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Martin County route chosen for Mid-States Corridor

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INDOT posted a legal notice in the Evansville Courier & Press this week announcing that "Alternative P" is the preferred route of the new Mid-States Corridor. This is one of the routes proposed for the Corridor that goes through Martin County. Alternative P, according to the legal notice, extends 54 miles from I-64/US 231 to I-69 at the existing US 231 interchange. It uses existing US 231 between SR 66 and I-64. Construction will begin at the I-64/US 231 interchange continuing east of Huntingburg and Jasper, avoiding developed areas near these cities. From Haysville to the north, Alternative P generally parallels the existing US 231 alignment with a bypass west of Loogootee. This alternative ends at the existing I-69 interchange at US 231. These highway improvements may include a 2-lane or 4-lane facility to be determined during Tier 2. A total of nine illustrative local improvements on existing US 231 are also part of Alternative P, which may include passing lanes, turn lanes and/or other safety/access improvements to be determined during Tier 2. (Click on the map on the right to see a larger, more detailed version.)

INDOT will not give any more information about the proposed route until after the draft environmental study is released this Friday. The draft will be available at <https://midstatescorridor.com/DEIS>. Copies will also be available at the Loogootee and Shoals Public Libraries.

According to the impact screening report done in February 2020, one mile of expressway would cost \$8.2 million on level ground and \$13.8 million on rolling ground. For a "Super-2" the cost per mile would be \$6.9 million for level ground and \$7.5 million for rolling ground. The freeway option is no longer being considered due to cost.

An expressway has at least two lanes in each direction and access at both interchanges and at-grade intersections. A Super-2 includes one travel lane in each direction and a passing/auxiliary lane or wider shoulders where appropriate.

The proposed purpose and need for the Mid-States Corridor project, according to the website, are to provide an im-

proved transportation link between SR 66 near the US 231/Natcher Bridge and I-69 which improves regional connectivity for businesses in Dubois County and southern Indiana, improves regional traffic safety in southern Indiana, supports economic development in southern Indiana; and, improves connections to major multi-modal locations from southern Indiana.

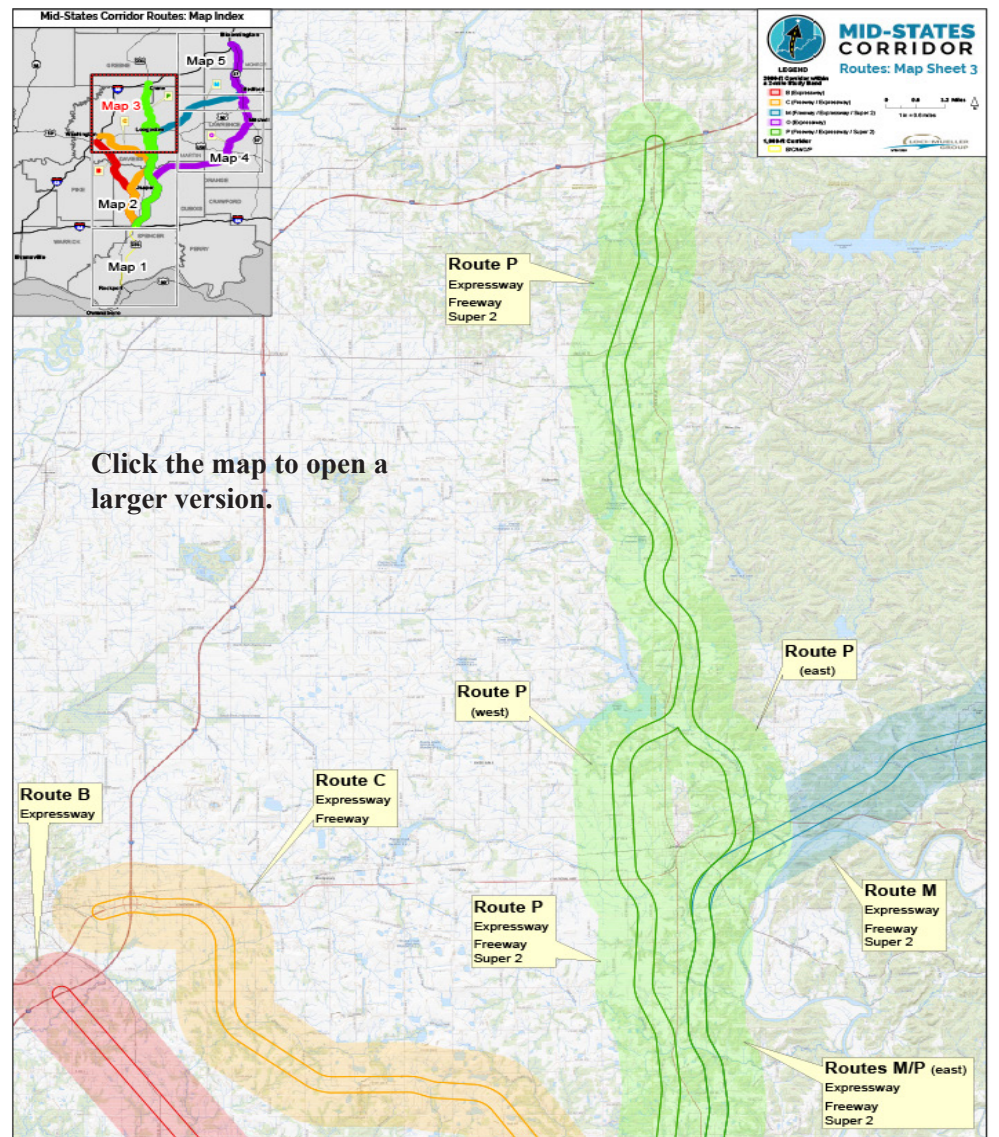
INDOT will have two public hearings to field comments from residents. The first will take place Tuesday, April 26 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. EST at West-Gate Academy in Odon. The second will be Thursday, April 28 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Jasper Arts Center on the Vincennes University Jasper campus. Each hearing will include a presentation from the Project Team at 6 p.m. followed by a formal public comment session. Spoken comments will be limited to two minutes per person to allow opportunities to all who wish to speak. The team will be on hand to address questions and comments before and after the presentations.

Those who can't make the hearings can submit written comments via email to info@midstatescorridor.com, through the Mid-States Corridor website at <https://midstatescorridor.com/>, or by writing to the project office at Vincennes University Jasper Campus Center for Technology, Innovation and Manufacturing (CTIM), Room 202, 850 College Ave., Jasper, IN 47546. The office phone number is (812) 482-3116.

Tier 2 studies, now that a proposed route has been selected, could take two years.

Drivers in Shoals need to be aware of volunteers

Please take extra caution when driving in all areas of the Town of Shoals on Thursday, April 14 during the hours of 8 a.m.-3 p.m. During these hours a collaborative effort between the Town of Shoals and the Shoals High School will be taking place. This event is called the "Jug Rox Make a Difference Day" which allows around 75 Shoals High School students to volunteer in various areas all over the Town of Shoals completing many tasks through community service. Students will be provided with safety vests, but you are asked to be on alert this day and take extra caution.



Pride Month decorations prompt religious debate at council meeting

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A lot of yelling and a religious debate topped the Loogootee City Council meeting Monday, April 11. Tim and Tracy Salsman had approached the council several months ago requesting to decorate the triangle by the downtown square with Pride Month decorations through June. The council had tabled voting for various reasons including requesting that the Salsmans bring a drawing of what they were proposing. The couple had done so last month showing they wanted banners displaying "love is love" and "celebrate diversity and inclusion". The issue was tabled again last month.

