.

In March, employment in leisure and hospitality fell by 459,000. Most of the decline occurred in food services and drinking places (-417,000); this employment decline nearly offset gains over the previous 2 years. Employment in the accommodation industry also declined in March (-29,000).

Employment in health care and social assistance fell by 61,000 in March. Health care employment declined by 43,000, with job losses in offices of dentists (-17,000), offices of physicians (-12,000), and offices of other health care practitioners (-7,000). Over the prior 12 months, health care employment had grown by 374,000. In March, social assistance saw an employment decline of 19,000, reflecting a job loss in child day care services (-19,000). Over the prior 12 months, social assistance added 193,000 jobs.

Employment in professional and business services decreased by 52,000 in March, with the decline concentrated in temporary help services (-50,000). Employment also decreased in travel arrangement and reservation services (-7,000).

In March, employment in retail trade declined by 46,000. Job losses occurred in clothing and clothing accessories stores (-16,000); furniture stores (-10,000); and sporting goods, hobby, book, and music stores (-9,000). General merchandise stores gained 10,000 jobs.

Employment decreased over the month in construction (-29,000). In March, nonresidential building (-11,000) and heavy and civil engineering construction (-10,000) lost jobs. Construction employment had increased by 211,000 over the prior 12 months.

Employment in the other services industry declined by 24,000 in March, with about half of the loss occurring in personal and laundry services (-13,000). Over the prior 12 months, other services had added 89,000 jobs.

Mining lost 6,000 jobs in March, with much of the decline occurring in support activities for mining (-5,000). Since a recent peak in January 2019, mining employment has declined by 42,000.

In March, manufacturing employment edged down (-18,000). Over the past 12 months, employment in the industry has shown little net change.

Federal government employment rose by 18,000 in March, reflecting the hiring of 17,000 workers for the 2020 Census.

Employment in other major industries, including wholesale trade, transportation and warehousing, information, and financial activities, changed little over the month.

In March, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased by 11 cents to \$28.62. Over the past 12 months, average hourly earnings have increased by 3.1 percent. Average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees increased by 10 cents to \$24.07 in March.

## Indiana SNAP recipients begin receiving maximum benefit amounts

The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration announced last week that more than 152,000 Indiana households will receive additional Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits when April distributions began this past Sunday. The additional funds are intended to help Hoosiers obtain food and support for their families while Indiana responds to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act gives states the option to provide SNAP households with the maximum SNAP allotment, which is based on household size. SNAP households which are not currently receiving the maximum allotment will receive additional benefits which bring their allotment amount to the maximum. Households already receiving the maximum benefit will not receive additional benefits.

Maximum amounts per household size are as follows:

- One-person household: \$194
- Two-person household: \$355
- Three-person household: \$509
- Four-person household: \$646
- Five-person household: \$768

- Six-person household: \$921
- Seven-person household: \$1,018
- Eight-person household: \$1,164
- Each additional person: Add \$146

Indiana SNAP recipients receive their benefits via electronic benefit transfer according to a schedule based on the first letter of their last name. Each month, distribution starts on the 5<sup>th</sup> and concludes on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

All new applications authorized in April will also receive the maximum allotment for their household size. FSSA is working to inform various partners and stakeholders, including retailers, of the change to help them inform and explain to SNAP recipients the reason for the additional allotment.

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program provides food assistance to low and no-income people and families living in the United States. It is a federal aid program administered by the Food and Nutrition Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Distribution of benefits occurs at the state level. In February 2020, 559,600 Hoosiers from approximately 253,658 households across Indiana received SNAP benefits.

## Probationary troopers issued police cars

Probationary Indiana State Police troopers took another step toward becoming permanent members of the police force, Tuesday. The probationary officers, who are members of the 79th Indiana State Police Recruit Academy class, received their police cars, also known as "commissions."

They have completed three months of field training with veteran troopers and five months of law enforcement training at the Indiana State Police Recruit Academy.

Now, they will be out on solo patrol, assigned to the various districts across Indiana.

The Jasper Post welcomes two of the new probationary troopers. Probationary Troopers Andrew Jones and Jonathon Villanueva will be joining the ranks at the Jasper Post. They will patrol the Jasper district's seven counties that include Dubois, Daviess, Crawford, Martin, Orange, Perry and Spencer.

After a one-year probationary period, the troopers become permanent members of the Indiana State Police. Training included criminal law instruction, emergency vehicle operations, firearms, defensive tactics, psychology, and basic Spanish.

They also developed skills in criminal investigation, vehicle crash investigation, and impaired driver prevention and detection.



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