On Monday night, Council Member Rick Norris made a motion saying the city will decorate their own property. Council Member Teresa Nolley asked for clarification if this meant any decorating and if residents are required to come to the council to get approval to decorate other areas.

Tim Salsman, from the audience, asked if the city would be decorating for Pride Month. He didn't get an answer. Salsman said the Christmas nativity scene was displayed for three months and he believes the Pride Month decorations should be displayed as well. He asked who else has been required to present a drawing of the decorations they wanted to display and asked why they are being treated differently.

Ernie Canell, pastor of New Beginnings Church on the square, then requested to speak. He was accompanied by several members of his church and other

area churches. Canell said his Christian principles tell him he will not be silenced when it comes to standing for what God says. He said celebrating gay pride is a sin and God says they are not to celebrate sin. He said celebrating gay pride is the same as celebrating lying, stealing, adultery or murder. "God hates pride," he said. "Shame on anyone who celebrates sin." He went on to say that Christmas decorations are a representation of good and allowing celebration of gay pride would allow celebration of other sins such as a white supremacist group celebrating discrimination. "This is not good for our community," he said.

When he was done speaking, Council Member Nolley again asked Council Member Norris for clarification of his motion. Norris replied that the city will take care of its own decorations.

An argument then ensued about religion and what is considered "normal" behavior. Mayor Noel Harty used his gavel and stopped the argument.

The council then voted to approve the motion Norris made.

Salsman said they have waited four months when the council knew what they were going to do all along. He asked the council if they represented the voters or their own personal religious beliefs. He said Jasper and Washington are "leaps and bounds" ahead of Loogootee on diversity and inclusion. He said the city council will be remembered for this decision.

Kylie Hall then talked to the council about having a southern gospel event on the square June 11 and 12. She said she (See 'DEBATE' on page 2)



Marble fountain

-Photo by Bill Whorall

The new fountain on the square in Loogootee, purchased by the city for \$39,526 in February of last year, is finally being installed. The fountain was chosen by Mayor Noel Harty and presented to the Martin County Community Foundation and Hoosier Uplands who gave grants totaling \$32,000 to go toward the purchase. The Loogootee City Council agreed to pay an additional \$50,000 from the EDIT (Economic Development Income Tax) funds to pay for the installation of the fountain and work on the sidewalks around it. The cost of the fountain and installation, to date, is \$74,526.

CALL group gets Loogootee into Indiana Main Street program

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs last week announced 11 organizations have been designated as recognized Indiana Main Street programs. The Indiana Main Street program encourages community-driven revitalization of downtown areas in Hoosier cities and towns.

The IMS program accepts applications for three levels:

Nationally Accredited Main Street: A NAMS community meets all of the Accreditation Standards set forth by Main Street America.

Indiana Accredited Main Street: An IAMS community meets 8/10 Accreditation Standards set forth by Main Street America but may lack a paid professional program manager.

OCRA's Downtown Affiliate Network: An ODAN community can include organizations that prefer to specialize in event-related activities only or lack the physical or historical capacity required to qualify as a Main Street organization.

"The Indiana Main Street program continues to be a strong partner of downtowns throughout our great state," Crouch said. "It sparks economic growth by expanding businesses, creating jobs and attracting private and public investments. Congratulations to each community and local Main Street program for attaining these designations, and for their commitment to revitalizing and enhancing their community's unique heritage and features."

The incoming programs include the following communities:

- Nationally Accredited Main Streets:
 - The Heart of Lebanon
 - Main Street Richmond
- Indiana Accredited Main Streets:
 - North Vernon Main Street
 - Main Street Greencastle
- OCRA's Downtown Affiliate Networks:
 - Downtown Danville Partnership
 - Greendale Main Street
 - Main Street LaGrange
 - Community Action Leading Loogootee

tee
Downtown Princeton
Delphi Main Street
Scottsburg Main Street
"Congratulations to these 11 communities on earning an Indiana Main Street designation," said OCRA Executive Director Denny Spinner. "Since 1985, the Indiana Main Street program has been instrumental in providing resources to cities and towns to advance their downtown economic development. I look forward to seeing what these communities accomplish in the future."

A local program's performance is evaluated by Indiana Main Street, which works in partnership with Main Street America to identify organizations that meet rigorous performance standards.

The 11 programs will be provided a formal certificate, access to Main Street America and Indiana Main Street trainings, networking opportunities with other regional and statewide programs, and a resource toolbox unique to their needs.

To learn more about the Indiana Main Street program, visit in.gov/ocra/mainstreet.

ABOUT INDIANA MAIN STREET

Indiana Main Street encourages community-driven revitalization of downtown areas in Indiana cities and towns. The people who make up the Main Street network are passionate advocates, dedicated volunteers, influential stakeholders and community organizers. They work every day to turn the tide in their communities - catalyzing reinvestment, creating jobs and fostering pride of place. IMS is housed within the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, an agency of Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch's family of business.

Road closure in Shoals

The four-way intersection at Second and Main streets in Shoals will be closed to thru traffic on Thursday, April 14 and Friday, April 22 from 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Please take extra caution when traveling this area on these days as students from Shoals High School will be painting a road mural at this intersection on both days.

DEBATE

(Continued from page one)

didn't know anything about the Pride Month debate prior to this meeting. As soon as she said that an argument again broke out with people yelling back and forth prompted by Salsman commenting that the council would be all for doing that event. One person yelled, "Yes we will!" One said, "It's needed!" Another person yelled, "Amen." The mayor had to bang his gavel again breaking up the yelling.

It was then explained that the gospel music fest would be for everyone.

Salsman broke in and said Pride Month is for everyone too. This prompted another round of yelling and the mayor had to again bang his gavel to get everyone to stop.

Hall continued saying she has singers from Nashville, Tennessee coming along with another minister to provide the gospel. She said the event would include singing, worship and prayer. She requested that the streets around the square be blocked during the event, including Public Square Drive and North Line Street. She told the Salsmans they are welcome as well.

Hall also asked to use the Summerfest stage for the event. The mayor said he's not sure the stage will be ready, but they can call him tomorrow to find out. The council approved having the gospel event on the square.

Salsman then began to ask City Attorney Isha Wright-Ryan a question. Before he finished, Wright-Ryan said she is not giving any legal advice to anyone. Salsman replied that it was just a question. Wright-Ryan again said she isn't giving any legal advice to anyone.

Salsman asked anyway about whether the establishment clause is in effect in the state.

Wright-Ryan again said she isn't giving any legal advice to anyone in the audience as she is the attorney for the council and advises them only.

Salsman asked if she gave the council advice to go against a federal law.

The mayor interrupted and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The council approved.

Prior to the adjournment and the Pride debate, the board of works voted to ta-

ble Superintendent Bo Wilson's request to purchase a new utility vehicle and UTV. Wilson said he will have to get new quotes if they want to pursue the purchases.

Wilson said they are looking at moving to a different billing program in the water department. He said the current program, with CSI, is not working out and they are spending as much time on the phone with tech support as they are using the program. He said they had originally gone with CSI because they were the cheapest however there are just too many issues with it. "Sometimes cheaper isn't always the best," said Council Member Norris. Wilson said they would like to go with Keystone as the new billing program provider. He said the program can tie in with clerk-treasurer's program and they can send reports back and forth. Keystone is based in Indiana and will do on-site training. Wilson said he doesn't want to announce the price right now but said it's reasonable. He said he will present pricing information when he is better prepared.

Wilson also told the council that Daviess County Rural Water will want to negotiate the price proposed from the city to provide water to their customers.

Annie Hynes, with Air Evac, came back to answer questions regarding offering medical helicopter service to city employees. Council Member Nolley asked if the employees' current insurance covers medical helicopter transports. The insurance agent wasn't sure and said he would have to look into it. Nolley said there is no point in paying for it twice, if it's already covered. Hynes said with most insurances it depends on the situation, but they will do what they can to get out of paying it. Nolley also asked if the plan provides service for instances where a helicopter is needed for the employee in Martin County only. Hynes said it covers all 320 bases in the United States. The mayor suggested they table a decision until the insurance company gets back to them to see if its already covered.

Fire Chief JD Flynn said they are in need of personnel during the day to cover calls. He asked for pre-approval to hire firemen as they find them. The council approved.

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SHERRY MARTIN

Sherry L. Martin, formerly of Martin County, passed away on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at Memorial Hospital and Healthcare Center. A resident of Petersburg, she was 60.



SHERRY MARTIN

She was born January 28, 1962, in Danville, Illinois; daughter of Donald and Wilma (Ziegler) Seals.

Sherry married Ralph Martin on May 19, 2011, and he survives. She attended The River of Life Church in Petersburg. Sherry loved to garden and bake. She loved to care for people and spent her time caring for the elderly for Qualicare. Most of all she loved spending time with her family.

Sherry is preceded in death by her maternal and paternal grandparents.

She is survived by her husband, Ralph Martin of Petersburg; her children, April (Brad) Good of Indianapolis, Brandon Blake of Yukon, Oklahoma; and Alan (Angie) Tarr of Shoals; her step-children, David Eugene (Stephanie) Martin of Dale and Angie Martin of Huntingburg; her adopted grandchildren, Regina Martin, Megan Martin, Morgan Martin, several grandchildren, her parents, Donald and Wilma Seals of Loogootee; her siblings, Ed Seals of Loogootee, Donnie Seals of Evansville, and Mike Seals of Loogootee, and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday April 12 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial will be held at a later date in Truelove Church Cemetery.

Online condolences can be made to www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

Blake Funeral is honored to serve the family of Sherry L. Martin.

EVA RANEY

Eva June Raney passed away April 11, 2022, at Memorial Hospital in Jasper. A resident of Shoals, she was 82.

She was born July 27, 1939, in Martin County; daughter of Walter and Ethel (Hutton) Stewart. She married Bevious "Jack" V. Raney Jr. on December 29, 1955, in Shoals and he preceded her in death on May 6, 2011.

She attended Shoals Schools, was a member of Mount Union Church of Christ, and was a homemaker. She enjoyed camping, motorcycle riding with her husband, and cooking.

Survivors include four daughters, Victoria (Eric) Blessinger of St. Anthony, Connie (Joe) Buechler of Holland, An-



EVA RANEY

gel McCarthy of Shoals and Cheryl (Jeff) Lake of Shoals; 11 grandchildren, Julia Earl, Conrad Blessinger, Raven Blessinger, Corey Wolf, Carmen Looney, Heather Witt, Josh Lake, Valerie Mullins, Kristie Skees, Amanda McCarthy, and Daniel Buechler; 17 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Linda (Oscar) Strahley of Florida and Janet (Keith) Parsons of Loogootee; and two brothers, David (Sandra) Stewart of French Lick and Ronnie Stewart of Shoals.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one grandson, Jeffrey Earl; great-grandson, Blayne Crowder; one sister, Barbara Hall of Paoli; and two brothers, Robert Stewart and Gary Stewart.

Funeral services will be held 3 p.m. Thursday, April 14 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals. Burial will be in the Mount Union Cemetery. Visitation will be noon until the time of service at the funeral home.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes has been entrusted with the arrangements.

DEBORAH WELLS

Deborah Lynne Wells passed away Thursday, April 7, 2022, at Deaconess Midtown in Evansville. A resident of Loogootee, she was 56.

She was born March 15, 1966, in Richmond, Virginia; daughter of Raymond and Vivian (Zimmer) Martin.

Debbie married Donald Wells on September 1, 1985, and he survives. She loved her family and grandchildren. Animals held a special place in her heart, especially her dogs, Beamer, and the late Bella.

She was preceded in death by her father, Raymond Martin; her brother, Raymond "Ray Ray" Martin.

Debbie is survived by her husband, Donald Wells of Loogootee; daughter, Donnell (Alex) Shrewsbury of Avon and Darlene Wells of Loogootee; mother, Vivian Martin; grandchildren, Leela, Zander, Evelyn, Raiden and Bristol; and sister, Gayle (Kevin) Ford of Richmond, Virginia.

Private graveside services will be held at St. John Cemetery in Loogootee.

Visitation will be held Friday, April 15, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

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

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

Blake Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Deborah Wells.

DEBORAH ZIGLER

Deborah Zigler passed away April 9, 2022. She was 71.

She was born in Washington on November 8, 1950; daughter of Jerry Maurice and Anna Jean (Zinkan) Bezy.

A 1969 graduate of Washington High School, Deborah was retired from FIA, and most recently worked at the Bakery House in Washington. She loved fishing; playing video games; and working crossword puzzles.

Those who now mourn Deborah's passing include: her daughter, Cassandra Cummings of Washington; and grandsons, Patrick (Brigette) Aldrich and Devon Cummings, also of Washington. Deborah leaves siblings, Beth (Steve) Grishaw of Loogootee, Connie Thomas and Greg Bezy, both of Washington.

Deborah was preceded in death by her parents, Jerry and Anna Jean Bezy.

Services will be held at a later date.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.edleemortuary.com.

The staff of the Ed L. Lee Mortuary is honored to have been entrusted with Deborah Zigler's arrangements.

Attorney General Todd Rokita warns Hoosiers of government imposter scams

Attorney General Todd Rokita is warning Hoosiers to be alert to government imposter scams, which continue to be reported in communities across Indiana.

"Fraudsters are posing as government officials in order to induce fear in unsuspecting victims," Attorney General Rokita said. "My administration has revolutionized our investigation process to bring these con artists to justice. At the same time, we want to help Hoosiers exercise due diligence to avoid falling prey to these schemes in the first place."

The scammers' goal is to steal personal information and money. Awareness of their tactics is a key to protecting such assets. A recently reported complaint alleges a mail solicitation requested homeowners send money to receive a copy of their deed. The solicitation includes publicly available information about the owned property.

A government imposter scam frequently starts with an unsolicited text, call, mailing or fax from someone purporting to be from a government agency. Scammers often rely on publicly available information and provide what initially appear to be official documents or employee ID numbers to project an image of credibility.

Whether it's through the regular mail, email or omnipresent smart phones, scammers have ready access to the tools they need to try to separate Hoosiers from their hard-earned money.

Pay close attention to any material you receive purported to be from government agencies. Does the seal or name seem suspicious in any way? Does the mailing address appear legitimate — or is it a P.O. Box or an address for a third-party mailing company? What product or service exactly is being provided? Is there a disclaimer?

Attorney General Rokita offers the following tips to avoid scams:

-Be wary and closely examine a solicitation that seems to be coming from a government entity but is soliciting a product or service to obtain government records.

-Be leery of callers who specifically ask you to pay by gift card, wire transfer or cryptocurrency. For example, the IRS does not accept iTunes gift cards.

-Look out for prerecorded calls from imposters posing as government agencies.

-If you suspect fraudulent activity, immediately terminate the communication, and do not provide any personal information or money.

Contact the Consumer Protection Division at 1-888-834-9969 or visit www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/consumer-protection-division/id-theft-prevention/.

"Consumer protection remains one of my top priorities," Attorney General Rokita said. "I hope all Hoosiers will contact my office any time we can provide assistance. My staff and I are truly eager to help."



Local business honored with award

Midwestern Engineers, Inc., with locations in Loogootee and Indianapolis, was presented with the Associate Member of the Year Award from the Alliance of Indiana Rural Water for the year 2022. On March 16, during the Alliance's Spring Conference in French Lick, this award was presented to Midwestern leadership and staff.

This honor is presented to an Associate Member that has gone above and beyond for the Alliance. Midwestern Engineers has been a member of the organization since 1985, and they were selected because of their unwavering dedication to the goals of the Alliance, as well as their continuous involvement, attendance, and sponsorship of the Alliance's programs and activities.

"Their support of nearly four decades to serve rural water and wastewater communities in Indiana has, without a doubt, made a major difference in the growth of our organization and the industry as a whole throughout the state," said Connie Stevens, Executive Director of the Alliance.

The Alliance of Indiana Rural Water is a non-profit membership association of over 800 water and wastewater systems and related professionals. The Alliance provides training and onsite technical assistance on Safe Drinking Water Act compliance issues, public health protection (as it relates to drinking water), managerial issues, financial issues and operational issues to water and wastewater systems in Indiana that are under 10,000 in population. Training and on-site work is supported by Federal contracts and grants that promote safe water for our communities.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, APRIL 4

5:37 a.m. - Captain Reed assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

11:04 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert and Martin County Ambulance responded.

11:55 a.m. - Shoals Town Marshal Eckert assisted a motorist in Shoals with a vehicle identification check.

12:34 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

12:35 p.m. - Received a request for a lift assist in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

1:45 p.m. - Received notification of a pendant alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded.

2:00 p.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm in Loogootee. Conservation Officer Mann and Loogootee Officer Erwin responded.

3:40 p.m. - Martin County Highway Department advised of a road closure in Shoals.

4:15 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. ICO Officer Mann, Sheriff Roush and Sergeant Gibson responded.

5:14 p.m. - Received a report of theft east of Shoals. Deputy Long and ICO Officer Mann responded.

4:51 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver northeast of Shoals. Deputy Long responded.

6:39 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check south of Loogootee. Deputy Long responded.

7:30 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Police were notified.

9:26 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute east of Shoals. Chief Greene, Captain Reed and Deputy Long responded.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

2:17 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

5:38 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Captain Reed responded.

8:27 a.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Shoals. Deputy Shaw responded.

10:30 a.m. - Deputy Shaw took two inmates to court.

12:41 p.m. - Received a report of property damage in Loogootee. Loogootee Police were notified.

1:00 p.m. - Deputy Shaw took two inmates to court.

2:00 p.m. - Deputy Shaw took two inmates to court.

3:15 p.m. - Received notification of a controlled burn northeast of Shoals.

3:21 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

6:20 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:19 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

7:53 p.m. - Received notification of a controlled burn east of Loogootee.

7:55 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Shoals. Chief Greene responded.

11:12 p.m. - Chief Greene assisted a motorist in Shoals with vehicle malfunction.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

4:23 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle northeast of Shoals. Captain Reed responded.

7:34 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

7:45 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Shoals. Major Keller was notified.

8:44 a.m. - Received a report of interior lights being left on at a business in Loogootee. Loogootee Police were notified.

10:20 a.m. - Received a request for extra patrol northwest of Loogootee.

10:37 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious motorist southeast of Shoals. Major Keller and ISP were notified.

11:21 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Police were notified.

11:23 a.m. - Received a horse complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

2:07 p.m. - Received a cat complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

3:15 p.m. - Received a report of a traffic hazard east of Shoals. Sergeant Gibbons and Deputy Flanagan responded.

4:37 p.m. - Received notification of a scam call.

4:38 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver east of Loogootee. Loogootee Police were notified.

5:44 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

6:33 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver east of Shoals. Deputy Hawkins responded.

8:34 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

12:39 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Captain Reed and Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

3:08 a.m. - Loogootee Officer Sims assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

4:27 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:54 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Police were notified.

9:39 p.m. - Deputy Long assisted a motorist in Shoals with a vehicle unlock.

11:00 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check south of Loogootee. Major Keller and Deputy Long responded.

1:00 p.m. - Deputy Shaw took two inmates to court.

2:21 p.m. - Deputy Shaw took two inmates to court.

3:16 p.m. - Deputy Shaw took two inmates to court.

3:22 p.m. - Deputy Long assisted a motorist south of Shoals with a vehicle unlock.

3:28 p.m. - Received a report of litter on the highway northeast of Shoals.

4:38 p.m. - Deputy Long assisted a motorist in Shoals with a vehicle identification check.

5:59 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan, Loogootee Officer Sims and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

6:39 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

5:36 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident south of Loogootee. Deputy Hawkins responded.

5:46 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

6:41 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

7:41 a.m. - Received a donkey and horse complaint north of Loogootee. Major Keller responded.

8:38 a.m. - Received notification of a fire drill at Shoals Community School.

1:12 p.m. - Deputy Shaw took one inmate to court.

2:26 p.m. - Received a request for an

ambulance north of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Deputy Flanagan, Deputy Long, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:58 p.m. - Deputy Flanagan assisted a motorist in Shoals with a vehicle identification check.

4:41 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check south of Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan responded.

5:12 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

5:20 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

6:15 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute south of Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan, Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

11:01 p.m. - Received notification of a scam call.

11:06 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

10:10 a.m. - Received notification of a controlled burn southwest of Shoals.

11:40 a.m. - Received a request for a lift assist north of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded.

12:17 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals. Deputy Long responded.

5:05 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Deputy Flanagan and Animal Officer Hughett responded.

5:18 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

8:11 p.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm in Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

8:55 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Deputy Flanagan and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

7:37 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance west of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:49 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Shoals. Corporal Wells responded.

10:51 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Civil Defense, Corporal Wells and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:08 p.m. - Received a request for assistance in a child exchange. Loogootee Police were notified.

5:55 p.m. - Received notification of a controlled burn northeast of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department was notified.

6:11 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:25 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Shoals. Deputy Long responded.

6:39 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:49 p.m. - Received a neighborhood complaint north of Shoals. Deputy Long responded.

8:59 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident west of Shoals. Deputy Long responded.

9:19 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident north of Shoals. Deputy Long responded.

9:48 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

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COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

April 1

Kathleen J. Croddy, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; two counts of driving while suspended, Class A Misdemeanors, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

April 1

Aaron Jones vs. Andrea Jones, petition for dissolution of marriage.

CIVIL COURT DISMISSED

April 4

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Bonnie Ready, civil collection, dismissed.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Anthony Lee Wadsworth of Shoals and Dylan Matthew Simmons-Bigalke of Shoals.

Grant M. Arvin of Loogootee and Alyssa D. Dyal of Loogootee.

Real estate transfers

Michael C. Jones and Suzetta A. Jones, of Martin County, Indiana to Andrew Couchman, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 102 in Chenoweth's Addition to the Town of West Shoals, now West Shoals Addition to the Town of Shoals.

Rick Norris, of Martin County, Indiana to Daniel Gingerich and Venita Gingerich, of Daviess County, Indiana, the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 33, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing 40 acres, more or less.

William H. Spencer to Kevin G. Kinsella and Patricia A. Kinsella, a part of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 12, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, in Martin County, Indiana, containing 10.19 acres, more or less.

Lloyd C. Gordon and Frances Ruth Gordon, of Martin County, Indiana to James C. Kahler and Deanna L. Kahler, of Martin County, Indiana, that portion of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 6, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, of the Second Principal Meridian, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 6.638 acres, more or less.

Keaton Ray Mundy, of Martin County, Indiana to Timothy J. Cates, John Travis Cates, and Lance C. Horine, of Wayne County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of Section 26, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1 acres, more or less.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, APRIL 4

8:30 a.m. - Officer Erwin responded to a report of a vehicle passing a school bus with its stop arm raised on North Line Street.

1:48 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Cedar Street.

2:01 p.m. - Officer Erwin and Assistant Chief McBeth responded to an alarm at a local business.

7:30 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a report of erratic driving in the area of Grant Street.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

2:17 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Brooks House Road.

12:38 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle passing a school bus with the stop arms down on North Line Street.

12:42 p.m. - Chief Means responded to a report of vandalism to a vehicle.

2:58 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth completed a welfare check.

3:24 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth spoke with an individual regarding harassment.

5:46 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth assisted with a vehicle unlock.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

10:30 a.m. - Received a report of possible illegal drug activity.

11:20 a.m. - Chief Means responded to a report of an erratic driver nearing Loogootee on US 231 South.

12:41 p.m. - Received a report of harassment and threats.

4:42 p.m. - Received a report of an erratic driver nearing Loogootee on US 50 East.

5:15 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a custody dispute.

6:47 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a report of a theft.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

3:08 a.m. - Officer Sims assisted with a vehicle unlock.

8:04 a.m. - Received a report of a possible suicidal subject.

8:29 a.m. - Officer Erwin responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle parked near a dumpster.

9:33 a.m. - Chief Means spoke with a subject regarding a missing person.

10:41 a.m. - Officer Erwin spoke with a local business owner regarding an unknown vehicle left on the property.

3:04 p.m. - Officer Erwin responded to a report of two missing mailboxes on US 231 South.

5:24 p.m. - Received a report of email/phone scam.

6:02 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to assist Martin County EMS at a medical call on Sycamore Street.

6:44 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a property damage accident in Los Bravos parking lot.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

10:30 a.m. - Chief Means responded to a property damage accident in Redemption Christian Church parking lot.

6:22 p.m. - Officer Seymour assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a domestic disturbance.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

11:00 a.m. - Officer Erwin assisted with a funeral procession.

7:41 p.m. - Officer Shaw assisted with a vehicle unlock.

8:23 p.m. - Officer Seymour and Officer Shaw responded to a custody dispute.

11:47 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on US 50.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

9:59 a.m. - Officer Erwin responded to do a property check in reference to a possible break in at a residence.

10:54 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Southwest Third Street.

6:40 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a report of a possible impaired driver on East Broadway Street.

Safety tips for Jeep or Side by Side riding

BY MELISSA JEREMIAH

RN, CHCE Director of Operations
Hoosier Uplands Home Health & Hospice

Spring is here and one activity that will be picking up is getting together with a group of friends and going out for a ride in your Jeep or Side by Side.

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2. Do not ride alone; have someone with you so that if something goes wrong there is someone who will be able to call for help. Let someone besides the people who will be with you know approximately where you will be going and an approximate time to expect your return.
3. Carry a first aid kit on your ATV at all times, in the event of an emergency.
4. Wear clothing, shoes and goggles that will adequately protect you from objects that you may encounter such as brush.
5. Discuss safety with your children before allowing them to ride with you on a trail, such as keeping their arms and legs inside the vehicle.
6. Never drive when you are under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
7. Eat before taking off on a ride; and pack food and drinks for the ride.
8. Use common sense when riding. This includes riding at a speed appropriate for the terrain that you are riding in, especially at night.
9. Approach wildlife and livestock on a trail slowly. If you startle them, they may run directly into your path. Give them time to react and plenty of room.

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ARRESTS

MONDAY, APRIL 4

1:20 p.m. - Cody Flinn, 26, of New Albany, was arrested on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

2:37 p.m. - Kendra Leighty, 31, of Vincennes, was arrested by Deputy Shaw on a Martin County Warrant. She is being held on a \$15,000 10%.

8:12 p.m. - Nathan Hoffman, 42, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Flanagan and charged with operating while intoxicated. He was released on a \$10,000 10% bond.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

9:03 p.m. - Benjamin Sanders, 30, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Shaw on a Martin County warrant. He is being held on a \$15,000 10% bond.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

1:40 a.m. - Gage Shands, 19, of Odon, was arrested by Deputy Hawkins and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangerment, operating a vehicle while intoxicated control substance and intimidation. He is being held without bond.

ANDREW BEAVER for MARTIN COUNTY COUNCIL

My name is Andrew Beaver and I am seeking your support for the Martin County District 4 County Council seat. I am a 12-year veteran of the United States Navy, serving two years overseas in South Korea on the USS Abraham Lincoln and another year in Kabul, Afghanistan. After returning home from Afghanistan in 2012, I applied for and was accepted into the Indiana State Police. I was assigned to the Jasper Post, District 34 and have had the immense pleasure of serving and protecting the citizens of Martin County for the past nine years.

I am married, have three children, and reside in the City of Loogootee. My family and I have enjoyed living in this amazing community of people and raising our children here. After having served my country in the Navy and Indiana as a State Trooper, I feel it's time to continue my service to Martin County as your councilman—ensuring county funds are spent on resources that benefit Martin County's economy, and roadways, all while fighting to protect you, the taxpayers. Martin County citizens work very hard to provide for their families, and every penny matters.

I am accustomed to working as a team to benefit the collective good. I believe the citizens of Martin County deserve a unified fiscal body that works in their best interest. If elected, my professionalism and leadership skills will assist me in uniting my fellow council members toward common goals to benefit the Martin County taxpayer. My experience in the military taught me to work well under stress and function in chaos. I am trained in de-escalation to bring people together positively and productively to reach a common goal. Martin County has experienced a lot of exciting development over the past decade and with growth comes growing pains that can often be challenging. We need strong leaders who have the foresight and vision for change and the ability to bring people together to continue to push us forward.

If elected as your councilman, I will hear your concerns, the citizens of Martin County, and listen to what you have to say—I will work for you, the people, and never lose sight of that. Come May, I would be honored to represent not only District 4 but the entire county on the Martin County Council.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Shoals School Board meeting
The Shoals School Board will meet Thursday, April 14 at 6 p.m. in the central administration office. The meeting is open to the public.

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.

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

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

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

Celebrate Recovery meetings
Celebrate Recovery meetings will be held every Tuesday at 6:30 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-Alcohol-

Mustering Elm Group holds meeting

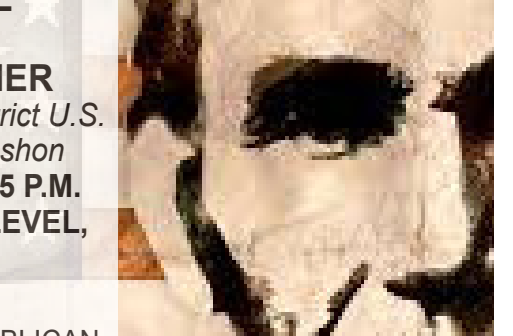
The first Trinity Springs Mustering Elm Park Group meeting of the year covered a lot of territory. In the future, there will be a new sign at the entrance, and they are working to get a water system to the shelter house and bathrooms. They will also have Mustering Elm Park t-shirts for sale soon.

The group had a couple of guests at the meeting. Bill Greene, from the Martin County Historical Society, was there and has offered the society's help in various ways along with promoting the park. Kent Wilson talked about the proposed Mid-State Corridor project.

The group is so appreciative of the grants they received from the Martin County Community Foundation and Mitcheltree Township. It was discussed that the park can be rented for reunions, weddings, etc. Since costs are rising for everything and upkeep expenses are going up, it was decided to raise the rental fee for non-park group members. Cost for renting the park will be \$30 for park group members and \$50 for non-park group members. To rent the park, contact Rowena Tripp at 812-388-6649.

The annual Car Show with the Route 50 Cruisers will be July 30, 2022. More information will be given later.

ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



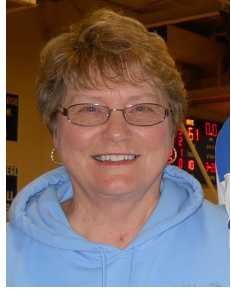
BRICK is a very, very shy male shepherd mix, 9 months old. He will need a very patient adopter. He is neutered, up to date on shots, and microchipped. Adoption fee is \$100. For more info or to apply to adopt, visit www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org.

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More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



RED SKELTON'S RECIPE FOR THE PERFECT MARRIAGE

1. Two times a week we go to a nice restaurant, have a little beverage, good food and companionship. She goes on Tuesdays, I go on Fridays.

2. We also sleep in separate beds. Hers is in California and mine is in Texas.

3. I take my wife everywhere, but she keeps finding her way back.

4. I asked my wife where she wanted to go for our anniversary. "Somewhere I haven't been in a long time!" she said. So, I suggested the kitchen.

5. We always hold hands. If I let go, she shops.

6. She has an electric blender, electric toaster and electric bread maker. She said, "There are too many gadgets, and no place to sit down!" So, I bought her an electric chair.

7. My wife told me the car wasn't running well because there was water in the carburetor. I asked where the car was. She told me, "In the lake."

8. She got a mud pack and looked great for two days. Then the mud fell off.

9. She ran after the garbage truck, yelling, "Am I too late for the garbage?" The driver said, "No, jump in!"

10. Remember: Marriage is the number one cause of divorce.

11. I married Miss Right. I just didn't know her first name was 'Always'.

12. I haven't spoken to my wife in 18 months. I don't like to interrupt her.

13. The last fight was my fault though. My wife asked, "What's on the TV?" I said, "Dust!"

Can't you just hear him say all of these? I love it. These were the good old days when humor didn't have to start with a four-letter word. It was just clean and

simple fun. And he always ended his programs with the words, "And May God Bless" with a big smile on his face.

THOUGHTS

*Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for a short time and come out wrinkle free and two sizes smaller?

*Might wake up early and go running but I also might win the lottery. The odds are about the same.

*Me: In my head: "I don't look much older than those 20-year-old girls."

Me: "To my reflection: "Yeah, I take that back."

*It's okay if you fall apart sometimes. Tacos fall apart all the time and we still love them.

*60 may be the new 40, but the 100-dollar bill is now the new 20.

*We all know that mirrors don't lie...I'm just grateful that they don't laugh.

*Starting off the day with two eggs for breakfast. They're Cadbury eggs but whatever. Diet plan just says "2 eggs" so let's not get picky.

SERIOUSISMS:

*Life humbles you as you age. You realize how much time you wasted on nonsense.

*Average players want to hear how good they are. Great players want to hear how they can keep getting better.

*When you're 20 you care what everyone thinks. When you're 40 you stop caring what everyone thinks. When you're 60 you realize no one was ever thinking about you in the first place.

Make someone smile today!



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This month is officially National Native Plant Month. Last month, Republican Senator Rob Portman of Ohio and Democrat Senator Mazie Hirono of Hawaii co-authored a bill creating that designation. It sailed through the U.S. Senate with no opposition, so April became the 2022 National Native Plant month. Since it was a Senate resolution, it did not require any action from the House of Representatives. It is a resolution only, and not a law, so to have a National Native Plant Month in 2023 will require another resolution next year and every year thereafter. Frankly, with the way things happen in Washington D.C., I am surprised that the House did not offer their own resolution, designating a different month. At any rate, here we are almost in the middle of National Native Plant Month 2022, and I have not begun shopping, let alone gift-wrapping.

I have not been totally void of action. After all, a couple of weeks ago, I wrote a column about the invasive callery pear trees and offered my opinion that the native serviceberry makes a great alternative in the landscape. In fact, one of the purposes of the resolution was to alert the populace of the dangers of invasive plants and the effects they can have on the environment.

The big question for a native plant month is native to where? We may say that a plant is native to North America or the United States, but that does not mean that it will grow in your garden. Many plants native to the South will not withstand the winters of Indiana. Even a regional designation does not ensure you will be able to grow a plant. Mayapple will not grow unless you have a shady spot and coneflowers will not grow in deep shade.

Sometimes, native is defined as the plants that were growing in an area be-

fore the advent of European-descended settlers. Even that does not guarantee you can grow those plants today. It would be virtually impossible to determine what was growing in your yard more than two centuries ago, and even if that were possible, the terrain has changed dramatically during that era. Cities have grown up where rolling prairies once stretched for miles. Virgin forests have been replaced by farms.

Do not misunderstand me. I am in favor of planting native plants and certainly do not want to encourage the growth of invasive plants. I just point out the folly of certain purists who think everyone should rip out all of the so-called exotic plants from our gardens and replace them with natives. Not all of the plants our ancestors brought with them when they came to this area have proven to be invasive. Most have behaved well and have brought joy to the gardeners and guests who have worked and visited the gardens. To me, it is fine that native bluebells and bloodroot share the shade gardens with hostas and hellebores. It is fine if I choose to plant some gladioli among the coneflowers and field daisies.

I also plant a fair number of Nativars. Nativars are cultivated forms of native plants. Purists argue that the breeders have sought pretty flowers at the expense of pollen and nectar. I agree that Nativars are not always the best choice to help the bees and other pollinators, but I do not see that it is a problem to mix in some specimens if I find them pleasing.

I am sure having a native plant month will catch on. I also figure that the House of Representatives will want it to be a joint resolution next year. After all, they all need something on which to vote that will make almost all of their constituents happy.

Spring Mill State Park hosts garlic mustard pull April 30

Help Spring Mill State Park manage invasive species by attending a garlic mustard pull from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 30.

The event will start at the Pioneer Village parking lot with instructions on how to identify the plant and other invasives. Participants will then be given a map, a bag, and an area to work in. At 11 a.m., they will meet back at the parking lot. All bags will be weighed, and the individual who has collected the heaviest bag will receive a 2022 Indiana State Park pass. A free lunch will be served from 11:15 a.m. to noon for the pullers.

Registration is encouraged by April 27 by calling the park at 812-849-3534 or emailing interpretive naturalist Sheree

Belt at sbelt@dnr.IN.gov. Non-registered volunteers are welcome, but registered volunteers will receive food tickets first.

This pull is a Weed Wrangle® Indiana event sponsored by State of Indiana Cooperative Invasives Management (SICIM) in partnership with Lawrence County Keep Invasives in Check and the Friends of Spring Mill. Weed Wrangles are hosted nationally to control invasive species that negatively affect public parks, green spaces, and natural areas. For more information, see weedwrangle.org.

Spring Mill State Park (on.IN.gov/springmillsp) at 3333 State Road 60 East, Mitchell, 47446.

Celebrate National Volunteer Week with DNR

Every year more than 10,000 volunteers across the state contribute countless hours on Indiana Department of Natural Resources properties.

During National Volunteer Week, April 17-23, the DNR will thank and recognize those volunteers for caring for Indiana's natural and cultural resources, and salute their accomplishments on the Facebook pages of the divisions of State Parks, Fish & Wildlife, Forestry, and Nature Preserves.

Hoosiers can connect with Indiana's

natural and cultural heritage and the DNR volunteer community by donating their time and talents at their favorite DNR property. To find out how you can help DNR properties and become part of DNR's volunteer family, see on.IN.gov/dnrvolunteer or contact your local DNR property to learn more.

A complete list of programs for April 17-23 is at calendar.dnr.IN.gov.

For more information or questions about volunteering for DNR, email DN-RVolunteer@dnr.IN.gov.



-Photo provided

New Kubota

The Perry Township Trustee's Office purchased a Kubota four-seater 4x4 and trailer for the Loogootee Fire Department. The new piece of equipment will be used for field fires, search and rescue, and calls for service where it is hard for first responders to get to. Shown above are Perry Township Trustee Jason Henette, Loogootee Fire Chief JD Flynn, Tyler Norris, and Daniel Shultz.

ANNUAL COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT
Saturday, April 16 at Noon
at the American Legion Country Club
 Photos w/The Easter Bunny 11 a.m.-noon
 Group #1 - Ages 2-4
 Group #2 - Ages 5-7
 Group #3 - Ages 8-10

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LHS Dual-Credit Junior English Class presents . . .

Small Businesses, BIG Stories



BY KYLEIGH COURTER, ABBY FISCHER & CAROLINE WALKER
LHS Dual-Credit Junior English Class

The dual-credit junior English class at Loogootee High School is working with the City of Loogootee Recast Team to promote locally-owned small businesses. The class is interviewing business owners in Loogootee and Shoals. Below is their next interview.

Loogootee Eye Center,
Dr. Michael Alvarez

“When I was a kid, I told my grandma that I wanted to be an eye doctor, mainly because I wanted to help my mom see better. I’ve always enjoyed being a doctor. It’s great to see someone come in who was really struggling before and leave seeing great. We had a patient down here who I had to send to the emergency room and ended up diagnosing her with a life-threatening disease. They were able to take care of it and she probably would have died if she hadn’t come in. Occasionally you can diagnose things like brain tumors, and resins or neurological disorders, strokes, all kinds of stuff like that. So that’s definitely wonderful. One time, a person had a feather stuck in their eye and another had a piece of straw. They had somehow gotten it into their eye and whenever they blinked it was poking them. So, I had to go in and grab it. And when it was out, he was like, “Oh, that feels so much better.”

Before we came to live down here in Loogootee, we lived up north. My wife and I inherited a house on Walker Street



a few years ago. It had actually been in my wife’s family for almost 100 years, and when we heard that Dr. Bauer was wanting to retire, we thought we could move down now. There’s a big demand for eye care here because there are no other eye doctors. It keeps me very busy. One of the hardest things about setting the practice up down here was transporting everything because we weren’t able to find a moving company. So, I ended up just having to move it myself. I was really worried because there was a lot of sensitive equipment, so I was trying my hardest to drive slowly and carefully.

Day to day I just do doctor stuff mostly. My wife is the office manager, she does most of the business stuff, and we decide together on anything big. That takes a lot off my back since I can mainly just focus on my patients. I have really enjoyed being here.”

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Shoals School 3rd Grade Maternity Leave Fill-In Position

Position Details:

- Open Position: Maternity Leave (3rd grade)
- Closing Date: Until filled
- Starting Date: August 2022
- Length of Employment: November 2022, dates unconfirmed

Position Requirements:

- Bachelor’s Degree in Education
- Valid Indiana Teaching License
- Ability to effectively communicate pertinent information with students, parents, teachers, and all community stakeholders (including but not limited to IEP and accommodation information).
- Consistently student-focused instructional philosophy
- Outstanding classroom management
- Willing to invest in student relationships
- Committed to positive school culture
- Intrinsic motivation to consistently seek out leadership roles, new teaching methods, creative solutions, and ways to positively engage all students.
- *Experience is preferred but not mandatory

Contact Information:

Shannon Wagoner, Shoals Elementary Principal
812.247.2085, ext. 704
Please email resumé and references to: wagoners@shoals.k12.in.us

2022 Seniors

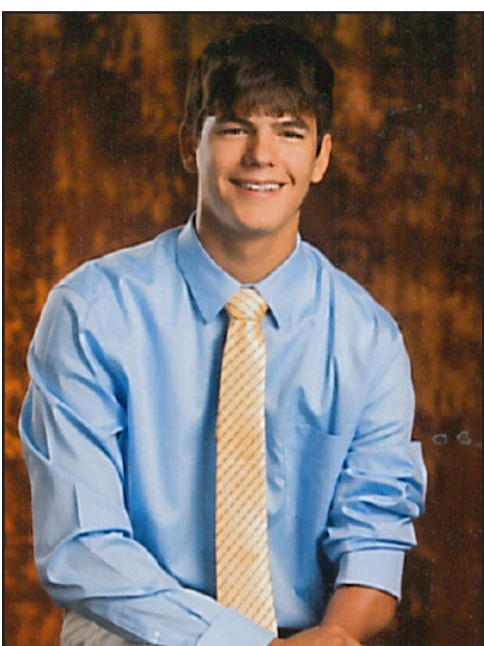


SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL



ASHTEN TEDROW

Ashten Faith Tedrow is the daughter of Brian and Susan Tedrow. She has one brother named Alex Tedrow. In high school Ashten participated in cheer, band, track and field, Pep Club, SADD Club, Chess Club, Student Council, media publications, Spanish Club, Ski and Snowboard Club, and was a yearbook editor. Her favorite high school memory is “Doing a triple front flip and landing on my face while trying to ski down the Skywalker Trail in Ski and Snowboard Club.” After graduation Ashten plans to attend Indiana University, get her bachelor’s degree in environmental science, and travel as much as possible.



BLAKE COOPER

Blake Aaron Cooper is the son of Eric Cooper and Melissa Cooper. He has one sister named Amelia Cooper. In high school Blake participated in soccer, basketball, and Beta Club. His favorite high school memory is “Coach Abel walking into the locker room after we beat Dubois this year”. After graduation, Blake plans to attend Vincennes University Jasper and enroll in the CAP program.



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New truck

The Shoals Volunteer Fire Department has a new first responder truck. The new truck replaces the rescue truck that has been used the last several years by the first responders for emergency/ medical calls. Shown above is Shoals Volunteer Fire Department Chief Jim Hamby with the new truck.

-Photo provided

Loogootee Boys' Tennis start season

The Loogootee High School Boys' Tennis Team kicked off their season last Tuesday against Linton. The varsity won 5-0 and the junior varsity 3-0.

"This turned out to be a great day to play tennis. Overall, I was pleased with the way we played today," said Head Coach Mike Tippery.

Varsity results
 #1 Singles Kieragen Napier (L) defeated Cassidy Goodman 6-0, 6-0
 #2 Singles Annalise Powell (L) defeated Abigail Roney 6-0, 6-0
 #3 Singles Grace Gingerich (L) defeated Savannah Neal 6-3, 6-0
 #1 Doubles Katie Callison/Caitlin Carrico (L) defeated Madison Hazlewood/Natalie Bronson 6-0, 6-0
 #2 Doubles Madison McAtee/Tessa Bradley (L) defeated Kallie Rice/Lillian Moralez 6-0, 6-1

Junior varsity results
 #1 Singles Grace Foddrill (L) defeated Hannah Monroe-Morin 6-3
 #2 Singles Carla Perez (L) defeated Brenda Cartwright 6-0
 #1 Doubles Olivia Dant/Ana Toy (L) defeated Hannah Monroe-Morin/Brenda Cartwright 6-0

The varsity boys defeated South Knox on Thursday, April 7, 4-1. The junior varsity Lions also won 5-1. Coach Tippery said after the matches, "This was a nice win for us. South Knox has a good team and competed hard at all five spots. We are off to a good start but have some things we need to clean up to get better."

Varsity results
 #1 Singles Abby Cunningham (SK) defeated Kieragen Napier 7-6 (4), 6-4
 #2 Singles Annalise Powell (L) defeated Madi Ziegler 6-2, 7-5
 #3 Singles Grace Gingerich (L) defeated Grace Arnold 2-6, 7-5, 6-4
 #1 Doubles Katie Callison/Caitlin Carrico (L) defeated Kaitlyn Williams/Caroline Beard 6-1, 6-3
 #2 Doubles Madison McAtee/Tessa Bradley (L) defeated Graceanna Cramer/Anna Provines 6-4, 6-1

Junior varsity results
 #1 Singles Grace Carie (SK) defeated Ana Toy 7-5
 #2 Singles Kinley Beard (SK) defeated Carla Perez 6-2
 #3 Singles Mia Candler (SK) defeated Abbey Fischer 6-1
 #1 Doubles Olivia Dant/Grace Foddrill (L) defeated Meredith Hays/Emma Whaley 6-4
 #2 Doubles Eliza Delinger/Elaina Cra-

mer (SK) defeated Maddie Fischer/Vittoria Zoia 6-1

#3 Doubles Emma Whaley/Eliza Delinger (SK) defeated Mikenna Jones/Izzy Smith 6-0

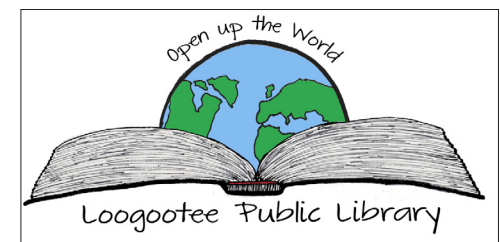
Last Wednesday, the varsity Lions swept North Daviess 5-0. The junior varsity also won 4-2.

Varsity results
 #1 Singles Kieragen Napier (L) defeated Reagan Knepp 6-0, 6-0
 #2 Singles Annalise Powell (L) defeated Amaya McBride 6-1, 6-0
 #3 Singles Grace Gingerich (L) defeated Emma Sargent 6-1, 6-1
 #1 Doubles Katie Callison/Caitlin Carrico (L) defeated Bella Laughlin/Elaina Morgan 6-0, 6-1
 #2 Doubles Madison McAtee/Tessa Bradley (L) defeated Gracelyn Byrer/Mea Dalrymple 6-0, 6-1

Junior varsity results
 #1 Singles Emilia De Prado (ND) defeated Victoria Zoia 7-5
 #2 Singles Ana Toy (L) defeated Jayden Morris 6-0
 #2 Singles Abbey Fischer (L) defeated Paige Lawyer 6-0

#1 Doubles Olivia Dant/Grace Foddrill (L) defeated Austyn Miller/Chloe Saladin 6-1
 #2 Doubles Maddie Fischer/Izabelle G (L) defeated Addison Wagler/Lina Burch 6-1

#3 Doubles Austyn Miller/Addison Wagler (ND) defeated Michela Orlando/Alex Claveria 6-0



BY DARLA WAGLER
 Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The National Library Week prize drawings, sponsored by Friends of Loogootee Library (FOLL), were Mia Marks (gift basket) and Ruth Hovis (\$35 gas gift certificate).

Saturday, April 30 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Friends of Loogootee Library (FOLL) will have a bake sale in front of IGA. All proceeds go toward the new library building.

The library will be closed on Good Friday, April 15 and April 16 for Easter.

NEW BOOKS:
 Mystery: "The Investigator" by John Sandford and "Death of the Black Widow" by James Patterson.

Inspirational Fiction: "Island of Time" by Davis Bunn.

Nonfiction: "Truly, Madly: Vivien Leigh, Laurence Olivier and the Romance of the Century" by Stephen Galoway.

Children's: "Owl Diaries: Get Well, Eva" by Rebecca Elliott and "What Will I Do with My Love Today?" by Kristin Chenoweth.

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 or like us on Facebook. The library has free Wi-Fi service available for patrons.



Councilman's Corner

By Shoals Town Council President Cary D. Albright

Question #6: When I flush my toilet where does the waste go?

When you push the lever on your commode, the wastewater goes down. First, it goes down your line, then it connects to the town's line called a lateral. We may or we may not have an accurate location of this line because it may have been moved since it was installed in the early 70s - just as your line coming out of your house has likely been moved since your house was built. We make a conscious effort to record it on our master blueprints. Yes, we are human, and it does not always get done correctly. This is the line that comes off the main line connecting to your home line. Whenever you see metal covers on the road or beside the road that are 24 inches around, these are manholes where your main lines are. Manholes are very essential in transferring your wastewater safely and effectively through our lines; they serve several purposes. If you see one of these manhole covers on your property, please and I repeat please, do not disturb it. We need access to these at all times. We may have a blockage or if they need to be inspected, most of all these can prevent major catastrophes.

Waste naturally creates methane gas (just ask any farmer that has livestock). One of the functions of these manhole covers is to allow methane gas under pressure to escape. If this gas is not vented properly, it could lead to a catastrophic explosion. Methane gas contained is a very volatile gas that has to be controlled properly. So, please do not put your favorite flowerpot or pave or gravel over the top of them. We need these easily accessible at all times.

OK, once it gets past the manhole covers it goes to various lift stations located throughout the town. These lift stations use very high-voltage and very sensitive electric motors and controls that actually lift the wastewater and move it to another point. This is why we constantly say if it does not come off a five-inch roll by your commode, do not put it in your stool. We cannot move that through our system. Examples of things we pull out of our pumps on weekly basis are plastic wrapper, shirts, pants, and diapers. At the top the list are wipes comparable to baby wipes that companies say you can flush down your toilet! That is totally NOT TRUE. You cannot flush baby wipes down your toilet, please do not. Our system is fragile and will not move these. They only stop up our \$20,000 lift station pumps.

We check these pumps at times several times a day. At best, the pumps throw

high voltage breakers that will shut them off. Then we have to manually pull the pumps out of the ground with a metal wire cable and physically clean them. Worst case scenario, the breakers do not throw, and we burn up a \$20,000 pump. Let's not forget we have less than 430 wastewater users. It takes a long time to come up with \$20,000.

These lift stations move between 120,000 to 160,000 gallon of waste a day uphill out of our floodplain zone to two large bodies of water where they first must go through a screen system to take out plastic wrappers, wipes or whatever makes it past our lift pumps. We monitor this daily and take chemical readings and report to the state monthly. The main chemical that we look for is sulfur release. When it's at an acceptable level, we release it (clean water) then into Beaver Creek which ends up in White River East Fork. So, the next wastewater bill you receive (which is based upon your freshwater intake), keep all the above in mind that has to be maintained on an hourly basis.

Shop Shoals
 Visit our Shoals Library located on High Street and US 50. You will be surprised!



Student Council donation

The Student Council at Loogootee High School recently donated \$200 to the local Red Door, which will be used for recreational activities for their members. Shown above are members of the Student Council presenting the check to Red Door representatives

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